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

## Merchants open late this Thursday

Late Night Shopping is back in Clarendon this Thursday evening with downtown merchants staying open late for your shopping convenience.

Shopping activities continue this weekend with a barbecue being held at the old JAMZ building from 11:30 to 2 p.m. on Saturday. The meal, catered by the Bar H Dude Ranch, will be held next Saturday also.

On December 10 and 17, the merchants will host wagon rides downtown, and on Saturday, December 19, the merchants will hold the drawing for their big Clarendon Gold giveaway with \$2,000 in merchant bucks and gift certificates.

## C of C announces contest winners

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce has announced its winners of its holiday lighting contest for this week.

Ronnie Chitwood's residence at 520 E. Second won in Clarendon, and the business winner was Henson's.

Howardwick and Hedley were not judged this week but will be judged in the future.

## Santa Letters need to be in by Friday

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

All letters to Santa need to be in the office by this Friday, December 11, at 5 p.m. to make the delivery and be published in the Christmas edition of the Enterprise, which will be released on December 22.

## Polk Street Choir to sing in Memphis

The Polk Street United Methodist Church Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra from Amarillo will be presenting the Christmas portion of Handel's "Messiah" at the Historic Presbyterian Building at 8th and Robertson in Memphis on Sunday, December 13, at 7:00 p.m.

Organist, Noel-Paul Laur will provide pre-concert music on the Kilgen Organ beginning at 6:30 P.M.

The concert is free and open to the public. Donations to help defray costs of this event are graciously accepted.

For more information, contact the Preservation Foundation in Memphis by calling 259-3460.



## Winter wrecks

Mandy Jaramillo's pickup bears the mark of the winter blast that hit Donley County Tuesday morning after Alton Gaines slid through a stop sign at Sixth and Carhart and struck her vehicle. **BOTTOM PHOTO:** Soon after, a big cow-tastrophe occurred on US 287 at County Road 13 when a traveler's stock trailer went off the road and rolled onto its top, leaving several head of cattle dazed and confused. The Donley County Sheriff's Office said it dispatched emergency personnel to five accidents from Monday night through Tuesday morning. It also received five reports of vehicles sliding off the roadway and dispatched EMS personnel to three calls when people fell on the ice.

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## District court hands down sentences in local cases

The district court recently delivered sentences in two Donley County cases.

In Wellington on Tuesday, November 24, 2009, the court heard two pleas which resulted in two convictions against Travis Ray Smith.

Smith was convicted and sentenced to 15 years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice after pleading true to the allegations listed in the State's Motion to Adjudicate Guilt of Defendant. Smith is required to pay \$598 in court costs to Donley County and \$7,500 in restitution.

Smith originally pleaded guilty on February 16, 2007 in Donley County to the second degree felony of burglary of a habitation and received ten years deferred adjudication and had to participate and successfully complete the SAFF program.

Travis Ray Smith also was convicted and sentenced to 15 years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for the offense of possession of a controlled substance, a second degree felony. Smith is required to pay \$313 in court costs to Carson

County. A total of \$911 in court costs was assessed as a result of the pleas that took place on November 24 against Smith. In addition to the court costs, Smith was required to pay a total of \$7,500 in restitution.

District Attorney Luke Inman prosecuted the cases for the State of Texas with the Honorable Judge Dan Mike Bird presiding by assignment.

In Panhandle, on Thursday, December 3, 2009, Mark Pascal Shearer pleaded guilty to a Class A Misdemeanor offense of driving while intoxicated and was convicted and sentenced to one year in the Donley County Jail, but the sentence was probated for a period of two years.

Shearer was arrested in Donley County on June 3, 2006 for the offense of Driving While Intoxicated. Shearer was indicted by a Donley County Grand Jury on November 12, 2007. Pursuant to the plea agreement, Shearer is required to pay a \$1,000 fine to Donley County, \$515 in court costs.

Luke Inman prosecuted the case with the Honorable Judge Richard Dambold presiding by assignment.



## Lift every voice

Local Girl Scouts were among those at City Hall last Saturday for the lighting of the new city Christmas Tree. Administrator John Webb invites local citizens to donate ornaments to the city tree.

COURTESY PHOTO / MANDY JARAMILLO

## Election sign-up begins

Candidates are beginning to line up for the primaries leading up to next year's general election.

US Rep. Mac Thornberry of Clarendon announced Monday that he has filed to run for re-election in the 13th Congressional District of Texas. He will be on the Republican ticket.

Joe Hall and Bill Spier have both signed up as Republican candidates for the Precinct 4 Donley County Commissioner's seat currently held by Bob Trout. Officials at the Donley County Clerk's Office said Trout does not plan to run for re-election.

Republican Donnie Hall has filed to run for re-election to his Precinct 2 Commissioner's position.

Precinct 3&4 Justice of the Peace Ann Kennedy announced this week that she will retire at the end of her current term, and Colleen Owens has announced her candidacy as a Democrat for that position.

Other local offices up for election in 2010 include county judge, county treasurer, county clerk, and justice of the peace in Precincts 1&2.

Filing takes place in the county clerk's office in the Donley County Courthouse Annex and continues through January 4, 2010. Those seeking public office will be required to pay a \$750 filing fee or can present a petition to waive the fee.

The primary elections will be held March 2, citizens are reminded to register to vote in the motor vehicle office in the Courthouse Annex if they have not done so.

## Irrigation pumps up 16k jobs

AMARILLO - Irrigation of crops directly contributes more than \$1.6 billion a year and 16,650 jobs to the economy of the Amarillo region, according to a study released Wednesday at the Texas Commodity Symposium.

"Irrigation is clearly a major source of fuel for the region's economic engine," said Dr. Darren Hudson who conducted the study and holds the Larry Combest Chair for Agricultural Competitiveness at Texas Tech University.

Approximately two-thirds of the total economic impact, more than \$1 billion per year, comes from irrigation of corn. Irrigation of wheat (\$343 million), cotton (\$165 million) and sorghum (\$36 million) account for the other one third.

"While \$1.6 billion of economic impact is directly attributable to the production of crops from irrigation, we can conservatively estimate that as that money moves through the local economy it generates an additional \$2.5 billion per year of indirect economic activity," Dr. Hudson said. "And we know there are other positive impacts we haven't measured such as the amount added to the tax base that supports schools and public services."

Approximately 1.4 million

See 'Jobs' on page 3.



# Letters To Santa

**DEADLINE:**  
Friday, Dec. 11  
at 5 p.m.

## Government intervention raises prices

By Dr. Mark W. Hendrickson

What kind of prices do you prefer to pay when you go shopping—high or low?

Unless you're trying to show off for someone by spending a bundle, I'd bet that you prefer low prices. I've never met anybody who decided not to buy something because he wished the price were higher. Indeed, common sense leads to the inescapable conclusion that economic standards of living are higher when people can afford to buy more things than when they can afford to buy fewer.

Why am I stating such an obvious truism? Because, strange as it seems, our friendly federal government has a bad habit of adopting policies that raise prices. We have heard for decades, ad nauseam, that politicians compassionately care about the poor and want to help "the people" prosper. Their deeds, however, do not match their rhetoric. Repeatedly, American politicians have subverted the healthy functioning of free markets, whose competitive pressures and ever-improving productivity exert downward pressure on prices.

This tendency has a lengthy history. When the first federal regulatory agency, the Interstate Commerce Commission, was created in the 1880s, it regulated prices. That meant it blocked railroad companies from lowering fees to customers, resulting in higher transportation costs and higher retail prices for consumer products.

My Econ-101 students are amazed when they read about government-mandated price floors, subsidies, guaranteed purchases, etc., that raise the price of foods. They shake their heads in disbelief when they learn about government's myriad tariffs and quotas that abrogate Americans' right to buy needed goods from the lowest-cost providers, and force them to pay higher prices, resulting in them being able to afford fewer things.

