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## THIS WEEK

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- 4 The Extension service offers tips on dealing with holiday depression.
- 7 And the Broncos win the Nazareth tournament.

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

## Pilgrim Bank in good shape, officials say Local bank unaffected by chicken producer's troubles

Local Pilgrim Bank Texas officials have been busy this week allaying customers' concerns following the bankruptcy filing of the bank's corporate namesake - Pilgrim's Pride Corporation.

"Pilgrim Bank and Pilgrim Bank Texas are not owned or operated by Pilgrim's Pride Corporation nor any of its affiliates," said the bank's regional president Dana Bell.

The banks, which have offices in Clarendon, Wellington, Pittsburg, Mt. Pleasant, and Sulfur Springs, are owned by a holding company, which in turn is owned by Bo Pilgrim, who was the founder of Pilgrim's Pride.

"The banks are strong," Bell said. "Now the chicken company has problems. No doubt about it."

Pilgrim's Pride filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy last Monday, Decem-

ber 1, according to the company's website.

TIME magazine reported last week that Pilgrim's Pride has been hurt by a large debt load and "volatile feed prices." The article said the poultry company had "\$3.75 billion in assets and \$2.72 billion in debts" as of September 27 and that part of its debt load was caused by the \$1.3 billion purchase of rival Gold Kist,

Inc. last year.

Bell said the Pilgrim Banks have not and do not lend any money to Pilgrim's Pride and will not be directly affected by the bankruptcy filing. The banks are also not used as collateral for the Pilgrim Pride Corporation.

"The banks have a combined average assets of \$306,356,000 and combined equity of \$32,341,000 as

of November 30, 2008," he said.

Bell also said the Pilgrim Banks have high ratings from the regulators and auditors and are not subject to any formal criticism from the auditors.

"In fact, the banks have been approved for a new acquisition," Bell said, "and we plan on being here and serving our customers and our communities for a long time to come."

## Fourteen teams to compete in tourney

The Greenbelt Holiday Classic basketball tournament will be held Thursday through Saturday this week at Clarendon High School.

Eight boys' teams and six girls' teams are scheduled to compete. The boys' teams are Clarendon, White Deer, Arbor Academy, McLean, Highland Park, Hedley, Happy, and River Road. The girls' teams are Clarendon, Hedley, Arbor Academy, River Road, Happy, and Highland Park.

The Clarendon Lady Broncos will play at 6 p.m. Thursday against the winner of the River Road/Happy game, and the Broncos will follow at 7:30 against River Road.

Schedules are available at the tournament, and all games will be played in the Colt and Bronco gymnasiums.

## Chamber names contest winners

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

Residential winners were Tommy and Brenda Hill and Steve and Robin Sell in Clarendon, Donnie and Jill Chambless in Hedley, and Tim and Faye Gallagher in Howardwick.

The business winner this week was Country Bloomers Flowers & Gifts.

## Santa Letters must be turned in today

Christmas is getting close and the ENTERPRISE will soon be making its special delivery of letters to Santa.

To get your Christmas wish list in the proper elfin hands, send your letter to the ENTERPRISE at PO Box 1110, Clarendon, TX 79226, or drop it by our office at 105 S. Kearney by this Thursday, December 11, at 5 p.m.

Santa letters will be published in the December 25 issue of the newspaper.

## Cowboy poets to meet this Saturday

Cowboy poet and harmonica artist Tibb Burnett of Benjamin will headline Saturday at the Cowboy Poetry Breakfast December 13 at the Big Texan Steak Ranch. His down home cowboy poetry and skill on the harmonica have thrilled audiences all over the southwest and the last two Christmas programs for the Southwest Cowboy Poet Breakfasts.

Members of the SWCPA will follow in round robin style.

Mark your calendar for December 13 to enjoy this outstanding family entertainment and to see the Big Texan in its beautifully decorated Christmas glory.



## Comin' through

Hedley's Kaylee Shields tries to get past Clarendon's Trevela Dronzek during last Tuesday's varsity game between the Lady Owls and Lady Broncos. Clarendon proved victorious, 55-23. Girls and boys from both Clarendon and Hedley will participate this week in the Greenbelt Classic Tournament in Clarendon.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / KARI LINDSEY

## Late Night money up to \$400 this Thursday

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

The pot doubled after four lucky shoppers took a turn at the wheel for their share of \$200 last week, but no one landed on either of the \$100 jackpot spots.

Buster Gray, Annette Haygood, Kristin White, and Trina Wright spun the wheel and took home prizes from Clarendon Steakhouse, Lowe's Supply, and Sonic Drive-In.

Several merchants on Kearney Street will be staying open until 8:00 p.m. for your holiday shopping convenience, and prizes from several local businesses will be on the wheel in addition to the jackpot money. The Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Merchants Association are each providing \$100 in Christmas Cash each Thursday between now and Christmas.

Five lucky winners will be drawn throughout the night; and if no one hits the big money, the pots roll over and will continue to do so until the final night of Late Night Shopping on December 18 when someone will win the money. You must be 18 years old to register, but no purchase is necessary.

A new event for this week's Late Night Shopping will be the Chili Challenge Cookoff for adults and kids.

After Monday's sign-up deadline, adult teams will compete at the Burton Memorial Library; and youth teams will be at the Girl Scout

office. The public is invited to enjoy chili from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at either location. Tickets will be available for purchase at the door for \$1.00. You cannot purchase tickets from youth or adult participants. One ticket gets you a three-ounce taste of chili. Crackers and water/tea are served with taste of chili. Three tickets get you a bowl of chili. Crackers, water or tea, and a piece of dessert are included with a bowl of chili.

Entertainment will be Mrs. Boone's fourth and fifth grade kids will entertain with Christmas music, and Santa Claus will be making appearances around the downtown merchants.

Refreshments this week will be in the Downtown Ministry Center.

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 Community Bank, the Donley County State Bank, or Herring Bank.

Your local merchants support your local schools, youth groups, and charitable organizations. Support the businesses who support your community by shopping at home this holiday season, and watch for their Christmas specials in the pages of the ENTERPRISE.

Late Night Shopping will conclude next Thursday, December 18, when Santa, the wheel, more live entertainment, and more refreshments will be back.

## Mayor White resigns, Ford takes city's reins

The Clarendon Board of Aldermen accepted the resignation of Mayor Mark White during last Tuesday's city meeting.

White was elected to the position of Donley County Commissioner for Precinct 1 on November 4 and will begin his new duties in that office next month.

Mayor Pro-Tem Chris Ford immediately assumed the duties of the city's chief executive; and, as the Enterprise went to press Tuesday, it was expected that the Board of Aldermen would name him as the city's 36th mayor.

White had served as mayor since May 2006 when he was appointed to that position after the retirement of Mayor Tex Selvidge. White was elected to a full term in office the following May.

The appointment of an alderman to fill Ford's seat on the board and the election of a new mayor pro-tem were also items up for consideration Tuesday night and will be reported next week.

In other city business last week, the Board of Aldermen engaged in a spirited discussion about utility rates under Ordinance 385.

Aldermen Tommy Hill and Ann Huey objected to raising the base rate for water while lowering the minimum water usage from 5,000 to 2,000 gallons. The board tabled the matter, and that also was to be discussed this week.

Aldermen reviewed a proposed new logo for the city as presented by City Administrator John Webb. The logo in blue and white will incorporate the five-pointed star from the city seal along with the words "City of Clarendon."

The board approved a resolution authorizing OJD Engineering to do the work on a new water standpipe to replace the aging water tower on the west side of town.

Aldermen also discussed a proposal to do away with testing the city's emergency siren at noon every day but ultimately decided to keep blowing the noon whistle.



Mayor Pro-tem Chris Ford presents former Clarendon Mayor Mark White with a plaque for his service to the city during a reception recently. White will take office as a Donley County Commissioner next month.

