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

## CC, Texas Tech partner on bachelor's degree

Students can now earn three years of a bachelor's degree in Health Science at Clarendon College and finish the fourth year online through Texas Tech University.

CC and the Texas Tech University Health Science Center (TTUHSC) School of Health Professions announced last week the new agreement for the Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences.

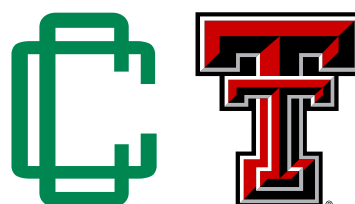
The degree is designed for people who have already earned certificates to work in health care and want to pursue a bachelor's degree while staying close to home, CC

President Robert Riza said.

"This provides an opportunity for our residents to advance their degrees and their careers and not have to move," Dr. Riza said. "They can advance to management or to upper level leadership roles in their professions. They just have to dedicate themselves to getting it done."

TTUHSC launched a new "3+1" B.S. degree program in the fall 2014, and partnered with Clarendon College earlier this month.

"Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center is the leading health care education provider in West



Texas, and we are pleased to be a partner in this," Riza said.

The Health Sciences Program is an on-line B.S. degree that prepares the student to enter management and leadership positions within healthcare organizations.

With a "3+1" format, students in the chosen fields already have

certificates allowing them to work and CC will provide 42 hours of the common core. TTUHSC will provide 30 hours of senior level health sciences management course work.

"This partnership is outstanding for us, but also provides a great opportunity for our residents working in healthcare fields," Riza said.

Riza also said the partnership with Texas Tech is natural because TTUHSC already works closely with hospitals in Pampa and Childress where many of Clarendon's certificate holders are working.

The B.S. Health Sciences aims

to advance the skillset of the practicing clinician so that the graduate of the post-professional program can assume additional roles or responsibilities within the profession. Examples are Certified Radiology Technologists, Registered Respiratory Therapists and Paramedics.

The program courses are conveniently offered through the use of distance education. The curriculum structure will follow a non-traditional format, which allows for completion of degree requirements at a pace set by the ability and availability of the student.

## Chamber to hold members meeting

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual membership meeting this at noon Friday, November 6, in the Clarendon College Vera Dial Dickey Library.

Chamber members will vote on three board positions, receive an update on Chamber memberships, and hear the report of the annual audit committee.

For more information about the annual meeting, call Chamber Manager Bonnie Campbell at 874-2421.

## Howardwick man gets 15-year term

A Howardwick man was sentenced to 15 years in prison when the district court met in Childress on October 1.

Allen Maurice Turner, 37, was convicted for the enhanced first degree felony offense of aggravated assault for the offense that took place on June 12.

The district court also met in Clarendon on October 15 and placed Dustin Hawk Fern on probation for two years for the state jail felony of burglary of a building that took place on April 15 in Donley County. Fern, 20, from White Deer, pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication, must pay a \$750 fine to Donley County and \$488 in court costs, and must complete 100 hours of community service.

## Lions Club pancake supper to be Friday

The Clarendon Lions Club's annual Pancake Supper will be this Friday, November 6, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the school cafeteria. The cost is \$5 per plate, and tickets are available at the door or from any Lion. Proceeds benefit the charitable activities of the local Lions.

## HHS fundraiser will stick three to wall

The Hedley High School National Honor Society is sponsoring a "Tape Your Teacher to the Wall Contest" to benefit HHS senior Zach Chapman

Money jars will be set up before school and at lunch every day until Friday this week. The three teachers/administrators with the most money will be taped to the wall during the pep rally Friday.

All proceeds go to HHS senior Zach Chapman, will be undergoing extensive aneurysm surgery on November 9.



## Undefeated!

Clarendon's Third Grade Little Lady Broncos Kids, Inc., Soccer Team stands proud at Rick Klein Fields in Amarillo October 24 after finishing the season being undefeated. Team members are Whitney Williams, Madi Benson, Tandie Cummins, Hayden Elam, Kennadie Cummins, Elliot Frausto, and Kyndall Osburn. Courtesy Photo / Adelita Elams

## CEDC hires Tech for downtown master planning

The Clarendon Economic Development Corp. gave final approval to an agreement with Texas Tech University to assist with downtown master planning Monday night.

Work on the project is expected to begin this week, and locals can expect to see Tech personnel taking pictures and performing laser scans of buildings along Kearney and Sully streets between First and Fourth Streets over the next few days.

The \$17,004 agreement with the TTU College of Architecture and Dr. Elizabeth Loudon will include laser scanning of selected blocks in the central business district to obtain detailed measurements.

Tech students will then prepare drawings and posters depicting what a rehabilitated and revitalized downtown would look like based partly on historic photos from before 1930. That work is expected to be completed in phases by August 2016.

During that time, the CEDC will be revamping its Façade Grant Program guidelines to provide incentives for property owners to rehabilitate their buildings in keeping with plans put forth by Texas Tech.

## Multiple local services to honor sacrifices of veterans

Veterans who have served America's armed forces will be honored next Tuesday, November 10, and Wednesday, November 11, during several local activities in connection with Veterans Day.

Clarendon Elementary students will hold a special music program at 12:15 p.m. next Tuesday, November 10, in the Bronco Gym.

A veterans service will also be held Tuesday night at the Clarendon

College Harned Sisters Fine Arts Center beginning at 7:00. Donley County Judge and US Navy Capt. John Howard will be the speaker for the evening.

