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

Merchants beware of counterfeit bills

The Donley County Sheriff's Office is urging merchants to use caution this holiday season and be on the watch for counterfeit currency.

Chief Deputy Randy Bond said two phony 20-dollar bills were passed at Taylor's convenience store last week, and more may be in the community. The fake bills are lacking the security strip embedded in the paper and do not have watermarks.

Bond also said merchants need to be wary of fraudulent checks, and asks them to do their part to be on the watch for identity thieves.

"If a merchant has any question about what might be a fraudulent check or fake currency, they can certainly call us and we'll take a look at it," Bond said.

The Chief Deputy also urged all citizens to take extra precautions to guard their financial information and protect their identities as criminals are very active this time of year.

New Mexico woman injured in wreck

A single vehicle wreck occurred on Monday, December 6, at 10:00 a.m. at Highway 287 and County Road 24.

According to DPS Trooper Kellan Roberts, Debra Pero, a 56-year-old woman from New Mexico, was heading westbound in her 2000 silver Toyota pickup when she went off into the median. When she overcorrected to come out of the median, her vehicle rolled two to three times.

Pero was transported to Northwest Texas Hospital for minor injuries.

There were no citations issued.

Those responding include Associated Ambulance Authority, Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department, Hedley Volunteer Fire Department, Donley County Sheriff's Office, and TxDOT.

Chamber names lighting winners

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce has announced its first winners in its 2010 holiday lighting contest.

The residential winners in Clarendon were B.J. and Jennie Owens at 705 W. Third, and the business winner was Guys & Dolls Salon at 320 S. Kearney.

The winners for Hedley were Jeanette and Jerry Wagner at 201 Short Street.

Santa Letters need to be in by Friday

The Enterprise Express will soon leave the station for Santa's Workshop, and the deadline to get your letter on board is coming up this week.

All letters to Santa need to be in the office by this Friday, December 10, at 5 p.m. to make the delivery and be published in the Christmas edition of the Enterprise, which will be released on December 23.

'Tis the Season for Giving

CC softball team helps Angel Tree and foster kids 60 Angels remain on tree; 21 local kids in foster care

By Ashlee Estlack

They say it's better to give than receive, and that was true this week as Clarendon College softball players met to wrap Christmas presents for local children.

The softball team bought and wrapped presents for five angels from the Panhandle Community Services Angel Tree this year, and according to Marcia Campbell at PCS, there are still over 60 angels left on the tree.

"We started with 106 angels this year," Campbell said, "and last year we only had 75."

PCS is asking for help in providing Christmas for these children.

"Monetary donations are also accepted and are tax deductible," Campbell said. "We take the donations and shop for the kids left on the tree."

On Monday, the CC softball team also volunteered their time to wrap Christmas presents for local foster children.

These gifts were bought by the Donley County Child Welfare Board, which currently serves 21 children in care from Donley County.

"Our board works each year to ensure the kids from our county have a wonderful Christmas," said Ann Huey, CWB president.

The board was able to shop for the gifts with monies raised during their "Kash for Kids" fundraiser this past Fourth of July.

"Without the generosity of those who supported our fundraiser, we would be unable to provide Christmas for these children," Huey said.

To donate to the PCS Angel Tree project or select an Angel, please stop by the Panhandle Community Services office at 416 S. Kearney Street before December 14. Gifts for Angels need to be dropped off at the PCS office by December 21.



Clarendon College softball players Shelbi Weatherbee and Jessica Delacruz (top photo) and Sarah Kleinpeter and Brittney Davis (bottom photo) wrap presents for Angel Tree and foster care kids Monday.

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Santa photos raising money for Care Net

By Ashlyn Tubbs,
Clarendon Enterprise

Christmas is described as a time of selflessness and giving.

One local opportunity available to donate for a good cause is to help the Care Net Pregnancy of Donley County purchase an \$11,000 sonogram machine by taking your children to get their picture with Santa Claus.

Clarendon High School senior Matthew Williams will take the photographs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the old JAMZ building at Third and Kearney Streets this Saturday, December 11 or next Saturday.

A silent auction at the same time features a beef certificate from 3H Cattle for \$250; a free spay or neuter from Clarendon Veterinarian Hospital & Supply; a free computer sweep for \$125 from Panhandle CyberMedics; three free haircuts from The Hair Connection; items from Hensons, Every Nook & Cranny, and Sayes; as well as woodcrafts and quilting items.

"We will deeply appreciate any donations we can get," said Care Net representative Karla Johnson. "This fundraiser will also help the Clarendon Merchants Association keep shoppers here in Clarendon instead of going out of town to shop for the holidays."

The Care Net Pregnancy Center is a free, outreach ministry established in 1995 by Billy Graham. According to Johnson, there is variety of things they do.

"We touch anyone's life," Johnson said. "We are able to do things that schools and churches are not able to do. We minister to children starting at eight years old to college. We teach them who they are in Christ, abstinence before marriage, and we let them know that God loves them and has a plan for their lives even though



Santa Claus (Sam Grider) will be ready to take pictures this Saturday and next Saturday in downtown Clarendon, and the proceeds will help a local charity provide services to needy families.

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everyone makes mistakes."

The center recently received a house in the country donated by Landon Lambert.

"This will serve as our new facility, like a doctor's office or clinic," Johnson said. "Since it is in the country, this help protects the identities of people and (provides) privacy."

There are many classes and programs that the center will hold. Some of the classes taught by the two nurses on staff are over prenatal care, a five-week child birth class, and newborn care.

"We have a program, called the Benevolence program, where we give free formula, diapers and clothes to needy families' toddlers," she said. "We only ask that we have a Bible study when they come through the door. Women who say they take advantage of our

program have also said that they gave their lives over to the Lord, and have thanked us for it."

The center is against abortion and supports life.

"We have counselors to help people who have had an abortion, since one out of four women have had an abortion," Johnson said. "It facilitates the pain and guilt women feel, and then the love of the Lord and His forgiveness. Those women grieve the child they never held. We are 100 percent against abortion, and we recommend adoption."

Johnson said one reason they want to purchase the sonogram machine is to prevent abortions.

"About ninety-nine percent of women choose life for their babies when they see the baby's heartbeat," she said. "Our main goal is to share the love of Jesus and save

lives of the unborn child."

The center is still looking for committee people and more volunteers they can train.

"We have four openings on our steering committee," Johnson said. "We'll be meeting until we open our new facility's doors. We'll be doing all the things we need to do before we can open."

If you are interested in making a donation of money, baby items or items for the silent auction, contact Lori Howard at the Clarendon Family Medical Center or Dr. Guy Ellis at the Clarendon Veterinarian Hospital.

"Most of all we just need prayer," Johnson said. "We're asking for prayer and financial support, but most importantly prayer for our staff, our center, and our future clients, men, women and their families."

Wise Co. man kills self here

By Roger Estlack, Clarendon Enterprise

A Wise County man who shot himself in Clarendon Sunday morning, December 5, may have planned his death for several weeks officials believe.

The body of 74-year-old Jackie Vaughn Rhodes was discovered on the ground at about 8 a.m. in the 200 block of West First Street, Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn said.

Rhodes had one gunshot wound to the left side of his chest, the sheriff said, and a .380 semi-automatic pistol was found at the scene.

An autopsy was performed Monday in Lubbock, and Blackburn said preliminary results showed the cause of death to be a self-inflicted gunshot.

The investigation revealed that Rhodes, who was a resident of the Greenwood community, had been in Clarendon on November 5 and made pre-paid funeral arrangements with Robertson Funeral Directors, the sheriff said. Rhodes then returned to Clarendon and stayed in the It'll Do Motel Saturday night before going to the location on First Street in the early morning hours where he took his own life.

The investigation also revealed that Rhodes was facing criminal charges, Blackburn said.

Wise County Sheriff David Walker told the ENTERPRISE that Rhodes was arrested on October 21 and charged with indecency with a child. He was out on \$25,000 bond.

As to why Rhodes chose Clarendon as the place to end his life, Blackburn said the man's father and son are buried in Citizens Cemetery, and the ENTERPRISE has learned that Rhodes grew up in northern Donley County near Alanreed.

CVFD says danger high for wildfires

The Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department is reminding everyone that the risk of wildfire is increasing as we move into the winter months.

"We have been blessed over the summer months with above average rainfall," said CVFD First Assistant Chief Jeremy Powell. "Now we have above average fuel load for wildfires to deal with in our winter months."

The Texas Forest Service is predicting a dryer and warmer than usual weather pattern for those of us in the Texas Panhandle. With dry windy conditions and a heavy fuel load in place, the potential for an extreme wildfire event is on the rise. Extreme caution should be exercised to help prevent a wildfire.

While fires of all types are always of concern, extreme wildfires pose the greatest threat to rural areas as was seen in 2005-2006.

"Just because you live in a town or city does not mean that you cannot be affected by a wildfire," Powell said. "The town of Cross Plains with a population of 1,086 was overrun by a wildfire on December 27, 2005, that destroyed 85 homes and unfortunately took the lives of two residents."

In the event of an extreme wildfire situation, local fire departments could quickly be overwhelmed and any help from you will make their job easier and may help to prevent damage to your property.

"We encourage you to take measures now to reduce the threat of wildfire around your homes, farms and ranches by following these steps from the Texas Forest Service."

Much more valuable information is available on the Texas Forest Service Website @ txforestservicetexas.org. See 'Wildfires' on page 3.

The Forest, the Trees, and the TSA

By John Jay Myers

DALLAS - With all the naked viewing and groping going on, I wonder if this is the United States of America or the back room of an adult video store. We have two major problems here, the TSA and their intrusive unconstitutional invasions of our rights, and the bigger question of why are we turning into a police state.

Let's start with the TSA. How many passengers have I seen interviewed on TV who all share the notion that "If it makes us safer then I think it is a good idea. I just want to get to my destination in one piece." Not only does this presume that the government is more capable at assuring safety than private citizens, but it also illustrates an alarming trend in this country where we have become willing to so easily trade freedom for the illusion of safety (or prosperity, or charity).

Let me ask you this - who has the greatest interest in safe and secure airplanes? The government? On the contrary, the people themselves have the greatest self interest in safety. The airlines would not want to jeopardize their reputation, their financial security, nor the lives of the passengers. Then there would be the insurance companies who insure those planes who would insist on the airlines taking proper steps for safe travel. And finally there are the passengers, who are so interested in safety that they willingly bend over and accept the government's intrusion. So we now have three key private players with major interest in the safety of planes.

The TSA only had a 2 year contract before the airlines could opt out. I believe it is time for America's airlines to opt out, or for the people to opt out of America's airlines. Let airlines decide what security policies they employ, and then let the free people of America choose which airlines they feel safest flying. This simply means if you don't want to blow up prematurely (if blowing up was already on your agenda), ride on a plane with tight professional security, and if you don't want to pay more for a ticket (or be probed) ride on the plane without it. Freedom and security is not a trade off. Freedom IS security.