They are amazed to discover that the actual history of early antitrust cases (as detailed in Dominick Armentano's "Antitrust and Monopoly") shows that Standard Oil and other large corporations prosecuted under antitrust laws were neither monopolies nor guilty of the monopolistic abuse of gouging consumers with high prices, but, in fact, were the very companies that were charging consumers the lowest prices.

In effect, then, antitrust laws punished the companies that were most beneficial for American consumers. They are frustrated that as oil prices soar, government imposes greater restrictions on the development of domestic petroleum resources.

At the same time that President Franklin Roosevelt had the Justice Department target private firms for alleged anticompetitive practices during the Great Depression, his own economic strategy was to organize businesses into government-managed cartels, which plotted to raise prices. FDR's bizarre and ugly practice of ordering farmers to plow under thousands of acres of cotton, kill millions of piglets, and pour out massive quantities of milk made food more expensive at a time of severe poverty and hunger in America.

This is all very relevant today, because Barack Obama is using FDR as his role model. What is Obama's attempted solution for the housing crisis? It is to do whatever he can to stop prices from falling—as if higher prices for the expensive consumer good in America is vital to prosperity.

Yes, those of us in my generation who mistakenly viewed our house as a savings account may reap the capital gain we had anticipated, but if we would let the market settle at lower prices for houses, that would be one of the rare times that we would be doing something economically beneficial for today's younger Americans.

The perverse political preference for high prices is also manifested in Obama's major legislative initiatives, healthcare insurance reform, and energy policy. The healthcare proposals are full of taxes, fines, and talk of higher premiums for many. Meanwhile, the Obama administration's stated goal for energy is to tax fossil fuels through a cap-and-trade scheme—a policy that surely would jack up the price of energy.

Making energy more expensive for Americans in the depths of a severe economic contraction may suit radical environmentalists such as Paul Ehrlich, who once opined that "Giving society cheap ... energy ... would be the equivalent of giving an idiot child a machine gun."

However, for the average American, rising energy costs will translate into higher prices for running one's car and heating one's home, and powering one's factory, and that will make most of us (especially the Americans with the lowest incomes and those who lose their jobs to countries with lower energy costs) feel poorer.

I know that President Obama believes that people like me are out of step with the times. Maybe wanting low prices for Americans is quaint and old-fashioned, but I still think low prices are better for Americans than high prices. What do you think?

Dr. Mark W. Hendrickson is an adjunct faculty member, economist, and contributing scholar with The Center for Vision & Values at Grove City College.

## Government threatens your health

By Elizabeth Young

Much of the recent health care debate has focused on the ballooning federal deficit, likely tax increases, and the number of uninsured and all of these are certainly important to consider.

But the most important impact health care reform will have is on your personal health, and this particular issue has not received enough attention. It seems some in America take their current ability to make their own health care choices for granted.

Sure, it is expensive to afford unforeseen medical crises, and Congress is correct in identifying the high cost of health care as a problem that should be addressed. However, government-run health care is not the solution. In countries where this approach has been tried, people lose their ability to make personal health care decisions since certain medical options are simply unavailable.

Despite how well-intentioned some may be in pushing for government-run health care, their proposals would result in more harm than good. Health care will likely be rationed, quality of care will eventually decrease, and the patient-doctor relationship will be separated by a wall of bureaucracy.

Government-run health care systems that contain President Obama's

overall goals already exist in various nations all over the world, the most notable being in Canada and the United Kingdom (U.K.). So, have citizens in those nations retained control over their livelihood?

Take, for instance, the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE), the government board that makes health care treatment decisions based on comparative effectiveness research in the U.K. In total, "61 percent of cancer treatments (27 of the 44 appraised) have been denied by U.K.'s NICE" on the basis that they were not economically feasible regardless of their medical success. Alternatively, in the United States, anyone who needs cancer treatment has access to various treatment options for a price.

The U.K. has even been sued by several young women who developed cervical cancer after being denied pap smears by the government. NICE refuses to screen women under the age of 25 due to cost concerns.

Perhaps the most startling fact is that "the World Health Organization estimates that 25,000 British cancer patients die prematurely every year because of restrictions" to various medical treatments.

In Canada, 10,000 breast cancer

patients have "filed a class action lawsuit against Quebec's hospitals because, on average, they were forced to wait 60 days to begin post-operative radiation treatments." Even Canada's Supreme Court has recognized that rationing has caused major problems in Canada. In the 2005 case *Chaoulli v. Quebec*, the majority opinion stated: "The evidence in this case shows that delays in the public health care system are widespread, and that, in some serious cases, patients die as a result of waiting lists for public health care."

Problems similar to this could eventually develop in the United States if a plan containing President Obama's objectives becomes law. Let's learn from others' mistakes and not repeat history. Government-run health care has been tried before and universally failed.

Yes, health care is expensive in America, but at least it is available and patients have options. It is not possible to maintain this luxury when government is put in control of our personal health care decisions, many of which can mean life or death. These reforms won't improve your life; they only threaten it.

Elizabeth Young is a health care policy analyst at the Texas Public Policy Foundation, a non-profit, free-market research institute based in Austin.



## Warning signals for House Dems

By Martin Frost

Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio), my friend and former House colleague, wears the same lapel pin each day—a canary in a cage. It signifies that he, like the coal mine canary, sounds the early alarm for impending disaster.

Two canaries have appeared on the scene in the past two weeks and House Democratic leaders have best pay attention to the warning they are sounding.

Highly respected Blue Dog Democrats Dennis Moore of Kansas and John Tanner of Tennessee have both announced that they are retiring from Congress and will not seek another term in 2010.

Both represent swing districts and both are about the same age—Moore is 64 and Tanner is 65. Their decisions spell trouble for Democrats seeking to maintain a decent majority in the next Congress.

Let's just look at history as a guide. When Democrats lost control of the House in 1994, their inability to hold a

number of open Democratic swing districts contributed to massive GOP pickups. Again in 1996, when Democrats rebounded by picking up nine seats, they would have returned to the majority but for their inability to hold 10 open seats.

Swing open seats in the South and Midwest are particularly troubling for Democrats. Popular incumbents like Moore and Tanner can hold onto seats in basically conservative territory because of their track record of delivering for their constituents. However, once seats like these come open, they often revert to form and that means Democrats will need to find exactly the right candidate and run strong races to retain them.

In 1998, Minority Leader Dick Gephardt and I devised a buddy system to check in regularly with every single Democrat we thought might be considering retiring. This worked. We minimized retirements and actually picked up five seats that fall, which was an unprecedented victory by the president's party in the sixth year of an eight-year term.

House Democratic leaders need to institute a similar buddy system if they haven't already done so for the coming election. This is important right now because retirements sometimes become contagious. Once one of your contemporaries announced he is retiring, you start reconsidering your own situation.

That's exactly what happened with the Texas delegation in 1978. A number of senior Texas Democrats all retired the same year leading to nine open seats in one delegation. The state was still Democratic at that time so the party held most of the seats but the state lost an enormous amount of seniority in a single election.

Democrats are still a long way from risking their majority in the House but even a few canaries can be a dangerous thing.

Martin Frost represented the Dallas-Fort Worth area in Congress from 1979 to 2005. He rose to Democratic Caucus chairman and head of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.

## Appreciation for City employees

I want to thank John Webb, John Molder, Dan Clark, and all the city employees for all the work they have been doing to improve our city.

I have been told for years that the sewer problems that I have been having on top of the hill here is due to my sewer lines. Everything had been replaced all over the house and yard, so I knew it was not the house's problem.

John Webb, John Molder, and Dan Clark came one cold morning and found that tree roots were clogging the main line, and it took them two days to clear the problem. I have not had one problem with the sewer since.

Living on a dirt street, we had had problems when it rained and the street having tire ruts. They have graded the

road numerous times, and it was just down to mud. My husband brought the problem to Jim Roberts one night at a game party, and the next day Jim brought some asphalt.