The Adamson-Lane Post 287 of the American Legion at Hedley, will have its annual Veterans Day Service on Wednesday, November 11, at 10 a.m. at Rowe Cemetery west of Hedley with Jack Moreman speaking. The ceremony will take place

at the American Legion Veterans Memorial located at the north gate of the cemetery, where more than 230 veterans are buried.

The Post will place American flags on each veteran's grave to honor each and every veteran prior to the service.

The program will be a patriotic event to honor all veterans, living or deceased. There will be a special event to honor those that are still

prisoners of war, still interned in a foreign country, or those that are still declared missing in action. The public is invited to attend this special event.

In the event of adverse weather, the ceremony will move to the Hedley Lions Club building on Main Street in Hedley.

Following the Legion service, Hedley Public School will also recognize veterans at the school.

Also on Wednesday, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Donley County Veterans Memorial Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will hold a service at 11 a.m. at the Donley County War Memorial on the Courthouse Square. The service will include a small presentation by the Auxiliary and will be followed by free sodas, chips, and chili dogs. The service will move to the VFW Hall in case of bad weather.

## CC's ADN pass rate among Texas' top 10

Clarendon College's Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) Program has achieved one of the top 10 pass rates in Texas, according to data released last week by the Texas Board of Nursing.

With a pass rate of 93.75 percent on the NCLEX-RN licensing exam, Clarendon ranked #9 in Texas and was one of only 17 of the state's 69 ADN programs to achieve at least a 90 percent pass rate.

"This is a direct reflection on the work and dedication of our program's faculty and our students," CC President Robert Riza said.

Sixteen students graduated from CC's first A D N

class this May, and 15 went on to pass the NCLEX-RN exam.

"This achievement is a clear reflection of the hard work and dedication of our students coupled with the delivery of thorough, well planned curriculum by a phenomenal faculty," said CC Associate Dean of Career, Technical and Continuing Ed. David Hall.

In addition to the licensing, these students also earned an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing, which requires general education course work in addition to nursing courses.

"I am very proud of the success of our students in this new program," said CC Executive VP of Academic & Student Affairs Tex Buckhaults. "This level of success indicates the confluence of three

necessary ingredients: highly motivated students, dedicated and caring faculty and a rigorous and comprehensive curriculum."

"We would like first to thank the Board and Administration of Clarendon College for their support - without which we could not be successful," said CC ADN Program Director Cathryn Bailey. "Our faculty are invested in the students' and the program's success."

In addition to a top-of-the-line SIM laboratory and Health Science Support Center available to students, CC is preparing students for the NCLEX-RN by utilizing an educational adaptive quizzing program that is tailored to each student.

The Texas Board of Nurses (BON) governs the

practice of the Professional Nurse, also known as Registered Nurse (RN), as well as all other nursing programs in the State. The annual NCLEX examination pass rate for each professional nursing education program is determined by the percentage of first time test-takers who pass the examination during the examination year. Successful nursing programs must maintain an 80 percent pass-rate for first-time NCLEX-RN candidates each year.

The ADN Program at CC includes start dates for bridge students, who currently hold Vocational Nursing licenses, and also those who are new to the healthcare field.

For more information, contact ADN Program Director Cathryn E. Bailey at 806-660-2014.



## Guns up!

Ben Estlack as a Red Raider and Ella Estlack as the Masked Rider showed their Texas Tech spirit last week for Halloween.

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# CLARENDON LIONS CLUB PANCAKE SUPPER

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WARNING: The following column is an editorial (i.e. an opinion, a point of view) and may contain ideas with which some readers may freely disagree. It could be harmful to liberals, socialists, and other small mammals. Read at your own risk.

## Health nuts going after yummy bacon

The Health Nazis have resumed their attacks on everything that is good and wholesome about life.

Last week, the pinko commies at the United Nations' World Health Organization announced that bacon kills people. The breakfast staple – and one of the clearest signs that God loves us – is, they said a carcinogen in the same class as tobacco and asbestos.

They did, however, hedge their statement in saying that bacon was not equally dangerous as asbestos or tobacco. The Enterprise would also point out that to our knowledge there has been no evidence that bacon, unlike asbestos or tobacco, has ever been linked to lung cancer. The WHO maintains that bacon causes colorectal cancer.

And it's not just bacon that they want you to cut back on, it's sausage and other processed meats, including the all-American hot dog. And if that's not enough of an attack on life's pleasures, they also threw red meat into the mix.

There's a chance, these folks say, that if you eat bacon, sausage, steak, and hot dogs, then you will die. Of course, leading statisticians with our local funeral home will probably point that regardless of what you eat, you will also die.

It was, in fact, former US Surgeon General Jocelyn Elders who pronounced years ago that "we will all probably die of something."

Research by THE CLARENDON ENTERPRISE seems to bear Gen. Elders out, and it seems to hold true for people who eat nothing but tofu and bean sprouts as much as people who eat bacon, french fries, and Blue Bell ice cream (if you can get your hands on it.)

Never content to just ruin one good food, Health Nazis this week published an article in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL going after soda pops. And this time it's not diabetes you have to worry about. This group says if you're a man, sodas can cause heart failure. The effect, they say, is the same whether it's sweetened by sugar or by artificial means.

