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All this and much more as The Enterprise reports in this week's yuletide edition!

Enterprise to close for Christmas break

The Clarendon Enterprise office will be closed December 26-30 for the Christmas break.

Next week's issue will be the annual Year-In-Review edition, and the paper will resume its regular schedule and deadlines on January 2, 2023.

We wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Christmas Eve lunch to be held at school

A Christmas Eve lunch will be held at the Clarendon School Cafeteria on December 24 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Dine-in and carry-out options will be available.

Jackson touts new Army Bell contract

US Rep. Ronny Jackson (TX-13) applauded the news that Bell Textron Inc. has been awarded the contract for the Army's Future Long-Range Assault Aircraft (FLRAA).

This is the Army's largest vertical lift contract award in 40 years and could eventually be worth over \$70 billion. Every new aircraft will come through Bell's Military Aircraft Assembly & Delivery Center in Amarillo, Texas.

"The Army has made a fantastic decision in selecting Bell's V-280 Valor as its next-generation assault aircraft," Jackson said. "The workforce in Amarillo is well equipped to deliver on this contract, which will, in turn, position our service members for success in a future conflict."

"As a veteran combat physician and member of the House Armed Services Committee, I know how important the Army's Future Vertical Lift efforts are. Bell has had my absolute support throughout every phase of this competitive process."

"They will continue to have my full support as I work to make sure our district remains at the forefront of America's national security enterprise and that we deliver these aircraft to the force as rapidly as we possibly can," Jackson concluded.

Mitch Snyder, President and CEO of Bell said Bell is thankful for the strong support offered for Bell and Army modernization throughout the FLRAA competition by Representative Jackson.

"We appreciate the Amarillo community's continued backing for strengthening our national security and the safety of the American people," Snyder said.

The V-280 Valor will eventually replace the Army's fleet of Black Hawk helicopters, which have been in service for more than four decades, to ensure the Army is ready to compete and win in a future conflict.

County hears TxDOT plan to replace bridge

Donley County Commissioners learned more about the state's plan to replace a local bridge during their meeting Monday, December 12.

Texas Department of Transportation representatives Chuck Steed and Annabel Jurado addressed the court about a bridge near Lelia Lake on CR 20.

Donley County Judge John Howard said TxDOT plans to replace the bridge with a new

concrete structure in 2025 at a cost of about \$250,000. The county will be required to provide a ten percent match for that money, but it can do so by performing "in kind" work approved by the state.

County officials discussed the idea of doing away with the bridge and having a low water crossing instead. However, if the location is removed from the bridge system, the county would bear the entire cost of building

any future bridge at that location, Howard said. It was decided then to proceed with the state's bridge replacement plan.

In other business, commissioners discussed the merits of purchasing or leasing a scraper to try to mix different materials into some of the county's sandy roads to make a better surface. Howard said the court agreed instead to advertise for bids to contract out that work.

Officials also agreed to re-bid work needed on the windows of the 1890 Courthouse.

The court agreed to administer the oaths of office to newly elected officials on December 30 at 9 a.m. Terms office will still begin on January 1.

County policies and procedures were also discussed regarding how to canvass future election results.



Whispering wishes

Hedley pre-Kindergarten student Naomi Howell whispers her Christmas list to Santa Claus last week during the Clarendon and Hedley Lions Clubs' Toys for Joy project. Every elementary student in Clarendon and Hedley - more than 270 kids - received a toy from the drive, thanks to the generous support of people across the county.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ROGER ESTLACK

District court hears local case in Childress

The 100th Judicial District Court heard one Donley County case among six pleas when it met in Childress November 30.

District Attorney Luke Inman, along with Assistant District Attorney Harley Caudle, prosecuted the cases for the State of Texas, with the Honorable Judge Stuart Messer presiding.

Richard Audwin Shields, 54, from Mineral Wells, was sentenced to two years in prison for the third-degree felony offense of deadly conduct.

Shields was arrested on January 2, 2016, by Donley County Chief Deputy Jakey Longan. Shields was originally placed on six years' probation on October 24, 2016.

The State filed a motion asking the Court to revoke Shields' probation on October 13, alleging three violations of community supervision.

Shields was also ordered to pay the remaining \$2,500 fine and \$398 in court costs.

Cealy Cene Nations, 43,

from Childress, was sentenced to 18 years in prison for the second-degree felony offense of burglary of a habitation, enhanced to a first degree with a previous felony conviction.

