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- 10 And the Iron Chefs of Donley County join the 4H competitions in Pampa.

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

CC Judging Team bests scores big

The Clarendon College Judging Team had a major accomplishment this weekend finishing second out of more than 20 teams at West Texas A&M University.

The team also won the cattle division.

"This is significant because the number one team in the power rankings participated and won the contest, but we beat them in the cattle division," Johnny Treichel, CC Livestock Judging coach said.

Individual results for the contest include Kyle Metzger, a sophomore from Estancia, NM, 4th Individual out of 120; Ryan Dahl, a sophomore from Goodwell, Okla., 12th high with a perfect score on feed yard steers; Kylie Owen, a sophomore from Clint, high individual in cattle; and Alisha Shurr, a sophomore from Central Point, Ore., 2nd high individual in cattle.

The team also traveled to Oklahoma Panhandle State University this past weekend and finished 3rd in their division.

CC basketball teams to hold food drive

The Clarendon College Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs basketball teams are holding a food drive on Sunday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

They will be travelling door to door in Clarendon collecting can goods to benefit the First Baptist Church Food Pantry.

CEDC seeks listings for new web site

The Clarendon Economic Development Corporation is inviting local property owners to list their available commercial properties on the CEDC's new web site.

The site is still under development but will include a listing of commercial properties for sale or rent in Donley County for people who may be interested in establishing a business in our community.

Interested owners are asked to contact CEDC Director of Tourism & Economic Development Chandra Eggemeyer at 806-874-2421, email her at tourism@cityofclarendontx.com, or come by the CEDC office in the Mulkey Theatre for more information.

State plans shot clinics this month

The Texas Department of State Health Services has scheduled three Immunization Clinics in Clarendon for the month of December.

The clinics will be held on December 6, 13, and 20 at the TDSHS office at Five Medical Drive from 8 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. with the first 15 clients being seen each time.

All clinic times subject to change or cancellation due to weather conditions or unforeseen scheduling conflicts.

City aldermen debate hiring, firing powers

Raised voices and pointed fingers were the order of the evening when the Clarendon Board of Aldermen met in regular session last Tuesday, November 27.

Of the six items on the board's agenda, five items were discussed, and one was acted on — accepting the resignation of Alderman Terry Noble, who is moving to Pampa.

Editor Roger Estlack, one of seven citizens to attend the meeting, spoke during public comments regarding the history of the board's relationship with city administrators and urging the board not to micromanage city affairs but to allow the administrator to do his job.

Issues with the city's employee policy manual took up much of the discussion for the night with Alderman Tommy Hill opening by dis-

agreeing with Estlack and saying he believed "seven heads are better than one" and said the city's hiring record "isn't worth a flip."

Alderman Will Thompson shot back that hiring and firing was the job of the city administrator.

"If he can't do it, we need to get someone who can," Thompson said.

Thompson then went on to criticize micromanaging by the board while nothing gets done in the city.

"I see potholes that are bad and getting worse. I see water that is brown and not getting better," Thompson said. "We have not improved anything since I moved back here, and we are only broke because we won't fund anything."

Alderman Abby Patten said she didn't want to micromanage the city but said she did want answers to

her questions, and Alderman Terry Noble said Hill and Patten were going to "ruin this city."

Hill responded that the board needs to know everything that is going on and said he wanted the administrator to go before the board to get its recommendation on hiring and firing. But Thompson objected and said the board should set policy only.

The board agreed to take no action on hiring and firing but to look at a future meeting, but the matter came up again with Hill and Patten questioning City Administrator Lambert Little about whether or not he has a personal agenda when it comes to hiring and firing.

Little denied any personal agenda, and Hill began questioning the administrator about information

the alderman had received from a city employee regarding the hiring of the code compliance officer. This drew a sharp response from Alderman Thompson who told Hill it wasn't his place to be ignoring the chain of command by talking to employees.

Hill disagreed and said that was his job to talk to employees everyday as an elected official, and Little said Hill was undermining his authority by going to the employees.

Other topics discussed included the city sick leave policy, when employees should be allowed to take daily breaks and where or if city employees should be allowed to smoke on the job. No action was taken on any of those topics.

Little continues working on a 90-day probation period following

his annual evaluation two months ago, and as part of a monthly progress report with the board, Alderman Hill quizzed the administrator about the status of a new flow meter at the city's wastewater treatment plant. Little had said a month ago that it would be finished in "a few days," and Hill pointed out that it was still not completed.

"When you tell me you're going to do something, at least try to get it done," Hill said.

Patten said she felt city resources were being better utilized since the last evaluation, which she said was good.

The board also debated the public's perception that the city is "broke," and Hill continued his call for better communication with the board.



Junior Bulldogs

Harrison Howard, Kai Floyd, and Ben Estlack became semi-official members of the Clarendon College Bulldog basketball team last week, serving as Junior Bulldogs and making sure referees were provided with towels and water during every timeout over the two-day Clarendon EDC Basketball Tournament. The boys were introduced first as part of the team each night and got to sit with the college men.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ROGER ESTLACK

Ritz presents 'Polar Express' pajama party

WELLINGTON — The Ritz Theatre continues a popular local Christmas tradition as it invites area children to an evening pajama party and a screening of the popular holiday film "The Polar Express," complete with cookies and hot chocolate.

Showtime is 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10, and admission is free with a new, unwrapped toy or a \$5 donation. Toys and funds will be donated to Court Appointed Special Advo-

cates (CASA). Toys should appeal to children between the ages of 18 months and 18 years of age.

Children are encouraged to wear their pajamas, and to come early for photos.

"The pajama party has proven to be one of our most popular events at the Ritz, and it encourages kids to think about other kids in need while they're having fun," said Melanie Baumgardner, president of the non-

profit Wellington Ritz Theatre, Inc. board.

The Ritz was built in 1928, and formally opened in 1929 as the first "talking" movie theater in the county and one of the first in the region. It used the Vitaphone and Movietone systems that brought silent movies to life through synchronized sound. The Ritz closed in the early 1980s and fell into ruin until a local group, Historic Wellington, rescued the

building and launched a restoration effort.

The Mission-Revival theater was completely rebuilt with community support and reopened in 2007, and shows first-run movies and stages live musical and theatrical events. It is managed by the non-profit Wellington Ritz Theatre, Inc. board. For more information and news, go to www.wellingtonritztheatre.com.

Conference to focus on recovering cattle herds

LAWTON, Okla. — A cattle industry recovering from the drought will be the focus of the Cattle Trails Cow-Calf Conference, a joint effort between Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service, to be held Jan. 15 in Lawton, Okla.

This annual conference provides cow-calf producers the most up-to-date information on topics that influence cattle profits, said Stan Bevers, AgriLife Extension economist in Vernon, Texas.

The slogan of the conference is "driving your cattle to profits," although Bevers said the last couple of years have made it tough to generate any profit.

The conference, which alternates between Texas and Oklahoma each year, will be from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Comanche County Coliseum, 920 South Sheridan, in Lawton. Registration is \$25 per person and includes educational materials, a noon meal and refreshments.

The keynote speaker for the event will be Garrett King, agricultural liaison for U.S. Rep. Frank Lucas from Oklahoma. Lucas is the current House Agriculture Committee chairman. King will provide a farm bill and congressional update from Lucas' office.

Improvement in the moisture situation has created some optimism with ranchers, Bevers said. But before any restocking of cattle takes place, the condition of their pastures should be assessed.

Two speakers will address pasture conditions and recovery, he said. Jack LeClair, DuPont Crop Protection range and pasture specialist, Saint Jo, Texas, will cover drought recovery and invasive weeds. Dr. Bob Gillen, Western Kansas Agricultural Research Centers department head at Hays, Kan., will cover the impact of drought on the Southern Plains grassland.

Traits and tools for retention and replacement of beef females will be discussed by Dr. Megan Rolf, Oklahoma Cooperative Extension beef cattle management specialist, Stillwater, Okla.

Dr. Dan Hale, AgriLife Extension meat specialist, College Station, Texas, will give participants a virtual packing plant tour to close out the meeting.

Industry sponsors also will have their products on display during the event. For more information on the event, go to <http://agrisk.tamu.edu>.

Producers are encouraged to preregister by contacting their local AgriLife Extension county agent, their Oklahoma Cooperative Extension county educator, or the Southwest Oklahoma Area Extension office at 580-255-0546.



Pick your favorite!

Enterprise readers have the chance to pick the cover art for this year's Santa Letters Section by voting for either Anna Hardy's picture of the nativity (left) or Jordan Thomas' picture of a snowman (right). Cast your vote by visiting our website - www.ClarendonLive.com. Congratulations to Anna and Jordan for doing such a great job on this! Voting closes at 5 p.m. on Monday, December 10.

City should put the focus on progress

What do you expect from your city? Stop and think about that for a moment. As a community, where do we really want our elected officials to focus their energies?

The Clarendon Board of Aldermen last week spent a lot of time arguing over the authority of the city administrator – something we went through nearly a decade ago – and delving into the minutia of city business, discussing the finer points of when employees should take breaks and whether employees should be allowed to smoke on the job.

Considerable attention was given over to the *per diem* allowance that regular employees are allowed compared to the administrator's expense account when he travels. In short, employees get \$40 per day and Mr. Little had a receipt for \$65 that covered two meals at a conference. (Of course, if you've been to a professional conference or convention, you know that meals of \$20 to \$35 are the order of the day and not at all unusual.) But nevertheless, the aldermen found themselves caught up in a discussion over a tiny amount in a million dollar budget.

Attention to detail is one thing, micro-managing and second-guessing every decision that the administrator is making is quite another. No one can work efficiently if someone is breathing down his or her neck all the time.

The board also got into a discussion about a perception in the community that the city is broke. How can this be, they wondered aloud, when we have money in reserves? Perhaps it is because during the recent budget workshops, members of the board acted like the city was spending way too much money and just cut and cut instead of making investments to improve our town.

They turned down a modest tax increase after public comments about what such an increase might do to senior citizens and the disabled, and yet both of those groups have their taxes frozen. Instead they raised sanitation rates on everyone in the city – including churches and non-profits. How much sense does that make?

The City of Clarendon has some very real issues, and they haven't changed much in two decades. We need serious street repairs and our aging water and sewer system needs to be largely replaced. Pot holes and brown water – not the administrator's expense account – are the recurring top complaints of citizens. We have dilapidated buildings and code violations and a whole host of other issues facing us, but we are focused on trivial issues and making no progress on the big picture.

Despite disagreements, your editor believes that we've got good people working for us on the city council, but they need to hear from the citizens about what is most important to them. To that end, we need more people to attend our city meetings to see for themselves what the discussion is. We're stuck in a quagmire of minor issues right now, but with a little nudge the people can re-focus the city on big issues and move us forward.

That is not to say that we want them to pay no attention to the money or give the administrator total control. But we do expect to see the city run professionally and we want to see results on the major problems that are holding our town back. There is no standing still at this point. We either move forward, or we move backward. And we have to trust our city leaders to take us down the right path.



editor's commentary
by roger estlack

Seliger in excellent position to help CC

Let's talk college education. More specifically, let's talk Clarendon College, the Pear of the Panhandle – one of my favorite places in Donley and Gray counties (a name dear to my heart). In the past, Governor Rick – our not-so-sterling example of how-to-run for president – has not treated Clarendon College so well. I still gag every time I'm reminded of his profoundly inept debating utterances. Anyway, Governor Rick aside, perhaps sunnier skies may be on CC's horizon.

You see, Amarillo Republican state Senator Kel Seliger will chair the Senate Higher Education Committee. It's a key position because the Higher Education Committee controls legislation impacting state-funded colleges and universities – which in case you haven't noticed, includes Clarendon College. As state Senator Robert Duncan recently stated, "Sen. Seliger is certainly a great benefit to our region because of Texas Tech, West Texas A&M, Angelo State, and all our community colleges."

Hopefully, Clarendon College and the other community colleges will be treated better than they have been in the past. Governor Rick and his miserly minions have apparently decided to celebrate all things ignorant and stupid, and continue to cut spending on education. I'm sure he must have some brain power tucked away somewhere; otherwise, he wouldn't have been elected governor multiple times, and served as Dubya's fair-haired boy for many years. Perhaps he's one of those really smart people who just publicly come across as stupid, sort of like Mitt. As least he doesn't cry in public, like our overly sensitive Speaker of the House.

Anyway, where was I? Hopefully, under Sen. Seliger, Clarendon College and the other community colleges will be treated better. He seems to be committed to our community college system, which has the potential to play an enormous role in America's future prosperity.

In Texas, community colleges should become the backbone of economic development and growth over the next few decades, particularly in sustainable energy, etc.

College needs to find a way to play an important role in how we redefine the role of higher education in Texas and America. Hopefully, higher education and Clarendon College will become a legislative priority in January. We desperately need to strengthen our education system, at all levels, during the next legislature. Let's hope that Senator Seliger has more salt than Governor Rick.

Colleges need to be rated by how well they educate their students, including making sure that their students fully understand the true costs of their college loans. This whole student loan thing absolutely drives me nuts. If it wasn't possible for 18-year-olds to sign themselves up for thousands of dollars in debt, in order to pay their college bills, Governor Rick and his minions wouldn't have found it so politically easy to cut taxpayer support for public colleges and universities. Somehow, our community college and university systems must be saved, even if it requires increasing tuitions and taxpayer support.

Regarding student debt, we need programs so that people who graduate with high debt can nonetheless pursue careers as teachers, public employees, and other low income service professions. Also, the people who enjoy the benefits of higher education should pay the lion's share of the cost of the system. The benefits of a higher education are huge and we shouldn't try to transfer the cost onto people who don't have degrees.