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# Letters to Santa

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

guest commentary

# Recovering the Magic of Christmas

By John W. Whitehead

When I was a child, Christmas was the best time of the year. And what made it so exciting was that everyone seemed to join in the fun. There was a Santa in every store, songs like "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer" played on the radio, and people generally acknowledged that the day had special meaning because of the Christ Child - thus the reason for the Christmas season.

But times have changed. We have grown more cynical and weary - the hallmarks of our materialistic culture. In fact, the season for giving has turned into the season for getting. Even before the Thanksgiving turkey is gobbled up, shopping malls are decorated and playing Christmas music to get people in a buying mood.

Not only does greed now dominate the season, but a pervasive political correctness is doing away with the true celebration of Christmas. This is no more so than in the public schools, where musical programs omit all Christmas carols. Others replace "Merry Christmas" greetings with the more saccharine "Happy Holidays." Still others eliminate angels and Santa Claus as being too religious. And some schools even outlaw the colors red and green, saying they're Christmas colors.

The Christmas phobia has even invaded higher education. For example, this year, Florida Gulf Coast University has banned all holiday decorations on campus and cancelled a popular greeting card design contest, replacing it with an ugly sweater competition. The reason: school officials don't want to offend anyone who might be disturbed by the mention of "Christmas."

In many cities, the Christmas tree is now referred to in more Orwellian terms as a "community tree." And Christmas parties at work are now winter parties where people whisper "Merry Christmas," as if they're dealing with pornography.

Add to this silliness a new campaign by the American Humanist Association. Ripping off lyrics from "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," the group is running ads that proclaim, "Why believe in a god? Just be good for goodness' sake."

But Christmas is not, nor was it ever, intended just for religious people. Even the Bible is clear on this point. As the angels proclaimed at Christ's birth, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward all men."

Indeed, the birth of the Christ Child signaled that peace could be restored to a troubled world. People could overcome their petty disputes and divisive egos and work together for a better world for everyone, especially the poor and downtrodden. In fact, when Jesus became a man, he made clear that God favored the meek, the poor, the persecuted and the peacemakers over the rich and warmongers. What a message - one that our fractured world so desperately needs.

Sadly, the true Christmas story as represented by the baby Jesus has little to do with how we have come to celebrate the holiday. Isn't there something more important than receiving? Isn't the true meaning of Christmas about giving and helping the needy? Isn't that what we should be teaching our children?

It seems that a religious holiday would be a good opportunity to celebrate something wholesome and good. Rather than thinking about the height of the selling season, why can't it be a season of reflection and joy? Why can't it be a time to step back and meditate on the original reasons behind the holiday? Why can't it be a day to share our blessings with those who are in need?

Fortunately, we live in a country where families can still celebrate their religious holidays with freedom. We can still attend religious services, set up manger scenes and sing traditional Christmas carols. We can still read the Christmas story to our children and tell them the real reason for the season. Should you care to reclaim for yourself and your family some semblance of what Christmas really means, here are a few suggestions:

Take time to read the Christmas story found in Luke 2:1-20. Make "peace on earth, goodwill to all men" your motto for the New Year.

These are difficult times for many. Thus, sacrifice some portion of what you would spend on family and friends to help a needy family. What a great opportunity to teach our children about the spiritual reality of life. Let that be your gift in the true spirit of Christmas.

Count your blessings. And when you're done counting them, say a prayer for the less fortunate: the hungry, the homeless, the lonely, the destitute and the sick. Resolve to do your part to make a difference in the world - even if it's just in your apartment building or neighborhood.

Teach your children to give of themselves and their time unselfishly. Volunteer at a soup kitchen. Adopt a family for Christmas. Invite someone who might otherwise spend the holiday alone to share in your Christmas festivities.

By diverting the focus, in our homes at least, from the "give me" attitude to a sharing spirit, maybe we can recapture the awe and gratitude that Christmas carols say is the greatest gift ever given to humanity.

Constitutional attorney and author John W. Whitehead is founder and president of The Rutherford Institute.

# Governors speak against bailouts

From the WALL STREET JOURNAL  
By Gov. Rick Perry and Gov. Mark Sanford

As governors and citizens, we've grown increasingly concerned over the past weeks as Washington has thrown bailout after bailout at the national economy with little to show for it.

In the process, the federal government is not only burying future generations under mountains of debt, it is also taking our country in a very dangerous direction - toward a "bailout mentality" where we look to government rather than ourselves for solutions. We're asking other governors from both sides of the political aisle to join with us in opposing further federal bailout intervention for three reasons.

First, we're crossing the Rubicon with regard to debt.

One fact that's been continually glossed over in the bailout debate is that Washington doesn't have money in hand for any of these proposals. Every penny would be borrowed. Estimates for what the government is willing to spend on bailouts and stimulus efforts for this year reach as much as \$7.7 trillion according to Bloomberg.com - a full half of the United States' yearly economic output.

With all the zeroes in the numbers, it's no wonder Washington politicians have lost track.

That trillion-dollar figure is the tip of the iceberg when it comes to checks written by the federal government that it can't cash. Former U.S. Comptroller General David Walker puts our nation's

total debt and unpaid promises, like Social Security, at roughly \$52 trillion - an invisible mortgage of \$450,000 on every American household. Borrowing money to "solve" a problem created by too much debt seems odd. And as fiscally conservative Republicans, we take no pleasure in pointing out that many in our own party have been just as complicit in running up the tab as those on the political left.

Second, the bailout mentality threatens Americans' sense of personal responsibility.

In a free-market system, competition and one's own personal stake motivate people to do their best. In this process, the winners create wealth, jobs and new investment while others go back to the drawing board better prepared to try again.

To an unprecedented degree, government is currently picking winners and losers in the private marketplace, and throwing good money after bad. A prudent investor takes money from low-yield investments and puts them in those that yield better returns. Recent government intervention is doing the opposite - taking capital generated from productive activities and throwing it at enterprises that in many cases need to reorganize their business model.

Take for example the proposed Big Three auto-maker bailout. We think it's very telling that each of the three CEO's flew on their own private jets to Washington to ask for a taxpayer handout.

No amount of taxpayer largess could fix a business culture so fundamentally flawed.

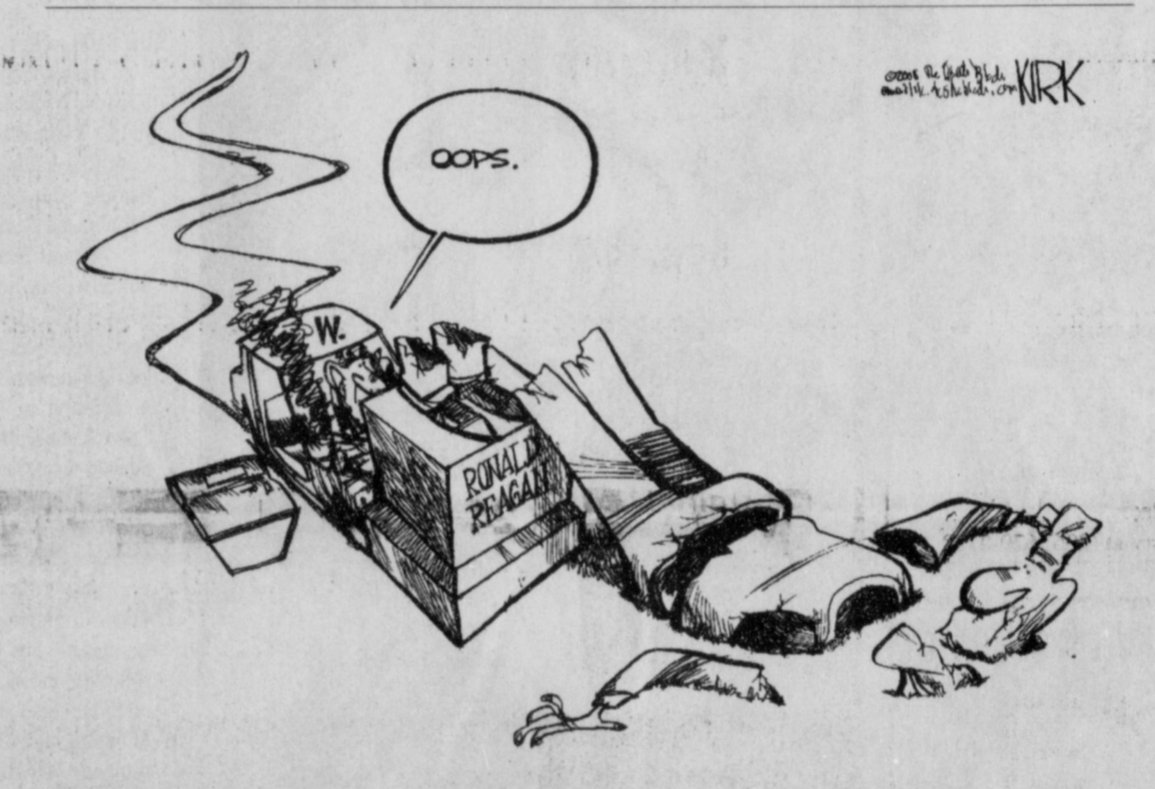
Third, we'd ask the federal government to stop believing it has all the answers.

