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- 4 A legendary coach ran a very tight ship during his time at Hedley.
- 5 A few simple steps can help ward off the common cold this winter.
- 7 And the Broncos beat the boys from Electra.

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

Community blood drive to be Tuesday

The Coffee Memorial Blood Center will hold a community blood drive in Clarendon at the Clarendon College Bairfield Activity Center on Tuesday, January 20, from 2 to 6 p.m.

Every eligible donor will receive a t-shirt and will be entered into a drawing to win "The Game of Life."

To schedule an appointment, please call 1-877-574-8800.

There is no substitute for blood. It can only come from volunteer blood donors.

Fund established for O'Neal at DCSB

An account has been set up for Ike O'Neal at the Donley County State Bank.

O'Neal had an accident recently and will be unable to work for at least three months. All the money donated will be used to help cover his medical and living expenses while he is unable to work.

Fund for Johnston set up at Herring

An account has been set up for Ernie Johnston at the Herring Bank.

Johnston has been a fireman for this community for 31 years and served the last eight years as County Commissioner. All money received will go towards helping Ernie pay his health insurance premiums.

Ernie had surgery on December 22, and at this time, is home recuperating. He went off the county health insurance on December 31 and will have to pay the high premiums himself.

Elementary taking A2S nominations

Clarendon Elementary School will be accepting nominations of elementary students (Grades K-5) for the A2S Program.

The A2S program is a program designed to serve academically advanced students. The A2S program is also known as the gifted and talented program. If you would like to nominate an elementary student for the A2S Program, drop by the elementary office to obtain a nomination form.

Elementary Principal Mike Word must receive all nominations by January 23, 2009.

Friendship Club to meet this Friday

The Howardwick Friendship Club will meet January 16, 2009, at 6:30 at Howardwick City. The entertainment will be provided by Donnie Hall, Dan Hall, and Matt Stidham.



Firemen Billy Holman and Jeremy Powell along with helicopter pilot Andy Wheatly stand on the shore of Greenbelt Lake as other emergency personnel search for the bodies of two missing hunters Sunday morning.

PHOTO BY TANYA BURTON

Father, son drown at lake

A son and father from Amarillo became the 21st and 22nd drownings at Lake Greenbelt after a weekend hunting expedition turned to tragedy last Saturday.

Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn said Hotan Ahnood and his father, Bashir Ahnood, had come to the lake with two other men to hunt geese on Kelly Creek across from Kincaid Park.

"Hotan got in a small orange plastic kayak to retrieve a goose," the sheriff said. "It capsized, and he went into the water."

Blackburn said the other three men saw the 17-year-old go under, and the boy's 46-year-old father stripped to his long underwear and tried to swim to him in water that was estimated between 36° and 41°F.

"He probably succumbed to the water temperature," Blackburn said.

The remaining members of the hunting party found someone

with a cell phone and called 911, and local emergency personnel were dispatched at 12:43 p.m.

The Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department and CVFD Dive Team began searching for the bodies of the two hunters assisted by the sheriff's department, Greenbelt Lake Patrol, Associated Ambulance Authority, Howardwick Fire Department, and a helicopter from the Texas Department of Public Safety.

CVFD First Assistant Chief Jeremy Powell said special dry suits were used by the divers to help combat the cold water, but divers still were only able to stay submerged for no longer than 15 minutes at a time.

"The divers worked to the point of exhaustion Saturday," Blackburn said; and the search was called off about dark.

The hunters' family arrived at the sheriff's office that evening.

"They were extremely dis-

traught," Blackburn said.

The Ahnoods and their family were recent immigrants to America, having fled religious persecution in Iran for practicing a faith with ancient roots to Christianity — Mandaeanism, which follows the teachings of John the Baptist.

"The family had a hard time adjusting and understanding the procedures we have to follow during a tragedy like this," the sheriff said.

Blackburn credited dispatcher Pat Archuleta with calming and comforting the family that evening and working with Pastor Terry Lowe to house the family at the First United Methodist Church that night.

The search resumed Sunday morning with Texas Parks & Wildlife Game Wardens and Underwater Recovery from Hereford using side scan sonar to find a possible location for one of the bodies.

Donley County Commissioner

Andy Wheatly using his Finch Ranch Helicopter confirmed the location from the air and dropped a buoy to mark the spot. Divers entered the water at 9:50 a.m. and recovered the father's body at 9:53 a.m. 75 feet from shore and in 13 feet of water.

Sonar scanning resumed for the boy, and search dogs from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in Childress joined the effort. The coordinated search identified another possible location. Divers entered the water at 11:34 a.m. and recovered the son's body at 11:37 a.m. He was 550 feet from shore and in 16 feet of water.

Justice of the Peace Ann Kennedy pronounced Bashir Ahnood dead at 10:19 a.m. and pronounced Hotan Ahnood dead at 12:09 p.m. The cause of both deaths was given as "drowning."

"Due to the conditions of the bodies and the reliable statements

See 'Drowning' on page 3.

Patten, Hommel top stock show beef division

Annie Patten and Tres Hommel exhibited the top animals in the Beef Division during the annual Donley County Junior Livestock Show last Saturday at the Clarendon Community Center.

Patten exhibited the Grand Champion Steer; and Hommel had the Grand Champion Heifer.

Other top winners were Rowdy Speed and his Grand Champion Lamb; Kati Adams' Grand Champion Goat, Austin Adams' Grand Champion Swine, and Misti Scott with her Grand Champion Gilt.

A total of 65 young people from the Donley County 4-H Club and local FFA chapters showed 105 animals. Last year 68 kids showed 96 animals.

As of Monday afternoon, figures showed the sale brought in more than \$44,000, an increase from the \$43,000 raised last year. That number may increase in the final tally as more donations are received.

Complete results are as follows:

Steers: Annie Patten, Grand

Champion; Trevor Cobb, Reserve Champion; Dustin Willyard, Breed Champion; Jacob Pigg, Reserve Breed; Caden Farris, first (Class 402); Seth Ruthardt, first (Class 403); Tres Hommel, first (Class 404); John Pigg, second (Class 402); Annie Patten, second (Class 403); Kelsey McAneer, second (Class 404); Brittany McAneer, third (Class 401); Trevor Cobb, third (Class 402); Kaden Bennett, third (403); JD Baxter, third (Class 404); Dustin Willyard, third (Class 405); Blaine Ellis, fourth (Class 402); Kaden Bennett, fourth (Class 403); Rowdy Speed, fourth (Class 404); and Jayson Pigg, fourth (Class 405).

Heifers: Tres Hommel, Grand Champion; Hannah Hommel, Reserve Grand Champion; JD Baxter, first (Class 302); Jayson Pigg, second (Class 301); Shelby Musick, second (302); and John Pigg, third (Class 302).

Lambs: Rowdy Speed, Grand Champion; Krista Reynolds, Reserve Grand Champion; Krista Reynolds,

See 'Stock Show' on page 6.



Annie Patten exhibits her Grand Champion Steer Saturday at the Donley County Junior Livestock Show.

PHOTO BY KARI LINDSEY

Sales tax revenue takes dive

AUSTIN — Local sales receipts plunged the month before Christmas sending sales tax revenues down for Donley County municipalities, according to figures released last week by Texas Comptroller Susan Combs.

Clarendon's January sales tax allocation dropped 8.55 percent to \$17,760.03.

Howardwick's allocation of \$898.59 reflected a 19.52 percent drop, and Hedley's sales tax revenue for the month plunged 49.62 percent to \$279.11.

The picture was rosier statewide with Combs reporting that the state collected \$1.86 billion in sales tax revenue in December, up 2 percent compared to December 2007.

December state sales tax collections and January allocations to local governments represent sales that occurred in November.

"State sales tax collections have grown 3.9 percent for the first four months of state fiscal year 2009," Combs said.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, February 13.

Local property taxes due by January 31st

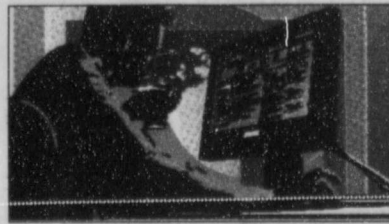
The Donley Appraisal District is reminding those who have not paid their 2008 property taxes that taxes not paid on or before January 31 will incur penalty and interest of 7 percent if paid in February.

The amount increases each month thereafter until the tax is paid.

Accounts unpaid on July 1 will incur an additional 20 percent collection penalty in addition to the regular penalty and interest of 18 percent. Texas state law prescribes the penalty and interest amounts.

Delinquent notices will be mailed in May to those who still owe 2008 taxes at that time. Partial payments are accepted.

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guest commentary

Does Congress really deserve a pay increase?

By Richard W. Rahn, Cato Institute

Members of Congress each will receive a \$4,700 pay raise this month, which will give them a salary of \$174,000 per year. Do you think they are worth it?

Most of us would like to be in the position of voting for our own pay raises from an employer who has almost unlimited access to money, so when many others are taking pay cuts or losing jobs we would not have to worry. Given that members of Congress were in a large part responsible for the current economic mess, it is hard to see how they can justify a raise, which they claim is merely a cost-of-living increase.