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by fred gray

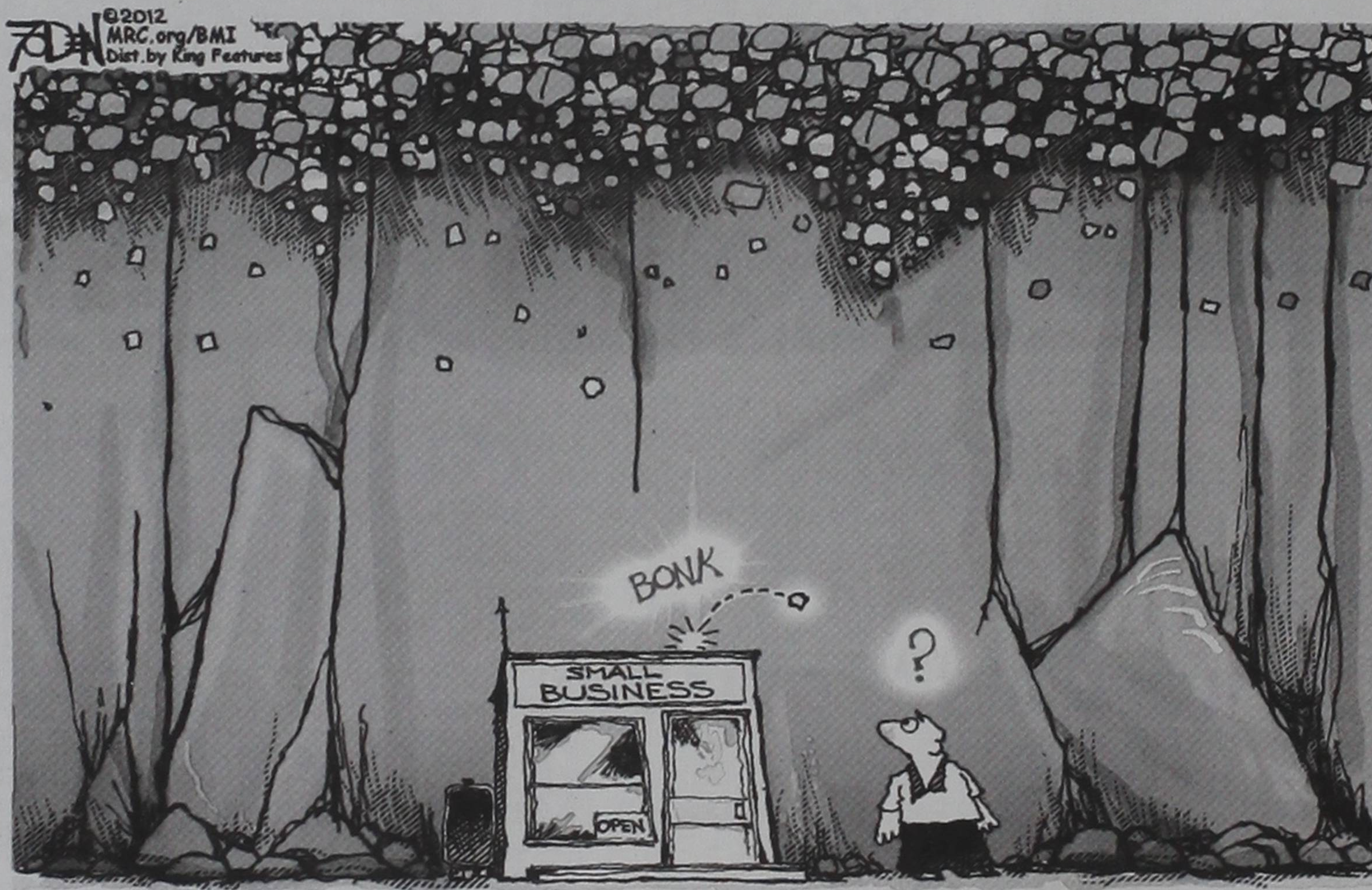
I get the sneaky suspicion (my ex-wife taught me how to have one) that we are on the cusp of a revolution in higher education. I think that low cost alternatives are about to become available in truly epic-shifting ways. Clarendon College is strategically placed to take advantage of this future trend.

In many ways, Clarendon College is like our own community theater. It's local. It's in person. Its quality depends upon the people who live in our area. Some people love personal learning from professors in the same class room with them. Clarendon College is well structured to deliver this type of education. Additionally, the potential offered by online learning can greatly enhance CC's reach throughout the land and the world.

The college status systems, like Columbia, Harvard, Stanford, etc., have become one of the abominations of the age. The idea that Harvard necessarily provides a better education than the next 200 schools is a joke. It may be true for some students, but it is not a certainty. Regarding college status systems, have you heard Mitt's new stand on colleges? He's suddenly decided to support low-interest federal loans to college students – a position that is opposed by the Republican Party. Why? I think they would prefer it if everyone wasn't as smart as Governor Rick, and we all know how smart he isn't. Jeez.

The bottom line is that no matter how high the tuition and loan burden, college is still an incredibly smart investment, maybe the smartest investment ever. The earnings for college grads are much higher than the earnings for non-grads, and their unemployment is much lower.

Let's all give Sen. Seliger a call, pat him on the back, and encourage him to see that Clarendon College, along with the rest of our community colleges, colleges, and universities, is treated better than it's been treated in the recent past. After all, our future depends upon it.



Meanwhile, at the Base of the Fiscal Cliff.

Don't raise small business taxes

Americans are understandably uncertain about the full extent of the damage to our economy if Congress and the White House fail to agree on deficit reduction and taxes to avoid the January 1, 2013 "fiscal cliff." But most taxpayers do know that their taxes are going up on January 1 if agreement isn't reached.

I still believe that a timely, bipartisan agreement can be finalized. But time is growing short, and the White House and Congressional leaders need to commit to serious negotiations.

Thus far, the President has only talked about tax increases on "wealthy" taxpayers (individuals who make more than \$200,000 and joint filers who make more than \$250,000). If the President gets his way, however, hundreds of thousands of small businesses would be hit by these higher taxes and new hiring would remain weak.

Most small business owners declare business profits on their personal tax returns and are taxed at the personal tax rates. In the most recent year for which data is available, 4.3 million small businesses filed and paid taxes at individual tax rates. Of those, 1.2 million would be affected by the proposed tax increase. Small businesses are the engines of our economy. They are responsible for driving most of the job growth in this country, providing approximately 55 percent of private sector jobs. And the most dynamic job-creators are found within the 1.2 million small businesses

that would be hit with higher taxes.

On my June bus tour in central and south Texas, I talked to a number of small business owners about what higher taxes would mean. In Uvalde, I talked to Donald McLaughlin of DKM Enterprises, who owns a steel salvage and distribution company. His is among America's tens of thousands of small and medium-sized manufacturers, many of them centers of cutting-edge technology and employers of some of the most skilled workers in the world. Nearly seven out of eight of small manufacturers pay their taxes at personal income tax rates. These companies already pay higher taxes than competitors in Germany and China. Raising their taxes even more will make them less competitive, and opportunities to grow and create more good-paying jobs will be lost.

Also set to take effect on January 1 is a huge jump in the estate tax, referred to as the "death tax" by small-business owners. If action isn't taken, when a family business owner dies, his or her survivors will pay a 55 percent estate tax on assets: equipment, land and inventory. The increase will boost death

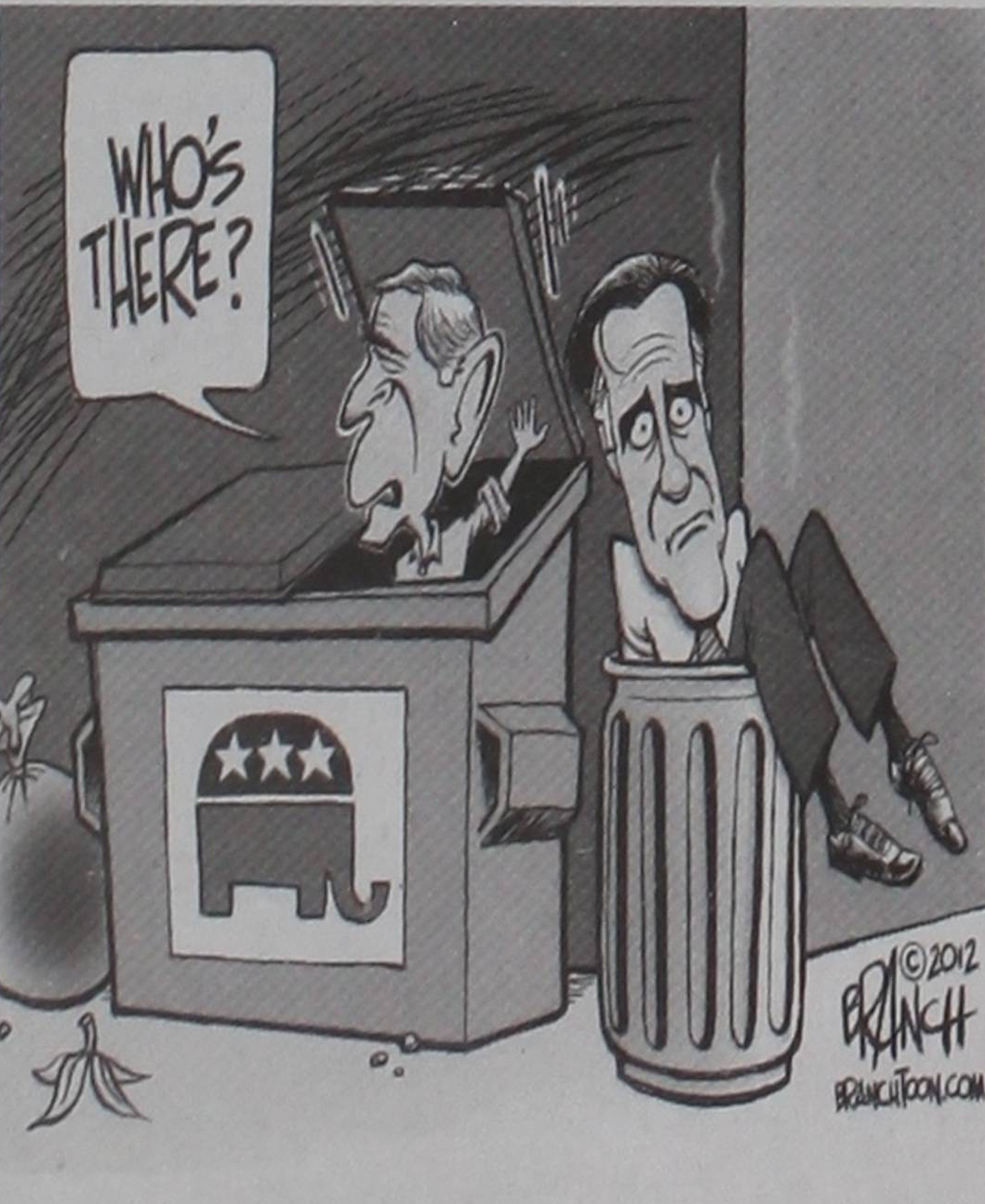
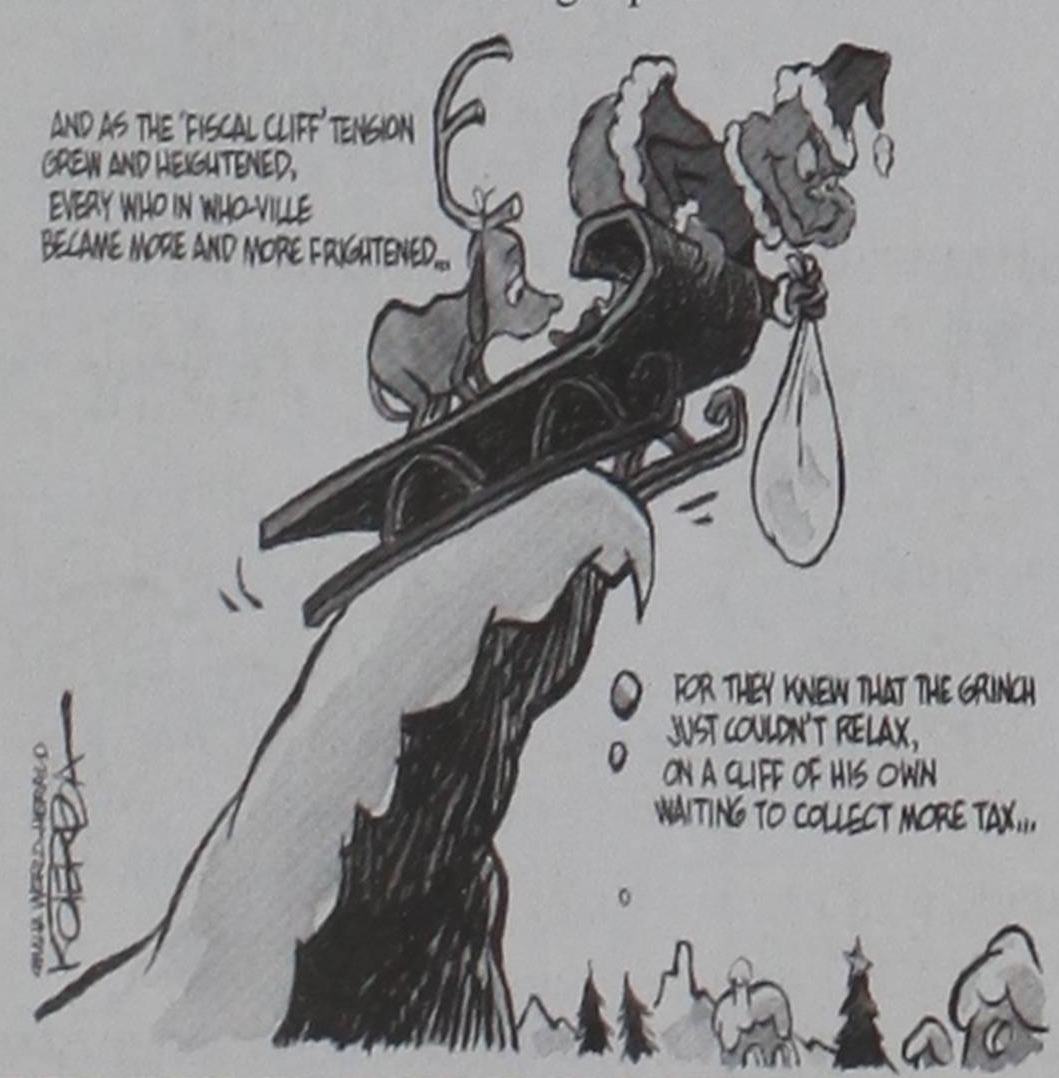
tax liabilities by more than one-third on most family-owned businesses and threaten to force many to close and liquidate in order to pay the IRS. Particularly hard-hit will be ranchers and farmers, who could be forced to sell land in an unfavorable real-estate market.