Our Founding Fathers were clear and deliberate in setting up a system whereby the federal government would only step in for that which states cannot do themselves. An expansionist federal government of the last century has moved us light-years away from that model, but it doesn't mean that Congress can't learn from states that are coming up with solutions that work.

In Texas and South Carolina, we've focused on improving "soil conditions" for businesses by cutting taxes, reforming our legal system and our workers' compensation system. We'd humbly suggest that Congress take a page from those playbooks by focusing on targeted tax relief paid for by cutting spending, not by borrowing.

In the rush to do "something" to help, federal leaders would be wise to take a line from the Hippocratic Oath, and pledge to do no (more) harm to our country's finances. We can weather this storm if we commit to fiscal prudence and hold true to the values of individual freedom and responsibility that made our nation great.

Mr. Perry, a Republican, is the governor of Texas. Mr. Sanford, a Republican, is the governor of South Carolina.



# Keep nation's security a priority

On November 26, the world's largest democracy, India, fell victim to the senseless horrors of terrorism. Armed terrorists descended on Mumbai, a tourist hotspot and a hub of the Indian economy, with the goal of destroying innocent human life and crippling the nation's economy. Focusing on "soft targets," including luxury hotels, a popular café, transit stations, a Jewish cultural center, and even a hospital, the aggressors targeted Westerners and held siege over the city, brutally murdering nearly 200 innocent people, including six Americans. The attacks in India must remind us that terrorism has not been eradicated. And Islamic extremists' disdain for liberty and democracy continues to motivate them to destroy those who cherish freedom.

America has not been attacked on U.S. soil since September 11, 2001. But the domestic security we have enjoyed has not merely been good fortune. According to a Washington D.C. think tank, we have prevented at least 19 planned attacks against the United States since 9/11. However, it is unrealistic to think that our homeland security efforts will thwart every violent plot against America. A bipartisan commission appointed by Congress to examine the greatest threats to our national security reported on December 3 that nuclear or biological weapons will likely be used in a terrorist attack somewhere in the world by 2013. Therefore, if America is to remain safe, we must remain vigilant and guard against slipping into a state of complacency that will lure terrorists to attack us again.

First, we must enhance security along our borders and at our nation's ports. Indian officials reported that many of the weapons used in the Mumbai attacks were smuggled in by sea months in advance. Texas boasts 28 seaports, and three of them are among the busiest in the country. Our ports must not become a gateway for terrorists.

In 2006, I helped pass the SAFE Port Act, which authorizes random inspections of containers, establishes minimum standards and procedures for security containers in transit to the U.S., and implements an improved container targeting system. I also offered legislation to add hundreds more Customs and Border Protection officers to inspect incoming shipments. These efforts have helped keep our coast secure.

Next, Congress must work to support a robust defense budget. Over the past several years the Senate has been able to pass supplemental funding along with regular defense spending bills. This funding has kept our troops equipped on the battlefield and has enabled our military to fight terrorism abroad. As we transition into the next administration, we must make sure that our defense remains strong enough to win the War on Terror. It is also important that Congress support modernization and capitalization projects to outfit our military forces with the resources and equipment to meet the

challenges of next generation terrorists. And finally, we must honor those who have served in our military by assuring veterans' health care and G.I. benefits. Finally, we must continue to fight terrorism abroad by identifying security threats before they result in attacks on our homeland. Our defense and intelligence agencies must continue to work together and with allied nations, such as India and Pakistan, to track and disrupt terrorists' plots. In order to do this, U.S. officials must have the means to gather information on our enemies. The modern and relevant tools established under the Patriot Act and the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Amendments Act of 2008 must be maintained and enforced in the next administration.

On December 1, the world was watching as former Sen. Barack Obama unveiled his national security team. In particular, Mr. Obama's decision to keep Defense Secretary Robert Gates in his cabinet and to name General James Jones National Security Advisor puts our allies and adversaries on notice that vigilance will continue to guide our national security policy. It is critical that the next administration and Congress work together to avoid complacency, and we must remain committed to the defeat of global terrorism.



capitol comment  
by sen. kay bailey hutchison

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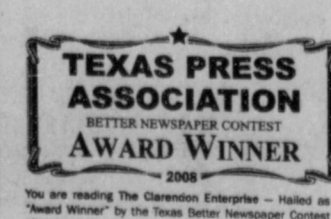
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## Vandalism, tampering of signs serious matter

CHILDRESS - Vandalism, tampering with or stealing Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) property such as roadway warning and safety devices cost Texas taxpayers millions of dollars annually. Most importantly, it can cause serious injury or death to the traveling public.

Recently, TxDOT has seen an increase in vandalism of roadway warning and safety devices. These types of incidents are reported to the local law enforcement, investigated, and will be prosecuted.

"TxDOT considers tampering with roadway warning devices serious and will not tolerate it," said Fu Benavidez, Donley County Maintenance Supervisor.

"When a roadway safety device is deliberately damaged, stolen, or tampered with the cost can be more than a dollar amount," said Benavidez. "All of these devices are there for a reason and if taken down, it

creates a real safety problem." According to state law, tampering with a roadway warning device, such as bridge safety end treatments and highway signs is a Class B Misdemeanor and carries a penalty of not less than \$25 or more than \$1,000, or up to a two-year jail sentence, or both the fine and jail time.

However, much stiffer penalties can be handed down in cases where vandalism has resulted in serious injury or death.

"We are always concerned when state property is vandalized or tampered with in any way, but more because of the hazard it can create for drivers," said Benavidez. "If you see anyone removing or damaging TxDOT property call the Donley County Maintenance Office or the Donley County Sheriff Department."

For more information call Barbara Seal, TxDOT Public Information Officer at 940-937-7288.



the lion's tale  
by roger estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting December 9, 2008, with Boss Lion Cameron Word in charge.

We had 15 members and two guests this week - Greg Collins, guest of Lion Delbert Robertson, and Ashlee Estlack, guest of Lion Roger Estlack.

The club agreed to sponsor the Junior Livestock Show again next year but declined a challenge to get involved in a chili cookoff.

The club discussed the meeting schedule for December, and the Boss Lion said some changes may be required in the way the club administers its eyeglasses program.

Lion Chuck Robertson reported that the senior citizens had collected a lot of used eyeglasses for the club.

There being no further business, we were adjourned.

