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

Early Deadline set for next two issues

With the Christmas holidays coming up, an early deadline has been set for the next two issues of the Enterprise. All news, photos, and ads must be turned into the office this Thursday, December 14, at noon in order to be in the December 21 or December 28 editions.

We thank you for your support this past year and wish you all a very Merry Christmas!

County approves 90-day burn ban

The Donley County Commissioners Court enacted a burn ban during their regular meeting Monday, December 11.

Under the commissioners' order no outdoor burning is allowed on a day of a forecasted Fire Weather Watch or a Red Flag Warning issued from the National Weather Service in Amarillo.

Anyone engaging in outdoor burning must contact the Donley County Sheriff's office prior to ignition and give the dispatcher a burn location, a contact phone number, and approximate burn time.

The persons engaging in outdoor burning needs to be present on the site of the burn until the burn is completed. Anyone engaging in any form of outdoor burning is asked to burn with extreme caution at all times.

The burn ban will stay in effect for the next 90 days.

Christmas cards available this week

Donley County Christmas cards featuring last week's photo of the horse-drawn carriage in front of the Courthouse will be available starting this Thursday at the Enterprise and at the Clarendon Visitor Center.

The 5x7 cards are available with envelopes in packs of ten for \$10.

CCISD now taking GT program referrals

Clarendon CISD's Gifted & Talented programs have opened their referral period through December 14.

Any student K-11 who is not already being served in the school's GT Programs is eligible to be referred by anyone. Referral forms can be picked up in the campus offices at Clarendon Elementary, Clarendon Junior High, or Clarendon High School. You can contact your student's teacher, or you can reach the following personnel: GT Coordinator Jenae Ashbrook - ashbrook.jenae@clarendonisd.net, Elementary sponsor Erica McAnear - mcaneer.eric@clarendonisd.net, Junior High sponsor Buffie Smith - smith.buffie@clarendonisd.net, or High School sponsor Lisa Grahn - grahn.lisa@clarendonisd.net.



Moving forward

The Clarendon Lady Broncos are off to a great start with another big win last week, beating Vega 83-40. Shown here: Tandie Cummins drives around a Vega player toward the goal. See our coverage page six.

COURTESY PHOTO / ADELTA ELAM

County to pursue assistance districts

Donley County Commissioners voted Monday to give notice to local municipalities of their intent to pursue the formation of county assistance districts that would be funded by sales taxes.

The commissioners' court also approved a proposal to create a county assistance district in the unincorporated areas of the county.

County officials have discussed the districts as a mechanism to provide money to the Donley County Sheriff's Office. The plan would be to create four county assistance districts - one each in the cities of

Clarendon, Hedley, and Howardwick and one in the unincorporated areas of the county.

If the city councils vote to pursue creation of the districts, the matter would be put on the May ballot for citizens to approve or disapprove. With local sales taxes in Texas capped at 2.0 percent, Clarendon would have to give up part of its sales tax revenue to fund a district, and Hedley and Howardwick would see their tax rates increase from 1.0 percent to 2.0 percent with half going to the new districts. Unincorporated areas of

the county would also take on a 2.0 percent sales tax.

As it has been discussed, the districts would be governed by the Donley County Commissioners Court.

County Judge John Howard and Sheriff Butch Blackburn were planning to go to the Howardwick City Council meeting Tuesday night to discuss the proposal as the Enterprise went to press. Blackburn and Howard will also visit the Hedley City Council on Thursday night and the Clarendon City Council next Thursday.

Cities have 45 days to respond to the county's notice, Howard said.

In other county business Monday, Chris Clifford of A Fine Feathered Nest presented ideas for improving county-owned buildings on the east side of the courthouse square as well as a concept of painting or staining the white brick of the Courthouse Annex. Judge Howard said the county will take bids on these ideas after the holidays and said the county wants to lead by example in terms of downtown revitalization by improving the looks of county-owned property.

Clarendon sets new sales tax record high

The City of Clarendon set a new record when Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar distributed December sales tax allocations last week.

Clarendon's revenue for the month increased 36.23 percent compared to December 2022 with an allocation of \$45,831.54.

That's the highest December sales tax ever for the city and beats last year's record high of \$33,640.67.

Clarendon finishes calendar year 2023 with sales tax revenues of \$513,842.32, an increase of 2.63 percent over 2022.

The City of Howardwick also saw an increase with revenue of \$1,550.71 for the month, up 3.41 percent compared to the same period last year. That city is up 0.39 percent for the year at \$22,094.12.

Hedley fell 44.66 for the month at \$440.20 and ends the year up 0.84 percent at \$12,563.52.

Statewide, Hegar sent \$1.1 billion in local sales tax allocations for December, 2.5 percent more than in December 2022.

These allocations are based on sales made in October by businesses that report tax monthly.



Retirement honor

Former Clarendon City Administrator David Dockery stands with Mayor Jacob Fangman during a retirement ceremony for Dockery Monday evening at City Hall. Dockery retired this fall after eight years of service to the city.

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Casper grabs Round 3 money in Vegas at NFR

By Ted Harbin, TwisTed Rodeo

LAS VEGAS - When cowboys arrive at in Sin City, they know the competition will be tough.

Only the top 15 contestants in each event qualify for the National Finals Rodeo, so it's a showcase of the sport's elite from that year. Now in his fourth trip to the championship, Clarendon College alum Wyatt Casper understands that well.

"I've been riding well, but I just needed something to happen," he said.

That came Sunday night, when he rode Corey & Lange Rodeo's Diamond Fever for 85.5 points to finish in a tie for fifth place in the third go-round. It was his first time in the money since the rodeo began, and it offered a bit of relief.

"It took until Round 3, but we finally got a paycheck," said Casper of Pampa. "Yeah, we're excited. Anytime you can get a check out here. It feels good."

