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THIS WEEK

2 Downtown Clarendon has seen several improvements in the last few months.
4 The members of the Hedley Lioness Club hold a Christmas Party.
7 A trade association renews its commitment to Texas courthouses.
9 And the Broncos stop the boys from Silverton.

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

Commissioners ban sale of fireworks

Persistent dry conditions led the Donley County Commissioners' Court to prohibit the sale or use of fireworks last Monday.

The order blocks the sale or use of restricted fireworks in the unincorporated areas of Donley County.

Under the order, no person may sell, detonate, ignite, or in any way use fireworks classified as "skyrockets with sticks" and "missiles with fins."

The action does not prohibit: common fireworks, small in size classified as Class C explosives; large fireworks devices designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration and classified as Class B explosive.

Violating this order is a Class C misdemeanor.

C of C names light contest winners

The Chamber of Commerce has announced the winners of last week's lighting contest.

In Clarendon, Steve and Robin Sell were recognized in the residential category, and Best Western Red River Inn won the business division.

Karen and Keith Watt took residential honors in Hedley, and Brad and Adelita Elam had the top residence at Howardwick.

Santa Claus coming to H-wick Dec. 21

Santa Claus will be on hand when the Howardwick Friendship Club meets next Friday night, December 21, for a pot luck dinner.

The fun starts at 6:30 p.m. at Howardwick City Hall. Parents should make sure Santa has a gift for every child.

Extension service plans luncheon

The Donley County Extension office will hold a luncheon December 19 from 11:30-1:00 at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall to show its appreciation for all the citizens of Donley County who have supported the Texas Cooperative Extension and its youth and education programs in 2007.

Santa Letters to be printed next week

THE CLARENDON ENTERPRISE will print its annual Christmas edition next week.

The special issue features letters to Santa and Christmas Memories from local elementary students.

Following that issue, early deadlines will be set for the December 27 and January 3 editions. All news, photos, and advertisements for those issues will be due in the office by noon on the Friday before publication.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Fire destroys Sam Hill's Popular restaurant a 'total loss' after Saturday blaze

The response was swift, but nothing could save Sam Hill's BBQ from destruction early Saturday morning as a raging fire swept through the popular local restaurant.

"I'd say it's a total loss," Clarendon Fire Marshal Kelly Hill said.

Hill, who is also a Donley County Deputy, had patrolled the area earlier in the morning, and everything looked fine. But then a clerk at Allsup's convenience store across US 287 called the sheriff's office to report what appeared to be burning power lines.

That was at 4:40 a.m. By 4:47 a.m., the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department was on the scene, and the fire was fully involved, CFVD Assistant Chief Jeremy Powell reported. Hill was on the scene about the same time when the fire apparently hits its flash point, and the restaurant's windows blew out.

Owner Terri Hommel was at home when her sister called with the news about the fire, which she had heard on a police scanner. Hommel said she was grateful for the firemen's quick action.

"I was very impressed that they were there that fast," Hommel said.

Firefighters finally brought the blaze under control by 6:30 a.m., but little remained of the restaurant that has been a stopping point for many travelers for the last two decades.

AEP/SWEPSCO employees, the Donley County Sheriff's Office, TxDOT personnel, and Associated Ambulance Authority also responded to the fire.

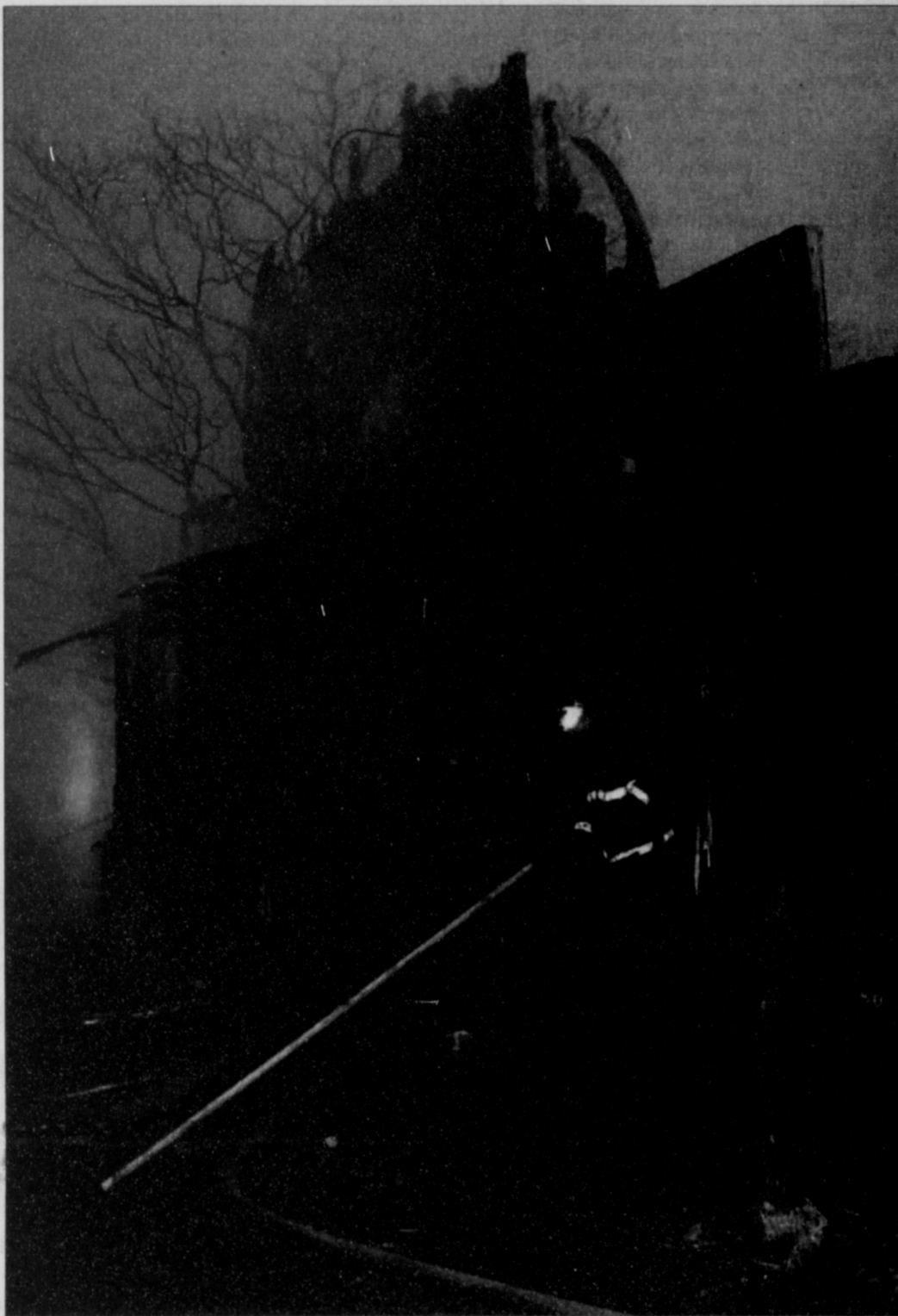
Hill said the fire appeared to have started in the kitchen area. The cause of the blaze is still under investigation, and a representative of the state fire marshal's office is expected here this week, he said.

Hommel said nothing appears to be salvageable from the restaurant, but she does have insurance on the building.

"I'm hoping to rebuild. That's my plan," she said.

But Hommel also said she does not think her insurance will cover the lost wages of her eight employees.

"I know a couple of them are looking for jobs right now," she



A Clarendon fireman works through the charred and smokey shell of Sam Hill's BBQ Saturday morning. An early morning fire completely destroyed the business, but owner Terri Hommel says she plans to rebuild and get the restaurant going again.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ANNDRIA KIDD

said. "I just ask everyone to pray for them."

This is the second time fire has hit Sam Hill's. In August 2002,

flames shot out the door of the cooker when it was opened by an employee. That blaze destroyed the kitchen area and resulted in smoke

and water damage throughout the building.

Hommel has owned the restaurant since 2001, she said.

Wreck hospitalizes CC instructor

A Clarendon College instructor remains hospitalized this week after being seriously injured in a one-vehicle accident last Wednesday.

DPS Trooper Daniel Hawthorne said 36-year-old Melissa McCoy of Amarillo apparently fell asleep about 15 miles east of Claude while going southbound on US 287.

McCoy's 2007 Honda Pilot SUV jumped a creek, flipped forward on its nose, and came to rest on its top, Hawthorne said. McCoy was wearing her seat belt.

A trucker traveling behind McCoy discovered the accident and

called emergency personnel from Claude, who extracted McCoy with the Jaws of Life.

Co-workers at Clarendon College are filling in for McCoy and staying in touch with the family. Tuesday afternoon they received good news about her condition.

"Melissa is responding to stimuli and to people talking to her," fellow instructor Pam Denney said. "She is slowly being brought out of her induced coma."

Denney said McCoy is in the Surgical ICU at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.



The crumpled remains of the car Melissa McCoy was driving last week.

COURTESY PHOTO / PAM DENNEY

Shoppers will have chance at \$300 Late Night jackpot

The Late Night Shopping jackpot has rolled to \$300 this week after none of the five lucky spinners landed on the big money last week.

Holiday shoppers can again enjoy extended hours at downtown merchants this Thursday night, and while they're checking items off their lists, they can also sign up for a chance to spin the wheel and win prizes from 24 local businesses.

And this week, Santa Claus is coming to town Thursday night and will be inside the Burton Memorial Library along with Mrs. Claus and some of their elves for pictures and refreshments.

The Chamber of Commerce

is providing the \$100 in Christmas Cash each night of Late Night Shopping. Five lucky winners will be drawn, and if no one hits the big money, the pot rolls over and will continue to do so until the final night of Late Night Shopping on December 20 when someone will win the money.

Last week's winners were Jan Ferris, Darrell Durham, Nancy Taylor, Jewel Judd, and Trina Wright.

Merchants on Kearney Street stay open until 8 p.m. during Late Night Shopping, and refreshments are available at various businesses and at the Downtown Ministry

Center. Late Night Shopping will continue December 13 and 20.

In addition to providing the jackpot money for Late Night Shopping every Thursday night, the Chamber of Commerce is also making big plans for a Christmas Celebration this weekend.

