

The Clarendon Elementary first graders went on a field trip to the J-J Ranch to observe reindeer on Friday, December 8. Gary and Sonya Dzedzic talked to the students about the ranch and then took the students out in the pasture to watch the reindeer being fed.

Photo courtesy Clarendon Elementary

**7th grade Lady Colts win Bushland Tourney**

The 7th grade Lady Colts traveled to West Texas Monday, December 4. They defeated West Texas 35-19.

The Lady Colts shut out West Texas in the first quarter and held them to only 4 points in the second quarter. West Texas then outscored the Lady Colts the third and fourth quarters, but it was not enough to take the game from the Lady Colts.

They also won the Bushland Tournament December 7-9. They defeated San Jacinto, Bushland, and River Road for the trophy.

The Lady Colts totally dominated the game with San Jacinto from the beginning. The final score was 49-10.

In the championship game, the Lady Colts faced Lady Wildcats from River Road. It was their closest game of the tournament, but the Lady Colts didn't have any trouble putting it away.

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The Lady Colts played a good first half and led by two points, but let the Lady Comanches back in the game the third and fourth quarters.

The Lady Colts then participated in the Bushland Tournament facing San Jacinto in the first round. Clarendon shut San Jacinto out in the fourth quarter.

The Lady Colts then played Bushland. The Lady Colts held Bushland to a single digit score for the entire game. The final score was 29-6.

The Lady Colts went to the championship game against a tough River Road team. River Road ending up with first place in the tournament and the Lady Colts coming in second.

Both Lady Colt teams will be playing in the Clarendon Jr. High Tournament Saturday, December 16, at the Clarendon Gymnasium. The 7th grade will play Claude at 10 a.m. and the 8th grade will play Claude at 12:30 p.m.

**Colts play West Texas and in Bushland meet**

The 7th and 8th grade Colts played West Texas Monday, December 4, at home. The 7th graders beat the Comanches 29-27 with only 0.7 seconds left on the clock.

The Colts participated in the Bushland Tournament over the weekend, placing second.

The Colts faced Highland Park in the first round Thursday. The Colts won by the score of 39-15.

The 7th graders then played Bushland. The Colts won that game 41-26.

In the championship game, the Colts faced a good Nazareth team. The Colts struggled in this game and lost 15-35, giving them a second place finish. Nazareth was the toughest team they played in the tournament.

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Both Colt teams will be in action Saturday, December 16, as they host their own 4-team tournament. The 7th grade get things rolling against Claude at 11:15, and the 8th grade will also play Claude at 1:45.

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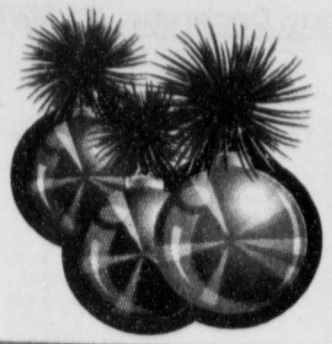
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The legislation, which was included as part of the FY 2001 Appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, passed the House by a vote of 292 to 60. Thornberry noted that the bill is the culmination of what he and other members of the Rural Health Care Coalition have been working on for the past 12 months. Thornberry is on the Steering Committee of the Rural Health Care Coalition. He stated that today's bill is intended to put more money back into the Medicare system for rural providers, hospitals, and nursing homes.

Among other things, the bill would:

- Strengthen Rural Hospitals - Provides equitable treatment for rural disproportionate share hospitals (DSHs) caring for a disproportionate share of poor Medicare patients; makes wage index improvements for rural areas; updates target amounts for all sole community hospitals; and increases rural patients' access to emergency and ambulance services and rural health clinics. All hospitals will receive the full market basket update.
- Enhance Home Health Hospital Provisions - Protects funding for home health services by delaying a scheduled 15% cut in payments in addition to other payment increases. Provides for full medical inflation update for home health. Hospice provisions also improve funding for end-of-life care. The plan also enhances the use of telehealth medicine in delivery of home health care services.
- Increase Access to Care for Nursing Home Patients - Maintains access to therapy services, and reduces regulatory burdens by eliminating some parts of consolidated billing. In addition, the plan increases the Federal per diem rate for SNF "market baskets."

The bill will now be sent to the Senate for a vote and is expected to be signed into law by the president.

## Hawkins receives 'Friend of Extension' award

Clarendon College instructor and longtime Donley County 4-H program supporter, Jerry Hawkins received the Texas Agricultural Extension Service Panhandle District's 'Friend of Extension' award.

Hawkins' was recognized during ceremonies held recently at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center in Amarillo. He was cited for his contributions and leadership as a 4-H volunteer and resource for youth throughout the region.

A career educator and mentor to area public school and college

students -- Hawkins began teaching at Clarendon College in 1968. He developed the ranch management curriculum for CC's current ranch and feedlot operations program in 1973.

Hawkins' tenure as coach of the CC livestock judging teams began in 1974. He started and now supervises the school's horse and meat judging teams. His teams consistently win at state and national competitions.

"He is an ever-present mentor and resource person for area youth involved in 4-H, FFA and college level organizations," said Dr. Bob

Robinson, Extension's district director for agricultural programs.

According to Extension county agricultural agent Leon Church, Hawkins received the Donley County Friend of 4H award in 1993 for his involvement at the local, district, and state levels.

"He also sponsors leadership conferences for FFA members and officers each year. Jerry has worked closely with our county 4-H livestock judging teams, coaching and then accompanying them to district and state contests," said Church.

Jerry and Glenda Hawkins, a teacher in Clarendon Public Schools, are the parents of two grown sons. Dean is a researcher and instructor in animal science at New Mexico State University, and Doug is a beef cattle specialist with Purina. Hawkins and his sons are also Gold Star 4-H award recipients.

"This family has played a significant role in youth education and development in the Panhandle," said Donna Brauchi, Extension's district director for family and consumer sciences.

## Local sales tax rebates decline

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander last week sent local governments their final sales tax rebates for 2000, including \$191.5 million to Texas cities and \$15.7 million to counties.

Local rebates were down for Donley County communities. Clarendon's rebate was down nearly 32 percent from this time last year for a total of \$15,391.43. Hedley was down more than 32 percent to \$197.24, and Howardwick dropped 37.70 to \$722.83.

December's rebates bring total sales tax allocated to local taxing entities in 2000 to \$3.8 billion, a new one-year record for local sales tax revenue and an increase of eight percent compared to \$3.5 billion in sales tax allocations in 1999.

Though 2000 sales tax rebates are up eight percent overall, rebates to local taxing entities for the month of December are down compared to

December 1999, when local governments received extraordinarily large sales tax rebates, as the comptroller streamlined the process and made a year-end push to return every available local sales tax dollar to communities throughout the state.

This year, because of the steps Comptroller Rylander took to speed the monthly processing of sales tax revenue, local governments received more of their share of sales tax dollars sooner.

For the year, Clarendon's rebate is up slightly by 0.83 percent. Hedley and Howardwick are both down for the year by 15.58 and 18.11 percent respectively.

The comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled for Friday, January 12, 2001.

For more information, visit our website at www.ClarendonOnline.com and click on the link in this story.



## Merchants give away \$275

The Clarendon Merchants Association gave away the big money last week. Von Nita Douthit (right) won the \$200 top prize. Other winners were Scott Landis (\$30) and Erin Carothers (\$45). Merchants will be open late again this Thursday, and the \$200 jackpot is still on the wheel.

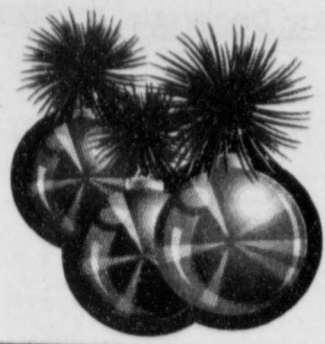
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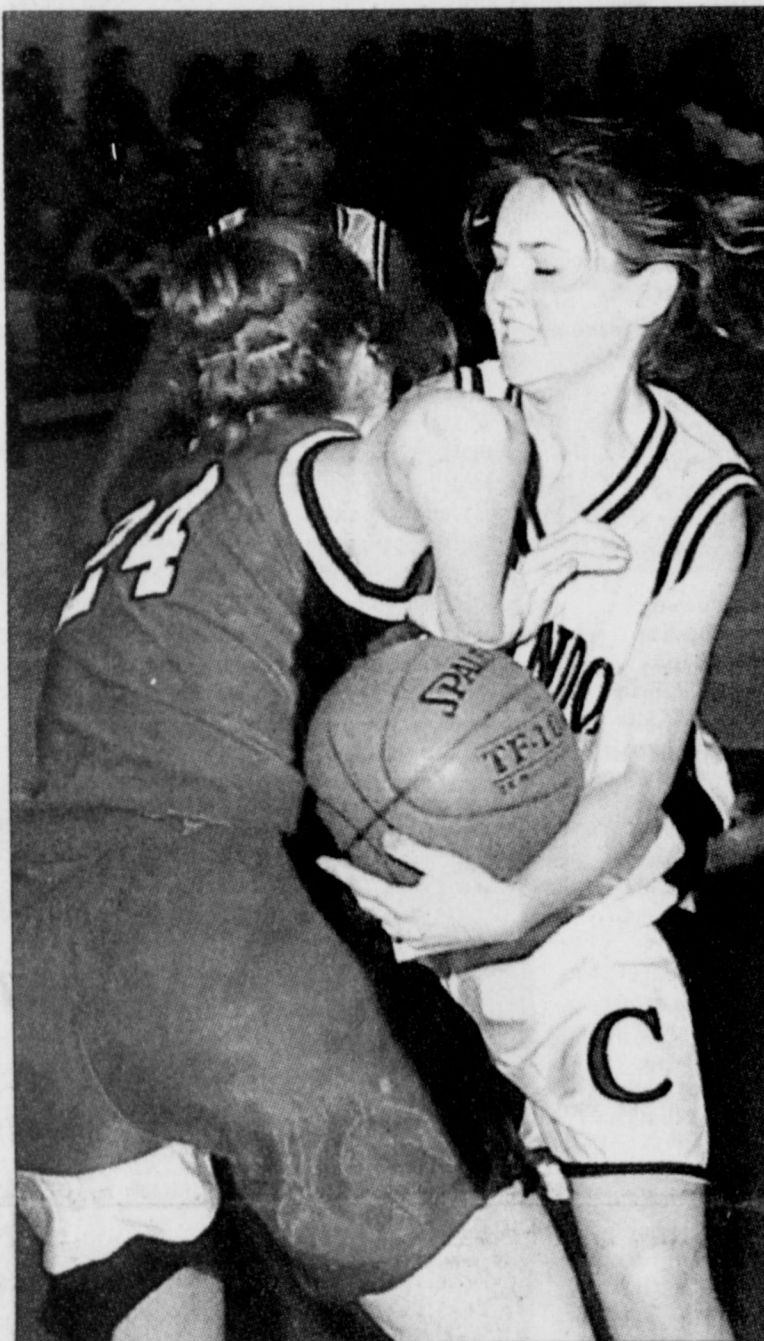
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The legislation, which was included as part of the FY 2001 Appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, passed the House by a vote of 292 to 60. Thornberry noted that the bill is the culmination of what he and other members of the Rural Health Care Coalition have been working on for the past 12 months. Thornberry is on the Steering Committee of the Rural Health Care Coalition. He stated that today's bill is intended to put more money back into the Medicare system for rural providers, hospitals, and nursing homes.

Among other things, the bill would:

- Strengthen Rural Hospitals - Provides equitable treatment for rural disproportionate share hospitals (DSHs) caring for a disproportionate share of poor Medicare patients; makes wage index improvements for rural areas; updates target amounts for all sole community hospitals; and increases rural patients' access to emergency and ambulance services and rural health clinics. All hospitals will receive the full market basket update.

- Enhance Home Health Hospital Provisions - Protects funding for home health services by delaying a scheduled 15% cut in payments in addition to other payment increases. Provides for full medical inflation update for home health. Hospice provisions also improve funding for end-of-life care. The plan also enhances the use of telehealth medicine in delivery of home health care services.

- Increase Access to Care for Nursing Home Patients - Maintains access to therapy services, and reduces regulatory burdens by eliminating some parts of consolidated billing. In addition, the plan increases the Federal per diem rate for SNF "market baskets."

The bill will now be sent to the Senate for a vote and is expected to be signed into law by the president.

## Hawkins receives 'Friend of Extension' award

Clarendon College instructor and longtime Donley County 4-H program supporter, Jerry Hawkins received the Texas Agricultural Extension Service Panhandle District's 'Friend of Extension' award.

Hawkins' was recognized during ceremonies held recently at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center in Amarillo. He was cited for his contributions and leadership as a 4-H volunteer and resource for youth throughout the region.

A career educator and mentor to area public school and college

students -- Hawkins began teaching at Clarendon College in 1968. He developed the ranch management curriculum for CC's current ranch and feedlot operations program in 1973.

Hawkins' tenure as coach of the CC livestock judging teams began in 1974. He started and now supervises the school's horse and meat judging teams. His teams consistently win at state and national competitions.

"He is an ever-present mentor and resource person for area youth involved in 4-H, FFA and college level organizations," said Dr. Bob

Robinson, Extension's district director for agricultural programs.

According to Extension county agricultural agent Leon Church, Hawkins received the Donley County Friend of 4H award in 1993 for his involvement at the local, district, and state levels.

"He also sponsors leadership conferences for FFA members and officers each year. Jerry has worked closely with our county 4-H livestock judging teams, coaching and then accompanying them to district and state contests," said Church.

Jerry and Glenda Hawkins, a teacher in Clarendon Public Schools, are the parents of two grown sons. Dean is a researcher and instructor in animal science at New Mexico State University, and Doug is a beef cattle specialist with Purina. Hawkins and his sons are also Gold Star 4-H award recipients.

"This family has played a significant role in youth education and development in the Panhandle," said Donna Brauchi, Extension's district director for family and consumer sciences.