Tea, coffee, and fruit juice were not included in the heart-stopping study, and it only focused on older men in Sweden. Bizarre, but we can't make this stuff up.

We don't have enough room to go into everything that "they say" is bad for you. Salt, sugar, butter, donuts... the list would go on and on.

Your editor isn't a nutritionist, a doctor, or a biologist, but he has stayed in several Holiday Inns and conducted extensive non-scientific research on bacon and red meat. The health advisory from the ENTERPRISE then is go easy in all things but don't deny yourself life's pleasures.

Eat your bacon, have a hot dog, have a Coke, and smile! You're an American for goodness sake. This is what you're supposed to do. But be warned, if you eat a pound of bacon a day, engage in competitive hot dog eating, or drink several 44-ounce Cokes in one day, that might have deleterious effects on your health. We're not saying you'll die (although you will... eventually), but we are saying "go easy."

Don't let these nut jobs with their tax-funded attacks on the pleasures of life get you down. You deserve happiness. There are plenty of other things to get depressed about... the Obama presidency, Daylight Savings Time, the growing scarcity of the world's helium reserves, or the fact that you still can't buy a margarita in Clarendon. If eating a slice or six of bacon makes you feel better, do it. All the studies confirm it. Life's too short, so make the most of the time you have and *bon appétit!*



## Our thumbs are getting in a pinch

If thumbs could talk, they might have more to say than walls. Chances are, they wouldn't talk, they'd scream: "We matter!" Sobbing, they might admit feeling deep hurt inflicted by our failure to acknowledge their true worth. There would be "boohooing" long felt from the sting of being outvoted, 4-1, by the other appendages co-existing in close proximity.

Armed with grand examples of their indispensability, thumbs have recognizable roles in daily lives once more, even as current attention points to overuse. Tendonitis looms for thumbs, which must have been largely absent when tendons were handed out. Each has just two; fingers alone have 14.

Thumbs get most attention now when they're "on the blink." If they had a theme song, it would be "One is the Loneliest Number."...

In days long ago, young braves – honing their bow-and-arrow skills – may have complained of aching thumbs. Acknowledged "medicine men" – as well as unacknowledged "medicine women" – had simple answers. "Don't empty quivers so often; give other activities like canoeing, leather-working and smoke-signaling equal time."

Ah, in those days, thumbs and index fingers seemed joined at the hip. Both had to be at the ready if arrows were to find their marks. About the only time they seem to work together these days is to provide visual doughnuts, zeros or signals that everything is fine. The latter, however, seems to be fading into the technological tangle our world has become.

For several decades, thumbs have pretty much "gone it alone," often to starkly signify the "high drama" of authority figures decreeing live-or-die edicts with the familiar gesture of a

thumb extended skyward or downward. More common now is the expression "all thumbs" describing ultimate awkwardness, or "green thumb," suggesting we can grow a row or two of several plots of planted petunias. Of course, the thumb also is the appendage which some spouses have the other under....

Why all this? Well, if you have the time and if they'll take the time, ask hand doctors. Leslie Barker of the Dallas Morning News did, and did the doctors ever respond!

They had answers, chapter and verse – sometimes from the same translation – tracing the ills produced by thumbs working overtime pressing iPhones, electronic games and such.

Physicians offer solutions, such as practicing good posture, remaining alert for tingling and numbness, stretching, eating right and – most of all, like native Americans of yesteryear who were told to give bows and arrows a rest. "Put your device of choice down!"...

Thumbs have never been better positioned to hold out for conditions unique to their extremity. For years, elbows injured by tennis – and wrists impaired by carpal tunnel – have essentially rendered "nose-thumbing" regard for thumbs – extremities still waiting for a new disease bearing their name.

For a time, it looked like "BlackBerry thumb" might get a toe-hold, but alas, technology has left the BlackBerry



the idle american  
by don newbury

behind in yesterday's dust.

Doctors might suggest a lengthy name, such as, "Don't-Do-It-Idiot-Disease." Their chorus: "Give your thumbs a rest."...

Suffice it to say that stress on thumbs is not expected to go away soon. Each thumb's two tendons once had nice, thin linings that were very slippery. Overworked, however, they become inflamed and "thicken up, get 'gunky' and don't move right, or they get stuck or swollen," the News' writer said.

Strange thing: In my youth, when I heard the word, it usually was extended by two letters – "ed." That's how my granddad and several uncles – none of whom had cars – described their hitch-hiking on highways and byways.

Asked how they arrived at whatever destination, they almost always answered, "We 'thumbed' it." Perhaps that was their primary use of thumbs at the time....

As usual, I offer no solutions, only observations.

Perhaps I could pen an Irish proverb. Doing so, it wouldn't likely have staying power like wishing you to be favored by wind from the back always pushing you along.

Instead, may I offer the hope that if you grow weary of thumb-twiddling, worry not if your thumb suddenly is in a downward and locked position. Maybe it'll land in the middle of a pie still warm from your mother's or grandmother's oven, and a plum extracted therefrom to sweeten your day....

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## Legendary longhorns Texas Tough

Traveling through the plains in Texas, you're bound to see the unmistakable silhouette of the famed Texas Longhorn. As our state's official large mammal, the mascot of our flagship university, and a surviving symbol of the old American West, the Longhorn is ingrained into our way of life as Texans.

This time of year in particular, we're reminded of their storied history. Ranchers have just finished showcasing their best stock at the annual Texas State Fair's Longhorn Show, and in the midst of football season, the orange Longhorn silhouettes seem to be everywhere.

