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

City's sales tax up 10% for December

Clarendon's sales tax returns continued to make gains when Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar distributed monthly allocations to local governments last week.

Following last month's allocation, which set a new high for November, Clarendon's December payment posted 10.12 percent ahead of last year at \$30,733.82.

The city's calendar year total broke the \$400,000 threshold for the first time since 2013, coming in at \$400,665.54. That's an increase of 2.86 percent for 2016.

The December allocations are based on sales made in October by monthly filers.

Hedley's sales tax revenue for this month was up 46.72 percent from \$247.40 one year ago to \$363.01. That city's calendar year total closes out at \$6,805.37, up 6.38 percent.

Howardwick continued to struggle, down 15.96 percent for the month at \$790.95 and down 8.84 percent for the year at \$11,846.58.

Christian Breakfast to be held Thursday

The United Christians Breakfast will be held on Thursday, December 15, at 7:00 a.m.

The program will be given by Larry Hicks. The meal is promptly served at 7:00 a.m. followed by the program that will conclude at 8:00.

Come out to the Fellowship Hall at the First United Methodist Church, Thursday and enjoy the fellowship and breakfast.

Angel tree still has a few kids available

The Burton Memorial Library reported Tuesday afternoon that about half a dozen kids still remain on the Angel Tree. Angel gifts are due back by this Friday, so please consider picking up an angel.

County pushes back on state proposal

The Donley County Commissioners' Court met in regular session Monday to consider several agenda items.

Commissioners approved a resolution in opposition to the proposed SearchTX statewide electronic county records database. County Judge John Howard said the system would let people search county records from anywhere. The fee for the search would go to the state, but the counties would bear the cost of putting the records in the system.

The court considered a request from a group of people interested in purchasing the Cherry Drug Store sign in Hedley. The property is now owned by the taxing entities, and the proposal is just to buy the sign for a small price, which would then have to be divided between the taxing units. Commissioners turned down the request, noting that those interested in the sign should pay the back taxes and get the property and the sign, the judge said.



Team roping

Caleb Askew (right) watches and holds the line as Eli Ritchie prepares to throw his loop at the roping dummy set up at Saye's during the Christmas in Clarendon activities downtown last Saturday. Other kids' activities during the day included a visit from Santa Claus, movies at the Mulkey, and craft fun at the Crossies Ministry Center.

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City gives ballfields to school

Clarendon's baseball and softball fields are now entirely the property of the public school following action by the city council and school board in the last few days.

The city and school district have had split ownership of the ballparks for many decades, with the city owning the McClelland Field adjacent to Prospect Park, the school owning Hart-Moore Field where the little league plays, and each entity owning half of the softball field.

The City Council at their regular meeting last Thursday, December 8, approved conveying the properties to the school, and the Clarendon ISD Board of Trustees accepted the deal Monday night.

Talks about consolidating ownership of the ballparks started several months ago as the city began preparations for a USDA-funded water system improvement project. As a condition of that \$3.9 million project, USDA has mandated that the city can no longer give away water to anyone and all water use must be metered.

"We estimated that about two million gallons of water was being used on the baseball and softball fields annually," City Administrator David Dockery told the Enterprise.

The city's wholesale cost of that water was about \$5,200 per year, but the primary user of the properties is the school district.

CISD Superintendent Mike Norrell said the deal just makes sense for the school district.

"We fertilize, maintain, and utilize the fields," Norrell said. "They are covered on our insurance."

Both sides say there are no conditions on the deal, although the school board did give assurances to the city that the properties would always be used for athletic purposes to benefit youth.

The city conveyed the entirety of McClelland Field, including a four-foot easement beyond each existing fence and a 20-foot right-of-way easement along the north side of Seventh Street between Jefferson Street and Prospect Park where the right outfield fence already encroaches on the platted street.

The city also conveyed to the school the west half of the block on which the softball field is situated.

As far as water usage going forward, Norrell says the school district is weighing its options, including the possibility of drilling a well to irrigate those fields.

City Hall fixes could hit \$200k

Clarendon's City Hall may have to be significantly remodeled to meet the conditions of USDA funding for a water system improvement project, the city council learned during their regular meeting last Thursday, December 8.

In order to bring the 1918 building into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the city could have to spend between \$100,000 and \$200,000, City Administrator David Dockery told the council.

The administrator tells the Enterprise that ADA compliance for City Hall never came up as the city prepared to apply for federal funding for an upcoming \$3.9 million water system improvement project, despite years of planning and USDA officials being in the building during that time.

It wasn't until USDA officials were in City Hall in September to formally announced that the project was being funded that ADA compliance came up,

Dockery said.

After that, the city spent \$950 for a complete ADA evaluation of the building which came up with a list of issues ranging from bathroom facilities to office doors to counter heights to meeting space. Now more money must be spent to draw up specific plans for how to address the issues.

The concerns focus entirely on the first floor offices used by the city. The building's second floor, which has no handicapped accessibility, is used by the fire department, and the basement is primarily used for storage.

Dockery says for the money the city is looking at, it may be better to close the current municipal building and build a new City Hall.

Nothing has been decided at this time. The city is asking for more information from USDA, and the government agency itself wants to review the compliance report.

In other city news, aldermen approved a variance request from Donley County to allow a water well to be placed on the courthouse square.

The council also approved repealing the Dangerous Structure Ordinance and replacing it with a new ordinance governing substandard buildings.

Aldermen gave the go ahead for city officials to prepare an ordinance setting water tap fees at \$700 for a 3/4-inch line, \$900 for a 1-inch line, actual cost for larger meters, and \$400 for future sewer taps. The measure will come back to the council for final approval.

Publicity and tourism agreements with the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation and the Chamber of Commerce were approved as presented for two-year terms. The CEDC will continue to manage 75 percent of the city's Hotel Occupancy Tax funds, and the Chamber will continue to administer 25 percent of those funds.



And the winner is...

Roy Monroe receives \$250 in Clarendon Cash from Chamber Manager Bonnie Campbell Monday after winning the drawing following Christmas in Clarendon last Saturday.