## Local sales tax rebates decline

AUSTIN - Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander last week sent local governments their final sales tax rebates for 2000, including \$191.5 million to Texas cities and \$15.7 million to counties.

Local rebates were down for Donley County communities. Clarendon's rebate was down nearly 32 percent from this time last year for a total of \$15,391.43. Hedley was down more than 32 percent to \$197.24, and Howardwick dropped 37.70 to \$722.83.

December's rebates bring total sales tax allocated to local taxing entities in 2000 to \$3.8 billion, a new one-year record for local sales tax revenue and an increase of eight percent compared to \$3.5 billion in sales tax allocations in 1999.

Though 2000 sales tax rebates are up eight percent overall, rebates to local taxing entities for the month of December are down compared to

December 1999, when local governments received extraordinarily large sales tax rebates, as the comptroller streamlined the process and made a year-end push to return every available local sales tax dollar to communities throughout the state.

This year, because of the steps Comptroller Rylander took to speed the monthly processing of sales tax revenue, local governments received more of their share of sales tax dollars sooner.

For the year, Clarendon's rebate is up slightly by 0.83 percent. Hedley and Howardwick are both down for the year by 15.58 and 18.11 percent respectively.

The comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled for Friday, January 12, 2001.

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## Merchants give away \$275

The Clarendon Merchants Association gave away the big money last week. Von Nita Douthit (right) won the \$200 top prize. Other winners were Scott Landis (\$30) and Erin Carothers (\$45). Merchants will be open late again this Thursday, and the \$200 jackpot is still on the wheel.

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## Holiday Deadlines

For the next two issues only, deadlines for The Clarendon Enterprise will be changed to Friday at 5 p.m. All advertising, news items, and photos must be turned in no later than 5 p.m. Friday to be included in next week's edition. Thank you.



editor's  
Commentary

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

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## US should keep Electoral College

Well, thank goodness! We can now say with finality that Gov. George W. Bush of Texas will be the next president of the United States of America. It was a long time in coming, but with the vote of the Electoral College on Monday the last nail was driven into the coffin of the Gore 2000 campaign.

The vice president gave a pretty good speech last Wednesday. I actually thought he was going to cry at the beginning. I can't say that I blame him. I probably would have been emotional in his place, too.

President-elect Bush also gave a good talk in the chambers of the Texas House of Representatives. With the state's highest Democratic office holder, Speaker Pete Laney, introducing him, our nation saw the respect Bush has earned from the people of Texas. I also took particular pride in the camera angles that showed former Texas President Sam Houston looking over Bush's shoulder. Somewhere the old general—who was once talked about for the American presidency—must be smiling upon seeing a Texan ascend to the nation's highest office.

It is a good day for Texas, especially in light of the way the national Democrats have maligned our great state and portrayed it as a third world country during the campaign.

There are still some folks—most notably Jesse "Loud-mouth" Jackson—who will never see Bush as a legitimate president, thanks to the fiasco in Florida. That's an irritation to those of us who support the Texan. But I suppose I can't be too critical of Jackson. If Gore had won with dimpled chads, I personally would have advocated secession. (Now, I would be happy to let Florida secede if they promise to take Jackson with them.)

We've learned many things over the course of all this election mess. For one thing, we've learned that the Texas Capitol looks great on television. It's a magnificent structure, and it seems as though every major news network used it as the backdrop for their reports.

We've also learned that the interior of the Florida state house looks horrible on television. That blue carpet and those apparently Formica desktops... Egad! And the place doesn't look any bigger than a nice sized living room. It was another high point for the Lone Star State when Bush made his address and showed what a first rate House chamber looks like.

And we've also learned about the Constitutional process for electing a president. People who couldn't even spell "Electoral College" two months ago are now experts on whether the thing should be kept, modified, or scrapped. You can put me in the first category. Keep it. Don't mess with it, don't modify it, and don't "fix" it.

Now, I know what you Democrats are saying. "Well, that's easy for him to say. His guy got elected without the popular vote thanks to that darn thing."

Unfortunately for you, I'm on record six years ago as being in favor of the Electoral College. I wrote a paper in graduate school that argued on behalf of the College. (Not an easy position to take when there wasn't much "scholarly" material to support such a stance and when facing a liberal professor who hadn't purchased a new suit since the Kennedy administration.) I also would have been just as quick to defend the College if the situation had been reversed. I wouldn't have been happy, mind you, but I would have defended it nonetheless.

What has been shown with great clarity since the election is how the smaller states depend on the Electoral College to have any voice at all in the vote for president. Just look at the map of states each candidate won. It looks like a Bush landslide, but because Gore captured New England, California, and—for some reason—New Mexico, he very nearly came out on top.

But what isn't talked much about—if at all—is the role of the Electoral College in our constitutional union. Article IV, Section 4, of the United States Constitution guarantees to the states "a Republican Form of Government." That just knocks out every argument on behalf of "democracy" that the enemies of the College like to make. We don't live in a democracy, as I have stated many times. We live in a republic, a system where the people are ultimately sovereign, but where they do not directly run the government.

The federal government was established by the states, and originally, the states themselves had direct representation at the federal level. The members of the House of Representatives were elected by the people, and Senators were appointed by the legislatures of the several states. That was changed—mistakenly I believe—by the adoption of the 17th Amendment, which provided for the direct, popular election of Senators.

Today, the Electoral College is really the only way in which states have a direct role in the federal government. Each state chooses its Electors in a manner prescribed by that state's legislature. The Electors then choose the president. It is a lesson in federalism and a reminder that the states created the federal government, not the other way around.

Doing away with the Electoral College and replacing it with a national presidential election would have the effect of relegating 50 sovereign states to the status of 50 federal districts. It would trample on the rights of the states to conduct their own elections and undermine our republican form of government.

Yes, our Electoral College is an antiquated system from the 18th century. But so is our Constitution, so is the Bill of Rights, and so is the Declaration of Independence. The principles and thoughts this nation is founded upon are very old indeed. They are ideals that have stood the test of time. There is nothing better with which to replace them. Let us not be drawn to the populists' Siren song of "democracy"—not when republicanism has served us so well for more than two centuries.

## Thank God for hunters like Ted Nugent

Terminally ill children have long depended on the internationally-known Make A Wish Foundation to secure a dream which would help to ease and temporarily forget their pain. Some children choose to meet celebrities, others want to go to Disneyland. However, if a sick child chooses to spend his last days on a hunting trip, then Make A Wish blatantly turns that child away and refuses to help.

Hunting is a family tradition, and sometimes a necessity, for many Americans. There is something special about learning to read tracks in the mud with your Dad or how to identify the different habits of wild game. As a small child, I loved sitting in mesquite brush on cold, December mornings trying to call up a coyote. With a rabbit call in my mouth and my Dad beside me with his gun, we worked as a team to get those predators. Then, when I became older and more familiar with gun safety, Dad and I would walk the pastures, flushing out quail. Although we always walked in silence and only communicated with hand signals, these were special moments.

Through the years, pressure from animal rights organizations has resulted in this anti-hunting stand from the Phoenix-based Make A Wish Foundation. Although the organization has granted 83,000 wishes, they will not honor any wishes for hunting outings, according to Jim Maggio, a spokesman for the charity.

The latest request for a hunting outing was from Zachary Martin, a 16-year-old Californian with bone cancer. Turned away by Make A Wish, Martin thought his wish for an African hunting safari would never



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come true. But, not so.

Here comes Motor City Madman and rock-n-roll legend Ted Nugent to the rescue. Nugent is an hunting advocate and television host as well as the entrepreneur of a wild-game beef jerky. Upon hearing Martin's story, Nugent agreed to take the young boy hunting in Africa. God bless Nugent, and just think how much more fun this kid is going to have with him rather than with some chaperone from Make A Wish. Geez, I'd even like to go hunting with Ted Nugent.

The pair will go bowhunting for warthogs, zebras and impalas. "Let me tell you, when you go hunting with Ted Nugent, there is no Janet Reno around to stop you. There is nothing more beautiful than that," Nugent said.

Again, God bless Ted Nugent. This kid will have the time of his life with wild-man Nugent. And, I love the way some celebrities are bucking political correctness. Country comedian Jeff Foxworthy has offered his services, too. He will take a 20-year-old cancer patient hunting for deer next year.

Too many people have forgotten their roots. Hunting was, and often still is, an avenue used to harvest meat for consumption. I guess some people just guess that their little chicken breasts magically appear in the frozen food section. Or, that their

hamburger or salmon steaks just come pre-wrapped and waiting for them in the meat counter. All meat must be harvested, whether it be done in a packing plant or from sitting in a tree-stand.

There is nothing wrong with a child, whether he be sick or not, to go hunting. And, there's nothing wrong with girls going, either. My sister is a heck of a shot and harvested a huge buck in an Iowa cornfield, last year. As a family, we hunt wild hogs because they tear up our fields and pastures. Plus, they're pretty good to eat, too. I like to go bird hunting, because there is just nothing better than quail cooked with jalapeno peppers and bacon. And someday, I'd love to spend a week with my husband elk hunting in the mountains. I know this isn't everyone's dream vacation, but for some of us, including sick children, it is.

Terminally ill children should be allowed to go hunting, and thanks to a new organization, they will get to do so. The Pennsylvania-based charity, Hunt For A Lifetime, grants hunting wishes for ill children. The group was formed after the founder's stepson was turned away from Make A Wish. And, the money collected from that child's funeral helps to fund Hunt For A Lifetime.

As you begin to look at the charities you contribute to, consider helping out Hunt For A Lifetime. "What could be more pure than the last wishes of a young child? And to deny that because of political correctness? That's just outrageous," said Ted Nugent.

Amen, Ted.



## Nation should turn to God for redemption

Did you know that out of the 55 men who wrote our Constitution, 52 were active members of a church?

These men believed that in order to be called "Americans" we needed to run our country by the Holy Bible and prayer. Our country's founding fathers knew that without the daily protection of God through His word that our nation would not survive. How many of us "Americans" have forgotten the following words: "Give me liberty or give me death?" The enemies of our nation know how we feel about our liberty. They don't need to raise any weapons against us. All they need to do is stand their ground and watch as we destroy ourselves from within our own country.

"Give me liberty or give me death." I believe we have chosen death! Allow me to tell you why I think we have chosen death. Ever since prayer was taken out of our classrooms, America has become number one in divorce, number one in pornography, number one in teen pregnancy, number one in illiteracy, and number one in crime.

That's right. We even have our own holocaust; there are 5,000 unborn babies a year destroyed. Of course, we don't burn them in gas chambers or in ovens, no way! That's inhuman! We just stand by and watch as American blood is cut up in little pieces! Of course, the list goes on and on just like the pink bunny. Why are we allowing the free condoms at our American school grounds or free birth control pills to our children? We are so free (we think) that we teach our children to kill, to steal, and

to destroy.

I thought this kind of behavior belonged to Satan! Can you see what God is trying to tell us? That we are destroying our own country from within our own walls.

I want God back in America. Don't you? I would hate to hear the voice of other nations saying: "Did you hear what happened to the adopted children of God in America? They have been destroyed because they decided to go up to the hills of Sodom and Gomorrah; they chose death? It was a free loving country, but it is no more."

We have a new leader, a new president. Let's let him know. Like a Christian song says, it's time

for the American voice to be heard from the "Church house to the White House." In stead of coming out of the closet, let's go back in and do some cleaning.

Let's get together now with one voice and ask God for forgiveness. Let us stand strong and firm and repent of our hardness of heart and ask God to come back to America.

"Abba Father" forgive us for our foolish mind and our greed. In Jesus name we pray."

My intention is not to offend but to awaken. Should we be proud Americans or become a reproach? Time is short. Our only hope is God.

Petra D. Vigil,  
Clarendon



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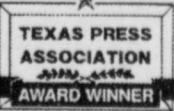
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Den 5 took a ride in a semi-truck. Members are Ryan Hill, Linda Hill, Jacy Hill, Neil Devin, Shelby Stepp, Beth Stepp, Dustin Ford, Trent White, Dan Stepp, Nelson Devin, and Jonathan Landis. Almost everyone blew the horn. They also ate supper with Dan Stepp. The Den also visited Clarendon Manufacturing where they saw the belly scraper. After everyone sat in the driver's seat of the T Rex, Stan Leflew led the Scouts on a tour of the plant.

Reporters were Dustin Ford, Shelby Stepp, Jonathan Landis, Ty Tubbs, and Trent White.

**Guidelines can lessen holiday stresses**

By Valerie Avery

**BIG SPRING** - Social obligations, activities, and daily chores can sap the strength many people need to make the marathon stretch between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The compulsion to fill those four-plus weeks with events that we believe will recreate a Christmas of our past creates unnecessary stress. Stress steals necessary resources we need to replenish our soul during this month-long journey and can trigger depression - a more serious illness.

But following a few guidelines, according to Gail Zilai, a licensed therapist and Big Spring State Hospital Director of the Activities Therapy Department, can alleviate the deafening emotions which accompany the holidays.

• Busy schedules don't allow for adequate downtime. Remember to get the rest necessary to maintain the energy needed for shopping, cooking, traveling, and entertaining.

• Don't sabotage your diet of healthy and nutritious foods. Rich, sugary food add pounds and play havoc with your digestive system. In addition, the guilt of overeating fuels depression. If you plan on attending a party, think ahead of time how you will handle the buffet line.

• Be aware that holidays trigger memories of enjoyable or traumatic times in your life. These memories may make you feel lonely. If you have no way of counteracting these memories; be aware that they are natural feelings, so if and when they occur, you won't be caught off guard.

• Don't overextend finances to fulfill everyone's Christmas wish list. Set a budget, and stick to it. Involve your family in making homemade gifts and decorations this year.

• Avoid hosting a large get-together. The party can be a heavy burden in addition to an already loaded schedule. If a celebration can't be avoided, enlist some help

or plan a potluck supper. Don't be a martyr and carry the burden yourself.

• Accommodating visiting relatives or friends can be a real back-breaker when you're already stressed. Be up-front with houseguests about what you need to help your household run efficiently.