That solved the problem until it washed out. I was at the office of John Webb and John Molder the other day and asked them if it would be possible to run drainage ditch down the side of the road to turn the water to the canal. John Molder told me he could do this. He not only ran the ditch on both sides of the road he also ran asphalt on the road to keep a base going until we can get pavement.

I am over town a lot with my job, and there is not a day go by I do not see the city crew out working on another

project. My thanks go to each and every one of you. When you see any of these men out, shake their hands and let them know how much you appreciate all that they are doing.

I would also like to thank Roger Estlack and all the employees of the newspaper. Roger has helped me tremendously with any project that I have going.

Clarendon means a lot to me, and I love each and every one of you. I hope that we continue to keep the pride of living in Clarendon going and thanking everyone who has tried to make a great improvement.

Dianna L. Chisum Carter,  
Clarendon

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## ¿Qué Pasa? Community Calendar

**December 10**  
Destination Donley County Tourism Group Chili Cook-Off • During Late Night Shopping

**December 10-12**  
Greenbelt Classic Tournament • Broncos & Lady Broncos • TBA

**December 15**  
Lady Broncos v. Booker • 6:30 p.m. • Bronco Gym

Broncos v. Booker • 8 p.m. • Bronco Gym

**December 17**  
Destination Donley County Tourism Group Ginger Bread Competition • During Late Night Shopping

**December 17 & 19**  
Clarendon JV Tournament • JV Girls & Boys • TBA

## Menus

**December 14 - 18**  
Donley County Senior Citizens  
Mon: Lasagna, corn, tossed salad, banana pudding, garlic toast.  
Tue: Frito pie/grated cheese, pinto beans, stewed tomatoes, sliced celery, brownies.  
Wed: Bar-B-Q Chicken, french fries, steamed carrots, broccoli & cauliflower, waldorf salad, sliced apricots, bread.  
Thu: Hot steak, sandwich/gravy, black-eyed peas, lime salad, cinnamon rolls.  
Fri: Turkey & dressing, gravy, green peas, cranberry salad, pecan pie, rolls.

**Hedley Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Chicken strips, potato soup, fried okra, pea salad, apple cobbler, cornbread.  
Tue: Meat loaf, macaroni & cheese, steamed broccoli, beet pickles, peaches & strawberries, roll.  
Wed: Steak & gravy, scalloped potatoes, corn, tossed salad, cake, roll.  
Thu: Ham & butter beans, french fries, cole slaw, pudding, corn bread.  
Fri: Turkey & dressing, fried sweet potatoes, peas & carrots, fruit salad, pie, roll.

**Clarendon CISD**  
Breakfast  
Mon: Cereal, wheat toast, fruit, milk.  
Tue: Sausage, biscuit, fruit, milk.  
Wed: Pancakes, juice, milk.  
Thu: Egg, wheat toast, fruit, milk.  
Fri: Cinnamon roll, juice, milk.

**Lunch**  
Mon: Fajita chicken with rice, corn, orange, chocolate pudding, milk.  
Tue: Pig in a blanket, baked beans, pine-apple-orange salad, milk.  
Wed: Turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, pumpkin pie, roll, milk.  
Thu: Bologna & cheese sandwich, chips, cookie, apple, milk.  
Fri: Ham & cheese sandwich, chips, cookie, orange, milk.

**Hedley CISD**  
Mon: Grilled cheese, vegetable soup, chicken noodle soup, salad, fruit, milk.  
Tue: Pizza, cheeseburger, baked beans, salad, fruit, milk.  
Wed: Chicken strips, chicken fried steak, potato/gravy, green beans, fruit, milk.  
Thu: Hamburger, cheeseburger, salad, fruit, chips, milk.  
Fri: Sandwiches, salad, fruit, Sun chips, milk.

## Henderson, Norman wed

Dina Marie Henderson and Gary Vance Norman were married November 8, 2009, at the First Assembly of God in Clarendon with Pastor Matthew Stidham officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Vernie and Mary Ford of Clarendon. The groom is the son of the late Av and Syble Norman.

Christen Henderson of Levelland, daughter of the bride, served as Maid of Honor; and bridesmaids were Lindsey Hannah of Oklahoma and Chelsea McCarty of Amarillo.

Matthew Henderson, son of the bride, served as Best Man; and the groomsmen were Justin Roberts, friend of the groom, of Levelland, and Roger Henderson, son of the bride, of Clarendon.

Guests were registered by Mary Carroll. Caitlyn Haas was the flower girl, and Christen Henderson and Melissa Norman were the candle lighters. Ushers were Martin Vaquere and Brian Miller.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Vernie Ford.

Bill Houston sang "You Light Up My Life," and Sarah Gray played the piano during the ceremony.

The bride wore a long, ivory wedding gown of beautiful satin, and

# Keeping alive the memory of that infamous day

December 7, 1941, the "day that will live in infamy" to quote President Franklin D. Roosevelt in his speech to the American public that Sunday morning after declaring war on Japan.

The sneak attack by the Japanese on Pearl Harbor left no doubt in the minds of that American public we had to prepare to defend ourselves and quickly.

I was four years old, living on the Rowe Ranch at Antelope Flat south of Brice with my parents and sister Patsy and do not remember that day at all.

Jim was seven living in Fort Worth and has a vivid memory of the day. He was playing outside with his brothers when someone came told them the news; and everyone came into the house, listening to the radio

with excitement and fear.

As a ranch kid I remember the war as coming into Clarendon with my Dad having to register for the draft and all the rationing, which included sugar, gasoline, anything made of rubber, shoes, and meat. Many things were not available such as cotton and wool fabric; toys were in short supply; household appliances were scarce; and the list goes on. If it was imported or used for the troops, they came first.

Jim's memories are different living in the city of Ft. Worth. He remembers the black-out shades for the windows at home and the sirens that signaled everyone to turn off the lights. He remembers mock air fights and mock bomb runs with flour used as bombs. Their house was near a railroad track, and the most vivid

memory is those troop trains lined up, sometimes waiting for hours to get into the station.

The three Cock-erham boys - George, Jim and Stanley - plus other friends lined up to talk. Sometimes the troops handed them money, and the kids ran across the street to a corner grocer and bought soda, candy, and other snacks. He has often wondered how many of those young boys turned quickly into men didn't come back.

Jim's Aunt Edith was a "Rosie the Riveter" working on B-24's at

the Consolidated Plant in Ft. Worth. My uncle, Eddie Reynolds, spent the war in Europe; many cousins of both mine and Jim's fought in the war; and one of my cousins, George P. James from Quitaque, was killed in action.

Yes, we remember, and there are many others that still do. Those memories should be recorded for future generations so that day truly will live in infamy.

With the help of Lee Ann Cook, her daughter Natalie, Mayor Del Essary, Merle Wimmer, Ruth Byrd, and Keith and Beverly Taylor the Nativity, Santa, and other pieces are in the park with Gary Dzieczic setting up the lights in preparation for the lighting Sunday night. Approximately 25 people braved the cold, windy weather to see the lights

come on.

Bro Dave Stout suggested we pass a resolution making July 4 our lighting day when the weather is warmer than 25° with a 9° chill factor. Everyone warmed up to hot cocoa provided by Rosemary Winters and cookies from the kitchens of Dorothy Arnold, Carol Jean McWilliams, Marietta Baird, Peggy Cockerham, and Greta Byars. Singing would have been led by Diana Knight, but all throats and toes were frozen, so we enjoyed an evening of visiting.

Thanks to Faye and Tim Gallagher for the new Christmas colored flags for the park and to everyone who is working to put up lights and decorate. Our little community is beginning to look a lot like Christmas.

## Hedley lights looking great

The streets of Hedley have Christmas Lights up, and they are so pretty!

The Lioness Club will have their Christmas Dinner on December 12, 2009, for their spouses and/or others. Susie Shields decorated the room with a beautiful Christmas theme.

