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

Cities receive final sales taxes for '25

Two Donley County cities will finish the calendar year with larger sales tax revenues than in 2024 after Acting Comptroller Kelly Hancock distributed November sales tax allocations to local governments last week.

The City of Clarendon was up 1.71 percent for December at \$47,947.77, but the city's yearly total of \$567,899.88 was 9.17 percent above the 2024 total of \$520,180.51.

Howardwick was down 24.39 percent for December, at \$1,562.87, but the lakeside city was up 6.81 percent for the year at \$22,901.18.

Hedley was up 1.62 percent for December with an allocation of \$15,406.95 but finished the year down 16.85 percent at \$15,406.95.

Donley County Assistance District 1 in the City of Howardwick was up 16.68 percent for December at \$1,191.35 and finished its first full year of collecting sales taxes to help fund county law enforcement with a total \$15,283.77. Donley County Assistance District 2 collected \$4,081.25 in the unincorporated areas of the county.

Across the state, Hancock delivered \$1.2 billion in local sales tax allocations for December, 7.5 percent more than in December 2024. These allocations are based on sales made in October by businesses that report tax monthly.

Friends of Library planning bake sale

The Friends of the Library will hold their Holiday Bake Sale starting at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 18, and ending at 4:00 p.m. or earlier if they sell out.

Funds raised go to the Burton Memorial Library for ongoing book purchases and other materials supplied to the community by the Library.

Holiday deadlines set for Enterprise

Early deadlines have been set for the next two issues of the Enterprise due to the upcoming Christmas and New Year's holidays. All news, photos, and ads for the December 25 and January 1 editions need to be turned in by noon on December 18.

We hope everyone has very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Our office will be closed December 23 through January 5.



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A hug for Santa

Clarendon Elementary student Jayelyn Owens hugs Santa Claus last Friday when the Clarendon Lions Club delivered toys to the school. The club and Santa also visited Hedley school on Thursday of last week. Altogether, the Lions distributed more than 250 toys to all elementary students in the two schools.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO

Franks wraps another solid NFR

By Ted Harbin, Twisted Rodeo

LAS VEGAS – It's been a whirlwind 365 days for bareback rider Cole Franks. He left Nevada last December with more than \$155,000 in earnings and a plan to be back.

He set out on a plan to do that, but there were other aspects to his life that were also a priority. Franks was married in May to the former Dustie Warr, then set off on the rodeo trail that kept him on the road for much of the summer. He kept winning, and the result was a fourth qualification to the National Finals Rodeo.

He and his bride are also expecting their first child in February, so he arrived in Las Vegas two weeks ago with gold on his

mind and a goal of buying diapers and baby food for months to come. This is the world's richest rodeo, where a disappointing 10 nights still resulted in a payday of \$107,781.

"It's still a good payday, but it's definitely not what I wanted to get done or anywhere close to what I had envisioned," said Franks, 24, of Clarendon. "Nothing felt right the last four rounds. I don't know necessarily if it was equipment or my body. A lot of stuff is hurting right now, my hips, my neck, everything."

The business of bareback riding is brutal on one's body. Cowboys wear specially designed gloves with binds on the ring and pinky fingers to lock their hands into the

rigging, which are strapped tightly to the horse's back. They then try to spur from the front of the animal's shoulders back to the rigging before surging the feet back to the front before the bronc's front feet hit the ground again.

All the while, 1,200 pounds of bucking dynamite is exploding beneath them.

It's time.

"I finally committed to just saying getting my hip," said Franks, the 2021 intercollegiate champion at Clarendon College in both the all-around, bareback riding and as part of the men's title team. "I've got a torn labrum and bone spurs growing in my hip. I feel like it's probably the best time to do it, get it done before the new year and

come back in mid-April.

"That'll give me two months at home with a new baby. I won't have to worry about being gone and missing the baby or missing him being born because his due date is in the heat of winter rodeo."

Rodeo is how Cole Franks makes a living, and it's a pretty good one. He finished the year with \$308,143 riding bucking horses, and his consistency at the NFR came through despite his ailments. He rode 10 broncs for a cumulative score of 846 points, placing fourth in the aggregate, which was worth \$44,356.

It's time to get things fixed and heal so he can continue to support his growing family. That's the priority, after all.



Clarendon's Cole Franks rides at the 2025 National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas last week.