If you believe that the Federal Government has the greatest interest in a secure plane, or that we should employ a more intrusive "papers please" approach or the Israeli model of rapid fire interrogations, let me ask you a few questions. If we could make airlines 100% safe, so safe that we know that a terrorist will never board a plane and take it over, would that be the end of terrorism as we know it? Do secure airlines mean a secure America? Hardly, considering that in America we have thousands of events held daily where greater numbers of people gather.

Which brings us to the title of this article The Forest, The Trees, and the TSA. The TSA is actually only a symptom, while the real problem is our foreign policy. Our history in the Middle East did not start on September 11, 2001. Understanding our involvement around the world and how it has a habit of coming to roost is key before we end up with check points outside our children's soccer games.

Though any step towards privatization in the airline industry is an improvement, the ultimate solution to our problems is bringing our troops home and minding our own business. Foreign belligerence is immoral, incredibly costly, and it threatens our security by inspiring people to hate us.

This is not a blame America first mentality. This is blame bad policy first. The fact is that our foreign policy of a trillion dollars a year is bankrupting this country. The fact is that our involvement in these countries is the main reason some want to attack us. The fact is that the TSA represents a victory for the terrorists and a loss for freedom, and facts are never unpatriotic. We are accepting a Federal government to protect our freedom when the Federal Government Military/Security State is openly hostile to freedom.

We have sent the government scrambling to find new ways to intrude on our rights, without realizing that our current foreign policy of entangling alliances and questionable corporate intent are the opposite of what our founders envisioned. We need to think about this the next time we see a Fox News report about the impending threat of Iran, followed by an advertisement sponsored by Lockheed Martin. America can continue down a road of war, terror, insecurity and an ever increasing police state or we can choose a new direction of peace, commerce, security and a foreign policy of freedom.

To me the choice is clear.

John Jay Myers is a small businessman from Dallas, Texas. He is also a member of the Texas Libertarian Executive Committee.



Historical jewel at Mission Concepción

This month marks the 255th anniversary of the dedication of Mission Concepción, near San Antonio, considered by many historians to be the oldest unrestored church in the United States. In an effort to push back on French encroachments from Louisiana, Concepción was originally founded, along with five other missions, by Franciscan friars in East Texas during the late 1600s. However, famine, drought, disease, and French incursions eventually forced the missionaries to relocate three of these missions to their present site on the east bank of the San Antonio River in 1731. Here, Concepción was officially renamed "Nuestra Señora de la Purísima Concepción de Acuña" after Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and Juan de Acuña, who at the time was Viceroy of New Spain.

Missionaries worked to attract American Indians from a number of tribes to join the new missions. Historical reports indicate 1,000 American Indians, mostly Coahuiltecan Indians, were willing to join. Many of these sought protection from their enemies, the Apaches and the Comanches. Temporary shelters were built while construction on permanent stone and adobe structures began at Concepción, including a large church and stone wall to protect the mission against enemy raids. Concepción housed not only the American Indians, but also Spanish friars and soldiers. Inside its walls, a self-serving community began to thrive.

During the next two decades, numerous challenges threatened the vitality of Concepción. Local settlers,

led by the Canary Islanders who were considered the "elite" of San Antonio, attempted to curb mission rights and often won the support of government officials. This resulted in policies that stifled mission growth, such as one decree requiring missions to allow local settlers to use the resident American Indians as laborers. Another curtailed farm production at the missions to ensure they did not produce a surplus. The friars of Concepción fought these decrees and eventually they were rescinded.

Through the peace-making efforts of Fray Benito Fernandez de Santa Ana in the 1740s, the Apaches, who considered him a friend to their tribe, finally halted raids on Concepción. This allowed the missionaries to expand their efforts, and on December 8, 1755, the church at Mission Concepción was officially dedicated.

The church, which took 20 years to build, measured roughly 89 by 22 feet, with 45-inch-thick walls. The cruciform featured a cupola, twin towers, carved portal, polychromed façade, latticed windows, and a choir loft. Today, it maintains its original roof and has never lost its integrity - a structural feat that is likely due to the fact that the church was built directly on bedrock. While many of the colorful designs that once adorned the church have faded over the centuries,



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visitors can still see a few remaining frescos inside, including the "Eye of God" on the convento ceiling.

In the 1800s, Mexican independence ushered in secularization, and with it the loss of autonomy for the friars of Mission Concepción. By 1819, the mission no longer held church services. Mission property was auctioned off, and its church used as a barn by settlers, and eventually a supply depot by the U.S. Army. The American Indian population dwindled, and in 1835 the battle of Concepción took place on the mission's grounds, during which James Bowie and Texas revolutionaries defeated Mexican troops.

By 1855, after the Republic of Texas had conveyed ownership of Concepción to the Catholic Church, Marianist brother Andrew Edel, founder of St. Mary's Institute, was permitted by the church to use the land at Concepción. Under his direction, the church at Concepción was cleaned, repaired, and reopened for services on May 28, 1861.

Today, Concepción is a part of the San Antonio Missions National Park and is open to the public daily during park hours. The church at Concepción holds regular services. A schedule of services can be found at the Archdiocese's web site: <http://www.archsa.org>.

Mission Concepción is a historical and religious jewel - one that all Texans should take the time to visit. Though you will likely be lulled by the serene setting, spend a few hours at Mission Concepción and you will catch a glimpse into more turbulent times that threatened the very foundation of the colonial mission but thankfully, never destroyed it.



Misplaced priorities in Congress

American voters sent a clear message to Congress on Election Day that they expect their lawmakers to focus on job-creating policies that will bring certainty and confidence to families and businesses during an economic downturn.

To that end, I recently joined with all my Republican colleagues in the Senate to send a letter to Majority Leader Harry Reid, urging him to focus the Senate's scarce time and efforts during the "lame duck" session on our two most pressing tasks: preventing the largest tax hike in American history that is set to hit taxpayers in less than 30 days and funding the federal government in a fiscally responsible manner. In the letter we wrote, "With little time left in this Congressional session, legislative scheduling should be focused on these critical priorities...it is time that our constituents' priorities become the Senate's priorities."

The nation's unemployment level continues to hover around 10 percent and 15 million Americans are out of work, yet job-crushing tax hikes loom on the horizon. To raise taxes on anyone at this time would be disastrous and would stunt our economic recovery. American families and businesses need to know what their tax liabilities will be. Uncertainty can cripple job creation, savings plans, and a business or a family's future expenditure planning.

Preventing this massive increase in Americans' tax burden has been a critical priority for me and many of my colleagues for months. We have put forward a bill, of which I am a cosponsor, that would permanently extend the tax

cuts of 2001 and 2003 for everyone. And we have repeatedly pressed the Democratic Leadership to bring legislation before the Senate to keep taxes low.

If Congress fails to extend the tax cuts, the consequences will hit close to home for millions of Americans. Around 43 million families with children would be forced to pay \$2,300 more in taxes each year; more than 18 million seniors will owe \$2,200 more in taxes; and 27 million small businesses will owe \$4,100 more in taxes. Texas households would lose an average of over \$20,000 in discretionary spending between now and 2020.

The marriage penalty, which is one of the most egregious, anti-family provisions in the federal tax code, would once again take effect. This tax pushes married couples into a higher tax bracket than two single wage earners taking in the same combined income. As a matter of principle, the IRS should never do anything to discourage one of the most fundamental institutions of our society: marriage. I have been fighting to reverse this inequity for a decade, and Congress eliminated the marriage tax for most married couples. I was successful, but now this tax relief will end if Congress doesn't act to extend it. We must not subject families to this penalty again.

The death tax would also return with a vengeance - going from no death

tax today to a 55 percent tax rate on accumulated assets or life savings over \$1 million. The death tax allows the government to dig deep into families' and small businesses' pockets by seizing a significant share of a deceased person's estate and business holdings. This tax policy discourages hard work, savings, and investment, and it is specifically threatening to the small businesses who are our nation's top job creators.

Raising taxes in this economic climate is unthinkable, and there is no justification for failing to act immediately and on a bipartisan basis to extend the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts for everyone.

As well as preventing the tax hike, Congress has a responsibility to pass fiscally responsible legislation to fund the federal government while bringing down spending levels. In the Senate, we should be tackling these two priorities with urgency. Unfortunately, time remaining in the lame duck session is slipping by, and the Democratic Majority is pushing controversial bills that are neither time-sensitive nor job-creating. I believe this is a dangerous misplacement of priorities. For that reason, my Republican colleagues and I have pledged to vote against any procedural items until we have made a sincere effort to prevent the tax hike and to fund the federal government.

It should not take drastic measures to prioritize legislation that is both urgent and common sense - but we must be willing to take bold steps in order to advance the policies that Americans want and need.

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• LPG tanks should be far enough away from buildings for valves to be shut off in case of fire. Keep area around the tank clear of flammable vegetation.

• Store gasoline in an approved safety can away from occupied buildings.

• All combustibles such as firewood, wooden picnic tables, boats and stacked lumber should be kept away from structures.

• Clear roof surfaces and gutters regularly to avoid build-up of flammable materials such as leaves and other debris.

• Remove branches from trees to a height of 15 feet or more.

• In rural areas, clear a fuel break of at least three times the fuel length around all structures. Closely mow all grasses and weeds around structures.

• Have fire tools handy such as: ladder long enough to reach your roof, shovel, rake and a bucket or two for water.

• Place connected garden hoses at all sides of your home for emergency use.

• Assure that you and your family know all emergency exits from your home.

• Assure that you and your family know all emergency exits from your neighborhood.

In the unfortunate event that a wildfire that gets out of control, please cooperate with local law enforcement and fire departments as they work to protect lives and property by promptly following and heeding evacuations request and road closures to help protect you and the emergency responders alike.

"With cooperation from the public to help prevent wildfires and also to reduce the damage that can be caused by one by the following the above steps, we hope to make it through another winter wildfire season safely," Powell said.

"Please remember, if you plan to do some burning on your property, please give us a courtesy call by contacting the Donley County Sheriffs Office at 806 874-3533."



The winner is...

Wes Henson, Ann Hommel, and Sharon Winfrey announce the name of the first Clarendon Gold winners last Saturday. Ronnie Edwards won \$275 worth of prizes, and Brenda Hill won \$450 worth of prizes. Another Clarendon Gold winner will be drawn this Saturday at 2 p.m. Sign up at participating local merchants and shop at home this holiday season.