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Day	Date	High	Low	Prec.
Mon	1	50°	30°	-
Tues	2	54°	25°	-
Wed	3	74°	28°	-
Thur	4	74°	21°	-
Fri	5	39°	20°	-
Sat	6	46°	21°	-
Sun	7	66°	29°	-

Total precipitation this month: 0.00"  
Total precipitation to date: 12.21"  
Total precipitation in Nov. last year: 0.00"  
Total YTD last year: 21.73"

### weekend forecast

	Friday, Dec. 12 Partly Cloudy 55°/35°
	Saturday, Dec. 13 Partly Cloudy 66°/39°
	Sunday, Dec. 14 Partly Cloudy 60°/22°

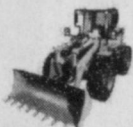
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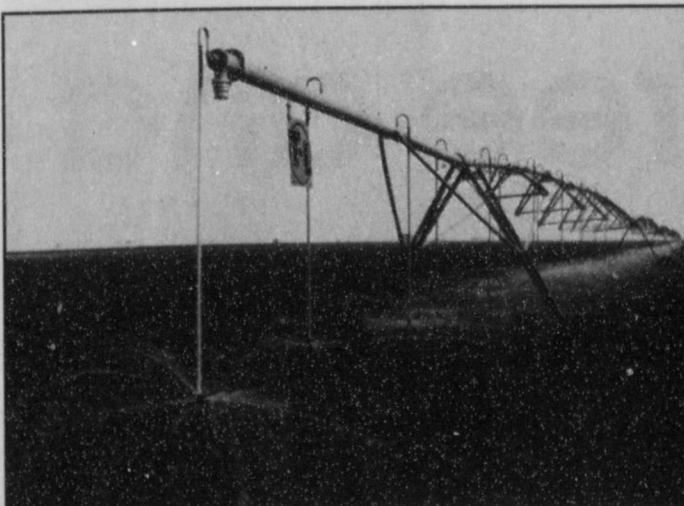
(1 Cor. 1:10-13) Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you. Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

As we can see, there have been divisions among religious people forever. Also, as we can see, these divisions are wrong! Today the big word in religion is unity. The problem is people want unity in tolerance not in Bible doctrine. Recently in one denomination, there was division among members allowing homosexual priests to work in their churches. How could there be unity over that?

There are many "churches" now that "accept" all beliefs. Someone needs to explain how they have the authority to "accept" anything not found in the Bible. Obviously, 2 or more differing views can't be found in the Bible. (1 Cor. 14:33) For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints. The question should not be will we accept everyone's faith, but, rather will God accept everyone's faith? The answer is no! Amos 3:3 asks the question: "Can two walk together unless they are agreed?" There can be no Biblical unity if we disagree with God. Unity must be based on Biblical doctrine. We don't have the right to "accept" anything else!

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Wed: Chicken nuggets, mashed potato, gravy, fruit cup, rolls, milk.  
Thu: Cheese pizza, tossed salad, sliced apples, cake, fruit juice, milk.  
Fri: Subs, chips, fruit, salad, fruit juice, milk.

**Holidays can lead to emotional difficulties, depression**

By MaryRuth Bishop, County Agent

The holidays are very difficult on many people both financially and emotionally. Singles, Widowed, Divorced, Low-Income, Middle and Upper Income individuals deal with the stress of change in various ways, but it all relates down to a personal crisis.

People respond to a personal crisis with many feelings: anger, anxiety, outrage, self-doubt. They may be hostile - lashing out at those closest to them. Or, they may become moody and depressed. Their tension may show up as restlessness, loss of appetite, loss of interest in sex, insomnia, and feelings of apathy and exhaustion. While some of these symptoms may be unpleasant, they are normal, predictable reactions of people experiencing a loss or critical change in their lives.

The first step to accepting feelings is to sort out and identify your feelings. Some feelings - often those

that are painful - may become so buried you may not even be aware they exist. Recognizing these strong feelings, understanding why they may be present, and dealing with them in positive ways are important. Refusing to accept your feelings can cause physical and emotional damage stressed man.

One of the first feelings you will probably identify is anger. Anger is a powerful emotion that is often viewed negatively. Unchecked anger can be an emotional "time bomb" exploding when triggered by little things such as a glass of spilled milk or a spouse asking how the job hunt went today.

Looking beyond the anger, you may begin to uncover many other emotions hidden underneath. Anger may stem from feelings of failure, being unappreciated, exploited, manipulated, or humiliated. Anger may result in feelings of helplessness, worthlessness, frustration,

anxiety, guilt, fear, or resentment. Once you begin to look at the variety of feelings behind the anger and to understand the hidden feelings, you can find ways to express your feelings in a positive manner.

Look behind your anger. Remember exactly where you were when you first felt it. Who was with you? How did you feel at the time?

Ask yourself if your anger is reasonable. Are you expecting too much from yourself or others? Are you looking at your situation objectively?

Anger is often fueled by blame. Blaming yourself or others is a way to avoid the real problem. The energy you spend blaming could be better spent on working to understand your feelings.

Feeling good about yourself, or having high self esteem, is one of the most valuable assets you can have. Self-esteem develops as we grow from childhood into adult-

hood. The love and acceptance we get from parents, family members, and friends shapes our self-esteem. It is linked to how competent and successful we feel.

Having positive feelings about yourself is easier when things go well. When things take a turn for the worse, you often lose some of your self-confidence and begin to doubt yourself.

Whether it is your first experience with personal crisis, or you have been there before, you may feel a sense of loss that extends well beyond losing your income. Work contributes to your identity. It helps define who you are and makes you part of a larger community. Working helps you feel you belong and are important because you have something to contribute.

If the past year has been full of changes in your life there is a sense of loss which is characterized by stages of denial, anger, depression,

and finally acceptance. With the help of those around them, most people eventually work out ways of dealing with their feelings. They make adjustments that help them recover from their loss and put it in perspective. Others may find coping more difficult and may require professional help.

If you are not used to thinking about your feelings, identifying them during this stressful period may be difficult. Remember, it is okay to have these feelings. They are all natural reactions to a difficult situation. Recognizing their existence and accepting them is important to your physical and emotional health.

Remember stress is something that happens to all individuals and how we react to our feelings about change and personal crisis can be healthy or create more stress. Taking care of yourself and sharing your life with a friend or family can help.

**WWII brought sacrifice and rationing**

Do you remember where you were on December 7, 1941?

Jon Mark Belue said in his column in a recent AMARILLO GLOBE-NEWS that a veteran of Pearl Harbor would be at least 85 years old, and people who remember the day are leaving us. President Roosevelt called it "A day that will live in infamy," and I hope this is true.

I was four years old, living on the ranch with no close neighbors and a battery-powered radio listened to once or twice a day, and I don't remember anything about that day. However, it did change my life in ways a four-year-old could understand because of the dreaded ration card. Some of the items rationed were sugar because it was imported but led to new crops of sugar cane

and sugar beets.

Rubber was also imported, and synthetic rubber was produced with most rubber going into tires for war machines. Two stories about the lack of rubber. No elastic was available for growing girls underwear and draw-strings or buttons did not work well. Also, the first ball I had seen for sale at Parker's Variety Store was made from the synthetic rubber, but it had no bounce. What a disappointment!

Shoes, fabric, meat, butter, gasoline, all went to the war effort; and we civilians learned again to "make do". Our parents had just survived the Great Depression and now faced the Big War. We were fortunate to have a garden with milk cows and chickens, and meat was furnished

by the ranch.

I remember riding the Greyhound bus to visit or go shopping. The County Extension Agent became a good friend with classes for women teaching them to cook without sugar, canning of vegetables, and many other lessons on saving and reuse of items. WWII shaped the lives of not only the men who fought but also everyone who lived through it.

The Lighting in the Park was a success with Bro. Dave Stout bringing an inspired message. Buster



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Baird had the lights set and ready, and they are a beautiful sight to see. Carole Goemans was dressed as "Mrs. Santa" and served hot chocolate and cookies to about 30 people at City Hall. The hot chocolate was made from Rosemary Winter's recipe, and cookies were brought by everyone. The singing was led by Diana Knight, Nelda Grider, and Linda Stout with laughter shared by all. Santa Claus will be at the Friendship Club meeting next Friday, December 19, at 6:30 p.m. with everyone invited. Hope to see you all there.