• Planning long-distance trips to visit friends or relatives may be difficult, especially for parents of young children. Take along books, puzzles, and games to keep them entertained. Try to be organized, and remember that it is better to get somewhere late than not to get there at all.

• When times become tense, play a CD or tape to lighten the mood. Sing out loud, sway to the music, and release some of that pent-up tension.

The holiday will arrive and depart; how you handle this special time will make a difference in whether you enjoy yourself or make you and your loved ones miserable.

**weather report**

| Day   | Date | High | Low | Prec          |
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| Mon   | 11   | 52°  | 15° | -             |
| Tues  | 12   | 26°  | 11° | -             |
| Wed   | 13   | 19°  | 15° | .07 (1" snow) |
| Thurs | 14   | 39°  | 18° | -             |
| Fri   | 15   | 38°  | 24° | -             |
| Sat   | 16   | 60°  | 29° | -             |
| Sun   | 17   | 43°  | 13° | -             |

Total precipitation this month: .07"  
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Total precipitation in Dec. last year: .72"  
Total YTD total last year: 22.47"

**weekend forecast**

Friday, Dec. 22  
Partly Cloudy  
40° / 11°

Saturday, Dec. 23  
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Sunday, Dec. 24  
Partly Cloudy  
48° / 20°

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**Chisum to hold forum at local high school Jan. 5**

**PAMPA** - State Rep. Warren Chisum will be in Clarendon Friday, January 5, 2001, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the CHS Auditorium.

The state legislator has planned 24 town hall meetings in early January to hear from the voters and to provide an overview of what to expect from the Texas Legislature.

"State government works best when the public participates," Chisum said. "I intend to spend more time listening than talking."

Chisum typically files several bills based on concerns brought to his attention at town hall meetings.

"These informal get-togethers are probably the best time I can spend," he said. "The best way to find out about a local issue is to hear about the issue from the people who have to deal with it. I hope everyone gets a chance to come and say what's on

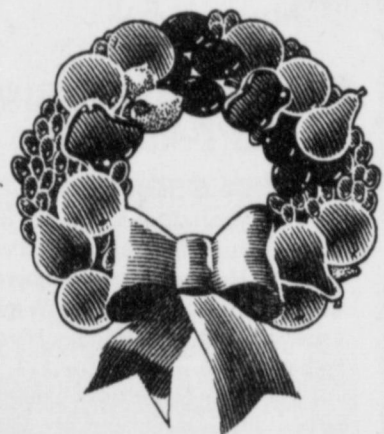
their minds."

The Texas Legislature, which is required by the Texas Constitution to meet for 140 days every odd-numbered year, will begin the 77th Legislative Session on Tuesday, January 9, 2001.

"Austin is pretty far from the Panhandle," Chisum said. "I want to make sure people have the opportunity to tell their government what they expect right here at home."

Chisum was first elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1988 and will report to Austin for his seventh term in 2001. He represents the 88th House District, which includes Carson, Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts, Sherman, and Wheeler counties.

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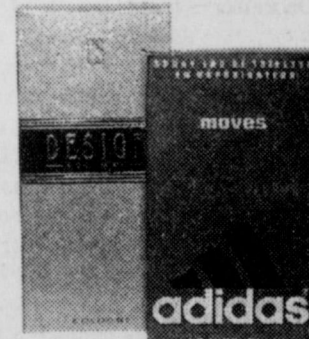
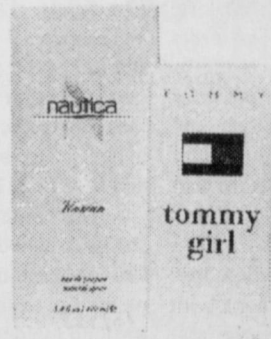


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• First United Methodist Church  
• 7 a.m.

Donley County Senior Citizens  
Bake Sale • B&R Thriftway

Late Night Shopping

**December 22**  
Saints' Roost Jamboree Bake  
Sale • B&R Thriftway • 9 a.m.

**December 24**  
Musical "Silent Night, Wondrous  
Sight" • Martin Baptist Church •  
11 a.m.

**December 25**  
Christmas

## Community Menus

December 25-29

**Donley County Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Closed for holidays  
Tues: Teriyaki chicken, rice pilaf, oriental vegetables, three bean salad, Jell-O with topping, roll, coffee, tea, lowfat milk  
Wed: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, corn, tossed salad, purple plums, tortilla, coffee, tea, lowfat milk  
Thur: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, Harvard beets, strawberry salad, cinnamon rolls, bread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk  
Fri: Beef stew with potatoes, tomatoes, carrots, etc., fried okra, pea salad, banana pudding, cornbread, coffee, tea, lowfat milk

**Hedley Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Closed for holidays  
Tues: Steak and gravy, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, deviled egg, sliced peaches, roll, milk, tea, coffee  
Wed: Roast beef, baked potato, green beans, carrot and raisin salad, chocolate pudding, roll, milk, tea, coffee  
Thur: Chicken potpie, fried okra, tossed salad, baked apple, corn muffin, milk, tea, coffee  
Fri: Chili and pinto beans, French fries, cucumber-onion salad, apricot cobbler, corn muffin, milk, tea, coffee

## Senior Citizens to hold bake sale

By Vida O'Neal  
On December 21, the Donley County Senior Citizens will hold their annual Christmas Bake Sale at B&R Thriftway. If you would like to donate a baked item or volunteer to work the booth please call Tammy or Vida.

We will also be selling chances on the beautiful Christmas Snowflake afghan donated by Onita Thomas (which will be given away at 4 p.m. on that afternoon) and selling Home Interior Candles for our December fundraiser.

On December 14, the DCSC staff presented our volunteers with an Appreciation Banquet. We can tell our volunteers how much we appreciate their help, but we cannot express to them how much their time, efforts, and love have touched the hearts of those in our community that they served. We hope everyone enjoyed their meal. The entertainment was the Hedley Choir, which did an outstanding performance as always. Tammy, Sharon, Eva, and Vida love and adore all our volunteers; after all "What if Volunteers Didn't?" You are appreciated so much.

On December 25 the Donley County Senior Citizens Center will be closed so the employees can spend time with their families for Christmas. This is the only day we will be closed for the Christmas holiday.

Get well wishes go to Jan Altman who had knee surgery.  
Merry Christmas to all!

Reminders:  
Dec. 25: Center will be closed.  
Dec. 29: Hall County Blood Pressure, 10:30  
Jan. 1: Closed for New Year's Day.

## St. Mary's Altar Society now selling tamales

The ladies of St. Mary's Altar Society are selling tamales at \$7.00 per dozen.

The proceeds will be toward the building of a Parish Hall. To place orders call 874-2846.

# Christmas musical performances first rate

The college students went, or came home last week, depending on your perspective. Public school is out for two weeks beginning on Friday. If you don't have all your shopping done yet, you'd better get busy. If you still have baking to do, ditto. I have a feeling Clarendon will be smelling really good for the next few days.

Last week saw the performance of the Christmas music at First Methodist by the community choir on Sunday night. It's an amazing feeling to hear the music of so many people with their voices lifted together in song. The power of it can knock your socks off, not only with the strength and beauty of the singing, but with the sense of family in Christ that comes with it.

The Clarendon school bands also held their Christmas concert last Sunday. Those who attended heard a performance that was well worth

missing their Sunday afternoon nap.

The Colt Band played well, especially considering that they had perhaps a week of practice on most of the music they played, and that Sunday's performance was the first time they'd played one of the numbers all the way through without stopping. I discovered this bit of information after the concert when I commented on how good the band sounded and was informed about the mistakes made. Here's a hint, guys. If the audience didn't hear the mistakes, you didn't make them.

Every year at this time, I'm always impressed by the quality of sound the 6th grade beginning band puts out. A good sound is the hardest thing to learn, especially for those playing clarinets since they come with a certain number of squeaks built in. This year's sixth-graders sounded superb, but I have to admit to being



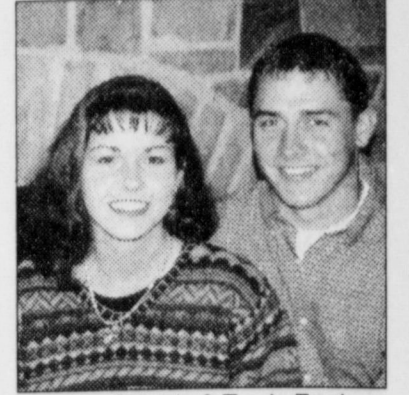
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By Gail Shelton  
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particularly impressed with Chelsea Hoeltzel on bells. The amount of concentration it takes to watch music, watch the director, find the right notes and play them on the beat when one's hearing isn't the best is truly awe-inspiring.

Clarendon is apparently blessed with gifted bell/keyboards players. During the Bronco Band section of the concert, listeners were treated to a performance by the students who qualified to compete at All-State Band, along with the numbers by the complete band. Megan Roberts, who made first chair all-region band on keyboard, wowed the audience with her terrific playing - and she did

it without music. Congratulations to Megan and the other competitors, Chantelle Kelly on clarinet and Nickless Devin on trumpet. We'll all be rooting for you when you face the judges again.

I can't end this column without commenting on the Bronco Band's rendition of "How The Grinch Stole Christmas"; the old thirty-minute TV special version. Chris Johnson's baritone solo was absolutely perfect on the "Mean Mr. Grinch" segment. I think I've already confessed that I'm sentimental and an easy touch when it comes to getting teary-eyed in movies or concerts, but it's a little embarrassing to admit that the "Welcome Christmas" song of the Whos did it to me this time. I look forward to this number becoming a Clarendon Christmas tradition. Even the students had fun playing it.



Heather Shields & Travis Ford

## Shields, Ford to exchange vows

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Shields of Lelia Lake are proud to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Heather Lynn, to Brian Travis Ford.

Heather is a graduate of Clarendon High School and obtained an Associate in Science Degree at Clarendon College. She is currently attending West Texas A&M University and will graduate in December 2001 with a degree in Elementary Education. Heather currently lives in Clarendon and is employed by the Donley County Soil and Water Conservation District. Grandparents of the bride are Mrs. Arthur Shields of Lelia Lake and Mr. and Mrs. Harold White of Hedley.

Travis is a graduate of White Deer High School. He attended Oklahoma Panhandle State University on a football scholarship from 1998-99. He attended Amarillo College from 1999-2000 where he worked on his Criminal Justice Degree. Travis currently lives in Amarillo and is employed by KJ Services. Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Robinson of White Deer. Grandparents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Douglas H. Johnson of North Augusta, South Carolina.

The couple will be wed January 6 at 4:00 at the Church of Christ in Clarendon. They will reside in Amarillo.

## Shamp-Feaster are wed

Ruth Shamp and Vernon Feaster exchanged wedding vows recently. The couple resides in Corona, California.

## Blood Center creates special T-shirts for holiday donations

Get typecast as a hero by participating in Coffee Memorial Blood Center's Holiday Heroes program now through December 30 and receive a specially designed Holiday Heroes T-Shirt.

More than 500 pints of blood are needed weekly by children and adults in the Texas Panhandle, and their only source for the gift of life is volunteer donors.

Traditionally, the holiday season provides fewer donations as people enjoy the busy holiday season; unfortunately, the daily need for blood does not take a holiday.

By donating blood now, individuals can help the Blood Center ensure an adequate supply of blood for those who do need the gift of life during the holidays.

Appointments are taken from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Thursday; from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Friday; and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday.

CMBC serves 24 counties in Texas Panhandle providing blood and blood products to hospitals, surgery centers, and dialysis centers. The health care system depends on whole blood to function on a daily basis. Every day children and adults need blood to survive severe injuries and fight cancer, leukemia, and other life-threatening illnesses.

For more information, call 358-4563.

## Quilting Club meets

Martin Quilting Club met at the Betty Jean Williams home for their Christmas party.

Each person brought goodies to eat and gift for the Panhandle Community Christmas Tree. The group did not quilt this session, but visiting and eating were enjoyed.

Members present were Tiny Alderson, Ann Bunyan, Gay Cole, Pearl Hermesmeier, Frankie McAnear, Verdine Tipton, Mary Lee Noble, Eva Lee Swinney, Ilene Davidson, and Betty Jean Williams.

# Howardwick boasts dazzling holiday lights

Throughout Texas there are cities and towns famous for their annual displays of Christmas Lights. I've seen pictures of the spectacular light shows in Marshall, Texas, and other well-known exhibitions. Closer to home, there are Bishop Hills (just outside Amarillo) and the Nights of Lights within Amarillo itself. But this year, if you want to see a dazzling display of Christmas Lights, you need go no further than Howardwick, Texas! That's right - Howard-

wick! On Highway 70, the sign shows the population of Howardwick to be 211 people. Apparently this year all but a handful of those people decided the put up outdoor Christmas Lights. The result is a delight to the eye.

With winding streets and gentle hills, the effect is sensational. One

minute you are driving down a darkened hill, and the next you top the rise to find thousands of twinkling lights. Off in the distance a cross glows on the darkened landscape. Red, green, white, blue, flashing and steadily glowing - hundreds and hundreds of beautiful lights shine out on the Texas prairie.

Howardwick has in the past had its share of "small town bickering" and petty rivalries, but this Christmas Season the message seems to be one of hope, peace and unity - shining forth in those thousands of lights - those miraculous Christmas lights.

At Christmas time lights on trees, in windows, in yards and on storefronts sparkle with a message for us all. The message is Love, Joy and Hope. In the glow of Christmas lights, people seem to love more. They show



rain or Shine  
By Cynthia Hall  
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more compassion for those less fortunate. They are kinder to their neighbors. They greet each other on the street with shouts of "Merry Christmas!" Even those with heavy burdens find renewed strength and determination in the warm illumination of the Christmas lights.

What is it about the Christmas lights that can affect us so greatly? I think it's because they remind us of another light. Whether it's a single candle in a window or a dazzling thousand light display, they remind us of a star that shone out in the darkness a long time ago - a star that

pointed the way to The Light of the World.