There are more than 600 PRCA rodeos across the country, and winning most of them would offer a smaller payday than the \$6,438 he collected in Las Vegas. It's a significant amount of money for one eight-second ride, but it pales in

comparison to the \$30,706 that goes to each night's winner.

The NFR offers an impressive payout, issuing nearly \$100,000 per day for 10 nights. By earning money on the third day of competition, Casper pushed his yearly income to just shy of \$160,000. He is 12th in the world standings.

"I felt like I was riding good the first two nights," said Casper, 27, of Miami, Texas.

"We're just going to carry it over into these next couple of rounds. You want to get the good draws and show what you can do."

Sunday's battle with Diamond Fever was a rematch. The two danced across the Thomas & Mack Center floor at the 2021 NFR, and Casper was 84 points. He didn't earn any money that night, so there were a lot of positive steps over time.

"I wouldn't say I was really excited about drawing him," Casper said. "It's not really a horse that fits my style. I'm a bigger guy, and he is a little bitty thing. I'm still glad it all worked out."

The ride also boosts his confidence. Originally from the tiny community of Balco, Oklahoma, he will have his biggest battle at this NFR



Clarendon College alum Wyatt Casper rides in the NFR in Vegas over the weekend.

PRCA PHOTO / ROSANNA SALES

during Monday's fourth round. He will be matched with Championship Pro Rodeo's Tickled Pink, which is part of the eliminator pen, the hardest-to-ride broncs at the NFR.

"We're going to cross our fingers and hopefully draw of the better ones out of that pen so we can make some points," said Casper, the 2016 intercollegiate champion at Clarendon College. "You just want to stay aboard and

hopefully get to the South Point."

The casino and resort on the south side of The Strip is rodeo central during the NFR and hosts the nightly Montana Silversmiths Go-Round Presentation. Nightly winners will be awarded buckles and celebrated on stage.

It's where every contestant in the field wants to be on any given night, and it's another attractive feature to competing on ProRodeo's biggest stage.

Republicans have three contested races in '24

Donley County Republicans will have three locally contested raises to decide during the 2024 primary this coming spring following Monday's filing deadline.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Mark White is being challenged by Del Essary, and Precinct 3 Commissioner Neil Koetting will have two opponents - Sis Bond and Greg Wooten.

Precinct 3 & 4 Constable Randy Bond is also being challenged and will face Trey Pearson.

Three other county officers are running for re-election but drew no opposition this year - County Attorney Landon Lambert, County Tax Assessor/Collector Kristy Christopher, and County Sheriff Butch Blackburn.

All the above candidate are running for the Republican nomination for their offices. Bill Word is running to be the party's county chairman.

On the Democratic ballot this spring, Jean Taylor is running as the party's county chair again, and Brenda Swinney is running for precinct chair.

The party primaries in Texas will be Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Hill wins second drawing

Another lucky shopper will win \$100 in Christmas Cash this Friday when the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce holds the third drawing as part of its second annual "Shop Small Big Christmas" promotion.

Tommy Hill was the lucky winner of \$100 in Christmas Cash last Friday.

Sign-ups at participating merchants will continue through December 21. The Chamber will give away a total of \$550 this season with \$100 drawings on December 1, 8, and 15; and a big \$250 giveaway on December 22.

Participating merchants included Amanda's Country Soaps, Brake Time, Broken Road Liquor, Cornell's Country Store, Country Bloomer's Flowers & Gifts, Courtney D'Costa - Scentsy Consultant, Every Nook & Cranny, Henson's, J&W Lumber, Lashes by Holly, Lowe's Family Center, Mulkey Theatre, Mike's Pharmacy, Monroe's Peach Ranch, Rambling Ranch Boutique, REFZ Sports Bar & Grill, Saye's Flying A Tack, Whistle-Stop, and Wicked Fast Attire.

Additional Chamber members who wish to participate can call Chamber President Ashlee Estlack at 806-662-4687.

To enter, shoppers will fill out an entry at the participating merchants. The Chamber will gather them up each week and hold the drawings live on the Chamber's Facebook. Enter as many times as you shop locally, so shop often. Entries stay in the hopper each week.

Several businesses are also planning to be open for Late Night Shopping on December 14 and 21 this year. Most of the participating businesses will be open until at least 7:30 p.m., including Every Nook & Cranny, Henson's, Rambling Ranch, Saye's Flying A Tack, and Whistle Stop. Corrective Aesthetics will also be open late but only on December 21 until 7 p.m.

Shop at home this holiday season and remember the important role your local merchants play in keeping your community strong.

Visit the Chamber's Facebook page or ClarendonTX.com/Christmas for more information.



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Looking back at Palestinian past leaders

This week instead of a historical comparison, I'd like to clear up and summarize some of the more important Palestinian groups operating in Israel.

First things first, there has never been a country called Palestine. The first time the name was used was by Greeks in the fifth century BC describing the region, but it was never an independent kingdom or nation. In more modern times the region was part of the Ottoman Empire from 1285 AD until WWI. After WWI the British and French carved up the remains of the Ottoman Empire into five mandates – territories under control of European countries with the promise of eventual independence. The French controlled the mandates of Syria and Lebanon while the British controlled the Iraq, Jordan and Palestine mandates.



historically speaking
by dr. james fink

Britain ruled Palestinian Mandate until 1946 when it was turned over to the United Nations due to developing conflict between Arabs and Jews. In 1948, the Jews conquered the land and renamed it Israel. So, without ever being a nation, there never has been an actual ruler of the Palestinian people. Before 1923 it would have been impossible to have a Palestinian ruler because there were no such people, or for that matter no Syrians, Lebanese, Iraqis, or Jordanians. All those countries were created in 1923. Before that the people living there were Arabs who had tribes, but no political distinctions between them. With the Ottomans gone, Arabs living in Palestine began to organize into multiple groups like the Palestinian People's Party in 1919, the Palestinian Communist Party in 1922, but after Israeli control, the most significant group was Fatah in 1959.