Nations was arrested on July 20, 2021, by Childress County Sheriff Matthew Bradley. Nations was originally placed on six years' probation on October 28, 2021.

The State filed a motion asking the Court to revoke Nations' probation on October 13, alleging eight violations of community supervision.

Nations pleaded true to all violations.

Nations was also ordered to pay the remaining \$500 fine and \$340 in court costs.

Nations was also sentenced to 18 years on a third-degree felony of tampering with evidence, enhanced to a second degree with her previous felony conviction.

Nations was arrested in Childress on August 12, 2021, and pleaded guilty on October 28, 2021.

After the pleas of guilty were

See 'Court' on page 4.

Comptroller petitions feds on broadband map

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar has asked the federal government to extend the deadline by 60 days for states and stakeholders to provide input on the accuracy of the proposed National Broadband Map (national map). The national map will be used to allocate federal funding to states to expand broadband in unserved and underserved communities.

On Nov. 18, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) released its initial version of the national map, which displays location-by-location views of high-speed internet availability across

the country, as reported by internet service providers (ISPs). It gave state and local officials until Jan. 13, 2023, to challenge the map's accuracy. The FCC and National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) play a critical role as federal partners in allocating Texas' share of the \$42.5 billion provided through the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program.

In a Dec. 13 letter to the FCC and NTIA offices, Hegar requested the federal government extend the

deadline for states and individuals to file challenges to the national map by 60 days, to March 14, 2023; and to postpone release of the final map by 60 days, from May 15, 2023, to July 14, 2023.

Hegar said it is imperative that Texans participate in the challenge process in time for the FCC to include updated data in the final national map. Any underestimation could potentially reduce Texas' allocation by billions of dollars. Go to the Comptroller's website for instructions to challenge the map.

"This is clearly a flawed map," Hegar said. "Some of the responsi-

bility lies with the service providers who are overstating the coverage they provide in their territories. This practice has become so routine that we often don't notice it, but it will substantially limit competition as well as our ability to accurately allocate resources to those Texans whose access is inadequate. Some of the responsibility lies with our federal partners who have assumed that public spaces like schools and libraries have access. This is inaccurate and reveals a lack of understanding regarding the challenges facing many communities in Texas and other states.

Chamber to draw for \$250 on Friday

Donley County shoppers have one more chance to win big this week when the Chamber of Commerce holds its final "Shop Small Big Christmas" drawing this Friday for \$250 in Chamber Cash.

The final \$100 winner was drawn last Friday with the results posted on social media and ClarendonLive.com.

Sign-ups continue for this week's big \$250 giveaway, and all entries of the promotion to date will remain in the hopper so everyone has a chance at the big prize.

Participating merchants include Amanda's Country Soaps, Country Bloomer's Flowers & Gifts, Every Nook & Cranny, Henson's, J&W Lumber, Mike's Pharmacy, Rambling Ranch Boutique, Saye's Flying A Tack, Whistle-Stop, and Wicked Fast Attire.

To enter, shoppers will fill out an entry at local participating merchants. The Chamber will gather them up Friday morning, and hold the drawing live on the Chamber's Facebook. Enter as many times as you shop locally, so shop often to increase your chances of winning to help your local merchants as much as possible.

In addition, three downtown merchants are staying open late this Thursday night, December 22, for shoppers' convenience. Those stores staying open until 7:30 p.m. are Henson's, Ramblin' Ranch, Every Nook & Cranny, and Saye's Flying A Tack.

Local surveys to help county, communities

An important survey will be conducted in the coming weeks by Donley County, the City of Clarendon, and the City of Hedley, which should help local communities become eligible for more grant funds.

Donley County Judge John Howard says the survey will determine whether our communities can apply for grants to purchase new ambulances when needed and conduct street repairs in our cities as well as other municipal projects.

"Based on current census data we are not eligible to apply for these important CDBG funds," Howard said. "We must correct the wrong information in the census by conducting our own survey."

The surveyors will be local citizens, who most people should be familiar with as having grown up here in Donley County.

Participation is voluntary, but it is vital that local officials collect enough responses to correct the census information and ensure county and city eligibility to apply for these grants to help the community.

County and city officials ask that when you see the surveyors, thank them for their community service, and they thank you for your assistance in this vital project.