The last time I drove around in the glowing darkness, I found myself wishing the lights could stay up all year, for they seemed to say that The Light who came into the world over 2,000 years ago was still with us - still shining brightly. And, indeed He is.

Give yourself a gift this Christmas - go out and see the lights. Let their beauty remind you of the best gift of all - The Light - The Glorious Light.

"And the angel said unto them, 'Fear not: for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord'" (Luke 2: 10-11).

# Memphis Methodists sing at Hedley church

Winter has finally arrived...with a vengeance, too. Karen and I went to Amarillo last Tuesday, and I thought we'd freeze to death. While I waited at the hospital, she went and got herself a heavier coat. And after all our trouble, Dr. McNeir got called away to an emergency so we came home. It was just as well, I guess. It would have been near midnight by the time the 'day surgery' was finished, and neither of us would have felt like driving home in the middle of the night. I told the nurse I'd wait 'til spring to have the shunt taken out of my neck.

Burford and Jerry Holland helped Johnny and Gail Hill move to Dublin

last week. They missed the worst of the really bad weather, but not the really cold.

Alvie and Wanda Clay are supposed to be home this month from a trip. Wanda won the tickets from the airline to go anywhere in the United States. Lucky them!

Well, the Electoral College is supposed to vote on the president elect today...Monday. I guess Governor Bush will be the next president. But you can't tell.

Terry and Barbara Collins received word last week that his grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Terry of Bovina, had passed away. Rev. Terry was a former pastor of the First Baptist Church here. I remember both of them with affection.



watt's Happening  
By Peggy Watt  
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The First United Methodist Church choir of Memphis came and sang their Christmas Cantata Sunday morning at the Methodist Church here. The local members enjoyed it. Most of us sing, but we can make a joyful noise.

As we celebrate this holy season, I would like to wish each of you a safe and wonderful holiday.

Christmas Wishes  
Your box was filled with lovely cards;  
They wish you Christmas cheer.  
I wish all these things for you  
Not just today, but through all the year.

I wish you days of sunshine  
And mornings wet with dew  
And birds in every treetop  
To sing their songs for you.

I wish you health and happiness  
With wealth enough to share.  
I wish you love and friendship  
And God to keep you in His care.

Merry Christmas!

# Author portrays beautiful Christmas love story

What more fitting time to experience events of author, Marjorie Holmes' unique novel, *Two From Galilee*? Holmes not only portrays a beautiful love story, but provides insight to every day opinions and family life in Nazareth. It is the story of "two people chosen by God to provide an earthly home for His Son." She presents Mary and Joseph, "a teen-age girl and a young carpenter, alone, frightened, in love, faced with family conflict, a hostile world, and an awesome responsibility.

Holmes' inspiration for the novel unfolded during Christmas Eve church services she attended with her 13-year-old daughter. The concept of the manger scene's reality overwhelmed her. This really happened! When Virgin Mary gave birth to Jesus, she was not much older than the author's own daughter.

After three years' research, six additional years passed before publishing. According to Holmes, she kept hearing, "Nobody wants to read a Biblical novel anymore." They crit-

icized that she had made the Holy Family as real as the people next door. Her response? That was exactly what she intended... "to make people realize they weren't just statues or Christmas Card pictures. They were human beings who breathed, hurt, hoped, and loved just like we do."

The scene is set with "And now she was a woman." According to Galilee customs, wedding arrangements began to take form as soon as a young maiden entered womanhood, usually between ages 11 to 14.

Through fictional conversations effectively interspersed with factual events, the author relates preparation steps...the synagogue announcement, betrothal date which could be as long as a year before the formal wedding ceremony, busy women spinning, weaving, drying herbs and cheese, making clay pots, sewing draperies, tablecloths, and towels.

While betrothed, couples were linked by law. Punishment for adultery could be as severe as death by stoning. It was during this betrothal



check it Out  
By Mary Beth Nelson

period that Mary conceived. "And so it was that Mary knew God, and became at once His child, His mate, and His mother, and the miracle was achieved," (page 81)

Dramatic events are brilliantly described by the author: Mary's parents' disbelief; her trip to visit relatives, Elizabeth and Zachariah; gossips' wagging tongues of accusations; Joseph's agonized dilemma until his anxiety was relieved by the angel's assurance that Isaiah's prophecy was about to be fulfilled; the trip to crowded Bethlehem.

Joseph felt he had failed Mary when he told her of no room at the inn. God had chosen him to look after her, and all he could provide was the cave of a stable.

Mary and Joseph adored their precious baby and His little ways.

# Texas Rural Communities group offering \$10,000 project award

Texas Rural Communities, Inc. (TRC) is soliciting applications from innovative projects in rural Texas for the organization's first annual \$10,000 Texas Rural Best Award.

TRC is a nonprofit organization serving rural Texas communities, individuals, groups, and support orga-

nizations through rural economic development, educational, loan and grant programs.

The \$10,000 Award will be a one-time award to be used to contribute to the success of the selected innovative project.

Innovative projects in rural com-

munities that have been developed and implemented for the benefit of the local community or economy are eligible.

The applications will be judged on the uniqueness of the project, significance of the problem or problems solved, length of time project is oper-

ational, and evidence that project may be replicated in other areas of rural Texas.

Applications must be submitted no later than January 15, 2001.

For application procedures please call 1-800-RURAL-TX or check the web site www.texasrural.org



# Service projects underway at Baptist ministry center

By Joburta Helms

A beautiful, hand sewn quilt has been put on display at the Ministry Center in downtown Clarendon. This quilt is to be sold to the highest bidder in a silent auction. All proceeds will be sent to the Southern Baptist International Missions Offering that is collected during the Christmas Season every year.

The quilt is a Garden Flower pattern placed on a maroon background. Ruby Thompson and Connie Clifford did the sewing and quilting. You may place a bid by coming by the Ministry Center Thursday evening during the Late Shopping in downtown Clarendon or call the church office at 874-3833.

The Ministry Center has been host to several activities. Girl Scout Troop 9 has completed a service project at the Ministry Center. The Scouts spent several hours sorting clothes and placing them on the shelves or hangers.

"We sure have a lot of good people in Clarendon" was the response of one scout who opened the door of the storage room and viewed the overwhelming task ahead of sorting the clothes.

Branson Carter, Bret Carter and Ladez Captain of Boy Scout Troop #433 put in several hours of community service loading lumber into the dump truck. "Clean up" is not

the easiest project, but the boys did a good service for the Ministry Center.

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes met at the Ministry Center to make Christmas Boxes to be passed out by the Clothes Closet. The students collected small toys and toiletry items to place in the boxes. The FCA also held the Christmas Party at the Ministry Center. The students participated in a candlelight worship service of singing and exchanged gifts.

Earl Morrow has done some work on the back side of the building, closing in some windows and putting stucco over the bricks. This job is very important to the structure of the building, but you might not take notice of the good workmanship because it is behind the building above the drainage ditch.

If you are interested in working on the Ministry Center, come by and visit with us on Thursday evenings or Saturday mornings. There will surely be a project especially suited for you to do.

The Clothes Closet has had a good response over the past weeks. We welcome more clothing at any time. You may leave your donations of gently used clothing on Thursday evenings, or Saturday mornings. We have a request for Boy's jeans, size 8-10-12 and Men's jeans and coats. We also have depleted our supply of caps, gloves and scarves.



## Card making kids

Students in the PCPD class and the Head Start class at Clarendon Elementary made Christmas cards for the residents of the Medical Center Nursing Home. The students delivered the cards to the residents on Monday. Pictured are the students with teachers Karen Simmons, Barbara Williams, Regina Wootten, and Melissa Hatley.

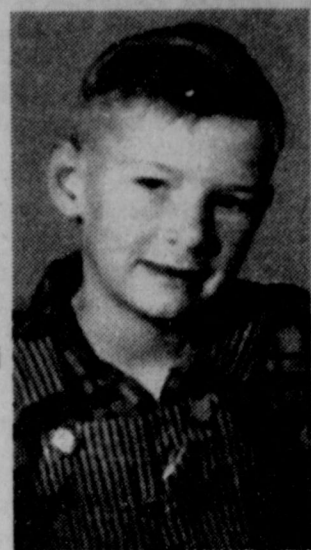
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## An Old J.P.

The time is here,  
Yes, the judge is old.  
He may want to deny it,  
But he's 60 if the truth is told.

He's teased other people  
About being this age or that.  
Now it's our turn to taunt the old  
gentleman with the hat.

Happy Birthday, Judge.  
We now pronounce you old.  
Happy Birthday, Judge.  
Your odometer officially just rolled.



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## The Lion's Tale

By Allen Estlack

Clarendon Lions Club held their regular Tuesday noon meeting December 19 with Boss Lion Stan Lefew conducting the meeting.

We had 18 members and two guests. Our guests were Robbie Longan, guest of Lion Don Smith, and Roy Bertrand, guest of Lion Denise Bertrand.

We celebrated Lion Jimmy Johnson's 60th birthday. There was a loud mourning service.

We have prepared 40 baskets and delivered them Tuesday.

The Lions wish everyone a happy and prosperous holiday season.

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## Holiday fever grips Enterprise's outdoor columnist

Isn't it funny how your brain just pops up with different thoughts? A few days ago, I was repairing a broken down deer blind, and I guess everything was working out fine because I caught myself humming Christmas songs instead of cussing. The night before, my family was sitting around the fireplace singing Christmas songs, and I guess I still had them on my mind. I'm not really sure what side of my brain took over, but I started changing the words around a bit. With help from my wife, we came up with these popular Christmas tunes with the outdoor sportsman in mind. They are kind of silly, so I plead the 5th...

Mount the walls with geese and deer;  
Fa la la la la la la la la.  
It's the time for cold weather gear;  
Fa la la la la la la la la.  
Camouflage, decoys, and orange hats;

Fa la la la la la la la la.  
Quail and turkey plump and fat;  
Fa la la la la la la la la.

Jingle bells, fishing smells,  
The walleye swam away.  
Oh what fun it used to be  
To boat around all day. Hey!  
Jingle bells, fishing smells,  
Better off hunting deer.  
The bass and catfish  
Are way too deep,  
But I'll find them next year!

Yea!

Adolf, the whitetail deer,  
Had a nice 12 point rack.  
And if you ever saw him,  
You'd know he's the leader of  
the pack.

All of the other whitetail  
Used to try and rut him out.  
They all envied big Adolf  
'Cause the does all followed him  
about.

The one foggy morning hunt,  
The hunter came to say,



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Life  
By Gary Dzedzic

"Adolf with your 12 point count,  
Won't you make a wonderful  
mount?"

Then all the other whitetail  
Snorted and stomped in fear.  
The hunter shot and missed big  
Adolf,  
So Adolf will be the leader again  
next year!

On the first day of Christmas,  
My true love gave to me  
A Remington shotgun.  
On the second day of Christmas,  
My true love gave to me  
Two rods and reels,  
And a Remington shotgun.  
On the third day of Christmas,  
My true love gave to me  
Three boxes of shells,  
Two rods and reels,

And a Remington shotgun.  
On the fourth day of Christmas,  
My true love gave to me  
Four Rapala lures,  
Three boxes of shells,  
Two rods and reels,  
And a Remington shotgun.  
On the fifth day of Christmas,  
My true love gave to me  
Five vacation days,  
Four Rapala lures,  
Three boxes of shells,  
Two rods and reels,  
And a Remington shotgun.  
etc..etc..

Now you can see how my brain  
was working that day. It is all in fun  
as Christmas is my favorite time of  
the year.

Everyone have a very, very Merry  
Christmas, and God bless you all!

If you have information that you  
would like to share, please contact  
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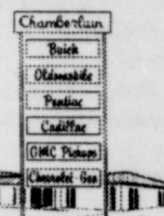
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## JV White goes up against Cats

The Bronco JV White went head to head with the Wildcats in the Bronco Gymnasium Monday night December 11. The Broncos came up a little short in their attempt to defeat Canadian. The score was 21-35.

"The guys hustled hard," said Coach David Towner. "We just didn't have what we needed against this team."

The Wildcats jumped out to a five-point lead in the 1st quarter. The Broncos were looking at a comeback attempt as they held Canadian to only two points in the second quarter.

The tables were turned against the Broncos in the third quarter as the Wildcats held the Broncos to only two points. In the final quarter the Broncos scored four points to Canadian's seven.

"We took good shots," said Towner. "Our shots just wouldn't fall."

Scoring for the Broncos were: Dusty Martindale 7, Justin Johnson 6, Richard Anderson 4, and Drew Sell 4.

The Broncos then played a good Borger team Friday night, December 15.

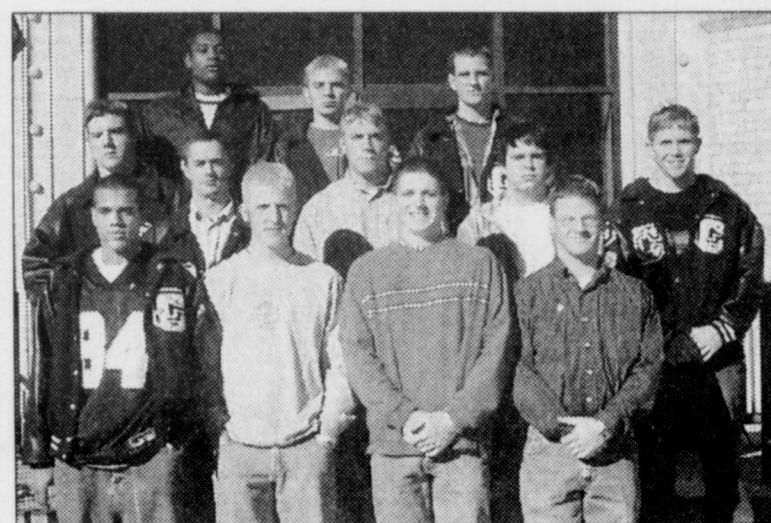
Clarendon lost that game, 21-94.