On Saturday, December 15, the Chamber will sponsor festivities on the KEFH parking lot at US 287 and Sully Street beginning at 4 p.m. The plans call for live music and an appearance by that Jolly Old Elf himself - Santa Claus! The festivities will continue over on Kearney Street where shoppers are encouraged to support our local merchants.



Lucky spinners last week were Jan Farris, Nancy Taylor, Trina Wright, Jewel Judd, and Darrel Durham.

MCNH sale contract is approved

The contract has been signed, but it will still be several months before the Medical Center Nursing Home becomes privately owned.

The Donley County Hospital Board met in a called session last Thursday night to ink the deal with Community Care Management.

The Denton-based company will pay \$1.25 million for the facility, and \$10,000 was put up as escrow money.

Closing on the contract won't take place until at least mid-March, however. That's because the sale is dependent on the hospital district, completing the addition of four semi-private rooms to the facility. That \$373,000 expansion is already underway on the west wing of MCNH.

Proceeds from the sale will go into an escrow fund that will go toward paying off \$1.3 million in bonds the district owes from remodeling the facility. District officials say they won't know what interest rate that escrow will earn until the sale is closed.

Community Care Management was represented at Thursday's meeting by Royce Freebourn, C.J. Prater, and Larry Owen.

Two trucks hit black ice

Two separate but related accidents hindered traffic for about four hours on US 287 between Hedley and Lelia Lake Sunday morning.

Department of Public Safety Trooper Chris Ward said a semi-truck driven by 45-year-old Gabriel Navarrete of Tucson, Ariz., was southbound when he hit a patch of black ice about one-half mile east of CR 20. The truck slid across the center median, went through the northbound lanes and into the north ditch, took out an AEP power pole and transformer, and came to rest on the Burlington Northern-Santa Fe railroad tracks. In the process, Navarrete's trailer split open, spilling its contents of Coors beer.

Another trucker, 47-year-old Owen Fain of Stephenville, was also southbound and saw the first accident. He pulled over on the shoulder and legally parked his truck when a third truck hit the same black ice and lost control.

Rafael Olivas, age 50, of Weslaco, was behind the wheel of the semi carrying thick plastic sheeting, which jackknifed, hit Fain's truck, and went into the center median while still blocking the southbound lanes.

No injuries were reported with the accidents.

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

MCNH sale shows times have changed

The hospital district finally sold the nursing home last week, and no one spoke in opposition to it.

What a difference nine years can make! Back in the late 1990s, the Donley County Hospital Board got the notion to sell the Medical Center Nursing Home. It was old, it needed major repairs, and the cost of operating it was unwieldy. It was time, they said, to get out from under this burden.

Your editor will still pretty wet behind the ears then when Flip Breedlove stood up in the crowd at one hospital board meeting. The former county agent recalled how, as a young man, he had gone to the editor of THE DONLEY COUNTY LEADER, J.C. Estlack, to enlist his help in educating the public about the need to eradicate the screw worm.

Breedlove admonished the board to get their information to the "young man" at the LEADER (which by then was called the ENTERPRISE) so he could share it with the people, and the people of Donley County would do what was right.

The board did so, and then the people of Donley County rose up in 1998. They petitioned and voted 348 to 216 to block the sale of the facility that their tax dollars had funded since 1971.

Flash forward to 2005. The hospital board expressed concerns about the future of the nursing home and even held out the possibility of selling it. Representatives talked to the Enterprise and held a public forum about the issues. The nursing home was old but recently remodeled; it needed major repairs; and, though it was operating in the black for the first time ever, they feared that the cost of running it would soon become unwieldy.

But this time the people did not rise up. They asked a few questions, mostly to do with their taxes, and then remained silent as the hospital board very publicly started putting things in motion to sell the facility.

So what is different now compared to nine or ten years ago? Well for one thing, most, if not all, of the major figures who steadfastly opposed the sale back then are dead now. And another thing is that the public's priorities appear to have changed.

Where the old guard seemed focused on keeping local control over the facility with a locally elected board, the new guard is centered on the idea of keeping the facility open; and to them, it matters not whether control lies in Clarendon or somewhere else as long as cousin Sue has a job and Grandma is getting cared for.

Which philosophy is the best for the residents and employees of MCNH remains to be seen. But let us hope the new way is the best way because now the deal is done.

Downtown sees improvements

Things are looking up in downtown Clarendon. Stavenhagen Video led the way with a refurbished store front several months ago and a new Western awning that owner Bill Stavenhagen hopes will start a trend. Wondell Luttrell fixed up an old building south of the ENTERPRISE, the Downtown Ministry Center followed suit by replacing the crumbling sidewalk in front of its building, and then as fall settled in, Every Nook & Cranny re-worked their storefront into an attractive work of art that cleverly uses antique metal ceiling tiles as accents.

Now City Hall can also be added to that list with Christmas decorations that are the culmination of a much-needed facelift. The Board of Aldermen approved a very attractive color scheme for the landmark municipal building, which faces US 287. What had become a fairly unsightly building now looks better than it has in years. City Hall is now a thing of pride, and it tells visitors to Clarendon that our community is alive and vibrant. Previous calls from the city to "clean up" seemed rather hollow. But with this renovation, the city can now speak with authority, having shown the way; and the aldermen are to be commended for helping preserve the gift that was given to the city by Cornelia Adair.

The Chamber of Commerce is also starting to take steps toward enhancing downtown by developing an adopt-a-building program. Their first goal is to improve the displays in the old pharmacy building on US 287 at Kearney Street. The Clarendon EDC is in the mix too as it develops plans to try to improve the appearance of Clarendon's historic business district.

There are still many things to take care of, but there is at least movement in the right direction. What we need is a concerted effort by property owners, businesses, city officials, and the Chamber to make 2008 a year of action — a time when great goals are not just set but met.

There's an old Chinese proverb: "Talk does not cook the rice." Stavenhagen's, Every Nook & Cranny, and now the City didn't just talk about it. They got in the kitchen and cooked up something special, and Clarendon is better for their efforts. Now is the time for others to follow their examples.



editor's commentary
by roger estlack

Rip Ford: A determined Texas hero

By US Sen. John Cornyn

The unique Texas we know today grew from the dreams of determined settlers and the courage of brave men and women willing to risk their lives for their chosen land. History barely records many of their names. Others became legends. Somewhere in between are leaders of yesteryear who have since faded from our history's front page.

One such forgotten giant was a Texas Ranger who earned the unforgettable nickname of "Rip." John Salmon Ford first served with the Rangers during the Mexican War in 1847. One of Ford's duties was recording the death of Americans killed in the war. After each name in the ledger, as a sign of respect, he wrote "Rest in Peace." As the number of death notices increased, he eventually shortened the phrase to "RIP," and a nickname was born.

Most early Texans came here for opportunity, fortune, adventure, or escape. Following dissolution of a broken marriage in Tennessee, John S. Ford rallied to the call for Texas' independence. He arrived here in 1836, too late to join Gen. Sam Houston at San Jacinto, but his subsequent career in Texas public life will never be duplicated.

While service as a Texas Ranger propelled him to fame, that represented only one part of his storied life. At different times along the way, Ford was a doctor making house calls in San Augustine and Shelbyville, a legislator in Austin, a newspaper editor, surveyor, political leader, Indian fighter, explorer, and historian. And he served as mayor of two cities, Austin and Brownsville.

Rip Ford was, as historian T. R. Fehrenbach wrote, "...the only man in Texas history who was involved in a major way in every action or controversy of the time." He was a hard charger who "...instinctively went where the action was."

He was at the forefront during Texas' push for statehood and later for secession, becoming a political adversary of Sam Houston in the process. Ford commanded Confederate soldiers and cavalymen from horseback in the final land combat of the U.S. Civil War, winning the Battle of Palmito Ranch near Brownsville. He later led Texas Rangers defending the state's borders.

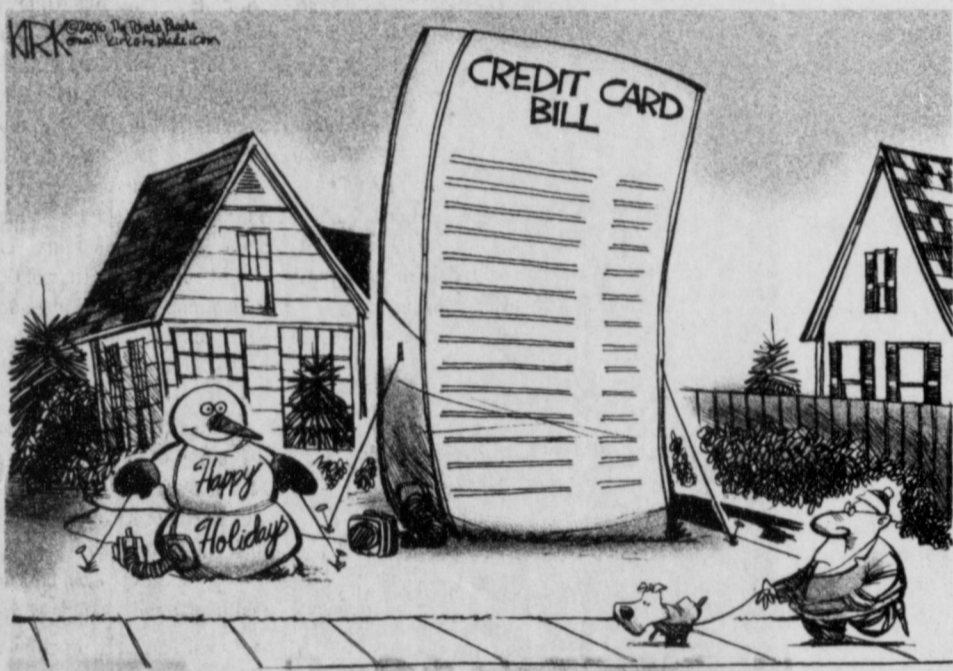
"He had a smile that radiated strength; this, his optimism, his energy, his gusto and exhilaration aroused in others not envy but a self-confidence that made them aware of their own possibili-

ties," wrote Stephen B. Oates, editor of Ford's memoirs. He was also known to long "for the saddle and the wild life of a volunteer ranger."