Proposed tax rate hikes would come on top of the Obamacare taxes that begin in earnest in 2013: higher Medicare health-insurance taxes, a new health-insurance penalty tax, costs of government health-insurance mandates, and taxes on employers that provide relatively generous coverage. The Joint Committee on Taxation projects that, beginning in 2013, the costs of Obamacare on small businesses will rise to more than \$100 billion per year. In addition there will be a 3.8 percent surcharge on capital gains and dividend taxes.

The looming fiscal cliff could set back our economy and our small businesses for years. Higher taxes will hammer down job growth and make only a small dent in the huge budget deficit – which will exceed \$1 trillion for the fourth consecutive year. We need serious engagement in Washington on the two critical issues: reducing skyrocketing federal spending and enacting comprehensive tax reform. It is the only way to get the economy back on track. In the next few weeks, I'll be putting forward my ideas on these two crucial problems.



capitol comment
by sen. kay bailey hutchison



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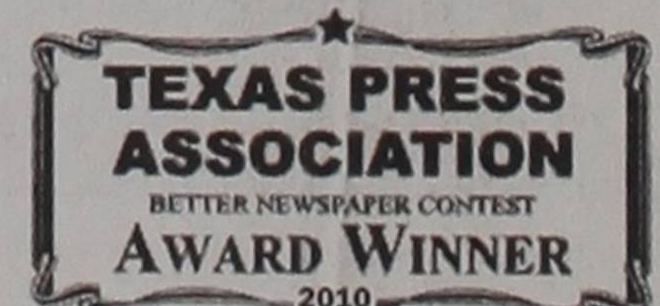
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Historic courthouses of Texas celebrate the holidays in style

AUSTIN – Communities across Texas are celebrating the holidays by dressing up their downtowns and historic squares in seasonal style. In many towns, the centerpiece of this holiday tradition is the historic county courthouse, many of which have been restored to their original grandeur through the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program. Visiting these restored landmarks is a double delight during the holiday season.

The newly restored Hood County Courthouse is a highlight of Granbury's candlelight tour during the holiday season. The Llano and Shackelford county courthouses deck the halls for the holidays. In Hallettsville, the Lavaca County Courthouse is a blaze of twinkling lights, and the recently restored Mills County Courthouse in Goldthwaite is a sight for the season.

With careful attention to detail, the lighting of historic buildings can be achieved without any harm, and the THC encourages historic building owners to contact the THC's Architecture Division for consultation on the best and safest way to proceed.

Announced in June 1999, the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program provides partial matching grants to Texas counties for the restoration of their historic county courthouses. Since its inception, the program has awarded \$247 million to counties, and local governments have matched this with more than \$174 million. Courthouse restorations have generated nearly 10,000 jobs throughout Texas and more than \$21 million in local taxes.

For more information on the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program, visit www.thc.state.tx.us. For information about decorating a historic building, contact the THC's Architecture Division at 512.463.6094, or email the division at doa@thc.state.tx.us.



Several Hedley Owls were named to the All-District Football, District 2, Div II, Six-Man team. Those athletes included Austin Adams- Second Team Center, Seth Ruthardt- Second Team Defensive Linemen, Coltin Kingston-First Team Utility Back and First Team Punter, Diego Vidal-Souza- Second Team Kicker, Klaiton Moore- Second Team Running Back, Kyle Lindsey- Honorable Mention Offensive Line and Defensive Line, Tanner Chambless- Second Team Defensive Linemen, and Brandon Evans- Second Team Wide Receiver. Not pictured Bryan Evans- Second Team Corner Back.

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Reading time

Clarendon College students, student athletes, and coaches make a big impact at Clarendon Elementary each week as they volunteer with the students in the classroom. This opportunity to volunteer allows for CC student athletes to be mentors and be involved in reading as well as fun activities for the youth of Clarendon. Pictured are basketball players Jae Carrasco, a freshman from Amarillo, and D'Yonne Luke, a freshman from Amarillo, with students in Mrs. Starnes Kindergarten class. Courtesy Photo

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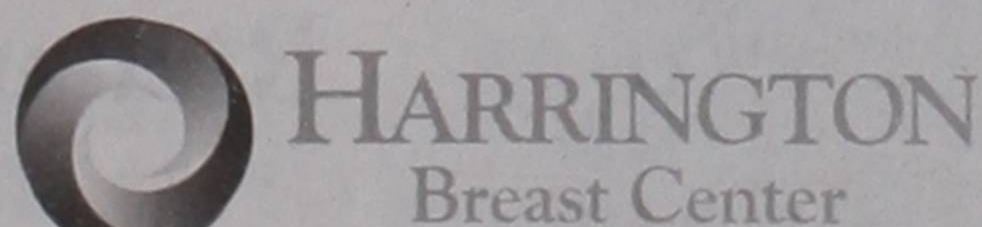
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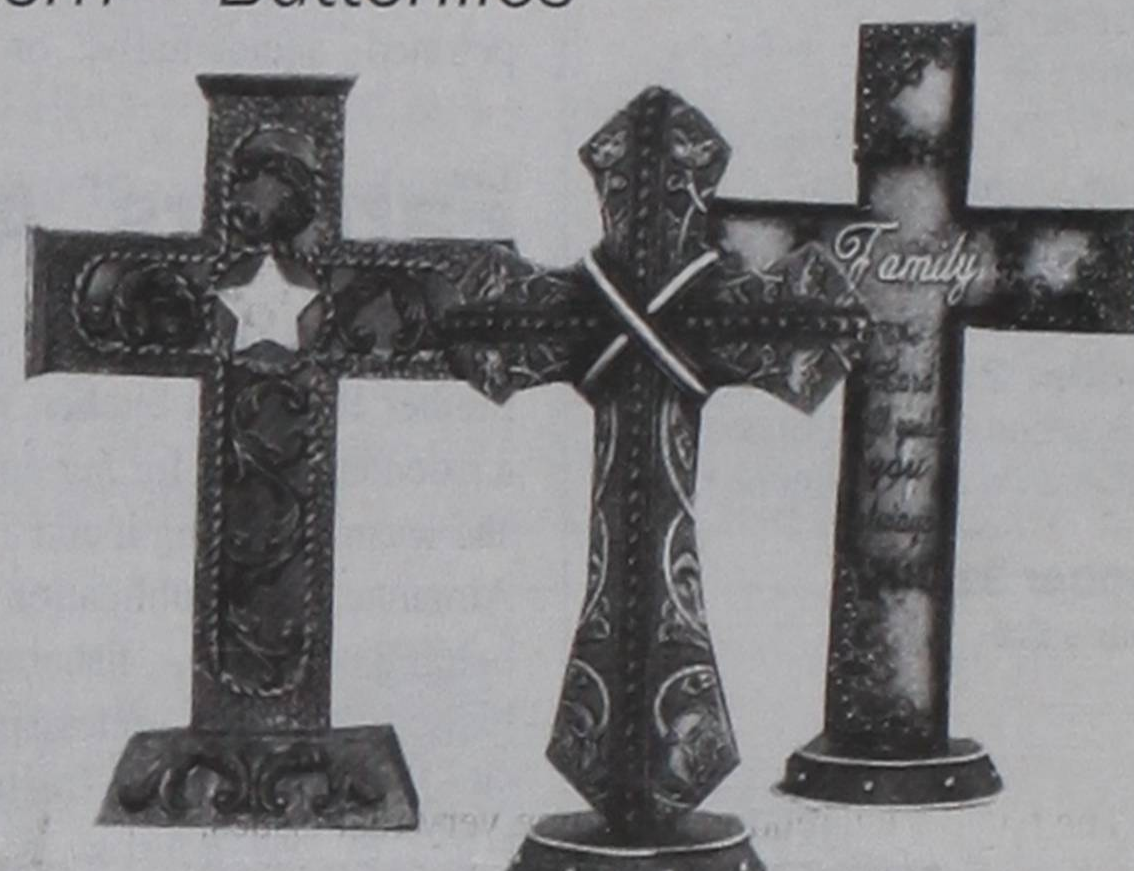
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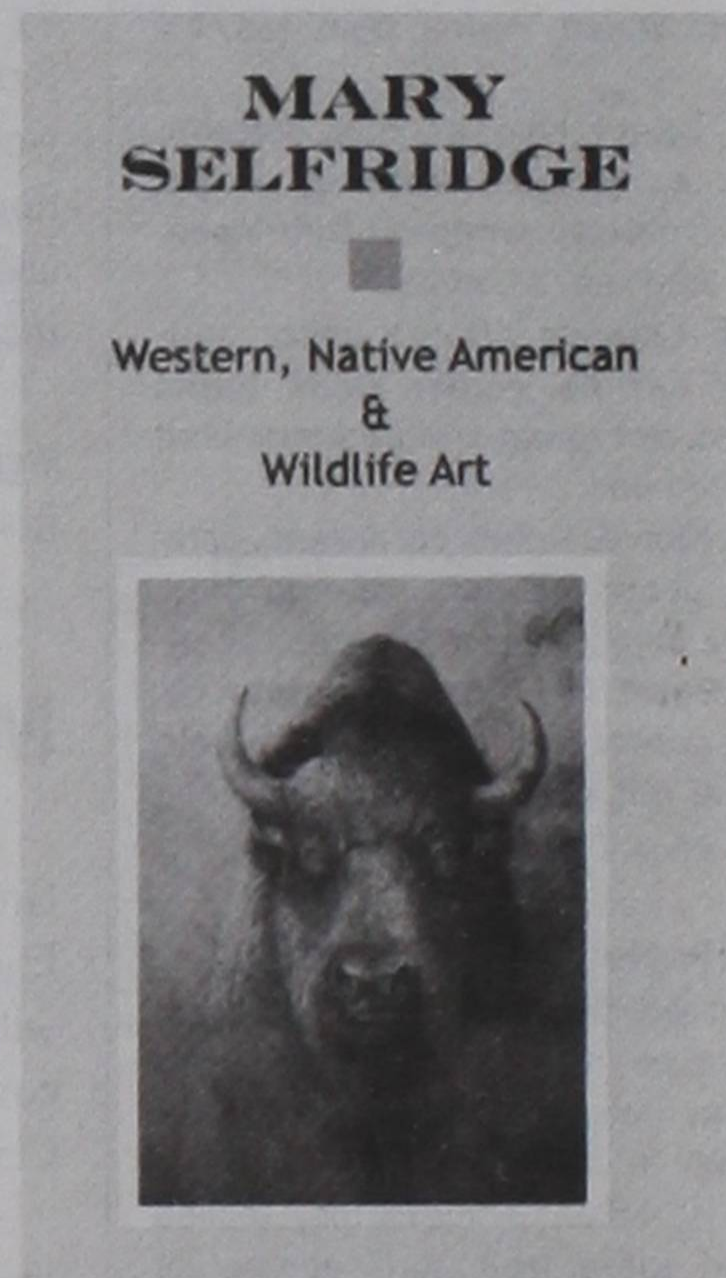


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December 10
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December 11
Owls & Lady Owls v Amarillo Flames • 6 p.m. • Amarillo

December 12
Broncos & Lady Broncos v Canadian • 5, 6:30, 8 p.m. • Canadian

December 13-15
Clarendon J.V. Tournament • TBA • Clarendon

Owls & Lady Owls compete in Valley Tournament • TBA • Valley

December 14
Varsity Broncos & Lady Broncos v Boys Ranch • VG 6 p.m. • VB 7:30 p.m. • Clarendon

December 17
Colts & Lady Colts v Panhandle • 5 p.m. • Panhandle

December 18
Broncos & Lady Broncos v Valley • 4, 5, 6:30, 8 p.m. • Valley

Owls & Lady Owls v Shamrock • 6 p.m. • Hedley

December 24
Christmas Eve

December 25
Christmas Day

December 27-29
Varsity Broncos & Lady Broncos compete in Canadian Tournament • TBA

December 31
New Year's Eve

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Menus

December 10 - 14

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Spaghetti & meat sauce, green salad, diet dressing, garlic toast, sliced pears, iced tea/2% milk.

Tue: Crispy chicken/bun, tomato, lettuce, pickle carrot & raisin salad, potato wedges, fruit cocktail, iced tea/2% milk.

Wed: Chicken Alfredo pasta, buttered carrots, garden salad, garlic bread, hot cinnamon apricots, iced tea/2% milk.