Lena Carter is recovering well. She is walking with help, and plans are to begin rehab this week. The miracle continues, so keep her in your prayers.

**Burton Library offers many holiday treats**

As always, many Christmas "literary treats" to charm adults and children are available at Burton Memorial Library. Are you moms and grandmothers too busy for much personal holiday reading? Tom Hegg's *A Christmas Cup Of Tea* is especially for you. Brief, but relaxing reading. Each page resembles Christmas cards containing a brief continuing story in poetic form. Sentiment and a "hidden lesson" will tug at your heartstrings.

Thomas J. Davis' *The Christmas Quilt*, an appealing adult selection, takes place in a small North Georgia Mountain town. According to the author, the plot and main characters are fictional. Many things

that provide the atmosphere are not. The book celebrates family. It is an account of seven months in the lives of a hardworking family with a deep capacity for love. A special quilt is created for a special son. It is the "story of a gift that comes from the heart and embodies true spirit of what it means to be a family."

A heartwarming book, *The Bear Who Slept Through Christmas* by Rick Reinert, provides equal enjoyment to parents and children. Reinert's book will enchant you as you follow Ted E. Bear's experiences in his search for Christmas. Thinking that Christmas is a place, he keeps looking for it until a kind old gentleman in red explains that

Christmas is not the kind of place to which he can go. He tries to understand the gentleman's explanation that it is actually a place in his heart. He does not find Christmas. How? I won't spoil the neat surprise ending for you.

As you take a "Christmas hike" across the country, various authors provide vicarious experiences in a first winter storm with the red fox, meadowlark, and chipmunk. You'll discover how birds and beasts



**check it out**  
by mary beth nelson

develop clever devices to keep on top of snow, how buffalo and elk are designed to cope with elements, how lovely snowbirds survive 5 degree below zero temperatures, and what it means to be "snow free." If your sleuthing skills are sharp, you'll find out "who killed cock robin?" and "who's been walking in my woods?" After investigating animal habits in reindeer and caribou lands, it's obvious why "Santa Claus couldn't have chosen a better sleigh team than reindeer." What a brilliant display of part of God's magnificent creation! Why not check it out?

Burton Memorial Library extends best wishes for a lovely holiday season.

**Hedley Senior Citizens**

By Patsy Spier  
We are having our last fundraiser of the year by selling "Home Interior" candles. We only have two flavors and two sizes. The Baked Apple Pie is a 7.50 oz. for \$8.00, and the Vanilla is a 15 oz. for \$13.00. We will be set up at Lowe's Saturday, December 13.

Please come on by and get a Christmas Candle. They make wonderful gifts or something just for yourself. We will also have them at the Senior Citizens building. We only have so many; so if you want one, come get it before the supply runs out.



**Mendez graduates**

Bobby and Carla Johnson are proud to announce the graduation of their daughter, Amanda Mendez Rodriguez, from the Clarendon College LVN program Friday, December 5, 2008. Amanda moved to Pampa after her marriage to Frankie Rodriguez in June 2007, where she attended the CC Pampa Center. She will be working at Pampa Regional Medical Center. Amanda plans on starting her undergraduate classes to continue in nursing as a Registered Nurse.

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## BBB: Shop safe online this holiday season

Online sales are again expected to increase this season, as more shoppers mark off the names on their "nice" list from the comfort of their homes. Unfortunately, scammers will again be setting up shop online this year, using low prices to entice shoppers, but ultimately not delivering the goods.

comScore, Inc., reports that e-commerce spending covering the first 23 days of the 2007 holiday season (November 1-23) totaled more than \$9.3 billion. Online retail spending was strong on both Thanksgiving Day in 2007 (up 29 percent from 2006 to \$272 million) and on "Black Friday" (up 22 percent to \$531 million). For the 2008 holiday season, Barclays Capital forecasts that Internet sales will increase by a solid eight percent over last year, greatly outpacing a one percent growth in holiday sales expected at brick-and-mortar stores.

"Many consumers have come to feel extremely comfortable shopping online and simply don't consider the increased threat of identity theft or unscrupulous retailers during the holiday season," said Janna Kiehl, CEO of the BBB of the Texas Panhandle. "While the online environment has become a thriving, trusted marketplace, e-commerce has also

opened a door and created a ripe environment for scammers to set up shop online simply to rip people off."

Given the reach of the Internet, potential scams are not restricted to one area, or even one country. BBB received complaints from consumers across the U.S. and Canada who paid for game consoles such as Playstation3s, Wiis, and Xboxes, but never received the items. The site required shoppers to pay via MoneyGram, a money wire service, and unfortunately that meant the money consumers paid was impossible to recover.

Top 10 Online Shopping Tips form your BBB to help you prevent being taken by unscrupulous online retailers, scammers and hackers:

Always protect your computer by having the most recent updates installed for spam filters, anti-virus and anti-spyware software, and also have a secure firewall.

Shoppers should use trustworthy Web sites and start with BBB to check on the seller's reputation and record for customer satisfaction. Always look for a "trustmark" from BBBOnline and click on that seal to confirm that it's valid. While online, click over to www.bbb.org for the company's reliability report.

Protect your personal information by taking the time to read the site's privacy policy and understand what personal information is being requested and how it will be used. If there isn't one posted, it should be taken as a red flag that personal information may be sold to others without permission.

Offers on Web sites and in unsolicited e-mails can often sound too good to be true. Consumers should always trust their gut and go with their instincts and not be afraid to pass up a "deal" that might cost them dearly in the end.

Legitimate businesses do not send emails claiming problems with an order or an account to lure the "buyer" into revealing financial information. If a consumer receives such an email, BBB recommends picking up the phone and calling the contact number on the Web site where the purchase was made to confirm that there really is a problem with the transaction.

Confirm your online purchase is secure by looking in the address box for the "s" in https:// and in the lower-right corner for the "lock" symbol before paying. If there are any doubts about a site, BBB recommends right-clicking anywhere on the page and select "Properties."

This will let you see the real URL (Web site address) and the dialog box will reveal if the site is not encrypted.

It's best to pay with a credit card, because under federal law the shopper can dispute the charges if he or she doesn't receive the item. Shoppers also have dispute rights if there are unauthorized charges on their credit card, and many card issuers have "zero liability" policies under which the card holder pays nothing if someone steals the credit card number and uses it.

After completing the online order process, there may be a final confirmation page or the shopper might receive confirmation by email - BBB recommends saving a copy of the Web pages and any emails for future reference and as a record of the purchase.

Federal law requires that orders made by mail, phone or online be shipped by the date promised or, if no delivery time was stated, within 30 days. There is no general three-day cancellation right, but consumers do have the right to reject merchandise if it's defective or was misrepresented. Otherwise, it's the company's policies that determine if the shopper can cancel the purchase and receive a refund or credit.

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## Hedley lady's prayers answered

Prayers are being answered for Jennifer Sargent, who is the daughter of Janie and Ronny Hill. She is home and doing better - not great, but better. She started Monday to therapy three times a week in Amarillo. She had a very bad bleed in her brain, and it was touch and go for a while. Please keep your prayers coming as she still needs them along with her family. If you want to send a card, just send to Jennifer Sargent in care of Janie Hill at Hedley.

The Hedley Lioness Club had their Christmas party last Saturday night. We had 15 people to attend and enjoyed baked ham, green beans, broccoli salad, sweet potatoes, and rolls with lots of different desserts. We had lots of fun exchanging gifts and enjoying being together for Christmas.