Fatah was created by Yasser Arafat. An Egyptian-born to Palestinian parents, Arafat opposed Zionism and fought with Arab nationalists in the losing war against Israel in 1948. Back in Egypt, Arafat organized Fatah as a resistance group whose mission was the elimination of Israel and the creation of a Palestinian state.

In 1964, 14 Arab nations met in Egypt to discuss what to do about Israel. Not having an official leader, it was decided that an organization should be created to represent the Palestinian interest and the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) was born with Ahmad al-Shuqayri as the first chairman. Part of the charter for the PLO was to destroy Israel. The PLO acted as an umbrella organization overseeing the many political groups such as the Popular Front for Liberation of Palestine, the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, but most importantly Fatah. Think of the PLO as a parliament and all the different groups as parties. In 1967, after the Arab states lost to Israel in the Six-Day War, Arafat was elected PLO chairman as Fatah became the dominant party. With Arafat in charge, the PLO now operating out of Jordan, began attacks on Israel. In 1971, Arafat tried to overthrow the king of Jordan but was defeated and the PLO was kicked out of the country and moved to Lebanon.

Once in Lebanon the PLO participated in the Lebanese Civil War fighting against the Christians, Syrians, and Lebanese forces. Yet while the PLO continued horrendous attacks against Israel, they added a new component of terrorist attacks around the world including the killing of 11 Israeli athletes at the 1972 Olympics in Munich. Finally in 1982 Israel invaded southern Lebanon and pushed Arafat and the PLO to Tunisia. From there the PLO continued acts of terrorism in both Israel and abroad.

In the 1980s two new groups came on the scene. Neither working under the PLO but instead challenging it. Those two offshoots from the Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood, inspired by the Islamic Revolution in Iran of 1979, were the Islamic Jihad and Hamas. Islamic Jihad which began in 1981, stated its mission as the elimination of Israel and rejected any plan for peace or a two-state solution. The other group that started in 1987 was Hamas who had the same goals.

A turning point in the Israel/Palestine conflict came in 1993 when President Bill Clinton brokered the Oslo Accords. After months of secret meetings, Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Rabin and Arafat joined Clinton at the White House and agreed to follow UN Resolution 242. Arafat agreed to remove the Israeli destruction from the PLO charter while Rabin agreed to a Palestinian state and pulled out of the West Bank and Gaza. A new organization was formed, the Palestinian National Authority, commonly called Palestinian Authority, as the official government of the Palestinian people to be recognized by Israel. The next year Arafat returned to Palestine after 27 years and by 2002 was elected Chairman of the PA and Fatah became the leading party.

Over the next several years Hamas grew in power as they rejected the Oslo Accords and any solution that recognized Israel's right to exist. After the 2004 death of Arafat, Hamas was able to defeat Fatah in the 2006 election and gain control of the PA. Fatah and Hamas fought for the next year but most of Fatah was kicked out of Gaza while remaining in control of the West Bank. Most recently violence against Israel has come primarily from Hamas, but there is some still from Fatah, as not all agreed with Arafat were working for peace.

While this article focuses mainly on Suni Palestinian groups, I should note that the other organization you may hear about is Hezbollah, which came into being in 1982 after the Iranian Revolution and is made up of Shia Lebanese. Both Hezbollah and Hamas are supported by Iran, but the two groups do not really get along except for their animosity toward Israel. Lebanon and its role in this fight is too long and complicated but needs to be addressed at another time.

Since 2006 Hamas and Fatah have tried working together and even discussed uniting the West Bank and Gaza under one national leadership, but each attempt has failed. The leadership of the two groups simply cannot get along. I do not know how this recent war will affect the two, but I can't imagine it will help. Israel wants Hamas removed once and for all.

A Boomer races a Sooner in land run

When the federal government decided to open the lands of Oklahoma for settlement, it did so without formulating any laws for the new territory. Land runs were to start at a certain time with everyone having equal opportunity, and local procedures were established for legally recording claims. Federal troops were to clear the land of unauthorized inhabitants (Sooners) before each Run began, clearly an impossible task. Otherwise, there was no organized law and order.

When the signal was given at noon on April 22, 1889, for the Run in to the Unassigned Lands, chaos ensued. It has been written that fifty thousand people rushed in from every direction. They came on foot, on horses, in wagons and buggies, on the train, and in every other imaginable manner. In one day, every available homestead claim and town lot was taken. The people settled in tents, wagon boxes, dugouts, and crude shacks. And for over a year they got along with law and order provided by grass-roots democracy and local vigilante action. Conflicting and concurrent claims for the

same property were settled sometimes by locally established officials, and sometimes by individual action. A case in point is that of Chris Madsen.

Chris later became a deputy US Marshall, but on April 22, 1889, he was in the US Army and stationed at Fort Reno. He is one of those who gave the signal at noon to begin the Run into the Unassigned Lands. Immediately after giving the signal, Chris jumped on his horse and made the Run himself. He was headed for a spot on the North Canadian River about a mile north and six miles east of El Reno. On what he considered to be the best horse, Chris took some short cuts and left the others behind, -- that is until he encountered another person, an "old preacher," headed for the same property. It was Boomer against Sooner.



vignettes
tales of the old west
by george u. hubbard

"I'll beat you there," the old man yelled. I've got a fresh horse waiting at Ben Keith's place. (Keith and his Arapahoe wife were already established in the area.)

"I'll kill you and your horse," Chris yelled back. "You got in here too soon." Although the "old preacher" got to the property first, Chris ran him off with further threats to kill him. There was already an old shack on the place where an Indian had lived, and Chris stayed at the shack until the Run ended at the end of the day. He reported that none of the other people who later passed by bothered him because they thought he was there to protect the Indian resident.