Thu: Ham & beans, cornbread, spinach, seasoned corn, orange pineapple cup, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Roast beef, baked potato w/ sour cream, buttered carrots, whole wheat roll, chocolate pudding, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, sliced wheat bread, sliced bananas/orange juice, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Chicken & dumplings, tossed salad, winter fruit cup, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Beef fajitas, refried beans, Spanish rice, tossed salad, peach cobbler, tortillas, iced tea/2% milk.
Thu: Cubed steak, roasted ranch potatoes, carrots, waldorf salad, wheat roll, apricot halves, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Ham & pinto beans, spinach, Cole slaw, corn bread, cake, iced tea/2% milk.

Clarendon ISD
Breakfast
Mon: Cereal, toast, fruit, milk.
Tue: Sausage, biscuit, gravy, fruit, milk.
Wed: Pancakes, juice, milk.
Thu: Egg, toast, fruit, milk.
Fri: Cinnamon roll, juice, milk.
Lunch
Mon: Corndog, baked beans, tomato & cucumbers, apple-pineapple delight, milk.
Tue: Nacho Grande, refried beans, garden salad, orange, milk.
Wed: Beefy macaroni, garden salad, baby carrots, corn bread, milk.
Thu: Chicken sandwich, oven fries, veggie cup, fruity gelatin, milk.
Fri: Pepperoni pizza, broccoli salad, corn, fresh fruit bowl, milk.

Keep your eyes open for Medicare fraud; Holiday gift card scam

Unfortunately, unscrupulous people love to target the elderly, and the practice of Medicare fraud is becoming all too common.

Medicare fraud is one of those activities that make you shake your head in disgust, wondering how some people can sink so low just to make an illicit buck. What's next, stealing from orphans?

To some people, Medicare fraud may seem like a victimless crime, equivalent to gaming the system to squeeze out a few bucks. But let's get real. Like most "victimless" crimes, it hurts everyone involved, and raises costs that people on fixed incomes already have enough trouble paying.

One Variant: Medicare fraud comes in two general types, one much more common than the other. Identity thieves perpetrate the first kind. Basically, they steal your personal information in some way – by taking it from your mail, or off the Internet, or somehow acquiring it from your home – and then pass themselves off as you in order to take advantage of the services. Of course, to do this successfully, they either have to be elderly themselves, or able to effectively disguise themselves as such.

And Another: It's much more common for people in the medical profession itself to perpetrate Medicare fraud. All they do is charge you for services they don't actually render, or for medical supplies you never receive. In other words, they're skimming a little off the top here and there.

Sometimes, the fraud is perpetrated accidentally, or because

someone isn't following good medical practices... essentially, through sloppiness or incompetence. Mostly, though, it's quite purposeful.

What You Should Do: While the government does what it can to fight Medicare fraud, there are tens of thousands of doctors out there along with unguessable numbers of ID thieves – and the Feds can only do so much.

So by and large, it's up to you to catch the abusers. Keep your receipts and copies of your medical records for all services you receive under Medicare, and make sure that everything is dated. Then regularly compare this info with your processed Medicare claims to make sure the latter aren't inflated. To review those claims, look at your Medicare Summary Notice or go to the Medicare website or you can also call 1-800-633-4227.

Dealing With the Fraud: If you suspect a doctor has cheated Medicare in your name, call their office and ask them about the charges. They may be the result of a simple billing error, or you may just misunderstand what they've charged you for. If you still suspect fraud, contact Medicare at the above number and report it. You've got less recourse if an ID thief stole your personal info and impersonated you, but report them to Medicare anyway and dispute the charges. Make sure your report the Medicare fraud to your local and state authorities as well.

Click 'Like', Help Spam

The newest Facebook spam is probably clogging up your newsfeed right now. You've seen them: photos

that have tens of thousands of "likes" and a caption that promises something amazing. Despite what these pics claim to be, they are just a way for shady businesses to make money off Facebook.

How the Scam Works: An attention-grabbing photo appears in your Facebook newsfeed. The striking image has a caption that promises something will happen in the photo if you "like" it or leave a particular comment. But when you comment on the photo, nothing happens. The photo is just spam gone viral.

What's the point of these photos? Savvy spammers set up Facebook pages and populate them with funny and/or moving images. Each picture has a message that urges users to "like," share or comment on the posts.

The images run the gamut from amusing teasers, to heart tugging images of sick children with captions that falsely promise "a dollar donated for each 'like.'" The more times the images are shared or "liked," the more it boosts the spam page's "edge rank," the score a Facebook page is given to dictate how it interacts with other Facebook profiles. The higher your "edge rank," the more often the page appears in other users' newsfeeds. After the page accumulates enough fans and a high enough "edge rank," the spam-

mers sell it.

I Spotted Facebook Spam. What Should I Do?

Don't share, like or comment on the images. That just perpetuates Facebook spam.

Report spam to Facebook by following these instructions.

For More Information, For tips on identifying Facebook scams and ensuring your account is secure, please see Facebook's Help Center.

To find out more about scams, check out the new BBB Scam Stopper.

Be safe out there. Christmas time is a time that scammers enjoy.

Text Message Scam

The gift card text message scam is back with a vengeance this holiday shopping season. Shoppers across the country are reporting receiving spam text messages, called smishing, saying they won pricey gift card.

How the Scam Works: You receive a text message. When you open it, you are surprised by a message informing you that you've won a Best Buy gift card (or Target, Wal-Mart or other major retailer). You just need to go to a website and enter a PIN, and the card is yours.

The text's URL leads to a website that has the company's colors and logo. It looks authentic with the company's name as the site's sub-domain (example: www.bestbuy.scamwebsite.com).

You are asked to enter the PIN and an email address. Then, you are taken to a form and instructed to fill out your name, cell number, mailing address and answer unrelated personal questions, such as "Are you

interested in going back to school?" and "Are you diabetic?" When you reach the page to "claim your gift card," you instead find yourself directed to another site to apply for a credit card.

The texts are just a way to collect personal information for shady advertisers. Scammers often change the store names and cash amounts of the gift cards.

A typical text message is below: "Black Friday Winner #88323! You have WON the Best Buy Gift Card for \$1000! Get your prize at WEBSITE now! Use the code 5417."

Text Messages: Ignore instructions to text "STOP" or "NO" to prevent future texts. This is a common ploy by scammers to confirm they have a real, active phone number.

Forward the texts to 7726 (SPAM on most keypads). This will alert your cell phone carrier to block future texts from those numbers.

If you think your text message is real, be sure it's directing to a web address like Bestbuy.com or Target.com, not www.bestbuy.otherwebsite.com.

And as always, if you think getting a free \$1,000 gift card seems too good to be true, it probably is.

For More Information: Learn what your cellphone carrier has to say about stopping spam.

To find out more about scams, check out the new BBB Scam Stopper.

NOTE: Best Buy, Target, Wal-Mart, AT&T, Verizon, Sprint, and Western Union are BBB Accredited Businesses and/or National Partners.

Farmers' Almanac a wealth of information

As a kid I remember on Grandmother Reynolds kitchen wall hung a calendar, a nail for her apron when she wasn't wearing it and a Farmers' Almanac. This publication has been helping farmers, fishermen, and housewives with guides since 1818. Ole Jim and I were in Tractor Supply last week, saw a display of them for sale and a sign that said "Take one," so we did and oh, my goodness!

Why check the internet when you have the Almanac? The front cover says it tells you when to plant, fish, hunt or even get married; plus gardening and smart living tips, recipes, astronomy, outdoor activity guides and 16 months of weather forecasts for the United States. I would like to see that first publication but I bet those smart living tips and outdoor living guide were not included.

The contents tell me there is a weather review and outlooks, the first line says "The Almanac maker

predicts the weather, but another

Maker makes the weather". How they can predict weather 16 months in advance is beyond belief when John Harris, Steve Kersh, or Doppler Dave can't get it right a week in advance. The seasonal weather map for winter 2013 shows the Panhandle will be mild and wet with the area around Oklahoma City, Dallas to Houston with wild temp swings and periods of storminess. Ok, we will take the wet but so far that hasn't happened, I think the Maker has His hands in the forecast.

Just thumbing through the first few pages of this 200 page book I see an article on "Werewolves, the thought of the year." One can

complain because rose bushes have thorns - or rejoice because thorn bushes have roses. You can get connected on the Internet by going to farmersalmanac.com, a question that asks is coconut oil the fountain of youth, how to combat acne naturally and real ways to reduce garbage and waste. That is the first 50 pages, and we haven't learned when to set eggs, plant a garden or go fishing. My son in law says the time to go fishing is when you have the time, that doesn't mean you are going to catch anything. That seems to be the promise of the Almanac, it can tell you when to do it but the Maker always knows best. We will look at this little gem deeper as time permits so watch for it or better yet, get your own Almanac.

Our condolences to Charlie and Nancy Davis on another death in the family, Charlie's brother-in-law from Colorado Springs. Keep them in your prayers, please.



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Methodist to hold Christmas play

The Hedley Methodist Youth Group will put on a Christmas Play Friday, December 21, at 7:00 p.m. with refreshments afterwards. Please come help our youth celebrate Christmas and our Lord.

Santa Clause will be visiting Hedley on December 12 at the Hedley Senior Citizens at 6:00 p.m. The grade school will make the ornaments for our tree, Gwynn and Bruce Howard will tell the Christmas Story, and we will sing Christmas Carols and have hot chocolate and cookies. I hope you all have been good little girls and boys.

Also, everyone is invited to my

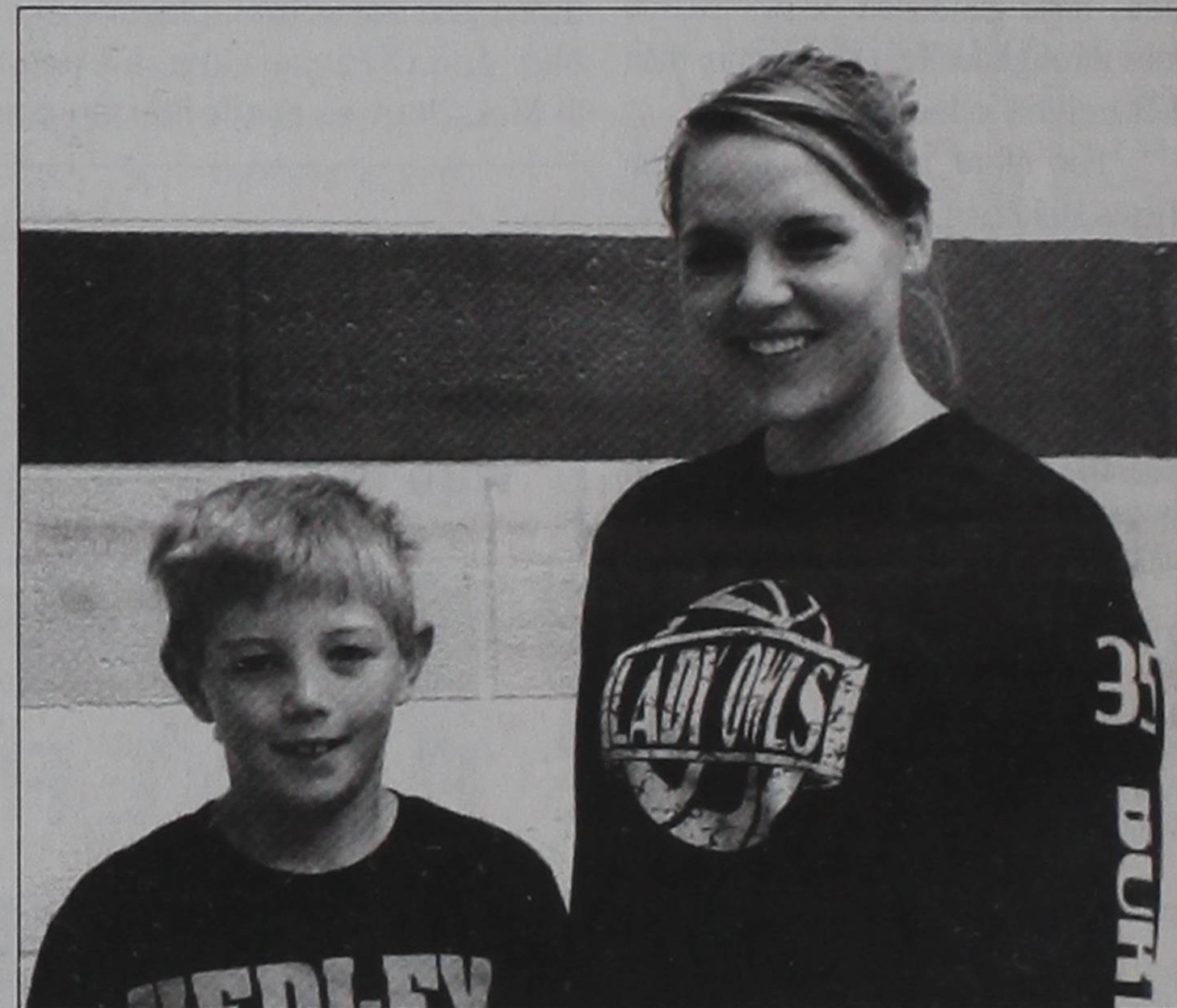
Gifts for Panhandle Angle Tree children

Panhandle Community Services is looking for sponsors to bless children within our community by buying gifts for the angels on the angel tree.

There are 64 children in need of help this Christmas season. Lend your heart to community children. Gifts are asked to be wrapped and returned to the office no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, December 17. Distribution will be Friday, December 21, from 8 a.m. to noon.