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District court issues sentence in Donley County case

A Donley County case was one of four heard last Monday, December 5, when the 100th District Court met in Childress.

District Attorney Luke Inman, assisted by Greg Buckley, prosecuted the cases for the State of Texas, with the Honorable Judge Stuart Messer presiding.

Martin Flores was placed on probation for a period of three years for the third degree felony offense of possession of a controlled substance. Flores pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication for the

offense.

Flores, 27 from Las Vegas, Nev., was arrested in Donley County for the offense that took place on October 8, 2015, by DPS Trooper Kelly Hill. Flores plead to an information filed by the State on January 14, 2016.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Flores was required to pay a fine of \$3,000 to Donley County, \$458 in court costs, \$180 lab restitution, successfully complete 200 hours of community service, and a \$500 probation transfer fee. If Flores violates

probation, he could face up to ten years in the Institutional Division of the TDCJ.

Candice Leann Prentice Hodge was placed on probation for a period of two years for the second degree felony offense of burglary of a habitation. Hodge pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication for the offense.

Hodge, 32 from Childress, was arrested in Childress County for the offense that took place on June 11, 2016, 2016 by Childress Police Officer Matthew Bradley. Hodge

was indicted by a Childress County Grand Jury on September 19, 2016.

Christopher Nicholas Jones was placed on probation for a period of two years for the third degree felony offense of money laundering. Jones pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication for the offense.

Jones, 29 from Baton Rouge, LA, was arrested in Childress County for the offense that took place on February 22, 2016, by DPS Trooper Bo Bowden. Jones was indicted by a Childress County Grand Jury on June 21, 2016.

Nicole Patricia Myers was placed on probation for a period of three years for the state jail felony offense of possession of marihuana. Myers pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication for the offense.

Myers, 34 from Colorado Springs, CO, was arrested in Childress County for the offense that took place on May 5, 2016, by Childress County Sheriff's Deputy Mike Warren. Myers pleaded to an information filed by the State on July 13, 2016.

Celebrities who can leave now

By Ilya Shapiro, Cato Institute

Schadenfreude was always the best reason to vote for Donald Trump – even better than the Supreme Court. Even those of us who didn't vote for him have enjoyed the guilty pleasure of watching social justice warriors' heads explode. Millennial snowflakes hold collegiate cry-ins, and media personalities go crazy. It's the gift that keeps on giving into the holiday season!

But the most delicious pleasure-from-others'-pain has come from entertainment celebrities, the most hapless people whose political views and endorsements we nevertheless can't go a campaign season without hearing. Like clockwork, every four years, in addition to hearing about how it's "the most important election of our lifetimes," we learn that this-or-that comedian or starlet will move elsewhere if the Republican candidate wins. This year, of course, that angst reached Trumpian proportions.

Here were the proposed departure destinations of the celebrities I've heard of (afraid I'm not up on all my pop stars and B-listers):

- Bryan Cranston said he'd move to Canada, the most popular destination – and also far above the United States in the latest economic-freedom rankings.
- Raven-Symoné – whom I only knew as a Cosby kid but apparently now is some sort of impresario – said she'd move to Canada, indeed already had a ticket, "if any Republican gets nominated [did she mean elected?]"
- Neve Campbell, who's already Canadian, would return to her (and my) home province of Ontario.
- Chloë Sevigny likewise had a particular Canadian province in mind, Nova Scotia.
- Lena Dunham was even more specific, pointing to Vancouver as her choice. "I know a lot of people have been threatening to do this, but I really will." I can't confirm reports that Dunham is being sued for not doing so by the not-insignificant number of people who voted for Trump on this basis alone.
- Barbra Streisand was picking between Canada and Australia (which is also freer than America).
- Chelsea Handler has a house in Spain already, and threatened to move there permanently.
- Amy Schumer also promised to move to Spain "or somewhere."
- George Lopez said he'd go back to Mexico.
- Samuel L. Jackson had perhaps the most original choice: South Africa.
- Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg – a celebrity in my circles – joked about moving to New Zealand in a New York Times interview that may yet get her into more trouble.
- Billy Crystal had the same Kiwi idea.
- Miley Cyrus, Al Sharpton, and Whoopi Goldberg would exile themselves to some unspecified country.
- Spike Lee, perhaps misunderstanding the concept of leaving the country, said he'd move to the "Republic of Brooklyn."
- Cher, apparently feeling that the Earth was too small for her to share with a President Trump, promised to move to Jupiter – where she'd possibly be joined by
- Jon Stewart, who "would consider getting in a rocket and going to another planet, because clearly this planet's gone bonkers."

Yet they never leave, do they? Granted, Canada's immigration website crashed the night of the election – now we know where the original healthcare.gov coders went – and the Mounties have long been manning a wall paid for by tariffs on American soft-lumber exporters. But still, you'd think that there'd be at least one huffy public exit (please, can it be Lena Dunham?).

Probably Not Gonna Happen. Alec Baldwin Is Still Here

All this reminds me of one of the more curious episodes in my life, which took place right around this time 16 years ago – yes, another election year. Soon after the Supreme Court had decided Bush v. Gore (December 12, 2000) and thus confirmed George W. Bush's win, I was in New York taking in a Broadway show. My date and I had secured some sort of rush or student tickets and so were in the best seats I've ever had for a major production, in the first few rows towards the middle.

Like clockwork, every four years we learn that this-or-that comedian or starlet will move elsewhere if the Republican candidate wins. Please. Go.

Before the show started, I noticed that Alec Baldwin was sitting right behind me. Mind you, this was before "30 Rock" and assorted TV success, when he was best known for "The Hunt for Red October" and "Glengarry Glen Ross."

"Yes," the oldest Baldwin brother smiled, assuming I'd ask for an autograph.

"Why aren't you in France?"

"Excuse me?" he asked, puzzled, dropping most but not all of his smile.

"You said that if Bush won, you'd move to France. So why aren't you in France?"

Baldwin's face became stone-serious and his regard lost its twinkle. He lifted both middle fingers at me and spit out, "**** you!"