PHOTO BY GREG WESTFALL

Final Small Town Christmas Cash drawing set for Friday

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce named Jo Burns as its second \$100 Chamber Cash winner last Friday, December 12, as Small Town Christmas shopping promotions continue.

The Chamber will hold its third drawing for \$100 in Chamber Cash as well as the bonus drawing for \$250 in Chamber Cash this Friday, December 19.

The fourth annual "Shop Small" promotion from the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce will put a grand total of \$550 in Chamber Christmas Cash in the hands of lucky winners who shop with local merchants.

Shoppers can sign-up at participating merchants for Friday's regular drawing. To enter, shoppers will fill out an entry at local participating merchants. Enter as many times as you shop locally, so shop often. Entries stay in the hopper each week, so those who enter will have multiple chances of winning.

To sign up for this week's \$250 bonus drawing, shoppers must take their receipts from participating merchants to the Clarendon Visitor Center where they will receive one entry for every \$25 spent since December 1.

This year's participating merchants are: Amanda's Coun-

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Constitution 101:

Understanding Ineligibility and incompatibility

When the American colonies first clashed with Britain over taxation, much of their frustration focused on Charles Townshend and later Frederick North. Both men served simultaneously as members of Parliament and as Chancellor of the Exchequer. In American terms, this would be like someone serving as a senator while also acting as Secretary of the Treasury, holding positions in both the legislative and executive branches at the same time.

Understanding that the separation of powers protects the people from governmental overreach, our Founders included in the Constitution, Article I, Section VI, Clause 2, which reads, "No Senator or Representative shall, during the Time for which he was elected, be appointed to any civil Office under the Authority of the United States, which United States shall be a Member of either House during his Continuance in Office."

James Madison articulated the principle behind this in The Federalist Papers' No. 51 when he wrote, "The great security against a gradual concentration of the several powers in the same department consists in giving to those who administer each department the necessary constitutional means, and personal motives, to resist encroachments of the others."

To preserve independence among the branches, the clause contains two parts: the Incompatibility Clause and the Ineligibility Clause.

The Incompatibility Clause is the easier to explain. Simply put, members of Congress cannot simultaneously hold another federal office. A senator cannot also be Secretary of the Treasury. If a member of Congress is appointed to an executive position, they must resign their seat in Congress.

The Ineligibility Clause includes an additional safeguard. Members of Congress may not accept positions that were created during their term in Congress or that had their salaries increased during that time. The goal was to prevent corruption and stop Congress from creating jobs or boosting salaries to benefit its own members after they left office. For example, Congress cannot create a new federal judgeship and then immediately appoint one of its own members to fill it. Unlike the Incompatibility Clause, resignation cannot fix this; the member must wait until his or her term expires.

The courts have rarely intervened in disputes over these clauses, generally expecting Congress to police itself. However, there have been a few noteworthy cases.

In 1937, Congress passed a law allowing Supreme Court justices to retire with a full pension after the age of 70, hoping to encourage older justices to step down. Later that year, President Franklin D. Roosevelt appointed Sen. Hugo Black to the Supreme Court. Because Black had been a senator when the pension law passed, a former U.S. assistant attorney general challenged the appointment under the Ineligibility Clause. The high court dismissed the challenge saying the complaint came from a private citizen and unless he was in danger as result of the action then he could not petition the court. With no valid challenger, Black remained on the Court as an influential justice.

More commonly, Congress has used what became known as the "Saxbe fix." On Oct. 20, 1973, Attorney General Elliot Richardson resigned during the Watergate "Saturday Night Massacre." President Nixon selected Sen. William Saxbe of Ohio to replace him. But Saxbe had been in the Senate when it approved a salary increase for the Attorney General from \$35,000 to \$60,000, making him ineligible. To comply with the Constitution, Congress rolled back the salary to its earlier level, enabling Saxbe to accept the position.

This workaround has been used by presidents both before and after Nixon. When Barack Obama won the presidency in 2008, he wanted Hillary Clinton to serve as Secretary of State. However, Clinton, as a senator from New York, had voted for a pay raise for Cabinet secretaries. To resolve this, Congress lowered only the Secretary of State's salary, allowing her to take the office.

Questions have sometimes risen concerning military officers serving in Congress. A longstanding practice avoids violating the Incompatibility Clause by placing members with military backgrounds into an inactive duty status.