Part of the problem is that they give themselves pay raises based on the rate of inflation. If these increases depended on the rate of change (increase or decrease) in real per capita disposable income (i.e., after taxes) of the average citizen, Members of Congress would have an incentive to maximize economic growth rather than encourage inflation.

In the next few weeks, members of Congress will have an opportunity to pass a "stimulus package" that enhances economic growth or one that makes things worse. There are some policy wonks and politicians who advocate a large increase in government spending and employment, and massive public works projects much like Presidents Herbert Hoover and Franklin Roosevelt pushed through in the 1930s.

Federal government spending in real terms increased fourfold and the number of federal government employees nearly doubled in the decade from 1929-39. In addition, the top income tax rate increased more than threefold from 24 percent to 79 percent. The result was the only decade of no real per capita income growth in U.S. history, and a more than fivefold increase in the unemployment rate (which at one point hit 20 percent).

During the Eisenhower administration of the 1950s, the brakes were put on the growth in federal spending (as a percentage of gross domestic product). As a result, federal spending has not been higher than 23.5 percent or lower than 18.5 percent of GDP for the last half-century. And the number of federal government civilian employees has remained almost static, at a little less than 3 million during this same 50-year span. This has been primarily because the federal government has increasingly contracted out its work over the years - which, for the most part, made good economic sense. (Note: local government employment has quadrupled and state government employment has doubled over the last half-century.)

Once the growth in the federal government relative to size of the economy slowed, the growth in real per capita incomes greatly increased. (Relative spending stopped growing but costly regulatory growth has continued to rise at a rapid pace.)

There was a rapid growth in real disposable (after tax) incomes after the Kennedy income tax rate cuts in the early 1960s, after the Reagan tax rate cuts in the early 1980s, after the Clinton capital gains tax rate cut in 1996, and finally after the Bush tax rate cuts in 2003.

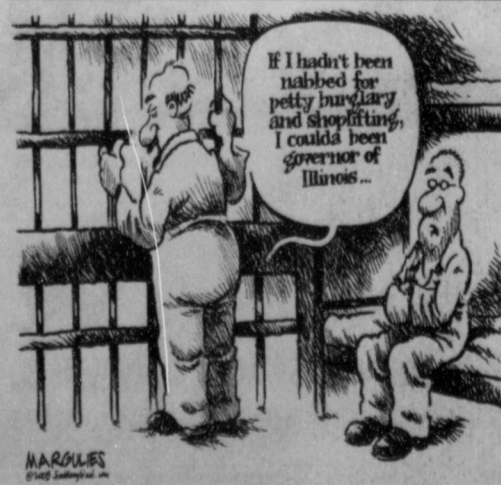
Given the last century of empirical evidence, the lessons should be clear. Cutting marginal tax rates on work, saving and investment and cutting excessive regulatory costs on the private sector would be productive "economic stimuli." Big increases in government spending and increasing tax rates on productive economic activity will prolong and deepen the economic downturn.

The direction in which the new Obama administration and the Congress head will tell the taxpayer whether they are worth their pay.

Finally, Chief Justice Roberts has again complained about the lack of adequate pay increases for federal judges. In this, the chief justice is on solid ground because the U.S. Constitution clearly states that the compensation of judges is not to be reduced during their term of service. If the pay increases the judges receive do not keep up with inflation, which they have not, then they are suffering a real pay cut, in violation of the Constitution. The judges would be worth a pay increase for themselves, not only by standing up for their own rights, but by also requiring the Internal Revenue Service to index the basis of capital gains for inflation. As it is now, taxpayers are required to pay a tax not only on real gains but also on gains due to inflation (which is caused by the government). This "inflation tax" is an unconstitutional wealth tax.

If the judges required the IRS to obey the Constitution, it would have the side benefit of giving a real boost to the economy - now needed more than ever.

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Tackling DC challenges Texas way

As the New Year begins, I want to start by thanking Texans for sending me back to Washington for another six years. Together we can make the great state of Texas an even more prosperous and peaceful place to raise our families, work, and plan for the future.

I couldn't be prouder to represent a state where folks value hard work, family, faith and freedom; it's what makes Texas a land of opportunity. From business to education; energy to medicine - Texas leads the way with its spirit of independence and legacy of accomplishment.

That's why I find that many of the best ideas and solutions I take to Washington come from Texas. As I roll up my sleeves to start work in the 111th Congress, I do so with confidence, knowing that so many Texans stand ready to help me make a difference in Washington.

At the top of my list this year is the state of our nation's economy. While Texas has fared better than most, we are not immune to the recession. Last year brought layoffs and salary cuts, and thousands lost their homes. But with a combination of pro-growth policies on the federal level and ingenuity on the local level, we can turn the economic tide back in our favor.

I will oppose any effort to increase taxes on working families and small businesses - the backbone of our economy. Instead, I will push for significant

tax relief that will keep more of the hard-earned money in your pocket. Our first step should be to permanently extend tax relief that will soon expire; otherwise Americans will be hit with the largest tax increase in history. Things like small business investment incentives and individual tax relief will help grow jobs, expand opportunity here at home, and make us more competitive. In other words, these efforts will bring a little Texas common sense to Washington.

Another Texas hallmark that has been missing in Washington is government transparency. I have and will continue to make open government a top priority. I have worked to shed light on the federal government for all Americans to see their tax dollars at work. My goal is to create a federal sunset commission, based on the successful Texas model, to comb through and weed out ineffective or wasteful government programs. With the new Administration intent on passing a more-than \$700 billion stimulus package, we need this commission now more than ever.

Equally important is the need to finally pass a comprehensive energy



texas times
by sen. john cornyn

plan. Last year, with gasoline above \$4, energy independence was the popular pledge. But as quickly as gas prices dropped, the topic also disappeared from the political spotlight. Today we are no closer to reducing our dangerous dependence on foreign oil. I will push for new domestic production and refining capacity. Texas already leads the nation in energy production, but we can do more. We must cut through the red tape and allow Texas producers to tap into our rich natural resources while fully developing clean energy alternatives like wind, solar, and biomass.

Also on my agenda are enhanced benefits for our troops and veterans. These fine citizens have made tremendous sacrifices for our protection; we owe them the best benefits and care possible. We need additional resources to research post-traumatic stress disorder and other "invisible wounds" from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. We have a solemn obligation to help our wounded warriors make a successful transition back to civilian life or return to military service, if they so choose.

In Texas, when a problem arises, we don't wait for someone else to fix it. We tackle it. I hope all Texans will join me in tackling this year's challenges by sending me your ideas, your concerns, and your priorities. Together we can take Texas to new levels and help the rest of the nation get back on the right track.



"JENKINS, AS YOU AND I ARE THE ONLY ONES LEFT IN THE COMPANY, ON THE COUNT OF THREE, WE'LL LAY EACH OTHER OFF AND ESCORT ONE ANOTHER OFF THE PREMISES."

Nation to mark inaugural tradition

This month we will celebrate the 220th anniversary of our nation's very first presidential inauguration ceremony. Steeped in tradition, these ceremonies give all Americans, regardless of how they voted, the opportunity to come together every four years to honor our democratic process and the hard-won freedoms established by our Founding Fathers.

The oath sworn by General George Washington in 1789, as prescribed in Article II, Section 1 of the U.S. Constitution, has endured: "I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will try to the best of my ability, to preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States." George Washington personally added the phrase "so help me God," as have most of his successors. He also established the tradition of the inaugural address. Throughout our tumultuous history, these cherished words have inspired, encouraged, and reassured us.

The other individual components of modern-day ceremonies evolved over time. George Washington traveled 280 miles on horseback from his home in Virginia to New York City, which was then the nation's capital, to attend his first inauguration. Along the way, Philadelphians crowned him with a laurel, women in New Jersey threw flowers and sang sonatas, and New Yorkers fired a 13-gun salute.

Thomas Jefferson, our nation's third President, was the first to participate in what has since become known as the customary Inaugural Parade after Washington, D.C. became our nation's capital in 1801. Subsequent processions have varied widely according to the tastes of each President. For example, Teddy Roosevelt's in 1905 included cowboys, miners, and the Rough Riders - his Spanish-American War cavalry regiment - on horseback. Modern-day festivities have included cheerleaders, marching bands, and floats.

January 20 will mark the nation's

56th formal inauguration ceremony since 1789. Presidents have been sworn into office 68 times, most often in public, but occasionally in private, such as immediately after the death or resignation of their predecessors. Originally small, indoor affairs, these ceremonies soon attracted widespread interest, moved outdoors, and expanded to include fireworks and balls by the 1820s.

Occasionally, carefully laid plans and good intentions have gone awry. In 1829, Andrew Jackson, who sought to demonstrate that the White House belongs to the people, invited the public inside the White House after his swearing-in ceremony. Throngs took him up on his offer, spoiled the carpet and the ornate furniture, crowded the President up against a wall, and didn't depart until a clever White House steward placed large vats of whiskey out on the lawn to attract them outside.

This month we will observe history unfold as our nation's 44th President, and our first African-American President, takes the oath of office. Like his



capitol comment
by sen. kay bailey hutchison

predecessors, he will follow tradition. He will attend the customary morning worship service, participate in a swearing-in ceremony, and deliver an inaugural address on the West Front of the U.S. Capitol. Later he will enjoy an inaugural luncheon with members of Congress in Statuary Hall and ride in an Inaugural Parade from the Capitol to his new office and home, the White House.