I sat back in my seat, enjoyed the show, and never once turned back around to face the future Jack Donaghy – though I could feel his eyes boring holes in the back of my head the rest of the evening.

So Much for That

Perhaps it's just as well that these folks stay, because the backlash against their foolish preening surely redounds against their preferred interest anyway. Which swing voter has ever thought, "Gosh, I don't know who to vote for, but I'd follow that Amy Schumer wherever she leads?"

This way they can all agitate for Calexit, whereby the Bear Republic – which provided Hillary Clinton's entire popular-vote margin – can attain its politically correct socialist glory while leaving the rest of us alone. (Is that what Spike Lee meant, too?)

Hey, celebrities, check your privilege!

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Words can be very helpful or hurtful

Not so long ago, lots of folks – the ones still writing and reading longhand – gave little thought to what the future might hold for the English language. Many were more worried about dialects that will disappear when death claims the last handful of aging tribal users.

With social media and a culture given to haste 24/7, both verbal and written communications are being reduced to abbreviations and symbols. Forward-thinking people may legitimately wonder if the English language is on its way out.

Are we spiraling toward full circle, communicating one day – unbelievable as it may seem – in the manner of cavemen and cavewomen? This won't cause many of us to brush up on symbolic meanings, but soon it may be helpful to know the common meanings of grunts, facial expressions or gestures. Stay tuned....

In the meantime, I find it amusing to read or hear of "misadventures" of prominent folks. They, too, are guilty of misusing the King's English. Occasionally, their mistakes are barely worth noting; at times, though, they're king-size "goofs."

At this point, I freely admit to committing more than my share of blunders at microphones, at lecterns and in print. For some mistakes, I'm still kidded to this very day. Ending a radio spots show on New Year's Eve during college years, I wished one and all a "Happy Newbury."

My weekly "bully pulpit" these days permits me to share smiles at others' expense whenever possible. Let us proceed....

Fox News personalities are tagged twice. First, veteran Megyn Kelly pro-

nounced "primer" incorrectly. She wasn't speaking of preparation for painting, but referring to a simple fact. Often someone refers to "Ned in the primer." In this case, it is pronounced "primmer." Megyn failed to add the extra "m" that would have made proper pronunciation more likely.

A well-known Fox TV guest intended to mention – I am sure – the "annals" of world history. Too bad he left an "n" out, thus markedly changing the word's meaning.

On a well-known Dallas TV station, a noon news broadcaster – instead of saying "Ky" (as in Sigma Chi) mispronounced it "Chi," as in short for Chicago. The boss probably straightened him out that afternoon, explaining that lots of Greek fraternities and sororities have "Chi" in their names. And they're always pronounced "Ky"....

the idle american

by don newbury

Where I grew up in Brown County, one radio station was owned by colorful twins, Eddy and Jimmy Farren, country music entertainers popular at gigs throughout the area.

Personable and talented, they'd quickly admit they could read lyrics far more easily than copy during newscasts. On one occasion, one of them said, "It's been raining intermittently off-and-on all day."



A whole house full of Christmas

Every room in Glenda Wilson's house in Colorado City has a Christmas display.

"In our bedroom back there you'll see our original aluminum Christmas tree. We were married in March of 1966 and that was our first Christmas tree. We have a color wheel turning on it now. We don't ever throw away anything. I guess that's why we have so much stuff."

One room has a complete farm scene.

"It has a blacksmith shop, livestock and things like that. We have fond memories of growing up in the country, so we made sure we have some agricultural things."

An elaborate infrastructure of saw horses and plywood holds up a multi-level display of 127 little lighted Christmas houses and buildings. And that's just in her living room. She pointed out a few items.

"The candy factory up here has a windmill that's turning and making peppermint candy. At the gumdrop factory, the gumdrops are on a conveyor belt.

Over here is the rocking horse factory.

Down on that end we've got Santa Claus flying around, testing the toys. Next we have the ornament factory."

One room

of her home has a Victorian village. She and her husband started collecting the little houses and accessories in 1994 when their daughter gave them one.

"People found out that we had them and they started bringing them to us. Our daughter gives us a piece every Christmas. They're always different. This little guy here is sweeping up the snow in front of the maintenance barn. She brought that one thanksgiving when it was cold and told us we'd need it so he could keep the snow off the streets."

Every room has a Christmas scene of some sort, all neatly displayed.



stories of texas

by tumbleweed smith

An open letter to doghouse thief

So you walked on my property and stole my Igloo dog house. How low can you get? You'd probably steal someone's outhouse.

Shame on you to do this to an old woman. If you claim to be a Christian, double shame on you. Now your neigh-

bors will know who and what you are.

Hey, I just want you to know, unless you bring the Igloo doghouse back, there will be payback. If you don't believe me, read in your Bible, Romans 12:19. Take my word, you won't like it. The long you put it off, the worse it will be.

Old-timers out west still joke about a DJ who showed up at work after a night of heavy-duty imbibing, having reached, as some described, "a state of amiable incandescence." His first words as he began the broadcast day went thusly: "You are listening to KSNY in Snyder, TX. No other station can make that statement..."

Southerners are credited for some of the most colorful expressions.

Some of the best were born before Confederate flags flew above courthouse lawns. One guy, admiring his friend's spanking new cowboy boots, exclaimed, "You done flung a cravin' on me."...A dad, correcting his youngster, commented, "You can get glad in the same britches you got mad in."...One philosopher advised, "Let the slick end slide and the rough end drag."...Another guy, theoretically to offer comfort, said, "We'll have a moment of silence, but for you, it'll be a short one."...My old granddaddy repeatedly "encouraged" me with, "You're too smart for one boy, but not nearly smart enough for two."...Finally, "We're gonna treat the IRS so many different ways, they're bound to like some of 'em."...

In closing, here's a warning from the archives about arguments being a waste of time. "It's like trying to teach a pig to sing," the expression goes. "It wears you out, and it annoys the pig."...

