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

Early Deadline set for next two editions of paper

Due to the Christmas holidays, an early deadline has been set for the next TWO issues of THE CLARENDON ENTERPRISE.

All ads, photos, classifieds, and other items to appear in the December 25, 2008, and the January 1, 2009, issues of the paper must be turned into the office by no later than **NOON THIS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19.**

No exceptions can be made for this deadline because the ENTERPRISE office will be closed December 24 through January 1.

Next week's paper will be distributed Tuesday, December 23; and the following issue will be our annual "Year-In-Review" edition.

Elementary kids to perform Thursday

The Clarendon Elementary School Music Department will hold its annual Christmas program this Thursday evening.

"Christmas Around the World" will begin at 6 p.m. at the Clarendon College Harned Sisters Fine Arts Center.

Chamber names winners of contest

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce has announced the second round of winners of its annual holiday lighting contest.

Residential winners were Larry and Jamie Jeffers and Lloyd and Janie Gibson in Clarendon, Keith and Karen Watts in Hedley, and Marvin and Sharon Elam in Howardwick.

The business winner this week was Henson's.

United Christians to meet this Thursday

The United Christians' Breakfast will be held Thursday, December 18, 2008, at 7 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

The program will be given by Dan Hall, Donnie Hall, and Matt Stidham. Men and women are invited to attend.

Jesus Name church extends invitation

Jesus Name Apostolic Church of Clarendon located at the corner of Montgomery and Faker invites you to its Christmas Program next at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, December 21, 2008.

Come give thanks to God for Christ coming to save mankind and for his many blessings this past year.

There will be light refreshments afterwards as you enjoy their newly remodeled building.

City still grappling with finances

The City of Clarendon is looking at amending water and sewer rates as it continues to grapple with a troubled financial situation.

Mayor Chris Ford said this week that he sees no alternative but to approve the rate amendment sought by City Administrator John Webb that would increase the cost for those who consume the most water.

"I think we will pass it when we meet in January," Ford said. "I don't see how we can do anything else. We cannot operate at a deficit."

Ford said the city has already made cuts where it can but that "\$500 here and \$1,000 over there" will not solve the city's problem but adjusting the rates will.

"We're just going to have to take a hickey for the next couple of years, and then we'll be in better shape," the mayor said.

At issue is the more than \$132,000 the city had to take out of reserves to meet payroll and expenses this past summer coupled with its obligation to provide an estimated \$150,000 in the next few months to match a grant to replace the 1920s era water tower on the west side of town.

During last week's city meeting, Webb reviewed his proposal to amend water rates. Currently, residential accounts pay a base rate of \$22.40 for up to 5,000 gallons, \$2.12 per additional thousand gallons up to 10,000, and \$2.32 per thousand

gallons over 10,000. Commercial accounts pay a base rate of \$26.18 plus the same usage fees.

Webb's proposal would maintain the base rates but reduce the 5,000-gallon minimum to 2,000 gallons and set a usage rate of \$2.25 per thousand gallons over the minimum.

Webb said leaving the rates unchanged would leave the city with a projected \$106,698.65 deficit by the end of the fiscal year next September. The proposed rate amendment would produce a surplus of \$55,301.35.

The administrator told the Board of Aldermen that the city is currently losing money every month and that the city's reserves have been dangerously depleted.

"If we have a natural disaster, I'm not sure we could even buy water for the residents," Webb said. "We really should have six months of reserves, but that would require \$647,000."

City officials are also dealing with another problem that was discovered this fall. Some commercial accounts were being charged at a significantly lower rate than they should have. The result was that when they were brought up to the correct rate, many businesses saw their city bills increase by about \$20 per month.

Webb's proposal calls for rolling the commercial sewer base rate from \$36 down to \$25 and instituting a consumption rate based on average

water consumption in January, February, and March.

The administrator said the new rates would be based on usage and said there would be no more "special" accounts.

"Bigger consumption users ought to pick up most of the tab," Webb said. "We're also getting back to being consistent, and I think that's what we want."

Aldermen disagreed about approving the amended rates, although most agreed they may have no choice.

"The people are going to be mad," Alderman Terry Noble said. "I'm sure not happy with it. We had board members (in the past) sitting

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Broncs are runners up in tourney

By Sandy Anderberg

It was all going their way and all that was left was to wait for the buzzer, but the Highland Park Hornets had another plan in mind in the championship game of the annual Greenbelt Classic Tournament.

The Hornets edged out the Broncos by four points at 58-54 Saturday night at the Bronco Gymnasium.

The Broncos cleared the way in the first three quarters of play for the eventual victory, but gave way to the Hornets in the fourth quarter. Turnovers plagued the home team and Highland Park capitalized heavily on them to take over the lead with just seconds left in the game. The Hornets scored 25 points to only 11 for the Broncos to get the win.

"I didn't think we played our very best," coach Clint Coley said. "We know we can play better. It was our second tournament in a row with only a couple of days in between, and maybe it would be a good time for a break. I thought Highland Park played well to get the win. We played several close games in the tournament, and we found a way to win, but we came up short in the end."

Scoring: Johnny Gaines 13, Danzel Wilson 12, Stephino McCampbell 7, Jadon Thornton 6, Alton Gaines 4, Derrick Shelton 4, Tré Brown 4, Jesus Hernandez 2, and Aaron Gordon 2.

Earlier in the tournament, the Broncos easily got by River Road 53-45 in the first round, but they had a little more trouble with White Deer in the second round. The Bucks were persistent in the fight, but the Broncos outplayed and outlasted them and won by two at 46-44.

The Broncos came from behind in the River Road game in the first half to take over the lead in the third quarter. A big-scoring final period helped the Broncos seal the win over the Wildcats.

Scoring: White Deer: A. Gaines 16, J. Gaines 14, Shelton 5, Wilson 4, Brown 3, Gordon 2, and McCampbell 2. River Road: A. Gaines 15, Wilson 12, J. Gaines 10, Shelton 5, Brown 4, McCampbell 4.

See 'Broncos' on page 9.



Clarendon's Stephino McCampbell shoots for two during the title game of the Greenbelt Classic Tournament held here last week. The Broncos came up short against the Highland Park Hornets in the quest for the tournament title.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ROGER ESTLACK

Sales tax revenue pulls ahead in December

AUSTIN - Clarendon's sales receipts surged last month, creating a 22.84 percent growth in sales tax revenues for November.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs delivered December sales tax allocations last Friday, and Clarendon received \$26,692.75, which is up from \$21,728.57 for the same period one year ago.

That brings the year-to-date total for calendar 2008 to

\$304,701.34; but due to weaker sales figures in previous months, that total is only 2.55 percent ahead of last year.

Howardwick's sales tax allocation slid 17.6 percent this month to \$989.71, but that city is still running 11.63 percent ahead on the year-to-date figure at \$14,640.90.

Hedley posted a 97.58 percent gain with a December allocation of \$350.80 and pulled into to the

positive column for the year-to-date with a tenth of one percent increase at \$6,950.83.

Statewide Combs said the state collected \$1.98 billion in sales tax in November, up 4.7 percent compared to November 2007.

"For the first three months of the state's 2009 fiscal year, state sales tax collections have continued to grow," Combs said. "However, the increase is less than in the

past three years, and collections from important sectors such as retail trade and construction have declined slightly."

Combs sent Texas cities December sales tax allocations of \$328.5 million, up 9.5 percent compared to December 2007. City sales tax allocations during calendar 2008 totaled \$4 billion, up 5.6 percent.

The next local sales tax allocation will be made on January 9.

Late Night Shopping ends Thurs.

A total of \$400 in Christmas Cash will be available during Late Night Shopping in Downtown Clarendon this Thursday.

Wanda Youngblood landed on a \$200 Chamber of Commerce spot on the wheel last week. That spot drops back to \$100 this week, and the second cash spot, which belongs to the Downtown Merchants Association and has yet to be claimed, increases to \$300.

Other lucky wheel winners last week were Buster Gray (second week in a row), Jennifer Pigg, Terri Ford, and Jeanie Johnson. They took home prizes from Cornell's Country Store, Clarendon Veterinary Hospital, White's Feed & Seed, and Stavenhagen Video respectively.