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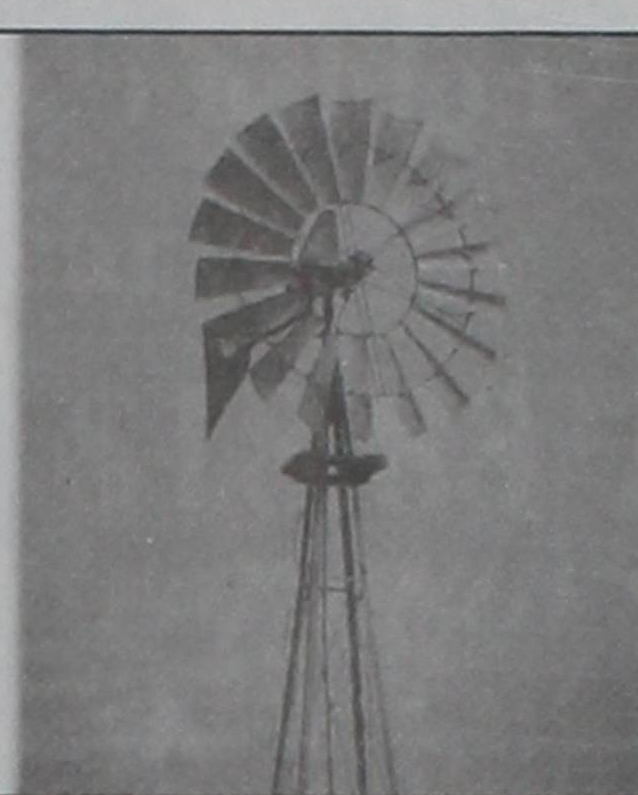
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Wed	1	47°	27°	-
Thur	2	61°	24°	-
Fri	3	64°	28°	-
Sat	4	81°	37°	-
Sun	5	52°	24°	-

Total precipitation this month: .00"

Total precipitation to date: 27.88"

weekend forecast


Friday, Dec. 10
Partly Cloudy
61°/40°

Saturday, Dec. 11
Mostly Sunny/Wind
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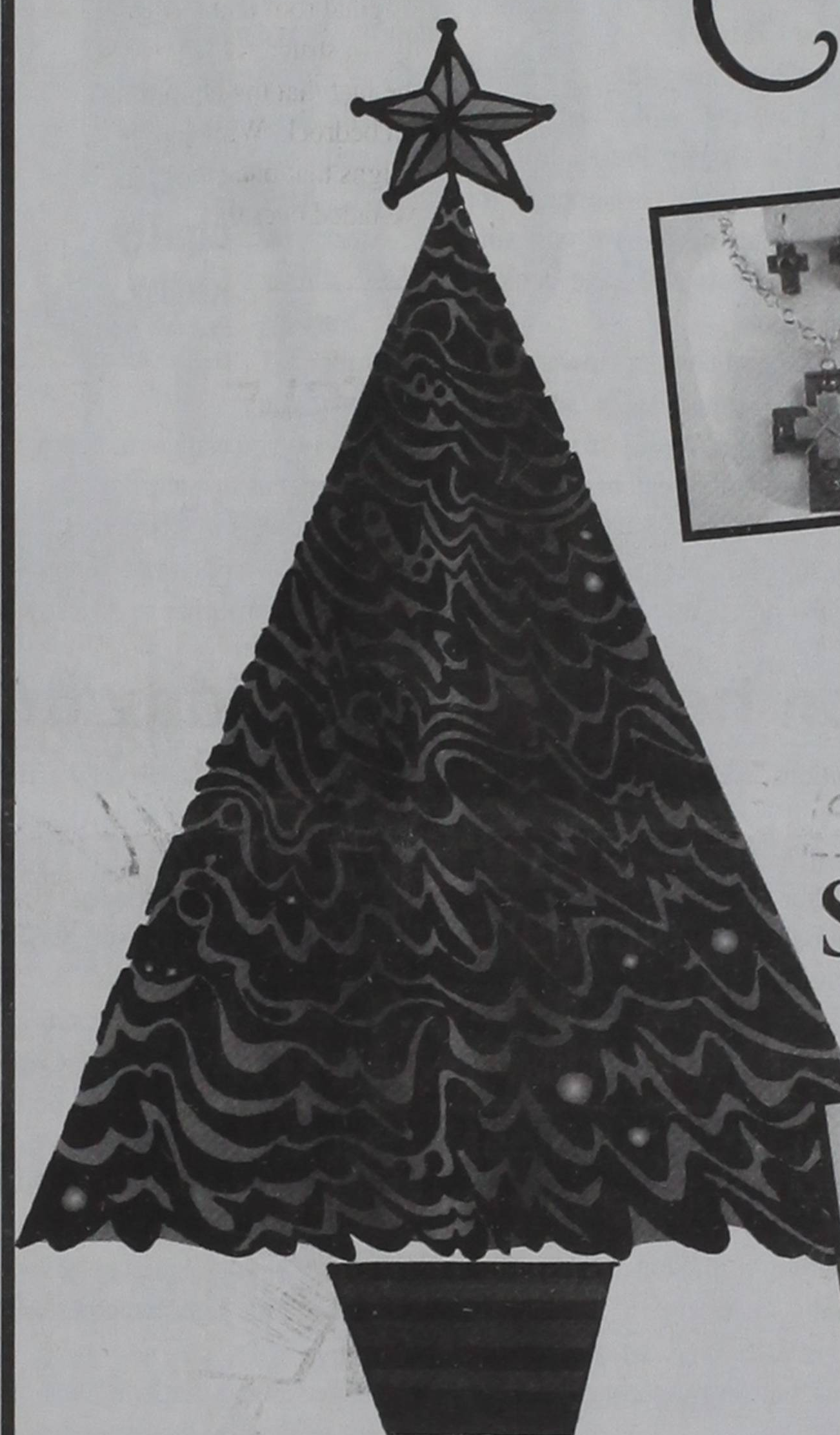
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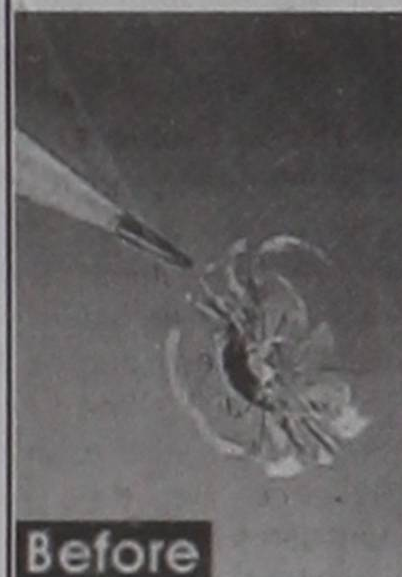
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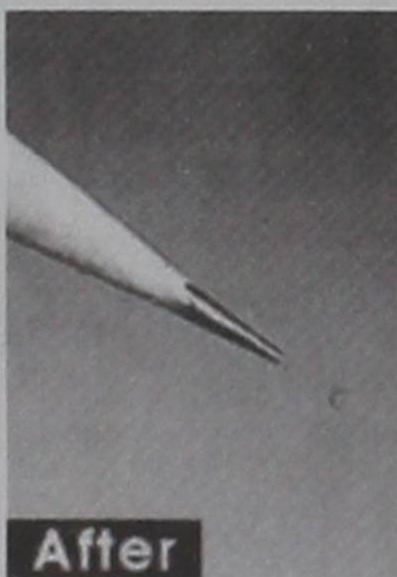
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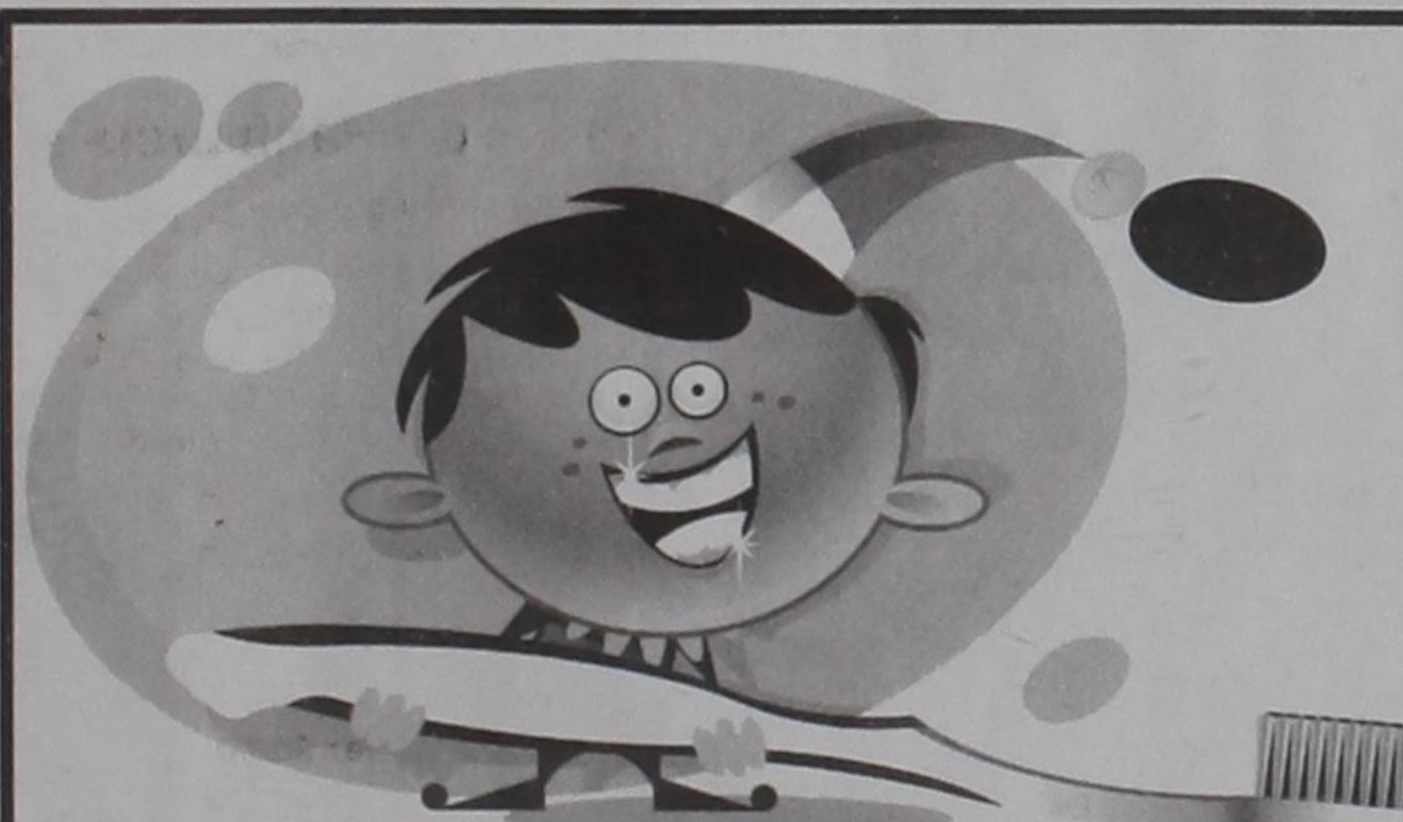
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Community Calendar

December 9 - 11
Greenbelt Tournament

December 13
Clarendon v. Booker • in Booker •
Varsity Girls 6 p.m. • Varsity Boys
7:30 p.m.