Judgmental guide for Christmas decorations

By Jase Graves

One of my fondest childhood memories of Christmas in the 1970's was riding around in the family station wagon, "Bessie," to look at Christmas lights while I whined to my parents about needing a snack – again. There was something magical about a familiar evening landscape transformed to a radiant wonderland at the expense of someone's lumbar spine.

My dad always made sure that our house was exemplary in its presentation of illuminated holiday décor, and even now, his legendary displays make my own attempts look like those of an unsupervised toddler with a Lite-Brite toy.

Little did I know as a child exactly how much work goes into producing a respectable home display that delights passersby and annoys the neighbors. But now that I'm an adult (sort of), I take pride in climbing on the roof and crawling around the yard for the sake of an electrified Christmas spectacle that makes me feel like I've sprained everything except my belly button.

Maybe because of the intense effort I put into my own residential Christmas lights, I've become a bit of a snob when evaluating those of others—to the point that I've come up with the following categories:

The Griswold

This is the type of display for which I strive each year. It includes every string of lights that can be scrounged up from the attic – along with a cartload purchased as soon as Walmart replaces the Brach's Mellowcreme Pumpkins with Little Debbie Christmas Tree Cakes in late October. This is the kind of overwhelming display that might cause acute retinal damage with prolonged exposure. It's truly a sight to behold – if you dare.

The My-Wife-Made Me-Do-It

This display (if you can call it that) is clearly installed under duress – and probably during the commercial breaks of a Dallas Cowboys football game. The jumbled lights look as if they've been strung by someone being attacked by hornets, and they include the absolute minimum – maybe one string of bulbs and a mildewed inflatable Nutcracker sagging toward the storm drain. It's better than nothing—but just barely.

The Cheater

It's obvious that someone paid big bucks to have professionals do all the work on this geometrically-precise display with meticulous ridge line coverage. It's beautiful, no doubt, even bordering on the Griswold, but I say that if you aren't in a bad mood and in need of prescription painkillers when you're done, it doesn't count.

The Grinch

This is the house without so much as a plastic baby Jesus glowing on the porch, a single cheap light-up deer in the yard, or even a wreath of dilapidated pine cones on the front door. It's almost ostentatiously dark and gloomy.

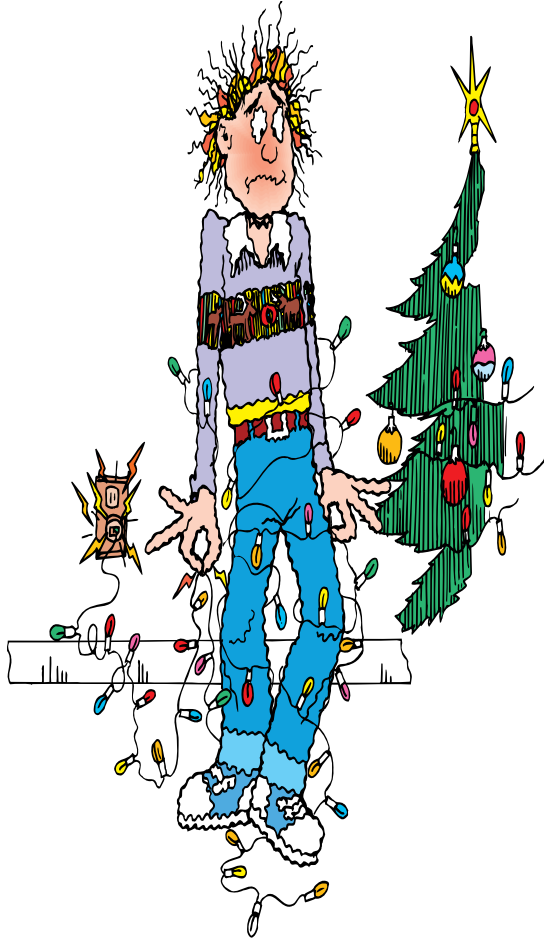
When I see these houses during the holidays, I often catch myself mumbling something like, "How can they not put out a single decoration? Are they out of Tylenol?"

My wife inevitably replies, "Maybe they can't afford decorations. They could be ill or elderly. Or maybe they don't celebrate Christmas."

Then I feel like The Grinch, Scrooge, The Abominable Snow Monster, Heat Miser, Mr. Potter, Frank Shirley and Scut Farkus all rolled into one insensitive naughty-list doofus.

It's at those times that I need a good lecture from Linus in "A Charlie Brown Christmas." Sure, Snoopy has the best lights, but Linus knows what Christmas is all about.