Another lucky winner was Debra Hill. She one a \$500 Herring Bank debit card from the Clarendon Firebells.

Several merchants on Kearney Street will be staying open until 8 p.m. again this Thursday as Late Night Shopping closes out for 2008. In addition to the Christmas Cash prizes, several local merchants will have prizes on the wheel.

Five lucky winners will be drawn throughout the night; and if no one hits the big money, the merchants will keep drawing until someone wins the cash. You must be 18 years old to register, but no purchase is necessary.

Santa Claus will be wandering the stores again this week, and entertainment is also being planned for the evening.

Holiday shopping at home is easy and affordable with all three local banks again teaming up to provide zero-percent interest "Christmas Cash" loans this year.

For the 14th year, anyone can make application for a loan up to \$3,000 interest free with Pilgrim Bank, the Donley County State Bank, or Herring Bank.

Participating Christmas Cash merchants this year are: Clarendon Auto Sales, Clarendon Outpost, Clarendon Veterinary Hospital, Cornell's Country Store, Country Bloomers Flowers & Gifts, Floyd's Automotive Supply, Henson's, J&W Lumber Supply, McKinney Motor Co., Mike's Pharmacy, Saye's, Stavenhagen Video, Lowe's Family Center, Every Nook & Cranny, THE CLARENDON ENTERPRISE, Clarendon Steakhouse, Sonic Drive-In, Lowe's Ace Hardware, Bronco Burger, Nuttin' Fancy Café, The Hitchin' Post, Brandie's Mane Place, and White's Feed & Seed.

Check the pages of this week's ENTERPRISE for local sales.



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No 'car czar'

Market should drive decisions in car industry

The talk from Main Street coffee shops to the halls of Congress is now dominated by how to "save" or bailout various industries in the American economy. Unfortunately, too much of this conversation is driven by a political need to do "something" regardless of whether that "something" will actually get the economy growing again.

We could be on the edge of a very dangerous precipice. Some of the proposals for the domestic automobile industry involve a virtual government takeover of those companies and the appointment of a government "car czar" to go with the \$14 to \$34 billion of taxpayer dollars. We are hearing politicians telling the shareholders of General Motors and other domestic automobile manufacturers who should or should not run their companies and what kind of cars they should build.

Three months ago, the government took unprecedented action to prevent the collapse of the financial services sector of our economy and to stabilize the credit markets. It is hard to judge whether that effort has been successful because we can never know what would have happened to banks and businesses all around the country had action not been taken. But it was clear that the entire economy — every industry and sector — depended on access to credit. Shielding specific industries and specific companies from dealing with their problems is a different thing.

Last week, a toy company and a large media company declared bankruptcy. Why should they not receive taxpayer money, too?

With automobiles, Ford has said they do not need or want an immediate loan, as is being proposed for GM and Chrysler. Millions of Americans are building cars for other companies and have not asked anything of the government.

No one has argued that \$14 billion or \$34 billion is all that is needed to get the domestic companies on the path to success. The idea that if we extract enough money from the American taxpayer, we can override market forces and basic laws of supply and demand is just wrong.

As always, a little perspective is helpful. A December 7 report on National Public Radio discussed the Ellis Brooks Auto Center in San Francisco. The late Mr. Brooks began his business in the 1930s and his widow, children, and grandchildren still operate the company. Between 1935 and today Brooks was a REO dealer, a Studebaker dealer, a Kaiser-Frazier dealer, a Hudson dealer, and on April 14th, 1955, he became a Chevrolet dealer. The Brooks dealership plans to terminate its relationship with Chevrolet this month, ending a 53-year dealer relationship with GM.

In the 70-plus years the Brooks family has been in the car business, REO, Studebaker, Hudson, and Kaiser-Frazier have all come and gone. While economists and automobile enthusiasts will debate why each of these companies failed, the bottom line is that both the American economy and the Ellis Brooks Auto Center survived the rise and fall of those brands.

Ultimately, the marketplace for the material and labor which go into a vehicle and the marketplace to sell vehicles will decide whether any particular company and its shareholders and workers will succeed or fail. And that is the heart of the problem; car companies survive and prosper by building and selling cars. After all the lobbying is done and after all the bailout money is spent, there is no guarantee that they will build a car we want to buy at a price we are willing to pay; only the market can do that.

So what should be done? The normal course for large companies in trouble is to submit to a "pre-packaged bankruptcy proceeding." The company can continue to operate, but there would be an opportunity to revise the high labor contracts which prevent these companies from being competitive. There would also be an opportunity to bring in new management and restructure the companies.

In addition, the federal government should do all it can to encourage economic growth and job creation so that people in all industries can benefit. But that does not mean that the government should run those industries or dictate to companies what they must do.

If a camel is a horse designed by committee, I can't imagine what a car designed by a committee of politicians will look like. Substituting the judgment of a "car czar" or a committee composed of the heads of the six different federal departments for the choices buyers make in the market is the wrong way to create a 21st century American auto industry capable of competing in the world market.

US Rep. Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon) represents the 13th Congressional District of Texas.



Issue update
by rep. mac thornberry

Feds should not bail out the states

By Jonathan Williams

First it was \$700 billion for the financial sector, and now auto industry executives are pounding a path from Detroit to Washington, seeking billions in taxpayer dollars to assist their ailing industry. Just last week, the National Governors Association convened a meeting with President-elect Obama in Philadelphia to discuss the economic downturn and lobby for a federal bailout of the states.

There is little question many states are in dire financial straits today. Roughly 41 states faced budget deficits for fiscal year 2009, or are projecting deficits for fiscal year 2010, which starts on July 1 for most states. Analysts are projecting a cumulative deficit of \$97 billion for the states during that period. Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia all are facing mid-year budget problems for fiscal year 2009.

While the rosy fiscal times enjoyed by the states over the past few years have clearly disappeared, important questions need to be addressed before rubber stamping a multi-billion dollar bailout of the states: (a) What was the cause of the current budget problems in the states? (b) Should the federal government spend taxpayer dollars to bailout the states in this economic downturn?

States are not facing budget deficits because they don't tax enough. The real problem facing states is the fundamental issue of overspending taxpayer dollars. State spending has grown at an unsustainable rate over the past decade. In fact, state spending is up 124 percent over where it was just 10 years ago, and state debt increased by 95 percent during that same period.

In many cases, the states that are facing the worst fiscal climates are the very same states that engaged in reckless spending. During his recent testimony before the House Ways and Means Committee in Washington, South Carolina Governor Mark Sanford noted that, "California increased spending 95% over the past 10 years (federal spending went up 71% over the same period). To bail out California now seems unfair to fiscally prudent states."

His point is quite germane. Why should taxpayers who live in states that were fiscally responsible subsidize states that were not? Since families and businesses are required to live within their means, it is clearly time for state governments to do so as well.

The federal government should not be in the business of rewarding states that have simply overspent taxpayer dollars. Over the past few years, many states have spent money like drunken sailors. It's not right to expect the American taxpayer to pick up the tab. As legendary economist Arthur Laffer recently wrote in the Wall Street Journal, "Whenever the government bails someone out of trouble, they always put someone into trouble." In this case, a bailout for the states means trouble for taxpayers.

There is another very good reason why state officials should be worried about a federal bailout. When has the federal government ever given money to the states without countless strings attached? A study conducted by ALEC during the post 9/11 economic downturn estimated that "every one dollar more of federal assistance increases state and local budget deficits by over 62 cents." It is clear the many strings accompanying

federal dollars impose significant burdens on the states.