Both Chris and the "old preacher" filed claims on the property, but the old man's claim was denied largely because it became known that he had made arrangements for a fresh horse before the Run began. The Boomer rightfully prevailed over the Sooner.

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



"Rudolph, find us the nearest EV charging station..."

And thanks for sharing with us

Two long-time friends--Sue Gressett and Gary Dyer--regularly post items that are informative, encouraging, clarifying and amusing on Facebook. When I see their items, I read them carefully, knowing I will be the better for it.

In recent days, Sue provided an account that invited "been there, done that" smiles. In this post, her "high road choice" shone through. Gary's piece, however, revealed his delight in taking the high seas that have beckoned him and wife Teena dozens of times.

The accounts are unrelated, but taken together, allow me to reference high roads and high seas in the same column....

To further identify, Sue, longtime elementary school teacher, was a friend during our five years in the presidency of Western Texas College in Snyder. Later, during 14 years at Howard Payne University in Brownwood, it was my privilege to bedeck Gary with honorary doctoral trappings during commencement exercises. Dr. Dyer was then pastor of Midland's First Baptist Church.

Sue, remembered for her deep compassion, has long been known for her observations made "from the corner of Awesome and Bombdigitty." Facebook provides a convenient outlet for her remarkable creativity and upbeat life views. Gary, longtime Baptist leader, provides enlightening and challenging biblical insights.

Let's review their recent posts. Lady first....

Sue's high road experiences include a traffic violation of five years ago. Never had she seen red lights and

sirens employed to bring her to a stop, but one did outside of Abilene. The "do right" guy was courteous and respectful, admitting that speed limit signs had recently changed. But, in the "here and now," she was driving slightly above the posted speed limit.

She made sure he understood that she was a "law-abiding citizen" who had never received a traffic citation and praised him for doing his job. This was perhaps his undoing. He gave her a warning ticket instead of a citation for payment or a court appearance. The officer observed, "You can now cross another thing from your bucket list and brag to your friends that you beat the system!" Sue was greatly relieved, hoping that sons Tommy and Randy would never hear of her brush with the law.

Now at the age identical with the number of notes on a piano keyboard, she says, "My mind still thinks I'm 29, my humor suggests I'm 12, and my body mostly keeps asking if I'm sure I'm not dead yet. I don't have a loose screw; it just fell out!" I look forward to her future posts from "the corner of Awesome and Bombdigitty."...

Now, to Dr. Dyer's high seas adventures on cruises taken over the years. They greatly prefer cruises to Alaska, having boarded vessels headed there 17 times. He has seen the upside,

downside and sideways views of the Inside Passage, and compiled numerous helpful observations that not only help to economize, but also allows one to take full advantage of the cruise experience.

Interestingly -- and most sentences beginning with this word aren't -- he has written a guide he claims to be for "cheapskates." That's my kind of guide. On his Facebook post, he offered to provide the guide via email to all folks requesting it, so if you're planning a trip soon to Alaska, why not do so?

Brenda and I have taken Alaskan cruises twice, and agree with Gary that these are our favorites. I read his guide with interest, taking special note of the dumb questions asked, particularly by first-time cruisers. Dr. Dyer posted more than a dozen; limited space allows me to list a few....

"Has this ship ever sunk? How do I know which pictures in the photo gallery are mine? What time does the midnight buffet start? Does the crew sleep on board? Is this island completely surrounded by water? Do the stairs go up or down?"

In all seriousness: Sue's late husband, Don Gressett, was beloved by our daughter Jana in his sixth grade class. The Gressetts' late son, Randy, was a favorite youth minister of our daughters....

Gary, a powerful minister now serving parttime at Rockwall First Baptist Church, is as respected as any cleric I've ever known....

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Pantex Site Manager Colby Yeary welcoming the audience.

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Pantex marks milestone for major project

Pantexans and partners from across the National Security Enterprise gathered last week to celebrate the production halfway completion mark of the B61-12 Life Extension Program and W88 Alt 370.

This milestone marks a significant accomplishment for Pantex, Consolidated Nuclear Security (CNS), partners in the Nuclear Security Enterprise, the United States, and its allies.

Having both programs reach the halfway point at the same time is a unique achievement.

"It took every one of you doing your part, working together with those thousands of others to achieve the common goal of modernizing these two weapons systems in order to continue to provide the nation with a safe, secure, and reliable nuclear deterrent," said Dr. Rich Tighe, president and chief executive officer of CNS.

The B61-12 and W88 are strategically important weapons in our nation's nuclear deterrent. The work done on these programs is critical to our nation's defense plans for many years to come.

"The B61 gravity bomb is deployed by the US Air Force on multiple platforms and has been in service more than 50 years, making it the oldest, most versatile weapon in the US stockpile," said Carlos Alvarado, deputy field office manager for the NNSA Production Office. He continued, "The W88 first entered the stockpile in the late 1980s. The W88 Alt 370 includes numerous updates to address aging concerns and enhance nuclear safety."

Modernization of these weapons is vital to the mission.

"Working on such complex programs can be daunting, but the nation is better off as a result of your diligence and dedication. The work done at Pantex is in support of our national security strategy," said John Evans, NNSA assistant deputy administrator for stockpile management.

The work on these two programs has not stopped. Reaching the 50 percent completion milestone is an accomplishment worth celebrating.

"An accomplishment such as this is only possible through teamwork and cooperation of everyone involved," said Colby Yeary, Pantex site manager.

Pantex, Y-12 honored for sustainable purchasing

Consolidated Nuclear Security recently received 2023 Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT) Purchaser Awards for excellence in its procurement of sustainable Information Technology products at the Pantex Plant in Amarillo, Texas and the Y-12 National Security Complex (Y-12) in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. The sites were recognized by the Global Electronics Council for purchasing EPEAT electronics such as computers, printers, phones, televisions, copiers, scanners, and servers.