On December 9 we had Santa Claus and the Hedley Grade School made ornaments for our tree on Main Street, and they did an excellent job. We want to send a very special thanks to all the grade school kids who made the ornaments. We sure have some talented kids. We decorated the tree and had hot chocolate and cookies while we sang Christmas Carols and waited for Santa Claus. Everyone had a great time.

Put on your calendar January 8, 2010 there will be a town meeting at the Hedley Senior Citizens at 6:00 p.m. to discuss future plans to build up Hedley. Bring your ideas!

Recipe: Cajun Spiced Pork Chops: 4-center cut pork chops, 1 teaspoon paprika, ½ teaspoon ground cumin, ½ teaspoon ground black pepper, ½ teaspoon cayenne pepper, ½ teaspoon rubbed dried sage leaves, ½ teaspoon garlic salt, 1 ½ teaspoons extra-virgin olive oil. Mix paprika, cumin, black pepper, cayenne pepper, sage, and garlic salt on a plate. Liberally coat each pork chop with the spice mixture. Heat olive oil and several pumps of non-stick, butter-flavored spray in a large

skillet over high heat. Place pork chops in the skillet, reducing heat to medium. Cook until the pork is no longer pink in the center, 8-10 minutes. An instant-read thermometer inserted into the center should read 160 degrees F (70 degrees C).

Thank you all for donating socks and blankets. We are still collecting. This is a great way for all of our communities to help each other. The drop off for Clarendon will be with Lori Mays at the Panhandle Community Services on 416 S. Kearney. If you want your items to stay in Clarendon or for Donley County, please leave them with Lori.

We are starting it for the elderly, but the Panhandle Community Services will have an "Angel Tree" and will need items for all ages. Please contact Kathy and Patsy Spier either at 259-3212 or 856-0143 or 856-5302 or bring items by the Memphis Meals on Wheels at 202 S. 8th; Hedley Senior Citizens or our home 407 N. Main in Hedley or Lori Mays 874-2573. Help us warm up the elderly in our communities. We must all work together to take care of our elderly in all of our small communities.



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## Third grade boys excel in basketball

The third grade boys from Clarendon participated in the Amarillo Kids Inc. Basketball League this fall and had great success. They finished the season tied for first place in their division. According to coach Brad Elam, the boys dominated most of their opponents as they outscored them 304-94 in eight games. He went on to say that in four of those games, their defense held the teams to only five points and under and outscored their opponents in those four games 184-16. Members of the team are Ryan McCleskey, Noab Elam, Dalton Benson, Chris Wilson, Cameron Smith, Payton Hicks, and Preston Elam. Coaches for the team are Jeremy Hicks and Brad Elam. Shown here (back) coach Jeremy Hicks, Ryan McCleskey, Noab Elam, Dalton Benson, coach Brad Elam, (front) Chris Wilson, Payton Hicks, and Preston Elam.

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Dina and Gary Norman shown here with Matt Henderson, Christen Henderson, and Roger Henderson.

a beaded aqua blue and satin halter, a veil and crown, and silver high heels.

Bridal attendants wore aqua blue formal long and short gowns, and carried white and pink tip bouquets.

The groom wore a black tuxedo with a white shirt, a bow tie, black dress shoes, and a white boutonniere. The groomsmen wore black tuxedos with white shirts, bowties, and a white with pink tip boutonniere.

The church was decorated with white and ivory gardenias with ivy all around arch way; bouquets of flowers and aqua blue bows; fourteen candles were lit, and a unity candle and unity vase.

A reception followed at Clarendon Steakhouse in Clarendon. The cake, decorated with pink and

blue roses, was three layers of white, chocolate, and lemon flavors. The reception hall was decorated with aqua blue and white table cloths with candles, flower vases, and balloons. Everyone enjoyed food, music, and dancing.

The bride is a high school graduate and went to college at Bryan College and Everett Community College studying medical billing and general studies. She received a certificate as a medical billing specialist, and is employed at Clarendon Steakhouse.

The groom is a high school graduate and is self employed as a custom harvester in Dodson, Texas.

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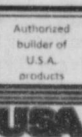


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**Obituaries**

**Hawkins**

Sam Porter Hawkins Jr., 80, died Tuesday, December 1, 2009, in Clarendon.



Hawkins

Services were held at 2 p.m. on Friday, December 4, 2009, in Robertson Chapel of Memories in Clarendon with Rev. Janet Edwards, Pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Claude, officiating. Interment followed at Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon. Services were under the arrangement of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Mr. Hawkins was born October 26, 1929, in Olustee, Okla. to Sam Porter Hawkins and Amanda Pauline Gilpatrick Hawkins. He was raised in Martha, Oklahoma and was a long time resident of Borger before moving to Clarendon several years ago. He had worked as a welder for various petroleum related companies for most of his life including Phillips Petroleum and Tri-State Industries. He was a true "old west" cowboy at heart and loved the history and the music of that era. He was an avid gun collector and enjoyed hunting, fishing, and everything related to the great outdoors. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Robert "Bob" Hawkins in 2005.

Survivors include two daughters, Vicky Robertson and husband Patrick of Clarendon, Sonya Shieldknight and husband Charles of Spearman; one son, Sam P. Hawkins III and wife Lisa of Lafayette, Louisiana; a special friend and love of his life, Faye Naylor of Hedley; a brother, Kenneth Hawkins and wife Doris of Purcell, Oklahoma; a sister in law Joan Hawkins of Hollis, Oklahoma; five grandchildren, Chuck Robertson and wife Lindsey of Clarendon, Jeff Millican and wife Erika of Dallas, Lori Klinke and husband Alex of Amarillo, Samantha Holcom of Weatherford, TX, Bobby Hawkins and wife Holly

of New Orleans, Louisiana; seven great grandchildren, Jaxon Robertson, Kinslee Millican, Wesley Millican, Rylee Klinke, Ashton Klinke, Madison Wyley, and Jacob Holcom; and a number of nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews.

The family would like to express their deepest gratitude to the staff of Odyssey Hospice for the excellent loving care shown to Sam over the past months.

The family request memorials be to Odyssey Hospice in Amarillo or Citizens Cemetery Association, PO Box 983, Clarendon, Texas 79226-0983.

**Baker**

Doris Pauline Hatley Barker, 93, died Monday, December 7, 2009, in San Marcos.



Barker

No public services are planned. A private family graveside will be held at a later time.

The family will receive friends for a time of visitation Thursday, December 10, 2009 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Robertson Funeral Home in Clarendon.

Arrangements were made by Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Doris was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and sister. She was born the 6th of 10 children to Sherrod Alexander and Evalena Watson Hatley at the Adair Hospital in Clarendon. Her family resided in Brice until Doris was age 12 when

they moved to Goodnight. Doris married at age 18 on February 28, 1935 at the Donley County Courthouse with the ceremony conducted by Rev. S. R. McClung. Aside from one brief move to California, Doris and Clyde lived in Clarendon and raised their two daughters, Shirley and Vicki. Then, in 1955, they relocated to California where they remained until 2003. They then moved to Wimberley, Texas, near Austin for their twilight years. Doris was a faithful member of the Clarendon Church of Christ; then, in Indio, CA and for over 40 years in Turlock, CA. She was preceded in death by her parents, Sherrod Alexander and Evalena Watson Hatley.

Survivors include her husband, Clyde D. Barker, two Daughters, Shirley Barbour and Vicki Estey and son-in-law Dave Estey all of Wimberley; four grandchildren, Shari Lee-Hill and Rick Lee of Los Angeles, California, Craig Estey and wife Kathy and Brett Estey all of Virginia; four great grandchildren; three brothers in California, and one sister in Tennessee

The family suggests that memorial donations be sent to one's favorite charity in Doris' honor.