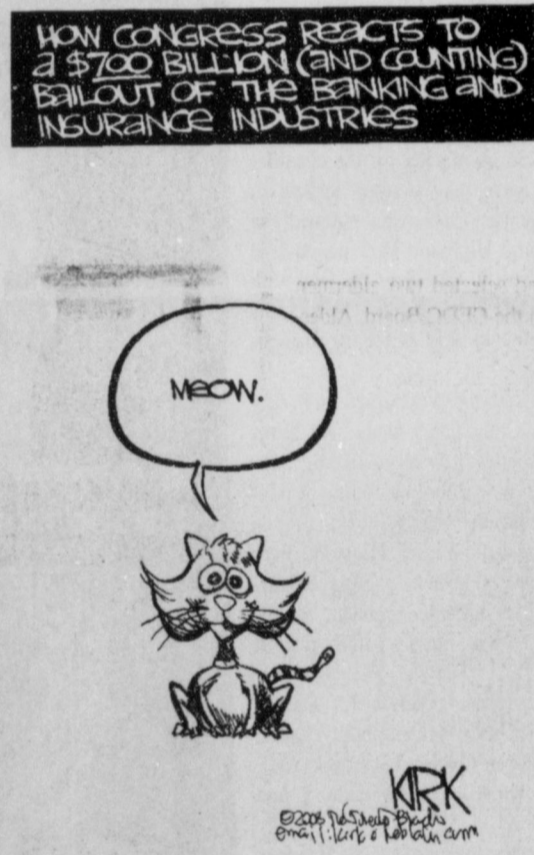
During his testimony, Governor Sanford urged Congress to "accept that there may be better routes to recovery than a blanket bailout, including offering states like mine more in the way of flexibility and freedom from federal mandates instead of a bag of money with strings attached."

State budgets have faced financial duress many times before because of overspending, and probably will again in the future. History suggests federal bailouts are not the answer, as they decrease state sovereignty, incentivize future fiscal irresponsibility, and reward fiscally imprudent states at the expense of fiscally responsible states.

Economist Richard Vedder said it best, "In short, federal bailouts are not a solution. They are the equivalent of giving booze to alcoholics — providing at best some temporary respite, but aggravating fundamental problems, in this case overspending."

Unfortunately, the "do something" disease will continue to plague Washington for the foreseeable future. If this results in spending additional taxpayer dollars to rescue states who mismanaged taxpayer dollars in the first place, it will only spiral them into a cycle of federal dependency, further encouraging fiscal irresponsibility. Let's hope that is not the case.

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Auto bailout requires concessions

This fall, our financial crisis reached a flashpoint that threatened the sustainability of our credit markets and the economic security of every American family and business. On October 1, after two weeks of bipartisan, bicameral negotiations, the Senate took the unprecedented step of passing legislation intended to stabilize our imperiled economy and shore up our credit markets. While some opposed the rescue, I heard from many small business owners that they were unable to get credit for payroll and inventory purchases. The frozen credit market threatened Americans' ability to get car loans, mortgages, or financial aid for school. I believed it was responsible to infuse the financial markets with liquidity to avoid further crises, so I helped shape the legislation with a priority of keeping people in their homes and jobs and protecting the taxpayer (the interest paid on the loans and warrants would reduce national debt). As I travel through Texas, I have been very disappointed to see that more credit is not flowing through our markets. I am frustrated at the mismanagement of the relief funding and at the constant fluctuation of the Treasury Department's strategy. Many of my Senate colleagues have expressed the same view.

Our economy is in a recession. Unemployment has reached a 15 year high. Our nation's "Big Three" car manufacturers, General Motors, Chrysler, and Ford are suffering and, without some fundamental changes to the way they do business, face bankruptcy. The

Big Three's executives testified before Congress that GM and Chrysler were weeks away from running out of operating cash. Ford faces similar, though less imminent, financial challenges.

Although lawmakers have differing views on the best solution to this crisis, we agree that these companies are critical to the U.S. economy. They sell more than half of all the cars and trucks in America, and they directly employ more than 250,000 men and women across the country. Furthermore, up to 3 million more Americans work at dealerships, suppliers, and other places in the supply chain. In Arlington, 5,000 Texans work at the GM plant, which pumps over \$300 million into the local economy annually.

On December 11, Congress went into session to debate legislation to provide GM, Chrysler, and Ford short-term loans to prevent imminent collapse and protect jobs. My colleague, Senator Bob Corker, put forward a reasonable proposal that would require that the United Auto Workers (UAW) labor union reduce wage and benefit packages to be competitive with other U.S. plants making cars and trucks for Toyota, Nissan, and Volkswagen by the end of 2009. Late night negotiations between Republican and Democratic lawmakers and UAW

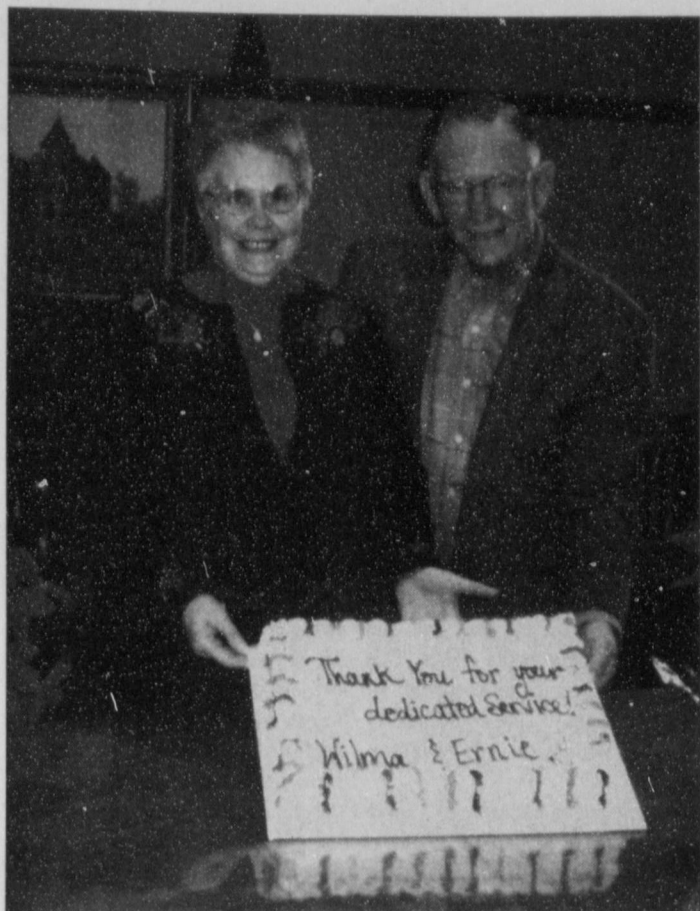


capitol comment
by sen. kay bailey hutchison

representatives fell apart over the wage issue. The union representatives refused to set a firm date in 2009, when they would agree to concessions to match the industry standards.

Indeed, it is this very wage structure that prevents domestic auto manufacturers from competing with foreign-based carmakers with American plants. The UAW has effectively priced U.S. auto-workers out of the market. According to the Wall Street Journal, nationwide, GM's total hourly labor costs are \$81 per worker, including wages and benefits. This amounts to about \$1,800 in labor costs per vehicle produced. A Toyota employee in San Antonio, on the other hand, earns an average hourly wage and benefit package roughly half those of GM's at \$35 an hour. The labor costs of a Toyota are \$1,000 per vehicle.

My goal is for American workers to earn a living wage and for their companies to be competitive, resulting in long-term success for the business and their employees. While American taxpayers are willing and eager to help protect jobs, they should not be asked to subsidize a failed business model — and unfortunately, that's exactly what the Democrats' proposed legislation did. That's why I opposed this bailout. I will continue to work for a constructive solution that will revitalize America's auto industry and bolster our overall economy. I am reluctant to authorize any further debt for our country that isn't backed by a plan that has a good chance to succeed.



Faithful servants

A reception was held this week at the Donley County Courthouse honoring Tax Assessor/Collector Wilma Lindley and Precinct One Commissioner Ernest Johnston. Lindley is retiring from her position at the end of this month after 22 years of service. Johnston is leaving office after eight years.

COURTESY PHOTO



the lion's tale
by roger estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting December 16, 2008, with Boss Lion Cameron Word in charge.

We had 17 members, Club Sweetheart Audrey Jones, and one guest - Holly Joy Christmas (a.k.a. Ashlee Estlack) guest of Lion Mike Word.