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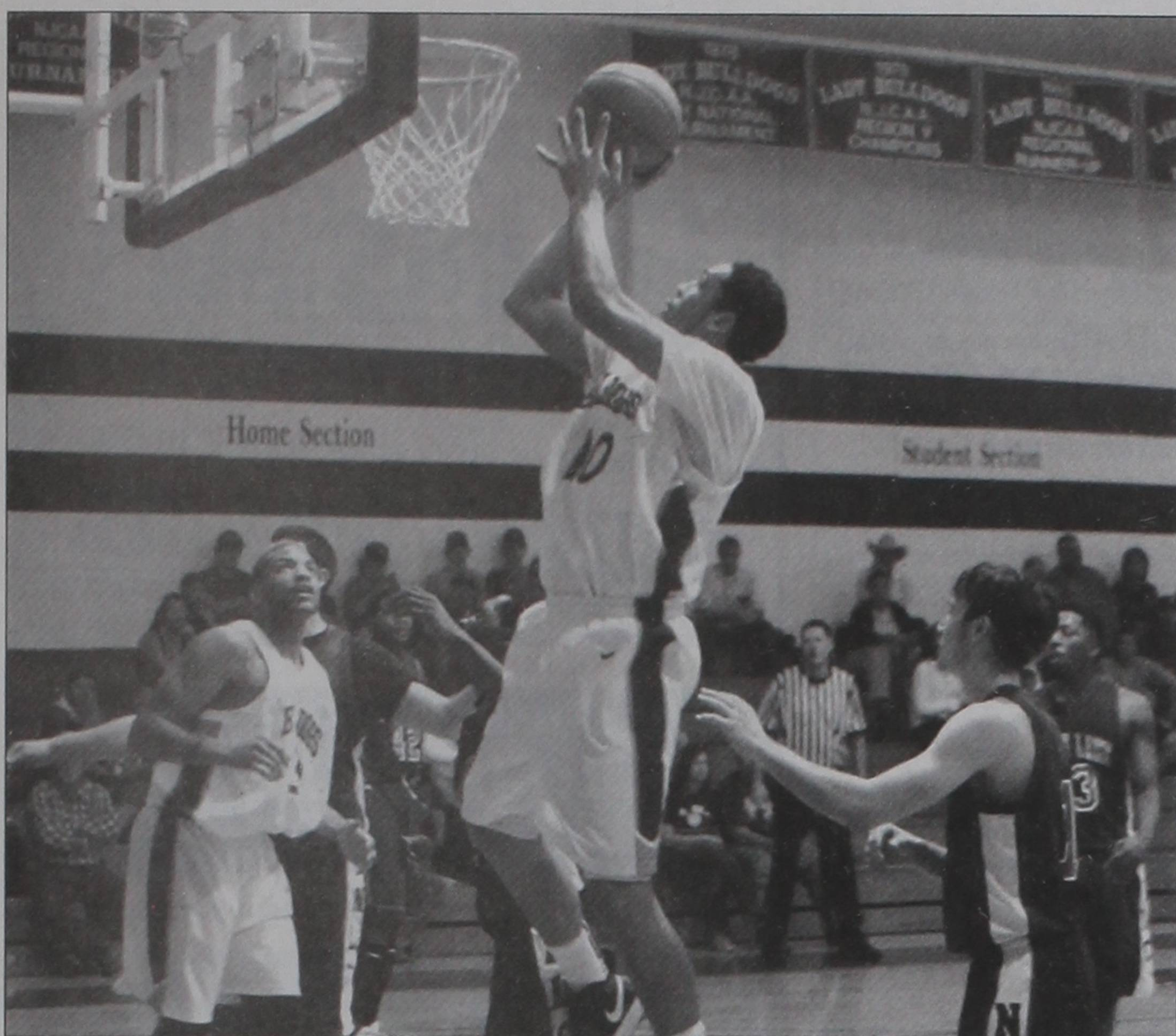
Student of the Month

Hedley named Cooper McCleskey and Kortney Burton as the Students of the Month. Cooper McCleskey is the 3rd grade son of Elwyn and Pam McCleskey. His hobbies include riding his horse Chick, basketball, football, and roping. Cooper participates in rodeos and the roping pen in his spare time. His plans for the future include several trips to the National Finals Rodeo in saddle bronc riding and team roping. Kortney Burton is the 10th grade daughter of Blain and Tanya Burton. Kortney's hobbies include reading, spendin time with friends/family, texting friends, and listening to music. Kortney participates in basketball, tennis, and OAP in her spare time. Kortney's plans for the future include pursuing a degree in the medical field.

HAPPY Birthday!
Happy "65" Birthday, Kathy Spier
Party will held December 8th
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Sophomore Alex Harrison of Lubbock puts up two points for the Bulldogs during the CEDC Classic Tournament last week.

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Junior Bulldog Ben Estlack visits with a referee during a timeout at the CEDC Classic Tournament last week.

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Keon Littleton, a sophomore from DeSoto, tries to get to the goal during the CEDC Classic at the Dawg House last week.

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Weed control topic of December 6 webinar

COLLEGE STATION – There is more than one way to manage weeds in hayfields and pastures, and Dr. Larry Redmon, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service state forage specialist, will discuss many of them during a Dec. 6 webinar.

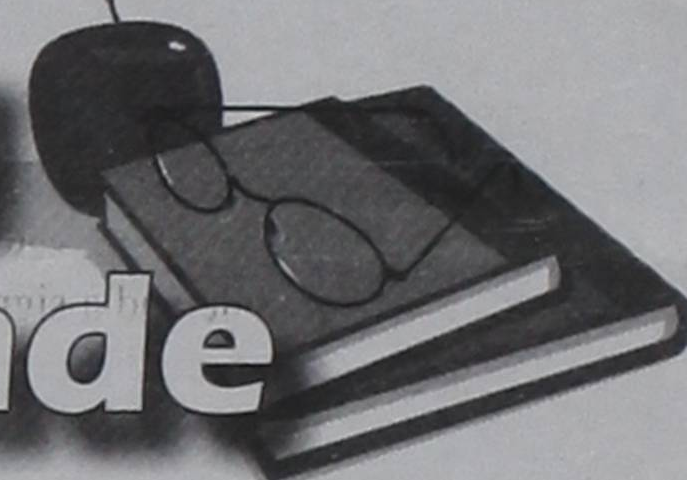
The webinars are conducted monthly as a part of the AgriLife Extension's ecosystem science and management unit series. Each webinar is scheduled from noon to 1 p.m., according to Brittany Grube, webinar coordinator.

Participants seeking Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units must pay a \$10 fee on the website. For all others, there is no fee, Grube said. Licensed agricultural pesticide applicators participating in this webinar can earn one continuing education unit in integrated pest management.

"I hope participants of the webinar will gain an appreciation of what weeds are and what they are not; and also of how weeds become a problem in hayfield and pasture environments," Redmon said. "It is important they understand there is more than one way to manage weeds, and that they understand how to appropriately use herbicides to obtain cost-effective control of various weed and brush species."

This webinar and others in the series can be accessed at <http://naturalresourcewebinars.org>. For more information on the webinars, contact Grube at Brittany.grube@agnet.tamu.edu.

Making The Grade



Clarendon

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1st Grade: Rowdy Eytcheson, Easton Frausto, Levi Gates, Kasey Hatley, Harrison Howard, Toby Leeper, Jaxan McAnear, Emma Roys
2nd Grade: Jmaury Davis, Avery English, Nathan Estlack, Kaye, Breeze Fanelli Burnett, April Franklin, Laney Gatesm Brooklyn Gowdy-Williams, Jayde Gribble, Taylor Halsell, Aiden Kennedy, Davin Mays, Avery Sawyer, Makenna Shadle
3rd Grade: Shania Brown, Kaylee Bruce, Audrey Cason, Samantha Clendaniel, Ashleigh Hatfield, Brock Hatley, Josiah Howard, Matthew Jaramillo, Isabella Martinez, Jami Mcconnell, Colyn Morrow
4rd Grade: Brooke Duncan, Jordan Johnson, Shylee Morrow, Kailee Osburn, Aaron Roys, Malerie Simpson
5rd Grade: Trent Smith
6th Grade: Noab Elam, Preston Elam, Brandlyn Ellis and Gavin Word
7th Grade: Andy Davis
8th Grade: Jensen Hatley, Hannah Howard, Cire Jauregui, Clayton Koetting, Chance Lockhart, Jack Moore, Riley Shadle, and Brooke Smith
9th Grade: Kendra Davis
11th Grade: Deborah Howard, Darbe Woodard
12th Grade: Lydia Howard, Jentry Shadle, Adam Topper

'AB' Honor Roll

1st Grade: Colton Benson, Shelby Bowman, Bayleigh Bruce, Anthony Cenicerros, Ashlee Holmes, Morgan Johnston, Jayson Kidd, Warren Mays, Steven Mills, Jacob Murrillo, Jared Musick, Kynna Phillips, Elyza Rodriguez, Lyric Smith, Meghan Squier, Reagan Wade, Riley Wade, Leighanna Youngblood
2nd Grade: Sylvester Ballard, Benjamin Benton, Jacquavyn Brown, Piper Chambliss, Finley Cunningham, Jakob Dunham, Kinleigh Dunham, Brenna Ellis, Emily Gonzalez, Brandon Hatfield, Esmeralda Lucero, Hailey Wilson, Samantha Wright, Ashley Yankie, Aleyah Zarate, Aliyah Zarate
3rd Grade: Jesse Burrow, Joslyn Burton, Rhett Cason, Kaitlyn Davis, Kami Duncan, Hadleigh Halsell, Calder Havens, Gaven Nazario, Rutik Patel, Jodee Pigg, Matthew Powell, Emeli Robinson, Lillian Shadle, Jasmine Shephard, Madison Smith, Koyt Tucek, Mycah Woodard
4th Grade: Roxana Adams, Ethan Babcock, Antwan Bassett, Jade Benson, Sophia Bilbrey, Ethan Cason, Elizabeth Craft, Jordan Evans, Ivan Gonzalez, Aubrey Jaramillo, Stephenn Kennedy, Jacie Kysar, Ashlynn Newsome, Amnesty Oatman, Tyler Paul, Gwiesha Shadle, Travis Thomas
5th Grade: Makayla Brown, Tanner

Burch, Darcie Hunsaker, Samara Johnson, Erykah Martinez, Raynee Newsome, Kenny Overstreet, Braylee Shields, Kira Weatherston
6th Grade: Dalton Benson, Chris Bruce, Charlotte Craft, Cole Franks, Jenci Hernandez, Payton Hicks, Emily Johnson, Faith Keelin and Brandon Santos
7th Grade: Alexander Bilbrey, Grayson Burch, Justin Christopher, Joshua Cobb, Payton Havens, Nathan Shadle, Raylyn Shelton, Thairyn Simalavong, Triniti Stribling, Clayton White and Colt Wood
8th Grade: MaRae Hall, Marshal Johnson, Taylor Knorpp, Aubryanna Powell, Nicholas Shadle, and Sarah Williams
9th Grade: Karlee Adams, Shelby Baxter, Damarra Brown, Jose Cenicerros, Caleb Cobb, Abby Durham, Blaine Ellis, Porsche Henderson, Chesson Sims
10th Grade: Taylor Gaines, Montana Hysinger, Abby Johnson, Charles Mason, Brittney McAnear, Cedrick McCampbell, Shelby O'Keefe, Zach Watson, Skyler White
11th Grade: Phara Berry, Mary Cash, Zach Cornell, Haley Ferguson, Jacy Hill, David Johnston, McKayla King, Chance McAnear, Brandon Miller, Dillon Nickel, Camra Smith, Tyler Smith, Ryann Starnes, Savannah Topper
12th Grade: Elizabeth Best, McKayla Cartwright, Anna Cenicerros, Trevor Cobb, Laura Howard, Trajen Johnson, Cassandra Kildow, Mitchell Parry, Tyler Pickens, John Pigg, Samantha Sanderson, Jonah Sell, Audrey Shelton, Lora Thornton, Cole Ward, Cody Wood

