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All this and much more as The Enterprise reports in this *Homemade Vanilla* edition!

City sales tax takes a dive in December

Clarendon's sales tax revenue took another hit last week when Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar made his monthly allocations to Texas cities.

The city's sales tax figure dropped 11.27 percent for a monthly allocation of \$27,907.41, and bringing Clarendon's calendar year-to-date tally down 2.24 percent to \$389,496.94.

Sales figures have been rocky in 2015 with Clarendon experiencing declines in sales tax revenue in eight of the last 12 months.

December allocations are based on sales made in October by businesses that report tax monthly.

Hedley's monthly allocation was \$247.40, down from \$363.55 one year ago and dropping that city's year-to-date total 9.10 percent at \$6,396.82.

Howardwick was up this month at \$941.17 compared to \$787.23 in December 2014, but the lakeside city is still down 2.4 percent for the year at \$12,996.12.

State sales tax revenue for this period was reported at \$2.58 billion, down 3.3 percent compared to November 2014.

"Sales tax revenue declined again due to reduced spending in oil and gas-related sectors," Hegar said. "Remittances from other sectors, including construction, restaurants and retail trade, continued to grow. The net decrease in sales tax receipts is in line with the October Certification Revenue Estimate."

Chamber rewarding those who buy local

Shopping at home can put money in your pocket this month thanks to a new promotion from the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce.

Chriss Clifford was the first winner of the season, getting \$125 in Clarendon Cash this week.

To enter next week's drawing for \$125 in Clarendon Cash, just bring a receipt from a Chamber member business for \$100 or more to the Clarendon Visitor Center for a chance to win.

Receipts for \$100 or more must be dated between November 27 and December 28 in order to enter the contest.

Drawings will be held on December 21 and 28.

Early deadlines set for next two issues

The Clarendon Enterprise has changed its deadlines for the December 24 and December 31 editions.

All news, photos, ads, and classifieds for those issues need to be submitted to the paper by noon this Friday, December 18.

Next week's Christmas edition of the paper will be distributed on Tuesday, December 22; and the Enterprise will be closed December 23-December 29 for the holidays.

We appreciate our readers' and advertisers support and cooperation during that time.



Happier holidays

Brandon Beyers of Blue Bell Ice Cream holds a half-gallon of Cookies 'N Cream prior to re-stocking Lowe's Family Center Tuesday. Blue Bell was off the shelves for months due to a voluntary recall its products. Other flavors now available are Homemade Vanilla, Dutch Chocolate, Great Divide, Pistachio, Buttered Pecan, and Peppermint. More flavors will return in January, and ice cream lovers can keep up with the flavor schedule at BlueBell.com.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ROGER ESTLACK

Designer now consulting on water park

The effort to build a water recreation facility in Clarendon is making progress as a steering committee continues to pursue that goal.

City Administrator David Dockery says local officials are now working with Waters Edge Aquatics Design to develop preliminary designs and site evaluations for the local project.

Waters Edge engineer Dave Schwartz met with the city council appointed steering committee November 23 and emphasized the need for careful planning, conceptual drawings, and a feasibility study as critical objectives for a successful project.

Dockery said Schwartz' comments echoed the advice given to the committee by fundraising advisors from the Amarillo Area Foundation.

Schwartz also told the committee that planning and building a water park will take quite a bit of time. Dockery says the project may be as much as three years away from completion.

Waters Edge is the same company that designed and built the new water park in Wellington and specializes in the design and construction of water recreation projects.

Dockery said Schwartz is consulting with engineers this week and the company will present a complete proposal for design and evaluation services in mid-January, and a single benefactor has already agreed to pay for the cost of the preliminary design work.

Project planners will also be consulting with David Driskill and the Texas Tech University College of Architecture, the same group recently contracted by the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation to develop master plans for the city's central business district.

Earlier in November, the steering committee approved setting up a dedicated fund at the Amarillo Area Foundation specifically for Clarendon's water recreation project. The move allows people to make fully tax-deductible donations to the project. Those interested in supporting the project can mail a contribution to the Donley County Affiliate Fund at Amarillo Area Foundation, 801 S Fillmore St, Ste. 700, Amarillo, TX 79101, and note Clarendon Water Recreation Project in the memo.

The project began in July when an anonymous donor approached the city with the offer of a \$500,000 challenge grant for the purpose of building some kind of water recreation facility in Clarendon. The city council subsequently appointed a 13-member committee to guide planning and fundraising, and town hall on the subject was held in October.

County commissioners discuss incentive for wind farm

The Donley County Commissioners' Court discussed a possible tax abatement agreement for additional wind farm activity during a called session Friday, December 11.

Judge John Howard said the Salt Fork Two project will be an expansion of the current project underway in the northwest corner of

the county.