The club received a nice letter from Lion Jack King regarding the \$1,500 raised for the Texas Lions Camp through the cooperation of Clarendon Lions and Lion King.

Lion Russell Estlack presented a program on little known facts about chickens, and Lion Monty Hysinger updated the club on the activities of the boys basketball team.

There being no further business, we were adjourned.

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| Wed | 10 | 30° | 17° | - |
| Thur | 11 | 50° | 19° | - |
| Fri | 12 | 64° | 24° | - |
| Sat | 13 | 52° | 27° | - |
| Sun | 14 | 71° | 45° | - |

Total precipitation this month: 0.00"

Total precipitation to date: 17.21"

Total precipitation in Nov. last year: 0.07"

Total YTD last year: 21.73"

weekend forecast

Friday, Dec. 19
Sunny
59°/37°

Saturday, Dec. 20
Partly Cloudy
52°/13°

Sunday, Dec. 21
Mostly Sunny
34°/17°

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on this board that should have caught some of this and didn't. We can't do anything about the past though."

Aldermen Ann Huey and Tommy Hill expressed concerns about changing the rates so soon after raising base rates this fall. Alderman Kyle Davis also said he had heard a lot of complaints from businesses about their rates and could not vote for the amendment.

Hill said he wanted the board to have a workshop to look at all revenue and expenses, but Noble said the city had already done that in budget workshops this summer.

Huey said she didn't like the idea of raising rates but understood it may be the city's only option.

"You're saying this plan is the only way to get us out of the red?" she asked Webb.

"Yes," he replied.

Webb also said he hoped the base rates could be reduced next fall when the city is back in the black.

The board voted 3-1 to table the issue until the January 13 meeting. Alderman Noble opposed.

In other city business, the board formally appointed Alderman Chris Ford to succeed Mark White as Mayor, tapped Alderman Ann Huey as the city's new Mayor Pro-tem, and named Will Thompson to fill the remainder of Ford's term as alderman.

The city also re-appointed two members of the Clarendon Economic Development Corp. Board - Bill Stavenhagen and Roger Estlack, and selected two aldermen to serve on the CEDC Board. Aldermen Ann Huey and Terry Noble will take the seats formerly held by Janice Knorpp and Mark White.

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December 21
Jesus Name Apostolic Church Christmas Program • 3 p.m.

December 23
Combined Service • First Christian Church • 6 p.m.

December 25
Christmas Day

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January 1
New Year's Day

January 3
Clarendon v. Holy Cross • in Amarillo • Girls 1 p.m., Boys 2:30 p.m.

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Menus
December 22-26

Donley County Senior Citizens

Mon: Mexican Casserole, Mac & Cheese, pears & cottage cheese, cookies, chips & salsa.

Tue: Turkey & dressing, gravy, green peas, cranberry salad, pumpkin dessert, rolls.

Wed: King Ranch Chicken, fried squash, green beans, salad, ice cream.

Thu: Holiday.

Fri: Holiday.

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Chicken strips, potato soup, corn nuggets, carrot/raisin salad, lemon pudding, corn bread.

Tue: Beef stew, potatoes, carrots, onion, tomatoes, fried squash, macaroni salad, cookies, cornbread.

Wed: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, buttered carrots, Waldorf salad, strawberry shortcake, roll.

Thu: Holiday.

Fri: Holiday.

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Many factors determine food our daily intake

By MaryRuth Bishop, County Agent

We make more than 200 food-related decisions daily, and are not aware of 90 percent of them, according to Brian Wansink, Ph.D. and director of the Cornell University Food and Brand Lab.

Perhaps you think you just make three food decisions daily: Breakfast, lunch and dinner. Well, think again. We choose how much milk to pour on cereal, whether to have a second piece of toast, if we want to add sugar to our cereal, and if so, how much and what type, and if we'll eat that doughnut at the office, and on and on and on. Most of us don't overeat because we're hungry. We overeat because of such influences as family, friends, packaging, plates, labeling, shapes, distances and containers. Becoming more "mindful" about even one eating practice can be significant. Daily eating 100 calories more than needed can result in a weight gain of 10 pounds a year!

Take this short quiz and see if you can guess the results of a research studies.

Question 1: How much more soup did people eat when their soup bowl kept filling up without their

knowledge?

1. 13%, 2. 53%, 3. 73%

Answer 1: C. Researchers rigged up half the soup bowls on a table with hidden hoses attached to them through a hole in the bowl. As people ate the soup, the hoses kept filling the bowls with more soup. After the study, the people with the bottomless soup bowls estimated they ate the same amount as the people eating from the regular bowls. In reality, they ate an average of 73 percent (and 113 calories!) more.

It's important to see the total amount you're eating. It's easy to overeat when we keep reaching into a bag or container and never see how much we're really putting into our mouths. If you're planning to eat some chips, remove the amount you plan to eat from the bag BEFORE you start eating.

Question 2: When two glasses had the same capacity, into which glass did people pour the most liquid?

1. Short, wide glass, 2. Tall, narrow glass

Answer 2: The study showed people drank an average of 25 to 30 percent more from short, wide tum-

blers than from tall, skinny glasses. The same amount of juice in a tall, skinny glass looks as if the glass is fuller than it does in the short, wide glass.

Question 3: How did the size of plate or bowl influence people's perception of amount when they were offered the same portion size?

1. Size of plate or bowl made no difference in the amount they thought they ate.

2. People thought they ate more when they were served on a large plate or bowl.

3. People thought they ate more when they were served on a small plate or bowl.

Answer 3: It was found that people perceived they ate more when eating from a smaller bowl or plate. As the size of the dish increased, the size of their servings tended to increase. The larger dish made servings look smaller by comparison, resulting in people helping themselves to more food. For example, people ate an average of 31 percent more ice cream (equal to 137 more calories!) when they scooped ice cream into a 34-ounce bowl vs. a 17-ounce bowl. Changing your "tablescapes," such as the shape of glasses

and size of your plates, etc. may be enough to help you significantly reduce your caloric intake.

Question 4: How did the number of chocolates people ate from covered, desktop candy dishes compare when the dishes were clear vs. when the dishes were white?

1. They ate the same amount from both dishes.

2. They ate more from the white dish.

3. They ate more from the clear dish.

Answer 4: Staff with clear desktop dishes ate 71 percent more (7.7 vs. 4.6 candies) than staff that ate candies from white dishes. This equaled an average difference of 77 calories per day. That could lead to over five pounds of extra weight in a year.

We tend to eat more of visible foods because we think about them every time we see them. Eventually, our resistance is likely to weaken.

Question 5: At which location did people eat the most candy from a clear, lidded candy dish?

1. Corner of desk

2. Top left-hand desk drawer

3. On a file cabinet six feet from the desk

4. They ate the same amount from all locations.

Answer 5: People tended to eat the most when it was more convenient. They ate an average of nine candies – or about 225 extra calories daily – when the candy dish was on their desk, compared to six candies when in the desk drawer and only four candies when they had to walk six feet.

In talking with people after the experiment, the researchers noticed something else. When people had to walk a distance for a piece of candy, they had more time to think twice and talk themselves out of it. So, if you have a food you'd like to eat less of, make it less convenient to eat. Move it to a harder-to-reach cupboard shelf, store it in the basement, serve it from a buffet table vs. the dining table, etc. Or, just don't bring it into the house.

Make less healthy foods inconvenient to eat. Promote reasonable portion sizes through the size and shape of dinnerware. Encourage people to measure out and see the total amount they're eating rather than eating directly from a container.

Have a Happy Holiday

Mother of all colds precedes holiday activities

Christmas will be here next week, ready or not.

What does that phrase "Are you ready for Christmas?" really mean? For me it means putting up the tree, decorating the house with 55 years of memories, buying and wrapping gifts, cooking, sending and receiving cards, finally enjoying family and opening my own gifts.

I think for Jim it means he will be doing some heavy lifting and keeping out of the way before he opens his gifts.