Pantex and Y-12 were among more than 60 organizations from around the world celebrated for their leadership in sustainable purchasing. The organizations included cities, states, US federal agencies, health-care systems, universities, K-12 school systems, and private companies. The organizations recognized required EPEAT in their procurement policies and contracts and reported

EPEAT purchasing volumes through their award application.

Pantex was recognized for purchases in four categories while Y-12 was recognized for EPEAT purchases in three categories. Together, the sites purchased more than 7,000 EPEAT-certified products with a reduction of greenhouse gas equivalent to more than 1 million kilograms of carbon dioxide – the equivalent of taking more than 200 average US passenger cars off the road for a year.

Those sustainable purchases are good for the bottom line as well, representing a sustainability cost savings in excess of \$185,000 for both sites. "By purchasing EPEAT-registered products, we know they have undergone a thorough evaluation of their life cycle, which helps us meet the triple bottom line of people, profit, and planet," said Brad Russell, CNS Sustainable Acquisition program manager. "Purchasing these products also helps us ensure

our mission to protect the nation is met in the most sustainable way possible."

"Receiving this award means that Consolidated Nuclear Security is committed to sustainability, including the purchasing and life cycle of electronic equipment at the Y-12 National Security Complex in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and the Pantex Plant in Amarillo, Texas," said Russell.

"The award winners are leading the charge toward creating a more sustainable world," said Emmanuel Nwodo Waldo, senior manager of global relations for the Global Electronics Council. "They have taken sustainability from the boardrooms to their balance sheets. Our winners have spent more than \$2 billion purchasing EPEAT products. This ongoing commitment toward creating a more sustainable and just world is worthy of celebration and emulation."



Chamber Clerk Madeliene Black presents Tommy Hill with his Shop Small Christmas Cash last week.

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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9	5	8	7	6	1	8	4	3
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December 15 & 16
Wonka • 7:30 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

December 17
Wonka • 2:00 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

December 22
Owls & Lady Owls v Chillicothe • 11:00 a.m. • Away

December 22 & 23
Wonka • 7:30 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

December 24
Wonka • 2:00 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

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

December 28 & 29
Broncos v Canyon Holiday Tournament • TBA • Canyon

January 2
Owls & Lady Owls v Shamrock • 11:00 a.m. • Away

January 2
Broncos v Bushland • 7:30 p.m. • Away

January 2
Lady Broncos v Palo Duro • 6:00 p.m. • Away

January 13
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**December 18 - 22
Donley County Senior Citizens**
Mon: Chicken alfredo, broccoli & cauliflower, garden salad, garlic breadstick, lemon cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Enchilada casserole, tossed salad, pinto beans, Spanish rice, churro, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Baked chicken, bow tie pasta, green beans, whole wheat roll, peach cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Roast, gravy, baked potatoes, spinach, whole wheat roll, banana pudding, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Closed

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Cheese & spinach stuffed meatloaf, mashed potatoes, buttered carrots, carrot coffee cake, whole wheat buttermilk biscuit, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Orange-rosemary pork roast, homemade macaroni & cheese, California's blend vegetables, apple cobbler, whole wheat buttermilk biscuit, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Chicken fried steak w/ country gravy, homemade mashed potatoes, brown rice, acorn squash, banana pudding, whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Buttermilk ranch chicken, baked fresh sweet potato, broccoli & cauliflower, snickerdoodles, whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Chili cheese dog on a whole wheat bun, crispy tater tots, mixed green salad, rice Krispie treat, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley ISD
Breakfast
Mon: Sausage kolache, yogurt, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Tues: Cheese omelet, toast, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Wed: Biscuit, gravy, scrambled eggs, bacon, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Thu: Breakfast pizza, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Fri: No School

Lunch
Mon: Meat & cheese chalupas, beans, corn, salsa, orange smiles, pudding, milk.
Tues: Chili cheese tochos, breadstick, veggie cup, fries, strawberries & bananas, milk.
Wed: Pizza, carrots, squash, grapes, milk.
Thu: Peanut butter & jelly sandwich, cheese stick, baby carrots, celery stick, animal crackers, milk.
Fri: No School

Grinch books available for blood donors

Don't be a Grinch this holiday season. Give the gift of life by donating blood with Coffee Memorial Blood Center on December 13-24 and receive a limited-edition Grinch-themed long sleeve T-shirt and a full-size "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" book, written by Dr. Seuss, to keep or to regift at a holiday toy drive. Also, as a bonus, on Dec. 22 donors will additionally receive a \$15 Butterball coupon.

"It's our engaged community that ensures that the local blood supply is able to meet the demand of local patients," said Dr. John Armitage, president, and CEO of Coffee Memorial Blood Center. "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."

As a bonus, now through January 12, blood donors can earn DOUBLE Donor Store points by downloading the new OBI mobile app and scheduling and keeping their donation appointment. *Double points valid only on appointments scheduled through the OBI mobile app and applicable to base points. Appointments must be completed by January 12, 2024, to qualify.

Donor store is open December 2023 through January 2024 to redeem points.

CMBC, who is part of Our Blood Institute, relies on 1,200 volunteer blood donors a day to meet the needs of patients at more than 160 hospitals and medical facilities as well as all air ambulances statewide.

Anyone who is healthy and 16 years old or older can give blood. Blood can be donated every 56 days. Platelets can be given as often as 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.

Don't allow stress to sap your holiday joy

Texas A&M AgriLife experts offer tips to make your holidays merrier by prioritizing, planning, mindfulness

While the holidays are a time of joy and sharing, they can also be a time of significant physical and mental stress.

Managing holiday stress requires setting priorities as well as avoiding or reducing as many stressors as possible. Texas A&M AgriLife experts have some tips to make your holidays a little merrier through prioritizing, planning and having realistic expectations.