He brought to Texas a spark — a fearless and dogged personality — that helped sculpt the image of Texas as it emerged during its formative years as a republic and as a state. With it, though, came flaws and prejudices common even among legends. Their adversaries called the early Texas Rangers "Los Diablos Tejanos" — the Texas Devils. One writer described them as "saviors to Texans, devils to their enemies."

Ford helped define a breed of early Texas leaders who recognized that when adversity or opportunity arose, so must their willingness to seize the challenge and meet it head on. Their take-charge style created a template for Texas leaders for generations to come.

Texas was settled by men and women from all walks of life, who shared one quality: courage. For some, their individual valor is well recorded by history. The service of others will join with those of their colleagues to form a collective record of grit, ability, and accomplishment. It is a legacy well worth preserving.



Fireman warns of wildfire threat

The Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department, along with the Hedley and Howardwick Fire Departments, would like to remind the residents of Donley County to be aware of the elevated wildfire risk this winter.

An unusually wet summer has blessed our area with an abundance of tall grasses, weeds, and brush. While this is a blessing for ranchers and wildlife, it has also created a heavy fuel load for wildfires to thrive in.

In the event of a wildfire, these increased fuel loads along with strong winds will hamper firefighting efforts drastically and stretch firefighting resources thin.

To lessen the devastating effects of past disasters, such as the March 2006 wildfire event, city and rural residents should take measures now to create a defensible perimeter around their home, farm, or ranch. Simple measures like mowing grass short around your home for at least 30 feet, trimming trees 15 feet from the ground, and moving flammables away from the exterior of your home can improve your home's survivability drastically.

Wildfires don't just affect rural residents. They can quickly move into urban areas with devastating effects such as the Cross Plains fire in December 2005, where 110 homes were lost along with several hotels and a church.

The Texas Forest Service offers

an excellent web site with many ideas to help make your home, farm, ranch, and your family safe during periods of increased wildfire danger.

Your local fire departments encourage people to be cautious when doing any outdoor activities that might spark a wildfire.

If you plan to have a controlled burn, please give the Donley County Sheriff's Department a call to avoid the fire departments' being dispatched unnecessarily. Remember these tips from the Texas Forest Service:

1. LPG tanks should be far enough away from buildings for valves to be shut off in case of fire. Keep area around the tank clear of flammable vegetation.
2. Store gasoline in an approved safety can away from occupied buildings.
3. All combustibles such as firewood, wooden picnic tables, boats, stacked lumber, etc. should be kept away from structures.
4. Clear roof surfaces and gutters regularly to avoid build-up of flammable materials such as leaves and other debris.
5. Remove branches from trees to a height of 15 feet or more.
6. In rural areas, clear a fuel break of at least 3 times the fuel length around all structures.
7. Have fire tools handy such as: ladder long enough to reach your roof, shovel, rake, and a bucket or two for

water.

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

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

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

And also:

1. Know if there is or is not a burning ban in place for your town, city, or county.

2. If you burn, clear a large area on the ground of any combustible material, such as grass, leaves, and scrap wood, burn only what you want to burn.

3. Do not leave your burn pile unattended and have a hose at the ready.

Your local volunteer fire departments appreciate your continued support and hope these tips will help make for a safer wildfire season.

Jeremy Powell,
Assistant Chief
Clarendon Fire Dept.

City Hall looks great!

A beautiful old building brought back to life! It's like the whole town got a pedicure!

Susan McKee,
Clarendon



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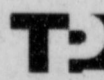
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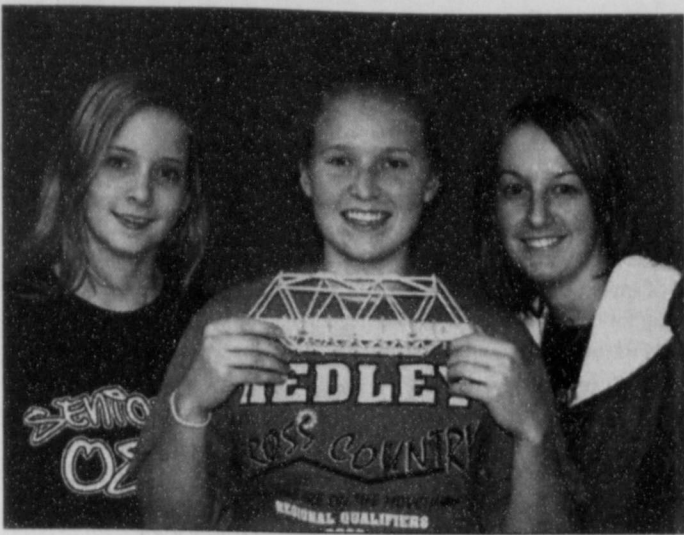


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Hedley students who won a recent bridge-building contest were Danielle Smith, Kristen Dwight, and Julie Woodard. COURTESY PHOTO

Hedley High students hold bridge engineering contest

The Physics classes at Hedley High competed last week in a Balsa Wood Bridge Building contest.

Fifteen groups were issued 12 three-foot long sticks of 1/8" X 1/8" balsa wood and asked to build a bridge from 25 to 30 cm long and from 5 to 7.5 centimeters wide. The bridge had a hook attached to a small board placed on the bridge roadbed, a bucket hung from the hook, and weights added to the bucket until the bridge failed.

Bridges were judged on the "weight held to bridge mass ratio". The team with the highest ratio won the contest.

This year's winners were seniors Danielle Smith, Julie Woodard, and Kristen Dwight. Their bridge weighed 21.3 grams but held over 25.6 kg of weight (56.49 pounds). Their ratio was over 2.65 pounds per gram of bridge mass, or 1203 times its own weight.

Placing second were freshmen Reid Copelin and Braden Montgomery, with a bridge that held 2.08 pounds per bridge mass.

Third place went to Kolby Foard and Jacob Widener, whose bridge held 1.65 pounds per gram of bridge.

The next project for the classes in late January will be towers of balsa wood that support weight.



the lion's tale

by roger estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting December 11, 2007, with Boss Lion Pro Tem Cameron Word in charge.

We had 19 members and 12 guests this week, including Candra McKee, guest of Lion Tex Buckhaults; Ashlee Estlack, guest of Lion Roger Estlack; and the First United Methodist Church Handbells.

Ten members of the handbell choir provided our entertainment this week, performing a selection of Christmas favorites.

Final plans were put in place for the Christmas baskets to be delivered next week, and it was noted that the club will not meet December 25 and January 1. We will resume our regular meetings January 8.

There being no further business, we were adjourned.

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Tues	4	62°	22°	-
Wed	5	78°	41°	-
Thur	6	62°	32°	-
Fri	7	54°	30°	-
Sat	8	60°	32°	.01°
Sun	9	36°	23°	-

Total precipitation this month: .02"
Total precipitation to date: 21.80"
Total precipitation in Dec. last year: 3.23"
Total YTD last year: 19.77"

weekend forecast

Friday, Dec. 14
Mostly Cloudy
33°/25°

Saturday, Dec. 8
M. Sunny & Windy
49°/23°

Sunday, Dec. 9
Mostly Sunny
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December 13
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December 14
Broncos v. Quana • In Quana • girls 6:30 p.m., boys 8 p.m.

December 17
Broncos v. Arbor Academy • At Arbor Academy • girls 6:30 p.m., boys 8 p.m.

December 15
Chamber of Commerce Christmas Celebration • KEFH parking lot & Kearney St. • 4 p.m.

December 21
Howardwick Friendship Club • Howardwick City Hall • 6:30 P.M.

December 25
Christmas

Menus

December 17 - 21

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Barbeque Sandwich, pickle slice, pork-n-beans, potato salad, cookies.
Tue: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, green pea salad, fruit cobbler.
Wed: Green chile casserole, Spanish rice, salad, ice cream, chips, hot sauce.
Thu: Turkey, dressing, gravy, yam patties, fruit salad, apple pie, rolls.
Fri: Cheeseburger, trimmings, tater tots, pickle slices, chips, pudding.

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Chicken strips, potato soup, fried okra, pea salad, baked apples, corn bread.
Tue: Meat loaf, macaroni and cheese, steamed broccoli, beet pickles, peaches, strawberries, roll.
Wed: Steak, gravy, Parsley potatoes, corn, tossed salad, cobbler, roll.
Thu: Ham, butter beans, French fries, cucumber, onion salad, oranges, corn bread.
Fri: Turkey, dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, fruit salad, pumpkin pie, roll.

Clarendon CISD

Breakfast
Mon.: Cereal, toast, pears, milk
Tue: Sausage, biscuit, gravy, peaches, milk
Wed: Pancakes, juice, milk
Thu: Eggs, toast, jelly, apricots, milk
Fri: Cinnamon rolls, juice, milk

Lunch
Mon: Beef taco, cheese, salad, refried beans, fruit, milk.
Tue: Lasagna, salad, corn, garlic bread, fruit, milk.
Wed: Turkey, dressing, potatoes, green beans, fruit salad, roll, milk.
Thu: Tuna salad sandwich, carrot sticks, pickle, fruit, milk.
Fri: Ham and cheese sandwich, chips, orange, cookie, milk.

Hedley ISD

Lunch
Mon: Cheese pizza, tossed salad, sliced apples, cake, fruit juice, milk.
Tue: Chicken stx, mashed potatoes, cut green beans, salad, fruit, hot rolls, milk.
Wed: Hot dog, chili, grated cheese, fries, bananas, milk.
Thu: Burrito, orange quarters, tossed salad, cookies, fruit juice, milk.
Fri: Lunch-to-go, sandwiches, chips, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Golden Needles holds Christmas meeting

The Golden Needles Quilting Club met at the Gay Cole home for their Christmas party. They adopted three angels off the Angel Tree, sang Christmas carols and had a gift exchange. Each lady brought a neat dish for our lunch. The ladies donated a quilt book to the Library in memory of Pearl Hermesmeier.

Those present were Jo Shaller, Rose Lee Watson, Francis Smith, Dortha Reynolds, Jossie Burgess, Ann Bunyen, Donna Barnes, Eva Loe Swiney, Betty Jean Williams, Mary Johnson, Becky Lane, and Gay Cole hostess. Everyone had a great time.