But only 100 years ago, Texas Longhorns were nearly extinct.

When the first cattle set hoof in the New World more than 500 years ago, they surprised the Spanish settlers who brought them by overcoming the challenging terrain and thriving. The previously domesticated cattle from Europe became tough enough to survive droughts and floods, sweltering heat and bone-chilling cold, while grazing easily on whatever land they occupied. Amazingly, the first Longhorns were even resistant to diseases found in the New World. They lived longer and reproduced more quickly than other breeds; before long, there were millions of Longhorns roaming free, and feral herds quickly found a home in Texas.

As more European settlers made their way to Texas, Longhorns provided

a stable source of meat and income no matter the conditions. A German traveler making his way through Texas in 1848 remarked, "In Texas, cattle live for the sake of man, but in all other countries man lives for the sake of his cattle."

Longhorns continued to thrive throughout the 19th Century and found themselves increasingly in demand. European investors offered ranchers gold to expand their Longhorn operations, and these ranchers were even exempt from the Confederate draft because of their important role in providing food for soldiers.

But not long after soldiers returned home from the war, Longhorns began to suffer. Once trade relationships were re-established between the former Union and Confederate states, mass disease wiped out herd after herd across New England farms – except the Longhorns. Northern farmers blamed the species and began slaughtering them in masses. Sadly, what they dubbed the 'Texas Fever' was actually a disease carried by ticks, not the Longhorns, who were simply immune.



texas times  
by sen. john corry

Demand continued to plummet because Longhorn meat did not produce enough tallow, or animal fat, to be utilized in the manufacturing of increasingly popular items like candles and soap. Moreover, Longhorn meat was hard to keep fresh absent prolonged refrigeration, and as a result wasn't viable as a commercial product in the 19th Century. As a result, by 1910, Texas Longhorns were almost nowhere to be found.

And if it weren't for Will C. Barnes, a U.S. Army Signal Corps private turned cattle rancher, Longhorns may have continued down the path to complete extinction. After leaving the military, in 1887 Mr. Barnes led a team of US Forest Service trailblazers across the west and managed to round up 27 surviving pure Texas Longhorns. In 1927, he created a protected home in the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge in Oklahoma, effectively saving the breed and enabling them to once again flourish.

Today, thanks to Mr. Barnes, Texas Longhorns roam free in state parks and graze on private ranches across our state. And as we saw recently when people across Texas mourned the loss of Bevo XIV, the University of Texas mascot, Longhorns continue to be a large part of our culture. So next time you're on the open road in our great state and spot a Longhorn, tip your hat to Private Barnes and the ever-resilient Texas icon.

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## USDA extends deadline for forage crop losses

USDA Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Judith A. Canales has announced that the deadline for producers to obtain or modify higher levels of coverage through the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) to protect against poor forage crop quality because of drought or other natural disasters where the forage is intended for mechanical harvest has been extended to Nov. 13, 2015.

"For 2016 small grain forage crops, the application deadline for NAP occurred before information became available to measure losses due to quality that could influence loss payments, so we extended the deadline so that producers have more time to decide what type of modified coverage works best for their operation," said Canales.

The Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program protects agricultural crops for which crop insurance

is not available from losses due to natural disasters, such as drought, freeze, hail, excessive moisture, excessive wind or hurricanes. The program offers basic coverage at 55 percent of the average market price for crop losses exceeding 50 percent of expected production, and higher levels of coverage, up to 65 percent of expected production at 100 percent of the average market price. Higher coverage is not available on grazing crops. However, the extension does not afford producers the opportunity to purchase basic 50/55 NAP coverage.

Producers interested in adjusting their NAP coverage must submit the appropriate paperwork to their local FSA county office before the Nov. 13 deadline. To find your local USDA Service Center go to <http://offices.usda.gov>. For more details on the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, visit [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

gov/nap.

The protections provided by this program were made possible by the 2014 Farm Bill, which builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past five years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer. Since enactment, USDA has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America.

For more information, visit <http://www.usda.gov/farmbill>.

## SWCDS want state action on Ogallala aquifer

TEMPLE – Soil and water conservation district directors who attended the 75th annual meeting of soil and water conservation districts (SWCDS) in Corpus Christi, TX October 26-28, want stepped up state action to rejuvenate plans to recharge the Ogallala aquifer.

"It is imperative that state leadership and water experts revisit unfinished plans to recharge the aquifer because the current demand of groundwater usage from the aquifer is unsustainable as withdrawals exceed the natural recharge. With communities growing in our region each year resulting in an increased demand of their water needs we need to be thinking forward for both agriculture and non agriculture," said Roy Thompson, chairman of the Lamb County SWCD headquartered in Littlefield.

Through a resolution presented at the annual meeting of SWCD directors, the Lamb County SWCD asked for and received the support of Texas' 216 SWCDS for such action.

The Ogallala Aquifer occupies

the High Plains of the United States, extending northward from western Texas to South Dakota. The entire system underlies about 174,000 square miles of eight states. In Texas, the aquifer extends through 48 counties of the Texas High Plains and Panhandle.

The Ogallala is an unconfined aquifer which means that virtually all recharge comes from rainwater and snowmelt. Because the High Plains has a semi-arid climate, recharge is minimal. Recharge varies by amount of precipitation, soil type, and vegetation cover and averages less than 1 inch annually for the eight state region as a whole.