Hedley Junior High v. McLean • in
McLean

December 14
Hedley v. Miami • in Miami • Varsity
Girls 6 p.m. • Varsity Boys 7:30 p.m.

December 16 & 18
Clarendon JV Tournament

Hedley at Valley/Silverton Tourney

December 17
Clarendon v. Childress • in Childress
• Varsity Girls 5 p.m. • Varsity Boys
6:30 p.m.

December 25
Christmas Day

Menus

December 13 - 17

Donley County Senior Citizens

Mon: Lasagna, corn, tossed salad,
banana pudding, garlic toast.
Tues: Frito pie & grated cheese, pinto
beans, stewed tomatoes, sliced celery,
brownies.
Wed: BBQ chicken, steamed carrots,
broccoli & cauliflower, Waldorf salad,
sliced apricots, bread.
Thurs: Hot steak, sandwiched & gravy,
black-eyed peas, lime salad, butter-
scotch pudding.
Fri: Turkey & dressing, gravy, green peas,
cranberry salad, pecan pie, rolls.

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Chili & beans, tater tots, cucumber
salad, chocolate pie, corn bread.
Tues: Meatloaf, macaroni & tomatoes,
fried squash, tossed salad, peaches &
strawberries, roll.
Wed: Steak & gravy, mashed potato, Har-
vard beets, okra salad, bread pudding,
roll.
Thurs: Mexican pile-on, Spanish rice,
beans, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, apple
pie, chips & crackers.
Fri: Turkey & dressing, sweet potatoes,
green beans, fruit salad, pumpkin pie,
roll.

Clarendon ISD

Mon: Pizza, corn, salad, fruit, milk.
Tues: Fish, fries, baked beans, fruit, milk.
Wed: Steak fingers & gravy, potatoes,
green beans, fruit, roll, milk.
Thurs: BBQ sausage, pinto beans, potato
salad, fruit, milk.
Fri: Chicken sandwich, fries, cookie, fruit,
milk.

Hedley ISD

Mon: Pizza, pig in a blanket, whole kernel
corn, salad, fruit, milk, bread sticks.
Tues: Tacos (chicken or beef), pinto
beans, applesauce, tossed salad, milk.
Wed: Chicken nuggets, steak fingers,
green beans, mashed potatoes & gravy,
fruit, rolls, milk.
Thurs: Salisbury steak, sliced turkey,
potato & brown gravy, broccoli & cheese
salad, fruit, rolls, milk.
Fri: Submarine sandwiches (BBQ rib,
turkey, or ham), oven fries, lettuce, toma-
toes, pickles, onions, milk, cookies.

Little Dribblers sign- up December 9-10

Clarendon Dribblers Youth Basketball Program will hold player sign-up for third, fourth, fifth, and sixth grade boys and girls on Thursday and Friday, December 9 and 10, from 5 - 8 p.m. at the Bronco Gym.

The cost is \$30 per child, and payment is due at sign-up. If you are interested in coaching a team or helping, please come and sign-up at this time also.

Sign-up will be held during the Greenbelt Classic Tournament, so come register for Little Dribblers and support the Broncos and Lady Broncos.

Angel Tree up at PCS

The 2010 Annual Angel Tree Project at Panhandle Community Services is up and full of angels. Please stop by the office to pick out your angel. Panhandle Community Services is also accepting donations to help with the Angel Tree Project will appreciate anything you can do to help make this Christmas special for the children.



Lighting the town

Hedley students Frank Ramirez, Grayson Morris, Kati Adams, Briley Chadwick, Kortney Burton, Maddie Verstuyft, and Cheyenne Smith smile while getting ready to decorate Hedley's Main Street with Christmas lights last week.

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'Christmas Story' to be performed in Hedley

The "Christmas Story" is going to be told by the Hedley kids in the form of a play. This will be held at the Methodist Church on December 19 at 6:00 p.m.

There will be singing and lots of fellowship. We will have refreshments afterward. Everyone is invited. Please come help our kids celebrate Christmas and our Lord.

Hedley has put Christmas lights on Main Street. Last Thursday we had about 30 school kids to come to town to help us string lights for Christmas.

We appreciate all of them. Stop

over and see our beautiful town decorated for Christmas.

On December 15 the Hedley Senior Citizens will host Santa Claus. The Hedley Pre-K thru 6th Grades will make ornaments for the tree up town, and we will sing Christmas Carols and have cookies and hot cocoa.

Bruce and Gwynn Howard will tell the Christmas Story and then Santa will come. We invite you all to come help Hedley celebrate Christmas.

Also, the Senior Citizens is going to raffle off a Grandfather

Clock. We don't have very long to sell tickets and we will have a Steak & Gravy dinner on Sunday, December 12 to give the clock away. You can get tickets at the Senior Citizens or Saturday, December 11 at Lowe's in Clarendon.

Recipe: Flavored Snowball Candy: Take any cake mix (example



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Lemon and Lemon canned icing). Make cake per directions and ice the cake with the same flavored icing. You can add pecans, walnuts or anything to batter.

After the cake cools get your hands into it and smash it up to where it is nothing but mush. (Yes, your hands will get cake and icing all over them.) Leave in pan, cover and set in refrigerator to chill. After it chills ball it up about the size of a golf ball and dip in melted white or chocolate almond bark and put on a cookie sheet with wax paper. Set in refrigerator to chill.

AgriLife Extension helps keep holiday decorating safe

COLLEGE STATION - While Christmas decorations reflect the joy and beauty of the holiday season, they also represent potential danger if not used or placed properly, said a Texas AgriLife Extension Service expert.

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, every year hospital emergency rooms treat about 12,500 people for injuries related to holiday lights, decorations and Christmas trees.

"Christmas is a time for kids, and you should think about decorating for the season in the same way you think about child-proofing your home," she said. "Avoid putting out decorations with sharp edges or small pieces that may fall off if a child can reach them. And be sure to put either heavy or breakable decorations up high enough so they won't be pulled off or down by a child."

Harris said other Christmas

decorations like small toys, pine cones and potpourri may constitute a potential choking or poisoning danger for young children and also should be kept out of their reach.

Product safety commission data also shows Christmas trees are involved in about 250 fires nationally each year, resulting in deaths, injuries and millions of dollars in property loss or damage. In addition, the data shows annually candles are responsible for about 11,600 fires nationally, resulting in 150 deaths, 1,200 injuries and an average of \$173 million in property damage or loss.

One of the top risks to homeowners from holiday decorations is the potential for fire," she said. "If you prefer a real Christmas tree, be sure to keep it adequately watered and don't keep it too long. Check for frayed or loose electrical connections on tree lights, and don't place

the tree close to candles or a fire-place, heater or any other heat source in your home."

Harris said overloaded cords and wall sockets are a serious fire danger around the holidays.

"Avoid overloading circuits and running electrical cords under rugs, carpeting, tree skirts or other potentially flammable materials," she said. "It's also a good idea to turn off Christmas lights and other electrical decorations if you expect to be away from home for a significant period of time."

Harris noted that while candles also are a favorite Christmas decoration, they are a major cause of holiday house fires.

"Candles should be kept out of the reach of children and away from anything flammable," she said. "Put them in a proper candle holder on a level fire-safe surface and away from air vents or ceiling fans as these may

fan or redirect the candle flame."

Harris said exterior decorations should be certified for outdoor use, be kept away from power lines or utility poles and be plugged into circuits which are protected by ground fault circuit interrupters.

"Don't use tacks or nails to keep lights in place, but use insulated staples instead," she said. "You can also hang the lights on hooks, which has an added advantage in that these hooks can be left in place for the next holiday season."

"When you put holiday decorations up or out, just take a moment to ask yourself if what you're planning to do might present a potential hazard to yourself or another member of your family, then make the necessary changes to minimize that danger," she said. "The holidays should be a time of joy, not a time for bandages or trips to the emergency room."

December 7 marks hit on Pearl Harbor

December 7, 1941: "The day that will live in infamy," said President Franklin D. Roosevelt as he announced the sneak attack and bombing of Pearl Harbor by the Japanese. Do you remember where you were?

It happened 69 years ago. I was four and lived isolated out on the ranch and do not remember the day even though we had a radio, and I'm sure my parents knew about it.

I will remember the things that affected everyone such as the rationing, the victory gardens, my uncle going to war and the joy of receiving those v-mail letters from him.

The propaganda movies we watched showing Tojo, Hitler, and Mussolini as buffoons with Uncle Sam always winning.

The paper and metal drives, buying a 10-cent savings stamp to put into the Defense Savings book, which when filled was exchanged

for a savings bond.

Mother always had a large garden, during the war my sister and I each had our own victory gardens to plant, water, and weed then share with the family. Being the youngest, I think mine was mostly radishes because they were easiest to grow, but my Daddy said they were the best radishes he ever ate.

This was the time County Home Extension agents began to be very involved in helping the women with preserving all that food they were raising. Mother had always made our clothes, and she became very creative during the war because money was not so tight but materials



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to work with such as fabric and elastic were not available. Some of her creations still make me want to cry, such as the underwear with drawstrings.

The country worked together, and even when President Roosevelt died and Harry Truman became President, we still won, and Uncle Sam did kick them out of there. Sneak attacks happened again September 11, 2001. I hope that was the last, but we have to continue working together to keep our beloved country free.

We were privileged to watch a free show yesterday as about two dozen wild turkey came strolling by, first checking out the Arnold place, then ours and across the lots toward Redell Johnston's.

Howardwick has wild turkeys, but they usually stay closer to the creek. We thoroughly enjoyed the show they provided us.



the lion's tale
by roger estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club held their regular Tuesday noon meeting with Boss Lion Roger Estlack handling the gavel.

We had 19 members, three sweethearts, and one guest this week - Scarlet Estlack, guest of Lion Russell Estlack.

Lion Ashlee Estlack reported that activities are winding down at the college as the semester draws to a close, and Lion Monty Hysinger gave the run down on tournaments being played this week and next at the public school. Lion Lambert Little updated the club on city activities.

Lion Bill Auvenshine was our program this week, performing several Christmas songs on his saxophone.

CCISD to accept GT nominations

Clarendon Elementary (K-5) will accept nominations for their Gifted and Talented Program December 13 through January 7. The program serves students who perform at or show potential for performing at a remarkably high level of accomplishment.

The purpose of the G/T program is to provide an educational climate in which gifted and talented students develop mentally, socially, and emotionally.

A Gifted and Talented Awareness meeting will be held on Thursday, December 9 at 6 p.m. at the CCISD Technology Building.

An overview of the assessment procedures and services for gifted and talented students will be discussed. This is a mandatory meeting for parents who would like their child to be tested for G/T program.

If you wish to nominate a student for this program or would like more information please contact Tashia Duncan, Elementary Gifted and Talented Coordinator, at 874-3855.