Holiday stressors can include strained finances, increased social obligations, ongoing or renewed family conflicts, new or added work demands, travel planning, time management and trying to meet some heightened expectations of oneself or others, said Lakshmi Mahadevan, Ph.D., Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service specialist in mental health and well-being in the agency's Family and Community Health unit, Bryan-College Station.

"Additionally, the pandemic has led to or exacerbated health and safety concerns when in group settings and increased the difficulty with managing expenses due to economic downturns," she said. "It has also maximized social isolation and loneliness, plus added the dread of being reminded of a loss by seeing an empty chair at the holiday dinner table."

Mahadevan said financial and time stress are two major stressors during the holidays. Planning holiday budgets and sticking to limits can help reduce overspending and reduce any associated stress.

"To help alleviate financial stress, make a comprehensive list that includes gifts, shipping expenses, entertainment, additional food and drinks, travel funds and clothing for yourself and/or family," she said. "Budget ahead and prepare for additional expenses. Be flexible to changes in plans and adjust expenses as needed."

To avoid additional costs, she suggested using cash or a debit card, whenever possible, instead of a credit card. And if the family budget is tighter this year, you might consider involving the family in creating hand-made gifts for loved ones, providing an opportunity for you to spend quality time together and to save some money.

"You might also consider collecting any unused gift cards of yours and using them as gifts, or allocating funds to a prepaid gift card and using

that for holiday purchases," she said.

To help with time management, Mahadevan suggested using an electronic or paper calendar to mark visits and events, blocking out separate times and dates for holiday preparations, shopping, decorating, cooking and socializing.

"You also should plan any travel well in advance, including booking flights, accommodations and any tours or activities," she said. "And remember that disruptions are always possible, so reduce stress by deliberately adding self-care to your schedule. Periodically review your schedule and be sure to note when a task is accomplished."

She said it is also important to avoid holiday tasks or perceived obligations that will likely cause stress.

"Learn to say 'no,' and prioritize your time for what truly matters to you," she said. "The important thing is to spend quality time with family and friends and build lasting memories."

Stress and holiday overeating. Sticking to diet, exercise and sleep routines is important for avoiding post-holiday stress or creating unhealthy habits, she said.

"Many people find themselves overeating during the holidays because busy schedules and the stress that comes along with those can lead people to overeat or eat things they normally wouldn't eat," said Chad Rethorst, Ph.D., a Department of Nutrition associate professor in Texas A&M's Institute for Advancing Health Through Agriculture, Bryan-College Station.

Some suggestions he made included:

Be mindful of what and when you eat. If you find yourself tempted to eat, ask yourself if you are really hungry or are eating for another reason. Cravings often associated with emotional states like sadness or being anxious often occur when you are not actually hungry, so it's important to understand what's causing those cravings.

Stick to your routines. Maintaining your normal sleep and exercise routines can help prepare you to deal with stress.

Plan ahead to make better food choices. Looking at a restaurant menu in advance and deciding what to order before you go can help you make healthy choices. Similarly, thinking about possible future scenarios may help you anticipate a stressful situation and plan to deal with it.

Find positive ways to deal with

Jackson demands answers from USDA on relief program

Congressmen Ronny Jackson (TX-13), Jodey Arrington (TX-19), and August Pfluger (TX-11), along with Senator Roger Marshall (R-KS), last week sent a letter to United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack addressing his failure to properly administer much needed disaster assistance payments to agricultural producers for crop losses in the 2022 crop year.

The letter follows the USDA announcing changes to the Emergency Relief Program (ERP), a program meant to provide financial assistance to America's farmers and ranchers for agriculture losses due

to natural disasters. This announcement came less than one month after Congressman Jackson called on USDA to release information on their plan to distribute disaster assistance nearly a year after funds were appropriated.

"When hard times fell on farmers and ranchers, Congress made a conscience decision to support the men and women who dedicate their lives to feed and clothe the world," Jackson said. "Farmers have struggled to deal with the Biden administration's radical economic policies, causing a steep rise in input costs and major labor shortages, all on top of catastrophic natural disasters.

stress. Feeling stressed is normal, so it's important to find ways to help yourself deal with that stress. Going for a walk, finding time to be alone or talking with a friend can help relieve stress.

AgriLife Extension also has tips on how to alter traditional holiday recipes to make them healthier. The agency also offers "Eating Well for Healthy Living," an online course in which participants learn to help reduce stress through meal planning and physical activity. It also shows how to spend less and get more from the grocery store, as well as safely store and prepare foods.

Miquela Smith, MPH, AgriLife Extension public health program specialist, Lubbock, said it is important to keep expectations realistic during the holidays. Smith supports AgriLife Extension's Family and Community Health unit efforts statewide with her mental health expertise.

"Basing expectations or experiences on what we see on social media or in the lives of others can cause stress," Smith said. "We can cause ourselves undue pressure to create share-worthy memories rather than enjoying the time with loved ones."

She said it is important to focus on the positive experiences associated with the holidays and not be concerned with what other people are doing and what you might be missing.

"Something else that can help if you begin to feel overwhelmed during the holidays is recognizing what things are in your control versus what things are not," Smith said. "This perspective can be valuable during the holidays when we are unable to keep to normal schedules and routines."

Smith shared some additional tips and recommendations for managing holiday stress and feelings of sadness, including: Acknowledge to yourself that it's OK to feel unhappy; Reach out to others for support and companionship; Avoid excessive eating and drinking; and Incorporate regular physical activity into your holiday routine.

"Some people also reduce stress through mindfulness activities such as meditation or yoga," Smith said. "Others may get a psychological benefit from doing something to help others during the holidays, such as volunteering to deliver meals. Try to find something to do that will make you feel more relaxed and promote your emotional well-being."

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Owl Saul Carreon tries to keep the Kelton defense away from the ball last week.

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Lady Owl Taylee Ehlert looks for a pass last week against Kelton.