The Ineligibility and Incompatibility clauses reflect our Founders' determination to prevent the concentration of power by keeping the branches of government separate and strong enough to counterbalance one another. Their continued application, sometimes rigidly, sometimes creatively, shows how that constitutional design still shapes our government today.

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historically speaking
by dr. james finck

Growing weary of all the promises

I'm weary of TV and Internet ads, namely those promising more than is usually delivered. My focus today is largely on outlandish appeals thrust upon us by lawyers and political candidates. (If lawyers omitted references to 18-wheelers, their commercials would be significantly shorter.)

Much of my frustration can be traced to my computer's delete key. When I press it, my intention is to subtly unsubscribe from future emails.

Many political candidates – as well as some office holders already in place – wouldn't get my vote if they were aspirants for dog catcher or mall cop.

Often, politicos want to know why I request "no more emails." It matters little if I respond, because

my email address stays on their "send lists."....

I sometimes "fill in the blank" with insulting phrases, like, "I'd rather pick a name from the phone book," or "your candidacy has made me decide to change parties," etc., etc. Usually, I hang around to see if the computer message warning – that it will go blank in five seconds, as promised – ever does so.

It has not, so far....

Granted, I tend to paint the present tense and the past perfect, but there were more political figures worthy of admiration back in the day. For example, Christian statesmen – like the late Congressman Charles Stenholm – are in short supply.

Stenholm held big summer picnics on his West Texas spread near Stamford. Typically, he was accompanied by a fellow congressman. Once, the late

Charles Rangle – a longtime NYC representative in congress – contrasted his district's size to Stenholm's. "It takes Charlie the better part of a day to drive between distant points in his district," he laughed, "I can walk across mine during the noon hour."

I remember one state representative back in the 1970s crowing that he had "become a Christian statesman." Shouldn't such descriptions be made by others? (Painting with a broad brush, Carl Anderson made this observation about many elected officials: "You can fool some of the people all of the time, and you can fool all of the people some of the time. That's usually enough to get you elected.")....

Maybe I'd best drift back into my "wheelhouse" (if I have one) – higher education administration. My brother – who also has spent his professional life on the "teaching" side – has won virtually all faculty honors. He's heard the wails and moans (is there any difference?) of many students trying to gain sympathy and/or improving their class standing in numerous other ways.

Dr. Fred G. Newbury, Professor of Economics, has been associated with Dallas College's Richland Campus since it opened in 1972. He remembers recommending to a whining student that he join a study group, particularly one organized by several international students.

"No way," he responded, "All they

do is study."....

Here's another story from my career. Two late, respected colleagues sometimes were center stage in pratfall situations. Both were chancellors of Tarrant County College. Dr. Joe B. Rushing – founding CEO in 1965 – served for some 25 years. Executive Vice-Chancellor C.A. Roberson was promoted to succeed Dr. Rushing. Both wore eyeglasses, a fact irrelevant to this story. Late one evening upon arrival at the Austin airport, they were "buffaloed" by a red light on their rental car dashboard that simply wouldn't turn off.

When all efforts failed, they appealed to an agent for assistance.

In a flash, the young man – even without glasses – solved the issue. "The red light means 'high beam,'" he chuckled....

Sometimes, educational leaders have airs of superiority rarely observed in lesser mortals. During my "pre-presidential" years, I enjoyed deflating arrogant egos whenever possible. (Granted, I eased up on criticizing when I became one!)

At a Fort Worth luncheon some 40 years ago, a banquet hall was filled largely by college and university presidents. I began my remarks thusly: "If a bomb exploded here today, it would set education forward by two centuries." (It was a gentler time, when jokes could include words like "bomb.")....

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Jack last man to die by Creek law

On January 1, 1896, Timmie Jack, a Creek Indian, killed his friend James Brown in a drunken brawl at an Indian dance on the Creek reservation in Oklahoma. At Timmie Jack's trial, held on April 28, he was found guilty and sentenced to die on May 1. Creek law required execution for such a crime, and by Creek custom, death by shooting was the only acceptable method. White men might be pardoned or paroled for murder, but not so within the Indians' own laws.

The unique aspect of this episode is that Timmie Jack was never arrested or held in jail. He was simply told to be on hand for the trial at the Creek District Court House in Okmulgee. There, on the appointed day he was there. After the guilty verdict and the sentencing, he was told to go home and settle his affairs but to be at the Council House on May 1 prepared to pay his penalty. Again, he was there.