Going up against a 4-A team just proved to be too much for the Broncos. Borger led from the beginning, outscoring the Broncos by 38 points the 1st half. It was more Borger in the 2nd half as they went on to defeat the Broncos.

Borger had 2 players that scored 28 and 29 points, respectively.

Scoring for the Broncos were: Landon Shields 10, Micah Sparks 7, Justin Johnson 6, Drew Sell 2, Tim Leeper 2, and Judge Smith 2.

The Broncos will be in action again Monday, January 8, at Sunray.



### All-District Team

The All District Football Team for 6 2A was announced recently. Members from the Bronco squad are Josh Williams, first team wide receiver and second team defensive back; Colt Floyd, first team punter; Sam Holton, second team tight end; Nickless Devin, second team offensive line; Brian Thompson, second team offensive line; Shanon Martin, honorable mention running back; Robbie Bradley, honorable mention offensive line; Tyler Lane, honorable mention defensive line; Nathan Floyd, honorable mention defensive line; Antonio Wilson, honorable mention defensive end; Michael Lane and Jeremy Ray, honorable mention defensive back.

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## JV girls lose to Panhandle, 28-53

The Lady Broncos JV traveled to Panhandle December 12 to play the Pantherettes. The Lady Broncos lost, 28-53.

Poor shooting by the Lady Broncos was instrumental in their loss.

The Lady Broncos began the game playing good defense and staying within three points of Panhandle at the end of the first period. The Lady Broncos saw the point spread increase in the second quarter as Panhandle went into the break with a 10-point lead.

In the third quarter, the Pantherettes shut down the Clarendon offense as the Lady Broncos were only allowed to score five points to Panhandle's 17. The fourth period was all Panhandle again as they outscored the Lady Broncos by three points.

Scoring for the Lady Broncos were: Brandi Betts 12, Lacey Anderberg 5, Christine Holden 5, Sarah

Ray 2, Valerie Taylor 2, Terra Kidd 1, and Brittney Hall 1.

The Lady Broncos' second game of the week was at home against Wellington. A slow start in the first quarter gave Wellington the go ahead for the rest of the game.

Missed free throws were the difference in the 11-point game. The Lady Skyrockets went on to win the game 47-36 over the Lady Broncos despite a comeback attempt in the third period. The Lady Broncos outscored Wellington by seven points in their comeback effort. But it was not enough to overtake the Skyrockets.

Scoring for the Lady Broncos were: Lacey Eads 19, Betts 8, Holden 3, Anderberg 2, Taylor 2, Hall 1, and Crystal Lawler 1.

The Lady Broncos will have a rest over the holidays and will continue District play January 2 against Spearman at home. They will then play Sunray on the road January 5.



### All-Region band

Members of the Bronco Band recently competed at the 2A All-Region Band contest held December 4 at Panhandle. Those members competing were (front) Rachel Papa - third chair Concert Band, Chantelle Kelly - second chair Symphonic Band, Richard Anderson - 16th chair Symphonic Band, Samantha Vargas - 11th chair Concert Band, Otis Scrivner - first chair Concert Band, (middle) Valerie Taylor - second chair Concert Band, Nickless Devin - sixth chair Symphonic Band, Derek Gourley - 12th chair Symphonic Band, Chuck Robertson - sixth chair Symphonic Band, Amber Carson - eighth chair Symphonic Band; (back) Elizabeth Simmons - tenth chair Concert Band, David Corder - first chair Concert Band, G.J. Martindale - fourth chair Concert Band, Kevin Green - third chair Concert Band; and Megan Roberts - first chair Symphonic Band. The All-Region Clinic will be held January 12-13 at 3:00 p.m. at WTAMU.

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## Lady Colts place in local tournament

The 7th and 8th grade Lady Colts played Canadian at home Dec. 11.

The 7th grade Lady Colts defeated the Lady Wildcats in a very close game, 26-24. Scoring were: Haley Shelton 8, Lauren Floyd 4, Kristin White 4, Claudia Thomas 4, Kaitlyn Howard 3, Kimberly Tolbert 2, and Caitlan Hall 1.

The Lady Colts then participated in the Clarendon Jr. High Tournament held Saturday, December 16. In the first game, the Lady Colt Maroon team faced Claude and won, 35-15. Scoring were: Thomas 12, Tolbert 8, Anndria Kidd 4, White 4, Hall 4, and Chrystal Smith 3.

That win moved the Lady Colts to the championship game against a Wellington. They defeated the Lady Skyrockets, 41-27. The win gave the Lady Colts first place in the tournament. Scoring were: Shelton 12, Thomas 10, Kidd 7, White 7, Kaitlyn Howard 3, and Floyd 2.

The Clarendon Lady Colts White team also played in the tournament and faced Wellington in the first round and lost, 27-12. Scoring were: Sarah Depew 8, Andrea Finley 2, Kasandra Ballard 1, and Nicky Shelley 1.

The Lady Colts then played

Claude and lost, 36-8. Scoring for the Lady Colts were: Ballard 3, Shelley 2, Depew 1, and Brandi Lockhart 1.

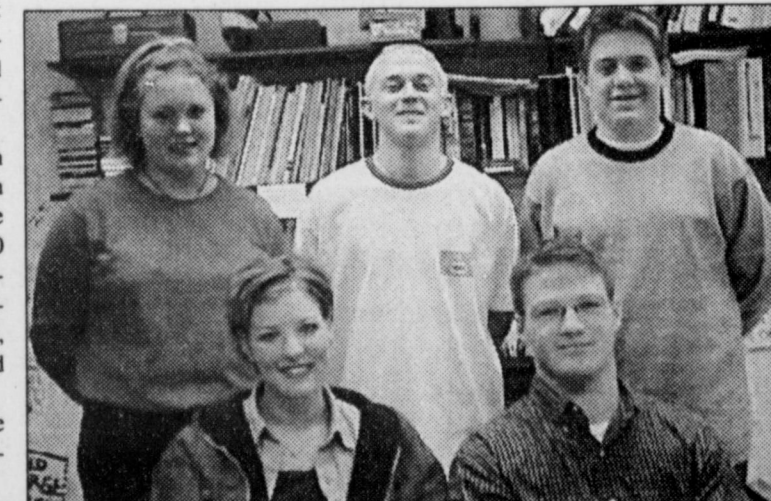
The 8th grade Lady Colts played Canadian Dec. 11 and won 34-30. Scoring for the Lady Colts were: Destiny Weatheron 11, Jessica Hernandez 7, Kayla Martindale 5, April Ballard 5, Kari Steen 2, Cierra Benavidez 2, and Jessie Anderberg 1.

The 8th grade Lady Colts then participated in the Clarendon Jr. High Tournament, playing Claude in the first round. Clarendon won by 20 points, 41-21. Scoring were: Weatheron 12, Anderberg 6, Ballard 6, Hernandez 5, Steen 5, Meghan Gribble 2, Benavidez 2, Paige Drackely 2, and Shanna Shelton 1.

In the championship round, the Lady Colts played a physical Wellington team.

The game went into overtime with Wellington edging out the Lady Colts, 43-42. Scoring for were: Weatheron 11, Benavidez 10, Hernandez 6, Ballard 5, Steen 4, Anderberg 3, and Martindale 3.

The Lady Colts will continue their season after the Christmas break on January 8 at home.



### Area qualifiers

Members of the Bronco Band recently competed at the All-Region Band Contest. Three members qualified for the Area level of the All-State competition, and two members were named alternates. Chantelle Kelley - clarinet; Chuck Robertson - French horn (alternate); Otis Scrivner - oboe (alternate); Megan Roberts - keyboard; and Nickless Devin - trumpet will tryout for Area on Jan. 6 at Sundown.

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## Broncs play 4-A teams to prepare for district

By Sandy Anderberg

The Broncs went up against a tough Pampa basketball team December 12 in Pampa.

After a slow start in the first quarter, the Broncs got things rolling.

The Broncs trailed the Harvesters by 13 points in the first quarter and stayed even with them in the second quarter to still trail by 13 at the break.

Pampa came out scoring in the third quarter and increased their lead to 29 points.

The Broncs staged a comeback in the fourth quarter outscoring their opponent by 8 points.

The final score was Pampa 82, and Clarendon 61.

"We may have lost by 21 points," said Head Coach Mike Ray. "But we really competed with a very good

4-A team."

Junior Cody Watson led all scorers with 19 points. Senior Josh Williams racked up another double-double scoring 14 points and 15 rebounds. His brother James had 9 rebounds. Jeremy Ray helped with 5 assists.

"This was the fastest team we have played thus far," said Ray. This game will really benefit us in the long run by greatly increasing the tempo of our play."

Scoring for the Broncs were: Watson 19, Josh Williams 14, Jeremy Ray 14, Antonio Wilson 6, G.J. Martindale 3, James Williams 3, and Colt Floyd 2.

The Broncs then took on a quick Borger team and lost by 26. In the first quarter against this very good team, the Broncs only trailed by

three points. Borger outscored the Broncs in the second quarter by 18 points. The Broncs were behind 21 points at the break.

The Broncs outscored Borger in the fourth period of play, but it wasn't enough to get themselves back in the ballgame. The final score was 76-102.

The Broncs showed us what kind of ability they have against a very tough 4-A team.

Two Broncs players scored in double figures, and Josh Williams' effort was good enough for a triple-double. He scored 28 points, had 13 rebounds, and contributed 13 assists. Greg Leeper added 6 rebounds, and Jeremy Ray helped with 5 assists.

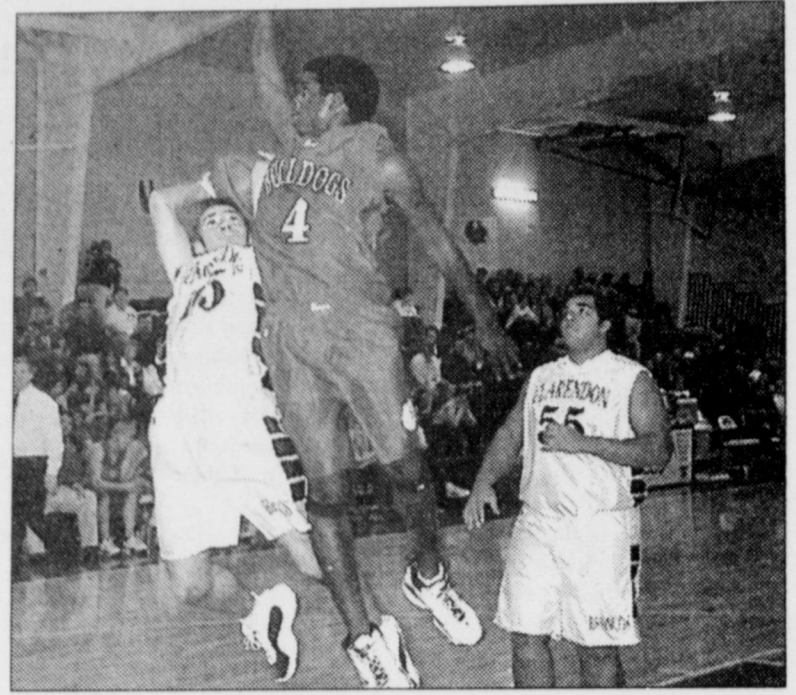
Coach Ray is continuing to look for good things from his players in the games to come.

"By playing these 4-A teams," said Ray, "we're hoping to be ready for our District schedule that starts Tuesday night (December 19th). We won't play many teams as fast as Pampa or Borger in our District."

Scoring for the Broncs were: Williams 28, Watson 16, James Williams 8, Wilson 6, Floyd 5, Martindale 5, Leeper 3, Ray 3, and Holton 2.

The Broncs will be in action over the holidays, December 28-30th at the Broncs Gymnasium for the Greenbelt Varsity Tournament. They will play Allison in the first round of the tournament at 8:30pm Thursday, December 28th.

They will continue regular season play against Spearman at home on January 2.



The Broncs played two tough 4-A teams to prepare them for the upcoming district challenges. The Broncs will host the Greenbelt Varsity Tournament next week.

## CC Bulldogs host tourney

By Sandy Anderberg

Clarendon College hosted the Coca Cola Classic December 1-2.

The Bulldogs played Lubbock Christian and won, 92-63.

The Bulldogs had three players in double figures, which contributed to the 29-point win.

Scoring were: Keith Parks 18, Robert Bridges 13, Joey Rameriz 13, Brandon Campbell 8, L.K. White 8, Kenyon Jones 8, Ronald Harvey 7, Robert Dockins 7, Kevin Ford 5, and Roland McDougal 5.

CC played Cedar Valley December 7. The final score was 67-87.

Although freshman Keith Parks was perfect from the 3-point line and had 16 total points, the Bulldogs fell to Cedar Valley by 20 points.

Scoring were: Parks 16, Bridges 11, Jones 10, Rameriz 8, Dockins 5, Campbell 5, White 4, McDougal 4, Ford 2, and Justin Steward 2.

December 8 the Bulldogs played a good Northlake team.

The Bulldogs battled hard in this game that went into double overtime. CC played hard but wound up four points short of a victory, 86-90.

"This was a game we sure should have won," said Head Coach Joe Mondragon.

The guys played hard and had four players in double figures. The Bulldogs are a young team and will continue to improve in these tough situations.

Scoring for the Bulldogs were: Rameriz 20, Parks 16, Bridges 15, Jones 14, Campbell 9, McDougal 7, Dockins 3, and Chris Packer 2.

The Bulldogs will continue their schedule on January 12 when they will play Redland Community College in El Reno, Okla. They will begin conference play January 15 at home against New Mexico Junior College.

## 7th and 8th grade Colts play in tournament

The 7th grade Colts played Canadian on the road December 11 and won, 33-30. Scoring for the Colts were: Will Betts 19, Chase Thornberry 6, Will Drackley 4, and Ty White 4.

The 7th grade then participated in the Clarendon Jr. High Tournament, in which they won first place. They played Silverton and defeated them 42-35. Scoring were: Betts 26, Drackley 8, Thornberry 4, Michael Bruce 2, and Stephen Ford 2.