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Don't kill goose that lays golden eggs

Life in early Danevang was difficult. The Danish colonists came with the idea that they could live and produce just as they had been doing in the northern states from which most of them came. But the fields were not producing the wheat and corn that the Danes had produced successfully in their northern communities. The livestock they brought with them from the north were not thriving. Frequent floods wiped out the few crops that might have been successful.

The people were poor, and they were discouraged. Some families were destitute, and when possible, other families came to their aid. One family, for example, existed for several weeks on dry bread, salt, and water. Only when illness intervened did their plight become known to others. One family loaned a cow. Other families stocked the needy family's larders with flour, butter, pork, potatoes, and other items.

Sharing became a necessity for survival, and they shared.

Nature also provided! Although the families were too poor to purchase necessities at nearby El Campo (ten miles away), the land provided rabbits, prairie hens, deer, ducks, geese, and other meats. Sweet potatoes, sorghum, and fish were also plentiful.

As a result of their early poverty, many of the Danish families were unable to make their annual land payments when due. Having visited the Danevang area several times, the landowners, who were two wealthy bankers in Omaha and New York City, had become very impressed with the industriousness and development that the Danes exhibited despite their impoverished conditions.



vignettes tales of the old west by george u. hubbard

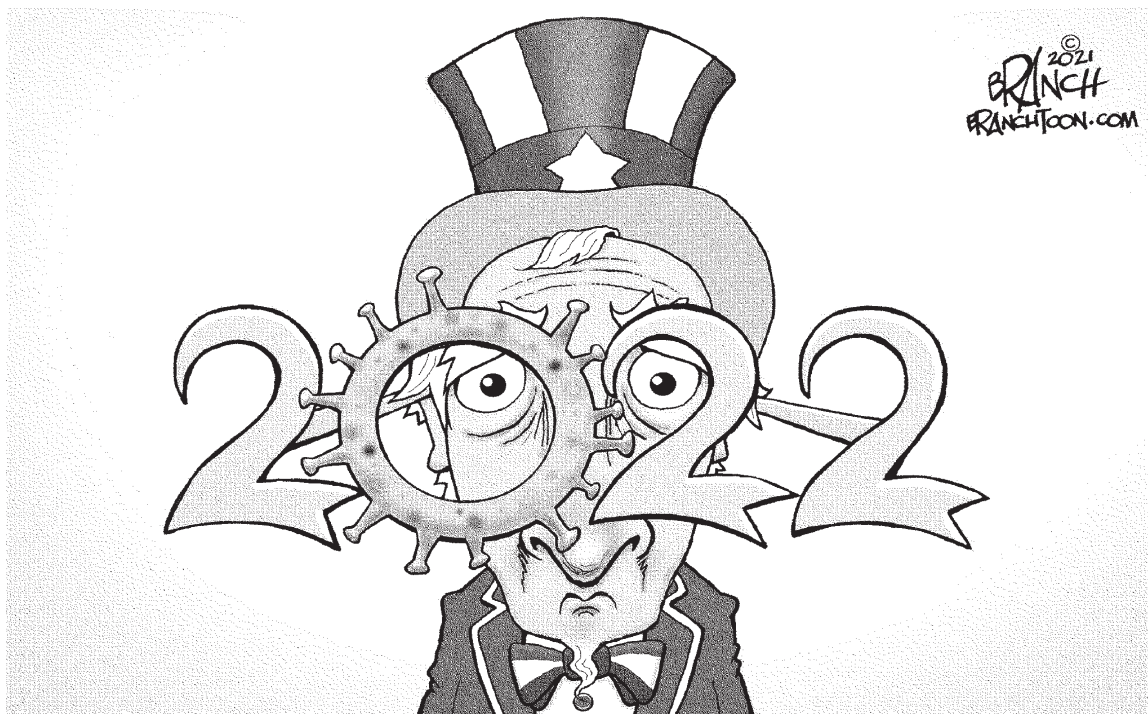
They saw neat, well-kept yards. They saw straight, well-built fences. They saw fields beginning to be productive. And they saw people who worked together cooperatively. The owners chose not to foreclose on the lands for which payments were being missed.

When asked one time why they had not foreclosed, one of the owners replied, "I would be very stupid if I killed the goose who would lay the golden eggs for me."

The eventual prosperity of the area justified the owners' charity. In relatively short order, the fertility of the land, plus the industriousness of the Danes, brought about that prosperity.