Final exams underway at Clarendon College

Final Exams are underway, and pre-registration for the spring is wrapping up as we gear down for this semester at Clarendon College.

Anyone interested in taking classes this spring, stop by before Friday at 4 p.m., and we'll get you signed up. If you don't make it in before the Christmas break, don't worry. We'll also have registration in January.

The date for January registration is Monday, January 14. We will have registration from 8 to 4:30 and 6 to 8 p.m. to accommodate everyone needing to register.

Our course offerings for the spring are available on the web at

www.clarendoncollege.edu, or you can stop by and pick one up.

An awards dinner for the Meat Judging Team was held Friday night in the BAC. About 100 people including the team, their families, board members, faculty, and staff were in attendance. The team was presented with belt buckles to recognize their achievements this year. A photo of the team was also placed in the hall of fame in the Bairfield Activity Center. We're very proud of this team and their accomplishments this fall.

We hope this dinner and awards presentation is a tradition we will continue with all of our champion-

ship teams in the future.

The faculty and staff served Midnight Breakfast to the students Tuesday. The faculty and staff cooked a late night breakfast for the students to get them through the end of finals week. The menu was pancakes, eggs, sausage, and all the trimmings. The kids had a good time, and we appreciate everyone who came out to help.



happenings on the hill

by ashlee estlack, marketing coordinator

H-wick lights are shining

December 7, 1941, "A day that will live in infamy," according to President Franklin Roosevelt. "Remember Pearl Harbor" was a rallying cry, and we could not envision a world that did not remember. I am sorry to say Jim and I forgot with the flag neatly tucked away in the closet. I didn't see many flags out, but I promise to do better next year.

Rod and Brenda Donaldson are bragging about their first grandchild born last week. She is a beautiful little girl and lives in Pampa, close enough for grandmother and granddaddy to visit often. Congratulations!

Mother nature continues to play with us, warm weather followed by cold and icy roads around, but Howardwick is dry so far (as of Monday). Some folks took advantage of the warm weather and put up Christmas lights. Our neighbor, Gerald Sartain, brought a crew with a cherry picker and decorated their house and flag pole in a few hours time.

Our little community is beginning to sparkle. Come see how we look, but watch for deer.

If you have been one of my readers for a while, you know I come from a large extended family with 44 first cousins on the Reynolds side. This week our family has been hit with a double whammy. My cousin, Shirlene Guthrie of Pampa, died Wednesday of a heart attack and was buried Saturday. On Sunday, cousin Cody McAneer of Clarendon died of an apparent heart attack with services pending. Both were younger than I am. It's a wake-up call to get my affairs in order. You never know when Jesus wants you home.

Merry Christmas, stay safe, and remember our troops.



'wick picks

by peggy cockerham
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Livestock exhibitors

Donley County 4-H and Clarendon FFA were well represented this past weekend at Collingsworth County Pig Jackpot. Shown here are (top) Matthew Martinez, Tres Hommel, Emily Martinez, Sabra Patton, (bottom) Lilly Carr, Madison Carr, and Hannah Hommel.

Lioness Club holds its Christmas Party

Thought for the Day: Psalm 94: 18 "I said, 'I am falling'; but your constant love, O Lord, held me up."

Have you ever been asleep on the couch or maybe in your bed and had the sensation that you were falling. Perhaps you woke up to find your arm reaching out to the floor to catch you.

Sometimes in life, we find ourselves falling, physically, mentally, or more importantly, spiritually. This Scripture assures us that God's constant love is there to catch us and to lift us and to hold us up.

His lifting love: God's love has lifted me, brought me to a place of rest. He reached out when I was falling. And held me to His breast. The love that never falters has always been my net. I will forever turn to Him, for He has never failed me yet.

Prayer: Lord, thank you for your constant, lifting love. Amen.

Well, Folks, if you haven't noticed... it's cold outside! Brrrrrrrr!

I am not ready for this. At my age, I am a Summer Girl. By the way, my birthday was Monday, December 10, and I am 60 years old. Sorry if I sound a little conceited, but I am just surprised I made it this long, but I'm happy about it, too.

No one has called me to report any news this week, so I'll let you know what I know. Mary Ruth White is doing much better after her knee surgery. She even made it to the Hedley Lioness Club Christmas Party Saturday night without limping too much.

The Lioness Club enjoyed roast beef and gravy, baked ham, potato casserole, different salads, and a coconut cream cake along with a pecan cake. The people attending were J.T. and Helen Lamberson,

Susie and Earl Shields, Mary Ruth and Harold White, Jim and Anita Mitchell, Patsy and Kathy Spier, Katherine Monroe, and Doyle Messer. We had a very good time, exchanged gifts, and left early because it was icy and cold.

The Hedley Senior Citizens will hold a Bake & Craft Sale Thursday, December 13, and they are serving steak and gravy that day. We need donations of baked goods and craft items; then we need you to come on down and enjoy a Bake Sale. But be careful; don't let the ice get you.

The Senior Citizens are also having their Christmas Party Friday,

December 14, at 3:00 p.m. Come join us. If you want to participate in the gift giving, bring a man/woman gift. Refreshments will be served.

Remember your pets and animals in this weather. They need shelter too.

Short reminders: Holli White works for the ADOV Workshop for Handicapped Adults. Donate to their fund at Amarillo National Bank.

Feel good things: Song: "Away In A Manger" - Sing it loud and clear and it will make you feel better!

Pray for our soldiers and our country and always thank the Lord for your blessings. May God Bless us every one. Remember, this country was founded with God by our side, and we need Him more today than we ever have. Praise Him and talk to Him - He will get us through this hard time.

Gotta go. Talk to ya next week.



chatty kathy

by kathy spier
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Book details Christmas in Texas history

Is Christmas a relatively new Texas celebration? According to Elizabeth Silverthorne's *Christmas In Texas*, Texas Indians were introduced to Christmas pageantry as early as 1599.

During the 1800's, Anglo-Americans' main concern was survival. However, when possible, they held Christmas religious observances followed by community parties. "These newcomers gave Texas geography a Yuletide touch." Seven towns were named Bethlehem. New Year Creek in Washington County, Christmas Mountain in Big Bend area, Egg Nog Stream in San Augustine County, and Christmas Creek in Limestone County also reflect early-unknown travelers' Christmas awareness.

Protestant churches could not be organized in Texas under Mexican law. Therefore, Christmas celebrations followed Catholic tradition. By 1836, Texas' Independence year, citizens were free to celebrate the holiday season with any kind of religious or secular ceremony desired. Festivities lasted from

Christmas Eve through New Year's Day with turkey shoots, exuberant dinners, dances, and parties. Only a few German immigrants had Christmas trees in their homes. Santa and reindeer were not yet well known. The Christmas tree was introduced to the White House by President Franklin Pierce in 1856. By 1880, there were the "rage".

As Texas developed, so did Christmas traditions. Different cultures contributed aspects of food, parades, decorations, fashions, and cooking. The wealthy displayed elaborate decorations, giving their children china dolls and fancy rocking horses. The less wealthy decorated with berries, moss, cotton, colored cloth, popcorn, and red pepper garlands. Dolls of rags and corn shucks, handmade toy wagons, willow whistles, sock with nuts and fruit, and sometimes, a dime in the toe provided more common children's gifts.

"By 1864, homemade clothing, food, drink, and gifts were essential. Gold was \$5,000 a pound; flour \$600 a barrel; sugar \$2 an ounce; butter

\$40 a pound; firecrackers \$5 a pack; and real tea \$100 a pound. Merchants had little of anything to sell. For what they did have, they refused to accept worthless confederate money, insisting on gold or silver."

The Civil War ended before the 1865 holiday season. Merchants advertised supplies of "candy, raisins, whiskey, tobacco, coffee, and dry goods in time for Christmas. A sad postscript on the horrors of war were advertisements for "metallic artificial legs for \$100 to \$125, cheaper and more lasting than wooden legs."

The coming of the railroad, in 1871 provided more available goods. Newspaper advertisements categorized Christmas celebrations under titles, "List of Church Activities" and "Christmas Doings in Saloons".

By the end of the 19th century, 2000 people attended midnight Mass

at San Fernando Cathedral, quite different from the first starlit and moonlit Christmas Mass held by Spanish soldiers on Texas soil in 1599.

German, Jewish, Italian, Poles, and French in Texas celebrated their own traditional rituals. Traditions of other heritages brought to Texas by Scandinavians, British, Czechs, African-Americans, and Wendish will also interest readers.

Our frontier heritage includes excerpts from personal letters and colorful descriptions of activities on the Jackson, Goodnight (JA), Matador, King, and XIT Ranchers. J. Frank Dobie shares a recollection. Typical Christmas cards and wonderful recipes from various cultures contribute additional interest to this outstanding book. Why not include a delicious dish from another culture with your own traditional Panhandle holiday dinner?

Burton Memorial Library's *Christmas In Texas*, filled with all types of high interest, offers historical insight to integrated cultures, which have contributed to our state's greatness. Why not check it out?



check it out

by mary beth nelson

CJH Student Council staying busy this year

The Clarendon Junior High School Student Council has been very busy this year.

The annual Ranch House Candle fundraiser raised over \$900.00 that will be used for various school and community projects and activities throughout the school year. The council members appreciate those who supported them by buying candle items.

A canned food drive to benefit Panhandle Community Services is presently being conducted. The next project is a bake sale, which will be held sometime after the Christmas holiday.

Clarendon Junior High Student Council members for the 2007/2008 school year are as follows: Jayson Pigg (president), Jordan Luna, Kae Hewett, Trevela Dronzek, Jentry Shadle (vice-president), Cody Wood (secretary), Maritta Brady, Cole Ward, Minnie Buckhaults, Jacy Hill, Zach Cornell, and Tyler Smith.

State health officials offer tips for gifting

Buyer be educated. That's the idea that product safety experts at the Texas Department of State Health Services wants shoppers to keep in mind.

"Know the child; know the toy," said Alice Rogers with the DSHS environmental and consumer safety section. "Put these two pieces of information together, and buyers have a better chance of giving a gift that is both enjoyed and safe."