As many as three million Americans from every corner of our country are expected to attend. We will all celebrate a hallmark of American democracy: the peaceful transition of power from one party and administration to another. For 220 years, the United States - the world's oldest democracy - has stunned dictators and despots, and given hope to millions by observing this most sacred of democratic customs.

The world's eyes will be upon us as we make history again. As America's soldiers, sailors, Airmen and Marines continue to defend our freedom abroad, let us all unite and take this opportunity to thank them, to appreciate the blessings that our Founding Fathers ensured, and to honor the courage, determination, and leadership of the forty-three men who have presided over our great country. Let us all wish our incoming President godspeed as he becomes the leader of our nation.



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Thornberry bill would keep death tax dead

WASHINGTON, DC — Congressman Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon) this week introduced the "Death Tax Repeal Act" a bill to permanently repeal the federal estate tax.

"Family owned businesses, farms, and ranches are the foundation of the rural economy," said Thornberry. "As Congress debates new ideas on how to encourage economic growth, we ought to follow the old maxim 'first do no harm' and make sure that the existing temporary reduction in the estate tax is not allowed to expire, returning the Death Tax rate to 55 percent on January 1, 2011."

Thornberry said it is ironic that some in Congress have put forth lengthy and complicated plans to stimulate the economy through a massive government spending program, but they have yet to consider his simple, two page bill to protect one of America's most important means of capital formation, building

a family enterprise.

"The estate tax is estimated to have raised about \$22 billion dollars or about one percent of federal tax receipts in 2002. Economists estimate that the federal estate tax depresses the number of jobs by 170,000 to 250,000 each year, meaning repealing the Death Tax is a much more efficient way of creating jobs than borrowing and spending \$1 trillion," he said.

"With 18 original cosponsors for my bill, I am hopeful that others in Congress are open to an honest examination of how capital formation and job creation actually occur for farms, ranches, and small businesses of all kinds," concluded Congressman Thornberry.

"With small business typically providing two-thirds of the job growth in our economy, repealing the Death Tax would be one of the simplest and most cost effective ways of protecting the economy of rural America."



Honor students

The Donley County State Bank honored the "A" Honor Roll Students with a luncheon at the Best Western Red River Inn, catered by Nuttin Fancy on Friday, January 9, 2009. Shown here are (back) Amelia Taylor, Cortnee Thornberry, Morgan Hysinger, Niki Roberts, Abbie Massingill, Maegan Hysinger, (front) Tony Sisom-souk, Jordan Luna, and Jerami Johnson.

Drowning:

Continued from page one. of witnesses, no autopsies were ordered," Blackburn said.

The sheriff gave credit to the members of the dive team and everyone who supports them.

"They deserve a special thanks," Blackburn said.

Powell also recognized the EMS personnel, the Clarendon Firebells, and Eddie and Donna Bartley for their efforts during the search and recovery.

Neither of the Ahnoods was wearing a lifejacket.

Six people have now drowned at Greenbelt since June 2007. But since the lake opened in 1968, no one has ever drowned at the lake while wearing a life preserver.

weather report

Day	Date	High	Low	Pres.
Mon	6	39°	20°	-
Tue	7	43°	22°	-
Wed	8	50°	22°	-
Thur	9	65°	28°	-
Fri	10	67°	29°	-
Sat	11	72°	24°	-
Sun	12	51°	18°	-

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

weekend forecast

Friday, Jan. 16
Mostly Sunny
53°/23°

Saturday, Jan. 17
Mostly Sunny
56°/25°

Sunday, Jan. 18
Mostly Sunny
53°/26°

Information provided by:
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CISD Trustees receive audit

The Clarendon ISD Board of Trustees of Clarendon Consolidated Independent School District met in regular session December 16 Administration and Technology Building.

Dale Swan of Dale A. Swan, PC, presented the Financial Audit Report for year ending August 31, 2008. Superintendent Monty Hysinger reviewed the Management Discussion and Analysis Report that is a required part of the audit. The board approved the audit report as presented.

Hysinger presented a report on the school district Tax Rate Survey for 2008. The board reviewed the report for the Region 16 ESC Service Area.

Tashia Duncan and the campus principals presented a review of the GT Program and Policy and discussed the update process and the minor changes made to the GT Policy documents.

Hysinger presented the Board Member continuing Education Training Report as follows: June 1, 2008, to December 9, 2008 – Robin

Ellis, 0 Hours; Wayne Hardin, 18.25 Hours; Joe Lemley, 8.25 Hours; Weldon Sears, 13.25 Hours; Jim Shelton, 8.25 Hours; Marvin Thompson, 13.50 Hours; and Lance Thornberry, 8.25 Hours.

Board members will have until May 31, 2008, to obtain their total hours.

The board approved the updates to the Technology Plan for 2007-2010 as presented by Mr. Hysinger.

The board also approved authorizing the superintendent and/or business manager to perform any functions necessary as it relates to the establishment or maintenance of retirement services on behalf of Clarendon CISD.

Trustees reviewed and approved the technology building construction change orders #6 and #7 to date and to amend the budget and approved other budget amendments.

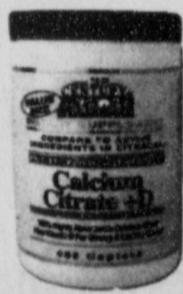
The board approved a motion to employ Nikki Shahan on a probationary teacher contract for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year. Her assignment will be ISS/DAEP and Special Education.

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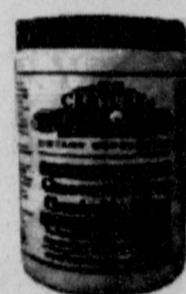
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Community Calendar

- January 15**
CC Basketball v. Frank Phillips • at Frank Phillips • Girls 5:50 p.m., Boys 7:50 p.m.
- January 16**
Clarendon v. Quanah • at Quanah • Girls 6:30 p.m., Boys 8:00 p.m.
- January 19**
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- CC Basketball v. Howard College • at Howard College • Girls 5:30 p.m., Boys 7:30 p.m.
- January 20**
Presidential Inauguration
- Coffee Memorial Blood Drive • Bairfield Activity Center • 2 to 6 p.m.
- January 22**
CC Basketball v. NMJC • in Bulldog Gym • Girls 5:30 p.m., Boys 7:30 p.m.
- February 14**
St. Valentine's Day
- February 16**
Presidents' Day

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Menus

- January 19-23**
- Donley County Senior Citizens**
- Mon: Mexican casserole, macaroni & tomatoes, pears & cottage cheese, chocolate pudding, chips/salsa.
Tue: Smoked sausage, steamed cabbage, mixed vegetables, fig bars, cornbread.
Wed: King ranch chicken, fried squash, green beans, salad, jello/whipped cream.
Thu: Pizza, tomato soup, fried veggie sticks, apple rings, peanut butter cookies.
Fri: Chicken/ Fried rice, egg rolls, stewed tomatoes, cranberry bread.
- Hedley Senior Citizens**
- Mon: Chicken & dumplings, fried squash, apple sauce, muffin, corn bread
Tue: Chili & beans, tater tots, cole slaw, brownie, corn bread
Wed: Steak & gravy, baked potato, steamed broccoli, jello salad, banana pudding, roll.
Thu: Philly chicken stir fry, French fries, cabbage, green salad, cake, hoagy roll.
Fri: Mexican-pile-on, Spanish rice, beans, lettuce, tomato, onions, cobbler, chips and crackers.

- Clarendon ISD**
- Breakfast
Mon:
Tue: Sausage, biscuit, gravy, peaches, milk
Wed: Pancakes, juice, milk
Thu: Eggs, toast, jelly, apricots, milk
Fri: Cinnamon rolls, juice, milk
Lunch
Mon:
Tue: Lasagna, cooked carrots, salad, fruit, milk.
Wed: Salisbury steak, gravy, potatoes, greenbeans, fruit, roll, milk.
Thu: Chicken pot pie, corn, salad, fruit, milk.
Fri: Corndog, blackeyepeas, salad, fruit, milk.

- Hedley ISD**
- Mon: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, rolls, fruit, milk.
Tue: Hotdogs, pinto beans, fruit, tossed salad, chips, milk.
Wed: Spaghetti, Cut green beans, diced peaches, texas toast, juice, milk.
Thu: Fish strips, tossed salad, fruit, mac & cheese, hot rolls, milk.
Fri: Cheese burger, oven fries, lettuce & tomato, apple sauce, juice, milk.

A Tight Ship
Haskins had reputation as tough coach at HHS

By Linda Naylor
"He was a no-nonsense kind of guy," recalled Terry Bailey. "He ran a tight ship, which is the way it should be, tighter than today. He got a lot out of all of his players, more than most coaches. We didn't have a lot of talent, but he got the most out of us," remarked Jerry McCarty.
"I remember one game in particular. Coach Haskins told me to go in, and I said, 'Coach, I broke a fingernail!' laughed Betty Sanders-McGuire.
"I never made that mistake again, and I never had long fingernails again as long as I played on his team."