The day of execution was almost a gala occasion. Indians gathered from miles around with their families. White

settlers and cowboys came.

Picnic lunches were eaten under the shady elm trees.

Timmie Jack mingled

among the throng all day, introduced himself to

those he did not

know, and exchanged pleasantries with

all. He could not say goodbye because

there is no such word in the Creek

language. But he did use a phrase that

means "I will see you again, somewhere,

sometime."

Creek custom allowed Timmie

Jack to name the time of execution and

to name the executioner. Timmie chose

Pleasant Berryhill, a captain in the Creek

tribal police and one of the best shots in

the Creek nation. Timmie wanted it to be

as quick and painless as possible. Five

o'clock was the designated hour.

Berryhill asked to borrow a rifle,

because his own was in a scabbard on



Vignettes
tales of the old west

by george u. hubbard

his horse over a block away. But Timmie said no. "Get your own Winchester.

You know how it shoots." Timmie then

embraced his family and friends for the

last time, seated himself on a box, and

leaned back against one of the elms.

No blindfold or bands were offered, nor would they have been accepted. A white doctor used his stethoscope to

locate the exact position of Timmie's

heart, and pinned a piece of white paper

on the spot. Berryhill, 15 feet away,

braced his Winchester on an elm tree,

and for almost a full minute he and

Timmie looked at each other eye to eye.

Then Berryhill's rifle cracked, Timmie

slumped forward, and the execution was

completed.



Top performers

The cast and crew of "The One Act Play Disaster" pose following Sunday's final performance of the play at Clarendon High School. The comedy had audiences laughing out loud and was very well done.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO



Most Unique

Congratulations to Tracy and Jeannie Morris of Howardwick. They won the most Unique Decorated Home in the Howardwick Christmas House Decorations contest.

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Kathie Middleton was awarded the Best Nativity Scene in the Howardwick Christmas House Decorations contest.

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Mulkey Theatre • Zootopia 2 • 7:30 p.m.

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Mulkey Theatre • Zootopia 2 • 7:30 p.m.

December 23

Clarendon Lady Broncos v. Quanah • Away • 6:30 p.m.

December 23

Broncos v. Quanah • 8:00 p.m. • Away

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CCISD Board of Trustees accept audit report

The Clarendon Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees met in regular session December with a short agenda.

Richard Blankenship of Johnson and Sheldon, P.C., presented an audit report for the year ending August 31, 2025, and the board accepted the report.

A public hearing was conducted on the School Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) report. There were no comments from the public.

Administrative reports were presented by Athletic Director Jeff Caffey, CJH & CHS Principal Erin Shaw, and Superintendent Rick Teran.

Following discussion, the board approved a motion to amend the budget for transportation related expenses.

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Obituaries

Davis

Don Alton Davis, 57, of Pampa passed away on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, in Amarillo.

Memorial services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 27, 2025, at Robertson Funeral Directors Saints' Roost Chapel in Clarendon. Private inurnment will follow in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon. Cremation and arrangements are under the care of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Donnie was born on January 12, 1968, in Pampa to Charles Ray and Nancy Darlene Walker Davis. He graduated from Pampa High School and later Clarendon College. Throughout his life, he worked with several petroleum companies until his illness. Donnie was known for his skill and curiosity—whether



working on cars, tinkering with anything mechanical, tending cattle, or spending time outdoors hunting and fishing.

He had a compassionate heart and a steady presence, offering support and guidance to many young people, especially those facing difficult paths.

His family remembers the deep love he held for his nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews, each of whom he cherished.

Special thanks are extended to Stan Loeffew and to Pampa Regional Medical Center for the care and support provided to Donnie.

He is preceded in death by his

parents; his sister, Darlene Usleton; a great-niece, Brook Baldwin; and his brother-in-law, Doug Woods.

He is survived by his brother, Danny Davis and wife Julie of Amarillo; his sister, D'Anne Woods of Pflugerville; his nieces, Tiffany Baldwin and Brooke Finney; his nephews, Stephen Woods, Sean Usleton, Josh Davis, and Will Davis; and his great-nieces and great-nephews, Julie Woods, Bailee Woods, Wyatt Baldwin, Ellie Baldwin, Liora Charlotte Davis, Blake Usleton, Brody Usleton, Gavin Usleton, Darci Usleton, Kinleigh Gunn, Kaleb Gunn and Harper Finney. He is also remembered with affection by his dear friends Clint Taylor, Aaron Maldonado, Jamie Wheat, and Trina Douthit-Garcia.