According to the Texas Water Development Board, the Ogallala Aquifer provides significantly more water for users than any other aquifer in the state. The availability of this water is critical to the economy of the region, as approximately 95 percent of groundwater pumped is used for irrigated agriculture.

"High Plains agriculture is coming to a crisis point. Without

irrigated agriculture which subsequently forms the base of the regional economy in this area of the state, there would be a much smaller regional population and far less economic activity", said Thompson.

Local Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDS) coordinate the implementation and deliverance of corresponding natural resource conservation programs to farmers and ranchers throughout the state. Additionally, SWCDS participate in planning, implementing, and managing programs for preventing and abating agricultural and silvicultural nonpoint sources of water pollution.

In other areas of responsibility, SWCDS participate in a state water supply enhancement program through the targeted control of water-depleting brush.

An added area of responsibility permits SWCDS to engage in work to ensure local flood control dams are protecting lives and property by providing operation, maintenance, and structural repairs.

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We will be closed on Wednesday, November 11, in honor of Veterans Day.





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CC Bulldogs v Western Oklahoma State College • 6 p.m. & 8 p.m. • Dawg House

**November 9**  
CC Bulldogs v Murray State College • 6 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. • Dawg House

**November 10**  
Lady Broncos v Follett • 7 p.m. • Follett

**November 11**  
Veterans Day

**November 13**  
CC Bulldogs v Clarendon Classic • Dawg House

**November 14**  
Lady Broncos v Claude • 1 p.m. • Bronco Gym

CC Bulldogs v Clarendon Classic • Dawg House

**November 20**  
Broncos and Lady Broncos v Highland Park • 6 & 7:30 p.m. • Amarillo

**November 23**  
CC Bulldogs v Lamar Community College • 5 p.m. & 7 p.m. • Dawg House

**November 24**  
Broncos and Lady Broncos v Perryton • 6 & 7:30 p.m. • Perryton

**November 26**  
Thanksgiving Day

**December 1**  
Broncos and Lady Broncos v River Road • 4, 5, 6 & 7:30 p.m. • Bronco Gym

**December 1**  
CC Bulldogs v Howard Community College • 5:45 p.m. • Dawg House

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**Menus**

November 9 - 13

**Donley County Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Chicken casserole, garden salad, buttered spinach, apple slices, iced tea/2% milk.

Tue: Tomato soup, grilled ham & cheese, lettuce, tomato, sliced peaches, peanut butter cookies, iced tea/2% milk.

Wed: Holiday  
Thu: Enchilada casserole, pinto beans, garden salad, strawberries and angel food delight, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Chicken pasta salad, crackers, apricot halves, iced tea/2% milk.

**Hedley Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Chicken fajitas, fajita vegetables, chuckwagon corn, Spanish rice, four tortilla, tossed salad, mandarin oranges, iced tea/2% milk.

Tue: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, fried okra, corn, pumpkin square, iced tea/2% milk.

Wed: Beef stew, turnip greens, cornbread, back forest parfait, iced tea/2% milk.

Thu: Charbroiled beef patty with peppers and onions, garlic mashed potatoes, beets, bread, mandarin oranges, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Chicken tenders/gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, turnip greens, wheat rolls, mandarin oranges, iced tea/2% milk.

**Clarendon ISD**

Breakfast  
Mon: Sausage biscuit, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Tue: Dutch waffle, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Wed: Breakfast boat, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Thu: Stuffed bagel, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Fri: Pancakes, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Mon: Texas basket, charro beans, salad, cinnamon apples, milk.

Tue: Chili cheese combo, veggie cup, fresh fruit, chocolate pudding, milk.

Wed: Fiesta bowl, tomato cup, fruit cup, milk.

Thu: Chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, green beans, salad, apple slices, milk.

Fri: Cheeseburger with garnish, oven fried, baby carrots, peaches, milk.

**Hedley ISD**

Mon: Steak fingers, French fries, gravy, charro beans, garden salad, roll, hot cinnamon apples, milk.

Tue: Chili cheese boat, fresh veggie cup, fresh seasonal fruit, pudding, milk.

Wed: Fiesta bowl, garden salad, fruit cup, petite tomato cup, crispy cereal treat, milk.

Thu: Chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, savory green beans, fruit, milk.

Fri: Hamburger or cheese burger, hamburger garnish, oven fries, baby carrots w/ranch, sliced peaches, milk.

# Tips for shopping during the holiday season

Hi, gang! This one caught my eye. Nothing aggravates me more than seeing Christmas pushed more and more from the large stores who are starting to advertise Christmas before Halloween this year. This ruins Christmas for me. It is for kids not big companies wanting more money. Oh, yes, say Merry Christmas!

When you read the Shopping Tips, remember to check the local prices first. Then take the trip to Amarillo or shipping cost and add those to the Big City or online prices. Remember, "Shop At Home." Part of those sales furnish our city and county with tax money.

"It would be so wise!" by Pablo Zylberglait Attorney, Bureau of Consumer Protection, FTC

I know what you're thinking. It's barely Halloween and the Christmas decorations are up. You're worried because you don't have a lot of cash or don't want to run up a lot of debt. The good news is that some sellers offer layaway to help you spread your payments out. You start paying early and they hold on to your gifts until you pay them off. But bear in mind that layaway fees and policies can vary a great deal. Check

them carefully before you sign up. Here's an homage to an 80s ditty to help you remember the key points:

Layaway  
(to the tune of Madonna's "Holiday")  
Holiday, layaway  
Holiday, layaway  
If you choose to layaway  
Don't forget about the fine print  
(oh yeah!)