Recipe: Campbell's 15-Minute Chicken & Rice Dinner: 1 table-

spoon veg.oil, 4 skinless, boneless chicken breasts, 1 can (10 3/4oz) Campbells Condensed Cream of Chicken Soup, 1 1/2 cups water, 1/4 teaspoon paprika, 1/4 tea-

spoon ground black pepper, 2 cups uncooked instant white rice, 2 cups fresh or frozen broccoli flowerets. Heat oil in skillet. Cook chicken 10 minutes or until browned. Remove chicken. Add soup, water, paprika and pepper. Heat to a boil. Stir in rice and broccoli. Return chicken to pan. Sprinkle additional paprika and pepper over chicken. Cover and cook on low heat 5 minutes or until chicken is done. Tip: For creamier dish, use 1 1/2 cups rice.



chatty kathy  
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## Senior Citizens plan holiday party Tuesday

The Donley County Senior Citizens Center is celebrating the gift of their Senior Citizens by hosting a Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 16, beginning at 6 p.m.

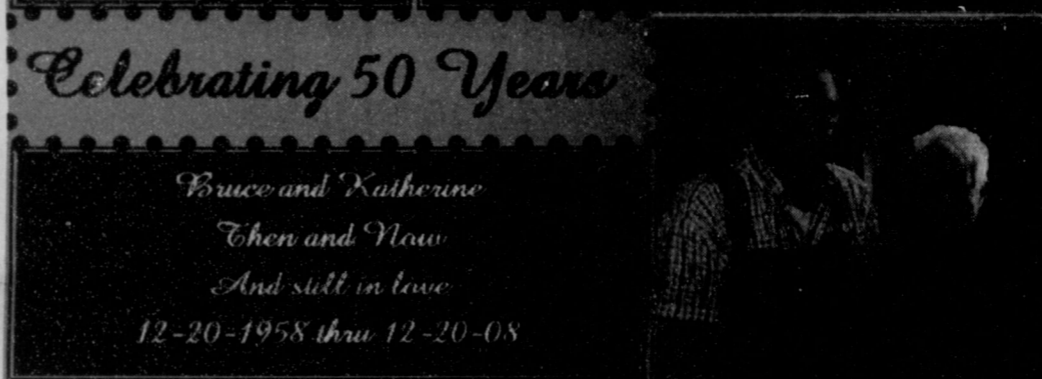
Food and beverages will be provided by the center staff. There will be no gift exchange this year. Instead, entertainment will be provided. Glenda Hawkins will do a Christmas Reading, and there will also be singing of Christmas carols. The December birthdays and anniversaries will also be celebrated.

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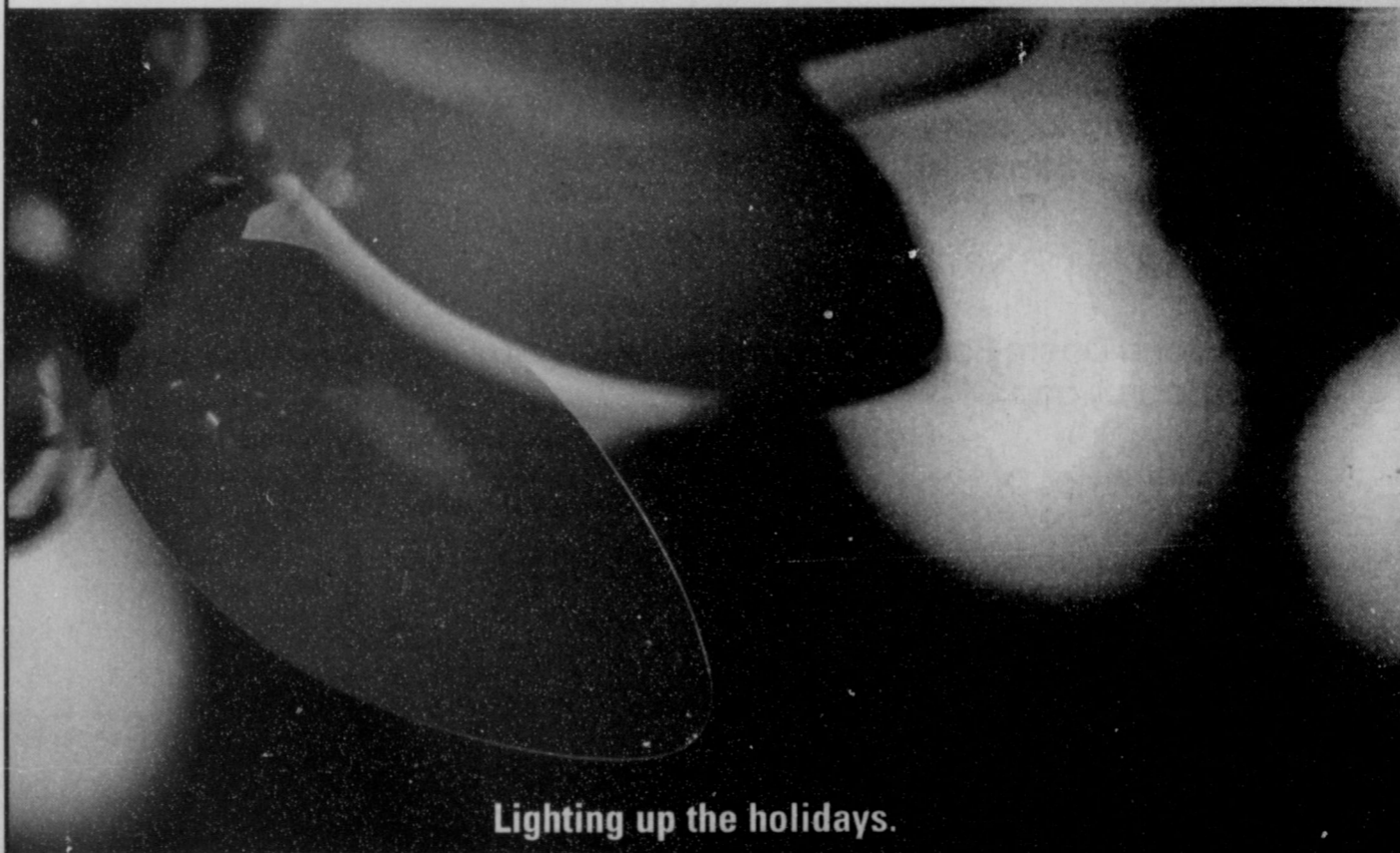
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## Lighting up the holidays.

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## AEP offers safety tips for holiday season

"The year's largest and most festive holiday season is upon us, and safety should be a priority when decorating the house," says John Flowers, AEP Texas safety manager. "Electrical safety is especially important during the holiday season due to decorative lights draped through trees and around homes."

AEP Texas recommends the following safety tips for your home this holiday season.

Use only decorative lights that are safety-certified by a recognized testing agency such as Underwriters Laboratory (UL). Check your tree lights and outdoor lights for damage each year before you use them. Look for frayed wires, loose connections, and broken or cracked sockets. Throw away any set that is damaged.

Follow the manufacturer's instructions for using tree lights. All lights should be fastened securely with string, ribbon, or rubber bands, but never with conductive wire. Bulbs should not come into direct contact with needles or branches on natural trees. While they don't emit much heat, they could eventually dry out the tree limbs.

Never attach electric lights to metal trees. A malfunction could lead to a dangerous, perhaps fatal, shock to anyone touching any part of the tree. Instead, use colored floodlights to give a safer and more beautiful illumination.

Select lights appropriately, and never use indoor lights outside because they are not designed to be waterproof and could short circuit. Outdoor lights, on the other hand,

are usually hotter than indoor lights and could pose a hazard if placed on a tree.

In many circumstances, the installation of these lights requires the use of a ladder. Always have someone assisting you when working from a ladder for any reason.

Although decorative lights themselves don't typically consume a great deal of power, it is important not to overload wall outlets or extension cords. Never run electrical cords under carpets or rugs where daily walking and wear could cause fraying and overheating. Unplug all unnecessary electrical equipment before restoring power if fuses blow or circuits trip in the home.

When you leave the house or go to bed, be sure all lights are turned

off. Disconnect lights by pulling the plug, not by yanking on the cord.