Jacob Murrillo, Amnesty Oatman, Rosa Olivas, Rutik Patel, Jodee Pigg, Anna Randall, Itavianna Randall, Michael Randall, Emeli Robinson, Elyza Rodriguez, Aaron Roys, Lillian Shadle, Braylee Shields, Lyric Smith, Madison Smith, Presley Smith, Trent Smith, Meghan Squier, Jordan Thomas, Travis Thomas, Koyt Tucek, Ethan Vogelgesang, Clay Ward, Aubryanna Weatherston, Gracie Wilkins, Whitney Williams, Breanna Williamson, Aiden Word
Coulter Wortham, Samantha Wright, Corina Wyrick, Brayden Youngblood
Jr. High: 6th - Zoe Adams, Shelly Benton, Chris Bruce, Kyla Dunham, Noab Elam, Jenci Hernandez, Emily Johnson, Faith Keelin, Yvette Mellado, Mansiben Patel, Hope Salazar, Brandon Santos, Sandra Smith, Casey Thomas, Ryan Ward, Gavin Word, 7th - Albert Buckhaults, Zack Calson, Abby Cenicerros, Justin Christopher, Joshua Cobb, Damarian Cortez, Andy Davis, Cole English, Mario Flores, Payton Havens, Hannah Hommel, Kade Hunsaker, Harley Jauregui, Kathryn Louis, Orlan Neal, Angel Olivas, Nathan Shadle, Raylyn Shelton, Thairyn Simalavong, Jessie Taylor Furgason, Kendra Weatherston, Clayton White, Colt Wood, 8th - Berkeley Alexander, Richard Anderson, Dylan Armstrong, Keandre Cortez, Boston Curry, Clint Franks, Seth Greer, Jensen Hatley, Hannah Howard, Cire Jauregui, Marshal Johnson, Clayton Koetting, Justin Shadle, Nicholas Shadle, Riley Shadle, Kameron Shields, Brooke Smith, Romello Smith, Zaryia Smith and Luke Womack
High School: 9th - Karlee Adams, Shelby Baxter, Tessa Buckhaults, Jose Cenicerros, Caleb Cobb, Leslie Coyle, Kendra Davis, Abby Durham, Johnathon Hatley, Jacob Hewitt, Marissa Jaramillo, Sterling King, Kelsey McAnear, Xavier Neal, Chesson Sims, Johnathon Taylor, Emilee Thompson, Amelia Weatherston
10th - Lee Buckhaults, Taylor Gaines, Joseph Jaramillo, Abby Johnson, Charles Mason, Brittney McAnear, Cedrick McCampbell, Shelby O'Keefe, Stone Schwertner, Zach Watson, Skyler White, Parker Womack 11th - Phara Berry, Lynzee Bryley, Jonathon Cartwright, Zach Cornell, Haley Ferguson, Katie Gooch, Jacy Hill, Tres Hommel, Deborah Howard, David Johnston, Austin Lowry, Chance McAnear, Brandon Miller, Dillon Nickel, Taylor Smith, Tyler Smith, Ryann Starnes, Leslie Stone, Darbe Thomas, Savannah Topper, Darbe Woodard
12th - Corey Barker, Justin Baxter, McKayla Cartwright, Anna Cenicerros, Robert Green, Lydia Howard, Mitchell Parry, Tyler Pickens, John Pigg, Dusty Rice, Diego Santos, Jonah Sell, Audrey Shelton, Rowdy Speed, Jordan Stone, Brandon Thomas, Adam Topper, Maci White, Cody Wood

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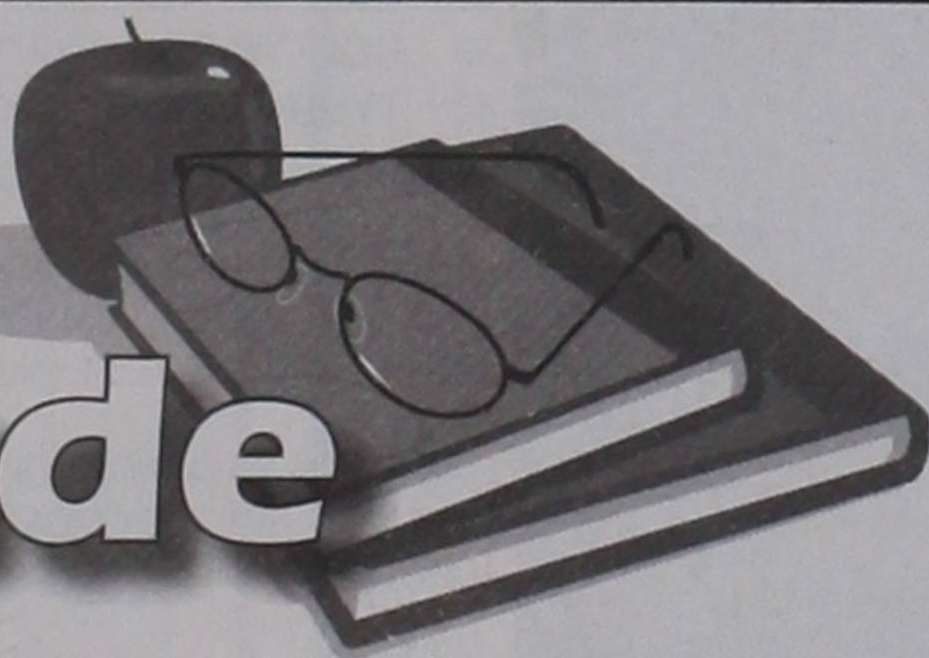
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3rd Grade: Ashara Arguello, Elijah Booth, Kylie McCann, Cooper McCleshey
4th Grade: Jade Fish, Kyler Lamberson, Kadee Lockerby, Zachary Wells
5th Grade: Makayla Lucero, Collin Monroe, Kari O'Dell, Raysha Pineda
6th Grade: Kasie Hinton
10th Grade: Kati Adams
11th Grade: Kristen Liner, Bailey Wood
12th Grade: Austin Adams, Emilee Blum, Coltin Kingston, Sierra Wheatly

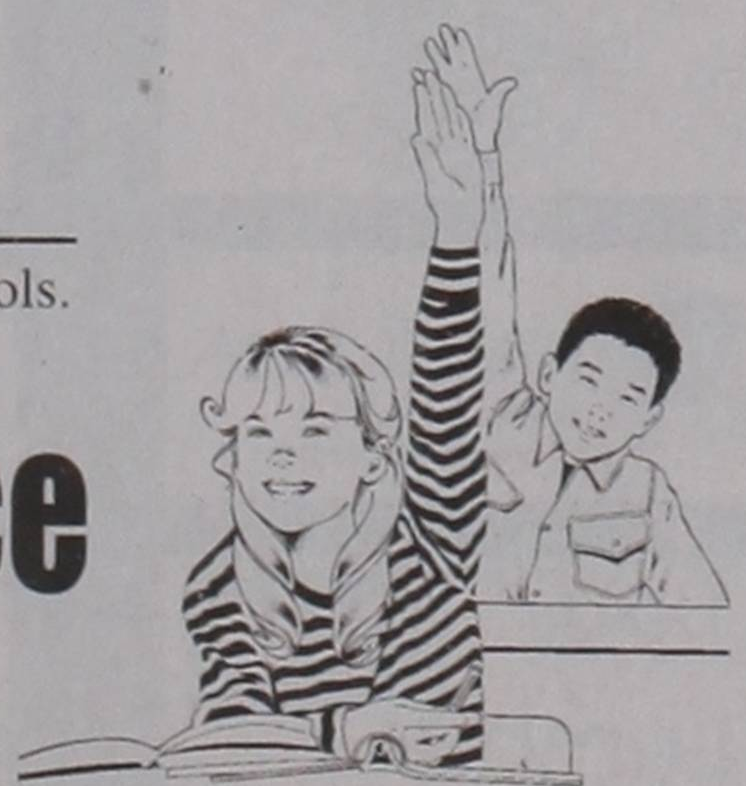
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2nd Grade: Kaleb Blum, Lane Hinton
3rd Grade: Matthew Huffman, Reese Watt
4th Grade: Kaylaneth Mendoza, Leandra Mesta
5th Grade: Christain Lucero, Westley Patton, Jacob Lucer
6th Grade: Isacca Booth, Lee Huffman, McKay Shelp, Jasmine Lockeby
7th Grade: Carly Blum, Hannah Branigan, Tristen Harper, Makinzie Hinton, Megan Wells
8th Grade: Casey

McCleskey, Kyla O'Dell, Frank Ramirez, Madison Shelp, Cheyenne Smith, Kylie Wood
9th Grade: Arden Haught, Kelsey Wells
10th Grade: Kortney Burton, Leslie Leal, Diego Souza
11th Grade: Shaydee Brown, Denver Chambliss, Kyle Lindsey, Kassie O'Dell, Seth Ruthart, Dwayne Thomas, Maruke Tiddens
12th Grade: David Bell, Caden Farris, Starlette Herrera, Channing Maul, Andy Munoz-Aizaga

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Harrison Howard serves a referee as a Junior Bulldog during the CEDC Tournament at Clarendon College last week.

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Drugs in the News

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The Starr Family Home in Marshall showcases three generations of the Starr family history through the preservation of seven historic buildings, and includes an extensive collection of family artifacts. Preservation work at the Sam Rayburn House Museum State Historic Site just west of Bonham was completed this year, and the former home of the U.S. Speaker of the House from Texas—who served for 17 consecutive years—is a 20th-century time capsule. Several of the historic sites are decorated for the holidays, and feature special programs.

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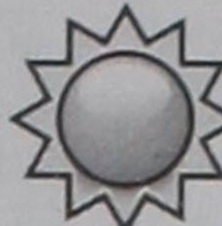
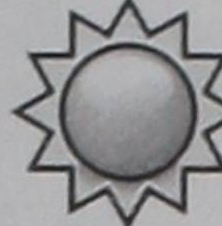
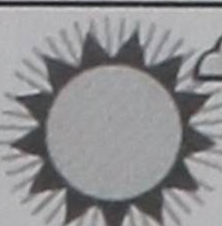
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Fri	30	69°	20°	-
Sat	1	73°	33°	-
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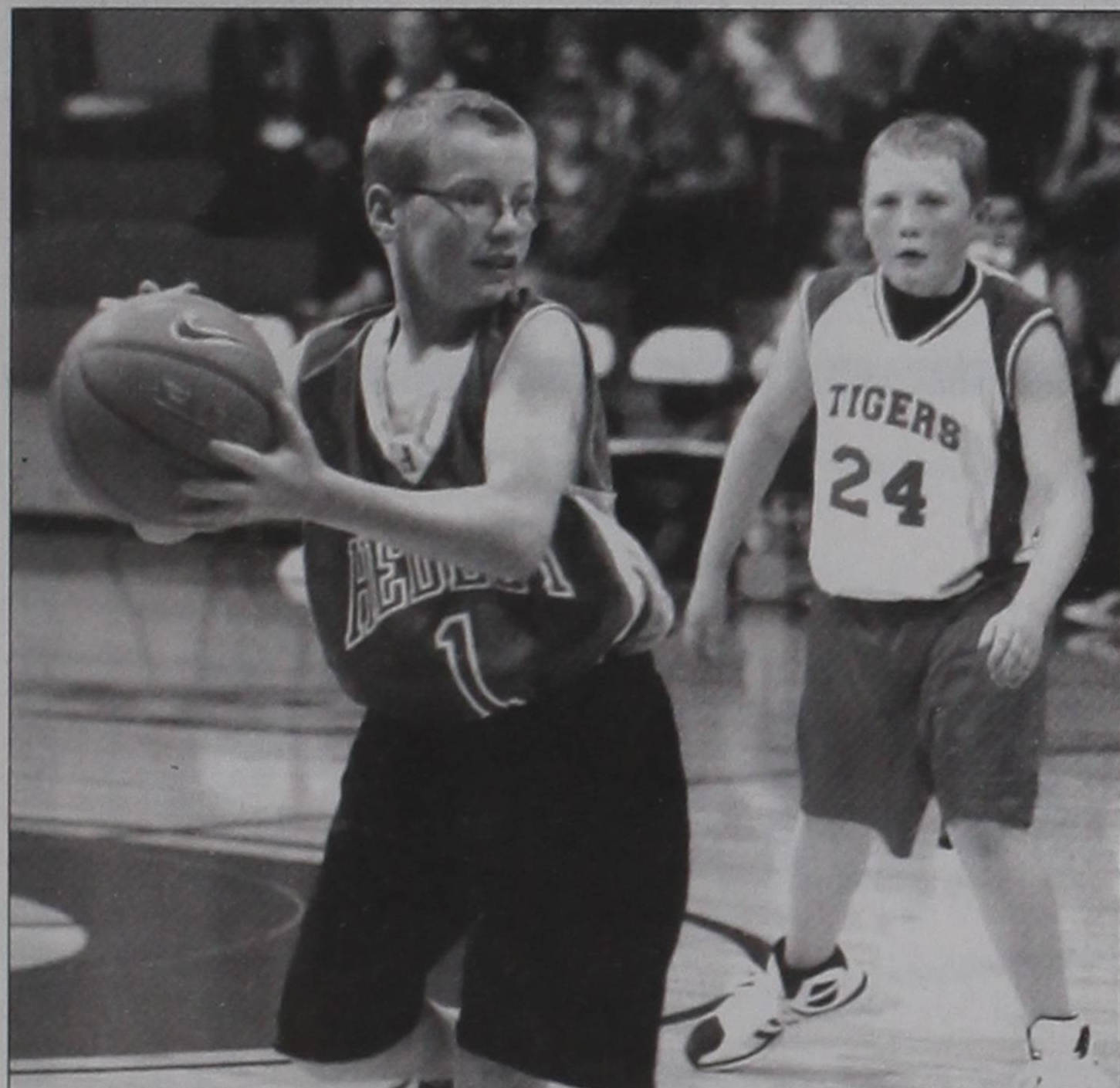
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Briley Chadwick puts up two against the Groom Lady Cubs in Monday night's game. Hedley brought home a win; 39-26.

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6th grader, Josh Fish, looks for the open man in Monday's game against the Groom Cubs. Groom came away with the win; 43-20.

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Obituaries

Kuhn

Pat Mathers Kuhn, 91, died Monday, December 3, 2012, in Clarendon, Texas.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 5, 2012, in the Clarendon Church of Christ with Don Stone and Bill Alexander, officiating.

Burial followed at Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon.

Arrangements are under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.



Mrs. Kuhn

Mrs. Kuhn was born January 4, 1921, in Coke County, Texas to Chesley Ernest and Mary Ursula Batton Mathers. She married Jimmy Kuhn on July 17, 1941, at Albany, Texas. She had lived in Clarendon since July 1968. She was a homemaker and a member of the Clarendon Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Patricia Ann Harris; 2 sisters, Chrystelle Higgins and Nona Lee Pennington; and a brother, Upton Mathers.

She is survived by her husband, Jimmy Kuhn of Clarendon; two sons, James Linzie Kuhn, Jr., and Robert Chesley Kuhn and wife Kay all of Amarillo; seven grandchildren, Jim D. Harris, Christie Lee Schmelter, Tony Kuhn, Renee Thompson, Kely Williams, Brandon Kuhn, Devin Kuhn; 17 great grandchildren; and three great great grandchildren.