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Very ticked off,
Mina Ivey,
Clarendon



Scout advancements

Clarendon Boy Scout Troop 433 held a Court of Honor Monday night for rank advancements and merit badge presentations. Nathan Estlack and JaKoby Dunham were recognized for earning their Scout, Tenderfoot, and Second Class ranks and four merit badges each. Tyler Paul received his Star and Life ranks plus 11 merit badges, and Joseph Watson earned 19 merit badges en route to receiving Bronze, Gold, and Silver Palms, which represents merit badges earned beyond the rank of Eagle Scout.

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Shop small, win big
Tanya Gibson was the winner of \$250 in Clarendon Cash from the Chamber of Commerce in a drawing following Small Business Saturday last month.

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Drugs in the News

Possible Treatment for High Potassium Levels
The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently accepted an application for a treatment of high levels of potassium in the blood (hyperkalemia). The potential new drug, called ZS-9, is the compound sodium zirconium cyclosilicate. It is designed to capture potassium molecules located throughout the intestine. One trial in individuals with chronic kidney disease and mild-to-moderate hyperkalemia were found to have a significantly greater reduction in potassium levels with ZS-9 than with placebo. Sodium zirconium cyclosilicate is an investigational medicine that is not available at this time.

Hyperkalemia is the presence of excess potassium in the blood. It is defined as levels greater than 5.0 mEq/L (normal is 3.5-5). The condition is common in individuals with chronic kidney disease and heart failure. If untreated, hyperkalemia may lead to muscle pains, abnormal heart rhythm, and cardiac arrest.

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December 15-17
Lady Broncos & Broncos @ Lockney Tournament • Away

Lady Owls & Owls @ Groom Tournament • Away

December 21
Customer Appreciation Day • 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. • Herring Bank

December 24
Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve Candle Light Service • 6:00 p.m. • Firt Christian Church

December 25
Christmas Day

December 31
New Year's Eve

January 1
New Year's Day

January 3
Lady Broncos & Broncos v Amarillo Flames • 5/6:15/8 p.m. • Home

January 6
Lady Broncos v Memphis • 5/6:30 p.m. • Away

Broncos v Bushland • 5/6:30 p.m. • Away

Lady Owls v McLean • 6:30 p.m. • Home

January 7
Donley County Junior Livestock Show and Sale

January 9
Broncos v San Jacinto • 5:30 & 7 p.m. • Home

Owls & Lady Owls v Ft. Elliott • 6 p.m. • Home

January 10
Lady Broncos v Wheeler • 5/6:30 p.m. • Home

Lady Owls & Owls v White Deer • 6:30 p.m. • Home

January 13
Lady Broncos & Broncos v Wellington • 4/5/6:30/8 p.m. • Away

Lady Owls & Owls v Groom • 6:30 p.m. • Away

★ Menus

December 19-23

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Ham & beans, cornbread, spinach, seasoned corn, orange pineapple cup, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Chicken alfredo, buttered carrots, garden salad, garlic bread, hot cinnamon apples, apricots, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Baked fish/tartar sauce, parsley new potatoes, baby carrots, whole wheat bread, apple crisp, iced tea/2% milk.
Thu: Enchilada casserole, pinto beans, salad, sliced peaches, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Holiday

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, stewed okra, seasoned corn, pumpkin square, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Chicken fajitas, fajita vegetables, chuckwagon corn, Spanish rice, flour tortilla, fruit cocktail, flour tortilla, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Herb roasted chicken, potato wedges, whole wheat roll, margarine, peas & carrots, strawberries w/ whip topping, iced tea/2% milk.
Thu: Vegetable beef stew, cornbread, margarine, tossed salad w/dressing, orange pineapple cup, diet pumpkin custard, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Holiday

Day	Date	High	Low	Prec.
Mon	5	63°	29°	-
Tues	6	40°	18°	-
Wed	7	34°	17°	-
Thur	8	38°	17°	-
Fri	9	40°	20°	-
Sat	10	59°	26°	-
Sun	11	61°	19°	-

Total precipitation this month: .70"
Total precipitation to date: 26.01"

weekend forecast

Fri., Dec. 16
Partly Cloudy
75°/ 39°

Sat., Dec. 17
Partly Cloudy
40°/ 9°

Sun., Dec. 18
Sunny
28°/ 13°

Information provided by:
Lori Howard
National Weather Service

Fun Santa activities for kids, how to secure your IoT devices

Hi, gang! Little Christmas fun for kids. #2 What you need to know to secure your IoT devices. #3 and 4 are new scams.

“Santa Activities for your Kids – Fun Christmas activities about Santa Claus”

Kids love Santa Claus. Christmas Santa and kids go together like cookies and milk and not by coincidence. Like many people, I have very fond memories of waiting for Santa on Christmas Eve, and I use to love sharing that excitement with my kids. Having said that, maybe you’re wondering how you can get your kids into this whole Christmas Santa thing how you can get them excited about the holiday. Here are some fun ideas to give you some Christmas activities to do as a family, all of them revolving around Santa Claus.

Here are some great Christmas activities to get your kids into that holiday spirit. 1. Make a Christmas card for Santa Claus. We’ve all written letters to Santa. But why stop with a letter? Get out the craft supplies and have the kids decorate a card for Santa, complete with their wish list. This is a great activity because it takes some of the focus off ‘what I want’ and puts it on making something for someone else! 2. Bake Santa some cookies We all put out milk and cookies for Santa

on Christmas Eve, and many parents make sure they eat and drink a bit so they kids can get excited that Santa visited. Why not take it a step further and bake some cookies as a family, letting the kids each create and decorate a special cookie to leave for Santa. You can do this as early as you want during the year – cookies freeze well!

3. Use the Santa tracker NORAD gets in on the fun on Christmas Eve with their Santa tracker, which ‘tracks’ Santa’s movements as he delivers gifts across the world. You can help the kids keep track of Santa’s journey – and make sure they get to bed on time so they’ll be asleep when Santa finally arrives. With all the time zones, the Santa tracker starts early, so you can spend all day watching.