"A few moments exercising caution with electrical equipment can help avoid problems while preparing for the holiday season," adds Flowers.

For more information about holiday safety, please visit the Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) website at [www.holidaysafety.org](http://www.holidaysafety.org).

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### USDA holding request for pork referendum

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) announced last week that it will conduct a Request for Referendum December 8, 2008, through January 2, 2009, among eligible producers and importers of hogs, pigs, pork, and pork products.

This process will determine if producers want a referendum on the Pork Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Order, commonly known as the Pork Checkoff Program.

Participation is voluntary, and only individuals who desire a referendum on the Pork Checkoff Program should submit a request.

USDA will only conduct a referendum on the order if at least 15 percent of the total number of eligible pork producers and importers request a referendum. Producers will need to fill out Form LS-54-1 and supporting documentation, to vote.

Eligible producers may obtain form LS-54-1: Pork Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Request for Referendum from the Donley County FSA office either in person, by mail or by facsimile. The Donley County FSA office is located at 806-874-3561 and the fax number is 806-874-3832.

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## Broncos win Nazareth Tourney

By Sandy Anderberg

Perseverance and dedication follow the Broncos wherever they go, and this past weekend at the Nazareth Tournament was no different.

The Broncos left no doubt as to their basketball ability and took on 2A and 3A teams in the process of getting the championship trophy and are supporting a 5-0 season start.

In the first round of play, the Broncos shut down Panhandle 66-57 in the eleven-team tournament. Clarendon led by two points at the break, but they had a huge third quarter to maintain a more comfortable lead, which they held until the final buzzer.

Scoring: Johnny Gaines 19, Alton Gaines 12, Tre Brown 7, Danzel Wilson 6, Derrick Shelton 6, Stephino McCampbell 6, Aaron Gordon 4, Billy Cenicerros 4, and Jadon Thornton 2.

Clarendon took on Lipan in the next round and hustled hard to get the 63-60 win. According to head coach Clint Coley, Lipan is a team that makes frequent visits to the state

tournament.

"Lipan is a very good team," Coley said. "They only play basketball and are always a threat in the Division II race."

After playing the first half basically even, the Broncos dug in and pulled ahead in the final period to get the win with three players in double figures.

Scoring: Wilson 22, Brown 14, J. Gaines 10, Shelton 6, McCampbell 4, and Cenicerros 3.

That win put the Broncos in the championship game with Bushland. They went out early in the first half and held the dominance over their opponent to take a ten-point lead at the break. They were determined to get the win and played hard throughout.

"It was a great tournament, and I was extremely proud of the guys," Coley said. "We played two 2A game and a tough Lipan team, and we played solid. Our guys off the bench did an excellent job for us as well. Everyone played hard, and everyone contributed to the wins. The depth we have is a great credit to

all the kids. They are a very unselfish group."

Scoring: J. Gaines 22, Brown 11, Shelton 8, Wilson 6, A. Gaines 5, McCampbell 4, Cenicerros 3, Gordon 2, and Thornton 2.

Earlier in the week, the Broncos grabbed a huge win on the road in the 287 Championship. They defeated Hedley 81-32.

Despite playing hard and never giving up, the Owls succumbed to the good Bronco team. Four Broncos finished in double figures, and everyone was able to get good playing time.

"This was a game where we jumped on them early," Coley said. "We were able to work on some things, and it allowed everyone to play and contribute. It was a great team effort."

Scoring: Wilson 24, J. Gaines 19, A. Gaines 11, Brown 10, Jesus Hernandez 8, Gordon 4, McCampbell 2, and Shelton 2.

The Broncos will participate in the Greenbelt Tournament at home December 11-13 and will travel to Booker December 15.

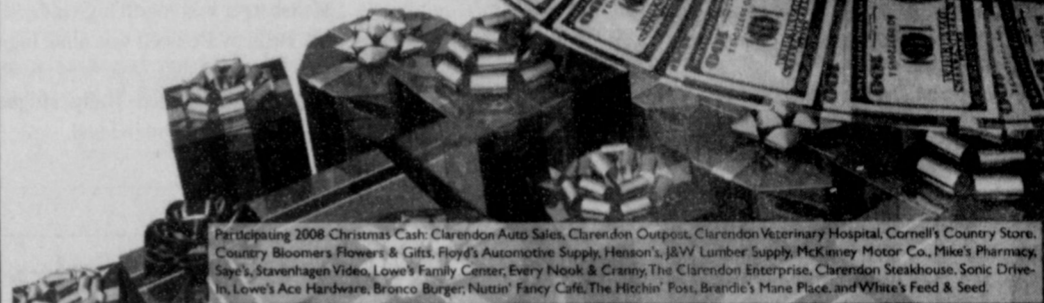
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## Lady Broncs beat Hedley

By Sandy Anderberg

It did not take the Lady Broncos long to take care of the Lady Owls last Tuesday night in Hedley. The ladies completely dominated Hedley from the beginning and won 55-23.

The Lady Broncos took the early control and led by sixteen points at the break. They continued to work hard and throughout the second half and got the big win.

The Lady Broncos competed in the Nazareth Tournament December 4-6 and took on Muleshoe in the first round. They were defeated 60-76. Through three quarters of play, the ladies were neck and neck with Muleshoe, but a huge scoring quarter for their opponent put the ladies playing catch up, and they could never close the gap.

The second round the ladies took on Dimmit and defeated them 42-37. The Lady Broncos grabbed the lead early in the game but fell off in the second quarter when Dimmit tightened the game up. Clarendon put together a good second half to retake control and get the win.

That win put them up against Bushland, and they were defeated 22-38. Clarendon led early on, but they were only able to muster two points in the second quarter and allowed the Lady Falcons to get the lead and the win. The Lady Broncos lost the final game to Dalhart at 34-52. After being tied the first half, the ladies fell off some offensively in the second half and suffered the loss.

"We have to get more consistent," coach Randy Yelverton said. "We need to play hard the entire game."

The Lady Broncos will participate in the Greenbelt Tournament at home December 11-13 and will travel to Booker December 15.

### Shot clinic to be held

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**Monday, December 15**

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### Clarendon Broncos

2	Alton Gaines	Sr.
3	Aaron Gordon	Sr.
5	Billy Cenicerros	Sr.
12	Johnny Gaines	So.
15	Jesus Hernandez	Sr.
23	Stephino McCampbell	Jr.
30	Derrick Shelton	Sr.
32	Jadon Thornton	Jr.
41	Danzel Wilson	Sr.
50	Tre Brown	Jr.

Coach: Clint Coley

### Lady Broncos

3	Jenci White	Sr.
10	Jill Luna	Jr.
11	Macy Shadle	Sr.
12	Jamie White	Sr.
15	Dominique Mason	Jr.
20	Abbie Mussingill	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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**JV Ladies post wins**

The Lady Bronco junior varsity participated in the Highland Park JV Tournament Thursday and Saturday and finished with one loss and two wins.

The ladies drew up against Bushland in the first round and fell short at 23-28. After leading slightly after the first quarter, they trailed by four points at the break. The ladies fought back to tie the score at 23 all in the third period, but failed to make a basket in the final period to lose by five.

Scoring: Danielle Ford 8, Lauren Shelton 5, Elissa Holland 4, Brandi Mays 4, and Kia Bryley 2.

The ladies took on River Road in the next round and defeated them 35-25. After playing to a 9-9 tie in the first quarter, the Lady Broncos took control and grabbed a big win.

Scoring: Marqueda Gaines 14, Bryley 8, Ford 5, Shelton 4, Holland 2, and Mays 2.

The last game was with Highland Park and the Lady Broncos handily defeated them 47-16. The ladies took a commanding lead early on and never looked back as they hustled on both ends of the court to claim the win.

"Their play was pretty impressive on Saturday," coach Kasey Bell said. "Offensively, we put in some good shots, and they really pressured the ball on defense and made our opponents turn the ball over. It was a long day on Saturday, but they came ready to play, and they played hard."