"Reading labels for age recommendations and learning about recalled items helps consumers make better, safer choices among the thousands of items available for children whether in retail stores or resale shops," Rogers said.

A label will tell a consumer two important things: if a toy is not safe for younger children and why it is not safe. Toys meant for older children may have parts or strings that can choke or strangle a younger child, especially those under 3.

"Be careful at home when you have children of different ages," Rogers said. "It is important to keep toys meant for older children out of the reach of younger ones."

DSHS product safety inspectors regularly visit mega-sized retail outlets, small stores and resale shops looking for dangerous children's items and for those products that have been recalled by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

People can look at a list of recalled items at www.cpsc.gov.

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Watch for depression signs during holidays, Extension service warns

By MaryRuth Bishop, FCS Agent

For most of us, the holidays are a time to gather with friends and family, celebrate, reflect on the past, and plan for the future. However, for some, especially older individuals, the holidays can be a difficult time.

During the holidays, older adults may feel more acutely the passing of time, the absence of parents, siblings and friends who have died, and the distance of loved ones who have moved away. Traditional reunions and rituals that were observed in the past may not be possible; and in their absence, the holidays may seem devoid of meaning. This holiday season may be particularly difficult as we adjust to a world forever changed by terrorism.

It is normal to feel subdued, reflective and sad in the face of these losses and changes. But family members or friends may notice that a senior is experiencing the "blues" for a long time and that what they may have thought was simple sadness is actually a serious case of depression.

Some major factors contributing to holiday depression in the elderly are: Financial limitations; Loss of independence; Being alone or separated from loved ones; Failing eyesight (and lessening of

the ability to write or read holiday correspondence); Loss of mobility and/or the inability to get to religious services. Depression Is Not a Natural Part of Aging.

Everyone feels sad or blue sometimes, and the stress associated with holidays may stir feelings of loss or separation. However, a person who is sad or anxious around the holidays, can, in most cases, continue to carry on with regular activities. Such feelings are generally temporary, and the individual eventually returns to his or her normal mood state. However, a clinically depressed person suffers from symptoms that interfere with his or her ability to function in every day life. These symptoms include much more than feeling blue.

When clinically depressed, the affected older person may lose the will to live. These persons begin to question the value of life and may think of suicide. There are often feelings of diminished self-esteem or excessive feelings of guilt. As these symptoms develop, the older person may take to bed or not bother getting dressed in the morning.

Appetite and sleep may suffer while lethargy sets in. The person may show little interest in his or her own welfare and little interest in

doing things that in the past brought pleasure.

Recognizing depression in older individuals is not always easy. It often is difficult for a depressed older person to describe how he or she is feeling. In addition, the current population of older Americans came of age at a time when depression was not understood to be a biological illness. Those who are depressed may fear being labeled "difficult" or worse, or may worry that their illness will be seen as a character weakness.

Those who are depressed, their families, and friends may think that a change in temperament or behavior is simply "a passing mood," and that the person will just "snap out of it." Unfortunately, a person suffering from depression cannot just "get over it." Depression is a medical illness that should be diagnosed and treated by trained professionals. Left untreated, depression may last months or even years.

If left undiagnosed and untreated, depression can: Lead to a loss of independence; Aggravate symptoms of other illnesses; Lead to premature death; Result in suicide.

When properly diagnosed and treated, however, most people recover from depression.

BBB: Don't toss receipts this season

Before you throw away those receipts this holiday season, take the time to read or inquire about the store's return and exchange policies. It may end up saving you money.

Nearly three in ten consumers don't carefully read return and exchange policies when making a purchase.

"The number of people who don't read return and exchange policies carefully is concerning," said Janna Kiehl, CEO, BBB of the Texas Panhandle. "Though they are commonplace, not every retailer has the same policy and some establishments even implement separate policies around special sales and holidays." "And there is no law that states a purchase is backed by a return policy."

Prior to the 2006 holiday season, the National Retail Federation released a survey indicating that more than one in three consumers were expected to return at least some portion of their holiday gifts. And, in a more recent survey released earlier this month, the NRF found that consumers will not see a drastic shift in holiday return policies this year, with four in five retailers implementing the same holiday return policy as last year, while 15.3% will tighten their policies and 3.4% will loosen policies.

"We encourage consumers to carefully read and make sure they understand any and all policies that come with their purchase. In the long run, it can save them a lot of time, money, and frustration," said Kiehl.

BBB commissioned the survey just prior to the holiday shopping season and is advising consumers to take the following steps to help them shop wisely.

Keep all receipts. If giving a gift, ask for a gift receipt and enclose it with the gift.

Read the retailer's policy before you purchase products. Make sure you understand whether you or the recipient of your gift can get a refund, exchange, or store credit for unwanted merchandise. Also, if returns are permitted, ask what procedures and timeframe need to be followed.

Understand what the return policies are for on-sale and clearance items, which may be different than merchandise sold at full price.

Don't remove electronics or similar products from their boxes before wrapping because the original packaging may be required for a return.

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Be sure to look for return policies when buying online.

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In 2 Samuel 18:32, David asked about the question concerning his son, Absalom. Even though Absalom meant him harm, David's fatherly love overrode any resentment or ill-feelings he had towards him.

The question that David asked concerning his son is just as relevant today for those of us who have children. Are our young people safe? I'm not necessarily talking about their physical well-being but more about their spirituality. After a 15 year decline in teen pregnancy, it's up again. Drugs are rampant, and teen violence is out of control. Church going has progressively gone downward among our youth. What, if anything, could turn the future around for our kids?

First, as a nation, we must put God first again in our lives (Matt. 6:33). Second, as fathers, we must become the spiritual leaders that God requires, and children must be obedient once again (Eph. 6:1-4). Why, as parents, is it so important that our children be more involved with school activities such as sports, band, cheerleading, pageants, etc.? Our children miss opportunities to worship and praise Jesus Christ our Savior, but, never miss practice, rehearsals, and so forth. We have our priorities so mixed up, and now are reaping the rotten fruit of that sowing!

You show me a kid that will gun down 9 people in a mall, or become pregnant at 14, or steal their grandmother's social security check, and I'll show you a family that has pushed God out of their lives more times than not. No kid suddenly goes off the deep end. It is usually a progression (digression). Parents, as you are reading this, ask yourself this question: Am I providing what is necessary for my child to be a good citizen and, more importantly, go to Heaven? David's son Absalom didn't just wake up one day and decide to steal his father's kingdom and kill him. "Is the young man safe?"

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Obituaries

Ray

Maurice E. Ray, Sr., died December 1, 2007, at the age of 85.

Services were at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 5, 2007, at Southwest Church of Christ with Mr. Brent Adams and Mr. Chris Moore officiating with arrangements by Schooler Funeral Home. Interment was in Llano Cemetery.

Mr. Ray was born October 2, 1922, in Burkburnett to Oscar and Edna Ray. He married Margie Green on August 2, 1945. They were married 58 years prior to her death on October 11, 2003. Mr. Ray was his wife's caregiver for many years before her passing. He was a Christian man whose love and devotion to his family throughout his lifetime was his most rewarding accomplishment.

He married Odessa Bagwell on September 28, 2004, in Clarendon. They have lived in Howardwick for three years.

Mr. Ray was a loan officer in the banking industry for many years. He enjoyed fishing, RV travel, gardening, and woodworking. He had been an active member of the Clarendon Church of Christ for the past three years, where he was proudly involved in volunteer work. He was a past member of Southwest Church of Christ for many years.

He is survived by his wife; two step-daughters, Linda Pankey and husband Jerry of Lorena, and Ellen Rowell and husband George of Oklahoma City, Okla.; and two sons, Moe Ray and wife Nancy of Amarillo, and Bob Ray and wife Carol of Gun Barrel; one step-son, Henry Bagwell and wife Amy of Leonardtown, Maryland; one brother, James Ray of Pampa; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to High Plains Children's Home, PO Box 7448, Amarillo, TX 79114.

Phelps

Helen Boswell Phelps, age 90, died Friday, December 7, 2007, at Clarendon.

Graveside services were at 9:30 am on Monday, December 10, 2007, in the Fairview Cemetery Chapel in Memphis with Rev. Lance Wood, Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Clarendon, and Rev. Darrell Burton, officiating. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery in Memphis with arrangements by Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Mrs. Phelps was born August 20, 1917, in Memphis to Fred Houston and Alla Elizabeth King Boswell. She married William Harold Phelps on November 28, 1965, in Memphis. She was a social worker for the Texas Department of Human Resources prior to her retirement. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Clarendon.

She was preceded in death by her husband, on February 7, 2000; her parents; a niece, Elizabeth Holyfield; one sister, Geraldine Bralley; and two brothers, Ben and Harry Boswell.

She is survived by a nephew, Joe Bob Bralley and wife Rue of Amarillo; a sister, Dorothy Jones of San Bernardino, Calif.; four sisters-in-law, Dorothy Breedlove of Clarendon, Vernelle Phelps of Terrell, Mildred Hayes of Panama City, Florida, and Frances Lloyd of Rockhill, S. Carolina; and a special friend, Carol Braddock of Clarendon.

The family requests memorials be made to the First Baptist Church in Clarendon.

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Waddell

William Elvis Waddell, age 76, died Friday, December 7, 2007, in Amarillo.

Services were at 2:00 pm on Monday, December 10, 2007, in the Robertson Funeral Directors Chapel of Memories with Rev. Calvin Burrow, Pastor of the Jesus Name Apostolic Church in Clarendon, officiating.

Interment was in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Mr. Waddell passed away on Friday, December 7, 2007, at the age of 76. William was born September 25, 1931, in Clarendon to John Merrill and Gladys Webb Waddell. He married Emma Rea Howard on April 10, 1961, in Pampa. He had been a resident of Clarendon and Amarillo most of his life. He was a proud



Ray

president of the Ironworkers Union. He enjoyed gardening, farming, and the outdoors. He was a loving father who touched many peoples lives who were special to him. He was baptized as a Southern Baptist.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Emma Rea Waddell of Amarillo; three daughters, Billie Hagen and Tammie Diaz, both of Amarillo, Vera McCoy of Lees Summit, Missouri; two sons, Michael Waddell and James Waddell, both of Amarillo; six grandchildren, Angela Armigo, Theresa Sims, William Lamberson, Kimberly Lamberson, Krista Hagen, and Andy Hagen; three great-grandchildren, Analayah Armigo, Morgan Lamberson, and Aubrey Stallings; and Jim Youngblood, considered as a son.