“What you need to know to secure your IoT devices” by Ari Lazarus Consumer Education Specialist, FTC

Today’s hackers are attacking a lot more than just computers. They’re going after ‘Internet of Things’ (IoT) products like internet-connected cameras and refrigerators and using them to create havoc on the internet. In October, hackers used the “Mirai” malware to attack unsecured IoT devices, turning them into zombie computers to overwhelm and

shut down popular websites including Netflix, Paypal and Twitter. Attacks like that are more than just an inconvenience. They can put your information at risk. So what can you do to reduce the risk of compromise to your home network and smart products?

Don’t just click “next” when you set up your IoT device. Review the default settings carefully before making a selection, and use the security features for your device. If it allows you to set up a passcode lock-out (“three strikes and you’re out”) and enable encryption, you can add a layer of protection to your device.

Download the latest security updates for your IoT device. To be secure and effective, the software that comes with your device needs updates. Before you set up a new device, and periodically afterwards, visit the manufacturer’s website or the device’s settings menu to see if there’s a new version of the software available for download. To make sure you hear about the latest version, register your device with



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by bob watson

the manufacturer and sign up to get updates. Change your pre-set passwords. The manufacturer may have assigned your device a standard default password. Hackers know the default passwords, so change it to something more complex and secure. Want to know more? Check out the FTC’s additional tips on Online Security, including how to create a strong password and username for your router, and how to check for security updates.

“Amazon Scam Hits Holiday Shoppers” by Kristin Keckeisen, AARP Fraud Watch Network.

Just in time for the holidays, crooks have come up with a credible-looking way to scam online shoppers. How it Works: You get an e-mail that appears to be from Amazon.com stating your recent order cannot be shipped. Claiming a problem with processing, the e-mail informs you that you won’t be able to access your account or place orders with Amazon until you confirm your information. A “click here” link leads to an authentic-looking Amazon web page to confirm your name, address and credit card information. After entering the information and clicking on a “save and continue” button, you are redirected to Amazon’s actual website. What You Should Know: The scam e-mail subject line will say

“Your Amazon.com order cannot be shipped.” If the “from” line in the e-mail contains an Internet Service Provider other than @amazon.com, the e-mail is not from Amazon. What You Should Do: If you get an e-mail like this from Amazon (or any other online retailer), don’t click on the link! If you’ve recently ordered from Amazon and are concerned about missing an authentic update, use your web browser to independently (not through the e-mail) log in to Amazon.com and check under “Your Orders” to see if the e-mail’s details match any of your order information. If the information doesn’t match, then the e-mail is a scam.

Alert of the Week: Use firewood? If you do, are you sure you’re getting what you pay for?

The trouble is that firewood is sold in “cords,” an old-time volume measurement that most people have no idea about. A cord is a stack of 4x4x8 feet or 2x4x16 feet, but reputable deliverers often just tip their cargo as a mound so you have no way of checking if it’s the right quantity. The solution is to buy only from reputable dealers or to insist that the deliverer stacks the wood so you can check it.

Stay warm – and don’t fall for the firewood scam! And above all stay safe out there!

Christmas comes early to Clarendon

The Christmas spirit was alive and well in Clarendon this week-end beginning with “Christmas in Clarendon,” which included shopping, eating, watching Christmas movies at the Mulkey Theatre – which is a BYOC facility (Bring Your Own Chair) – and shopping at the Whistle-Stop Trade Days. We had our picture taken with Santa, ate some good food and spent some money.

Sunday began with the Christmas cantata at Howardwick Baptist Church with music led by Sharyn Marrow and Nelda Grider on piano.

Mary and Joseph were portrayed by Jerome and Gigi Martinez, and D’Ann Riddle sang a solo, “Mary Did You Know.” After listening to the story in song, the kids declared baby Jesus was the Messiah.

Sunday afternoon the Clarendon band presented their Christmas concert which added to the festive feeling.

Then came the Cowboys and Giants Football game; and being a Cowboys fan, I was disappointed in the final score. But being the optimist I am, I say “Thank you” for an 11-2 season with three games to go.

Keep the festive feeling and attend the elementary school Christmas play December 15 at 6 p.m. at the college auditorium. What fun that will be!

In the meantime, I will continue to wrap gifts, that seems to keep me in the spirit.



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A night at the Nutcracker

Last week-end, me and my family got to go to the Nutcracker in Amarillo, and it was awesome.

If you don’t know what the Nutcracker is, it is a ballet performance in which a little girl gets a toy nutcracker and her little brother breaks it. The magic toy guy fixes it, and then she falls asleep and goes on a magical journey with her fairy godfather and his assistant.

There are a lot of magic tricks and the Nutcracker comes to life and leads an army against the rat army.

My favorite part was probably the dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy or the Russian dancers.

I also liked how no one talks but it still tells a story. It’s a very good story and I really, really liked it.

When I have kids, I would like to take my kids there because it was a very good experience for me and I think my kids will like it one day, too.



the cub reporter
by benjamin estlack



Taking the oath

With no new officials to take office, Donley County Judge John Howard issued the oath of office a few days early Monday to recently relected officials: (top) Constable Doug Wright, Sheriff Butch Blackburn, Tax Assessor/Collector Linda Crump, County Attorney Landon Lambert, and (bottom) Commissioners Mark White, and Andy Wheatly.

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Quilting club holds Christmas party

Golden Needles Quilters had its annual Christmas party, Thursday, December 8, hosted by Gay Cole. It was a joy-filled time as members brought money for the Angel Tree, held their annual business meeting, enjoyed a bunch of delicious holiday snacks, and sang Christmas carols.

Those present were Rose Lee Watson, Dortha Reynolds, Louella Slater, Dottie Newkirk, Allene Leathers, Annis Stavenhagen, Janan Koontz, Mary Gene Lynn, Frances Smith, Wilma Callis, Betty Jean Williams, Mary Lynn Manning, Gay Cole, Suzan Chassende-Baroz, Barbara Helms, and Tiny Alderson.