The Colts played Wellington in the championship and won, 45-33.

Scoring for the Colts were: Betts 19, Thornberry 8, Ford 5, Drackley 5, Andy Roberts 4, White 3, and Cody Scrivner 1.

The 8th grade Colts played Canadian December 11th and were defeated 20-51. Scoring were: Tim Sears 10, Matt McCabe 5, Scottie Willis 4, and Grady Swearingen 1.

The Colts played Claude and lost, 24-51. Scoring were: Swearingen 9, Sears 7, Willis 2, Brandon Herndon 2, Lewis Lacey 2, and Brandon Moody 2.

The Colts then played Highland Park in the consolation round, soundly defeating the Hornets 33-23. Scoring for the Colts were: Sears 13, McCabe 8, Moody 6, Robert Shelton 3, Casey Elliott 2, and Ty Lewis 1.

The Colts will be in action January 8 after Christmas break.

The 7th and 8th grade Colts participated in the Clarendon Jr. High Tournament Saturday, December 16.

Schedules for all your favorite Donley County teams available on the Internet at

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# BASKETBALL

Broncos & Lady Broncos

### 2000 Bronco Roster

|    |                 |     |
|----|-----------------|-----|
| 10 | Colt Floyd      | Sr. |
| 11 | Greg Leeper     | Sr. |
| 15 | Cody Watson     | Jr. |
| 30 | Sam Holton      | Sr. |
| 32 | Josh Williams   | Sr. |
| 33 | Jeremy Ray      | Jr. |
| 40 | Antonio Wilson  | Jr. |
| 44 | G.J. Martindale | Sr. |
| 55 | James Williams  | So. |

Head Coach: Mike Ray  
Manager: Michael McFarland and Serenity Shay

### 2000 Lady Bronco Roster

|    |                   |     |
|----|-------------------|-----|
| 5  | Claire Rodriguez  | Jr. |
| 10 | Courtney Newhouse | Sr. |
| 12 | Kelley Lemley     | Jr. |
| 14 | April Bryley      | Jr. |
| 20 | Janey Aduddell    | Jr. |
| 22 | Kristen Glover    | Jr. |
| 23 | Geri Butler       | Sr. |
| 24 | Elizabeth Simmons | Sr. |
| 32 | Lindsey Shelton   | Sr. |
| 33 | Brandi Martindale | So. |
| 34 | Shannon Cooper    | Sr. |
| 42 | Jamee Sparks      | Sr. |

Head Coach: Steve Schmidt  
Managers: Amanda McCabe and Candice Hall

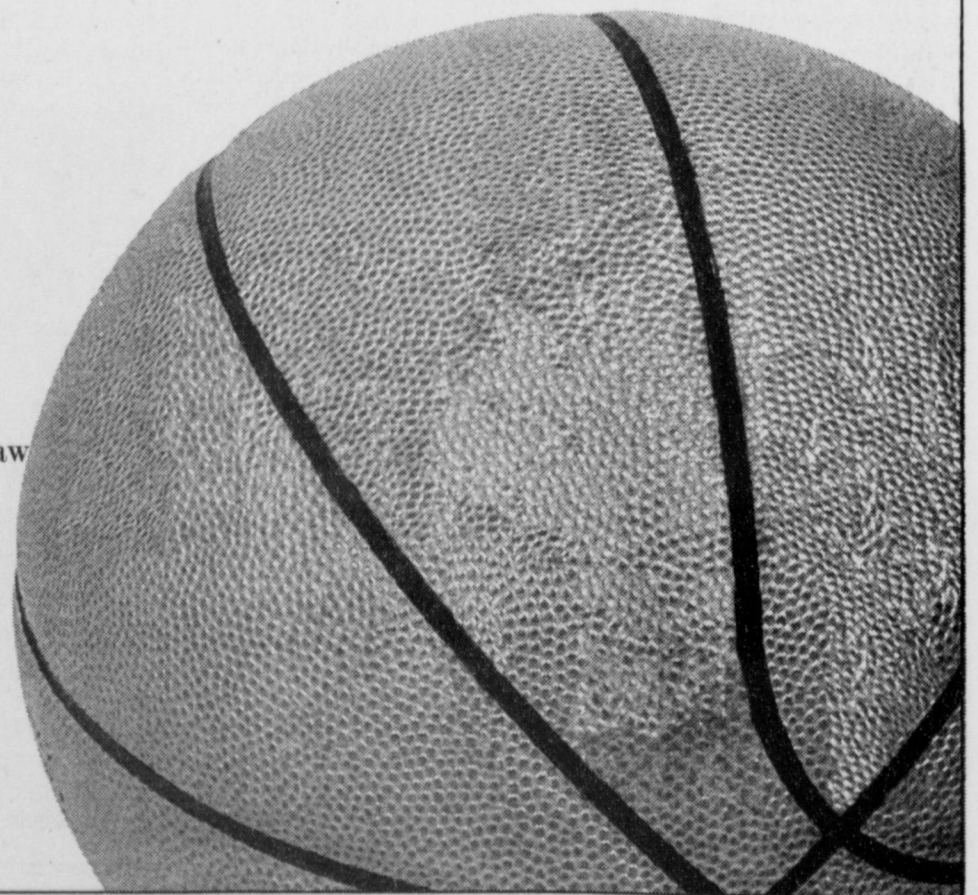
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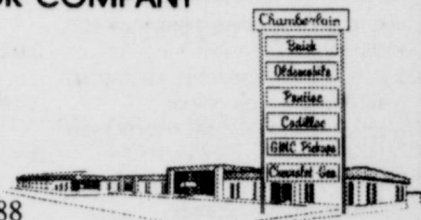
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**OWNER RELOCATING - MUST SELL** nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath, central heat and air, carport on 1 1/2 lots at 613 Browning St. for \$38,500. REDUCED TO \$36,000.

**RECENTLY REMODELED** 2 story, 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, living, dining, kitchen with new cabinets, dishwasher and range, large utility, covered porch, large deck, ducts installed for central h/a, shade and fruit trees, cased well, barn and storage building, all on one city block at 902 S. Gorst for \$72,000.00.

**CLARENDON - ALL GRASS** - section with one mile frontage on paved farm-to-market road only three miles from Clarendon. Good grass - has been rested during winter, two windmills with tubs, two dirt tanks, nice view, electricity available. Suitable to operate as/is or to sub-divide, good buy at \$265 per acre.

**CLARENDON-RANCH** - 1,170 acres only 4 miles south of Clarendon, good cattle country with just enough rough land and cover to attract DEER & GAME BIRDS, large dirt tank and 3 wells provide abundant water for livestock and game, good set of corrals, beautiful unobstructed view overlooking scenic canyon country for \$275.00 per acre.

**CLARENDON-FARM** - 271 ACRES 9 MILES S/E of Clarendon - 173.8 acres in CRP at \$33.00 with 7 years remaining (\$5,735.00 annual payment), 1 domestic well, frontage on large major ranch provides unobstructed view for building site and makes this a favored feeding ground for deer and quail, offered at \$400 per acre.

**CLARENDON - COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL - FULL CITY BLOCK** with 300 ft. frontage on Hwy. 287 - excellent location and size for business; also includes a 2 bedroom, 2 bath house with kitchen, dining/den and living room plus unattached one car garage at 900 E. 2nd for \$65,000.

**CLARENDON-COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL** - Corner lot with frontage on Hwy. 287, commercial building previously housing a restaurant, includes building with seating capacity for 52, all restaurant fixtures and equipment; also 1,178 sq. ft. 2 bedroom, 1 bath restorable residence at 804 E. 2nd St. both for \$42,000.

**CLARENDON-COMMERCIAL**, 250 ft. frontage on Hwy. 287 with nice, well maintained office building presently leased to a State of Texas agency for \$824 monthly. Very good income investment plus excellent development potential for vacant lots with Hwy. 287 frontage. At 911 E. 2nd for \$89,000.

**ASHTOLA** - 255 Acres - all farm land with county road on three sides, no improvements for \$315 per acre.

**GOODNIGHT** - 100 acres 3 bedroom house with 1 bath, kitchen, dining, living/den with wood burning stove, utility, fenced in porch, almost new metal roof, domestic well with pressure system, car with 2 wells, saddle room, feed house, hay loft, and drive through alley -- arena with boxes and lights for \$130,000.

**CLAUDE** - 327.5 acres total - 153.9 acres in CRP for 7 more years with \$5,986 annual payment, 50 acres in cultivation, balance native grass, 6" irrigation well with motor, 3/4 mi. underground 10" high pressure line, domestic well with sub. pump, older house in need of repair for \$450.00 per acre. REDUCED TO \$385.00 PER ACRE.

**LELIA LAKE** - 2 ACRE +/- beautifully landscaped and decorated, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths (full, 3/4, & 1/2), large kitchen/dining, den with fireplace, living, sun room with bricked grill, double garage, carport, 2 lakes, central heat & air, dust stopper doors & windows, well, fenced yard, shop & storage building, dog kennel with 6 runs, numerous shade & fruit trees - and more - must see to appreciate. Owner relocating; price REDUCED TO \$89,900.00. (Below appraisal)

**LELIA LAKE** - Four miles south, ten acres and nice brick house with 3 bedrooms, 3 baths (one full, two 3/4), country kitchen, large living room, cellar, barn, and fruit trees, one mile off hard surface road for \$70,000. Occupied, shown by appointment.

**GREENBELT** - Cherokee Section, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, utility, kitchen/dining, large living/den, basement, concrete patio, covered porch, fenced yards, 2 car ports, 15th wheel port, 3 storage buildings, fruit, nut, and shade trees on 2 1/2 lots at 105 Walleye for \$29,500.

**GREENBELT** - Country Club Central Section, split-level, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, living/den/kitchen, wood burner fireplace, central heat, full length enclosed porch, garage/shop at #6 Dawn Drive for \$36,000. REDUCED TO \$33,500.

**GREENBELT** - Carroll Creek Acres - 4 acres and 2 bedroom, 1 bath, living, dining, den, well with sub. pump for \$27,000.

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Sheriff's Report:

# Caller reports naked man out of pickup near Giles

**Dec. 11**  
 3:31 a.m. - Deputy reports visibility is down to 100 yards or less.  
 9:56 a.m. - Minor fender bender.  
 1:05 p.m. - Deputy out at the college.  
 1:28 p.m. - Alarm at local business going off. All was okay.  
 3:28 p.m. - Report of hit and run in Hedley.  
 4:12 p.m. - Deputy needing information from Potter County.  
 4:14 p.m. - DPS needing information.  
 5:26 p.m. - EMS Childress needing to talk to Clarendon EMS.  
 7:36 p.m. - Subject in sheriff's office needing a deputy.  
 7:40 p.m. - Memphis Police Department needing information.  
 7:54 p.m. - Deputy out at local residence.  
 10:26 p.m. - Domestic dispute at local residence.  
 10:26 p.m. - Deputy responding for backup.  
**Dec. 12**  
 1:28 a.m. - Deputy out checking disabled vehicle.  
 2:19 a.m. - Teletype on suspicious persons out of Dallas area to watch for.  
 4:25 a.m. - ATL suspect in attempted murder of peace officer.  
 6:06 a.m. - Gave trooper information on teletypes.  
 7:05 a.m. - EMS needed for patient transfer from Childress.  
 7:05 a.m. - Trooper wanting radio tower personnel notified that top light on tower is out.  
 7:42 a.m. - Caller needing to speak with deputy.  
 8:35 a.m. - Cattle out on 70 N.  
 9:32 a.m. - Caller notifying sheriff's office about controlled burn.  
 9:38 a.m. - Caller reporting two big dogs on their porch.  
 10:03 a.m. - Inmate taken to courthouse.  
 12:22 p.m. - Keys locked in a vehicle.  
 3:20 p.m. - EMS back from patient transfer.  
 6:19 p.m. - Caller reported truck on bumper on US 287 between Childress and Memphis.  
 6:34 p.m. - Caller wanting to know about road conditions.  
 7:08 p.m. - Teletype on escaped inmate in Lipscomb County.  
 7:26 p.m. - Caller reporting burst water lines.

**Dec. 13**  
 12:21 a.m. - Gas drive off from local business.  
 12:24 a.m. - Deputy out with vehicle involved in gas drive off.  
 1:09 a.m. - Caller wanting to know if we had any wrecks reported.  
 1:44 a.m. - Weather service calling to see what the weather was doing here. Also to advise that it was going to get worse.  
 1:46 a.m. - Deputy advising roads getting slick.  
 3:33 a.m. - Weather service calling to see what weather is doing now.  
 4:22 a.m. - Subject in McLean wanting to know road conditions.  
 5:27 a.m. - Caller inquiring about the road conditions.  
 5:55 a.m. - Deputy reported that there

is black ice under the snow.  
 6:21 a.m. - Caller inquiring about the road conditions.  
 6:22 a.m. - Caller inquiring about the road conditions.  
 6:24 a.m. - Caller inquiring if Clarendon schools are closed. Dispatch states that we have no report of it being closed.  
 6:26 a.m. - Weather service wants to know if we have snow and how much. Or did we just have ice. One to two inches reported.  
 6:59 a.m. - Caller inquiring about the road conditions.  
 7:10 a.m. - Caller inquiring about the road conditions.  
 7:46 a.m. - Caller inquiring about the road conditions.  
 7:56 a.m. - Caller asking if the roads had been sanded between Howard and Clarendon yet. Dispatch referred caller to State Highway Department.  
 7:59 a.m. - Caller inquiring about the road conditions.  
 3:00 p.m. - Deputy in pursuit of vehicle with someone possibly shooting a gun in town.  
 3:02 p.m. - Deputy out of unit with vehicle where shots were fired.  
 3:18 p.m. - Deputy en route to jail with one in custody.  
 3:19 p.m. - Deputy en route to jail with two in custody.