The family requests memorials be to Emma Rae Waddell for special funds, c/o Robertson Funeral Directors, PO Drawer 1090, Clarendon, Texas 79226.

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Parker

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Ruth "Skeet" Parker, age 82, died Thursday, December 6, 2007, at Gunnison, Colo.

Services will be held at 2:00 pm on Friday, December 14, 2007, in the Robertson Funeral Directors Chapel of Memories in Clarendon.

Interment will be in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon with arrangements by Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

"Skeet" was born in Randal County, Texas, to J.C. and Ruth Gibbs on December 29, 1924. She graduated from Clarendon High School in 1942. Skeet married Claude Parker of Clarendon on April 16, 1943. After raising three children, she went on to receive a Bachelors of Art degree in Elementary Education from West Texas A&M 1961. Skeet and Claude moved to Amarillo where she taught art education at Oakdale Elementary, Fannin Junior High, and Sam Houston Junior High.

Skeet was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and friend. She always thought of others before herself, and she had a love of art that manifested itself through her amazing paintings. She will be dearly missed by everyone who knew her.

She is survived by her husband Claude of 64 years now residing in Gunnison; two sons, Marvin and his wife Neva of Gunnison, Richard "Dick" and his wife Edith of Moore, Okla.; a daughter, Sharon and her husband Ken of Lewisville; three grandchildren Kim, Richard Wayne, and Damon; and three great grandchildren: Charlton, Avery and Braydon.

Beasley

Allen Lee "Booty" Beasley, age 22, a resident of Arkadelphia, Ark., died Wednesday, December 5, 2007, in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Mr. Beasley was born February 14, 1985, in Texarkana, Texas, to Lee and Kay Allen.

He is survived by his father, Lee Allen of De Queen; his mother Kay Rehm Allen of Horatio; his brothers and sisters, Kim Webb of Chicota; Kevin Pope of Broken Bow, Okla.; Kari Rodriguez of De Queen; Mickey Beasley of Cushing; Richard Allen of Bogota; Mitchell Beasley of Foreman; Jackie Gonzalez and Ginger Chandler, both of De Queen; Jeremy Rehm and K.C. Allen both of Horatio; and a number of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Memorial Services were held at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, December 9, 2007, in the Wilkerson Funeral Home Chapel.

Friends may register on-line at www.wilkersonfuneralhomes.com

Hermesmeyer

Eva Lee Farr Hermesmeyer, 70, died Sunday, December 9, 2007, in Amarillo.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 12, 2007, in the Robertson Funeral Directors Chapel of Memories with Rev. James Ivey Edwards, officiating. Burial followed at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Groom. Services were held at Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Eva Lee was born May 18, 1937, in Goldston, Donley County, to Raymond Clifford and Cleo Gladys Gray Farr. She married Johnny Bill

Hermesmeyer on June 21, 1968 in Clarendon. She had been a resident of Clarendon and Donley County all of her life. She had worked for the American Quarter Horse Association for several years as a secretary. She loved painting. She also helped others with reflexology. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Clarendon.

She was preceded in death by her husband on October 30, 2005; her parents; and a brother, Wesley Gray Farr.

Survivors include a daughter, Cindy Foster and husband Brett of Borger; a son, Shawn Anthony Hermesmeyer of Borger; three sisters, Kathie Rae Fleming of San Antonio, Anita Louise Hanley of Norman, OK, and Cleta Bernice Thornhill of Georgetown; six grandchildren, Crystal, Brody, Brady, Chad, Mickey, and Kourtney.

The family requests memorials be to American Cancer Society or the Cross Ministries of Groom, PO Box 341, Pampa, Texas 79066.

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Allen

Dusty Lynn Allen, age 35, died December 5, 2007, in Amarillo.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday. His life was celebrated by family and friends. Arrangements were by Schooler Funeral Home, 4100 South Georgia.

Mr. Allen was born into this life on April 23, 1972, in Odessa. An exceptional athlete, he graduated from Clarendon High School. He married Redonda Lane in Amarillo on February 23, 1997. Dusty was a loving husband who was devoted to his family and friends. He was an accomplished artist. He studied the Bible extensively, was a beloved follower of Christ, and prayed for the peace of Jerusalem and the church. He attended St. Peter's Episcopal Church and the Central Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife, Redonda Allen of Amarillo; his mother, Shirley Harmon and her husband Robert James of Tulia; one sister, Kandy D-Ann Pounds of Sunray; two brothers, Tony Gene Floyd of Amarillo; and Sandy Wade Baca of Bloomfield, New Mexico; one step-daughter, Allison Oles-Cox of Amarillo; one step-son, Christopher Oles of Amarillo; and three grandchildren.

McAnear

R. W. "Cody" McAnear, 64, died Sunday, December 9, 2007, in Clarendon.

Graveside services will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 13, 2007, in Citizens Cemetery with Rev. Bryan Knowles and Ralph Harmon officiating. Burial will follow at Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon. Services are under the arrangement of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Cody was born July 28, 1943, in Clarendon to Alexander Sellkirk and Lorine Reynolds McAnear. He lived in Goodnight until 1970, then moved to Clarendon. He went to elementary school at Goodnight until the school closed. He finished his education at Clarendon, getting an associate's degree at Clarendon College. He drove the Clarendon school buses for many years while attending college.

Cody will be remembered by many for helping his family on their farm, and giving close attention to his mother in her later years. He and his brother, Jimmy, were partners and ran for many years McAnear Cattle Company. He was frequently found at the coffee shops in Clarendon visiting with his many friends.

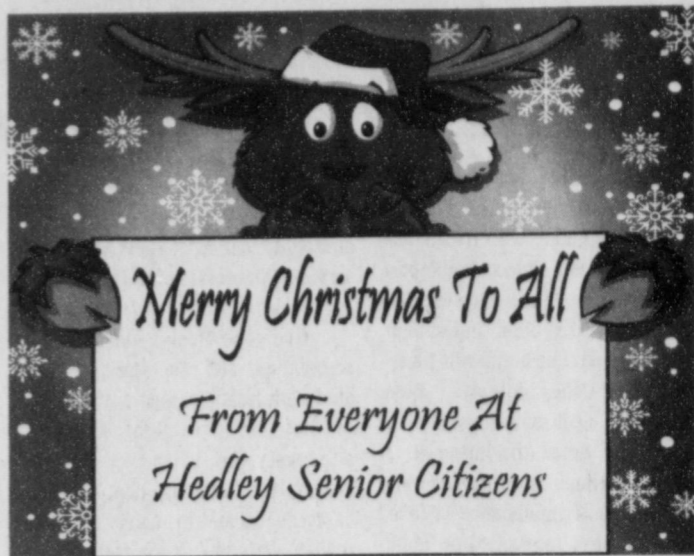
He was preceded in death by his father, Kirk McAnear in 1979; his mother, Lorine McAnear on February 18, 2007.

Survivors include five sisters, Barbara Harmon and husband Ralph of Amarillo, Brenda Barrett of Canyon, Judy Monk and husband Bill of Amarillo, Deborah Land and husband Steve of Panhandle, and Shelia Babbitt of Amarillo; a brother, Jimmy McAnear and wife Pat of Clarendon; a brother-in-law, Jerry Barrett of Amarillo; and many, many nieces and nephews whom Cody always gave nicknames.

The family requests memorials be to Citizens Cemetery Association.

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Chamber of Commerce along with the Downtown Merchants Association will be sponsoring a Christmas Celebration Saturday, December 15 Beginning at 4 p.m.

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Title group renews partnership with THC to help courthouses

AUSTIN — They are the dominant landmark in many Texas counties, and to date, more than 40 of the state's historic courthouses have been restored and returned to their original grandeur through the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) award winning Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program.

The endurance of these grand structures was cemented even further last year through the partnership between the THC and the Texas Land Title Association (TLTA) creating a training and technical assistance program to promote ongoing, regular maintenance of Texas' historic county courthouses.

The TLTA recently renewed its support with a generous grant marking the continuation of the THC's Texas Courthouse Stewardship Initiative, meant to sustain historic courthouses by assuring the continued maintenance of their renewed luster.

"We greatly appreciate Texas Land and Title Association's generosity to help grant recipients preserve the splendor of their restored historic courthouses," said THC Executive Director Larry Oaks. "TLTA has taken the lead in this one-of-a-kind, public-private venture, and it is incumbent upon the counties to now follow through with

this unique opportunity to keep their historic courthouses in the condition they deserve."

As guardians of the records and deeds of ownership of home and private property, title companies have a long-standing symbiotic relationship with Texas county courthouses.

"The Texas Land Title Association is proud to continue its partnership with the Texas Historical Commission's courthouse stewardship program," said TLTA President Sheri Asbell. "Our grant will facilitate the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of these beautifully restored landmarks that are so important to the architectural landscape of Texas."

The Texas Courthouse Stewardship Initiative had its first successful training workshop in March 2007 and provided courthouse site visits and consultations with THC architects. The workshop addressed issues such as inspecting the protective exterior envelope of the building, how to identify mechanical malfunctions, and budgeting for maintenance. Another workshop is scheduled for April 10-11, 2008, in Austin, and incentives for courthouses participating in the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program will be offered, as well as featured speakers on issues relevant

to courthouse preservation.

The Texas Legislature established the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program in 1999 and appropriated funding to preserve and protect the historic courthouses of Texas after they were placed on the National Trust for Historic Preservation's America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places. The program has received national recognition and multiple awards, and it has completed four rounds of grant funding with 112 counties participating. The 80th Texas Legislature included \$62 million in bond funding for Round V of the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program, which will be distributed in January 2008 to assist additional counties interested in preserving their historic courthouses.

The TLTA is a trade association founded in 1908 whose members include title insurance underwriting companies, title agents, companies that provide goods or services to the title industry and individuals employed by member companies. The TLTA grant provides critical resources to counties needing the specialized training required for courthouse maintenance, without which the state could again face the same challenge to preserve these recently restored courthouses in 25 to 30 years.