The family requests that memorials be sent to the American Diabetes Association or the Citizens Cemetery Association in Clarendon.

Patterson places on final night

By Ted Harbin, Twisted Rodeo

LAS VEGAS – The National Finals Rodeo can be a strange place.

Take saddle bronc rider and Clarendon College alumnus Weston Patterson. He entered the sport's Super Bowl 11th in the world standings, then accumulated \$94,573 in wealth. Still, he dropped two spots on the money list to No. 13. His final payday came during Saturday's 10th go-round, where he rode Pete Carr Pro Rodeo's Larry Culpepper for 87.75 points to finish fifth, worth \$9,463. He finished the year with \$268,308.

"It was a very fun 10 days of my life, and I'm never going to forget it," said Patterson, a first-time NFR qualifier from Waverly, Kansas. "I really can't complain. Obviously, I could be greedy and say

I wanted more, but I'm very thankful to have it go this way. I'm very appreciative."

He should be. Only the top 15 bronc busters on the money list at the end of the regular season get to play on this stage. Patterson kicked off his Las Vegas adventure by finishing second on opening night, Dec. 4. He had another fifth-place finish in Round 7, then won the eighth night.

It's still a windfall, even though others cashed in their NFR slots for more cash. World champion Statler Wright earned \$274,000 inside the Thomas & Mack Center.

This was a building block. A ride like he produced on the final night of the 2025 campaign would win most rodeos. At the NFR, he settled for fifth.

Just like when he finished

second at the College National Finals Rodeo in 2021, he was part of the Clarendon College men's team that won the national title.

He knows what it's like to be a winner, but he's also just two years removed from his rookie season. Every phase in life can be a learning tool, and this is just another rung on his ladder toward longstanding success.

"One thing I learned is it's a long week," Patterson said. "Everybody says, 'Take it one horse at a time,' and that ain't no lie. It can get cold and get real hot real fast. You just need to keep your head down. There's obviously a reason why every one of us is here. You just have to keep going after them one after another and believe in yourself."

USDA launches program to lower producer costs

US Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins, alongside US Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., and

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Administrator Dr. Mehmet Oz announced last week a \$700 million Regenerative Pilot Program to help American farmers adopt practices that improve soil health, enhance water quality, and boost long-term productivity, all while strengthening America's food and fiber supply.

Building off the Make Our Children Healthy Again Strategy released in September, the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is also investing in research on the connection between regenerative agriculture and public health, as well as developing public health messaging explaining this connection.

In response to the Dust Bowl in the 1930s, Congress created the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to help people help the land and improve conservation of the nation's soil and water resources.

This action led to improved soil health and natural resources management which, in turn, has led to increased productivity. Between 1948 and 2021, total US farm pro-

duction increased 190 percent while total farm inputs – such as land, labor, and water – decreased 2 percent in the same period.

However, the administration says current conservation programs at USDA have become overly burdensome and farmers are bogged down with red tape whenever they try to adopt soil health and regenerative agriculture practices. Even with the improved soil health since the creation of NRCS, USDA data shows that farmers recently reported that 25 percent of acres had water-driven erosion concerns and 16 percent of acres had wind-driven erosion concerns.

The Regenerative Pilot Program directly addresses these challenges by cutting administrative burdens for producers, expanding access to new and beginning farmers, and boosting yields and long-term soil resilience across operations.

Administered by NRCS, this new Regenerative Pilot Program delivers a streamlined, outcome-based conservation model – empowering producers to plan and implement whole-farm regenerative practices through a single application.

The initiative highlights USDA's commitment to putting Farmers First and advancing the

retain the specialized workforce and industrial base at Bell's Amarillo facility.

Another provision strengthens America's nuclear deterrent by accelerating key infrastructure projects that allow the National Nuclear Security Administration to modernize assembly and disassembly operations at the Pantex Plant in Amarillo. It also requires that this work move in tandem with the modernization of high-explosives capabilities, including continued construction of the High Explosives Synthesis Formulation and Production facility to support updated weapons production needs.

Jackson celebrates House passage of defense act

Congressman Ronny Jackson (TX-13) last week celebrated final House passage of the Fiscal Year 2026 National Defense Authorization Act (FY26 NDAA).