**Dec. 14**  
 5:12 a.m. - Caller inquiring about the road conditions to Amarillo.  
 6:54 a.m. - Caller needs deputy's assistance at a local business.  
 8:50 a.m. - Caller reported a burned vehicle on N. 70.  
 6:02 p.m. - Caller reported possible burglary in Hedley. Deputy en route and sheriff notified.  
 8:14 p.m. - Deputy finds local business door open and asked dispatch to notify owner to secure it.  
 9:00 p.m. - Caller reported keys locked in vehicle at Thriftway.  
 9:40 p.m. - Caller inquiring on road conditions between Clarendon and Dallas.  
 9:51 p.m. - Local business reported a gas drive off.  
 10:19 p.m. - Caller reported hitting a deer this morning and needs an accident report.  
 10:58 p.m. - Stranded motorist at approximate MM 170. Trooper en route.  
 11:07 p.m. - EMS paged.  
 11:20 p.m. - Trooper needs wrecker sent to location of stranded motorist.  
 11:35 p.m. - Ambulance en route to N.W.T.H.

**Dec. 15**  
 2:48 a.m. - EMS back at the station.  
 3:30 a.m. - National Weather Service inquiring on the visibility.  
 5:38 a.m. - Deputy reports that the fog has not lifted.  
 6:15 a.m. - Caller inquiring on road conditions.  
 7:01 a.m. - Caller inquiring on road conditions.  
 7:07 a.m. - Deputy reports a minor accident on Kearney.

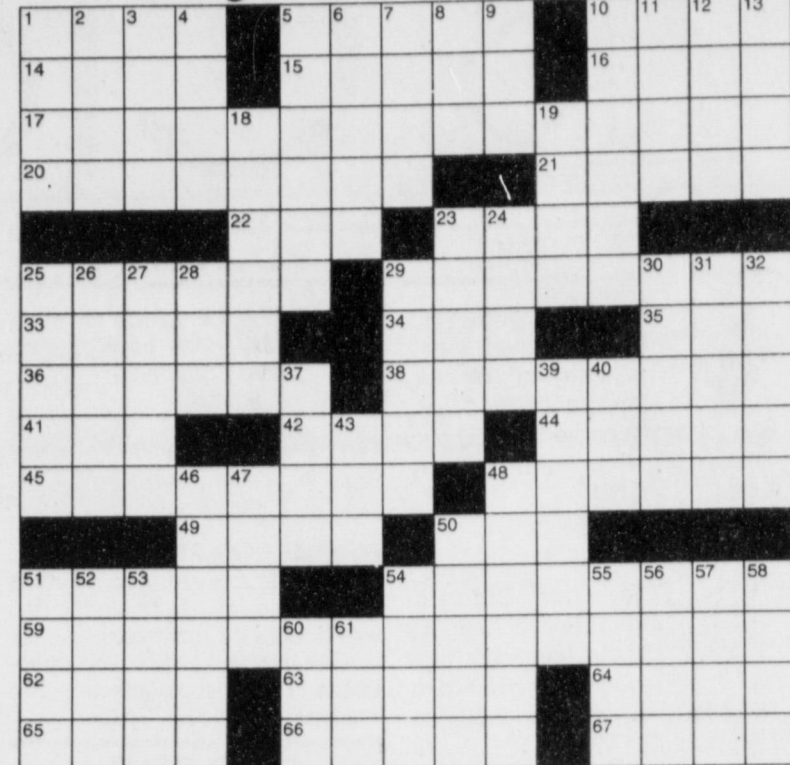
8:16 a.m. - Deputy reports lights left on on vehicle in the high school parking lot.  
 10:37 a.m. - Accident reported two miles NE of Hedley.  
 11:40 a.m. - Caller reported tires smoking on a tanker westbound on US 287. Paged fire department.  
 11:51 a.m. - Fire units back to the station.  
 4:44 p.m. - Armstrong County needs to speak with a deputy.  
 4:56 p.m. - Report of a missing or lost child. All Donley County units responding. Dispatch spoke with several people in town by telephone.  
 6:58 p.m. - Contacted all Donley County units. Child has been found and is okay.  
 7:00 p.m. - Caller needs to speak with a deputy.  
 7:22 p.m. - Deputy dispatched back to jail in reference to an inmate and to return phone calls.  
 7:25 p.m. - Justice of the Peace paged to jail.  
 11:08 p.m. - Chief Deputy reported a train sparking and has already started one fire in Armstrong County. Notify BNR.  
 11:19 p.m. - Caller needs to speak with a deputy now.  
 11:25 p.m. - CPS needs to speak with a deputy.  
 11:37 p.m. - Deputy out at Chief Deputy's residence.

**Dec. 16**  
 12:52 a.m. - Caller needs assistance in Howardwick. Believes he may be in danger. Two deputies and a trooper responding.  
 8:25 a.m. - Caller reported a large bunch of cattle out on the highway in the middle of Lelia Lake. Deputy en route.  
 8:47 a.m. - Deputy reported owner will get the cattle taken care of.  
 5:38 p.m. - Caller reported keys locked in vehicle at Duckwalls.  
 6:31 p.m. - Caller reported keys locked in vehicle at the Post Office.  
 7:30 p.m. - 911 call. Three subjects on N. 70. One in vehicle, one out of vehicle, one under vehicle.

Deputy responding.  
 7:39 p.m. - Vehicle has hit a deer. Deer needs to be put down. Game Warden responding.  
 7:48 p.m. - Another locked vehicle at Duckwalls.  
 8:22 p.m. - Concerned mother checking on daughter's whereabouts. Wants deputy to look for her. Deputy responding.  
 8:45 p.m. - Daughter checked out of college. Mother notified.  
 9:39 p.m. - Minor accident at the Outpost. Deputy responding.  
 10:06 p.m. - Trooper at the Outpost, needs deputy for minor accident.

**Dec. 17**  
 3:21 a.m. - Caller reported a convoy of trucks on I-40 driving recklessly at MM150.  
 4:01 a.m. - Report of two juvenile runaways from Hedley. Deputy notified and checking locations in Clarendon that girls may be at. Not there.  
 6:51 a.m. - Caller reported accident on I-40. Gray County notified.  
 9:34 a.m. - Need a deputy at Hedley concerning the runaway girls.  
 10:02 a.m. - Caller reported a pickup on CR west of Giles. Man has no clothing on and is standing outside of the pickup. Another person is in the floorboard of the pickup. Deputies en route.  
 10:45 a.m. - Another runaway report. Deputy en route.  
 12:40 p.m. - One runaway located.  
 1:29 p.m. - Constable out of county for three to four hours.  
 3:14 p.m. - Deputy has located the other two runaways and is en route to the sheriff's office with them.  
 3:48 p.m. - EMS needed at the nursing home.  
 4:14 p.m. - EMS en route to Amarillo.  
 4:25 p.m. - Caller reported a male walking by a house twirling a pistol. Deputy en route.  
 4:34 p.m. - Deputy reported that it was only a BB pistol.

## Big E Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**  
 1. Robert \_\_\_\_, Colonial painter  
 5. Heart chambers  
 10. Tang  
 14. Wild mountain goat  
 15. Persons  
 16. Lake \_\_\_\_, one of the Great  
 17. Part of a Christmas song  
 20. Rode a horse  
 21. Scars  
 22. Negative  
 23. Spice  
 25. Cycle  
 29. Heaven  
 33. Involvement  
 34. They \_\_\_\_  
 35. Route (abbr.)  
 36. Take by force  
 38. Refinisher  
 41. Compass point  
 42. Small integers  
 44. Protective covering  
 45. Takes a breath  
 48. \_\_\_\_ fatales  
 49. Japanese waist pouch  
 50. Morris or Garfield  
 51. Little
54. Scandinavian capital  
 59. Part of a Christmas song with 17 across  
 62. Filippo \_\_\_\_, saint  
 63. Richard \_\_\_\_, character actor  
 64. Conk  
 65. Short for Paltrow  
 66. Awake  
 67. About aviation
- DOWN**  
 1. Treasury  
 2. City, 3000 B.C.  
 3. Clever  
 4. Depart  
 5. Religious retreat  
 6. Mark \_\_\_\_, U.S. painter  
 7. Regretted  
 8. Nauseated  
 9. Signing  
 10. Closed in  
 11. \_\_\_\_ Clapton, musician  
 12. Decline  
 13. Lambs  
 15. Groups of species  
 19. Prevents harm to creatures  
 23. Female horses  
 24. Area units
25. One who accepts a bet  
 26. Compound derived from ammonia  
 27. Swellings  
 28. Bradstreet partner  
 29. Cuts  
 30. Worn to Mecca  
 31. Scandinavian  
 32. Judges' journeys  
 37. Young salmon  
 39. Bloodsucking African fly  
 40. Resistance unit  
 43. Company exec  
 46. Chinese transliteration system  
 47. Inside of  
 48. Stammer  
 50. Belts  
 51. Ratted  
 52. Squad  
 53. Bird's nest  
 54. Slight indication  
 55. South American Indian  
 56. World's longest river  
 57. Gnarl  
 58. People of southeast Nigeria  
 60. Arthropod genus  
 61. \_\_\_\_ Angeles

### Unemployment tax rates drop for Texans

AUSTIN - Texas employers are receiving Unemployment Insurance tax rate notices in the mail this month, and the news is good - the rate is going down.

The 2001 average tax rate that the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) will assess employers is 0.94 percent, down from 1.02 percent in 2000. The rate reduction results from fewer UI benefits payments in 2000 than in 1999.

Further, the amount of UI benefits paid but not charged to particular employer declined from 1999 to 2000.

The average experience tax rate for 2001 also has dropped - to 0.75 percent from 0.85 percent in 2000. The experience tax rate is based on benefits paid to former employees and charges to the employer's account. These charges are called chargebacks.

TWC administers UI taxes and benefits under the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act. Qualifying claimants who are terminated from their jobs through no fault of their own receive weekly payments that are a portion of their salary for a specified period of time.

In the meantime, recipients are required to actively seek re-employment. Benefits expire when the claimant re-enters suitable employment or when the specified payment period lapses, whichever occurs first.

Because of the drop in claims from 1999 to 2000, Texas employers will save a total of \$62.3 million in 2001.

### First Christian Church

Third and Gorst, Clarendon  
 Sunday Service - 10:45 a.m.  
*"A Family of Faith dedicated to loving, worshipping, and serving God and to sharing the Good News of His Son, Jesus, through action and word."*  
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STATEMENT FOR PUBLICATION

CLARENDON CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES  
 YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2000

| Data Control Codes  | GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES |                               | TOTALS (Memorandum Only) |                    |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
|   | 100-199 General Fund    | 200-499 Special Revenue Funds | 98 August 31, 2000       | 97 August 31, 1999 |
| <b>REVENUES:</b>  |                         |                               |                          |                    |
| Local and Intermediate Sources:   |                         |                               |                          |                    |
|   | \$ 76,461               | \$ -                          | \$ 76,461                | \$ 74,134          |
| Investment Income   |                         |                               |                          |                    |
| Other Local and Intermediate Sources  | 1,190,677               | 47,248                        | 1,237,925                | 1,208,266          |
| 5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources   | 1,267,138               | 47,248                        | 1,314,386                | 1,282,400          |
| 5800 State Program Revenues   | 2,641,245               | 37,627                        | 2,678,872                | 2,494,903          |
| 5900 Federal Program Revenues   | 3,819                   | 250,432                       | 254,251                  | 231,110            |
| 5020 Total Revenues   | 3,912,202               | 335,307                       | 4,247,509                | 4,008,413          |
| <b>EXPENDITURES:</b>  |                         |                               |                          |                    |
| Current:  |                         |                               |                          |                    |
| 0010 Instruction and Instructional-Related Services   | 2,420,671               | 197,903                       | 2,618,574                | 2,614,448          |
| 0020 Instructional and School Leadership  | 255,276                 | 4,627                         | 259,903                  | 232,544            |
| 0030 Support Services - Student (Pupil)   | 351,075                 | 140,568                       | 491,643                  | 513,525            |
| 0040 Administrative Support Services  | 265,352                 | -                             | 265,352                  | 240,752            |
| 0050 Support Services - Nonstudent Based  | 279,361                 | -                             | 279,361                  | 251,820            |
| 0070 Debt Service   | 92,190                  | -                             | 92,190                   | 96,942             |
| 0080 Capital Outlay   | 148,086                 | -                             | 148,086                  | 15,363             |
| 0090 Intergovernmental Charges  | 67,345                  | -                             | 67,345                   | 53,857             |
| 6030 Total Expenditures   | 3,879,356               | 343,098                       | 4,222,454                | 4,019,251          |
| 1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures                                  | 32,846                  | (7,791)                       | 25,055                   | (10,838)           |
| 7020 Other Resources  | -                       | 7,791                         | 7,791                    | 5,654              |
| 8030 Other (Uses)   | (7,791)                 | -                             | (7,791)                  | (3,852)            |
| 1200 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues & Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses | 25,055                  | -                             | 25,055                   | (9,036)            |
| 0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)   | 917,753                 | -                             | 917,753                  | 926,789            |
| 3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)  | \$ 942,808              | \$ -                          | \$ 942,808               | \$ 917,753         |



# LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa:

I have been a big boy this year. How are your reindeer? This Christmas, please bring me a Tonka big rig, a trampoline, and a robot dog. I love you very much.

Merry Christmas,  
David Johnston  
Age 5

Dear Santa,

I want Scooby Doo Christmas movie and a Dragon Tales Christmas movie and a Arthur Christmas and 102 Dalmation movie and The Grinches Christmas and a princess dress up trunk and the shoe. I want a princess gown that's pink and a princess robe that's pink and princess house shoes! I want a princess best friend back pack and lip-gloss rings. I want smacker stuff, Dalmatians mini bean bag stocking set. I will have you milk and cookies. Thanks for Christmas and the presents Santa.

Love your best from me the milk and cookies.  
Love,  
Sarah Baird

Dear Santa,

I want a Winnie the Pooh puzzle that's not hard, my own black boots, puppy, and a Tigger puzzle.