At least 15 percent of the new project is expected to be in Donley County while the remainder of be constructed in Carson and Armstrong counties. The project will in this county will consist of between 20 and 30 megawatts.

Howard said the court is wait-

ing on paperwork to be drawn up to finalize the agreement.

In other county business, the court met in regular session on Monday, December 14, with several items of business to consider.

A proposal to lease-purchase a new motorgrader for Precinct 2 was approved. The five-year agreement

finances approximately \$109,000 at 2 percent interest.

The court also approved a lease for a new copier/printer in the sheriff's office and voted in favor of making a \$500 donation to the High Plains Food Bank.

A proposal to upgrade the control system for the heating and cool-

ing system in the Courthouse was considered but set aside due to its \$50,000 price tag.

The court approved a contract for collection and assessment of taxes by the Donley County Appraisal District and voted to cast its votes for the appraisal board for Lon Adams and Jerry Green.



All I want for Christmas...

First grader Zane Cruse reads her list to Santa Claus (Jeff McKee) at the Mulkey Theatre during the Christmas in Clarendon bazaar Saturday. Letters to Santa will be printed in next week's issue of the Enterprise.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / A. ESTLACK

City council prepares for USDA application

The Clarendon City Council met in regular session December 10 with several items to consider on its agenda.

Aldermen approved renewing the city's contract with the Donley County Appraisal District for assessment and collection of property taxes, and the city approved a motion dividing its votes for the appraisal board for Lance Thornberry, Britton Hall, and Wilma Lindley.

The council took no action on a presentation from McKinstry on

wastewater and water infrastructure.

No bids were received for contract animal control services, and City Administrator David Dockery says the city will now fill that need with a full time staff position.

The aldermen adopted a conflict of interest policy and a fund designation and capital improvement plan as necessary steps for pursuing USDA funding for a water infrastructure project. A public hearing related to the possible application for USDA

funding will be held Tuesday, Janu-

ary 5, 2016.

An update was given on the water recreation project.

Dockery reported that Clarendon will host a quarterly meeting of the Texas Municipal League in Amarillo next month. At that meeting, Clarendon College's Ashlee Estlack will give a presentation on branding and marketing, Jo Shaller will perform cowboy poetry, and Steve Hall and Jesse Lincycumb will provide musical entertainment, Dockery said.



Chamber winners

Ronnie Edwards (left) receives a \$250 Clarendon Cash certificate from Chamber President Roger Estlack Saturday after Edwards' ballot was drawn from those who tasted in the 2015 Chili Challenge. And Chamber Manager Bonnie Campbell (right) present the plaque for the best chili to Estlack for The Clarendon Enterprise team.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ASHLEE ESTLACK

Blue Bell is back in time for Christmas

The wait is over, and happy days are here again. Blue Bell Ice Cream has returned to local stores. Let the angels sing and the people rejoice!

The year 2015 has been a trying one for Texans. We have faced the kind of adversity that tested whether we had the fortitude of early pioneers who lived without modern conveniences. It was a summer that tried our souls and gave us a glimpse of what life must have been like during the Great Depression... or at the very least greatly depressed many of us.

Back in the spring, the troubling news began to spread that there was some contamination in our beloved brand of ice cream. And then, to our shock and horror, Blue Bell voluntarily recalled all of its products from the market for safety concerns.

Your humble editor was like many ice cream aficionados who refused to give in to the fear of some lower lifeform. Bacteria? Sickness? Death? I'll take my chances. Give me the ice cream.

At our house, we went into full World War II rationing mode. I'd studied history; I'd heard the stories of living through hard times. I knew how to handle it.

We had partial half gallons of Mint Chocolate Chip and Homemade Vanilla. We no longer just served up scoops of ice cream. For the time being, it would be special occasions only, and then only limited samples... a small scoop or less. Enough to keep us alive, but not enough to endanger our supply.

Soon t-shirts and memes began showing up online proclaiming "I survived the Blue Bell famine of 2015." I refused to participate, because the fact was we had not yet survived... the ordeal was not over.

As the summer wore on, we were doing fine. As other people bemoaned being out of ice cream, our family was safe and secure with its reserve. And then late in the summer, a miracle happened. As we dug through the freezer looking for who knows what, we uncovered an unopened, untouched pint of Dutch Chocolate Blue Bell. Praise God!

Opening that gift from the almighty was an emotional time, particularly for my wife and daughter. It was like the good old days had returned. The strict rations were quickly imposed so we did not get swept up in the moment.

And so life continued. We told ourselves that desperate times called for desperate measures, and we did the unthinkable. We sampled other brands, choked down their lesser quality fare, and tried to squelch the feelings of guilt we had for straying from our true love. Ultimately, that always led to going back for a ration of our favorites.