All nomination forms must be completed and returned to Mr. Word's Office by January 7, 2011.

Capranica to play for senior citizens

Larry Capranica will be performing for the Senior Citizens Christmas party December 14 beginning at 6 p.m. The Senior Citizens will be hosting a pot luck dinner at the Senior Citizens building on 4th Street in Clarendon.

Addition:

Tenth grader, Adam Topper, was inadvertently left off the Clarendon High School AB Honor Roll.

We regret this error and congratulate Adam on his excellent performance in school.



Peak Scholarship Program

Clarendon Elementary Principal Mike Word presents Superintendent Monty Hysinger with a check in the amount of \$6,000 from Clarendon Elementary fundraisers to help support the PEAK Scholarship Program last week.

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Hedley Owls win first game of season, 52-46

By Tangela Copelin

The Hedley Owls hit the court on Tuesday, November 30, for the first time all year as a team. Due to the Owl Football team making the playoffs, the Owls had not had any games yet for the 2010-2011 season.

The fans were not disappointed in the Owls first game of the season. The Owls made some nice adjustments to their new sport and quickly got into the feel of the game winning 52 to 46 in the end.

Putting points on the board were: Nicco Bennett 18, Jacob Widener 10, Brandon Benton 9, Coltin Kingston 8, and Reid Copelin 7.

All the Owl basketball teams are being coached by Daniel England.

"I think Hedley has some outstanding athletes with a lot of potential, and I am excited to be coaching them" said England.

"I really hope everyone gets behind our teams and supports them

this season, because I believe in these young people and I hope everyone comes out and gives them the support they need to be successful."

The Lady Owls and Owls played Silverton at home this Tuesday, but game details were not available at press time.

For the first time in several years, the Hedley Owls had the opportunity to have a JV team. The team consisted of six freshmen and sophomore players: Brandon Evans, Bryan Evans, Tony Siatta, Denver Chambless, Tanner Chambless, and David Bell.

The team came out strong hitting several three pointers to put the Owls up by 7 at the end of the first quarter. From that point, the Owls managed to hold on to their lead winning 32 to 31.

Those Owls putting the ball in the hoop were: Brandon Evans 13, Siatta 8, Bryan Evans 7, and Tanner Chambless 4.



Hedley's Nicco Bennett keeps his eye on the ball during the Owls game with Ft. Elliott last week.

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Greenbelt Tourney this weekend

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos participated in the River Road Basketball Tournament over the weekend and came away with one win and two losses.

In the first round of the contest, the ladies took on Pampa and were narrowly defeated 41-46. Clarendon held the early advantage in the game, but the Lady Harvesters rebounded back to overtake them at the break. The Lady Broncos worked hard to narrow the gap, but ran out of time. Post player McKayla Cartwright was a force inside and led the team with 16 points.

Scoring: Cartwright 16, Jentry Shadle 4, Lydia Howard 4, Anna Cenicerios 3, Danielle Ford 2, Trevela Dronzek 2, and Deborah Howard 2.

The second game of the tournament showed how the Lady Broncos could shine as they defeated a good Sunray team in overtime at 60-49. The ladies gave a great offensive effort in the game, especially in the second half as they came from behind to get the win. Cartwright

and Shadle finished in double figures in the game.

Scoring: Cartwright 19, Shadle 16, Dronzek 9, L. Howard 8, Cheyenne Kosechata 6, and D. Howard 2.

The Lady Broncos finished the tournament in the Consolation final against Canyon junior varsity. They were defeated 23-41.

Despite fighting hard, the ladies just could not convert their shots and struggled against the good team. Shadle had nine points in the game.

On Tuesday, the Lady Broncos fell to Paducah 44-50. Clarendon got off to a slow start against the Lady Dragons and could never quite recover. They narrowed the gap in the third period, but time ran out before they could overtake their opponent.

Scoring: Cartwright 9, Shadle 7, Ford 7, Gaines 5, Lydia Howard 4, Dronzek 4, Kosechata 3, Burton 2, and Deborah Howard 1.

The Lady Broncos will participate in their own tournament December 9-11 and travel to Booker December 13.

Lady Owls defeat Ft. Elliot, 48 - 47

By Tangela Copelin

The Hedley Lady Owls hosted the Ft. Elliott Lady Cougars on Tuesday, November 30, of in a head to head game filled with plenty of heart stopping excitement.

The Lady Owls started the game off going back and forth with their opponents with the Lady Cougars, edging them out by one point at half time, 21 to 22.

The second half had the Lady Owl fans up off their seats as the girls game out of the locker room fired up ready to play. The girls took charge of the game never allowing the Lady Cougars the chance to pull ahead. The girls played a tight defense that caused their foes to begin to get frustrated. The Lady Owls capitalized on that frustration and hitting six of their seven free throws to win the game 48 to 47.

Scoring for the Lady Owls were: Kaylee Shields 20, Sierra Shelp 12, Haley Chambless 11, Cassidy Burton 4, and Bailey Wood 1 point.

Bronco JV claims first place title

The Bronco junior varsity participated in the Arbor Academy basketball tournament Thursday, Friday, and Saturday and finished the weekend as tournament champions.

With only a week of practice under their belts, the Broncos ran through three tough teams to gain the trophy. They took on Borger in the first round and defeated them, 38-28. After a 6-6 tie after first, the Broncos exploded in the second quarter and led the Bulldogs by 14 points at the break. They continued to execute their offense in the second half and got the big win.

Cody Wood and Diego Santos led their team finishing in double figures with 14 and 10 respectively.

Scoring: Wood 14, Santos 10, Tyler Burch 6, Michael Parry 4, Devonte Hardaway 2, and Terence Wilson 2.

The Broncos faced off against Wellington in the second round and easily defeated them, 43-23. Clarendon began the game in a big way and got out in front of the Sky-rockets by more than 15 points at the break.

They continued their dominance in the second half to put the game away. Santos and Wilson finished in double figures, and several Broncos helped with the win on the board.

Scoring: Santos 11, Wilson 11, Wood 9, Parry 4, Chance McAnear 2, Burch 2, and Jonah Sell 2.

In the Championship game, the Broncos took on Vega and defeated them, 42-35. The Broncos came on strong early in the game and stifled a comeback attempt from the Longhorns.

"I was very proud of the boys," coach Alton Gaines said. "It was a big win for us, and I was really pleased with their effort. I know they'll continue to come around and there are definitely good things to come this season."

Scoring: Parry 12, Burch 13, Wood 8, Santos 5, Wilson 2, and McAnear 2.

Bronco & Lady Bronco Basketball

Dec. 2 - 4

**Nazareth Tournament
Varsity Boys**

**River Road Tournament
Varsity Girls**

**Arbor Day Academy Tourn.
Junior Varsity Teams**

December 7

**Clarendon v. Perryton
in Clarendon**

**Varsity Girls 6 p.m.
Varsity Boys 7:30 p.m.**

Lady Broncos

3	Jentry Shadle	Soph.
10	Jency Burton	Soph.
11	Danielle Ford	Sr.
12	Trevela Dronzek	Jr.
20	Marquenda Gaines	Sr.
21	Cheyenne Kosechat	Jr.
22	Anna Cenicerios	Soph.
23	Emily Clark	Sr.
24	McKayla Cartwright	Soph.
25	Lydia Howard	Soph.
44	Amber Keelin	Jr.

Head Coach: Molly Weatherred

Broncos

2	Bradley Watson	Sr.
3	Clayton Shields	Sr.
10	Justin Shillings	Sr.
12	Johnny Gaines	Sr.
15	Brayden Phillips	Sr.
24	Daniel West	Sr.
25	Chris Crump	Sr.
32	Mike Crump	Sr.
33	Cole Ward	Soph.
41	Wes Williams	Jr.
50	Adam Topper	Soph.

Head Coach: Brandt Lockhart
Asst. Coaches: Alton Gaines & Brad Elam

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Broncos make championship round

By Sandy Anderberg

The Broncos played a tough Pampa team in the finals of the Nazareth Tournament last weekend and finished runner-up at 44-56. They played three tough games after only a week of practice and made a good showing on the court.

The Broncos took on Sunray in the tournament opener and defeated them, 69-44.

After a close first half, the Broncos opened up the scoring in the second half and completely dominated the Bobcats. Johnny Gaines led the team to the win with 22 points in the game.

Scoring: Gaines 22, Justin Shillings 9, Wes Williams 8, Brayden Phillips 7, Chris Crump 6, Mike Crump 6, Cole Ward 6, Bradley Watson 2, Adam Topper 2, and

Clayton Shields 1.

The Broncos took on River Road in the second game and annihilated them, 79-43.

It was never a contest as the Broncos took control early in the game and found their rhythm on both ends of the court. Gaines finished with 25 to top the board. Chris Crump played great inside and put up 15 points, and Watson helped with 10.

Scoring: Gaines 25, C. Crump 15, Watson 10, Phillips 8, Shillings 6, M. Crump 5, Topper 5, Ward 3, and Williams 2.

The Broncos played hard in the championship game but just could not find their game against the Harvesters.

After a slow shooting first quarter, the Broncos cut into Pampa's

lead at the break. But the cold shooting plagued them once again in the third quarter.

They were able to rally somewhat in the final period, but the difference was too much to make up.

"We played pretty well for our first games of the season," coach Brandt Lockhart said. "I feel like we lost our legs a little in the championship game, and we really didn't shoot well. But they are getting used to the new system, and we will get it going."

Scoring: Gaines 10, Phillips 7, Shillings 6, Ward 6, M. Crump 6, C. Crump 4, Topper 3, and Daniel West 2.

The Broncos will participate in the Greenbelt Tournament at home December 9-11 and then travel to Booker December 13.

Colts storm past Cyclones

The Clarendon Colts took on the Memphis Cyclones at home last Monday night in a regular season junior high game and came out on top in both contests. The 7th grade won by 10 at 29-19, and the 8th grade stunned their opponents, 41-32.

The 7th graders took control early, but Memphis stepped up their game to pull equal with the Colts. A big second quarter lifted the Colts to a four-point lead at the break, and they continued their dominance to the final buzzer. The Cyclones picked up a little momentum in the third quarter, but the Colts blazed back to secure the win. Bryce Hatley pumped in a season high of 15 points to lead the Colts to the win.

Scoring: Hatley 15, Caleb Cobb 8, Ray Jaramillo 2, Johnathon Taylor 2, and Chesson Sims 2.

The 8th grade put up a big fight against Memphis and earned the victory over them. Playing with a limited roster, the Colts were able to put it together for the win and every player on the team scored. Charles Mason hit several key shots to finish in double figures with 16, as did Cedric McCampbell who helped with 12 points. After a fairly close first three quarters, the Colts opened up their offense and got the nine-point win.

"I thought both the 7th and 8th grade played well," coach Brad Elam said.

Elam felt the Colts turned up their defense.