Bailey, McCarty, and McGuire were players for Coach Don Haskins during his coaching days at Hedley High School.
In my research and interviews with former players of one of the most talented basketball coaches that Texas has ever seen, I read or heard this same sentiment many times. This gruff talking, unpretentious coach was born on March 14, 1930, in Enid, Oklahoma. He graduated from Oklahoma A&M, now called Oklahoma State in 1953.
Coach Haskins is best known for changing the course of basketball history for African-Americans, but he also had an uncanny knack for having the ability to see things

in an individual or in a game that went unnoticed by even seasoned coaches.
Haskins began coaching girls and boys basketball in many Texas high school systems before he settled at Texas Western in 1961, where he rewrote basketball history. His team won the 1966 NCAA Championship game.
The history-changing event was not the win, but that Haskins' starting lineup consisted of five black players. Haskins was reported as saying that he wasn't trying to make a social statement with his lineup; he was simply starting his best players. Others felt an overwhelming feeling of gratitude toward Haskins.

In Sam Donaldson's piece on the legendary coach, "Pat Riley, head coach of the Miami Heat put it this way: 'I felt this game was probably the emancipation proclamation of 1966.'"
Unfortunately, Haskins' actions resulted in sharp criticism, hate mail, and even some death threats. The publicity that he created had no effect on him; he went obscurely on, coaching as he always had.
Mary Haskins, his wife; Sue Coyer, Mary's sister; Nevil Shed, Haskins' former player, and Steven Tredennick will be at Hedley School on February 6. More details about the visit will follow in future articles.
Next week: "40 Minutes of Hell"

Three locals receive degrees from WT

Degrees were officially conferred on 529 West Texas A&M University students during fall commencement exercises Dec. 13 at the First United Bank Center. The University awarded 430 baccalaureate degrees, 90 master's degrees, and one doctoral degree.
Local students graduating were Lacey Eads, Bachelor of Science in Sports/Exercise Sciences, and Whitney Halsell, Bachelor of General Studies, both of Clarendon, and Samuel Howard, Bachelor of Science in Biology, of Hedley.
The graduating class represented 15 states and 111 Texas cities and towns.

WT names students to fall honors lists

West Texas A&M University has named more than 1,100 students to honors lists for the fall 2008 semester. Of that total, 417 were named to the President's List, and 758 students were named to the Dean's List.
Students named to the President's List must have a grade point average (GPA) of 4.00 and carry a minimum class load of 12 undergraduate hours.
Local students on the President's List included senior Mathematics major Shanna Shelton of Clarendon and junior Accounting major Ben Shaw of Hedley.
Those named to the Dean's List must have a GPA between 3.50 and 3.99 and carry a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours.
Local students on the Dean's List included senior Mass Communication-Print Media major Andrea Findley of Clarendon and junior History major Kristin McAfee of Hedley.

Howard on AC list

Amarillo College has released the names of its Fall 2008 Dean's List. Students on the Dean's List are full-time students who earn a grade point average of 3.6 or higher. The Fall 2008 list includes more than 350 students from all over the country, including Ruth A. Howard of Hedley.

Is the Giving Season Over?

By Mary Beth Nelson
So! the "giving season" is over! Or is it? Now, all the attention given to the Holy Baby in a Bethlehem manger can "let up" for awhile! Or can it? Somehow, I don't think that is really what our Heavenly Father expects.
It seems the New Year (and any year) should continue with thoughts and actions of giving. No, not gifts resulting from expensive, hectic shopping, but the gift of a smile to children that makes their faces light up: the gift of taking time to listen to a friend, when, perhaps, no one else will; the gift of a kind word to a person of whom you are not so fond, or who is not so fond of you; the gift of love for a neighbor through concerned words or thoughtful deeds.
God gave each of us talent. We may think whatever we might do is too insignificant to be appreciated, but often, it's the small deeds that mean so much to someone else. Henry Van Dyke once said, "Use what talents you possess. The woods would be very silent if no birds sang there except those that sang best."
Our Heavenly Father gave His Son for us. He continues to give us so much physically, mentally, and spiritually. He has blessed us with ability to sincerely give of ourselves to someone else. That blessing, itself, is a treasured gift.
"Giving season" over? I don't think so. There are too many ways during every season in which we can genuinely express a true giving spirit, not because we might feel obligated, but because of the actual desire to make someone's day a little happier.
BIBLE THOUGHT:
"Each one should use whatever gifts he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." I Peter 4: 10 (NIV)

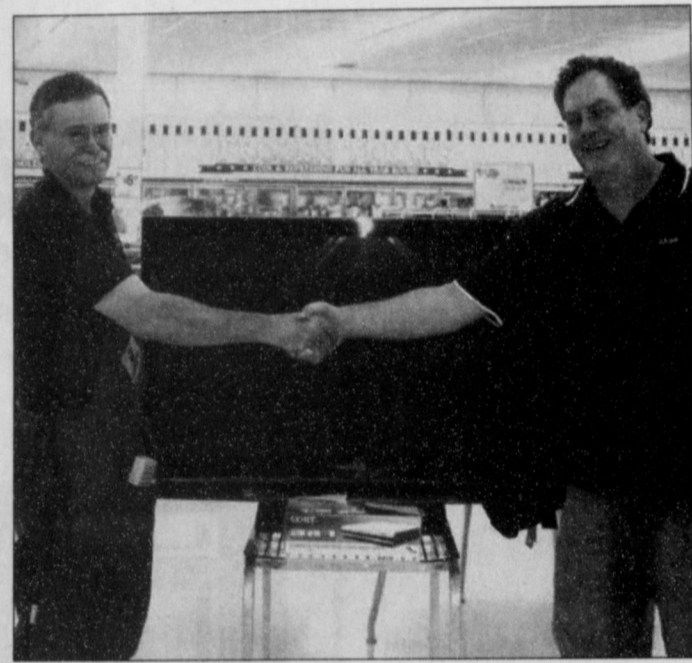
Remember lifejackets at lake

As predicted, we have been very dry with no moisture this year and none in the forecast. We have a wide temperature variance with highs in the 60s followed by highs in the 20s with bright blue skies. The moon has been full this week and is the brightest moon you will see this year.
When our family visits from the city, the things they talk about are how quiet it is and the amazing stars at night. Wish they could have seen the moon.
The Howardwick Friendship Club meets Friday night, January 16, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. Everyone is invited to bring some food to share and listen to Dan Hall, Donny Hall, and Matt Stidham as they entertain us with their unique style. I can guarantee a good time.
Greenbelt Lake is a great place to have a picnic, watch wildlife, and get out in a boat; but safety precautions must be used. Everyone knows to keep a campfire contained and stay out of range of wildlife, but they

still neglect to wear a life-jacket while in a boat. This one precaution could have saved the lives of a father and son this weekend.
Please, come and enjoy our lake but wear your life jacket while in a boat or playing in the water.
We have a new maintenance man, Gary Dzedzic of Clarendon. Welcome, Gary, you should be easy to find in the phone book.
The Beautification Club meets Monday, January 19, at 1:00 p.m. at City Hall. Everyone is invited to attend and help plan our summer schedule.
As our country prepares for a new president, please put this at the top of your prayer list. Continue praying for our troops and for the sick in our community.



'wick picks
by Peggy Cockerham
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Shields wins TV

Brent Shields was the winner of the recent giveaway during the Holiday Cash event at Lowe's Family Center. Shields won a 42" Panasonic flat screen television and a Coby DVD player. Shields' name was drawn last Wednesday morning by Paula Shook. There were around 1,000 entries in the drawing that had been collected in the store since October 29.

Extension service offers tips for storing multivitamins

By MaryRuth Bishop, County Agent
Your body needs more than 40 different nutrients to function properly. A nutritious diet that includes a variety of foods should be your first source of these nutrients.
However, there may be times when it is difficult to get the amounts of the nutrients you need from diet alone. In this case, a multivitamin supplement may be beneficial. Some groups of people may also benefit from a multivitamin including: Women of childbearing years; Adults over the age of 50; Women who are pregnant or nursing; People on low-calorie diets; and People who do not eat animal products.
Shopping for multivitamins is

confusing. The following tips can help you pick a multivitamin that meets your needs without costing a lot of money. Before taking a multivitamin or any other supplement, check with your doctor since some nutrients can interact with medications.
Choose a multivitamin that has no more than 100 percent of the daily value (DV) for the nutrients listed unless recommended by your doctor.
Choose multivitamins suited for one's age, gender, and medical condition. Nutrient needs vary between women, men, older adults, and pregnant or nursing women.
The quality of a multivitamin

cannot be judged by price alone. Store brands are often just as good as national brands and usually cost less.
Look for the initials USP on the multivitamin, which stands for United States Pharmacopeia. Multivitamins with USP on the label have been tested for purity, potency, and availability in the body.
Some multivitamins include herbs which could have serious side effects or interact with other medications. Pass on these unless recommended by your doctor.
Follow the label directions and take only the amount of the multivitamin recommended. Taking more than what you need is not helpful

and may be harmful.
Store multivitamins in a dark, cool, and dry place. Use by the expiration date stamped on the bottle. Heat, moisture, and time can affect the potency of multivitamins.
Store multivitamins out of reach of children. Some multivitamins, especially those with iron, can be fatal to children if an overdose occurs.
For more information, contact MaryRuth Bishop, Family and Consumer Science agent for Texas AgriLife Extension Service at 874-2141.
Quilt Class is Thursday, January 15, at the Burton Memorial Library, 4:30 or 6:00 p.m.