The bill is expected to soon be passed by the Senate and signed into law by President Donald J. Trump. Rep. Jackson is proud to have secured big wins for Texas' Thirteenth Congressional District in the final version of the FY26 NDAA.

"I'm proud to deliver big wins for Texas Thirteen in this year's NDAA, including the acceleration of FLRAA production in Amarillo and long-overdue modernization efforts at the Pantex Plant", said

Rep. Ronny Jackson. "These provisions strengthen our warfighters, bolster America's national security, and support the skilled workforce that keeps my district at the forefront of our nation's defense."

Among Jackson's provisions in the bill, Section 113 provides for authorization to initiate early production of future long-range assault aircraft. This provision speeds up delivery of the MV-75 Future Long Range Assault Aircraft by allowing the Army Secretary to enter early procurement contracts ahead of full-rate production. This aligns with the accelerated timeline supported by the Army, helping to stabilize and

retain the specialized workforce and industrial base at Bell's Amarillo facility.

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Producers can now bundle multiple regenerative practices into one application, streamlining the process and increasing flexibility for operations.

The program is designed for both beginning and advanced producers, ensuring availability for all farmers ready to take the next step in regenerative agriculture.

Farmers and ranchers interested in regenerative agriculture are encouraged to apply through their local NRCS Service Center by their state's ranking dates for consideration in FY2026 funding. Applications for both EQIP and CSP can now be submitted under the new single regenerative application process.

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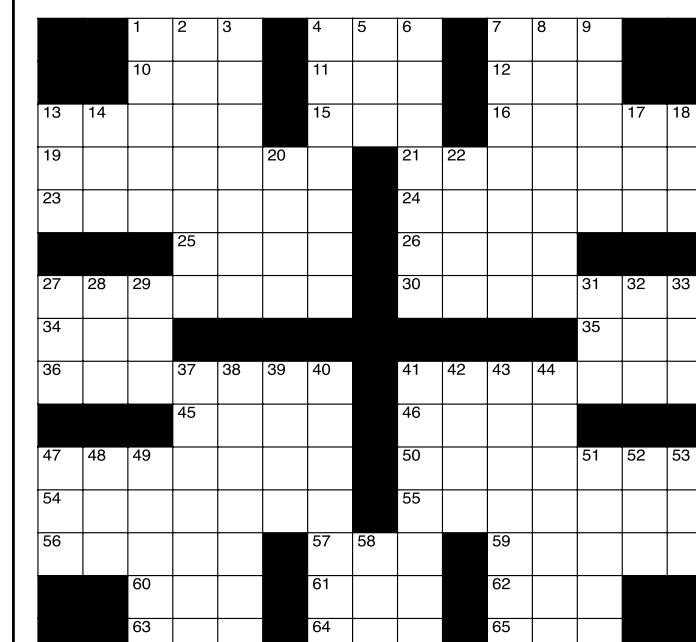


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10. Indigenous people of Thailand	45. "Rule, Britannia" composer
11. Anti-Soviet Cold War group	46. Spiritual leader
12. Actress de Armas	47. Flowing
13. Not moving	50. Respectful compliments
15. Cool!	54. Cure
16. Plants of the arum family	55. Soft, lightweight fabric
19. Connected with touch	56. Building material
21. Pen stain	57. Japanese delicacy
23. Monetary units	59. A way to cause to be swollen
25. School kids' art project	60. One and only
27. Early Bell Canada executive	61. You might get one in summer
34. 45	62. Wreath
36. 37, 38, 39, 40	63. Thus far
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46. 50	65. Employee reference number

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1. Policemen (French)	32. Fall behind
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9. Ethnic people of Ethiopia	43. Able to be marketed
13. Engine additive	44. Not as large
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18. Consumed	49. Oneness
20. Opposite of first	51. Bitter chemical
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Broncos play hard in Childress Tournament

By Sandy Anderberg

The Broncos played several hard games at the Childress Tournament last week and got past Hartley, Memphis, and Floydada but fell short against Vernon.

Senior Michael Randall posted a double-double against Hartley, putting in 21 points and grabbing 23 rebounds.

The Broncos played with determination in the game but could not break down the Vernon offense and the lead they held. Free throws hindered the Broncos as they were only able to convert at 25 percent from the bonus line and only hit 50 percent of the field goals they shot.

Heston Seay helped on the scoreboard with 13, and Caleb Herbert and Braxton Gribble added eight each. Tyler Cavanaugh finished with three, and Kreed Robinson and Brentley Gaines helped with two apiece.