Today, realtors will drive clients through the Danevang area to show them the productive potential that can be expected in the surrounding and nearby areas.

George U. Hubbard is an author and former resident of Clarendon.



Beginning to sound like Christmas

The intent of this piece is to provide comfort to folks who are hearing more than they want to hear. There is much noise in the world, some of it pushing Christmas carols – and other worthwhile sounds – to the side of the road.

In spousal conversations – whether interest in what the other is saying is sincere or feigned – we are prone to smile and/or nod, either of which may be sufficient to get couples back in sync on topics that are interesting to both.

My aged Uncle Mort – always on the quest of helping humankind while providing relief for an ever-shrinking bank balance – is excited about his latest "invention." He's convinced that it may save marriages and extend friendships. He's proposing a double-pocketed leather holster that will serve a dual purpose, hanging from men's belts and ladies' purses, keeping smartphones and battery-powered toothbrushes close at hand....

Mort gives his long-suffering wife Maude credit for his latest gimmick, one that he thinks may be popular in record time. Married for almost 90 years, Mort and Maude's conversations have largely been with each other in their modest home down in the thicket. He has often noticed that her attempts to start conversations occur at the precise moment that he commences to brush his teeth. He usually hears little during such moments when battery-powered toothbrushes make sounds akin to dentists' drills or even pavement-piercing jackhammers a block or more away.

Maude's question the other morning caused him to turn off his toothbrush, partially because she had asked it three times before her yelling led to his "smartening up" with a "Yes, dear" response....

She wanted to know if he intended to "gussy up" for the senior adult Christmas luncheon at church. "Gussy up?" He hadn't heard the expression in years, but her mention of it served as a reminder that in our ever-growing, open-collared men's world, whatever "gussying" we're doing – if any – isn't ascending. Its trajectory is decidedly downward. I know what she meant. For many decades, I've been given neckties accented by Christmas scenes. Most of them are marred by dropped food, so the red and green colors of Christmas are barely dominant over the yellows, oranges, purples and blacks. I wear them during the Yuletide season; that's usually when Brenda says I am "gussied up."...

It seems important to take a Googling sideroad. I was set to wondering about the origin of the expression. It turns out that the first use likely occurred in Australia, early in the 20th century. A famous novelist used it to describe a



the idle american by don newbury

"foppish dandy." Huh? Consult Google further if you want to know more about "foppish dandies." Numerous vague definitions are cited. If Google claims "gussying up" to run in tandem with "foppish dandies," so be it. I'll decide that I am indeed "gussied up," merely by wearing both a necktie and sox. This'll probably satisfy my wife of 56 years....

Brenda's specific instructions about my luncheon attire weren't discernible above the roar of my battery-powered toothbrush.

That's why I have moderate interest in the holster Uncle Mort is designing. With it, I'll have my toothbrush at hand, not only to use for multiple brushings, but also for drowning out sounds I'd sooner not hear. In the adjacent holster pocket will be my smartphone, handy for both real and pretended uses. The only downsides I can see is that there'll be one more item to lose and another one to keep charged.

Before we finished our phone conversation and exchanged greetings of the season, Mort asked me if I knew that the ordinary toothbrush may have been designed by someone living in the swamp. "If the guy had lived in any other part of the state, it would have been called a "teethbrush," he opined, roaring with laughter. That's his story, and he's sticking to it....

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¿Qué Pasa?

Community Calendar

December 24
Christmas Eve Lunch • 11:30 to 1:30 • Clarendon School Cafeteria

December 27, 28, & 29
Lady Broncos @ Wildcat Classic Tournament • TBA

December 27, 28, & 29
Broncos @ Canyon Holiday Tournament • TBA

Menus

Dec. 26 - 30

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Closed
Tues: Loaded bean burrito, Spanish rice, tossed salad/dressing, peaches, graham crackers, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Hamburger/bun, lettuce/tomato/onion & pickles, pinto beans, potato salad, cherry crisp, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Chicken pot pie, steamed cauliflower, pasta salad, roll, gelatin with fruit, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Potato/corn chowder, hot ham & cheese, sweet potato fries, baked apples, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Closed
Tue: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, seasoned corn, pumpkin squares, wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Frank & bean bake, baked potato, tossed salad, apricots, wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Beef, bean, and cheese burrito, buttered cauliflower, Mexican rice, peach parfait, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Club sandwich, potato wedges, rice krispy treats, mandarin oranges, iced tea/2% milk.