Texas schools compete for cash by cleaning up

AUSTIN - Trash4Cash, a new Don't Mess with Texas competition by the Texas Department of Transportation, is rewarding on-campus student organizations with \$1,000 for getting rid of litter in their communities.
School groups will compete against others from around the state by organizing litter prevention efforts in their community, such as cleaning up a local park or teaching children about not littering. Groups will be

judged on creativity surrounding their litter prevention efforts, getting media coverage about their projects, and making a positive impact on their community.
High school groups like environmental and journalism clubs, honor societies, football teams, bands or student councils are encouraged to submit a group entry and compete against their rivals for cash prizes. Five school groups in Texas will each win \$1,000 to use as

they like, donated by TxDOT sponsor Raytheon.
"Regardless of who takes home the cash, everybody wins," said Doris Howdeshell, Travel Information Division Director for TxDOT, the organizer of Trash4Cash. "Communities with school groups that compete in Trash4Cash will be cleaner, and participating students have an opportunity to demonstrate 'green' leadership, showing potential universities the volunteer projects

they've worked on."
Student groups can submit materials online or by mail starting January 5, 2009. The litter prevention activities must be completed by March 31, 2009; and all information is due by April 6, 2009. Every organization must work under the direction of a counselor, sponsor or principal to be eligible. Complete rules and submission information are posted at www.dontmesswithtexas.org/trash4cash.

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Take precautions to keep colds at bay

AMARILLO — That “achy, coughing, stuffy so you can’t breathe” feeling that comes around generally at this time of year is annoying but normally harmless, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialist.

“A cold is usually harmless though it may not feel that way,” said Andrew Crocker, AgriLife Extension gerontology specialist. “Although more than 200 viruses can cause a common cold, the rhinovirus is the most common culprit, and it is highly contagious.”

The common cold is a viral infection of the nose and throat, Crocker said. The virus can spread through droplets in the air when someone coughs, sneezes, or talks. But it also spreads by contact with someone who has a cold or by sharing objects.

Because of the sheer number of viruses that may be responsible

for the cold, symptoms may vary greatly, he said. Symptoms usually appear two to three days after contact and may include: mucous buildup in the nose causing difficulty breathing, swelling of the sinuses, sneezing, sore throat, cough, and headache.

“During a cold, you generally will not have a high fever, and you are also unlikely to experience significant fatigue,” Crocker said. He stressed these infections need to be treated by a health care provider.

Some helpful tips include: Plenty of fluids, such as water, juice and warm soup, help replace fluids lost during mucus production or fever. Avoid alcohol and caffeine which can cause dehydration.

Chicken soup will help with some immune system functions, and it temporarily speeds up the movement of mucus through the nose, helping relieve congestion and limiting the time viruses are in contact

with the nasal lining.

Stay home and get rest if you have a fever or a bad cough, or are drowsy from medications. This offers the opportunity to rest as well as reduces the chances to infect others.

Soothe the throat by gargling with warm salt water.

Saline spray or nasal drops help relieve nasal congestion and can be bought over-the-counter.

Most people recover from a common cold in about a week or two, Crocker said. If symptoms do not improve, then a trip to the health provider may be necessary.

“You should also see your health provider if you develop a fever of 102 degrees or higher accompanied by achiness and fatigue; fever accompanied by sweating, chills and a cough with colored phlegm; significantly swollen glands and/or severe sinus pain,” he said.



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting, January 13, 2009, with Boss Lion Cameron Word in charge.

We had 18 members, Lions Sweetheart Audrey Jones, and one guest – Ashlee Estlack, guest of Lion Roger Estlack.

In lieu of a program, Lion Debra Kuhl and Lion Bill Auvenshine updated the club on the growth of enrollment and programs at Clarendon College. The main limitation of growth on the home campus is the need for more housing.

There being no further business, we were adjourned.

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Obituaries

Gibbs

Leota Gibbs, 88, of Hereford, died on January 4, 2009, at Hereford Regional Medical Center in Hereford.

Funeral services were under the direction of Parkside Chapel Funeral Home of Hereford, and were held at 2 p.m. Jan. 8, 2009, at the First Baptist Church in Hereford with the Rev. Kyle Streun officiating. Interment followed at West Park Cemetery in Hereford.

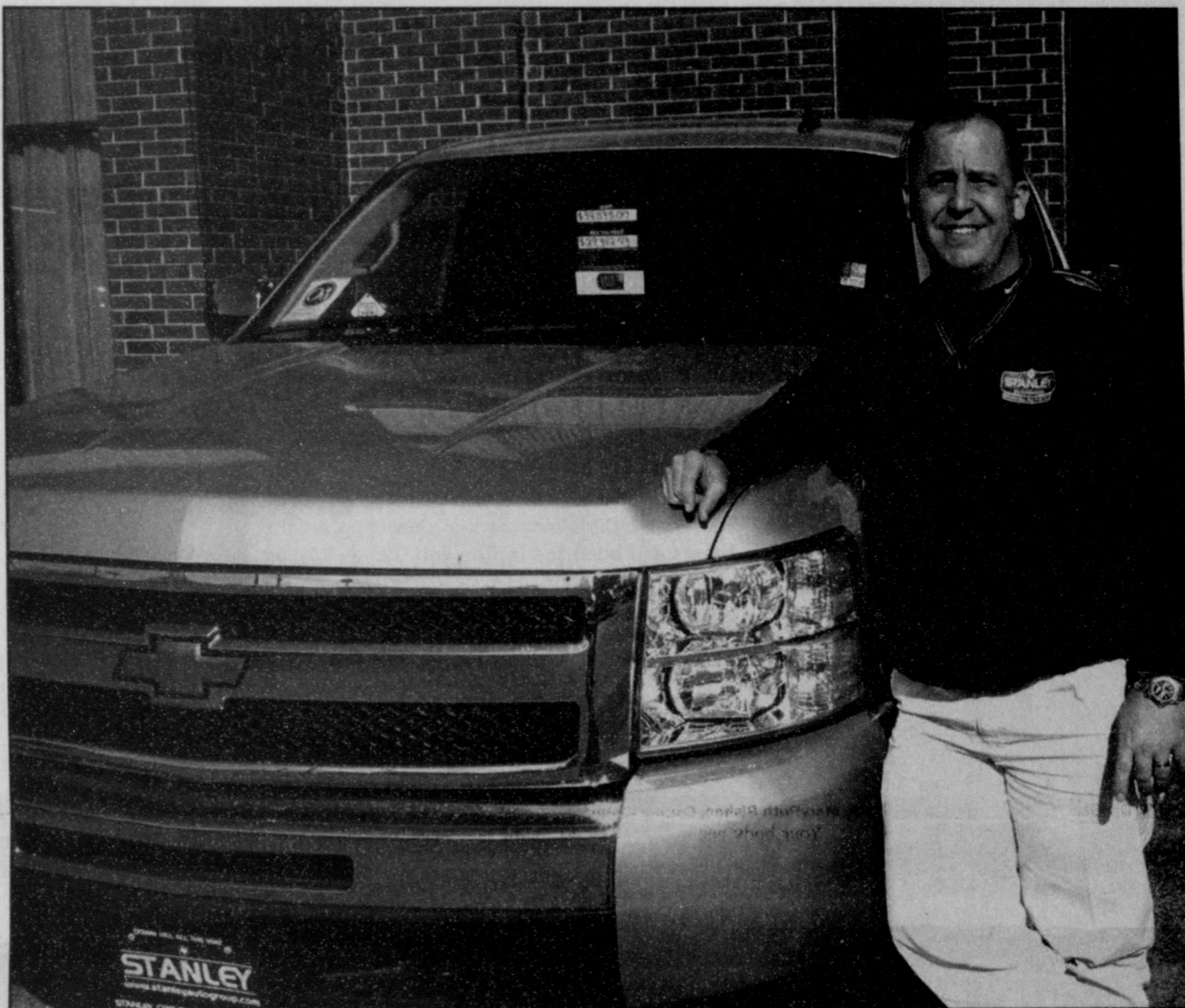
Mrs. Gibbs was born July 7, 1920, in Childress, the daughter of Monte and Hattie Lee Nivens. She married Frederick “Ned” Gibbs on Dec. 22, 1958, in Canyon. Leota worked as a bookkeeper for Caviness Packing and The Service Company until her retirement in 1995. Before her career as a bookkeeper, Mrs. Gibbs was a TWA Flight Attendant who was afraid to fly. Mrs. Gibbs liked to crochet in her spare time. Her grandkids could do no wrong in her eyes.