**Jones**

William Wesley Jones, 84, died Saturday, December 5, 2009, in Amarillo.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 12, 2009 in Robertson

Chapel Of Memories with Rev. Danny Lucas and Rev. Dustin Wood, officiating. Burial will be held at Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon. Services were under the arrangement of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Mr. Jones was born April 23, 1925, in Greenville, Texas to B. E.

and Larvel Griffin Jones. He married Doris Mae Morton on October 14, 1945, at Hollis, Oklahoma. He was a US Army Veteran of World War II, serving in the 82nd Airborne Division. Prior to his retirement, he was a foreman at Cook Book Bakery and later worked as the main supervisor for the River Road ISD. He was a member of the Lighthouse Baptist Church n Amarillo.

He was preceded in death by his wife on June 17, 2006; two sons, Billy Frank Jones and Larry Don Jones; a brother, Frank Jones; and a sister, Betty Griggs.

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## Texans have long tradition with Christmas

Is Christmas a relatively new Texas celebration? According to Elizabeth Silverthorn'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 1845, Texas' Independence year, citizens were free to celebrate the holiday season with any kind of religious or secular ceremony desired. Texas was a nation. Festivities lasted from Christmas Eve through New Year's Day with turkey shoots, exuberant dinners, dances, and parties. Only few German immigrants had Christmas trees in their homes. Santa and

reindeer were not yet well-known. The Christmas tree was introduced into the White House by President Franklin Pierce in 1856. By 1880, trees 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, socks 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 \$49 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 1865 holiday season. Merchants advertised supplies of "candy, raisins, whiskey, tobacco, coffee, and dry

goods in time for Christmas. A sad postscript of the horrors of war were advertisements for "metallic artificial legs for \$100 to \$125, cheaper and more lasting than wooden legs."

Coming of the railroad, 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 19<sup>th</sup> century, 2000 people attended midnight Mass at San Fernando Cathedral, quite different from that first starlit and moonlit Christmas Mass held by lonely 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-American, and Wendish will also interest readers.

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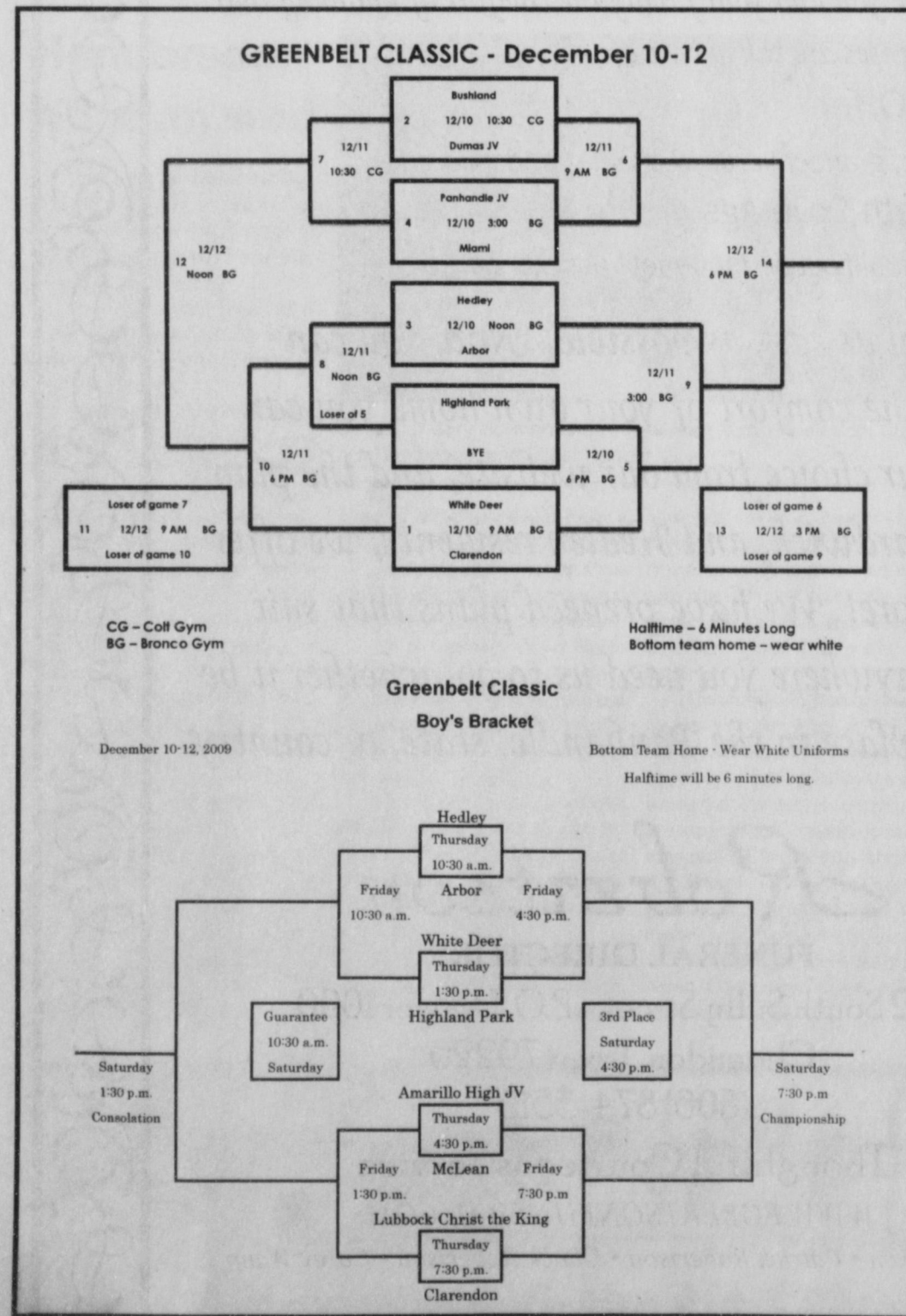
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## Extension offers tips to jazz up hot cereals

By MaryRuth Bishop, County Agent

Face it. Hot cereals aren't exactly hot.

But if they're whole grain, not smothered in sugar or salt, and dressed up with fruits, nuts, or other flavorings, you've got yourself one heckuva healthy, cheap, and convenient breakfast.

Here's how to find a hot cereal that will knock your slippers off.

1. Getcha whole grains. Whole grains are the rule, not the exception, on hot cereal shelves. Even Cream of Wheat now comes in a whole-grain version. In fact, other than Cream of Rice, grits, original Cream of Wheat, and a few others, is pretty much a whole-grain sweep. Do some whole grains beat others? Not by enough to matter. Although oatmeal lowers cholesterol (thanks to its gummy, "viscous" soluble fiber), the drop isn't huge. What's more, studies find a lower risk of heart disease and diabetes in people who eat any whole-grain cereals, especially those (like whole wheat) that are rich in non-gummy, insoluble fiber. Your best bet: play the whole-grain hot-cereal field, so you don't get bored.

2. Find the real fiber. Most whole-grain hot cereals have 4 to 5 grams of fiber per serving (40 grams dry, which cooks up to about 1 cup). Exceptions: most brown rice cereals have about 2 grams and most cereals with added oat or wheat bran hit 6

to 10 grams. If you eat instant oatmeal, keep in mind that some of its fiber could come from added isolated fibers like inulin (also called chicory root extract) or maltodextrin. While not harmful, that extra fiber may not do much for you. Inulin, which supplies the extra fiber in Kashi Heart to Heart and GoLean, for example, may nourish the good bacteria in your gut, but so far, it's not clear whether that lowers your risk of disease. And there's no solid evidence that inulin boosts regularity, lowers cholesterol, curbs blood sugar, or has any of the other benefits of the intact fiber in bran. Ditto for maltodextrin, which accounts for the extra fiber in Quaker cereals like Take Heart, High Fiber, and Weight Control. Companies don't add isolated fibers to their non-instant cereals. The fiber occurs naturally in the cereals' oats or other grains. Some could also come from added wheat bran or oat bran. Bran is the fiber-rich outer layer of the grain's kernel. We count bran as a whole grain because it supplies much of what's missing from refined grains.