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Owl Spotlight

On Monday, December 4, the Hedley Junior High boys and girls had a basketball game in Hedley against Claude, and the boys won their game.

The FFA students attended their fall banquet in Memphis on Monday as well.

Tuesday, December 5, the varsity boys and girls both lost to Kelton. On Wednesday, December 6, Hedley FFA got all the food orders delivered for their fundraiser.

Thursday, December 6, high school boys and girls both played in the Memphis tournament, against Memphis and both boys and girls lost.

Friday, Hedley boys and girls both won against Chillicothe. And on the last day of the tournament, both girls and boys lost the game to Fort Elliott and Accelerated Christian.

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We had 11 members present, three members attending virtually, Sweetheart Emma Roys, and two guests this week - Ben and Ella Estlack, guests of Lion Roger Estlack.

Plans were made to deliver toys to Clarendon and Hedley elementary schools Wednesday as part of the second annual Toys for Joy program. Next week, the club will have its annual Christmas basket service.

Sweetheart Emma reported on basketball at the high school and said the cheerleaders will compete in Dallas in January.

Lion Richard Green reported the Howardwick fire department raffle is underway each day through Saturday with four of the six winners so far donating their winnings back to the city's kids' Christmas.

Lion Jacob Fangman reported on the city, which recognized the retirement of the Boss Lion as city administrator with a reception on Monday. The new lift station was being tested, and finishing touches were being put on the downtown revitalization project, he said.

Lion Machiel Covey said election packets will be available at the city in January with three city council positions coming up this year. The terms of Aldermen Tommy Hill, John Lockhart, and Larry Jeffers are all expiring.

There being no further business, we were adjourned.

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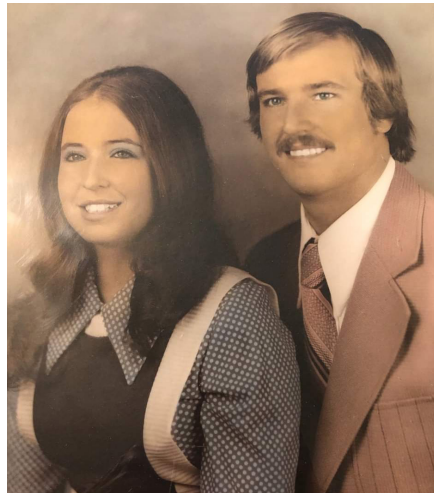
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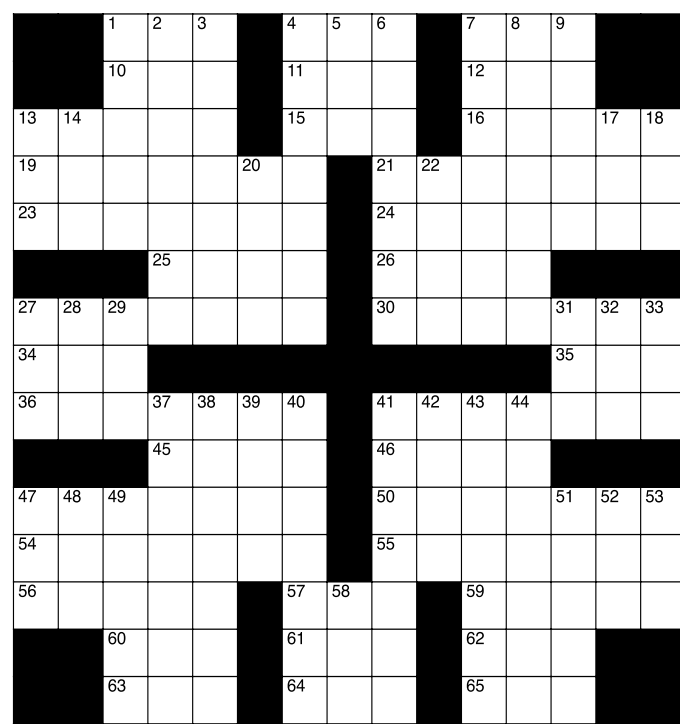
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Lady Broncos earn big wins in Childress

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos have been able to blow through teams so far this season and earning big wins.

Clarendon is currently ranked #8 in the TABC state rankings. Their latest wins came over the weekend as they participated in the Childress Tournament where they had four wins. They are 10-1 on the season.

Earlier in the week, the ladies traveled to Vega and demolished the Lady Longhorns 83-40. Four players finished in double figures with sophomore Berkley Moore leading the way with 14 points. Hayden Elam put in 13 that included going five for six from the bonus line, and Kenidee Hayes and Graci Smith put in 12 points each.

The Lady Broncos jumped on Vega early on and were able to set the rhythm of the game in their favor. The Longhorns struggled against Clarendon's strong defense, and the Lady Broncos were able to capitalize on Vega's mistakes and turnovers.

Presley Smith was able to put in nine points and Kate Shaw had eight. Courtlyn Conkin added seven, and Tandie and Kennadie Cummins helped with four each.

The Lady Broncos took on Vernon in the first round of the Round Robin Tournament in Childress and defeated them 50-41. The ladies nailed six three-pointers in the game and were 18 for 28 from the bonus line. Kashlyn Conkin had the hot hand from the arc and posted four big shots to help her team and lead the way with 12 points. Clarendon had Vernon down 11 points after three quarters and stayed solid the last eight minutes for the win. Moore, Elam, and Shaw added eight points each on the scoreboard.

Elk City was their second opponent, and they earned the victory in overtime at 50-47. The ladies showed their strength in the overtime period after leading until the fourth quarter. The ladies have been steady from the free throw line but fell off a bit and only converted at 58 percent in the high-fouling game. However, they were able to convert the shots when it counted. Hayes finished with 12 and Moore put in 11.

The ladies took on Floydada in the next round and defeated them 36-31 with a strong finish. The Lady Broncos trailed throughout until the final eight minutes. They were able to stay focused and hustled until the end to get the win. Moore led with 11, and K. Conkin and Shaw added six points each in the win.