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A Navy veteran of World War II, Deyhle won many awards over the course of his 48-year career and held many local, state, and national offices in various veterinary organizations. He was a charter member of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association and helped organize the Academy of Veterinary Consultants. He was known as an innovator in his field and pioneered many of the concepts and procedures used in veterinary medicine today.
Locally, He gave of his time to serve on many board of the First United Methodist Church, the Greenbelt Water Authority Board, the Herring Bank Board, the Clarendon Board of Aldermen, the airport board, and was the Clarendon College Board of Regents Chairman at the time of his death at the age of 87 in 2012.
An avid pilot and fisherman, Deyhle was also known for his friendliness, his humor, his wisdom, and his love for the community in which he and his wife, Frances, chose to raise their family.
The Whistle-Stop and the community salute the late Chuck Deyhle for his commitment to veterinary medicine and his support and love for Clarendon and its people. Thank you, sir!



Christmas Giving

Kara Hill holds up one of the plates painted by kids during a Christmas in Clarendon fundraiser to benefit second grade teacher Amber Williams, who is currently receiving medical treatment in Houston.

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Sheriff's Report

November 5, 2016

5:56 a.m. – Motorist assist I-40 Eastbound 121 mm
 3:13 p.m. – EMS assist 400 block North 10th - Memphis
 6:58 p.m. – To jail with one in custody
 7:12 p.m. – EMS assist 400 block East 5th
 8:07 p.m. – Report of car v deer accident 287 & 1260 N
 9:41 p.m. – See caller 400 block North Blair

November 6, 2016

1:55 a.m. – Report of loud music 300 block Rosenfield Street
 9:47 a.m. – Units paged for grass fire South 70
 10:20 a.m. – EMS assist westbound

rest area I-40
 10:38 a.m. – Out @ JP Office

November 7, 2016

1:45 a.m. – Report of loud music 300 block Rosenfield
 7:04 p.m. – EMS assist 2800 block HWY 287
 10:06 p.m. – EMS assist Westbound Rest Area I-40

December 8, 2016

12:18 a.m. – See caller 300 block Rosenfield
 6:28 a.m. – Units pages one vehicle rollover 287 mm 196

December 9, 2016

12:07 a.m. – EMS assist 1400 block West 8th

November 10, 2016

5:00 a.m. – Report of semi-truck fire

– I-40 eastbound mm 124
 7:52 p.m. – See caller 500 block south Koogle

11:54 p.m. – EMS assist location not logged

1:59 p.m. – See caller 300 block South Collinson

7:15 p.m. – Courtesy transport to Armstrong County

9:18 p.m. – EMS assist FM 3257 & Co Rd O

10:44 p.m. – Welfare check 200 block south Goodnight

November 11, 2016

12:14 a.m. – See caller 200 block Martindale

1:12 p.m. – Welfare check 900 block West 2nd

5:01 p.m. – To jail with one in custody

9:07 p.m. – EMS assist 700 block South Ellerbe

Owls battle Silverton in Friday's hoot-out

The Hedley Owls came out on the short end during the battle of the birds at home last Friday, December 9, losing to the Silverton Owls, 34-48.

It was all Silverton in the first half of the hoot-out as the visitors outscored Hedley 10-21 in the first quarter and 2-10 in the second quarter and took a 12-31 lead into the locker room at the half.

Hedley came back with a strong showing, outscoring Silverton 10-5 in the third quarter, but the other Owls rallied and matched Hedley 12-12 to secure the win.

Scoring for Hedley were Ramirez 4, McCleskey 17, Booth 8, Harper 2, Yanez 1, and Leal 1.



Paul Yanez works the ball toward the goal against Silverton. The Hedley Owls will be playing in the Groom tournament this week. A schedule of games can be found on www.hedleyisd.net.

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the lion's tale
by scarlet estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting December 13, 2016, with Boss Lion Tex Buckhaults in charge.

We had 18 members, Sweethearts Cire Jauregui and Brooke Smith, and two guests this week. Brad Vanden Boogaard was the guest of the Boss Lion, and James Hill was the guest of the club.

Lion Robert Riza reported on the college, where the fall minisemester will start Thursday, and college employees enjoyed a Christmas party last week.

Lion John Howard reported on the county where re-elected officials were sworn in this week.

The Boss Lion presented Lion Brian Fuller with his membership package as a new member.

Lion Riza presented our program which was in the form of a Christmas Carol trivia game complete with prizes.

There being no further business, we were dismissed to spread Lionism and good cheer throughout our fair county.



Kasie Hinton works to prevent Silverton from scoring against the Hedley Lady Owls on Friday.

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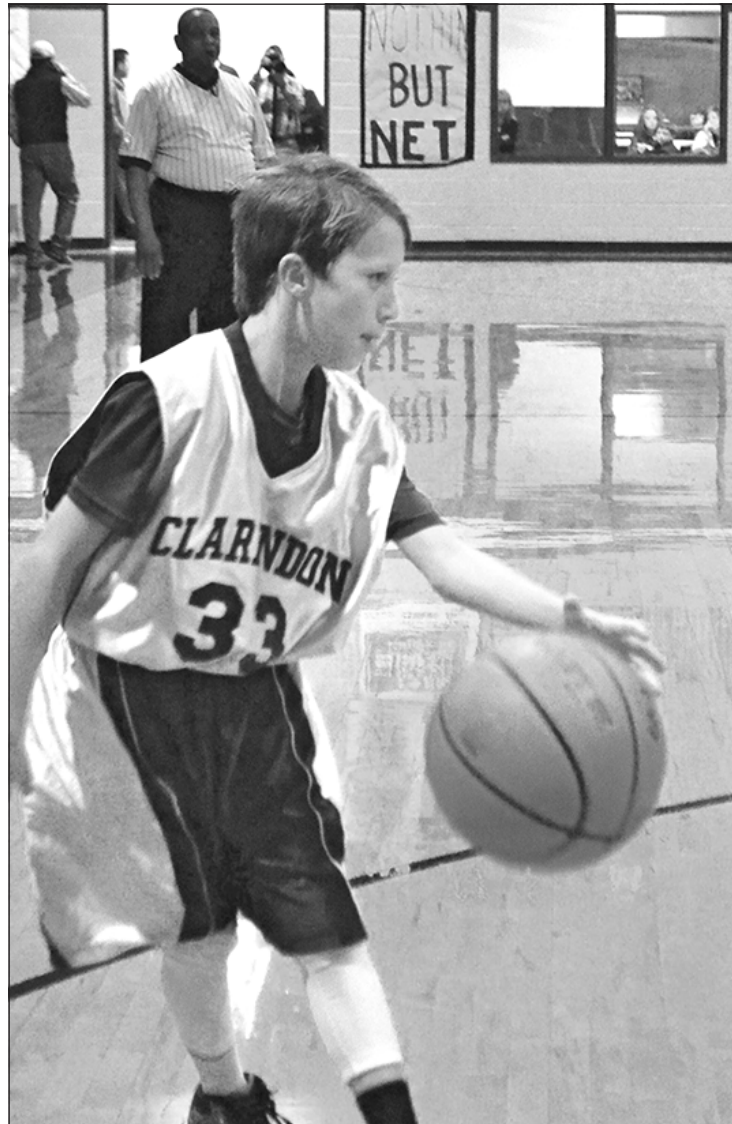
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Broncos Miami Tournament Champions