3. Hold the sugar. A packet of Quaker sweetened instant oatmeal, like Maple & Brown Sugar or Apples & Cinnamon, weighs around 40 grams (about 1. ounces). That includes some 13 grams (3 teaspoons) of sugar, almost all of it table sugar. To your body, it's all the

same empty calories.

If you want to cut the empty calories here are some options:

Less sugar, plus Splenda. A packet of Quaker Lower Sugar instant oatmeal has only about a teaspoon (4 to 6 grams) of sugar. The company replaces the missing sugar with the safe artificial sweetener sucralose (Splenda). Quaker Take Heart also mixes its two teaspoons (9 grams) of sugar with sucralose. You save 16 calories for every teaspoon of sugar that's replaced, but the sweetness stays.

4. Watch the sodium. Most non-instant hot cereals have no sodium. Most instant hot cereals do. If you want instant, look for brands with sodium levels closer brand-name rating to 100 milligrams per serving (Kashi, GoLean, Quaker Take Heart) than to an unnecessarily high 250 to 300 mg (Quaker Weight Control and Oatmeal Express). Dr. McDougall's instant oatmeal cups (75 to 130 mg of sodium, according to the labels) look like they're at the low end. But those numbers are for just half a single serve cup. Double them and Dr. McD is smack in the middle, sodium-wise. (You do get almost twice as much oatmeal as Quaker puts in its packets, though.)

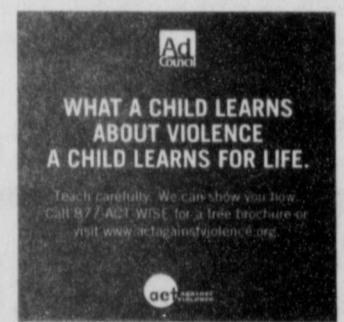
5. Have it your way. Quaker Take Heart's blueberries are dolled up with corn syrup, natural blueberry flavor, and oil. And they're mixed in

with blueberry-flavored fruit pieces (made of dried figs, corn syrup, corn starch, sugar, blueberry concentrate, a smidgen of partially hydrogenated oil, and Blue 2 and Red 40 food dyes). Mmm.

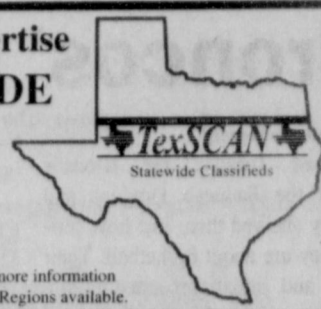
For a bowl of hot cereal that you'll remember all morning, start with an unsweetened cereal and add your own fixin's. If you're short on time, use a quick-cooking version. They have a more distinct texture than the mushier instants, and many take only 2 or 3 minutes in the microwave.

For more flavor, cook the cereal in milk instead of water. Then try adding: almonds & honey; apple sauce, cinnamon, & raisins; dried cranberries (cook the cereal in half milk, half orange juice instead of water); dried cherries, dried blueberries, & dried strawberries; dates & pecans; or roasted and salted cashews & brown sugar.

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## Pampa meeting to focus on small wind turbines

Wind Generators are increasing in popularity as people look for ways to reduce their electric bills. Home owners and farmers are looking for ways to harness the wind, sun and locally grown crops to generate electricity for their homes and farming operations, and to sell back to the electric company. The problem is most of us don't know what it takes to install a Wind Turbine or what the costs and payback will be.

Those questions will be answered at a meeting in Pampa on Wednesday, December 9.

The meeting will be held at the USDA Service Center meeting room in the Gray County Annex on East Frederick. The meeting will start at 10:00 a.m. and be over by noon.

Dr. Steve Amosson from the Texas AgriLife Extension Service will discuss the economics of installing small and medium sized wind turbines for home and farm electricity generation. Dr. Amosson will discuss what it costs to buy and maintain a wind generator. Representatives from Xcel Energy will also be on the program to discuss what you have to do to connect your wind generator to the electrical grid.

According to John Crowell, Coordinator for the North Rolling Plains Resource Conservation and Development Office in Pampa, "There are a lot of things a person needs to consider when planning the installation of a wind turbine. You don't just buy a small wind turbine, put it up and plug it in to the electric grid. There is a permitting process you must go through with your electric company. There are special meters that must be installed to measure the amount of electricity you put back into the electric grid.

In some towns you may need a permit and city approval before you can put up a wind turbine in the city limits. The purpose of the meeting in Pampa on December 9th is to provide the information people need to know about the installation of Wind Turbines and bio-fuel electric generators."

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# Broncos' quickness stuns Paducah

By Sandy Anderberg

Last Tuesday the Broncos hosted the Paducah Dragons and quickly showed them just how serious they are about basketball. Their speed and intensity came through, and they were able to defeat the Dragons 66-58.

The Broncos pulled ahead by two early on and increased their lead to six at the break. Senior Tre Brown's determination inside accelerated the Broncos offensively as he pumped in the game high of 18 points.

Brayden Phillips, Johnny Gaines, and Stephino McCampbell followed Brown's lead as they finished in double figures as well. Every member of the team contributed in the win, which boosted the Broncos as they begin an intense season.

"I thought we really had a lot of energy and intensity and played really well," coach Clint Coley said. "Paducah is a quality team, and I think we got contributions from a lot of different kids that allowed our depth to wear them down in the fourth quarter."

"I was really proud of the way

they opened up the season in our home gym."

Scoring: Brown 18, Phillips 13, Gaines 10, McCampbell 10, Jadon Thornton 6, Glenn Weatherton 2, Matt Henderson 2, Justin Shilling 2, Chris Crump 2, and Forrest Yelverton 1.

Over the weekend, the Broncos participated in the Nazareth Tournament and played three very good teams. They were able to win two of those games after losing the first one to Abernathy 54-68.

The Broncos jumped out to the early lead and opened up a fifteen-point lead after one. But a dry second quarter allowed Abernathy to get back on top. From that point, the Broncos could not overtake them and were defeated.

Scoring: Gaines 17, Brown 14, McCampbell 10, Phillips 9, Dylan Wright 2, C. Crump 1, and Thornton 1.

They faced Lockney in the second round and won easily at 62-41. After trailing by six after one, the Broncos connected offensively and increased their lead over their opponent. The second half belonged

to the Broncos as they finished the game and put Lockney away.

Scoring: Gaines 18, Phillips 7, C. Crump 6, Thornton 6, Shilling 5, Brown 5, McCampbell 4, Yelverton 4, Wright 3, Weatherton 2, and Henderson 2.

The Broncos took on Idalou in the last game and defeated them 53-50. Once again, the Bronco offense pulled through as McCampbell and Gaines finished in double figures at 18 and 16, respectively. The Broncos came from behind to tie the game at 25 all at the break and remained tied at the end of the third quarter at 36-36. The fourth quarter belonged to Clarendon as they got the three-point win.

Scoring: McCampbell 18, Gaines 16, Thornton 7, Phillips 6, and Brown 6.

"I was really proud of the way the kids played in the tournament this past weekend," Coley said. "We jumped on Abernathy to start the game and ended up turning the ball over to much the second half and lost a close game."

"It was tied in fourth quarter and was a lot closer than the score

indicated. We came back on Friday and really played well against a Lockney team that played hard. We were able to hurt them with our press and took control of the game right before the half. The second half we came out and really got going to put the game away early."

The Broncos took on Idalou in their final game of the tournament.

"Idalou jumped up big on us and I was really proud of the way our guys fought back before the half," Coley said.

"The second half was close all the way through, and we had some kids really step up down the stretch to win the game. We are still trying to find out about our rotations and bench play, but our kids are playing extremely hard and are fun to watch."

"We have our Greenbelt Tournament here this weekend, so hopefully we can get people out to watch them."