This year Mother Nature decided to let me know who is really in charge when she gave me the worst cold I have ever had. Those commercials showing

someone coughing, sneezing, runny nose, more coughing, nausea, more coughing—that really does happen. You can't sleep and are so sore from all the coughing. I don't care what the commercial says, that over the counter stuff was as much help as a sip of water.

Finally I had a trip to the doc, a diagnosis of a cold with upper respiratory infection, and some amazing cough syrup that let me sleep. Eight days later I am better, no closer to being ready for Christmas, and with a husband coughing, sneezing, runny nose and on his way to the doc for some amazing cough syrup.

Speaking of Mother Nature, I don't think she looked at the calen-

dar because winter came a week early. The temperature was 70° about noon

December 14, had dropped 50° by bedtime with a low of 13° and chill factor of -4°. That's too cold for anyone to put up Christmas lights, but we should feed the birds.

Friendship Club meets Friday, December 19, at 6:30 at City Hall for the annual Christmas party with Santa Claus as the special guest.

Turkey, dressing, and ham will be



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furnished, so bring your favorite trimmings and be prepared for a fun evening.

The Fire Department is accepting donations of non-perishable food until December 19 for food baskets to be delivered in our community before Christmas. Please share with your neighbors.

When you think about the true meaning of "ready for Christmas," it doesn't mean a decorated tree and house or special dishes but a celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ our savior which can come in many forms, such as a thank you prayer to God for sending Him to us.

Merry Christmas, everyone. Don't catch a cold.

Quilting Club holds Christmas Party

The Golden Needles Quilting Club met at the home of Gay Cole for their Christmas party. We took up money and adopted several angels of the Angel Tree.

We also sang Christmas carols, played some games, had a gift exchange, and each person bought a neat dish for lunch. Those present at the Christmas party were Jo Shaller, Roselee Watson, Francis Smith, Josie Burgess, Ann Bunyan, Barbara Helms, Becky Lane, Mary Johnson, Eva Lee Swinney, Gay Cole, and Betty Jean Williams. The next meeting will be at the home of Ann Bunyan.

Taylor donates toys to community kids

Nancy Taylor has continued her tradition of donating toys to children in the community and set a new record for herself.

The Clarendon woman gave 456 toys to the Firebelles' toy drive.

Taylor collects the toys throughout the year from vending machines and has some given to her as well. Taylor has been doing this for eight years and says she loves doing it for the kids.

'Two From Galilee' re-tells familiar Christmas story

One of the most captivating novels I've read is *Two From Galilee* by Marjorie Holmes, published by Bantam Books. What more appropriate time to share with you and experience events of this unique writing!

Holmes not only portrays a beautiful love story, but she provides insight to every day opinions and family life in Nazareth. It is the story of "two people chosen by God to provide an earthly home for His Son." She presents Mary and Joseph, "a teen-age girl and a young carpenter, alone, frightened, in love, faced with family conflict, a hostile world, and an awesome responsibility."

Holmes' inspiration for the novel unfolded during Christmas Eve church services she attended with her 13-year-old daughter. The concept of the manger scene's reality overwhelmed her. This really happened! When Virgin Mary gave birth

to Jesus, she was not much older than the author's own daughter.

After three years' research, six additional years passed before publishing. According to Holmes, she kept hearing, "Nobody wants to read a Biblical novel anymore." They criticized that she had made the Holy Family as real as the people next door. Her response? That was exactly what she intended... "to make people realize they weren't just statues or Christmas Card pictures. They were human beings who breathed, hurt, hoped, and loved just like we do."

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

Through fictional conversations effectively interspersed with factual

events, the author relates preparation steps...the synagogue announcement, betrothal date which could

be as long as a year before the formal wedding ceremony, busy women spinning, weaving, drying herbs and cheeses, making clay pots, sewing draperies, bedding, tablecloths, and towels.

While betrothed, couples were linked by law. Punishment for adultery could be as severe as death by stoning. It was during this betrothal period that Mary conceived. "And so it was that Mary knew God, and became at once His child, His mate, and His mother, and the miracle was achieved." (Page 81)

Dramatic events are brilliantly



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

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

Joseph again speaks of his love for Mary and how it will enable them to grow together in strength so they would be worthy of the great blessing that came to them in a Bethlehem stable...so they would be worthy of having Him entrusted to them even for a little while.

I hope you enjoy this novel as much as I did. Why not check it out?



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BBB offers advice on going green this season

Bing Crosby may have dreamed of a white Christmas but as many Americans adjust their lifestyles to become more environmentally friendly, some will be looking forward to a green Christmas this year. Go green this holiday season and maybe even save some green in the process.

According to a survey by Plow and Hearth, half of Americans plan to purchase an environmentally friendly gift this holiday season. Among those going green this year, two-thirds say they are willing to spend between 10 and 25 percent more on green holiday gifts.

"The holidays tend to focus on kindness and sharing, but unfortunately, most of us aren't very kind to the environment during the season of giving, and from an eco-friendly perspective, this period usually ends up being one of the most wasteful times of the year," said Janna Kiehl,

CEO of the BBB of the Texas Panhandle. "Consumers can save some green this season, by using items with recycled materials and creating homemade gifts and gift wrap, it's easy to help yourself and the environment."

Lessen the impact of your holiday cheer on Mother Nature. Aim for a more environmentally friendly holiday season with these tips:

Deck The Halls Green

Decorate "in green" this year with LED Christmas tree lights. Although a pricier option to conventional lights, they require about 80-90 percent less energy and last much longer—up to 200,000 hours—compared to conventional lights' 2,000 hours.

Rather than buying an artificial tree or a fresh tree that will end up being thrown out come January 1, opt to buy a live tree that can be planted later. When it comes to deco-

rating that tree, making ornaments and garlands from gingerbread, Christmas cards, popcorn and cranberries is a great family craft project and better for the environment than plastic tinsel and ornaments.

Donate Responsibly

Donating to a charity in a loved one's name furthers a worthy cause and doesn't have a negative impact on the environment. In fact, if the gift goes to a charity that deals in conservation, the gift will have a doubly good impact on the environment. To make sure donations are going to credible, conscientious organizations, check out a charity at the BBB's Wise Giving Alliance — www.bbb.org/charity.

Give Green

Many stores specialize in green products, such as organic foods and gifts made from recycled goods. When shopping look for the BBB Accredited Business seal. The

seal tells the shopper the company adheres to BBB Standards for Trust including operating a secure Web site.

Get Crafty

For do-it-yourselfers, there are many Web sites and online communities dedicated to making new and useful items from things most consumers consider normal household "clutter." Skill levels for craft projects range from easy to expert. Homemade gifts are also a lot easier on the wallet and potentially the environment.

Dispose of the Old...With Care

Electronics such as cell phones, TVs and computers contain toxic materials that should be disposed of carefully and not just tossed out with the trash. Many companies will take back and recycle their products for free. Consumers can search for company policies and recycling locations online at Earth911.org.

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Santa Claus makes early visit to Hedley

Santa came to visit Hedley last Thursday night at the Fire Hall. The children really seemed to enjoy him.

Juanell Carson has been ill the last few days, and she just turned 80 on Sunday, December 14. We wish her a speedy recovery and a very Happy Birthday. She enjoyed a big birthday party in Amarillo with family and friends.

The Hedley Senior Citizens wants to take this opportunity to wish each and every one a very "Merry Christmas" and know that "Jesus is the Reason for the Season." They have had some very remarkable donations this year, and they appreciate those.

The Pastor of the Hedley Methodist Church, Irvin Emmert, is having an open heart, double bypass Wednesday, December 17, at BSA in Amarillo. The worst one is at the top of his heart. He has a real positive attitude, and we pray that God will be with him during this time. Any cards you would like to

send please send to Box 441, Wheeler, Texas 79096. Please keep him in your prayers.

Recipe:

Orange Flavored Fudge:

Ingredients:

1 1/3 cups white sugar, 1 (5 ounce) can evaporated milk, 1/2 cup butter, melted, 2 1/2 cups miniature marshmallows, 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips, 1 cup finely chopped pecans, 1 teaspoon grated orange peel, 2 tablespoons orange liqueur. Directions: In a 2 quart microwave safe dish combine sugar, evaporated milk and butter. Microwave on high for 8 minutes. Stir and add marshmallows and chocolate chips; heat on high for 3 minutes, or until melted. Stir in orange peel and liqueur. Chill for 2 hours, or until firm, and cut into squares.