By Sandy Anderberg
The Broncos finished playing in Miami December 3 and brought home a huge tournament win by getting passed Gruver and West Texas High. The Broncos defeated Gruver 72-45 and skimmed by WT at 67-65. The Greyhounds were really no competition for the Broncos as they took control on the offensive end, and proved to be too quick for Gruver to stop. Defensively, the Broncos stopped everything the Greyhounds tried and dominated on both ends. Four Broncos finished in double figures and they connected on seven three-pointers in the game. Bryce Grahn put in 15 and Bear Smith had 14. Colt Wood and Chance Lockhart each had 11. Keandre Cortez had seven, Marshal Johnson had six, Jared Jeffers put in five and Damarjae Cortez had three. Grahn had eight assists, and four steals and Lockhart had three assists

while Johnson had nine rebounds, and Jeffers and Smith each grabbed six. Smith also had five steals. The WT game was a more difficult win for the Broncos, but they were able to get by them. The Broncos led throughout, but WT would not quit and finished with three players in double figures. "Overall, we played well in the tournament," head coach Brandt Lockhart said. "We were able to win the tournament against a very good West Texas team." Lockhart hit four three-pointers and finished with 21 points, while Johnson was strong inside with 19 points. Grahn added 12 to join them in double figures. Wood pumped in seven, D. Cortez had five, Smith two, and K. Cortez 1. Grahn had three assists and three steals and D. Cortez had four assists and two steals. Smith and Johnson each had five rebounds, and Lockhart had two steals.

On Tuesday, the Broncos hosted Vega and they were able to get another big win at 42-17. It was never a contest for the Broncos as they were able to gain a twelve-point lead at the break. The Longhorns could only manage one point in the second quarter against a tough Bronco defense. Grahn finished with 10 points and six steals, and Johnson had nine points, two assists and eight rebounds. Smith also had nine points with four steals and Lockhart put in six points and two assists. Wood had five points and K. Cortez had three. D. Cortez also had seven rebounds. "We did not shoot the ball well, but were able to play very good defense and get them out of their offense," Lockhart said. "We still need to keep improving in all areas." The Broncos will play in the Lockney Tournament December 15-17 and participate in the Bridgeport Tournament December 29-30.



Seventh grade Colts jump on Panhandle

The seventh grade Colts played hard and stayed solid to defeat Panhandle 43-28 Monday night. The Panthers were unable to stop the Colts, as they stayed solid on both ends of the court. The Colts played strong in the first quarter of play to build a big lead over the Panthers to begin the game. They kept up the momentum increasing their lead to 17 at the break. Good execution of their offense and aggressive defense allowed them to hold the momentum and get the win. Jordan Herndon had a great game and put in 28 points to lead the Colts. Jodee Pigg had eight, Josiah Howard helped with three, and Koyt Tucek added two. The eighth grade played hard, but fell short at 10-50. The Colts struggled to find their offense and the Panthers were able to shut down anything the Colts tried. Travis Thomas put in six, and Calder Havens and Chase Gwin each had two. The Colts be at home against Memphis January 5 beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Lady Broncos finish weekend in Miami

By Sandy Anderberg
The Lady Broncos took on Caprock in the Miami Tournament and easily defeated them 56-28. It was never a contest for the ladies as they were able to dictate the tempo of the game. Clarendon took a huge lead early in the game and led by 17 points at the break. The Lady Longhorns were unable to get anything going against the Lady Broncos, who were playing solid defense. Brianna Butler finished with 18 points, Shaelyn Owiti had 14, and Berkeley Alexander added 12. Hannah Hommel and Briley Chadwick each had four, Jensen Hatley had three, and Emily Johnson put in two. Owiti hit two three-pointers and the team shot 90 percent from the free throw line. They then went up against Sanford-Fritch and used their steady offense to get a 42-27 win. Once again, they were tough on both ends

of the court and used solid defense to stop their opponent. Butler and Alexander each put in 12, Owiti had eight, Hommel put in four, and Hannah Howard and Chadwick put in three. They were 13/18 from the bonus line. They then took on McLean and struggled to get anything going. The Lady Tigers defeated the Lady Broncos 54-32. McLean jumped out to the early lead and shut down Clarendon's offensive attack. A huge scoring second quarter gave McLean the advantage and the Lady Broncos could never recover. Hatley led the ladies on the scoreboard with 10, including two three-pointers and four for four from the bonus line. Owiti put in nine, and Alexander had seven. Hoard put in three, Butler had two, and Hommel added one. Coach Korey Conkin felt the ladies learned a great deal despite the loss in the championship game. "Making it to the champions

game in the Miami tournament was a goal for us," Conkin said. "Even though we fell short to McLean, we learned a lot and improved our game throughout the tourney." On Tuesday, the Lady Broncos succumbed to Vega 29-34. The game was back and forth with the Lady Longhorns holding the advantage by one at the break. A poor-shooting third quarter hurt the Lady Broncos and Vega earned the win. Butler had 11 and Alexander put in six. Owiti put in four, Hatley and Howard each put in three, and Chadwick had two. "As far as this game turned out, we had absolutely zero energy in that game," Conkin said. "We felt like we let that one get away from us. We should've come out of that one with a win. It was a disappointing outing for sure." The Lady Broncos will play in the Lockney Tournament December 15-17 and participate in the Gruver Tournament December 28-30.