"At times, out press hurt them," Elam said. "We still have a lot of little things to correct, but we will continue working hard to improve."

Scoring: Mason 16, McCamp-

bell 12, Zach Watson 4, Joseph Jaramillo 4, Montana Hysinger 3, and Zack Laroe 2.

The Colts will be open December 13 through January 3 and will travel to Quanah January 10 at 5:00 p.m.

Lady Colts take loss

The 7th and 8th grade Lady Colts both suffered losses on the road last Monday night in Memphis. The 7th grade lost 17-25 and the 8th grade fell short at 21-30.

The 7th grade Lady Colts could not muster much offense in the first three quarters, which set the tempo in the game for the Lady Cyclones. After falling behind by thirteen points, the ladies came back in the fourth quarter and outscored their opponent. Foul trouble plagued the ladies, which allowed Memphis to capitalize on free throws.

Scoring: Tessa Buckhaults 7, Damara Brown 3, Amelia Weatherston 2, Brooke Martin 2, Alicia Medina 2, and Sterling King 1.

The 8th grade Lady Colts began slowly, but came to life in the second half of the game. They trailed their opponent throughout, but fought back to make a run in the end. Time ran out before the ladies could get anything rolling in their favor. Taylor Gaines finished in double figures with 14 points. Reanna Jackson added five, and Skyler White put in 2 points.

"The ladies are working hard," coach Shanna Shelton said. "Each game gives us more of an idea where we need to be and we will continue to get better."

Lady Bronco JV takes third at tourney

The Lady Bronco junior varsity finished third in the Arbor Academy basketball tournament over the weekend. In the first round of the tournament, they took on Randall High and easily bested them, 41-21.

After playing to an 8-8 tie, the Lady Broncos turned up the heat and scored 15 in the second quarter while holding their opponent to only one point. They continued their dominance and got the 20-point win.

Scoring: Camra Smith 10, Haley Ferguson 6, Ryann Starnes 6, Phara Berry 5, Glory Bryley 4, Audrey Shelton 4, Savannah Topper 2, Shantel Harris 2, and Maci White 2.

The ladies went up against Wellington in the second round and fell 24-38. Things just did not go well for Clarendon, and they could never get anything going.

Scoring: Smith 9, Starnes 5, Bryley 5, Berry 3, Topper 1, and Shelton 1.

The ladies regrouped for the final game and breezed to a huge win against Arbor Academy to take third place.

Offensively, the Lady Broncos took control early and gained a big lead early in the game. Their

defense was on target against Arbor, and they were able to stop anything they tried to do.

"Overall we played with intensity and as a team," coach Kasey Bell said. "We lost our focus in the Wellington game after having such a good game in the first round. But we played hard and had a successful tournament. They played the best game I've seen them play in the first round against Randall."

Scoring: Berry 14, Starnes 10, Ferguson 6, Smith 6, Topper 5, White 4, Shelton 3, Jacy Hill 2, and Bryley 2.

Earlier in the week, the ladies ripped Paducah on the road 39-19. The Lady Broncos jumped out to the early dominance and held their opponent to single digits the first half of play. Great defense was the key in the win and offensively, the girls executed well spreading out the scoring among several players.

Scoring: Berry 7, Glory Bryley 7, Starnes 6, White 6, Smith 3, Ferguson 2, Harris 2, Jessica Cenicerros 2, Shelton 2, and Audra Thomas 2.

The ladies will travel to Booker December 13 and play at 5:00 p.m. They will play in their own tournament December 16 and 18.

Hedley Junior High girls defeat Lefors

The Hedley Junior High Lady Owls began the week after Thanksgiving with a big win against the Lefors Junior High Lady Pirates.

The girls came out strong during the first half of play, outscoring their opponents 16 to 3. The girls did not stop there but continued to pound away and ended up winning the game, 32 to 9.

Junior High Owls scoring were: Kati Adams 8, Courtney Burton 8, Becca Butler 4, Maddie Verstuyft 4, Brittney Bennett 4, Jordan Cox 2,

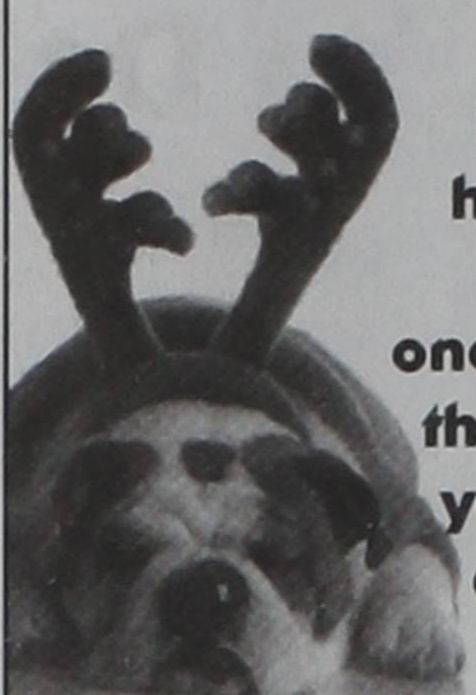
and Briley Chadwick 2.

The Junior High Owls did not fare as well as the girls during their first game back after Thanksgiving. The boys started out holding the Lefors Pirates to within easy reach of a victory during the first half 7 to 10 but could not seem to put points on the board the second half.

The boys lost in the end 14 to 26. Various Junior High Owls scoring were: Wyatt Wheatly 7, Casey McClesky 3, Klaiton Moore 2, and Frankie Ramirez 2.

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Christmas helpers

Clarendon High School Junior Historians decorated the Community Care Center for Christmas on Monday, November 29. The members do this every year for volunteer work. Pictured are Representative Miranda Miller, Vice President Dominique Brady, President Kelsey Floyd, Mikayla Shadle, Emily Martinez, Historian Kelsey Thomas, Emberli Holland, Maegan Hysinger, Chelsea Covey, sponsor Lyndal Gillen, and Kae Hewett.

COURTESY PHOTO

CC Lady Bulldogs rip Lubbock Christian

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon College Lady Bulldogs exploded from the three-point line in a game with Lubbock Christian University junior varsity last Monday night. The team hit 25 three-pointers in their 118-105 win.

According to head coach Chris Marks, the ladies improved their record to 9-3 on the season with the win.

"We're off to a good start and invite all to come watch some fast-paced, entertaining basketball," Marks said.

The Lady Bulldogs will be at home for their final game of the semester December 10 against Oklahoma Panhandle JV and will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Sheriff's Report

December 1, 2010

10:15 a.m. - Paper service, N. Sully St.

2:35 p.m. - Courtesy transport, W. Co. Line.

2:53 p.m. - Dispatched to college, caller reporting fight in progress. Numerous females involved.

8:24 p.m. - Caller reporting continuing harassment at college.

9:12 p.m. - See caller, 1200 blk W. 4th St.

9:59 p.m. - See caller reporting threat, 300 blk W. 2nd St.

December 2, 2010

8:52 a.m. - At courthouse.

10:37 a.m. - Dispatched to substation, Co. Rd. 13.

5:00 p.m. - 300 Blk. E. 6th St., paper service.

5:19 p.m. - Dispatched, 200 blk E. 3rd St. Resident reporting adult male walked into his house.

7:56 p.m. - EMS assist, 4800 blk Greenbelt Wy.

December 3, 2010

7:17 a.m. - Out at Hwy 287 at Hwy 70 S. Public transport, bus driver reporting problem with passenger.

7:26 a.m. - To jail, one male in custody.

4:24 p.m. - Welfare check; Railroad St., Hedley.

5:46 p.m. - Made contact with stranded motorist, Hwy 287 near Co. Rd. 17.

10:04 p.m. - Checking area, 600 blk S. Sims St. Suspicious activity reported.

10:12 p.m. - Have located three juveniles responsible for problem, have contacted parents.

December 4, 2010

7:46 a.m. - Responding to accident, Hwy 70 N.

10:31 a.m. - EMS assist, 100 blk Sully St.

1:26 p.m. - Have located fire, Hwy 70 S. Hall Co. units on scene.

5:41 p.m. - Out at 100 blk N. Sully St.

8:00 p.m. - Unable to locate subject reported in dumpster, 600 blk W. 2nd St.

9:53 p.m. - At Co. Rd. 3, truck tire no longer burning.

December 5, 2010

12:56 a.m. - Resident reporting unusual activity at museum.

12:59 a.m. - At museum, cleanup from Christmas party earlier.

7:51 a.m. - Unable to locate loose livestock, Hwy 287 three miles W. of Hedley.

8:05 a.m. - Out at location 1st and N. Sully St., unattended death.

8:10 a.m. - Sheriff and JP notified.

5:05 p.m. - Grassfire, 900 blk E. Montgomery St.

7:51 p.m. - Out at residence; 300 blk Carroll Creek Ln., Howardwick. Possible overdose.

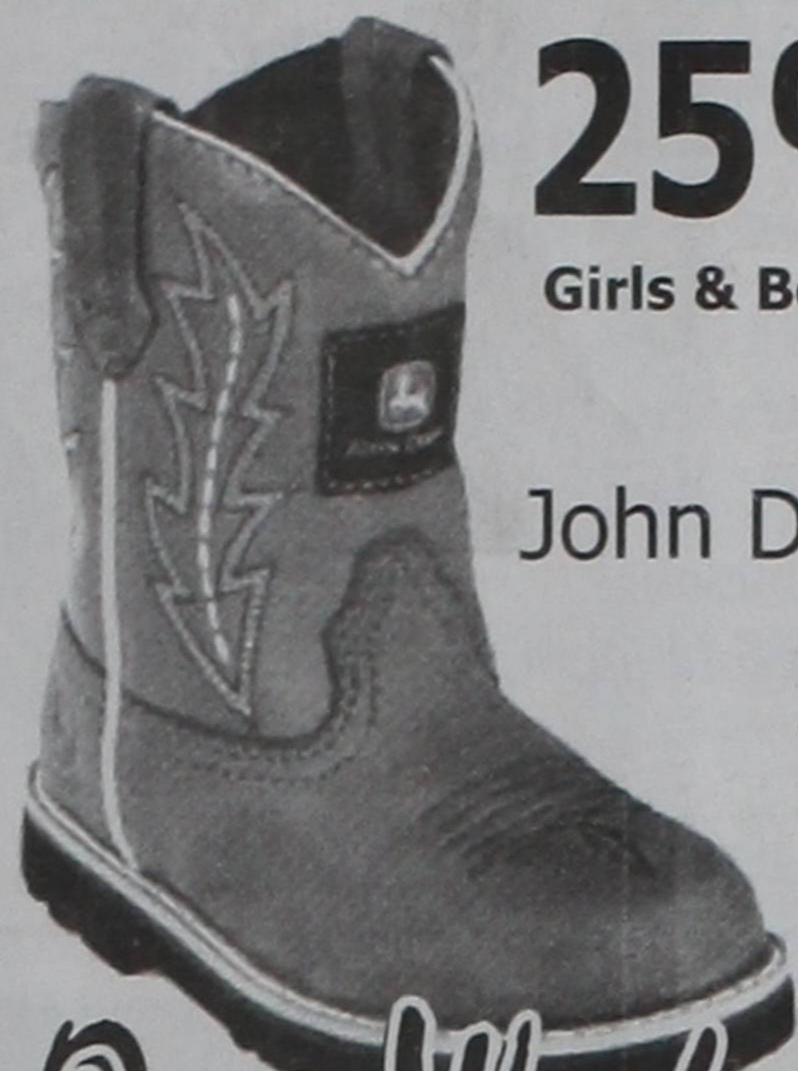
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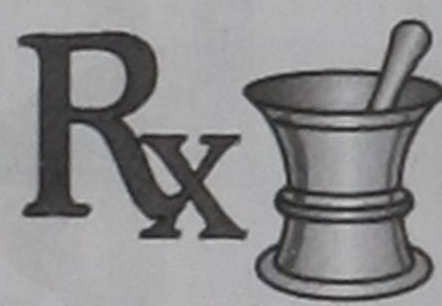