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Timing is everything on wheat fertilizer

AMARILLO — Knowing the proper timing for fertilization or weed control on wheat can make a difference in the efficiency and economics of the application, a Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialist said.

A single pre-plant nitrogen application on wheat is not the most efficient or economical use of the fertilizer, said Dr. Todd Baughman, AgriLife Extension agronomist in Vernon.

Waiting to apply the nitrogen buys some time to evaluate the crop and determine its potential, Baughman said. In general, grain only requires a little nitrogen in the fall.

"You need to target the required nitrogen for the rapid growth period," he said. "You do want some underneath it to help with the tillering process. But you have to make sure you get the nitrogen into the soil prior to jointing or the reproductive phase."

Baughman warned that sometimes producers will want to wait on a rain during that time period, but some years doing so will put the application too late.

As the plant goes into the jointing stage, the maximum amount of nitrogen use occurs, he said.

"If you are in a grain/grazing situation, you should remember that 20 or more pounds of nitrogen will be taken off the field through the grazing process," Baughman said. "You need to take that into account when determining how much nitrogen is needed to maximize grain production."

Non-traditional fertilizer products may get more of a push this year than in past because of the high prices, he said, but warned producers, "if the promise is more than imagined or expected, be wary; ask questions before spending money."

As for weed control, Baughman warned against pre-harvest applications, as they are primarily trying to dry down green material, and that is not the wisest way to spend that kind of money.

"Don't let yourself get into a hole," he said.

At the same time, Baughman said, make sure of what needs to be treated before buying any products.

"You will hear producers refer to having a 'cheat problem,' but mostly we have rescuegrass or a Japanese brome problem," he said. "Know which one you are really dealing with to get the best control from the product you buy."

Other things to manage are timing of the application, knowing whether it works best in the fall or spring, what surfactant is needed and the best tank-mix options, Baughman said. All of these can be found by reading the product labels.

Wind and wildlife conference slated

Feb. 13 in Lubbock

LUBBOCK — Those interested in wind energy and its effects on wildlife should mark their calendars for the South Plains Agriculture Wind and Wildlife Conference set to start with registration at 7:30 a.m. February 13 at Lubbock's American Wind Power Center and Museum at 1701 Canyon Lake Drive.

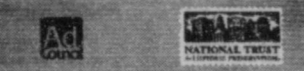
The conference is being conducted by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Texas Wildlife Association and Texas Parks and Wildlife. The conference is the third of its kind conducted by the agencies in areas of the state currently seeing wind energy interest.

Robert Scott, AgriLife Extension agent in Lubbock County, said the purpose of the conference is to inform participants of the pros and cons associated with this new Texas industry.

For more information contact Ken Cearley, AgriLife Extension wildlife specialist at Canyon, at 806-651-5760.

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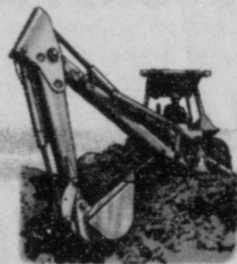


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Chili champs Jeannie Johnson and Cire and Harley Jauregui with MaryRuth Bishop.

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First chili cookoff generates hot competition downtown

By MaryRuth Bishop

Downtown Merchants were very excited about the Chili Cook-Off held on Thursday, December 11, at the Girl Scout Office.

There were a total of seven pots of chili entered in the first time event. Some hot competition grew as the public came through to enjoy chili and voice their opinion. Participants of the youth division were Cire and Harley Jauregui with Harley winning the first prize medal and Cire the second prize.

In the adult category entries were from the following: Herring Bank, team members Debbie Smith and Madeline Black; "Aim to Please Team" from Saye's, members are Terry Askew, Dalton "triggerman," Danny "bankroller," and Dale and Amanda "moral support"; Chamber Chicks Team representing the Chamber of Commerce, members were Judy Burlin, Linda Gray and

Jan Farris; Saints' Roost Angels Team representing Saints' Roost Cottage, members were Judy Burlin and Mimi Pittman; and The 4J Team representing Johnson Cattle Company team members were Jeanie Johnson, Cowboy Johnson, and Monte Johnson (We are missing a J somewhere...).

Winner of the adult division was the only chili without beans - The 4J Team, head cook - Jeanie Johnson. The 4J Team will keep the traveling trophy until next Christmas when the next cook-off will be held.

A big thank you goes to the judges. We are not telling you they are because we might use them next year and no bribing will be allowed.

We also appreciate the local Girl Scouts for the use of their building.

A total of \$150 will go into the 4-H scholarship fund. We appreciate the community support.

Square House Museum features Dalhart artist

The Carson County Square House Museum is pleased to present an exhibit featuring the art of Charles Firestone, an artist from Dalhart, Texas. After retiring from the Union Pacific Railroad, Charles chose to make art his second career. His first formal encounter was in a course required at McMurry College—"Introduction to the Fine Arts." He developed a love of painting that strengthened to the time of his retirement when he could pursue and develop this interest. A brief period of study with Dord Fitz and a correspondence course with North Light Art School resulted in his pursuit of art more than a hobby.

Firestone continues to study with other artists. He works primarily in oils, but uses watercolor,

pastels, acrylics, and his personal photographs. A wide range of subjects from landscapes to portraits will be on display. He belongs to several area art groups as a student and as an instructor. The wide variation in subjects and media has made his work attractive to many with paintings in collections all the way to Berlin, Germany.

Charles Firestone enjoys sharing the stories behind the paintings. A reception honoring the artist will be held on Sunday, January 11, 2009, from 2:30 until 4:00 p.m. in the Hazlewood Gallery of the Square House Museum complex.

For further information, please call the Square House Museum in Panhandle, Texas, at (806) 537-3524.

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(John 3:21) "But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God." Jesus, throughout the scriptures tells us that just talking about the truth or having good intentions is not enough. Words without deeds are useless. (Matthew 7:21) "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. The truth must be taught in love, Eph. 4:15. The truth must be contended for, Jude 3, but in John 3:21, and Matthew 7:21 we see that we must DO the truth. Many try to contend that this is working for salvation. Labeling something a work doesn't mean that it is a work to merit our way to Heaven. We can't work our way to Heaven, but we can't go to Heaven without doing what the Lord has said. As a matter of fact, Jesus said that believing or faith is a work of God, (John 6:29) Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent." Obviously there are works that are commanded by God that can't be ignored. (Ephesians 2:8-10) For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. Many people who call obedience, "works", will quote verses 8-9 but leave off verse 10. Verses 8-9 are speaking of works to merit salvation; you can't work your way to Heaven. Verse 10 tells us that God has given us some commands or "works" that must be complied with to receive our gift. It is no different than the fire department giving away free turkeys to anyone who wants one, but in order to be given the turkey you will have to maybe sign a receipt and drive down and pick it up. Neither the signing of a document or the driving down to pick it up merit a free turkey but something that must be complied with by the recipient who would like the gift from the Giver. Truth must be preached, taught, and defended, but all of it is for naught if one does not DO truth. God has always demanded obedience. (1 Samuel 15:22) Then Samuel said: "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams." I pray that we would all understand the responsibility that we all have for DOING the truth and not just talking about it.

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"Turning in an old energy-guzzling refrigerator or freezer through The Great Texas Refrigerator Roundup will allow electric customers served by AEP Texas to lower their energy usage and earn a \$35 reward," said Program Coordinator Pam Osterloh. "Replacing an inefficient, 20-year old refrigerator with a new ENERGY STAR model, could save an average of \$60 a year," Osterloh stated.

AEP Texas has partnered with Appliance Recycling Centers of America, Inc. (ARCA) to provide environmentally sound appliance processing and recycling services

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Lady Broncs play in local tournament

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncs participated in the Greenbelt Classic tournament last week at home and took on River Road in the first round and were narrowly defeated at 29-35. The game was much closer than the score revealed as the Lady Cats added to their score late in the game.