Survivors include one son, Leon Gibbs and wife, Nita of Amarillo;

one daughter, Jeannie Owens and husband, Mike of Clarendon; three granddaughters, Kim Dawson and husband Mike of Hereford, Kristal Hooten and Husband Robbie of Carrizozo, N.M., and Leslie Walthall and husband John of Seattle, Wash.; ten grandsons, Monte Cochran and wife Penny of Hereford, Kyle Hill and wife Barbara of Clarendon, Kelly Hill and wife Linda of Clarendon, Marty Gibbs and wife Cindy of Austin, Mark Gibbs and wife Evelyn of Lubbock, Matt Gibbs and wife Jody of Austin, Brian Gibbs and wife Candy of Bushland, Neal Gibbs and wife Jody of Plano, Jeff King and wife Heather of Clarendon, and Wade King and wife Cam of N.C.; ten great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ned Gibbs; two sons, Ronnie Hill and Milton Gibbs; one daughter Barbara Hill Cochran; three brothers, Delba Nivens, Doyle Nivens, and Bill Nivens.

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The Grand Champion Goat shown by Kati Adams and purchased by Moffitt Hardware and James and Sherry Rase.



The Grand Champion Heifer shown by Tres Hommel and purchased by Greenbelt Electric Coop.



The Grand Champion Lamb shown by Rowdy Speed and purchased by Humalfa, L&M Seed, and Bio Ag Technology.



The Grand Champion Steer shown by Abbie Patten and purchased by Salt Creek Ranch and Evans Fertilizer.



The Grand Champion Swine shown by Austin Adams and purchased by Ken and Glenda Wischkaemper and Shannon 66 Realty.



The Reserve Champion Gilt shown by Jake Owens and purchased by Herring Bank Crop Insurance and Donley County Gin.



The Reserve Champion Goat shown by Kolt Stevenson and purchased by Knorpp Insurance and Donley County State Bank.



The Reserve Champion Heifer shown by Hannah Hommel and purchased by Buck'n Blow Out Rodeo.



The Reserve Champion Lamb shown by Krista Reynolds and purchased by Greenbelt Electric Coop.



The Reserve Champion Steer shown by Trevor Cobb and purchased by Capital Farms Credit.



2009 Showmanship winners.

Stock Show: Continued from page one.

first (Class 101); Zachery Anglin, second (Class 101); Zachery Anglin, second (Class 102); Ty Tubbs, second (Class 103); Shiann Cook, third (Class 101); Kati Adams, third (Class 102); Austin Adams, third (Class 103); and Ashlyn Tubbs, fourth (Class 103).

Goats: Kati Adams, Grand Champion; Kolt Stevenson, Reserve Grand Champion; Brooke Martin, first (Class 203); Brooke Martin, first (Class 204); Cedar Stevenson, second (Class 201); Cedar Stevenson, second (Class 202); Janae White, second (Class 203); Maci White, third (Class 201); Skyler White, third (Class 202); Jenci White, third (Class 203); Janae White, fourth (Class 202)

Swine: Austin Adams, Grand Champion; Misti Scott, Reserve Grand Champion; Kendra Davis, first (Class 601); Wyatt Wheatly, first (Class 604); Wyatt Wheatly, first (Class 605); Coltin Kingston, second (Class 601); Madison Carr, second (Class 602); Kati Adams, second (Class 603); McKayla King, second (Class 604); Reid Coplin, second (Class 605); Denver Chambliss, third (Class 601); Will Monroe, third (Class 602); Austin Adams, third (Class 603); Hannah Hommel, third (Class 604); Tres Hommel, third (Class 605); Kendra Davis, fourth (Class 601); Eric Monroe, fourth (Class 602); Caylor Monroe, fourth (Class 603); Reid Coplin, fourth (Class 604); Tres Hommel, fourth (Class 605); Lee Cook, fifth (Class 601); Kailee Burton, fifth (Class 602); Chris Shults, fifth (Class 603); Misti Scott, fifth (Class 604); and Addy Monroe, sixth (Class 604).

Swine - Gilt: Misti Scott, Grand Champion; Jake Owens, Reserve Grand Champion; Sabra Patton, first (Class 503); Misti Scott, second (Class 501); Andrew Adams, second (Class 502); Hannah Hommel, second (Class 503); Lilly Carr, second (Class 504); Justin Riggs, third (Class 501); Jaqueda Harris, third (Class 502); Cody Wood, third (Class 503); Nick Overstreet, third (Class 504); Lee Cook, fourth (Class 501); Sterling King, fourth (Class 502); Colt Wood, fourth (Class 503); Seth Greer, fourth (Class 504); Kameron Shields, fifth (Class 501); Tres Hommel, fifth (Class 502); and Trent White, fifth (Class 503).

Showmanship Awards: Lambs - Krista Reynolds, senior, Kati Adams, junior; Goats - Cedar Stevenson, senior, Kati Adams, junior; Cattle - Jayson Pigg, senior, Tres Hommel, junior; Swine - Austin Adams, senior, Jake Owens, junior; PeeWee Lamb & Goat - Brandalyn Ellis; and PeeWee Pigs - Erin Monroe.



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Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended August 31, 2008

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 1,379,906	\$ 62,345	\$ 1,442,251
5800 State Program Revenues	4,105,960	66,602	4,172,562
5900 Federal Program Revenues	-	471,438	471,438
5020 Total Revenues	5,485,866	600,385	6,086,251
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
0011 Instruction	2,800,251	359,908	3,160,159
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	173,787	-	173,787
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	27,230	41,678	68,908
0021 Instructional Leadership	-	5,942	5,942
0023 School Leadership	326,529	-	326,529
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	63,712	-	63,712
0033 Health Services	25,207	-	25,207
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	147,800	-	147,800
0035 Food Services	-	196,141	196,141
0036 Extracurricular Activities	282,926	-	282,926
0041 General Administration	409,074	-	409,074
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	496,611	-	496,611
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	7,193	-	7,193
0053 Data Processing Services	3,367	-	3,367
Debt Service:			
0071 Debt Service - Principal on Long Term Debt	47,322	-	47,322
0072 Debt Service - Interest on Long Term Debt	2,820	-	2,820
0073 Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	-	50,000	50,000
Capital Outlay:			
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	261,445	599,585	861,030
Intergovernmental:			
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	70,820	-	70,820
6030 Total Expenditures	5,146,094	1,253,254	6,399,348
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	339,772	(652,869)	(313,097)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
7914 Non-Current Loans	-	1,295,000	1,295,000
7915 Transfers In	-	18,602	18,602
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(18,602)	-	(18,602)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(18,602)	1,313,602	1,295,000
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	321,170	660,733	981,903
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	2,051,580	-	2,051,580
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 2,372,750	\$ 660,733	\$ 3,033,483

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Broncos extinguish Canadian, Electra

By Sandy Anderberg

The Broncos grabbed two big wins over the week, with one of them being their first District win. They defeated Canadian 73-31 and stopped Electra 56-24.

The Broncos stopped the Wildcats before they could even get anything going and led by 23 at the break. The Broncos' defense was outstanding, but their offense was unstoppable with three players finishing in double figures.

Senior Danzel Wilson controlled the inside and racked up 25

points. Fellow seniors Derrick Shelton and Alton Gaines finished with 16 and 14 points respectively.

"I thought we played maybe one of our best games of the year against Canadian," coach Clint Coley said. "We really talked about it being our last opportunity to get ready for district play, and the kids really did a great job."

"Our defense was outstanding, and offensively we really are starting to take better care of the ball, which leads to more production."

Scoring: Wilson 25, Shelton

16, A. Gaines 14, Johnny Gaines 6, Stephino McCampbell 4, Tre Brown 4, Billy Cenicerros 2, and Jadon Thornton 2.

Later in the week, the Broncos traveled to Electra for their first District game and owned the court. They left no doubt as to their dominance on both ends of the court as they led the entire game and had three players finish in double figures.

Anything Electra tried, the Broncos squelched in their determination to get the win.

"We lost Alton (Gaines) to an

ankle injury Thursday in practice, and we had to have other kids step up and be ready," Coley said. "We got great contribution from all of our kids, and they really did a nice job to start district play. It looks like Al may be out for awhile, so we'll need those guys to continue their strong play."

Scoring: J. Gaines 18, Wilson 17, Shelton 15, McCampbell 4, and Aaron Gordon 2.

The Broncos will take on Quannah on the road January 16 beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Lady Broncos nab first district win by 24 points

By Sandy Anderberg

After holding Electra to only three points the first quarter, the Lady Broncos accelerated to win by 24 points at 51-27 in their District opener on the road.

The Ladies overcame foul trouble in the first half to hold their opponent to only 14 points in the second half of play.

"It was nice to get a District win

on the road," coach Randy Yelverton said. "In order to be successful, we have to win on the road."

"The kids played well in the second half, but we were in foul trouble in the first half. We did in the second half what we wanted to do in the first half. It was good to get our first District win, and it will be nice to be healthy again."

Scoring: Macy Shadle 18,

Abbie Massingill 14, Bailey Starnes 6, Haley Hall 6, Cortnee Thornberry 4, and Deidre Lewis 3.

Earlier in the week the Ladies hosted Canadian and were defeated 27-65. Despite the loss to the number one ranked team in the state, the Ladies played hard and fought to the end.

"We came on strong, but didn't finish," Yelverton said. "Foul trouble

got us again, and we just have to quit fouling and letting that get us into trouble. We play tough teams to make us better and to get us ready for District."