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Matheson

Jimmie Lee Matheson, 94, died Sunday, November 25, 2012, in Amarillo.

Graveside services were held Saturday, December 1, 2012, at Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon with Bright Newhouse, officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Jimmie was born December 15, 1917, in Tundra, Texas to Earl and Bonnie Verell Cole, the fourth of nine children. She grew up in Windy Valley where she finished 10 years of school. She graduated from Clarendon High School and Clarendon Junior College.

She married Don Matheson in Childress on December 22, 1936. Their child, a son, was born in 1940 in Clarendon. She attended West Texas State Teachers College and the University of Arizona. She taught grade school several years in Sasabe and Amado, Arizona. She began working for the US Postal Service in Sasabe, Arizona in 1950. After moving to then, Fry, Arizona in 1954 which is now Sierra Vista, Arizona. She was appointed Postmaster there in 1957 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, and completed 23 years of service before retiring. She and Don lived in Claude, Texas from 1974 for many years. She lived in Canyon and Amarillo in the years since her husband's death in 2001. Jimmie will be missed by her family and friends. She was a very caring person to all those who knew her, she was forever and optimistic. The family wishes to express their gratitude to attentive care givers at Emeritus Seville Estates, along with those who helped care for Jimmie in her last weeks from Accolade Hospice.

She is survived by a son, Don Matheson and wife Lynn of Amarillo; three grandchildren, Deborah Gorkowski of Tucson, Arizona, Dwayne Matheson and wife Cheri of Dumfries, Virginia, Dannie Lee Alvarez and husband Alex of Tracy, California; six great grandchildren; three great great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and one sister in the Houston area.

The family request memorials be sent to Citizens Cemetery Association, PO Box 983, Clarendon, Texas 79226.

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Ryan

John Earl "Buddy" Ryan, JR, 86, died Monday, November 26, 2012, in Wichita Falls, Texas.

Memorial services will be held at a later date in Clarendon.

Arrangements are under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Buddy was born June 7, 1926, at his family ranch near Jericho. He moved to Clarendon when he was five years old and finished his school years there in 1943. He joined the US Navy in 1944. He served in the Armed Guards for 2 years. He was on a ship that carried B-29 fuel to Sipan. Buddy married Beverly Wellman on August 31, 1950, in Hobbs, NM. He received four commendations; the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Silver Cross, and the Medal of Honor.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and by two sisters, Dorothy and Jerry.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Beverly Ryan, of Wichita Falls; his son, John and wife Jean; his daughter, Donna Sue; his grandson, Justin Taylor & Milliscent; and two sisters, Ruzell Hillis and Kay Mickleson.

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Weatherton

Willie Charles "Willow" Weatherton of Clarendon died at age 71 on Saturday, December 1, 2012, at Amarillo.



Weatherton

Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 8, 2012, in the First Baptist Church in Clarendon with Rev. Melvin Brooks and Elder Jeff Riles, officiating. Interment will follow in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon with arrangements by Robertson Funeral Directors.

Willow was born January 2, 1941 in Panola County, Texas, to William Ellis and Cora Lee Weatherton. He married Dora Lee Jenkins on July 21, 1960 in Center. He attended Clarendon and Wellington schools. He had worked as a rancher and fencer until he recently retired. He loved playing dominoes, fishing, cooking, hunting, riding around with his wife, and being around his

friends and grandkids. He was a member of the St. Stephens Baptist Church since 1975.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother Johnny C. Weatherton; and a son-in-law, Wally Moore.

Survivors include his wife; nine children, Kennon Polly and wife Ollie of Center, Faye Bryley of Clarendon, Loyd Weatherton and wife Deanna, of Clarendon, Floyd Weatherton and wife Evie of Ralls, David Weatherton of Clarendon, Glenn Weatherton and wife Mary Ann of Clarendon, Lynn Moore of Clarendon, Clemmon Weatherton of Clarendon, and Mandy Brown and husband Chris of Clarendon; a son in law, Kenneth Bryley of Clarendon; 47 grandkids; 51 great grandkids; a sister, Cora Bell Smith of Amarillo; two brothers, Howard Weatherton of Memphis and Bonnie Ray Weatherton of Amarillo; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

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Ramirez

Consuelo C. Ramirez, age 62, of Hedley died Monday, December 3, 2012, at Amarillo.

Services will be held Thursday, December 6, at the First Baptist Church in Hedley with Rev. Bruce Howard, Pastor, officiating. Interment followed in Rowe Cemetery in Hedley with arrangements by Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Mrs. Ramirez was born January 20, 1950, in Alice to Carlos and Juanita Zuniga. She married Francisco Ramirez, Jr. on June 15, 1981 in Alice. She had been a resident of Hedley the past 23 years and was a homemaker. She was very self dependent and loved garage sales. She was a Christian.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Survivors include her mother, Juanita Zuniga of Robstown; her husband, Francisco Ramirez, Jr. of Hedley; two sons, Frank Ramirez, III and wife Norma of Hedley and Armando Banda of Dallas; two daughters, Patricia Saunders and Connie Ramirez both of Hedley; six brothers, Rudy Zuniga, Carlos

Zuniga and wife Letty, Benito Zuniga and wife Erica, all of Corpus Christi, Jose Zuniga and wife Sandra and Tony Zuniga all of Alice, and Ruben Zuniga of Robstown; three sisters, Isabel Hernandez of Robstown, Maria Anzalua and husband Oscar of Arkansas, and Sylvia Zuniga of Portland; nine grandchildren; three great grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The family will be at 500 North Bailey in Hedley.

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Brown

Arthur Royce Brown, Sr., age 77, died Tuesday, December 4, 2012, at Groom.

Graveside services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, December 6, 2012, at Groom Cemetery in Groom with Rev. Bill Hodges, pastor of the Nazarene Church in Clarendon, officiating. Interment will follow under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Arthur Royce Brown, Sr., was born to William Augustas and Margaret Missouri Finch Brown on July 17, 1935, in Chillicothe. He married Axie Lillian Mae Holt on August 24, 1953 in Vernon.

They had eight children. Arthur

enjoyed playing dominoes at area Senior Citizen Centers and loved to visit with his family. He retired as a Finished Motor Grader Operator, working for various companies.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Lillian on March 4, 2004; a daughter Ellen Margaret Mason; and by seven siblings.

Survivors include four sons, Raymond Brown and wife Dee of Groom, Arthur Brown, Jr. and wife Rebecca of Snyder, Texas, Jimbo Brown of Groom, and Scott Brown and wife Pam of Lefors; three daughters, Paula Brown of Groom, Jeanie Wakefield and husband Bobby of El Reno, Okla., Neva Cheng and husband Marin of El Dorado, Ark.; one sister, Pauline Littleton of Ore., Jean Worley of Vernon, Carolyn Lance of Childress; one brother, Steve Brown of Chillicothe; 14 grandchildren; 33 great grandchildren; and 1 great-great grandchild.

The family request memorials be sent to the Groom Ambulance, Clarendon Senior Citizens, or to a favorite charity.

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Broncos claim second in River Road tournament

By Sandy Anderberg

The Bronco varsity basketball team played off against Pampa in the Championship game of the River Road Tournament last weekend and finished in second place.

Earlier in the week, the Broncos took on San Jacinto in Amarillo and were defeated 65-74. Things were fairly even for the Broncos through the first half of play, but a quarter plagued with turnovers hurt them and the Patriots took full advantage. Clarendon fell behind and could not recover before time ran out.

"We played well in the first half," head coach Brandt Lockhart said. "But we had too many turnovers in the third quarter and that was a big difference in the game."

Also according to Lockhart, senior Trajen Johnson took three charges for the night. Cole Ward had a huge game inside as he pumped in 30 points, including one three, and

going four for five from the bonus line.

Scoring: Ward 30, Diego Santos 10, Charles Mason 7, Johnson 7, Cody Wood 6, Adam Topper 5, and Chance McAnear 2.

On Friday, the Broncos played in the River Road Tournament and took on Borger in the first round. After a hard battle, the Broncos came out on top 55-54. The Broncos seemed to do everything right against the Bulldogs and stepped up their game after coming from behind in the first quarter. The inside work of Ward and Topper gave the Broncos the boost they needed and everyone else came together to get the win. Ward and Topper each recorded a double-double with Ward having 18 points and Topper putting in 12. Each player had 10 rebounds. Santos also helped with 10 assists in the game.

Scoring: Ward 18, Topper 12,

Mason 7, Wood 6, Santos 6, and Johnson 6.

The Broncos took on Ascension Academy in the second round and breezed to a 92-42 win. The game was never contested and three players finished in double figures. The inside work of Johnson and Topper was outstanding and Wood hit several shots including one three pointer and shooting five for five from the free throw line. Topper recorded another double-double with 14 rebounds and 9 assists.

Scoring: Johnson 27, Topper 23, Wood 12, Santos 9, Ward 9, McAnear 6, Jonah Sell 4, and Zach Cornell 2.

The Broncos played River Road in the third game and won 68-45. Once again, the Broncos were on their game and opened up with a big lead. An explosive second quarter gave the Broncos the edge they needed to take the win. John-

son, Ward, and Topper teamed up to account for 44 of the Broncos' 68 points. Scoring: Johnson 16, Topper 15, Ward 13, Wood 7, Mason 7, Santos 7, and Sell 3.

The win over the host team put the Broncos in the Championship game against a good Pampa team. They played hard, but lost 42-68. The Broncos struggled with their shots against the Harvesters and were never able to get into a rhythm.

"Overall, we played well in the tournament," Lockhart said. "We had our best defensive game of the year against River Road. But, we did not shoot the ball well in the championship game."

Scoring: Johnson 12, Ward 10, Topper 7, Wood 6, Santos 3, Mason 2, and Sell 2.

The Broncos will play in their own tournament beginning Thursday, December 6 and travel to Canadian Tuesday, December 11.



The Clarendon Broncos played in the River Road Tournament this weekend and took second place. The team won two games on Friday against Borger and Ascension Academy and on Saturday beat River Road before losing to Pampa in the Championship game. Team members pictured are (front) Katie Gooch, Jonah Sell, Deigo Santos, Cody Wood, Charles Mason, (back) Parker Womack, Zach Cornell, Cole Ward, Tyler Burch, Adam Topper, Trajen Johnson, Chance McAnear, and Emily Martinez.

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Lady Colts steal win from Claude

The eighth grade Lady Colts turned up the heat and the intensity as they rolled to a 41-34 win over the Lady Mustangs at home Monday night. Two players finished in double figures and the Lady Colts were led by Sarah Williams with 15 and Jensen Hatley with 14.

Williams and Hatley teamed up to put points on the board, but all the Lady Colts contributed to the win. Great inside play on defense allowed the Lady Colts to stifle the Lady Mustangs' offense in a game that Clarendon led the entire time. Hatley hit a crucial three-pointer at the buzzer at halftime to help her

team grab the important momentum coming out into the second half of play. Hannah Howard was solid handling the ball and everyone else knew their job in the game.

"I was really pleased with the way the eighth graders played," coach Shanna Shelton said. "I thought they did a really good job of playing together."

Scoring: Williams 15, Hatley 14, Berkeley Alexander 5, Hannah Howard 4, Zaryia Smith 2, and Brooke Smith 1.

The seventh grade Lady Colts fought hard, but could not pull out a win. They were defeated 16-45.

According to Shelton, the ladies' inexperience hindered them, but they are gaining valuable information the more experience they get.

The Lady Colts hustled the entire time and never let frustration take over. They were able to do some good things against a solid team. "I was proud of the seventh graders' effort," Shelton said. "But we are still in the learning process."

Scoring: Hannah Hommel 10, Whitney Laroe 4, and Jazmine Mel-lado 2.

Both of the Lady Colt teams will play at home against White Deer December 10 at 5:00 p.m.

Colts combine to blast Claude

The seventh and eighth grade Colts combined to form one team Monday night to play Claude and easily defeated them, 68-7.

The strength of the combined teams was too much for the Mustangs who had to play together because of numbers. They were unable to score the first quarter of play and went to the locker room with only one field goal on the board.

The Colts came out in the second half and picked up where they left off, controlled the tempo of the game, and dominated their opponent. Colt Wood and Chance Lockhart each pumped in 17 points to lead their team to the win.

"This was a great game for the guys overall," coach Steve Reynolds said. "They executed well and everyone got a lot of playing time. The one negative for the night was that our seventh graders didn't get a game. Hopefully we will pick up a game later to cover this one. Our offense ran the break well and got out to a good lead using the press."

Scoring: Wood 17, Lockhart 17, Riley Shadle 8, Justus Burton 8, Clay Koetting 6, Taylor Knorpp 5, Clint Franks 3, Demarjae Cortez 2, and Marshal Johnson 2.

Both Colt teams will play at home Monday, December 11, against White Deer at 5:00 p.m.

Lady Broncos storm Quanah, River Road

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos racked up two huge wins last week as they defeated Quanah on the road at 70-46 and worked over River Road 67-23.

The ladies hustled hard and played solid basketball against both opponents. After playing a good first quarter against the Lady Indians, the Lady Broncos busted open the game in the second quarter of play outscoring their opponent by 14 points.

After building that big lead, the ladies were able to coast to the win. Jentry Shadle topped all scorers with

15, and Camra Smith recorded 10. The duo put in 10 three-pointers as well.

Scoring: Shadle 15, Smith 10, Cartwright 9, Audrey Shelton 8, Deborah Howard 7, Ryann Starnes 7, Jency Burton 4, Anna Cenicerros 4, Taylor Gaines 2, and Maci White 2.

The game at River Road went much the same way for the ladies as their teamwork paid off. The Lady Wildcats never contested the match and the Lady Broncos strolled to the big win.