Scoring: Macy Shadle 10, Haley Hall 6, Jill Luna 6, Cortnee Thornberry 4, Abbie Massingill 2, and Bailey Starnes 1.

They went up against Happy on Saturday with a chance to advance to the championship game by defeating the Cowgirls. Despite playing hard, the Lady Broncs could not get by Happy and lost 43-51. The Lady Broncs trailed by only two after the first period, but their opponent scored heavily in the second period. They staged a small comeback in the third, outscoring the Cowgirls by four points, but they couldn't pull it out.

Scoring: Shadle 20, Deidre Lewis 8, Trevela Dronzek 6, Thornberry 2, and Massingill 1.

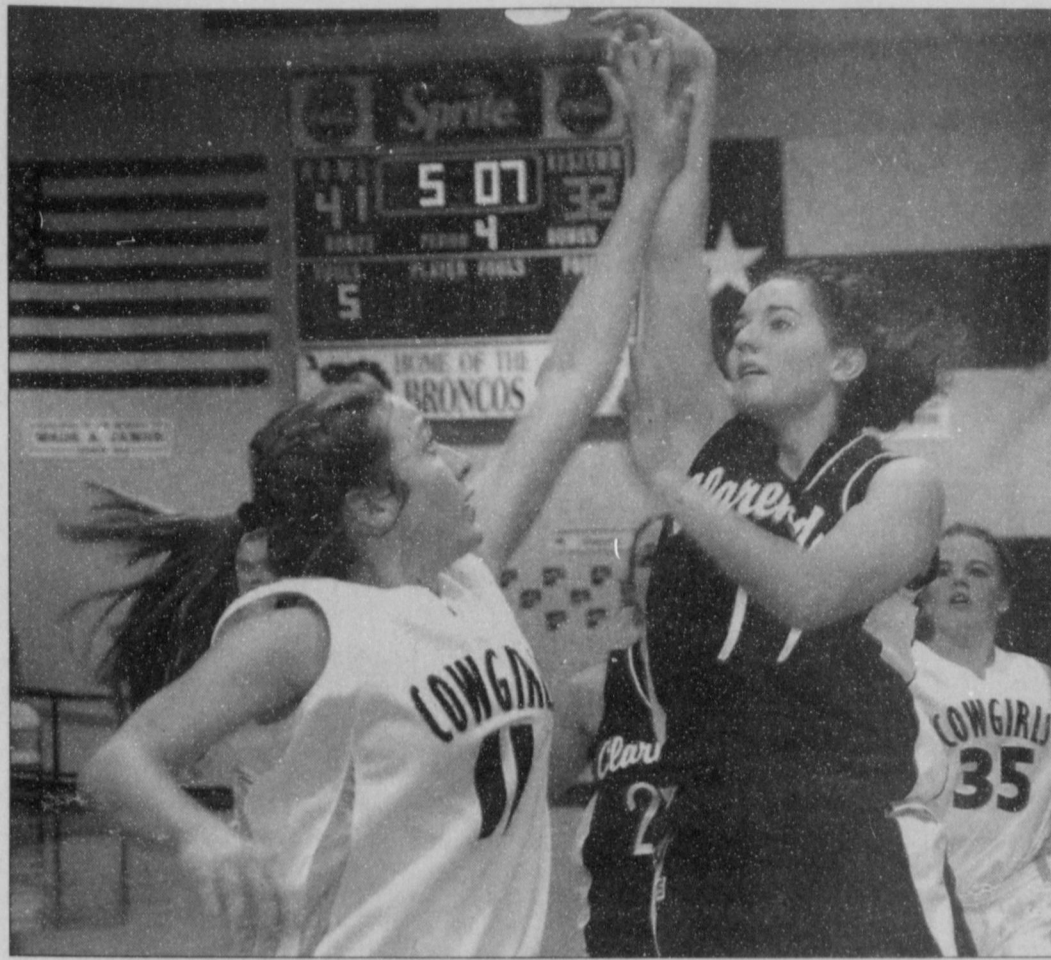
The Ladies took on Arbor Academy in the last game and fell short at 53-57.

Clarendon held the early lead and held it until the fourth quarter. Foul trouble hindered the Ladies, and the Lady Lions took advantage by making most of the free throws.

"Our injuries are killing us," coach Randy Yelverton said. "We have got to get healthy. The kids played hard throughout the tournament, but mistakes hurt us."

Scoring: Lewis 9, Massingill 8, Shadle 7, Starnes 7, Mason 6, Luna 3, and Dronzek 2.

The Lady Broncs will travel to Childress December 19 beginning at 6:30 p.m. and participate in the Caprock Tournament over the Christmas break.



Macy Shadle shoots for the Lady Broncs during their game with Happy last Saturday. ENTERPRISE PHOTO

Drugs in the News

Investigational Migraine Drug Shows Promise

According to a new study published in the medical journal *Lancet*, a new drug being studied for its ability to treat migraine headaches shows promise. The drug, called *telcagepant*, appears to be safe and effective. It was studied along with *zolmitriptan* (a popular triptan type migraine drug) in a trial involving over 1,300 people with a history of migraines. *Telcagepant* is the first of a new class of drugs that scientists are calling *calcitonin gene-related peptide antagonists*. It works against chemicals called calcitonin gene-related peptides in the brain. Scientists believe these type peptides increase in the body during a migraine headache. The popular triptan drugs work to reduce the size of dilated blood vessels which often occur during a migraine attack.

Up to 17% of women and 6% of men have experienced migraine headaches, an often disabling condition. For many, the triptan-type medications are the treatment of choice for severe headaches. The first triptan specifically developed for migraines was *sumatriptan* (*Imitrex*). Other triptans include *zolmitriptan* (*Zomig*), and *rizatriptan* (*Maxalt*).



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Bronco & Lady Bronco Basketball

Broncos:

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Hernandez 2, and Thornton 1. The Broncos will participate in the Caprock Tournament in Lubbock December 29-31. According to Coley, this tournament has been around better than 50 years.

"This is a really good tournament," Coley said. "It is sponsored by AmBucks and all the proceeds go to special needs children for any equipment they might need. There will be 32 boys and 32 girls teams in the tourney. It will give us a chance to play bigger schools, which we have really been doing all season."

"We will play Friona in the first round; and if we win, we will play Midland Greenwood, which is a 3A school, in the second round," Coley said. "We are playing good competition and bigger schools, and we know that will help us in the end."

The Broncos will travel to Childress December 19 in their last regular season game before the break. Tip-off will be at 7:30 p.m.

Clarendon Broncos

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| 3 | Aaron Gordon | Sr. |
| 5 | Billy Cenicerros | Sr. |
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| 50 | Tre Brown | Jr. |

Coach: Clint Coley

Lady Broncos

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| 3 | Jenci White | Sr. |
| 10 | Jill Luna | Jr. |
| 11 | Macy Shadle | Sr. |
| 12 | Janae White | Sr. |
| 15 | Dominique Mason | Jr. |
| 20 | Abbie Massingill | Sr. |
| 21 | Cortnee Thornberry | Sr. |
| 22 | Bailey Starnes | Jr. |
| 23 | Haley Hall | Jr. |
| 24 | Danielle Ford | So. |
| 25 | Deidre Lewis | Jr. |

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CJH slams Shamrock

The seventh grade Colts made short work of the Irish at home Monday, December 8, at 26-11.

The Colts' offense was working the way they wanted, but their defense held Shamrock to only one point in the first half of play.

"The seventh grade played much better," coach Brad Elam said. "They played good defense, and we were able to shut them down in the first half. We did miss a lot of easy shots, but they are getting better and understanding more of what we are trying to do."

Scoring: Cody Harjo 7, Chance McAnear 6, Tres Hommel 6, Jonathan Cartwright 2, Zach Cornell 2, and Terance Wilson 2.

The eighth grade Colts left everything on the court as they annihilated the Irish 69-21. Not only Clarendon's starters excelled in the game, the entire team contributed to the win. The bench came in and played hard as did the starters. The Colts were sharp on both ends of the court. Four Colt players finished in double figures.