Scoring: Shadle 9, Hall 5, Massingill 4, Lewis 4, Jill Luna 3, and Starnes 2.

The Ladies will travel to Quannah January 16 and game time is at 6:30 p.m.

Hedley Junior High teams beat McLean

The Hedley Junior High Lady Owls and Owls traveled to McLean on Monday the 5th to play the Tiger Cubs. The Lady Owls quickly made short work of the McLean Lady Cubs overpowering them in the first quarter 15 to zip and continued that streak shutting the Lady Tiger Cubs, offensive completely down the first half 25 to 0. The Lady Owls went on to win the game 44 to 8.

Scoring for the HJH girls team were: Lydia Howard 13, Jodee Widener 8, Sierra Wheatly 7, Deborah Howard 6, Starlette Herrera 5, Bailey Wood 3, and Salem Shelp 2 points.

The Hedley Junior High Owls also played. The Tiger Cubs quickly took control of the game shutting out their opponent in the first quarter 18 to 0. The Owls won the game 59 to 7.

Scoring for the HJH boys team were: Coltin Kingston 24, Nicco Bennett 11, Denver Chambliss 10, Eric Monroe 7, Austin Adams 5, and Brandon Evans 2 points.

The Owls will play the Samnwood Eagles at home on Monday, January 19, beginning with the girls' game at 6:00.

4H Spotlight

By Cire Jauregui

This week's 4H Spotlight is on Hannah Hommel.

Hannah is in the third grade at Clarendon Elementary School. She is nine years old, and this is her first year in 4-H. Hannah would like to learn about livestock judging and showmanship.

She would like to help her community by giving canned goods at Thanksgiving, toys at Christmas, scarves and mittens in January, and playing the piano at the nursing home. Hannah's hobbies are showing pigs and steers, sewing, photography, making hot sauce, cooking, and raising chickens.

Just for fun she could ride 4-wheelers, work cattle, hunt with her dad, baby-sit, and go fishing.



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Bird Flu Vaccine Update

A vaccine designed to protect against the avian (bird) flu is back in the news. The latest is a report in a recent issue of the medical journal *Pediatric Infectious Disease Journal*. Researchers in Hungary at the National Center for Immunology and Allergy in Budapest report the safe and effective use of a H5N1 strain (so called Avian strain) in a small group of children 9 to 17 years of age. Following a single intramuscular dose of this trial vaccine, the rate of protection against this bird flu strain afforded children was 75% several weeks following vaccination.

According to the Food and Drug Administration, the H5N1 strain is one version of influenza virus found in birds. Unlike influenza normally encountered by humans where the level of infection ranges from mild to serious in most people, infection caused by H5N1 is far more serious and tends to happen very quickly. Pneumonia and a failure of organs other than the lungs is common. While H5N1 occurs mostly among birds, if at any point it begins to transmit from human to human, a feared pandemic could occur that could affect millions of people.

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Owls earn athletic honors

By Tangela Copelin

The 2008 Hedley Owl football team had a tough year with newcomer head coach Billy Hall and newcomer offensive coordinator Will Verstuyft depending on a sophomore dominated group to try and break the Owls' falling district record. The Owls showed what they could do by building week by week into a tough team that just missed the playoffs.

The Owls boasted several district honors because of the team's efforts to overcome the obstacles

they faced. Senior Seth Altman was named to the district 2nd team as nose guard; Junior Danny Garcia was named to the 1st team as a kicker and as a defensive end; Sophomore Reid Copelin was named to the 1st team as a wide receiver and as defensive safety. The late Tanner Gross was given 2nd team nose guard honors.

Copelin and Garcia were also given All-Region honors.

Garcia was named to the Region I 2nd team as a kicker, and Copelin was named to the Region I 1st team as a defensive safety.



Hedley All-District & All-Region Players Senior Seth Altman, Junior Danny Garcia, and Sophomore Reid Copelin

JV girls beat Electra

The Lady Bronco junior varsity showed their strength when they traveled to Electra to play their first District game. They defeated the Lady Tigers 50-17. The Ladies jumped out to score 24 in the first half and held their opponent to four points. They continued strong in the second half and totally dominated Electra.

"We only took eight girls, and all of them were able to score and contribute to the win," coach Kasey Bell said. "They did a good job playing out of position, and they worked well together."

Scoring: Kia Bryley 12, Brandi Mays 12, Emily Clark 8, Danielle Ford 6, Brooklyn Bailey 4, Marqueda Gaines 4, Amber Keelin 2, and Kae Hewett 2.

The Tuesday before, the Ladies took on Canadian at home and were narrowly defeated 32-40. After playing to a six all tie in the first quarter, Canadian gained a six-point advantage at the break. The Lady Broncos suffered a slow third quarter, but they fell into a rhythm in the final period, but could not make up the deficit.

"The Ladies played hard," Bell said. "But we just couldn't get everything put together. We did come on stronger in the final quarter and came back within eight points."

Scoring: Bryley 6, Ford 6, Bailey 6, Gaines 6, Caitlyn Christopher 4, Elissa Holland 2, and Mays 2.

The Ladies will travel to Quannah January 16 beginning at 4:00 p.m.

JV stuns Canadian

The Bronco JV did not have any trouble stopping the Wildcats at home Tuesday night. They played hard and earned a 52-38 win.

The Broncos dominated their opponent on both sides of the ball and cruised to an 11-point lead at the break. The Wildcats outscored the Broncos the last seven minutes, but the Broncos already had the game under control.

"After the time off, the guys needed to get their legs back under them, but the made a good showing against Canadian," coach Alton Gaines said. "They are beginning to understand our offense and defense, and their hard work is beginning to pay off. I was proud of them and the way they played."

Scoring: Chris Crump 10, Mike Crump 8, Brayden Phillips 8, Dylan Wright 8, David Roberts 8, Justin Schilling 4, Troy Chambless 2, Matt Henderson 2, and Wes Williams 2.

The Broncos will continue with their District schedule January 16 at Quannah beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Colts skin Wildcats

Forrest Yelverton and Cole Ward accounted for 29 points in the Colts' 57-32 commanding win over Canadian at home Monday night. Yelverton led all scorers with 15 points, and Ward followed with 14 while Trajen Johnson put in nine.

The Colts romped to a 16-2 lead in the first quarter of play and stunned the Wildcats in the second and third quarters to take a huge lead. The Colts put together a great attack offensively after a slow start

and were relentless on the defensive side of the ball. Every player contributed to the win and helped secure a victory.

"We started off slow but finished strong," coach Brad Elam said. "They are tough to beat right now and are playing well. We had a few who played through injuries, and that is good to see."

Scoring: Yelverton 15, Ward 14, Johnson 9, Adam Topper 5, Jonah Sell 4, Diego Santos 4, Cody Wood 2, Tyler Burch 2, and John Pigg 2.

The seventh grade played extremely hard, but they fell short at 33-39. The Colts trailed early but rallied before the break to take a three-point lead in the game. The Wildcats tied it up at the end of three and had a good offensive final period to get the win. Foul trouble plagued the Colts, and their opponent capitalized on mistakes.

"I thought both teams played really well considering the long layoff," Elam said. "We are getting better and the kids are starting to grasp what we want from them. I was a little disappointed we were not able to hold on and win the seventh grade game, but they played hard, and I was proud of the way they battled."

Scoring: Chance McAnear 12, Cody Harjo 8, Tres Hommel 5, Jonathan Cartwright 4, Brandon Miller 2, and Terance Wilson 2.

The seventh grade also competed in the McLean Tournament Thursday and Saturday. According to Elam, the seventh grade was defeated in their first game against Groom at 32-41.

Scoring: Hommel 11, Harjo 7, McAnear 6, Cartwright 4, Miller 2, and David Johnston 2.

The Colts played Miami on Saturday and were defeated by 13 points.

"We got off to a really slow start, but were able to play much better the last three quarters," Elam said. "Cody Harjo and Chance McAnear played well, but we were short handed for the game with only six players."

Both Colt teams will play at Wellington Monday, January 12, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Lady Colts win by five

The seventh grade Lady Colts fought from a two-point half-time deficit to get a 25-20 win over Canadian at home Monday night. Several

players contributed to the win on the scoreboard, and all the Ladies played tough basketball.

After playing to an 8-8 tie after the first quarter, the Ladies trailed by two points at the break. But they rallied back to take the lead and held on to get the win.

"With accomplishments comes confidence, and with confidence comes belief," coach Stephanie Beck said. "The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don't play together, the club won't be worth a dime. These girls have finally started to work together as a team, and I see it only getting better."

Scoring: Haley Ferguson 11, Ryann Starnes 6, Shantel Harris 4, Savannah Topper 2, and Camra Smith 2.

The Ladies participated in an eighth grade tournament at McLean over the weekend and defeated Groom 48-29 in the first round. The Ladies stayed strong and were determined to get the win.

"You have to have enthusiasm for life to go from where you are to where you want to be," Beck said. "You have to have a dream and a goal, and you have to be willing to work for it. Leaders are made by hard effort, which is the price which all of us must pay to achieve any goal that is worthwhile. These girls have worked so hard and are going to continue to work hard."