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Texas unemployment insurance tax rates decrease

AUSTIN – Most Texas employers will save on their Unemployment Insurance (UI) taxes this coming year due to a decrease in the UI tax rates, the Texas Workforce Commission announced this week.

The minimum tax rate, which is paid by 62 percent of Texas employers, is 0.22 percent for Calendar Year (CY) 2008, down from 0.29 percent in CY 2007. Low unemployment rates have resulted in a surplus in the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund, which provides UI for Texas workers who lose their jobs through no fault of their own.

The decrease in the UI tax rates also reflects the elimination of the obligation assessment, previously a component of the UI tax. The Texas Legislature passed a measure in the last session allowing TWC to pay off bonds issued in 2003 to bolster the Trust Fund. By paying off the bonds early, Texas employers will save an estimated \$270 million in taxes in

CY 2008. Also due to the surplus, all experience-rated employers will be eligible to receive the benefits of Surplus Tax Credit in CY 2008.

An employer paying the minimum tax will pay \$19.80 in tax per employee in CY 2008, down from \$26.10 paid in CY 2007. The maximum UI tax that 3 percent of Texas employers pay is 6.22 percent, down from 7.70 percent in CY 2007. The average tax rate of 0.98 percent for CY 2008 is down from 1.30 percent in CY 2007, while the average experience tax rate of 0.77 percent for CY 2008 is down from 1.13 percent in CY 2007.

The components of the CY 2008 tax rate are: The general tax rate – based on claims against an employer's account. If TWC has paid benefits to former employees who were laid off or separated through no fault of their own in the past three years, then those employers will pay a general tax. The replenishment

tax rate – charged to all employers to cover unemployment claims not charged to a specific employer. This tax tends to rise following economic slowdowns when claims increase and businesses close.

The employment training assessment – charged to all employers who are eligible for a computed tax rate to finance the Skills Development Fund and the Texas Enterprise Fund. The employment training assessment calculation is a separate line item on the Employer's Quarterly Tax Report.

Eligible employers who file quarterly unemployment tax reports will receive a tax credit starting with their first quarter 2008 tax returns. Eligible employers must have had a payroll in 2007 and are required to have paid all taxes due.

The 79th Texas Legislature (2005) changed the way the Skills Development Fund is financed. The Skills Development Fund provides

new and incumbent workers customized assessment and training in response to the needs of Texas businesses.

This program is funded by a flat rate assessment, called the Employment Training Assessment, and is a component of the unemployment tax rate.

TWC is dedicated to finding ways to lower the financial impact of unemployment on the employers of this state. The agency has instituted initiatives to ensure program integrity in several areas, and to increase UI fraud detection and prevention. Through the use of increased work-search verifications, improved automated processes and database cross matches with other agencies, TWC has seen a reduction in UI overpayments since January 2004. TWC pledges its continued efforts in helping to keep taxes as low as possible and mitigating the effects on Texas employers.

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Texas A&M Regents recognize 100th anniversary of Texas 4-H

COLLEGE STATION - The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents on Friday commended Texas 4-H for involving millions of young people in "life-enriching educational programs during its 100-year history."

According to a resolution passed unanimously by the board, Texas 4-H each year uses some 42,700 volunteers to help reach more than 659,000 young people with opportunities "to practice life skills, develop strong character and improve their readiness for the workplace and college."

"The members of 4-H and their families have made many worthwhile contributions to the citizens of Texas and this nation, and continue to do so through programs that help others affected by disability or hardship," the board said, noting in particular that 4-H's Operation Military Kids, which serves children who have a parent deployed with the military.

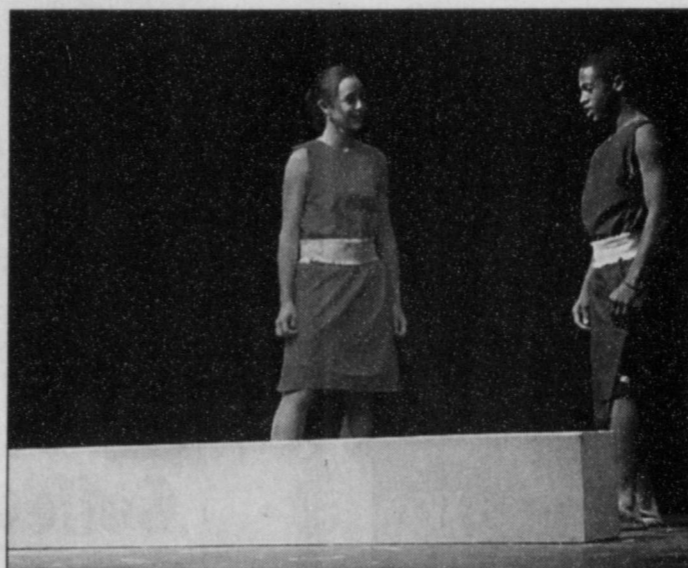
The roots of Texas 4-H grew from a corn club for boys in Jack County in 1908, a tomato club for girls in Milam County in 1912, and a vegetable garden and poultry club

for black youth in Waller County in 1914.

"The year-long Texas 4-H Centennial celebration, which concludes in the summer of 2008, presents a great teaching opportunity for 4-H members," said Dr. Martha Couch, Texas Cooperative Extension associate director for 4-H and youth development. "We help the kids appreciate those who have gone before and what we owe them," she said. "But we also try to help them understand that they are the ones who must set the standard now for those who will follow them."

The Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program is administered by Extension and the Prairie View A&M Cooperative Extension Program, both parts of the Texas A&M System.

"Our agency is proud of the long record 4-H has in developing youth into community-minded, service-oriented adults," said Dr. Ed Smith, Extension director. "It's comforting to know that the program will continue to have the positive impact on our state's youth for generations to come."



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Danielle Ford and Glenn Weatherton play a couple of renegade workers in a farce about building the Tower of Babel during the Clarendon High School Drama Department's series of short plays last week. The pair decided their one-foot tower was plenty tall to reach God since God is everywhere.

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Lady Owls beat Paducah girls

By Tangela Copeline
Hedley Lady Owls once again dominated their opponents when they took on the Paducah Lady Dragons. The girls came out strong and quickly overcame their opponents, easily winning the game 51 to 37.

Putting points on the board were: Haley Hall 28, Kelby Shields, Julie Woodard, and Kristen Dwight 6 points apiece, Shandy Koetting 3, and Jasie Sargent 2 points.

The Lady Owls journeyed to Ft. Elliot on Thursday to play Wheeler in the Ft. Elliott tournament. The Lady Owls played tight defense carefully, keeping their opponents in check to win the game 53 to 33.

Scoring were: Koetting 15, Hall 14, Kelby Shields 7, Kaylee Shields 5, Jasie Sargent 4, and Haley Chambliss, Jenni Allen, Woodard and Dwight all had 2 points apiece.

The second round of the tournament pitted the girls against Ft. Elliot. The girls started out slow with Kelby and Kailee Shields both having one free throw point apiece, and that is all the girls could muster. The second quarter had the girls taking control of the game, outscoring the Lady Cougars 17 to 5 points. The girls never looked back from there, winning the game 34 to 29.

Those Lady Owls putting up points were: Kelby Shields 10, Dwight 9, Woodard and Hall both with 6 points, and Kaylee Shields with 3 points.

The championship game had the girls up against their long-time foe the Mclean Lady Tigers. The Lady Owls were unable to execute their offense and were overtaken by the Lady Tigers, losing the championship game 41 to 54.

Lady Owls scoring were: Hall 12, Woodard 8, Kelby Shields 7, Koetting 5, Kaylee Shields 4, Dwight 3, and Jasie Sargent 2 points.

Paducah finishes ahead of Hedley

By Tangela Copelin
The Hedley Owl team took on the Paducah Dragons in a tough match on Tuesday, December 4, at Paducah. The Owls hung tough with their opponents never allowing them much of a lead until the end where Paducah was able to pull ahead for the win.

Scoring for the Owls: Peter Howard 22, Tyler Pepper 18, Brandon Montgomery 17, Isaias Ramirez 4, and Braden Montgomery 3 points.

Broncos find rhythm to stop Owls

By Sandy Anderberg
The Broncos hustled up and found a 73-37 victory at home Tuesday night against Silverton.

Clarendon got on the board first and took a five-point lead after the first eight minutes of play. Silverton staged a small comeback in the second period to narrow the gap to two points. But the Broncos came stomping back in the second half to dominate their opponent.

"We really were not mentally ready to play," Coach Coby Waldrop

said. "We need to work on that."

Scoring: T.J. Brown 22, Johnny Gaines 12, Alton Gaines 9, Aaron Gordon 5, Danzel Wilson 6, Derrick Shelton 5, Dalton Askew 5, Nathan Gribble 4, Jadon Thornton 3, and Stephino McCampbell 1.

The Broncos traveled to Highland Park Friday night to take on the Hornets and came up with a great win at 58-54.

According to Waldrop, the Broncos played a great game despite getting into some foul trouble.

"They did a really good job," Waldrop said. "They worked very hard to get the win and didn't let the foul trouble and injuries get in their way. We pressed the entire game; and they did, too, but we had a very strong fourth quarter."

Scoring: J. Gaines 17, Brown 12, Shelton 12, Askew 8, A. Gaines 7, and Tré Brown 2.

The Broncos will play at Quanah December 14 and be at home against Arbor Academy December 17 beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Lady Broncos clean up at Silverton

By Sandy Anderberg
The Lady Broncos totally dominated the Lady Owls at home Tuesday night. They took a commanding lead early on and defeated them 75-33.

The Ladies showed their excellence from the tip-off and took a 12-point lead into the break. A huge scoring third quarter sealed the win for the Lady Broncos. Three players hit double figures to aid in the win.

"It was good to get a win at home," Coach Randy Yelverton said. "The girls are playing hard."

Scoring: Erin Holland 15, Jill

Cornell 15, Sade Cobb 12, Abbie Massingill 8, Macy Shadle 7, Janae White 6, Bailey Starnes 5, Cortnee Thornberry 3, Kia Bryley 2, and Jenci White 2.