The Broncos will host their own tournament December 10-12 and will take on Lubbock Christ the King at 7:30 pm. They will play Booker at home December 14.

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## Drugs in the News

### Cholesterol-Lowering Drugs May Reduce Gallstones

According to a new study, statin-type cholesterol-lowering drugs, when used long term, appear to reduce the incidence of gallstone formation and possibly the need for gallbladder surgery. Results of the study appeared in a recent issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association. Researchers associated with the study report that protection appears to increase the longer these drugs are continued.

The gallbladder is a small sac-like organ located just below the liver. It contains bile, a liquid involved with the digestion of fats. Stones or pellets can form when the bile contains too much cholesterol. The majority of gallstones are made up of hardened cholesterol. If enough stones accumulate, they can block the flow of bile from the liver. If they do not cause abdominal pain, they are called "silent stones". However, many people have pain in the upper right abdomen, in the back between the shoulder blades, or under the right shoulder. If blockage of the bile duct continues, infection may result. Surgical removal of the gallbladder may become necessary.



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## Lady Broncos participate in River Road Tournament

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos had a busy tournament weekend as they competed in the River Road Tournament. They played the host team first and were defeated 44-60.

Seniors Haley Hall and Deidre Lewis finished the game in double figures with 17 and 13. The ladies got behind early on and could never catch up before succumbing to their opponent.

Scoring: Hall 17, Lewis 13, Elissa Holland 3, Dominique Mason 3, Jentry Shadle 2, Danielle Ford 2, Lydia Howard 2, and Trevela Dronzek 2. The ladies took on Borger in the next round and lost 29-43. After a playing the first quarter neck and neck, Borger was able to pull ahead at the break. The Lady Broncos were never able to make up the difference and took the 13-point loss.

Scoring: Shadle 6, Hall 6, Lewis 6, Kia Bryley 3, Howard 2, Lauren Shelton 2, Dronzek 2, and Caitlyn Christopher 2.

Pampa was the Lady Broncos' next opponent and despite playing hard, took the 29-44 loss. The game remained fairly close in the first half of play, before Pampa opened a lead in the third. Trevela Dronzek led all Lady Broncos with 10.

Scoring: Dronzek 10, Hall 6, Lewis 6, Shelton 4, Mason 2, and Christopher 1.

Coach Randy Yelverton felt the ladies showed intensity, but he knows staying focused and finishing a game will be a major part of their success this year.

"We started off against Borger on Friday and Pampa on Saturday playing really well," Yelverton said. "Our kids came out focused and we had leads on both teams at the end of the first quarter. We got into some foul trouble, which hurt us, and we made runs in the second half but couldn't finish. We have to learn to finish a game, which will come with playing. I saw some bright spots that we can build on, (but) we have to keep playing and getting better for district. We play hard but just have to learn to stay focused and finish a game."

The Lady Broncos will play in their own tournament December 10-12 against White Deer at 9:00 a.m. in the first round and play Booker at home December 14.

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## Tuesday, December 8

Lady Broncos v. Perryton in Perryton, 6:00 p.m.

Broncos v. Perryton in Perryton, 7:30 p.m.

## Tuesday, December 15

Lady Broncos v. Booker in Clarendon, 6:30 p.m.

Broncos v. Booker in Clarendon, 8:00 p.m.

## Dec. 10 - 12

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### Lady Broncos

- 3 Jentry Shadle Fr.
- 10 Jill Luna Sr.
- 11 Danielle Ford Jr.
- 12 Kia Bryley Sr.
- 13 Lydia Howard Fr.
- 20 Lauren Shelton Sr.
- 23 Haley Hall Sr.
- 24 Trevela Dronzek So.
- 25 Dominique Mason Sr.
- 33 Caitlyn Christopher Sr.
- 46 Deidre Lewis Sr.
- 43 Elissa Holland Sr.

Head Coach: Randy Yelverton  
Assistants: Kasey Bell & Shanina Shelton  
Managers: Jeshia Trevino, Kylie Phillips & Lara Thornton  
Superintendent: Monty Hysinger

### Broncos

- 2 Glen Weatherton Sr.
- 3 Josh Krumwiede Sr.
- 5 Matt Henderson Sr.
- 10 Justin Shillings Jr.
- 13 Johnny Gaines Jr.
- 15 Brayden Phillips Jr.
- 23 Stephino McCampbell Sr.
- 24 Forrest Yelverton Fr.
- 25 Chris Crump Jr.
- 32 Mike Crump Jr.
- 33 Jadon Thornton Sr.
- 42 Dylan Wright Sr.
- 50 Tre Brown Sr.

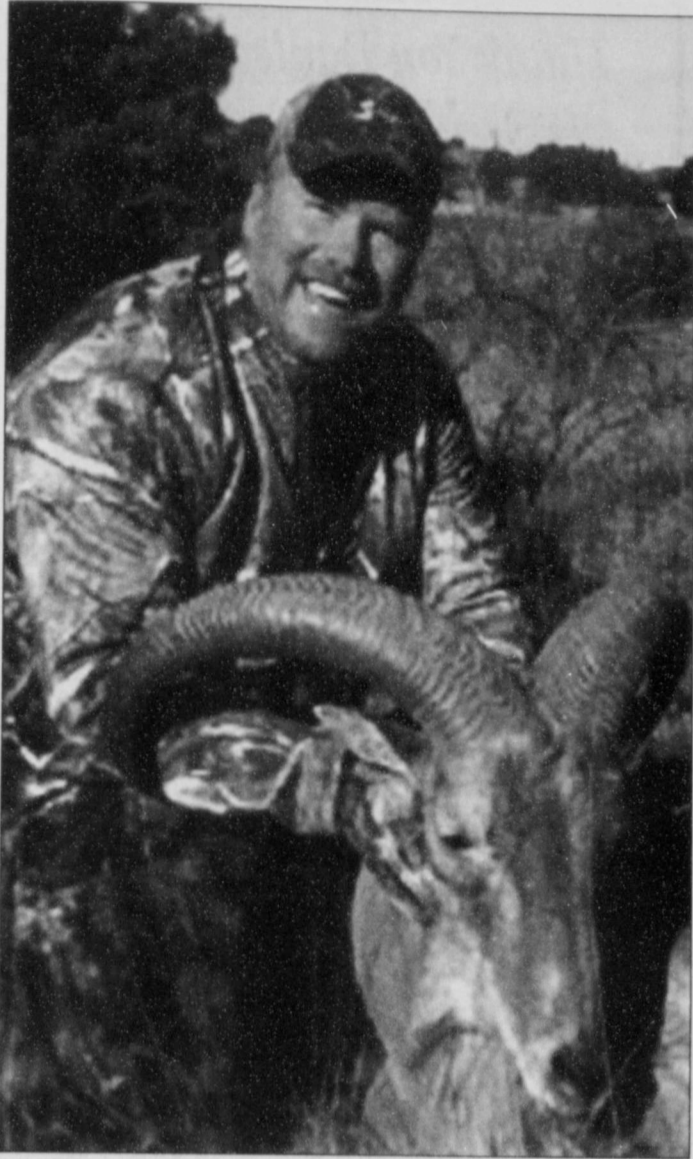
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The JV girls are (back) Shelia Spielhofer, Ashlyn Tubbs, Elizabeth O'Rear, Amanda Powell, Audrey Shelton, Emily Clark, Brooklyn Bailey, McKayla Cartwright, (middle) Savannah Harkness, Jency Burton, Amber Keelin, Cheyenne Kosenchata, Anna Cenicerros, Maci White, and (front) Marquenda Gaines. COURTESY PHOTOS / JAIME WARD

### Lady Bronco JV named champs at tournament

The Lady Bronco junior varsity dominated the JV tournament held at Arbor Academy over the weekend. Their intensity hard work paid off as they were named the tournament champions.