Get everything in writing  
To avoid bad surprises  
If you're gonna layawaaay  
Ask how much time you have to pay  
See when each payment is due  
Keep receipts until you're through

It would be  
It would be so wise!  
Find out about any fees  
Such as setup, service, or cancellation  
How soon you have to get your gifts

And pick-up locations  
You really want to know  
About minimum payments  
Are there penalties  
For missed or late payments?  
Are there refunds or exchanges?

What about cancellations?  
Don't sign any contract

That you don't understand

When you try to layawaaay

But before you layaway  
Check out the business right away

You can start with your state  
Or stay local if you may  
See what raters have to say  
If you need to layawaaay  
You can check our shopping tips

Or file a complaint with the FTC

It would be  
It would be so wise!

Shopping Tips: Who doesn't want to get the best deal for their dollar - especially during these tough economic times? There's no shortage of sale ads from merchants who want your business: they're using preferred customer specials, early bird sales, midnight madness



**bob's whittlin'**  
by bob watson

events, coupon savings days, and pre- and post-holiday sales. Just how do you decide if their deals are real?

The Federal Trade Commission, the nation's consumer protection agency, has some tips to help you get the most for your money.

Shop around. A "sale" price isn't always the "best" price. Some merchants may offer a sale price on an item for a limited time; others may discount the price on the same item every day. Having an item's manufacturer, model number, and other identifying information can help you get the best price for the item you want.

Read sale ads carefully. Some may say "quantities limited," "no rain checks," or "not available at all stores." Before you step out the door, call ahead to make sure the merchant has the item in stock. If you're shopping for a popular or hard-to-find item, ask the merchant if he'd be willing to hold the item until you can get to the store.

Take time and travel costs into consideration. If an item is on sale, but its way across town, how much are you really saving once you factor in your time, your transportation, and parking? Look for price-match-

ing policies. Some merchants will match, or even beat, a competitor's prices - at least for a limited time. Read the merchant's pricing policy. It may not apply to all items.

Go online. Check out websites that compare prices for items offered online. Some sites also may compare prices offered at stores in your area. If you decide to buy online, keep shipping costs and delivery time in mind.

Calculate bargain offers that are based on purchases of additional merchandise. For example, "buy one, get one free," "free gift with purchase," or "free shipping with minimum purchase" may sound enticing. If you don't really want or need the item, it's not a deal.

Ask about sale adjustments. If you buy an item at regular price and it goes on sale the next week, can you get a credit or refund for the discounted amount? What documentation will you need?

Ask about refund and return policies for sale items. Merchants often have different refund and return policies for sale items, especially clearance merchandise.

Stay Safe Out There and Shop At Home!

## Halloween tricks and treats

I went trick-or-treating with my Mom, Uncle Russell, Aunt Anndy, Uncle Michael, little cousins Matthew and Gage, my Aunt Amy, my Uncle Aaron, my sister, Poppa and Nan, and my cousins Nate and Dan. Daniel was the Grim Reaper, Nate was Robin Hood (and he kept poking me with his bow), my sister was the Masked Rider, and I was a Red Raider football player.



**the cub reporter**  
by benjamin estlack

Matthew was the Batman, Gage was the Hulk, and my friend Mason was the Call of Duty "Mason."

All of us went trick-or-treating on a hayride with Casie and Jerry Green. I really like it and I thank them for inviting me on their ride. I really liked Mason Green's dinosaur costume. It was really cool.

Also before trick-or-treating and before we carved pumpkins (which we didn't have time to do), we decorated our treehouse. We put spider webs on the windows and a witch and a ghost in two of the windows. The window near the door had a bat in it!

## Fundraisers for Seniors Citizens

The Hedley Senior Citizens will be holding two different fundraisers this fall.

First, will be a "Thanks - giving Bake Sale" on Saturday, November 21, from 9:00 a.m. until it's gone. We are asking for donations of baked goods and then we hope we see you on November 21 for the bake sale.

Second, we will raffle off a



**chatty kathy**  
by kathy spier  
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"Queen Size Fall Quilt" and give it away during a "Catfish Or Chicken Strip Dinner" on Sunday, December 6, at noon at \$10 per plate. The Catfish dinner includes green beans, onion rings, coleslaw and peach cobbler. The Chicken Strip dinner includes mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, coleslaw and peach cobbler. There will be plenty to come on down. You don't have to be present to win the quilt.

The Hedley Methodist Church would like to invite anyone to come to Sunday services with them at 9:00 a.m. with Pastor Rusty Early from Miami.

## Rich Family held annual reunion

By Mina Ivey

The family of Mr. & Mrs. C.C. Rich held their Annual reunion on September 27, in Clarendon. Everyone enjoyed the day with visiting, reminiscing and a very bountiful and delicious noon meal. My apologies are due to you in the delay of getting this published in the paper.

Those in attendance from Clarendon were Mina Ivey, Christie Carter, Ashlee Holmes, Chris & Shalena Wilkins, Klay, Gracie, and Clara, Sarah Barker, Brandon Barker, Shawna & Kelton Herndon, Jason Curry & Evette Villarreal, Martha Jett, Blade Barker, Flint Barker, Naomi Tolbert, Gene, Jacob, Caleb, and Boston Curry; and Jarod Cornelius.