Drugs in the News

Gestational Diabetes Treatment

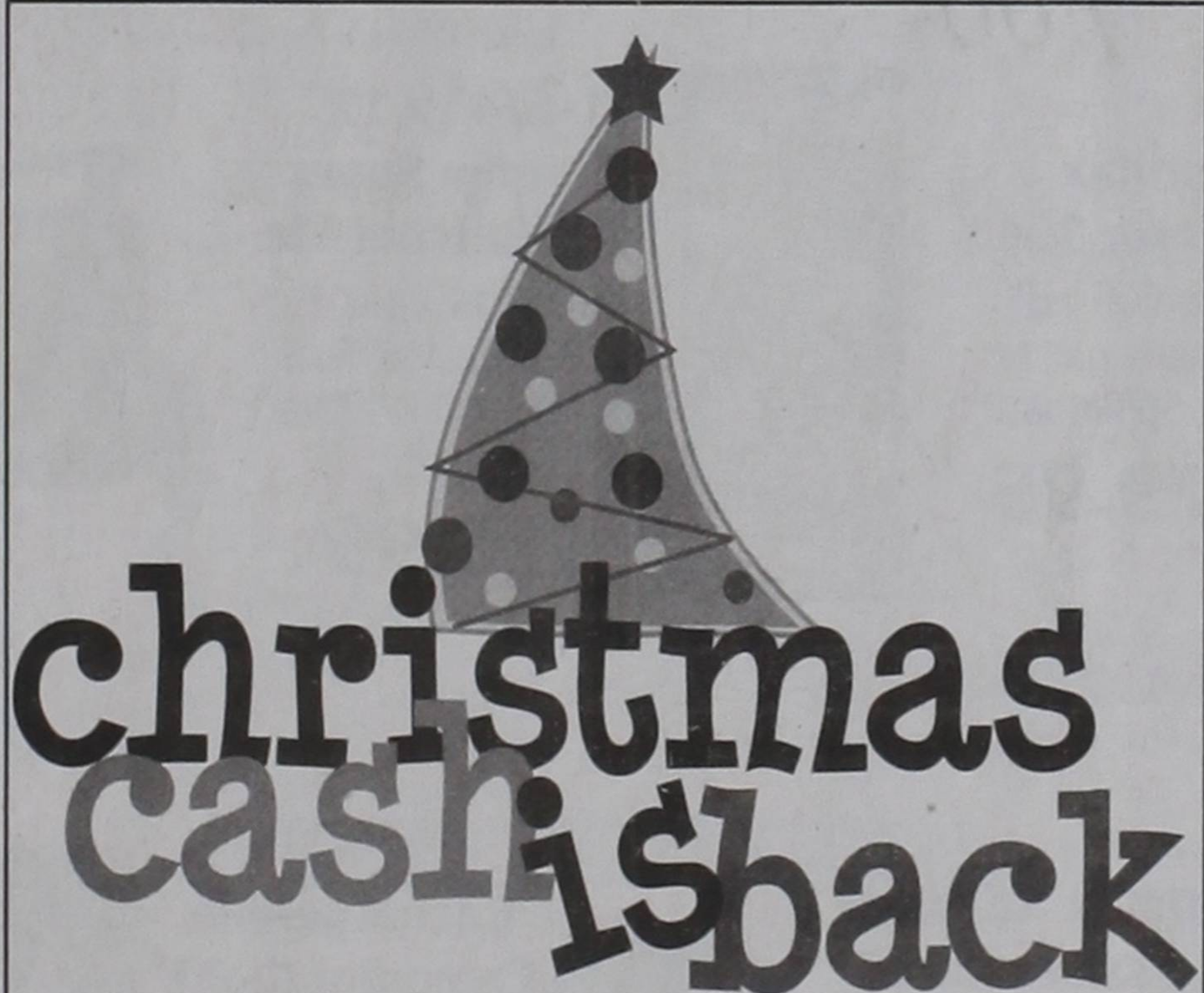
Studies show that treatment of gestational diabetes (pregnancy-induced diabetes) decreases a woman's risk of developing Type 2 diabetes after pregnancy. Many women today are diagnosed with gestational diabetes. Risk factors include obesity, pregnancy beyond age 25, and prediabetes (higher than normal blood sugar which leads to type 2 diabetes). A recent study published in the British Medical Journal suggests that gestational diabetes may cause complications such as low blood sugar and cesarean section delivery. In another study conducted by The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, women who received treated for mild gestational diabetes were less likely to experience complications. High blood pressure during pregnancy, and delivery of overweight babies were more commonly seen among the untreated women.

Insulin therapy is the only treatment approved by the Food and Drug Administration to lower blood sugar in pregnant women. Early treatment of gestational diabetes helps to prevent complications at birth and development of type 2 diabetes.



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Occasional Donley County Fire Meetings will occur to lift up corporate prayer. Stay tuned!! If you feel the call to pray and/or praise one hour per week for God's presence to move here in wonderful ways, call 806-874-1313 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. and ask to sign up on prayer schedule. God Bless you all.

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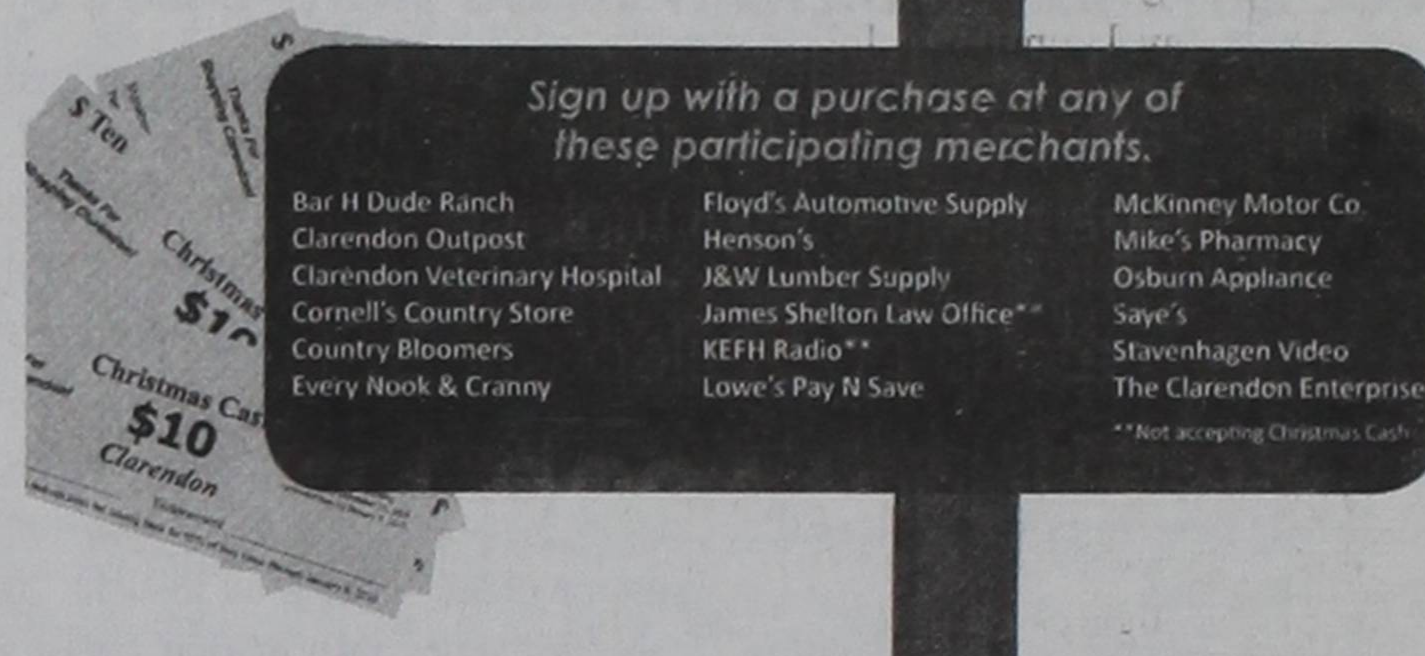
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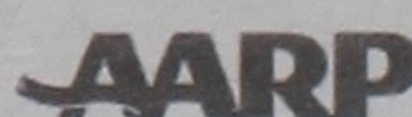
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Obituaries

Rhodes

Jackie Vaughn Rhodes, 74, died Sunday, December 5, 2010, in Clarendon.

Services will be held in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon Saturday, December 11 at 2:00 p.m. with Patrick Robertson officiating. Inurnment, cremation and arrangement were under the arrangement of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Jackie was born December 9,

1935, in Gray County to William Avis and Maudena Webb Rhodes. He was a veteran serving in the US Marines. He had worked in concrete construction prior to his retirement.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son; William Dusty Rhodes.

Survivors include three daughters, Jacqueline Stafford of Allen, Renata Love of Flower Mound and Neesa Rhodes of Wichita Falls; a son, Jason Rhodes of Plano.

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Help available to improve deer habitats

For land owners in Donley County who would like to improve deer habitat by planting woody trees and shrubs, the Donley County Soil & Water Conservation District has wildlife packets of seedlings especially selected for white-tailed deer that will provide permanent food and cover.

There are also wildlife packets for quail, pheasant, and squirrels.

The USDA reports that Texas is home to the largest state herd of white-tailed deer, with an estimated 4 million and an annual harvest of about 400,000. Deer vary from one ecological area of the state to another in weight, antler size, food and woody habitat. Deer feed on browse or woody plants. Browse makes up a portion of the diet during all seasons but increases during winter. Forbs or weeds, grasses, seeds and fruits are important foods during spring, summer and early fall. They will consume native plants and agricultural crops such as peanuts,

corn, vetch, peas, oats, ryegrass, and wheat.