To the hoop
Jodee Pigg takes it to the hoop to beat Panhandle Monday, December 5th.
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Lady Colts take on Panhandle

Both Lady Colt teams traveled to Panhandle last Monday night. Despite playing hard, both teams lost to the Pantherettes. The seventh grade Lady Colts lost 16-29, but led through the first two quarters of play. A slow-shooting third quarter took the Lady Colts out of their rhythm and they struggled to get that back. Panhandle was able to grab the momentum and get the win. "The seventh grade team was missing several key players," coach Carrie Hicks said. "Two from sickness and one from an injury, but they pulled together and played well with all the changes." Hadleigh Halsell put in 10 points and Emeri Robinson, Madison Smith, and Kaylee Bruce each added two. The eighth grade Lady Colts fought hard, but were defeated 24-43. They could never get anything going against the good team and struggled to put points on the board. "The eighth grade probably played the best game I have ever seen them play," Hick said. "They slowed down and ran their offense against a very aggressive defense. The Lady Colts were also in their face on defense, which caused them to make many turnovers." Amnesty Oatman finished with 10, and Taviona Hearn helped with six. Kaylin Hicks had four, Ashlynn Newsome put in three, and Zhala Bassett added two. "I was very proud of both Lady Colt teams in their games against Panhandle," Hicks said. Both seventh and eighth played well as a team. Both Lady Colt teams will travel to Memphis January 5 and play at 5:00 pm.

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CHS athletes receive all-district honors

By Sandy Anderberg

Clarendon's Clay Koetting was named as the Defensive MVP for his linebacker position, and Riley Shadle was named the Fighting Heart Award winner when Athletic Director Gary Jack has released the All-District selections for District II.

The District Most Valuable Player went to David Dickson from Memphis. The offensive MVP went to Jose Tellez from Memphis.

Other honorees were Keandre Cortez and Clint Franks, who were named to the first team at the running back position, and Preston Elam was named as a wide receiver. Jacob Jef-

fers made the team as a tight end and Seth Greer and Nick Shadle were named to the offensive line. Taylon Knorpp and Justin Christopher were named to the team as defensive linemen, and Nick Shadle was also named as a linebacker. Keandre Cortez and Bryce Grahn were named for their position in the defensive secondary. Clay Koetting was named as the kicker and Bear Smith was named as a utility player.

The District coaches also named a Second Team All-District. Damarjae Cortez was named as quarterback, and Andy Davis was named to the team at his wide

receiver position. Taylon Knorpp was named to the offensive line, and Marshal Johnson was named to the defensive tackle position. Daquawne Oliver and Andy Davis were named to the linebacker position, and Damarjae Cortez and Preston Elam were named to the defensive secondary spot.

Clarendon Offensive Honorable mentions were Marshal Johnson, Justin Christopher, Daquawne Oliver, Jack Moore, Isaac Dunham, Bryce Grahn, and Clay Koetting. Defensive Honorable Mentions: Seth Greer, Jacob Jeffers, and Clint Franks.



Clarendon's 2016 All-District football team member.

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Bronco JV gets by Vega at home

The Bronco junior varsity took care of business at home last Tuesday night and defeated the Vega Longhorns 39-29.

The Broncos struggled in the first half to find a rhythm control the momentum. They trailed by five after the first seven minutes and were able to cut the Longhorns' lead to three at the break. Determined offense allowed the Broncos to get in front after the break and take the win.

Noab Elam and Jamal Butler each led their team on the scoreboard with 13 points. Collin Butler added seven, Preston Elam helped with five, and Daquawne Oliver added two.

The Broncos participated in the River Road Tournament and defeated the host team and Dumas.

The Broncos easily took care of the Wildcats at 49-15. They put together four quarters of solid offense and executed defensively like they needed to. They worked hard to gain a huge 24-point lead at the break. The Broncos extended that lead in the second half as they set the tempo of the game and dominated the boards. Despite the win, they struggled with free throws and only shot 33 percent from the field.

J. Butler put in 17, P. Elam had 15, and N. Elam added 14. C. Butler helped with four.

They took on Dumas in the next game and came from behind to win 34-32. Dumas took the early lead in the first quarter, but the Broncos came back in the second to tie the game at 16 all. The teams traded baskets in the second half with the Broncos holding the edge at the buzzer.

J. Butler had 18, N. Elam added 14, and C. Butler had two.

"The boys played really well this weekend," coach Alton Gaines said. "We were led by the scoring of Noab Elam and Jamal Butler and very good defensive play by the others."

After suffering a close loss, the Broncos regrouped in the second game.

"We were a little spent from the first game earlier in the day, but we got the win," Gaines said. "In game three, we looked tired in the first half, but eventually got on track. I am really proud of the boys and the way they finished the tournament placing third. Hard work pays off."

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It was all Clarendon from the beginning as they were able to execute a good offense and stay focused defensively. The ladies turned an eight-point lead in the first quarter to a 14-point lead at the break. The Lady Longhorns struggled to put points on the board against an aggressive Lady Bronco defense.

"We are coming together,"

coach Kasey Bell said. "We are gaining confidence and playing well as a team. We still have things to work on, but we are making progress."

Kira Weatherston and Raynee Newsome each put in seven and Madi Gay helped with six. Brandalyn Ellis had five and Emily Johnson added four. Aliyah Hill had three, and Darcie Hunsaker and Eboni Butler each helped with two.

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