Love,  
Jacee Crump  
Age 2

Dear Santa,

I love you. I want a Home Alone movie, a Buzz Lightyear that flies, my own VCR, and a trampoline.

Love,  
Dustin Crump  
Age 5

Dear Santa,

My name is Colton and I am 4 years old. I have been very good this year. I want dinosaurs for Christmas because they are my favorite toys.

Dear Santa,

I hope I'm not being greedy when I ask for these presents. Can you please bring me a doll and some books and some clothes and some CDs and a Barbie doll and a whole bunch of paper and color paper and a laptop computer with games and my own baby doll?

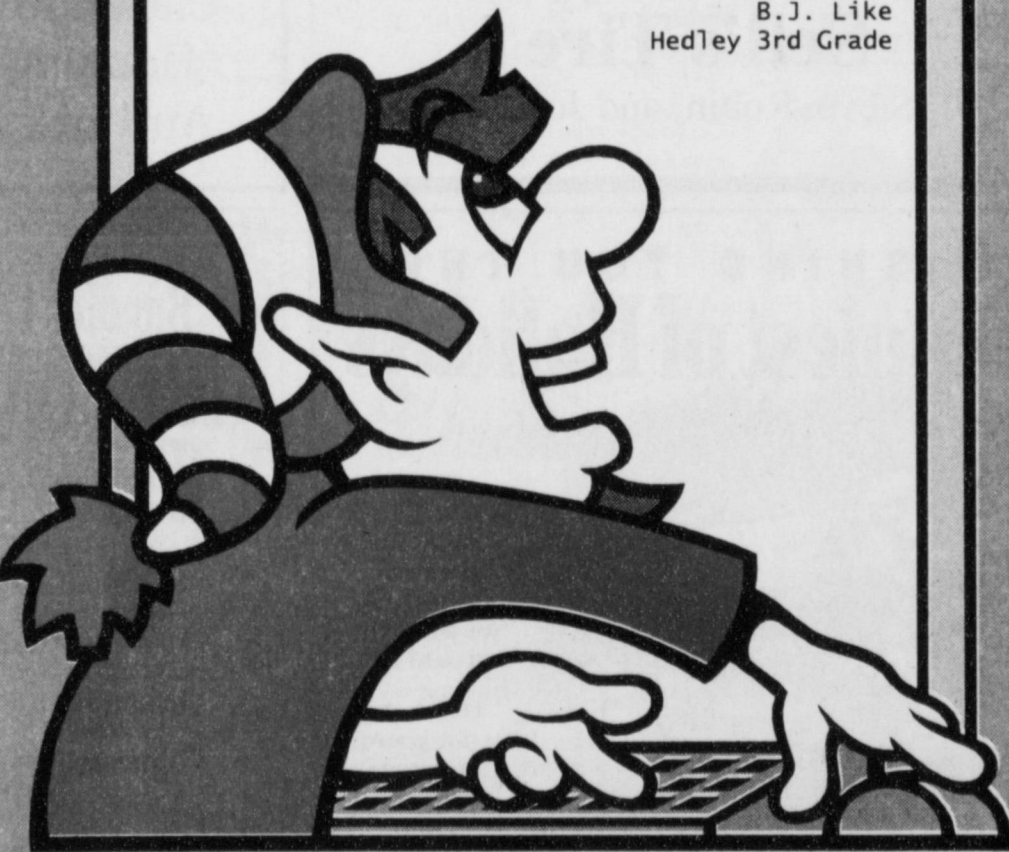
Thank you! With love!

Love,  
MarLee Sargent  
Hedley 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,

I want a ballerina and a toy dog and a princess Barbie with a castle and a dancing Barbie. I also want a Twenty Twenty Little Star doll, Hush Little Baby doll and my own Britney Spears and a computer.

Love,  
B.J. Like  
Hedley 3rd Grade



Dear Santa,

This is what I want for Christmas: a remote control and a surround system, a Mongoose bike and four wheeler, a super Nintendo and a computer, a hammer and nails, a play train and remote control, to be together with my family and a two seater go-cart. The end.

Love,  
Will Monroe  
Hedley 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,

I want a Britney Spears Barbie doll, a lot of books, a lot of CDs, a lot of toys, a computer, a Rottweiler, and alien.

Love,  
Brittney Netterville  
Hedley 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,

I want a lot of Pokemon toys and a big Cheetor toy and a trampoline mat and an Ape Escape game and the dinosaur Movie and a Dalmation puppy, please.

Love,  
Cole Farris  
Hedley 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,

I wish for a go-cart. I hope you will bring my sister a little bear and I want a game for the Nintendo 64 called Tom and Jerry. Santa, I hope you will come to my house. I will not be bad anymore. I will believe in you. I want a game Mario.

Love,  
Danny Garcia  
Hedley 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,

I want a play station and a four-wheeler and a dog and an airplane and a surround system and a super Nintendo 64 and a computer.

Love,  
R.J. Marshall  
Hedley 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,

I would like to have computer, a 2000 collector Barbie and a horse. I would like for Raymond to get a new heart, please.

Love,  
Haley Hall  
Hedley 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,

My name is Grayson and I will be 1 year old on December 21. All that I want for Christmas this year is a wagon because I prefer playing with my big brother's stuff.

We will leave cookies and milk (the real kind, no my kind) out for you, but if they are gone by the time that you make it by our house, it was our dog Beau and not me!

Merry Christmas,  
Grayson Burch

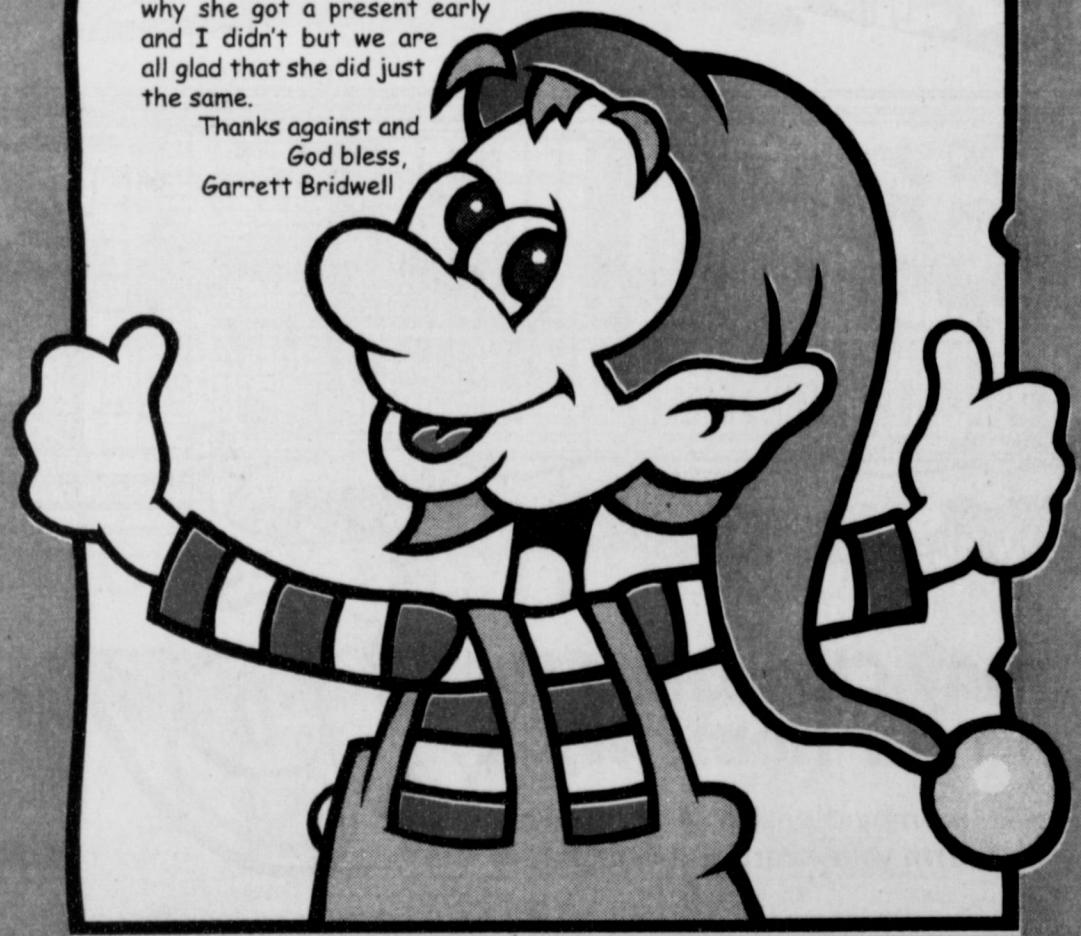
Dear Santa,

Hi, it's your buddy Garrett waiting patiently for your visit (don't ask mom about the patient thing, please). My wish list is as follows: art supplies, a Playstation game, a Gameboy game, YoYo, some new CDs, and anything else that you would like to leave me.

Don't forget about Grayson, he needs toys of his own so that he will leave mine alone.

Oh. And thanks again for Nanno's new "ticker." I don't know why she got a present early and I didn't but we are all glad that she did just the same.

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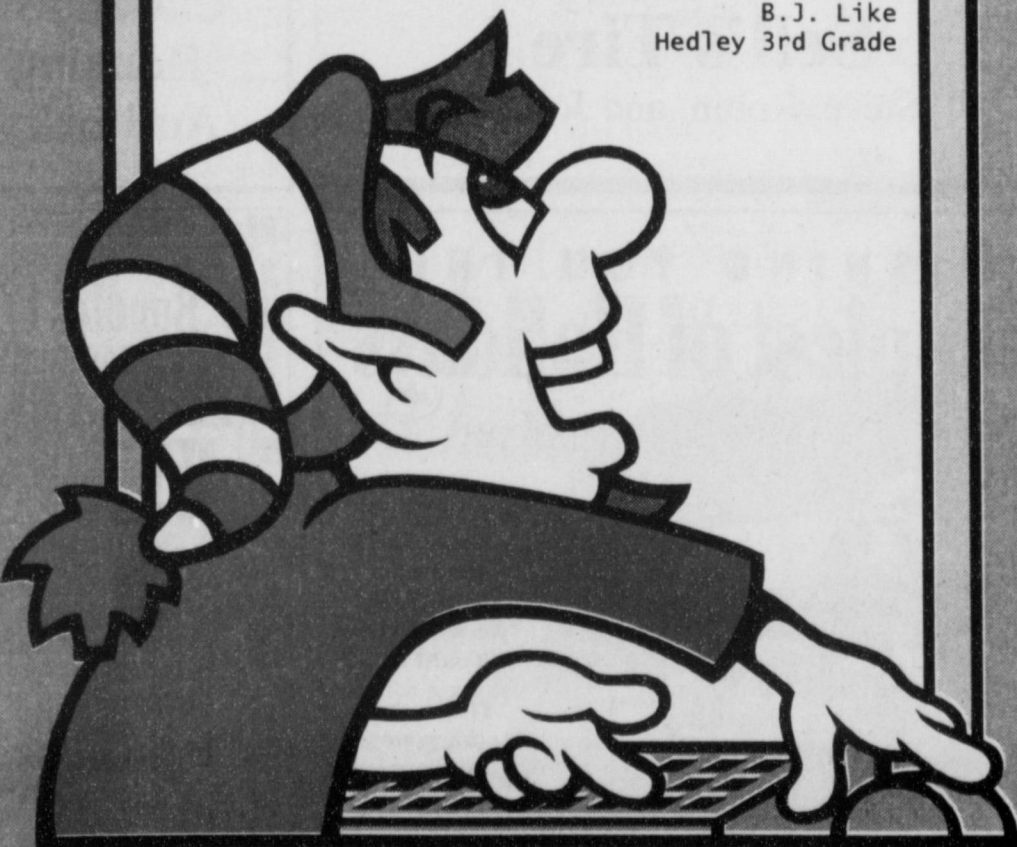
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Hedley 3rd Grade



Dear Santa,

This is what I want for Christmas: a remote control and a surround system, a Mongoose bike and four wheeler, a super Nintendo and a computer, a hammer and nails, a play train and remote control, to be together with my family and a two seater go-cart. The end.

Love,  
Will Monroe  
Hedley 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,

I want a Britney Spears Barbie doll, a lot of books, a lot of CDs, a lot of toys, a computer, a Rottweiler, and alien.

Love,  
Brittney Netterville  
Hedley 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,

I want a lot of Pokemon toys and a big Cheeter toy and a trampoline mat and an Ape Escape game and the dinosaur Movie and a Dalmation puppy, please.

Love,  
Cole Farris  
Hedley 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,

I wish for a go-cart. I hope you will bring my sister a little bear and I want a game for the Nintendo 64 called Tom and Jerry. Santa, I hope you will come to my house. I will not be bad anymore. I will believe in you. I want a game Mario.

Love,  
Danny Garcia  
Hedley 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,

I want a play station and a four-wheeler and a dog and an airplane and a surround system and a super Nintendo 64 and a computer.

Love,  
R.J. Marshall  
Hedley 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,

I would like to have computer, a 2000 collector Barbie and a horse. I would like for Raymond to get a new heart, please.

Love,  
Haley Hall  
Hedley 3rd Grade

Dear Santa,

My name is Grayson and I will be 1 year old on December 21. All that I want for Christmas this year is a wagon because I prefer playing with my big brother's stuff.

We will leave cookies and milk (the real kind, no my kind) out for you, but if they are gone by the time that you make it by our house, it was our dog Beau and not me!

Merry Christmas,  
Grayson Burch

Dear Santa,

Hi, it's your buddy Garrett waiting patiently for your visit (don't ask mom about the patient thing, please). My wish list is as follows: art supplies, a Playstation game, a Gameboy game, YoYo, some new CD's, and anything else that you would like to leave me.

Don't forget about Grayson, he needs toys of his own so that he will leave mine alone.

Oh. And thanks again for Nanno's new "ticker." I don't know why she got a present early and I didn't but we are all glad that she did just the same.

Thanks against and  
God bless,  
Garrett Bridwell