The Broncos were able to breeze by Floydada at 41-28, while taking Memphis down to the wire to win by three. Randall had 19, Gaines put in 10, and Seay added six in the win over Floydada.

Randall led the way in the Memphis game with 11 points and Gaines added nine. Herbert, Gribble, and Paxton English finished with five each, and Tyler Cavanaugh added one.

The Broncos will travel to Sunray December 19 and play at 7:00 p.m.

Lady Broncos smash Perryton

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos were on fire against Perryton at home last week. The ladies totally dominated the Ragerettes defeating them 61-24.

Perryton tried to put up a fight against the Lady Broncos, but the maroon and white proved to be too tough for them. Both teams finished at 50 percent from the bonus line, while Clarendon hit one of two bonus shots and the 'Ettes converted 10 of the 20 they were given.

The Lady Broncos took the lead early and their speed on both ends was too much for Perryton. A huge third quarter gave the ladies the boost they needed to get the 37-point win.

Cambree Smith led the way with 17 points that included three three-pointers and Gracie Ellis hit some big threes to finish with 14. Kenidee Hayes finished with 11, Kate Shaw had seven and Berkley Moore put in six. Millie McAnear helped with four, Madi Benson had three, and Presley Smith added two.

The Lady Broncos will host Wheeler December 19 at 6:30.

Bronco JV fights hard against Amarillo Flames

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon Bronco junior varsity played hard against the Amarillo Flames but were defeated 35-42.

The Broncos were strong after the tip and worked hard to earn a 10-point lead at the break. However, the Flames were solid in the third quarter of play and outscored the Broncos by 12 points and went on to get the win.

Brentley Gaines put in four big shots and a field goal for 16, and Paxton English had 13 points that included one three-pointer and two bonus points. Dakota Jameson helped with four, and Hunter Caison finished with two.

Lady Bronco JV loses game by one point

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Bronco junior varsity played hard against Perryton but lost by one point at 30-31.

The Lady Broncos played a solid first half and led by three at the break. The Ragerettes hustled back in the third to work their way back into the lead by two points before the final seven minutes to get the win.

Laken Smith played solid and finished with 15 points, and Eli Rodriguez and Addy Havens put in six each. Sequoia Weatherton hit one big shot to end the game with three.

The ladies will play Wheeler at home December 19 at 4 p.m.



Lady Colt Marleigh Baile looks for a shot last week against Wellington.

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Adleigh Moore drives the ball for the Lady Colts against the Lady Rockets at home last Thursday.

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Smith leads Colts to win over Rockets

By Sandy Anderberg

Both Lady Colt teams struggled against two good Wellington teams when Clarendon Junior High played at home last Thursday. The A team lost 5-48 and the B team fell 2-40.

The Lady Rockets dominated the floor on both ends of the court. The Lady Colts played hard but could not stop Wellington. Journey Morris scored five in the first game. Marley Robinson scored two in the second game.

The Colts will resume their schedule January 9 against Quanah at home, and the Lady Colts will be on the road with all games being played at 5:00 p.m.

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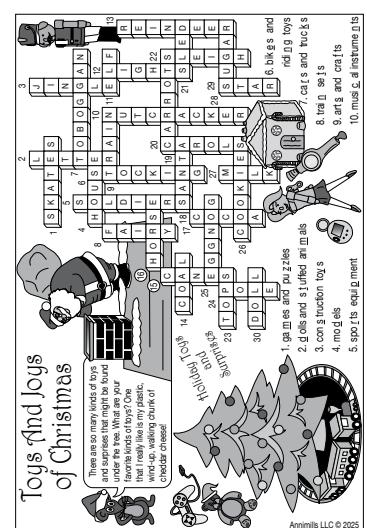
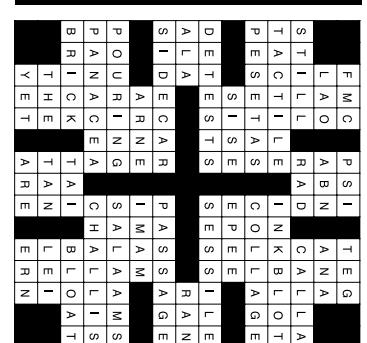
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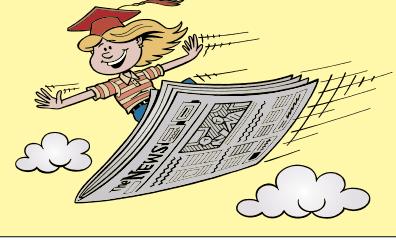
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Christmas is coming and we are...