McKayla Cartwright was unstoppable under the basket and

led on the boards with 17. Shadle recorded double figures again with 12.

"This game went well," head coach Molly Weathered said. "The girls played hard. I thought we started off slow but picked it up."

Scoring: Cartwright 17, Shadle 12, D. Howard 9, Gaines 7, Burton 6, Phara Berry 5, Smith 5, Shelton 4, and Starnes 2.

The ladies will compete in the Greenbelt Tournament at home this weekend beginning on Thursday, December 6, and travel to Canadian on Tuesday, December 11.

Lady Bronco JV turns up the heat against Quanah

The Lady Bronco junior varsity slammed Quanah on the road Tuesday night defeating them 61-24. The ladies opened the game with a 17-point lead after one that turned into a 34-point lead at the break.

Several ladies contributed to the win, but Haley Ferguson and Phara Berry topped the team on the scoreboard with 18 points each. The duo also shot 100% from the charity line in the win. With the dominating lead in the first half, the ladies were in total control and were able to play fundamental basketball in the final two quarters of play.

"The ladies played very well

together and I was proud of how they passed the ball and played as a team," coach Kasey Bell said.

Scoring: Ferguson 18, Berry 18, Elizabeth O'Rear 6, Skyler White 6, Sterling King 6, Gail Mata 5, and Abby Durham 2.

The ladies will play December 11 at Canadian at 5:00 p.m. Lady Bronco Freshmen demolish Claude The Lady Bronco freshmen routed Claude at home Monday night 41-17.

It was never a contest as the ladies were tough on defense and solid on offense. Several ladies turned up the heat on both ends of the court and Tessa Buckhaults and

Alyse Simpson led all scorers with 14 and 13 points and Karlee Adams pumped in eight. Contributions were made at crucial times as the ladies held Claude to only single digits in the first half of play.

Coach Molly Weathered was pleased with her team's effort.

"I was very proud of our freshmen team," Weathered said. "I thought they played extremely hard and I saw a lot of good things from these girls."

Scoring: Buckhaults 14, Simpson 13, Baxter 8, Karlee Adams 3, Amelia Weatherton 2, and Kelsey McAnear 1.

Bronco JV stumbles against San Jacinto

Things did not turn out as expected for the Bronco junior varsity last week on the road against a good Patriot team. The Broncos fell short at 50-66.

A slow first quarter of had devastating effects on the Broncos as they fell behind by 13 points. Despite playing even with the Patriots in the last three quarters, the deficit was too much to make up. Zach Cornell and Ashton Smith finished the game in double figures to lead the Broncos. Coach Alton Gaines feels the Broncos are very close to breaking through with a win.

"The boys played really well, but came up a little short," Gaines said. "It is just a matter of putting it all together."

Scoring: Cornell 10, Smith 10, Chesson Sims 9, Bryce Hatley 6, Caleb Cobb 6, Montana Hysinger 4, Jr. Rodriguez 3, and Cedrick McCampbell 2.

The Broncos will play in the River Road Tournament December 6 and travel to Canadian December 11.



CJH Students make All-Region Honor Band

Nineteen Clarendon Junior High students participated with more than 1,000 other 1A, 2A, and 3A feeder programs in the region to earn spots in the Symphonic and Concert All-Region Honor Bands held at Panhandle High School on November 27. Eight CJH students were placed in the honor bands. Symphonic Band members are Taylon Knorpp (1st chair Tenor Saxophone), Seth Greer (5th chair French Horn), Whitney LaRoe (4th chair Trombone), and Nathan Shadle (7th chair Tuba). Representing Clarendon in the Concert Band are Cire Juaregui (8th chair Clarinet), Trinity Stribling (2nd chair French Horn), Sarah Williams (1st Alt. Trombone), and Justus Burton (2nd chair Tuba). Mr. Strobel and Mr. Cason, Clarendon band directors, are extremely proud of these students. "This is the first time we have placed students in the All-Region Bands in five years," said Mr. Strobel.

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Iron Chefs of Donley County

By Chardy Craft

In Pampa at the M. K. Brown Auditorium on November 28th two teams from Donley County competed in the Food Challenge competition. This is similar to the Iron Chef in that the competitors don't know what they are preparing until they enter the room. One team included Hannah Hommel, Chardy Craft, Jenci Hernandez, Emily Johnson and Zoe Adams.

The other team was Izzy Craft, Kailee Osborn, Malorie Simpson and Joslyn Burton. There were over 40 teams from the Panhandle entered in this event. During the Food Challenge, each team is given a set of ingredients. It is up to the members to determine how or if it should be cooked, chopped, dressed and mixed.

Each team comes prepared with a box of supplies containing basic kitchen tools such as mixing bowls, measuring cups and spoons, electric skillet, knives, timer, mixing spoons, and can opener.

After their dish is finish and the prep area is cleaned, it is presented to a panel of judges. They are scored on their knowledge of the My Plate Food Groups, nutrients in the dish, and food safety, as well as the appearance of their dish.



Read, Set, Cook!

4H members attending the food contest in Pampa were Joslyn Burton, Izzy Craft, Kailee Osburn, and Malerie Simpson.

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Iron chefs

4H members attending the food contest in Pampa were (back) Emily Johnson, Jenci Hernandez, Hannah Hommel, (front), Chardy Craft, and Zoe Adams.

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Extension to offer language workshop

WICHITA FALLS – Parents with children ages 0-5 will have the opportunity to attend a language development workshop from 5:30-8 p.m. Dec. 14 at Washington-Jackson Elementary School.

The school is located at 1300 Harding St. in Wichita Falls, said Fred Hall, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agent for Wichita County. Participants will be served a light meal before the workshop, and there will be child care available.

"Children who are consistently exposed to a variety of language uses and forms develop more effective language skills and a larger vocabulary," Hall said. "Both are important to their academic and social success."

Cathy Cole from Kaplan Early Learning Company in California will be the presenter.

In this workshop participants will develop an understanding of appropriate language modeling practices to intentionally encourage, expand on and respond to children's speech, Hall said.

Parents will learn to develop and enhance their skills and abilities in asking open-ended questions, using self-talk and parallel talk, promoting child-initiated conversations and the use of advance language by working through both small and large group activities and discussions.

This workshop is hosted by AgriLife Extension's Wichita County office, the North Texas Area United Way, the North Texas Child Care Association and Region IX Education Service Center.

Hall said seating is limited and preregistration by 5 p.m. Dec. 13 is required to ensure enough meals and child care providers are available. To preregister or for more information, contact the AgriLife Extension office in Wichita County at 940-716-8610 or <http://wichita.agrilife.org/early-childhood-development/>.

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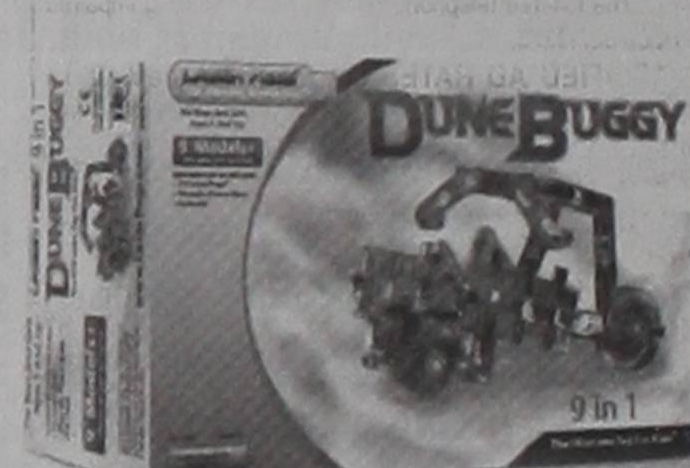
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Redpath will be accompanied by Choong-ha Nam on the piano. The program will feature sonatas by Mozart, Revel and Brahms. Admission is \$10, and tickets may be reserved online at www.wellingtonritztheatre.com or by calling the Ritz at (806) 447-0090.

Since 2003, Redpath has taught violin and chamber music as a faculty member at West Texas A&M University while continuing a performing career as 2nd violinist of the Harrington String Quartet and as Principal 2nd violinist of the Amarillo Symphony.

As a member of the Harrington String Quartet, he has performed across the United States and Canada, including a Carnegie Hall debut in 2004. These concerts have included collaborations with many of the country's finest chamber musicians. He can be heard with the Harrington

Quartet on the Grammy nominated CD of the music of Daniel McCarthy on the Albany Records label. The quartet also collaborated with the Grammy winning Phoenix Chorale to record works by Ola Gjeilo for the Chandos CD, Northern Lights, released in 2011.

In recent years, Redpath has appeared as a soloist with the Amarillo Symphony Orchestra, the Sewanee Summer Music Festival Orchestra, and Chamber Music Amarillo's Virtuosi.

Redpath has been a member of the artist faculty at the Interlochen Arts Camp, the Eastern Music Festival, and the Sewanee Summer Music Festival. He has performed at several other national and international music festivals including the Spoleto Festival (South Carolina and Italy), the Quartz Mountain Music Festival (Oklahoma), the Hot Springs Music Festival, Chamber Music at the Barn (Kansas), and the Heidelberg Scholfsfestspiele.

In addition to performing as the principal second violinist of the Amarillo Symphony Orchestra, Red-

path has held positions as principal 2nd violinist of the Wichita Symphony, concertmaster of the Amarillo Opera Orchestra, and with the Minnesota Orchestra, the Minnesota Opera Orchestra, and the Pacific Symphony. He holds degrees from the Eastman School of Music, Wichita State University, and the University of Minnesota.

The Ritz was built in 1928, and formally opened in 1929 as the first "talking" movie theater in the county and one of the first in the region. It used the Vitaphone and Movietone systems that brought silent movies to life through synchronized sound. The Ritz closed in the early 1980s and fell into ruin until a local group, Historic Wellington, rescued the building and launched a restoration effort.

The Mission-Revival theater was completely rebuilt with community support and reopened in 2007, and shows first-run movies and stages live musical and theatrical events. It is managed by the nonprofit Wellington Ritz Theatre, Inc. board.

Combs announces final report in 'It's Your Money' series

AUSTIN – Texas Comptroller Susan Combs released today the final report in the Texas, It's your Money series titled, Your Money and Pension Obligations. Combs also announced recommendations aimed at improving government transparency for legislative leadership to consider in the upcoming session.

This latest report provides a detailed look at state and local pension programs, while the overall report series offers Texans a clear picture of who is taxing them, how their money is being spent and how public debt is growing. Each one of the reports focuses on financial obligations of taxpayers and provides suggestions on how government should provide more transparency regarding those obligations. Combs is now recommending the Legislature consider these suggestions in the upcoming session.

"What comes through in each of these reports is a set of recommendations which shows where we fall short of talking straight to the taxpayer and providing a more transparent government," Combs said. "I

am working with leadership on legislative ideas to embody these recommendations and principles."

The first of these reports, Your Money and The Taxing Facts, examines all the local entities that contribute to a taxpayer's bill, such as cities, counties, special-purpose districts and transit authorities, and identifies trends in spending. Combs is calling for these taxing entities to post more information on the Web and for local taxing districts to send that information to the Comptroller's office so the agency can put all local sales and property tax information on one public website.

The second report, Your Money and Local Debt, zeroes in on the debt issued by local governments. Combs suggests ballots for new debt contain information both on current and proposed debt obligations, including the following: the debt's stated purpose, total outstanding debt, total debt per capita and annual debt service requirements.

The third report, Your Money and Education Debt, examines the indebtedness of Texas' public

schools and higher education institutions. Because most of this debt is used for school construction, Combs wants information on the cost of each facility, cost per square foot and space per student be posted on the Web.

The fourth report, Your Money and Pension Obligations, looks at public pension debt, which has made national headlines recently. Combs urges public pension funds in Texas to report on a public website such line items as their actual investment returns for the past 10 years and the plans' assumed rates of return.

"We want to give taxpayers the same kind of information on government debt and spending that they would need to prepare and balance their own budgets, to handle a mortgage or buy a car — a clear knowledge of what we're spending and what we owe," Combs said. "It's your money. If you don't know how it's being used, you need to know. And it's our job to let you know."

Each of the four reports along with interactive Web tools can be seen at www.texasitsyourmoney.org.



Coming soon...

Workers at Wellborne Sign Company in Amarillo have been busy working on new neon lights for the Mulkey Theatre in Clarendon. Shown here are lights that will ring the port hole windows on the front of the building.

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Young artists illustrate the Quarter Horse's historic role in art competition

During this holiday season, get out of the cold and spend time indoors with your family at the annual Youth Art Show at the American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame & Museum.

Every August, the Museum contacts art teachers in the Amarillo Independent School District and surrounding communities to encourage their students to participate in this annual art show. This year, sixth to twelfth-grade students were given the theme "The Historical Horse." Teachers were given complete WOWW approved lesson plans to teach the students about the various parts in history where the American Quarter Horse played a key role.

The show rewards participating students for art pertaining to the selected theme, which is always based around the American Quarter

Horse. The top junior high and high school students will win a \$500 gift card. The teacher of the student who wins best-in-show award will receive a field trip, with transportation costs included, to the Hall of Fame during the 2012 - 2013 school calendar year.

This year, there were nearly 300 submitted pieces of art, but only 150 were chosen to be hung in the Hall of Fame. Then from this selection, the judges picked the top five pieces from each junior high and high school student submissions. The winners will be announced at 6:30 p.m. on December 11 during the Youth Art Show reception at the Hall of Fame.

The art show will open to the public on December 3, 2012. Admission is free to AQHA members. Visit www.quarterhorsemuseum.com for general admission prices.

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