They took on Dalhart in the first round and defeated them 32-30. They grabbed the lead early and hung onto it in the first half of play. The third quarter ended with the ladies down by one point, but perseverance paid off and they earned the two-point win. McKayla Cartwright led all scorers with 13 points.

Scoring: Cartwright 13, Anna Cenicerros 5, Emily Clark 5, Amber Keelin 4, Marquenda Gaines 3, and Ashlyn Tubbs 2.

They geared up for River Road in the second round and defeated them 45-34. A huge second quarter proved to be huge for the Lady Broncos as they were able to build on their lead in the second half of play. Once again McKayla Cartwright was tough offensively as she pumped in 19 points. Anna Cenicerros also finished in double figures with 13.

Scoring: Cartwright 19, Cenicerros 13, Keelin 6, Jency Burton 2, Audrey Shelton 2, Maci White 2, and Cheyenne Kosenchata 1.

The ladies faced off against dis-

trict foe Wellington in the championship game and fought hard to get the 44-30 win. After battling in the first period of play, the ladies opened up a big advantage before the break. They grabbed momentum and never looked back as they went 3-0 in the tournament.

"The girls showed great teamwork in the tournament," coach Kasey Bell said. "We had good rotation in our press defensively. Offensively, our guards handled the ball well and did a great job of looking inside to our post players. Our inside girls were able to play strong and use the feeds from our guards to convert it into points. They all played very strong offensively."

Scoring: Cartwright 17, Cenicerros 8, Brooklyn Bailey 5, Burton 4, Keelin 4, Clark 4, and White 2.

The ladies will play Booker at home December 14.

### Bronco JV win title

The Bronco junior varsity was unstoppable at the Arbor Academy Tournament over the weekend while playing four intense games to earn the Tournament Championship.

The Broncos' first round opponent was Vega and they easily defeated them 61-38. Clarendon led from the get-go and never looked back as they cruised to the big win.

"I was proud of how hard they

played against Vega," coach Alton Gaines said. "They really took it to them. Our post players really got it figured out and understood what we needed to do."

Scoring: Cole Ward 16, Adam Topper 16, Diego Santos 10, Trajen Johnson 7, Tyler Burch 5, Cody Wood 5, and Wes Williams 2.

The Broncos went head-to-head against Berger in the second round and fought hard to get the 45-43 win.

"We were a little flat against Berger," Gaines said. "We had back-to-back games, and we were just a little off."

Once again the Bronco inside game helped to stay on top offensively and the Broncos pulled it off.

Scoring: Ward 15, Williams 7, Burch 6, Wood 5, Santos 4, Topper 4, Devonte Hardaway 2, and Johnson 2.

Highland Park was next on the list for the Broncos and they had no trouble breezing through the Hornets. An offensive dominance set the momentum for Clarendon, as they never surrendered the lead. Topper was on his game inside as he pumped in 20 points for the Broncos.

Scoring: Topper 20, Santos 9, Wood 7, Monty Holland 6, Hardaway 6, Williams 5, Ward 2, Johnson 2, and Jonah Sell 2.

The three wins allowed the Broncos to advance to the Championship round where they faced off against Dalhart. They were focused

on what they had to do and jumped out to stun their opponent 57-52. The Broncos played with confidence throughout and only waived briefly in the second and third quarter when Dalhart attempted a comeback with a 15-0 run. Persistence was the key to the Broncos' win as they worked together as a team to get the win.

"I was proud of how our kids competed," Gaines said. "Dalhart is a big 3A school, and they were confident they could come in and take us out quickly. Our guys responded well to the highs and lows of the game and just went to work and got it done."

Scoring: Ward 22, Santos 7, Wood 6, Williams 6, Burch 6, Johnson 4, Topper 4, and Holland 2.

The Broncos will play Booker at home December 14.

### HJH beat Eagles

The Hedley Junior High Lady Owls played the Samnorwood Eagles on Monday, November 30. The Junior High Lady Owls hit the floor running and never looked back. The girls held their opponents to under 20 points winning this game 40 to 18.

Junior High Lady Owls scoring were: Salem Shelp 16, Bailey Wood 12, Kourtney Burton 8, and Kati Adams and Jordan Cox both had 2 points a piece.

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## Hedley Lady Owls fall to Ft. Elliott

By Tangela coplin  
The Hedley Lady Owls took to the court on December 1 in a match-up against the Ft. Elliott Lady Cougars.

Despite the height difference, the Lady Owls managed to hold the Lady Cougars to a tight first half. The Lady Owls played tough defense not allowing the much taller team a chance to score the first half going into the locker room trailing only by five points 12 to 17.

The second half had the girls trying hard, but they were unable to overcome the deficit and lost the game in the end. 20 to 31.

Lady Owls putting points on the board were: Haley Chambless 6, Kallie Verstuyft 5, Kassidy Burton 4, Kaylee Shields 3, and Sierra Wheatly 2 points.

The Lady Owls will play Sil-

verton on December 8 and then play in the Greenbelt Classic on Thursday at 12:00 against Arbor Christian Academy.

**Owls lose to Cougars**  
The Hedley Owls traveled to Ft. Elliott to play the Cougars on Tuesday, December 1.

The Owls trailed the Cougars the whole first half of the game finally closing the gap to two points by the end of third quarter. From that point, the Owls hammered away at the Cougars offense with the score staying tied for most of the fourth quarter; with only 6 seconds left on

the clock, Ft Elliott scored leaving the Owls with little time to get off one last shot.

Though the Owls managed to get off the shot, it bounced off the rim at the buzzer and the Owls lost the game 43 to 45.

Owls scoring this game were: Reid Copelin 22, Nicco Bennett 10, Kolby Foard 5, Brandon Benton 4, and Dylan Pettit 2 points.

The Owls will play Silverton on December 8 and then play in the Greenbelt Classic on Thursday at 10:30 against Arbor Christian Academy.

### Hedley athletes make all district

By Tangela Copelin  
Several Hedley Owls were named to the 6-Man Division II All-District list recently.

First team all-district honors went to senior Danny Garcia as kicker and noseguard, junior Reid Copelin as running back and safety, and junior Brandon Benton as defensive lineman.

Second team all-district honors were given to junior Evan Thompson tight end, junior Kolby Foard center, freshman Coltin Kingston quarterback, Benton as running back, senior Dylan Pettit full back and linebacker, sophomore Chris Blackburn utility back, and utility player, junior Jacob Widener defensive lineman, and Garcia as punter.

Senior Dylan Pettit was also named first alternate for the District All-Star Team.

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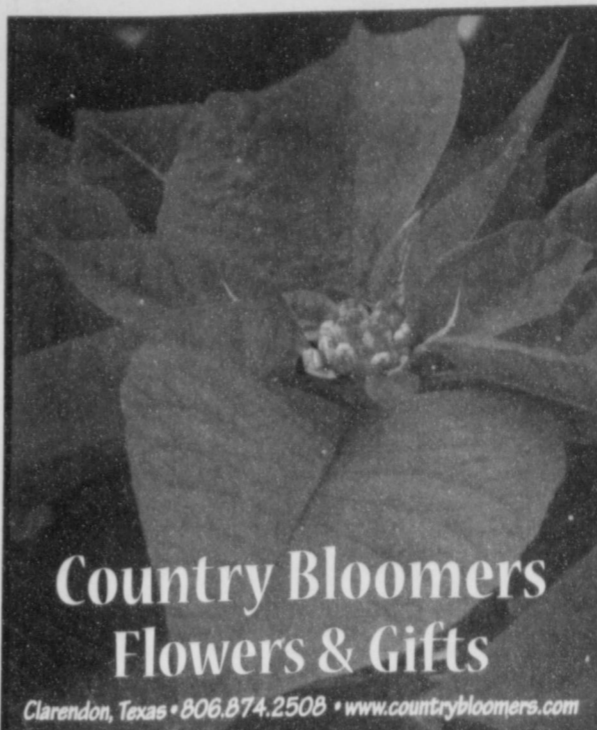
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