Those from Amarillo were Charles and Mary Denton, Clau-

die Hinkle, Shawna Barker, Susan, Aubril, and Tristin Kirk, Alan and Karla Rich, Kathy Scott, Mark and Trina Rich, Brad, Tiffani, Cason, and Cailee Evan, and Leon Hinkle.

Roy Hinkle of Tahoka; Robert and Clydine Hinkle of Snyder.

Those from Claude were Cecil and Mary Alice Rich, Clefell Rich and Debbie Ford, and Cecil Rich III.

Those from Canyon were Robert, Starlet, Jarrett, Elwin, and Shelby Taylor and Gabe Curry.

Those from Stinnett were Lacy, Evan, and Bryson; Trooper and Pam Barker, Buel and Misty Barker, Sean Barker and Duel Barker II. Last but not least Linda Whitt of Panhandle.

Dale Robinson of Clarendon dropped by for a short visit. Hope to see you all next year. Have a good one.



## Farewell

Clarendon College President Robert Riza smiles with Dr. Roger Schustereit during a farewell lunch in his honor. Schustereit has served CC for almost two years as the college's interim Vice President of Instruction and has accepted a post as the interim president of Cisco College, where he had previously served as president for many years.

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## CHS academic teams compete in Dumas

The Clarendon High School academic teams began competition last Saturday as the Number Sense, Calculator Applications, Mathematics, and Science teams all went to Dumas for the Dumas Duel Invitational Meet.

Chance Lockhart led the math teams, placing in the top 7 in each event. He was 7th in Number Sense, 5th in Calculator, and 5th in Mathematics.

The Calculator team placed third at the meet, and included Lockhart, Patrick LaRoe, Brandalyn Ellis, Marshal Johnson, Yvette Mellado and Kyla Dunham.

LaRoe and Johnson also competed with Lockhart in Mathematics.

The Science team placed first in their competition, with Chesson Sims winning the overall gold and the top Chemistry award. Hannah Howard placed 2nd overall and was second in Chemistry. The Science team also included Aubryanna



The CHS Science team placed first in their competition at the Dumas Duel Invitational Meet last Saturday. COURTESY PHOTO

Powell, Grayson Burch, and Bryce Grahn.

Coaches were encouraged by the results of the meet, since there were a number of large schools competing, including Lubbock, Coronado, Dalhart, and Dumas. They are

excited to have some newcomers on their teams who didn't compete last year.

The next big meet is in January when all UIL teams will compete in Stinnett at the West Texas Invitational Meet.



### BoxTop Tally

Clarendon Elementary School had its biggest BoxTop collection recently. Clarendon ISD Functional Living Center students Porsche Henderson, Angel Olivas, Shelby O'Keefe, and Tristin Jain counted 6,220 Box Tops for Education and 520 Campbell's Labels for Education. The school will get a check for \$622 to use toward its Wonderland Park trip in May. Folks can drop their Box Tops off at the elementary office or send with any elementary student. The next collection deadline is February 16.

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### New in Blue

New Hedley FFA members are Chris Gonzalez, Jasmine Lockeby, Jayden Lambert, Kasie Hinton, McKay Shelp, Jhannessa Dresner, and TJ Leal.

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## Colts struggle against Ralls

The Clarendon Junior High Colts took on the Ralls Jackrabbits last Thursday night and came up short at 8-28.

Ralls jumped out to the early lead and held a twenty-point advantage at halftime. According to coach Brandt Lockhart, Ralls was a good team and had not lost all year.

Aaron Roys was able to get the Colts on the scoreboard in the fourth quarter on a 20-yard run and Jamal Butler added the two-point bonus.

"We had trouble moving the ball and stopping them on defense the first half," Lockhart said. "We played better in the second half."

Lockhart noted that outstanding offensive players were Jamal Butler and Clay Ward and outstanding defensive players were Butler, Travis Thomas, and Zane Sneathen.

"I thought our kids played well against a team who has not lost a game all season," Lockhart said.

The Colts will travel to Memphis Thursday, November 5, and play at 5:00 p.m.



Adam Bernal carries the ball for some yardage for the Owl team against Groom. The Owls will take on Silverton Friday, November 6 in Silverton at 7:30 p.m.

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## Grahn to run at state contest

By Sandy Anderberg

Clarendon High School's Bryce Grahn ran the Regional Cross Country course at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock in a time of 16:55.91 and claimed fifth place in the meet.

Grahn's time and placing was good enough to qualify for the State Cross Country Meet that will be held at Old Settler's Park in Round Rock on November 7 at approximately 3:30 p.m.

Grahn led the varsity boy's team to a fourteen-place finish out of 19 teams and 133 runners.

Gavin Word was the second Bronco to come in at a time of 19:16.29 for 55th place and Philip Monds was 107th at 22:06.54. Chris Bruce was 108th at 22:08.02 and Brandon Santos was 133rd with a time of 33:20.79.



## Thumbs up

Hedley student Carl Thornton and teacher Jennie Owens celebrate Red Ribbon Week.

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Sixth grader, Grayson Waldrop, is gaining yards for the Hedley Junior High Owls against the Groom Cubs.