Obituary

LONITA HOWARD passed away in Memphis, on December 12, 2022, surrounded by her loving family. She was 94 years old.

Services were held in Robertson Funeral Directors Heritage Chapel in Memphis on December 17. Burial followed in Rowe Cemetery among her great-grandparents, grandpa, parents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and her younger brother Ronnie Hickey.



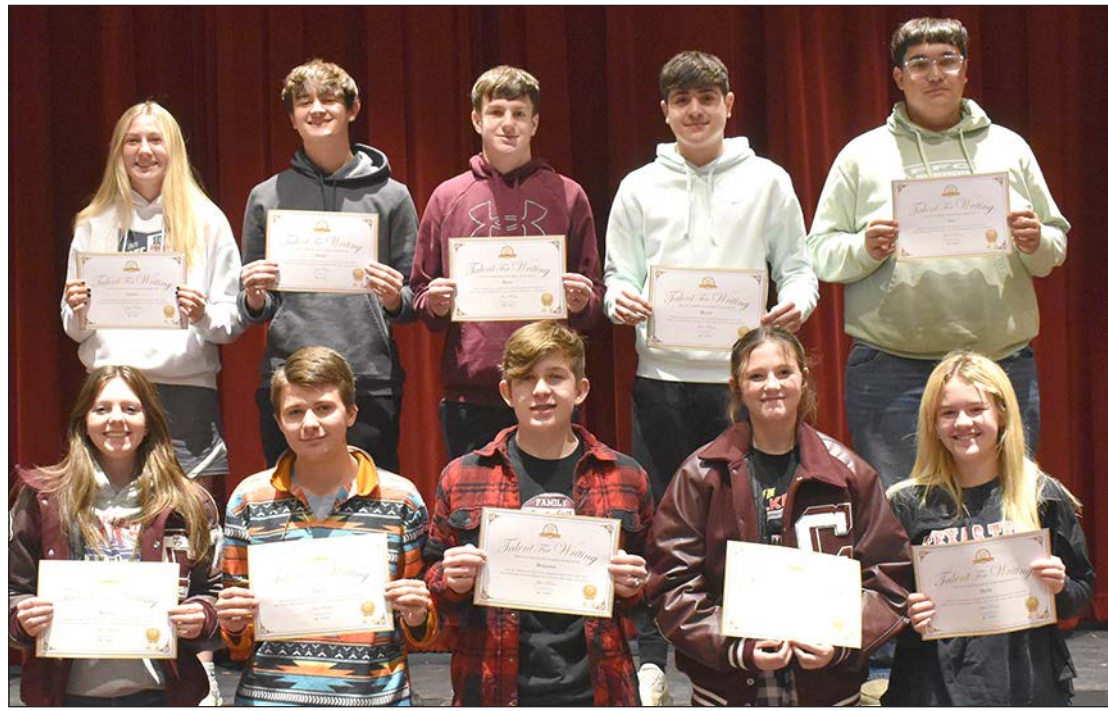
Howard

Lonita was born March 5, 1928, to Elvin and Vera Hickey in Clarendon. The family moved to El Paso in 1938. She graduated from Austin High School in 1945 and received her B.A. and M.A. in Reading from the University of Texas at El Paso.

She married Preston Lee Howard in 1949, and they had two children, Preston Lee, Jr., and Linda Kay. Lonita started her teaching career in 1953 and was a reading lab teacher for 34 years. Lonita retired in 1993 and moved back to Hedley where she remained. She was an avid gardener and loved her yard. Her favorite activities were functions with her family.

She was a member of the Hedley Church of Christ.

Lonita leaves behind a son, Preston Howard, Jr. of Anthony, and wife Alma, a daughter Linda O'Connor of Memphis, four granddaughters, Danielle Koenig of Mesilla Park, New Mexico, and husband Willie Joe, Shellie Howard of Mesilla Park, New Mexico and Isaac De La O, Colleen Owens of Hedley, Texas, and Kathleen Ward of Panhandle, and husband Mike, and 12 great-grandchildren, Kaydens Koenig, Andy Cox, Joe Koenig, Ayden Cox, Preston Koenig, Kaylee Ward, Parker Howard, Micheal Ward Jr., Charlie Owens, Connor Owens, Declan Ward, and Caden Owens, one brother Carroll Hickey of Arlington, Texas and wife Barbara, as well as her extended family and friends.