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...decorating, baking, and hiding gifts!
Kids: color stuff in!

Christmas is coming and I've hung up my stocking. Now I'm writing my letter to Santa Claus! Have you?

Can you find and circle items below that might fit into a stocking?

L L O D K E T J B I O Y
A N S E F N T O P K N E R
B H N E T T E D V D C M J
V N C O I J U G B N T E S
H G O A N C E G N A R O K
B N U I K N K O U T R E S A
G F R N L J D E K O O B T E
O I H S J G B Y I Y R A Z I J
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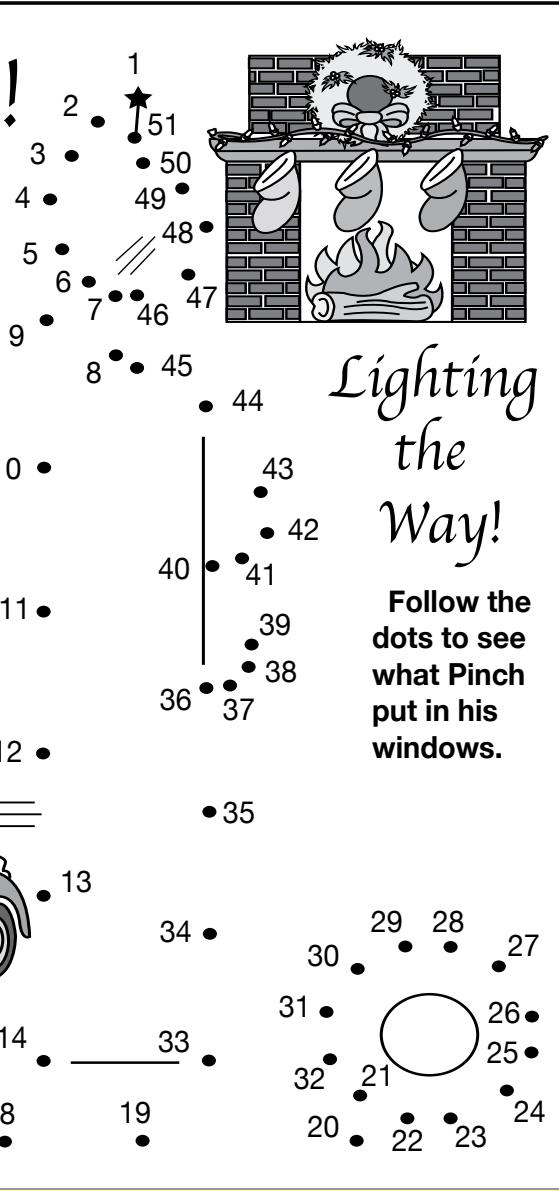
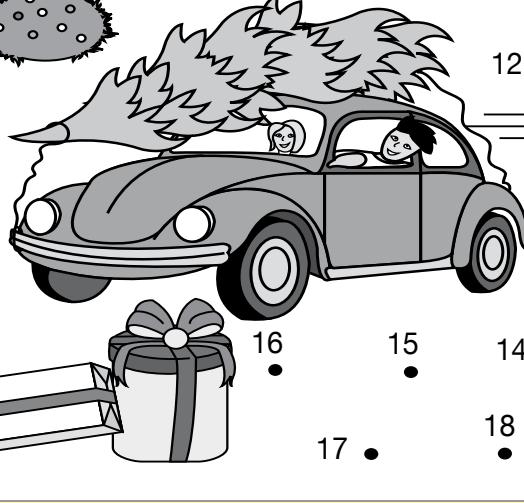
book
coins
doll
crayons
puzzle
DVD

nuts
candy cane
orange
magic tricks
gum
socks

Christmas is Coming!

Every year, while waiting for Christmas, people around the world place glowing candles in their windows. Lights are hung on houses and trees. Cheerful fires are lighted in fireplaces. Bonfires and Yule logs blaze. Candlelight services are held in churches.

Burning candles and colored lights show our joy and hope. Candles in windows show a welcoming home and hearth. Lights remind some people of stars in the sky. All kinds of light can send a message of warmth and peace to all.



Scenes from the Clarendon Lions Club Toys for Joy Project



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