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## Polar Bear tourney to be held at CCC

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon Country Club will host a Two-Person Polar Bear Tournament November 7-8. The two-day contest will be a best ball and be 18 holes of golf each day.

George Leathers won low gross in the weekly men's game last Wednesday with an 81, and Gene Rogers won low net with a handicapped score of 70.

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# Broncos defeat Ralls, visit Riley

By Sandy Anderberg

The Broncos needed a win against Ralls last Friday night and that is exactly what they got in their 15-7 win.

"We didn't play near like we have been, but we got the win," head coach Gary Jack said. "It was a dog fight, and we were not as sharp as we could have been, but we hung in there."

Keandre Cortez found the end zone first for the Broncos with a touchdown run and also added the two-point bonus. Quarterback Bryce Hatley scored again for the Broncos with Clay Koetting adding the extra point on the kick.

According to Jack, several

players did a great job in the game.

"Our defense held them good," Jack said. "Offensively, we made a couple of mistakes but moved the ball well. We just couldn't score. We were a little flat in the first half, but we played better in the second half."

Clay Koetting racked up 11 tackles, Caleb Cobb had nine, and Nick Shadle put up eight. Justin Christopher had seven tackles, Daquawne Oliver had seven tackles and one sack, Taylon Knorpp had six, and Bryce Grahn had an interception.

It has been an emotional week in the Bronco camp as Jack took the players to see teammate Riley Shadle in the hospital.

"We all went to see Riley on Tuesday," Jack said. "I just felt it was important. We missed a day of practice, but hopefully we'll have a good week this week and get ready for Memphis."

The Broncos will host Memphis Friday night and could be a spoiler for the Cyclones.

"Memphis, Crosbyton, and Quannah are tied for first," Jack said. "If we play like we're capable of and have a good week of practice, we can beat them."

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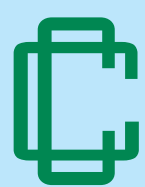
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## Panhandle partnership implements alert system

A multi-county initiative that began five years ago in the Texas Panhandle provides residents an effective emergency alert system that helped save lives and property during the historic May 2015 floods.

The system, which has grown to include 150 counties, got its start in 2010 at the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC). Funding was provided through FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

"We found that only two of our 26 counties had any kind of mass notification capability," said John Kiehl, regional services director of the PRPC. Established in 1969, the PRPC assists local governments in planning, developing and implementing programs designed to improve the general health, safety and welfare of the citizens in the Texas Panhandle.

"We discovered the other counties could not afford the cost of getting an alert system, much less maintain one," said Kiehl, "but with help from FEMA and other partners, we were able to establish a reverse calling system to serve a wide array of emergency management purposes at a highly affordable cost."

After considering different options, the PRPC decided to work with other jurisdictions that shared the need for mass notification. The

result was the creation of the Alliance for Community Solutions (ACS), a group of stakeholders with a common interest in developing and implementing cost-effective, technology-based emergency management tools that benefit the group.

The PRPC applied for a grant from FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) to fund the project so that all counties in the region could affordably obtain and maintain notification capabilities.

"We submitted a proposal for a system that would serve the entire 26,000-square-mile region," said Kiehl.

The PRPC received about \$785,000 from FEMA toward the project cost of more than \$1 million. Most of the balance came from donations from individuals and private foundations. HMGP funds were used to purchase licenses at a cost of \$600 per license. Each jurisdiction contributed \$200 toward the cost of its license.

"Initially, we had difficulty sending short message system (SMS) text messages. We'd send out the first 25 calls, which would go through without a problem," said Kiehl. "But after that, they started bottlenecking and bouncing back. We went through a period of time where people were getting their severe weather alerts a day and a half after the storm had

passed."

The issue was resolved by installing a new smartphone application called Fully Connect. Because it bypasses cell phone service provider servers, Fully Connect lets local officials send messages more quickly and reliably. Kiehl said the system has been improved beyond its original design with enhancements funded by the PRPC and other ACS members. In addition to the common suite of tools that can send alerts by text, voice and email, the PRPC has included an English-Spanish translation. Other ACS partners have added more language modules including French, Mandarin, Cantonese, Vietnamese and German to better serve their non-English speaking residents.

The PRPC is now working on the last major FEMA-funded improvement: integrating the PRPC system with the federal Integrated Public Alert Warning System (IPAWS). When that happens, there will be seven different ways for emergency managers and authorized users to send alerts and notices to residents when their safety is at risk.

In May 2015, historic storms swept through central and south Texas over Memorial Day weekend, dumping up to 10 inches of rain over parts of previously drought-stricken Texas. Medina County, an ACS partner more than 500 miles

from the Panhandle, had funded a system enhancement that connected the county's flood gauges to the mass notification system. As the river rose, automated notices were sent to keep county responders and residents aware of the situation. The PRPC is now looking to take advantage of this enhancement in the Panhandle.

What the PRPC did in the region is now serving 150 other counties in Texas because they are all working with the same provider. Every enhancement put into the system by any one of the counties is available to all other counties and jurisdictions within those counties, at no additional cost.

"FEMA has invested a lot of money in this initiative and we wanted the return to be as great as possible," said Kiehl. "One of the best outcomes of this project is the partnership that's been forged through ACS."

"Together, we'll continue to cost-effectively improve this system long after our HMGP project has been closed out," Kiehl said. "And anytime an ACS partner adds a system enhancement, all ACS members will benefit from it."

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