Winning writers

Ten English students at Clarendon High School were recognized last week by Young Writers for their entries in the publishing organization's Twisted Tales contest. CHS Principal John Moffett said when a school enters such a competition it would hope to have one or two winners, but in this case all ten CHS entrants were selected for publication. Twisted Tales invited students to explore characterization and the effect of the narrator and perspective on a story. Students were asked to put a twist on the classic narrative of good vs. evil, to show the other side of the story in 100 words or less. Winners were (back) Gracie Clark, Dan Estlack, Bryce Williams, Mason Allred, Joe Gonzales, (front) Maloree Wann, Cutter Seay, Ben Estlack, Chelsea Wright, and Shelbi Coles.

COURTESY PHOTO / ADELITA ELAM

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made by Nations, Messer ordered both sentences to run consecutively, requiring Nations to complete her first 18-year sentence before her time starts on the second conviction, according to Inman.

Kanda Renee Whitten, 52, from Childress, was sentenced to eight years in prison for the third-degree felony offense of possession of a controlled substance in penalty group one, methamphetamine.

Whitten was arrested in Childress on June 30, 2020. Whitten was originally placed on two years' probation on March 14.

The State filed a motion asking the Court to revoke Whitten's probation on September 21, alleging six violations of community supervi-

sion.

Whitten was also ordered to pay the remaining \$500 fine, \$180 in restitution and \$340 in court costs.

Whitten also pleaded guilty to the third-degree felony offense of fraudulent use or possession of identifying documents and sentenced to three years in prison.

Bradley arrested Whitten for this offense on August 18. Whitten pleaded to an information filed by the state on September 28.

Whitten was also ordered to pay \$340 in court costs.

After the pleas, Messer stacked the sentences requiring Whitten to complete her eight-year sentence before the time will begin to run on the second conviction, according to

Inman.

Guadalupe Meza, 39 from Wellington, was placed on two years' probation for the state jail felony offense of possession of a controlled substance in penalty group one, methamphetamine.

Meza was arrested by Collingsworth County Sheriff's Deputy Jeffrey Arnold on October 4. Meza pleaded guilty to an information filed by the state on November 17.

Meza was also ordered to pay a fine of \$500, \$340 in court costs, \$300 in attorney fees, \$180 restitution, and complete 100 hours of community service. If her probation is revoked, Meza faces up to two years in TDCJ.



Songs of joy

Students at Clarendon Elementary sang Christmas carols in the hallway last week before leaving for the holiday break.

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Donate blood at the CMBC donor center or any mobile blood drive, December 13 – 24, and receive a 2022 red Christmas ornament and be entered for a chance to win a \$250 Visa gift card! One winner will be drawn daily from all drives.

All successful donors will also receive their choice of holiday-themed long-sleeved T-shirt. Choices include the “Cotton Headed Ninny Muggins” version, inspired by the classic Christmas movie “Elf”, or the festive “Be A Deer, Donate Blood” T-shirt.

“It’s our engaged community that ensures that the local blood supply is able to meet the demand of local patients,” said John Armitage, M.D., president and CEO of CMBC. “As we enter the holiday season, we encourage you to take just an hour out of your busy schedule to give the precious gift of life this holiday season.”

Anyone who is healthy and 16 years old or older can give blood. Blood can be donated every 56 days. Platelets can be given every seven days, up to 24 times a year.

Appointments to donate can be made online at obi.org or by calling 877-340-8777. Blood donation typically takes only about an hour, and one donation saves up to three lives.



New fun

Workers install a new HeadStart playground last week near the Clarendon Elementary School D-wing funded by a grant. More new playground will be installed in the near future thanks to funds raised by the Pony Parents.

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STATEMENT OF INTENT TO CHANGE RATES

SWEPCO requests that the Commission approve an increase of \$8,441,187 above the revenue requirement approved by the Commission in SWEPCO’s last base rate case, Docket No. 51415 for its Texas retail customers. This amounts to a 2.1% percent increase in SWEPCO’s overall annualized Texas retail revenue requirement. SWEPCO proposes that its requested rate change become effective 35 days after the filing of the Statement of Intent and Application. The proposed effective date is subject to suspension and extension by actions that may be taken by the Commission.