Scoring: Holland 12, Bryley 12, Ford 6, Brooklyn Bailey 5, Mays 3, Caitlin Christopher 3, Gaines 3, Krista Reynolds 2, and Kae Hewett 1.

The Lady Broncos will travel to Booker on Tuesday, December 11, and host a junior varsity tournament December 18 and 20.

**Bronco JV win twice**

The Bronco junior varsity participated in the Highland Park Tournament December 4 and 6, and after a first game loss, they kicked into high gear and won the last two games. Their first round 27-56 loss came at the hands of Bushland who, according to coach Alton Gaines, was a very good team.

"They were all very tall," Gaines said. "We played hard, but we allowed their height to let us lose focus."

After trailing by eight after the first period, the Broncos came back to get within six points at the break. But the Falcons were too much to handle, and the second half did not go the Broncos' way.

Scoring: Justin Schilling 8, Glenn Weatherton 6, David Roberts 4, Josh Krumwiede 3, Troy Chambless 3, Mike Crump 2, and Matt Henderson 2.

The Broncos faced River Road in the second round and defeated them 44-32. Intense offense and hustle defense proved to be a good combination for the Broncos as they dominated after the first quarter.

Scoring: Krumwiede 13, M. Crump 11, Schilling 5, Brayden Phillips 5, C. Crump 5, Dylan Wright 2, Brady Miller 2, and Weatherton 2.

That win put the Broncos in the consolation round where they took on Boys Ranch and breezed to a 60-29 win. Clarendon played hard, and things fell into place for them as they totally dominated their opponent and controlled the tempo of the game.

"I was really proud of the guys and the way they played," Gaines said. "It was a total team effort, and they worked hard to get back into their game after the first loss."

Scoring: M. Crump 20, C. Crump 14, Phillips 9, Wright 5, Schilling 4, Weatherton 2, Krumwiede 2, Miller 2, and Trent White 2.

The Broncos will travel to Booker December 15 and play in their own JV tournament December 18 and 20.

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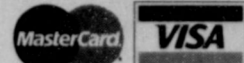
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## Sheriff's Report Caller reports boaters stranded at lake

**December 1, 2008**  
11:05 p.m.- Landing zone for Life-star, Hwy 287 at Goodnight.

**December 2, 2008**  
11:25 a.m.- Clerk's office. To post citations.  
1:18 p.m.- 100 Blk. Olita St. Howardwick with probation officer.  
2:51 p.m.- At courthouse.  
6:33 p.m.- Welfare check, 700 Blk. S. Allen St.  
6:37 p.m.- Transport juvenile to Sheriff's Office.  
7:30 p.m.- Transport juvenile female to Mental Health Facility, North West Texas.  
9:00 p.m.- EMS assist, apartments N. Sully St.

**December 3, 2008**  
2:59 a.m.- EMS assist. 400 Blk. E. Wood St.  
10:24 a.m.- At residence. Olita St. Howardwick.  
3:21 p.m.- At residence. Olita St. Howardwick.  
6:50 p.m.- See caller at 600 Blk. S. Koogle St.

7:03 p.m.- Transport juvenile female to residence. Location not logged.

**December 4, 2008**  
3:45 a.m.- Dispatched to Sheriff's Office lobby. Residence damaged by semi trailer tire.  
9:22 a.m.- At courthouse.  
4:41 p.m.- At college.  
5:05 p.m.- Serve legal papers at 300 Blk. Short St. Hedley.  
5:41 p.m.- EMS assist. 700 Blk. W. 5th St.  
9:26 p.m.- See caller at 300 Blk. Sailfish St. Howardwick.  
9:39 p.m.- To jail with 1 male in custody. Dispatch EMS to jail.

**December 5, 2008**  
4:42 p.m.- See caller at 100 Blk. S. Goodnight.  
7:57 p.m.- Checking vehicle parked at Co. Rd 16.  
8:59 p.m.- EMS assist. 700 Blk. W. 5th St.  
9:35 p.m.- Secure building at 100 Blk. S. Carhart St.  
11:49 p.m.- At college.

**December 6, 2008**  
1:14 a.m.- Unable to locate vehicle parked at Front St.  
8:16 a.m.- Stranded boaters near Bass Hollow, Greenbelt Lake.  
9:47 a.m.- EMS assist. 800 Blk. Haskel DR, Howardwick.  
10:50 a.m.- Residence alarm at 500 Blk. Cottage St.  
8:07 p.m.- Checking area at 5th and Orpe St. Possible trespass.  
8:25 p.m.- To 2nd location at 5th and Goodnight St.

**December 7, 2008**  
1:31 p.m.- See caller, parking lot at 600 Blk. W. 2nd St. Vehicle hit.  
1:47 p.m.- At college, have located vehicle involved in hit and run.  
4:49 p.m.- See caller at 500 Blk. S. Orpe St.  
4:56 p.m.- To jail, violated trespass, harassment orders.  
7:20 p.m.- Dispatched to disturbance at apartments on N. Sully St.

Arrests- 3  
EMS- 17  
FD- 1



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Mrs. Starnes Kindergarten class at Clarendon Elementary celebrated Nursery Rhyme Day on November 14 as an end to their nursery rhyme unit.

## TPWD to hold four meetings about pheasant season dates

AUSTIN — The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is asking for public input on possible changes to the traditional first weekend in December opening date for pheasant season in the Panhandle. A series of scoping meetings is set for January to give the public additional opportunities to comment.

"The purpose of this discussion is to gain feedback from hunters and landowners regarding the possibility of opening future pheasant seasons the Friday after Thanksgiving to afford hunters a three-day holiday weekend to enjoy pheasant hunting," said Vernon Bevell, TPWD game bird program director.

The current pheasant season framework calls for opening the first Saturday in December for 30 consecutive days.

No immediate changes to the pheasant season framework are being considered in order to ensure the public has ample opportunity to weigh in on the discussion.

TPWD will present all rule change proposals to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission for consideration in January. The Commission will determine which rule change proposals will be published in the Texas Register for public comment and only after additional public

comment is received next spring will the Commission decide whether or not to take final action.

Any change to pheasant season could take effect November 27, 2009, or be delayed until November 26, 2010, to give hunters and outfitters ample time to make travel plans.

In addition to the following scoping meetings, the public is encouraged to participate in an informal online scoping survey available on the TPWD home page <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/> by clicking on the Public Comments link. Public input can also be made in writing to Vernon Bevell, TPWD Game Bird Program Director, 4200 Smith School Rd., Austin, TX 78744 or at one of the upcoming scoping meetings; locations and dates to be determined.

**Pheasant Scoping Meetings:**  
January 12, 2009, Dimmitt - Dimmitt City Hall, 201 East Jones; January 13, 2009, Dalhart - First National Bank, 302 Denrock Ave.; January 14, 2009, Amarillo - Texas A&M University Agricultural Research & Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West; and January 15, 2009, Spearman - Hansford County Courthouse, County Courtroom, 2nd Floor, 12 N.W. Court.

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**Heart Attack Risk and Statin Drugs**  
The results of a new study, which were reported last month, indicate that the popular statin drugs, best known for their ability to lower cholesterol levels in the body, may help prevent heart problems in people who are otherwise healthy. News media who covered the study called it significant in that the findings may help people with normal or even low cholesterol levels, who might still be at risk for a heart attack.

The study involved over 17,000 middle age and elderly men and women with low LDL (low density lipoprotein cholesterol) but high CRP (C-reactive protein) levels. CRP is a measure of inflammation, which may be predictive of the early stages of heart disease. Participants took either placebo (dummy pills) or Crestor (rosuvastatin), one of the cholesterol- lowering statin medications. None had a history of heart problems. The study, which was originally set to last 5 years, was stopped after about 2 years because those getting the statin were, by all measures, doing much better than the placebo group. The incidence of heart attacks, strokes, hospitalizations, and heart-related deaths were reduced by over 40%.

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