"The guys played well as a team," Elam said. "We will have a tougher game against Wheeler and will need to pick up our game even

more than we have."

Scoring: Trajen Johnson 15, Cole Ward 12, Forrest Yelverton 10, Diego Santos 10, Cody Wood 6, Adam Topper 4, Trevor Cobb 4, Jonah Sell 2, Dusty Rice 2, Tyler Burch 2, and John Pigg 2.

Both Colt teams will play Canadian at home January 5 at 5:00 pm and will participate in the McLean Tournament January 8 and 10.

The seventh and eighth grade Lady Colts combined to play one game, and they easily defeated Shamrock 42-10.

Clarendon jumped out to the early lead in the first quarter but stalled out slightly before the break. They picked it back up in the third quarter, however, and added to their offensive domination in the final period of play.

"The girls played hard, and they did a great job," coach Stephanie Beck said. "Keep up the good work."

Scoring: Jency Burton 12, Jentry Shadle 10, McKayla Cartwright 8, Leslie Cenicerros 4, Ieshia Trevino 2, Maci White 2, Bryce McCary 2, and Elizabeth O'Rear 2.

The Lady Colts will play Canadian at home January 5 at 5 p.m.

Feed grains marketing workshop scheduled

AMARILLO - Next year promises to be one of the most challenging ever for feed grains producers in the wake of a stock market crash, rapidly falling oil, ethanol and commodity prices, said a Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialist.

A two-day workshop, to be held Jan. 7-8, is scheduled to help producers gain a better understanding of the fundamentals affecting the feed-grains market for the upcoming year, according to Dr. Steve Amosson, AgriLife Extension economist and coordinator of the program.

The program will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd., in Amarillo.

Topics to be covered in the course include the relationships between oil, ethanol and corn prices and the renewable fuel standards, Amosson said.

Attendees will look at cost of production, fundamentals of etha-

nol, feed use and exchange rates on exports, basis, technical analysis, cash and contract seasonality and marketing strategies, he said.

"The ultimate goal of the workshop is for the producers attending to develop a written marketing plan for the 2009 crop," Amosson said.


"If producers just pick up one piece of information that helps them improve their marketing a dime (per bushel), that's equal to \$10,000 on a section of corn production," he said. "I don't see how a producer can afford to miss this opportunity."

Amosson and Dr. Mark Welch, AgriLife Extension grain marketing specialist from College Station, will serve as instructors.

Pre-registration is required by Jan. 5. Attendance is limited to 50. The cost of the workshop is \$125 per participant and will cover the costs associated with instruction, breaks, meals and materials, he said.

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 3:48 p.m.-Standby; fire at Hedley Feedlot.
 4:16 p.m.-1500 Blk. W. 5th St; caller reported suspicious activity; no one at residence, doors locked.
 9:25 p.m.-Welfare check; 1000 Blk. E. 3rd St.
December 9, 2008
 5:06 a.m.-Animal carcass removed from doorway of business; 600 Blk. W. 2nd St.
 10:52 p.m.-Secured vehicle; 600 Blk. S. Collinson St.
December 10, 2008
 8:31 a.m.-Semi blocking eastbound traffic; Hwy. 287 at S. Parks St.
 8:37 a.m.-Semi blocking Hwy. 287 at Hwy. 70 South.
December 11, 2008
 9:53 a.m.-At Courthouse.
 10:52 a.m.-Vehicle accident; Hwy 287 at Hedley, both westbound lanes blocked.
 5:47 p.m.-See complainant; S. Kearney & White Sts.
 9:05 p.m.-See caller; 100 Blk. Sadie Dr., Howardwick.
 9:17 p.m.-2nd location, Howardwick; Charles and Columbia Sts.
 9:35 p.m.-Back to 100 Blk. Sadie Dr.
December 12, 2008
 8:49 a.m.-At Courthouse—investigating vandalism.
 12:56 p.m.-Vandalism to car at college.
 1:06 p.m.-Traffic control for cable company—cable down in highway.
 1:33 p.m.-At Annex.
 4:54 p.m.-At Bronco Gym.
 5:20 p.m.-Minor accident; 5th & Allen.
December 13, 2008
 1:38 p.m.-See complainant; N. Kearney.
 2:20 p.m.-In Howardwick.
 3:42 p.m.-Assisting stranded motorist.
 8:37 p.m.-Minor accident in parking lot at College.
December 14, 2008
 1:00 a.m.-Visiting with subjects in reference to some harassing phone calls.
 1:35 a.m.-Checking rest areas for female disturbing the peace.
 12:08 p.m.-Grassfire on I-40.
 7:06 p.m.-Truck on fire east of Hedley—hauling explosives.
 7:17 p.m.-Fire out—all okay.
December 15, 2008
 6:34 a.m.-Checking on possible stranded motorist.

Economist: Take 'wait-and-see' approach on farm bill

AMARILLO — With uncertainty in the commodity price outlook and "sticky" production costs, a Texas AgriLife Extension Service economist advises producers to wait for more information on the farm bill before taking action.

The newly enacted federal farm bill, known as the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008, requires farmers to choose between the old program and the new Average Crop Revenue Election or ACRE as it is being called, said Dr. Joe Outlaw, co-director of The Agricultural and Food Policy Center at Texas A&M University.

Outlaw spoke at the eighth annual Texas Commodity Symposium held during the Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show recently.

"Relatively high and sticky-on-the-way-down production costs with declining commodity prices are a tough combination," Outlaw said. "In my opinion, Texas farmers do not have much of a choice for the 2009 crop."

He said final or even nearly final details aren't available on the farm bill, but a choice has to be made soon because producers need to purchase seed and secure operating loans.

"For this year, pick what we had in the past and wait and see," Outlaw advised.

The commodity provisions are very close to previous programs with continuation of direct payments and marketing loan gains and maintaining counter-cyclical payments, he said.

The Average Crop Revenue Election payment requires the producer to agree to a 20 percent reduction in direct payments and 30 percent reduction in loan rates, Outlaw said.

"You don't have to make a choice this first year," he said.

Under the new revenue election provision, beginning with the 2009 crop year, producers would have a one-time irrevocable option to choose, Outlaw said.

"Once the choice is made, they are stuck with it," he said. "If you get in now, you are stuck for the remainder of this farm bill. But you can sign up any year, so just wait for now."

"Don't jump the gun. Wait until you can analyze it."

He said producers should "stay on their toes" and at some point in 2009, there is likely to be a profitable price using strategies from a few years ago, minimizing their relative costs with limited price protection from the loan.



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 New arrivals in Henson's clothing area this week are sweaters just in time for Christmas and the cold weather. Looking to give someone a complete new look? Add a pair of Petrol jeans, and accessorize with our stone belts and jewelry.

JOHN DEERE

For the Kids...
 John Deere toys to play with or collect, bicycle and Boot'n Scoot for the toddler bring smiles on Christmas morning. Stocking stuffer toys from \$2.00 up, some even will entertain the adults. The John Deere sticker books and big trucks and diggers are great stocking stuffers.

Books...
 Gigi and Will children's books by Sheila Walsh the Princess and Warrior collection will inspire all ages. Our book selections now include humor, history, hunting, inspirational and of course a wide range of great cookbooks. Fun for the boys and girls, sticker books, Princess Scepter, and Pop Up Dollhouse. The hit of the season is the Cowgirl and Cowboy art coloring book with the history of the celebrity to go with the picture.

Gourmet...
 This is the gift that keeps on giving. John Henry's rubs, marinades and sauces last for many meals and spice up the grillers' cooking. The famous chocolate pecans come in dark chocolate new this fall, and the clusters are always a hit. Let us make a gourmet basket for the whole family filled with dips, jellies, and candy.

For the Car...
 Since 1946 Henson's Tire has always offered you the best tire service. Our goal is to make you the best price also. So come by and select the brand you prefer or get prices on several from Goodyear, Michelin, Firestone, B.F. Goodrich and associate brands. Let Wes or Aaron fix you up.

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