All customers in SWEPCO’s Texas retail rate classes will be affected by this change. The impact of the rate change on various customer classes will vary from the overall impact described in this notice.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Persons with questions or who want more information on SWEPCO’s Statement of Intent and Application may contact SWEPCO at 428 Travis Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101, or call toll-free at (888) 216-3523 during normal business hours. A complete copy of the Statement of Intent and Application and related filings is available for inspection at the address listed in the previous sentence.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136. A request for intervention or for further information should refer to Docket No. 54040. Unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, motions to intervene will be due 45 days from the date SWEPCO filed its Statement of Intent and Application with the Commission.



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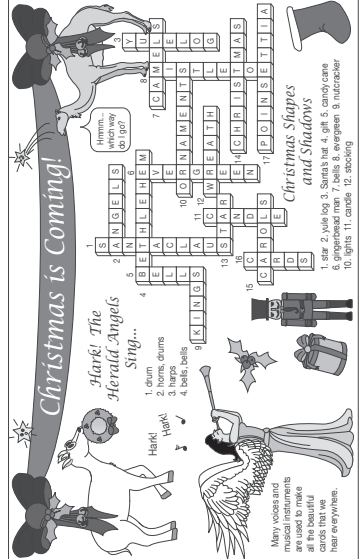
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DONLEY COUNTY IS ACCEPTING sealed bids for the construction of a county maintenance barn in Hedley. For specific information contact the County Judge's office at 806-874-3625. Sealed bids must be in the County Judge's office no later than noon on Friday January 6th, 2023. The successful bidder must have General Liability and Workers' Compensation Insurance. Sealed bids will be opened at Commissioners Court meeting January 9th, 2023.

THE CITY OF HOWARDWICK will be accepting sealed bids for all current properties being held in trust by all taxing entities for Howardwick starting Monday, January 19, 2023. Sealed bids must be turned into City Hall by 3:00pm, Thursday, February 16, 2023. Bidding will be open to current residents and property owners in Howardwick, Texas. No bid will be accepted if the bidder owes delinquent taxes in Howardwick or Donley County, owes any unpaid fines or fees to the City of Howardwick and/or Donley County or owns property in the City of Howardwick that is subject to existing penalties for codes enforcement. Minimum bids for each property are listed and are provided upon request. All property you purchase is sold "As Is, Where Is, and Without Warranty, express or implied, as to the condition of the property, title, or use to which the property may be put and restricted to the property described in the legal description obtained by the entities through foreclosure."

Please place bid for each property in separate sealed envelope. No money will be due at the time of placing your bid(s). On the front of the envelope(s) put your name and property parcel number you are bidding on. Submit bid to Howardwick City Hall, 245 Rick Husband Blvd, Howardwick, Texas 79226. The highest bidders will be notified by 4pm on Friday, February 17, 2023. If you are the highest bidder you will need two separate money orders or cashiers checks. A \$90.00 fee made out to TCG will be due for the deed recording and the amount of the bid made out to The City of Howardwick. You will have 6 days to provide payment. If payment is not received by Thursday, Febru-

LEGAL NOTICE

ary 23, 2023 at 4pm you will be disqualified from obtaining the property in this cycle and will not be eligible to bid in the next round. You may request a bid form from the City Secretary along with a list of properties. A map showing each property available is posted at City Hall. The participating governmental entities reserve the right to reject or accept any bid for any reason.

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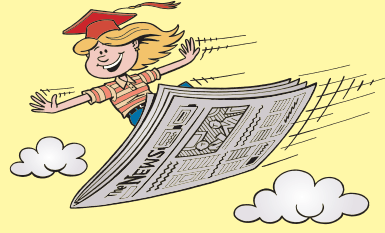
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Christmas is Coming!

Color in everything.

Christmas is coming! Every day there is something to do to get ready for the holidays. I just finished making Christmas cards with photos on them for my family and friends. Right now I am hanging this wreath I made on the barn door. Symbols of the holidays are all around us - candles show light and warmth, and bells joyously peal.

Holiday Symbols!
Read the clues below to fill in the crossword with symbols of Christmas!

- gift bringer
- heavenly messengers
- large burning chunk of wood
- town where Christ was born
- ring in Christmas with these
- kind of tree decorated at Christmas
- carried the Kings
- people kiss under this
- three of them brought gifts
- tree decorations
- lighted to show warmth and joy
- ring of greens
- marked the place in the sky
- birthday of Jesus Christ
- songs of the season
- written holiday greetings
- plant that brightens holidays

What Plant is This?
Use these letters to spell the name.
t a n o e

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