Scoring: Camra Smith 22, Ryann Starnes 6, Glory Bryley 4, Haley Ferguson 4, Zhanae Bassett 4, Savannah Topper 2, Phara Berry 2, Audra Thomas 2, and Sarah Luttrell 2.

The Ladies' second round game was with Miami 8th grade, and they nearly held on to win and only lost 27-29. The Lady Colts had to play catch up the entire game, but they stayed strong to come back at the end.

Scoring: Smith 11, Berry 8, Starnes 4, Jacy Hill 2, and Shantel Harris 2.

The Lady Colts were able to play for third place and took on McLean and defeated them 37-11.

A slow first half gave way to a dominating second half of play as the Ladies' defense stepped up huge to hold their opponent scoreless in the final period.

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In the future, until April anyway, we will talk more of this subject. April 2nd-4th, the Clarendon Church of Christ will have a seminar titled "ONE NATION UNDER GOD." The speaker will be published author Dave Miller. He has researched and written about our country when God was revered and how we came to be where we are. I hope you will join us at that time. Times of service will given at a later date.

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 1:57 a.m.- Second complaint on barking dog. 500 Blk. W. 5th St.
 7:02 a.m.- EMS assist at 400 Blk. S. Kearney St.
 7:38 a.m.- See caller at 900 Blk. W. 2nd St. Possible theft.
 11:50 p.m.- Caller reporting possible drunk driver in Hedley.
January 6, 2009
 8:04 a.m.- At Hedley School, vandalism to school.
 8:33 a.m.- To jail 1 male in custody. Criminal mischief/destruction of school property in Hedley.
 10:07 a.m.- Welfare check. 200 Blk. S. Sully St.
 5:14 p.m.- See complainant at 900 Blk. W. 2nd St. Disgruntled former employee creating problems.
 5:44 p.m.- Back to location at 900 Blk. W. 2nd St.
 4:58 p.m.- See complainant. 400 Blk. E. Wood St. Possible assault.
 8:19 p.m.- To jail, 1 female in custody. Assault on family member.
January 7, 2009
 9:34 a.m.- At College.
 1:32 p.m.- At residence. 400 Blk. E. Wood St.
 1:45 p.m.- Out at Community Care Center
 1:54 p.m.- District Judge's Office.
 10:16 p.m.- Stranded motorist. Hwy 70 S. 4 miles South.
January 8, 2009
 12:49 a.m.- EMS assist at 100 Blk. N. Sully St.
 9:45 a.m.- At courthouse.
 9:54 a.m.- At District Judge's Office.
 4:46 p.m.- 100 Blk. N. Carhart St. Serve papers.
 5:36 p.m.- At College gym.
 6:51 p.m.- At fire department.
 7:17 p.m.- See caller at 100 Blk. S. Good-night St. Family dispute.
 7:54 p.m.- Standby DPS traffic stop.
January 9, 2009
 12:30 a.m.- Stranded motorist. Hwy 287 3 miles west.
 12:56 a.m.- Pedestrian FM 2362.
 12:59 a.m.- Giving subject a ride to his residence.
 6:54 a.m.- Removing deer carcass from Hwy 287 10 miles West of Community Care Center.
 9:57 a.m.- Out at Community Care Center.
 10:38 a.m.- Stranded motorist. Hwy 287. At Leila Lake.
 1:10 p.m.- Looking for reported vehicle travelling West bound on East bound lane.
 2:21 p.m.- At annex.
 4:08 p.m.- Assist with call at 400 Blk. Blair St. Hedley.
 6:51 p.m.- Check report of accident on Hwy 70 North. Vehicle and deer.
 11:36 p.m.- McLean St. Problem with undomesticated animals.
January 10, 2009
 12:40 a.m.- Standby DPS traffic stop.
 12:59 a.m.- To Sheriff's Office. 1 female, 2 males.
 1:33 a.m.- Female booked into jail for out of state warrant.
 6:28 a.m.- 200 Blk. Fredricks St. Howard-wick, man with gun
 6:48 a.m.- Weapon in possession of deputy. Mental health officer en route.
 8:05 a.m.- Back to Residence at 200 Blk. Fredricks St. Howardwick.
 8:30 a.m.- Secure building E. Rosenfield St. Nothing appears disturbed.
 10:40 a.m.- Out at Rodeo grounds, stock show.
 12:42 p.m.- Caller reporting 2 adult males missing, believe to be in the water, Kincaide Park area Greenbelt Lake. All emergency services dispatched.
 5:12 p.m.- See caller at 500 Blk. W. 5th St. Family violence.
 6:20 p.m.- Caller reports strong smell of Natural gas at 300 Blk. Ayers Rd.
 9:03 p.m.- To Rest Area East of Hedley. Vehicle hit deer.
 10:09 p.m.- Disturbance barking dog, address not logged.
 10:26 p.m.- See caller at 200 Blk. Short St. Hedley. Family violence.
January 11, 2009
 12:05 a.m.- 900 Blk. E. 3rd St. Intruder making entry to residence through window.
 1:19 a.m.- Sheriff escorting family to location at Kincaide park where 2 went missing.
 6:30 a.m.- Dive team preparing to go back into the water. Family of missing being assisted at location in Clarendon.
 7:33 a.m.- Family escorted back to Kincaide Park Greenbelt Lake.
 8:30 a.m.- Check alarm at 4800 Blk. Greenbelt Way.
 9:59 a.m.- Sheriff's reporting first victim recovered; have JP come to Kincaide park.
 11:09 a.m.- Dive team going back into water.
 11:42 a.m.- Sheriff reporting 2nd victim recovered.
 12:02 p.m.- See caller N. Sully St. Vehicle windows broken.
 4:41 p.m.- EMS assist at 400 Blk. Reeves St. Hedley.
 6:06 p.m.- See caller; break in at 100 Blk. Olita St. Howardwick.
 10:42 p.m.- At College.
 Arrests- 1 EMS- 13
 Fire Department- 1

Hedley falls to Shamrock

By Tangela Copelin
 The Hedley Lady Owls and Shamrock traveled to Shamrock to play the Fighting Irish in a couple of tight games on Tuesday, January 6.
 The Lady Owls started out slow, only scoring 7 points in the first quarter, but they picked up the pace in the second quarter to end the first half 3 points behind, 16 to 19.
 The game continued in the second half with both teams playing tough defense. In the end, the Lady Owls were short by 3 to lose to the Lady Irish 36 to 39.
 Lady Owls putting points on the board this game were: Kelby Shields 13, Kaylee Shields 7, Haley Chambers 6, Marlee Sargent 5; and Kallie Verstuyft and Elizabeth Garcia both had 2 points a piece this game.
 The Owls started out playing the Fighting Irish in top form. The Owls finished the first half of play with the lead 36 to 30. The Owls failed to come back from the locker room to play the same kind of game, and lost the game 65 to 78.
 Scoring: Peter Howard 21, Isaias Ramirez 12, Reid Copelin and Dustin Watson each had 8 points, Jacob Widener 6 points, and Kolby Foard and Daniel West 4 points a piece.



Hedley's Reid Copelin goes up for Hedley in their game against Shamrock last week.

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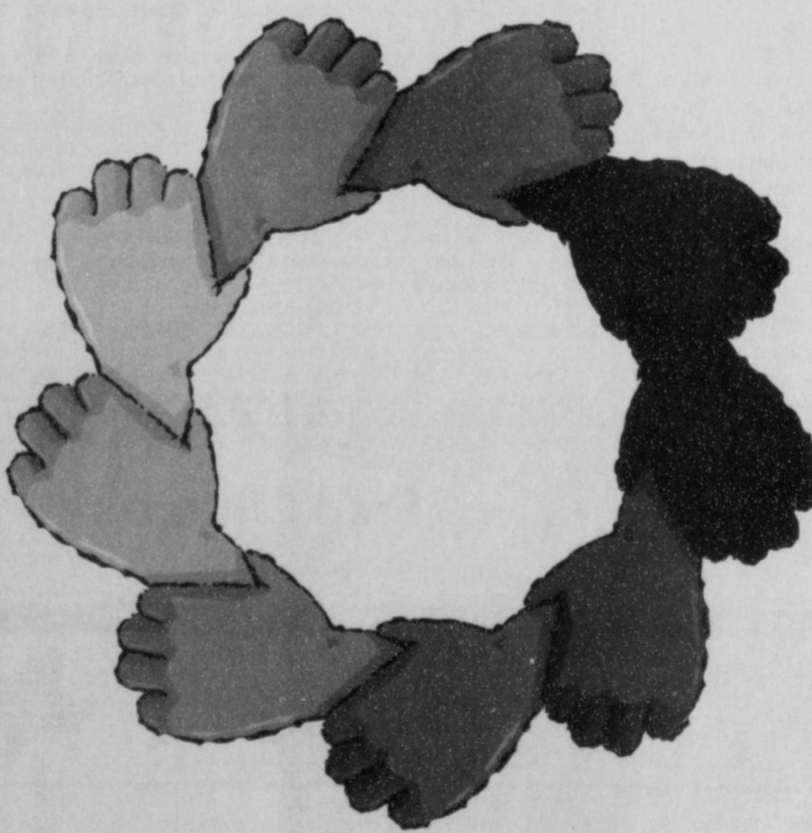
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