Woody covering provides shelter from the weather, predators and man. Windbreak trees and shrubs such as pecan, shumard oak, sumac, fourwing saltbush, hackberry and bur oak are good. The ideal percentage of cover is 10-50 percent of an area. Deer need free water near cover, within one mile of the next water source.

Daily consumption is about one-half to one gallon. Retaining, creating or improving the relationship between food, cover and water is important. The area needed to maintain a deer herd is determined by the food, cover and water available. Typically at least 700 acres of high quality habitat are required with one deer to every 10-40 acres is normal.

For more information, call 806-874-3561, Ext. 3 or stop by the office at USDA Building, 321 Sully, Suite 2, Clarendon.

Vet Science Program to be held Dec. 9

AMARILLO – A 4-H Veterinary Science Program orientation meeting will be held on Dec. 9 at the Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Potter County.

The 4-H Veterinary Science Program allows youth to develop knowledge, interests and skills in the veterinary field.

Upon completion of the entire program 4-H'ers would be able to become a certified Veterinar-

ian Technician or begin a college career on track to become a D.V.M., said Brandon Boughen, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent for Potter County.

Youth and parents are encouraged to attend the orientation meeting at 5:30 p.m. At the Extension Service office located at 3301 E. 10 Ave. For more information contact Brandon Boughen at (806) 373-0713.



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The Lord is pointing out that what's on the inside is what counts as it will always, eventually, manifest itself on the outside. Someone might, for a while, fool the people, but eventually whatever is in his or her heart will be seen.

We must be fruit inspectors not judges! Judging someone is to condemn or reward them when we don't have the power or authority to do so. On the other hand, the Bible tells us in 1 Thessalonians 5:21, "Test all things, hold fast that which is good." We can observe the fruit one bears and make a discernment or decision based upon what we see. If I see a person that has a habit of being deceitful, then I may not buy that used car or tractor from him. That doesn't mean I am judging this person or condemning them. It means I've seen the fruit and I choose to not deal with the heart that produced it.

A person that everyone knows, from the fruit he or she produces, to be a fine and upstanding and moral person, will have no problems dealing with others for they have grown comfortable with the fruit they've seen over the years.

The old saying goes, "You can fool some of the people all of the time, and all of the people some of the time, but you can't fool everyone all of the time." The reason is because eventually we let down our guard and people realize who we really are. The best "fruit inspectors" are children. They see us for who we really are. They aren't worried about "political correctness." Many times they will call it as they see it. They aren't condemning anyone when they do this. They are basically just making good assessments because they haven't polluted their minds yet with trying to fool others with who they are. They have to sit at our feet for a while before they start that!

I would challenge us all to inspect our own fruit from time to time. A rotten apple may indicate a heart problem. Throwing the rotten apple away is only a temporary fix. More will come if the heart problem isn't fixed. There is coming a day that the One who has the authority to judge us will make the right call and will determine where we will spend eternity. I pray that we will all study God's word and use it as a mirror to our lives and make any corrections needed.

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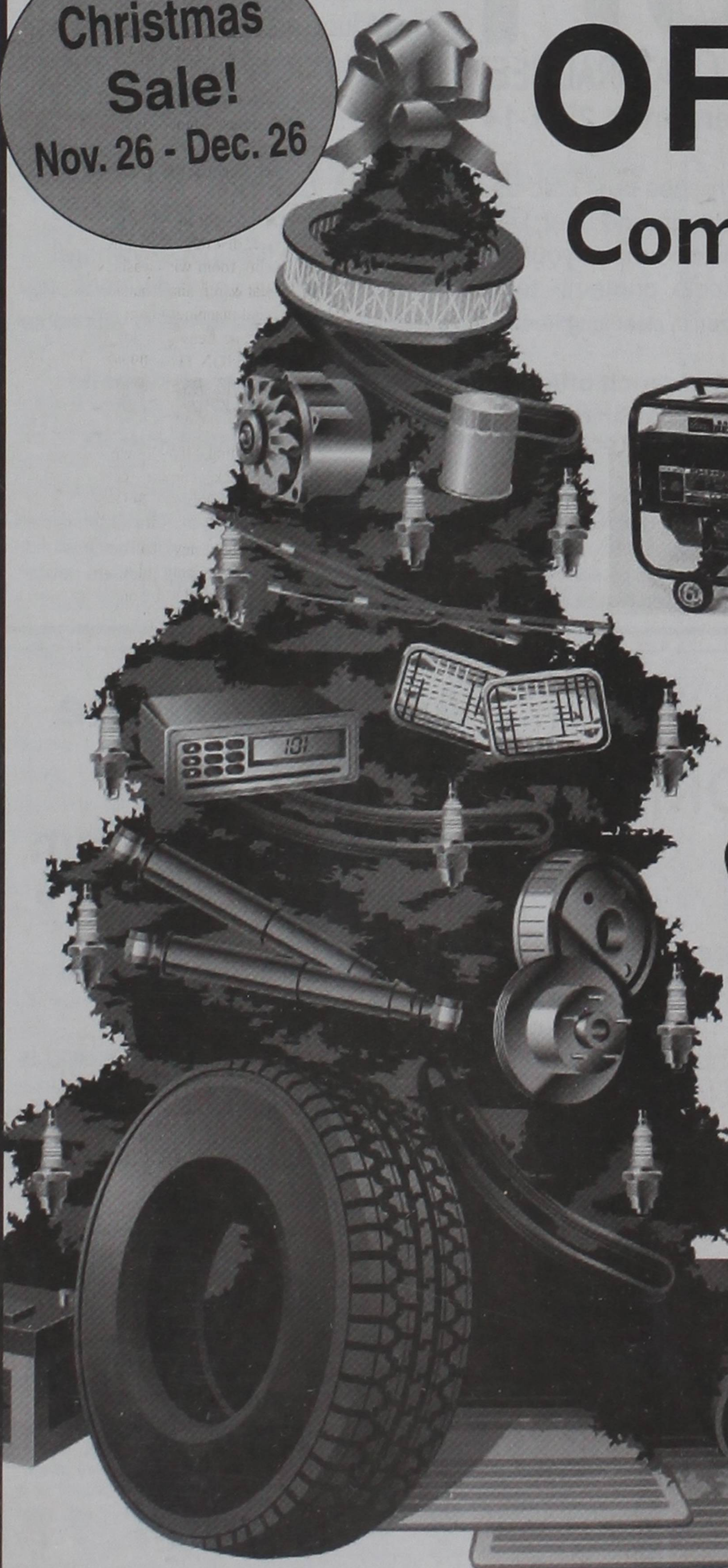
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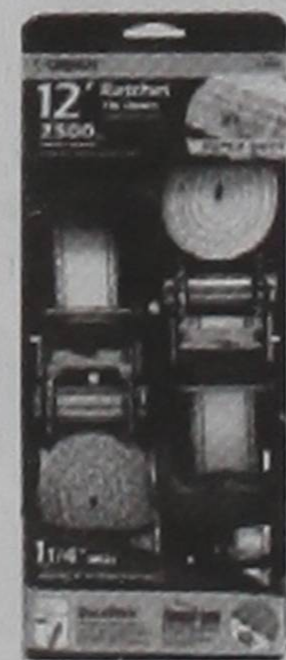
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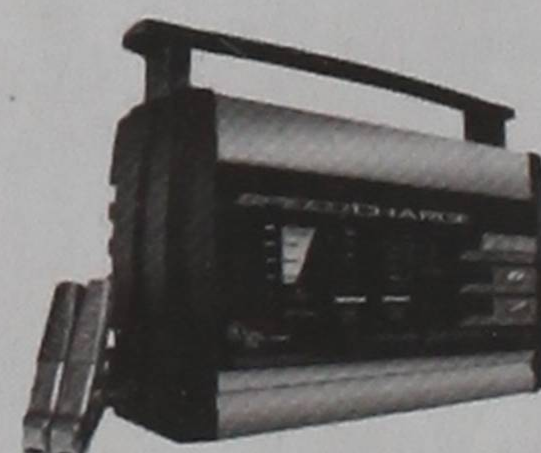
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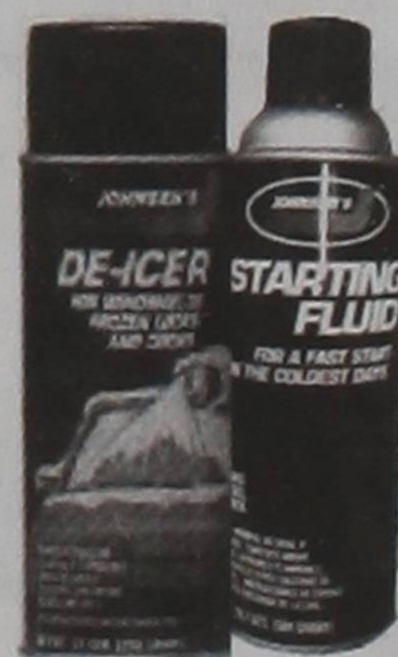
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Aldermen discuss city cleanup at meeting

Cleaning up Clarendon and addressing the needs of citizens were the main topics of a planning meeting of the Board of Aldermen last week.

City Administrator Lambert Little presented several items as short-term goals for the board to consider, and aldermen seemed to be in agreement that each one should be pursued.

The first topic Little presented was a proposal to demolish the city's abandoned groundwater storage tank and pump house located at First and Parks Streets behind the City Barn. The structures have not been used for many decades.

The concrete top of the tank is beginning to collapse, and the brick pump house is sound but isn't useful due to the concrete pump pedestals built into the floor.

"It's a neat old building, but it is of no practical use," Little told the board.

Aldermen liked Little's plan to clear off that part of the block for

an expanded public works area that will be more usable and more secure while being more attractive.

"We can't very well tell the public clean up their properties when we have a place looking like that," Alderman Will Thompson said.

City leaders also discussed the continuing problem of discolored water plaguing some residents. Public Works Director John Molder told the board he believes he may have isolated the cause to an old steel waterline in about a five-block stretch of Fourth Street that is connected to the main line coming from Greenbelt.

Little said the city has enough pipe on hand to replace the line but will look into whether it will be more feasible to have city workers do the replacement or have an outside contractor do the work.

Fourth Street will likely "be destroyed" during the replacement, city leaders said, but that led into the next topic of discussion: street repairs.

Little showed a PowerPoint presentation of an Asphalt Zipper that attached to a front-end loader and then grinds up pavement leaving behind millings that he said could then be mixed with other materials and put back down to create a solid base for seal coating. The same device could create clean openings when streets have to be cut into for utility repairs, and it could also be used on either entire street projects or on just small areas with multiple potholes.

City Hall will look into the cost of a good used Zipper as one way to help repair streets. Little said it may be possible to rent the machine to other cities to help defray the cost.

Little lastly discussed code compliance issues and particularly derelict buildings and said the city may just have to "bite the bullet" and tear down some properties and affix a lean to the title. He also said he would like to see an effort made to get address numbers on all houses in town.

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