The Ladies traveled to Highland Park Friday night and struggled to find their offense and lost 50-62.

The Lady Hornets opened up with an eight-point lead that they carried to the break. The Lady Broncos just could not get anything going in the loss, but according to Yelverton they never gave up.

"I thought we played hard and with a lot of intensity, but sometimes

we tried to do things we aren't ready to do, which led to turnovers," Yelverton said. "Also, we needed to do a better job on the boards. I saw a much improved offensive transition game which led to some easy baskets. Our kids played hard for four quarters."

Scoring: Cobb 8, Janae White 8, Thornberry 7, Shadle 7, Holland 6, Massingill 6, Cornell 4, Jenci White 2, and Starnes 2.

The Lady Broncos will travel to Quanah December 14 and will play Arbor Academy at home December 17 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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Drugs in the News

Nicotine Vaccine Test Results

The results of a study of a nicotine vaccine still in research were presented last month at an American Heart Association conference. The vaccine, called *NicVax*, is being developed to immunize smokers against the addiction associated with cigarette smoking. According to information previously reported, the vaccine encourages the body's immune system to attack nicotine in much the same way that it attacks a foreign bacteria or virus. The theory is that as a result of this attack, most of the nicotine that would come from smoking would not reach the brain, making smoking less pleasurable and perhaps easier to give up. This is a different approach than that used by nicotine gums, skin patches, and nasal sprays which are designed to replace the nicotine a person receives when they smoke with smaller amounts.

In one study, more than twice as many people given 5 shots of the vaccine stopped smoking than those given placebo (fake) vaccine shots. Health experts agree that getting people to stop smoking could become one of the most important developments in improving the health of all citizens in this and other countries.



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- 10 Erin Holland Sr.
- 11 Jill Cornell Sr.
- 12 Janae White Jr.
- 15 Kia Bryley So.
- 30 Abbie Massingill Jr.
- 21 Cortnee Thornberry Jr.
- 22 Bailey Starnes Jr.
- 33 Abby Patten Sr.
- 34 Sade Cobb Sr.
- 25 Macy Shadle Jr.

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Broncos

- 2 Alton Gaines Jr.
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Lady Bronco JV win

Coach Kasey Bell's Lady Broncos grabbed a big win from Highland Park on the road Friday night as Clarendon won 30-13.

The Ladies scored early and held the Lady Hornets scoreless in the first period only allowing one point to their opponent the entire first half. After a slow-shooting third period, the Ladies bounced back with a big fourth quarter to seal the win.

Scoring: Haleigh Lewis 10, Deidre Lewis 6, Jill Luna 5, Lauren Shelton 2, Emilie Clark 2, Danielle Ford 2, Ellisa Holland 2, and Ashlyn Tubbs 1.

The Ladies will play in their own JV tournament December 13 and 15 and host Arbor Academy December 17 beginning at 5:00 p.m.

JV boys turn up heat

The Bronco junior varsity finished the week with two big wins against Wellington and Highland Park. They defeated the Sky Rockets 42-31 and took the Hornets 60-32.

After a sluggish start against Wellington in the first quarter, the Broncos stormed back in the second period to claim a one-point lead at the break. The momentum continued into the third period as the Broncos took a 13-point lead into the final quarter. Clarendon finished the game with the 11-point win.

Scoring: Ryan Hill 11, Mike Crump 9, Brayden Phillips 6, Dylan Wright 5, Chris Crump 3, Johnny Ballard 2, Glenn Weatherton 2, John Levario 2, and Billy Ceniceris 2.

The men took on Highland Park Friday night in Amarillo and worked the Hornets over to get the big win. The dominance and the momentum belonged to the Broncos as they shut down any offense the Hornets tried to execute.

Scoring: Ballard 12, Weatherton 9, M. Crump 9, Jesus Hernandez 7, Phillips 7, Justin Schilling 5, Wright 4, Bradley Watson 4, C. Crump 2, and Josh Krumweide 1.

The Broncos will play in the Clarendon Tournament December 13 and 15 and host Arbor Academy December 17 beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Colts beat Shamrock

The eighth grade Colts played great as a team and stopped the Irish cold while earning a 49-20 win at home Monday night.

The Colts led from the beginning and took a 17-point lead into the break. They turned on their defense in the second and fourth periods to hold Shamrock to only two points each in the second and fourth quarters.

Scoring: Jacob Pigg 12, Devonte Hardaway 8, Jayson Pigg 7, Charleston Harris 6, Wes Williams 6, Chris Blackburn 4, Mason Lowrie 4, and Brady Clark 2.

The seventh grade had an inner-team scrimmage because Shamrock did not have a seventh grade team. The Clarendon Maroon played the Clarendon White with the Maroon coming out on top 34-25.

Both teams played great basketball, and every player contributed effectively.

Scoring: Maroon-Forest Yelverton 6, Cole Ward 6, Adam Topper 4, Trevor Cobb 4, Corey Barker 2, and Dusty Rice 2. White-Diego Santos 11, Cody Wood 8, John Pigg 4, and Tyler Burch 2.

Both Colt teams will play in the Panhandle Tournament December 13 and 15 and will play Wheeler at home December 17 at 5:00 p.m.

Lady Colts win 16-13

The seventh grade Lady Colts narrowly escaped defeat Monday night at Shamrock as they faced off against a tough Lady Irish team.

Neither team could muster much offense, but the Ladies did what it took to post a win. They led 9-5 at the break and held that lead until the final buzzer.

Scoring: McKayla Cartwright 10, Lydia Burton 2, Anna Ceniceris 2, and Kenzie Perryman 2.

The eighth grade Lady Colts did not fair as well as they were defeated 13-50. Despite playing hard, the Ladies struggled against their opponent.

Scoring: Marqueta Gaines 5, Ambei Keelin 4, and Trevela Dronzek 4.

The Lady Colts will partici-

pate in the Panhandle Tournament December 13 and 15 and will travel to Wheeler December 17 beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Hedley JV girls win

Last Tuesday, December 4, the Hedley Lady Owls JV team traveled to Paducah to take on the Lady Dragons. The Hedley Lady Owls battled it out with the Lady Dragons for the first half, just barely leading 18 to 17 at halftime. The Lady Owls came out after halftime to shut-out their opponents' third quarter and only allowing them to score 4 points during the 4th quarter to win 36 to 21.

Various Lady Owls scoring were: Haley Chambless 18, Jenni Allen 6, Brittney Netterville 4, and Marlee Sargent, Kailee Burton, and Skyler Conatser all had 2 points apiece.

HJH plays Groom

The Hedley Junior High traveled to Groom to play the Groom Tiger Cubs on Monday, December 3. Both the boys' and girls' teams came out on top.

The Hedley Lady Owls started out slow, only scoring 2 points in the first quarter, but they quickly made up for it by outscoring their opponents in the second quarter and taking the lead to win the game 32 to 23.

Players putting points on the board were: Deborah Howard and Lydia Howard each had 8 points apiece, Cassidy Burton had 6, Jodee Widener had 4, and Bailey Wood, Addy Monroe, and Marienna Glover all had 2 points apiece.

The Junior High boy's team played tight ball with the score going back and forth the whole time, but in the end the Owls pulled out the win.

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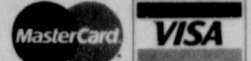
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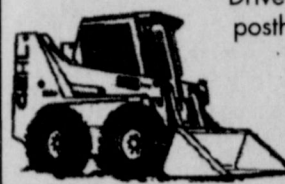
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 7:12 p.m. - Fight in progress, 500 Blk. W. 2nd St.
 8:12 p.m. - Back to CC gym.

December 4, 2007
 1:30 p.m. - At annex.
 2:41 p.m. - Assist constable, Co. Rd. 20.
 5:08 p.m. - Poss. break in, 100 Blk. McClelland St.
 10:30 p.m. - 700 Blk. Leroy, See complainant.

December 5, 2007
 7:46 a.m. - See caller, 1000 Blk. E. 3rd, family dispute.

1:38 p.m. - At residence, 3200 Blk. US Hwy. 287.
 2:44 p.m. - Minor accident private property, 400 Blk. W. 2nd St.
 7:28 p.m. - Assist motorist, 5 miles W. 287.
 8:05 p.m. - Back out 5 miles W. 287.
 11:09 p.m. - Suspicious activity, Pampa & Rosemary Sts. Howardwick.

December 6, 2007
 7:28 p.m. - 700 Blk. W. 5th St., 10 year old male missing.
 7:57 a.m. - Returning missing juveniles to residence.
 1:45 p.m. - Clerk's Office.
 4:11 p.m. - Serving legal papers, W. 3rd St.
 9:54 p.m. - Hwy. 70 N., remove deer carcass from roadway.

10:36 p.m. - Hwy. 70 N., remove debris from roadway; feed sacks.

December 7, 2007
 12:51 p.m. - Suspicious activity, 700 Blk. W. 5th St.
 3:03 p.m. - Clerk's Office.
 4:19 p.m. - See caller, 700 Blk. W. 5th St.
 6:23 p.m. - See subject in lobby.

December 8, 2007
 4:47 a.m. - Structure fire, 600 Blk. W. 2nd.
 1:50 p.m. - See caller, 500 Blk. W. 5th St.
 3:52 p.m. - Report of possible fight brewing, 500 Blk. W. 2nd.
 8:00 p.m. - See caller, 600 Blk. E. 2nd St.
 8:16 p.m. - Back to 500 Blk. W. 2nd St.

December 9, 2007
 7:45 a.m. - Vehicle accident, semi lost control on ice; Hwy. 287.
 3:44 p.m. - Vehicle in median, Hwy. 287 2 W.
 6:53 p.m. - Welfare check, Hwy. 70 N.
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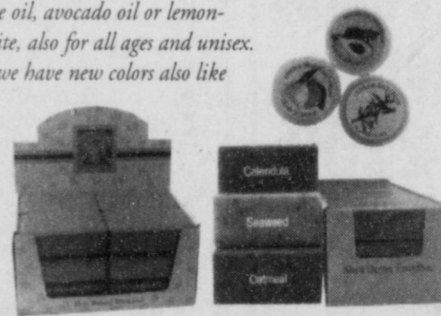
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