They faced off against Hermleigh in the final game and won by 20 points at 53-33. Once again Moore led the way with 12 and G. Smith added 12 points of her own from the inside position.

The ladies performed well the entire game and got off to a great start early. They were able to show their dominance to the Lady Cardinals and held them away from the goal. Hermleigh was able to outscore the Lady Broncos in the final quarter of play, but it was too little too late for the Lady Cardinals.

P. Smith and K. Cummins put in five points each and K. Conkin and K. Cummins added four apiece. Elam connected with a three-pointer, and C. Conkin, Jayla Woodard, T. Cummins, and Shaw helped with two points each. The ladies shot 50 percent from the bonus line.

Lady Broncos JV crushes Vega

The Lady Bronco junior varsity is still going strong with no losses so far this season. Their latest win came in Vega last week as they had an easy time in their 54-8 victory.

Clarendon jumped out to an early lead over the Lady Longhorns. Their solid defense caused Vega to make mistakes that allowed the Lady Broncos to score points at will and hold their opponent to only three points the entire first half of play. More of the same great hustle in the final half of play gave the ladies the huge 46-point win.

Kimbrasia Ballard was unstoppable and finished with 34 points on the night. Madi Benson and Gracie Ellis put in six points each, and Cambree Smith and Jayla Woodard helped with four points apiece.



Lady Bronco Hayden Elam goes up for a shot last week in Vega. COURTESY PHOTO / AL ELAM



Lady Bronco Kenidee Hayes shows off her ball handling skills last week against the Lady Longhorns. COURTESY PHOTO / AL ELAM



Lady Bronco Courtlyn Conkin brings the ball down the court last week against Vega. COURTESY PHOTO / AL ELAM



Lady Bronco Kimbrasia Ballard goes up for two last week against Vega JV. COURTESY PHOTO / AL ELAM

Colts earn win over Shamrock

The Clarendon Junior High Colts struggled in the first few games of the season, but they found their rhythm in a big win over the Irish on the road by the score of 26-23.

A big start gave the Colts the edge they needed to put together for quarters of good offense and solid defense. They led Shamrock by six points going into the final quarter of play and were determined to get the win. The Irish tried to come back in the final quarter, but the clock was not working in their favor. The Colts stood their ground and earned the three-point win.

Braxton Gribble pumped in three three-pointers and finished with 14 points, and Kreed Robinson stayed strong with nine points that include one from the arc. Aiden Burnham put in six, and Dakotah Jameson had three. Hudson Howard and Brance Bell added two points apiece in the win.

Lady Colts stop Shamrock at home

The CJH Lady Colts used strong second and third quarters of play to secure a five-point win over Shamrock at home on December 4. The final score was 27-22.

Addy Havens played a solid game on both ends of the court and led the way on the scoreboard with 11 points. Havens also went three of four from the bonus line.

The Lady Colts held a one-point advantage after the first six minutes of play but were able to extend their lead to seven at the break. A solid offensive attack in the third allowed them to open a bigger gap to lead by 12 before the Lady Irish began a comeback in the final minutes of the game. Defensively, the ladies were able to stay solid to get the win.

Joining Havens was Landry King and Elli Rodriguez with six points each and Karli Jones and Bri-lynn Bruce with two points apiece.

The Lady Colts will resume play after the break on January 8 at home against Quanah.

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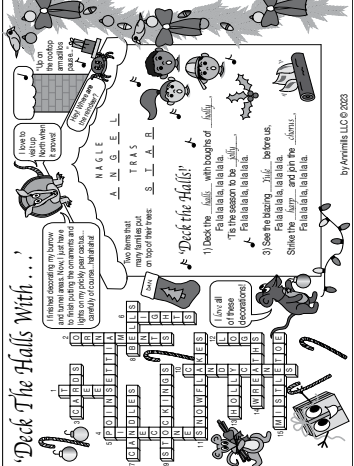
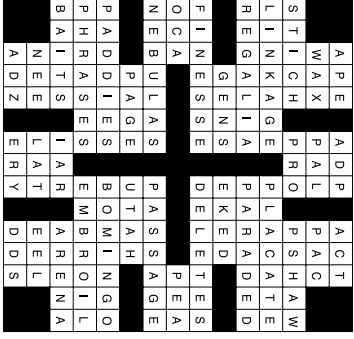
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By Claire Irwin, HHSC Age Well Live Well Coordinator

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Daily tasks could include grocery shopping, preparing meals, providing transportation, locating supportive services or offering social support. Other more medically complex activities could include helping manage medications or caring for a wound.

Caregivers in Texas are not alone. A 2023 AARP report found that 3.1 million Texas caregivers provide 2.9 billion hours of care — with an economic value of about \$41 billion. Caregivers provide vital care

so that a family member, friend or neighbor can live as independently as possible.

Providing care can strengthen the relationship between a caregiver and care recipient — but not without challenges.

Caregivers may have to balance the time they spend with their loved one with a job or other family members.

Some may have trouble finding help so they can take a break, and some may not even identify themselves as caregivers until they have been in the role for years.

Planning ahead and starting conversations about potential caregiving needs can help make the transition easier for both the caregiver and care recipient. By making a plan, the caregiver and care recipient iden-

tify caregiving needs; form a team of family, friends and neighbors; and band together to figure out how best to meet the needs of the care recipient.

Texas Health and Human Services' Texas Talks campaign helps people talk to older adult family members and friends about aging and needs that may arise. For 2023, Texas Talks is focusing on caregivers and their needs, providing information on long-distance caregiving, staying connected and seeking support while caregiving, and the legal considerations of caregiving. Visit the Texas Talks webpage to get started.

For caregiver resources — including resources for self-care, training, planning and support — visit texascaregivers.org.



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