Then tragedy struck in September. In our hustle and bustle to get to school and work one morning. The freezer somehow got left partially open. When we returned home that evening, our Blue Bell was ruined! Oh, the humanity! What would we do now? We would have to wait, like everyone else, for the promised Second Coming.

Much like the famous advertisement that proclaimed "When you're out of Schlitz, you're out of beer," we were out of ice cream. There was no substitute to be had.

But hope began to blossom. It was preceded by Internet rumors and the scalawags who like to offer false promises online. Soon, however, it was real... Blue Bell was back. But only in the central Texas area. It's progression northward and westward was slow, and then frustratingly arrived in Childress and Memphis before landing in our own Lowe's Family Center this week.

Now, we are made whole again. Our lives are fulfilled and happy. And we have learned an important lesson as we go become engulfed in the magic and miracle that is the Christmas season. We have been taught humility and hardship, but most importantly we have been reminded to hold close to the people... and the ice cream... that we hold most dear. Because we never know when something precious might be taken from us.

We have learned that we must live life to the fullest, and never take for granted that Blue Bell will always be there. This holiday season, treasure it, enjoy it, and share it.

Meanwhile...

The Chamber of Commerce's "Christmas in Clarendon" has come and gone; and all in all, it was successful. Last Saturday saw a big crowd downtown, shopping with our local merchants, visiting Santa Claus, and enjoying food and special deals on Kearney Street.

Wouldn't it be great to see that kind of activity every weekend? Our merchants would appreciate it, and it would make a world of difference in our local economy. Every dollar spent at a local store circulates through our town and helps pay taxes for local services, helps local charities, and generally helps our community be more vibrant.

If you didn't make it downtown last Saturday, remember our local merchants all across town still have plenty of deals for you to take advantage of this season. Let's make it a merry Christmas for everyone and find those perfect gifts right here at home.



editor's commentary
by roger estlack

Singing a new Christmas song

Craig Murphy chased dreams for a quarter-century – partly behind the wheel of "big rigs," but mostly in the 1991 Chevrolet pick-up he bought new and still drives despite an odometer north of 263,000 miles.

Some were short-lived pursuits, including automotive school and master mechanic certification, training to drive 18-wheelers across the country and a police academy program for a short stint in law enforcement. He's been a "mobile mechanic," and continues to maintain his own whistle-clean pick-up, as well as vehicles of relatives and friends.

Then, restlessness set in a few years back...

For a time, he felt fulfilled with karaoke and emcee assignments, realizing early on that in some venues, he faced elements contrary to his values.

He's now more selective for engagements, and continues part-time employment at Fort Worth's HANK FM (92.1), hoping for eventual DJ opportunities.

Craig added still another "chase" in 2013, singing in area care centers and retirement homes. He started at Arlington Villa, where he continues to entertain monthly....

To the mix he's added another 40 centers, sometimes booking four in a single day – a "chase pace" that challenges.

"I love it," he said, delighted that his western and Christian songs are gaining traction. A while back, after he'd loaded his equipment at a gig, a care center attendant yelled, "Come back. A song-writing resident wants to talk to you."...

Ever trusting and a good listener,

Craig went to the room of Aubrey Freeman, now 92.

"I was Lefty Frizzell's barber, and I wrote many of his songs – you can check out my bio on music publisher's website. I've written a new western Christmas song, The First Christmas Day, and I want you to see what you can do with it." Craig snapped to attention when Freeman added, "Your voice range is better than Lefty's." (Frizzell was a popular vocalist in the 1950s-60s.)

That my path would cross with Craig's seems more than coincidental....

In 1978, Craig remembers riding his bike to Buddy's Supermarket in Everman, where the late Verdis Pack was store manager. Often, Pack handed him a coin – often a big one. He also gave Craig his first job – sacking groceries at age 16.

I knew Verdis Pack well; he was my father-in-law. When he died in 2003, a man none of us knew asked to make graveside remarks. "He was the nicest man I ever met, and the best boss ever," he said.

My wife and I remember the moment, but we never saw the man again....

Until recently. Move the calendar forward to October, 2015. Brenda and I were at her only sibling's bedside. Near death, Terry Pack was succumbing to a hard-fought 50-year battle with diabetes. She mentioned listening briefly to a



the idle american

by don newbury

vocalist in the lobby. "I think you should go hear him," she suggested. I did, and was much impressed. He mentioned his "new Christmas CD would be available soon."

At program's end – after he'd visited with residents who clamored to chat – I asked about ordering a CD....

It was no priority for him. "I'm not sure when I'll have it," he said. "I'm not a writer, know nothing about art work and I don't have a CD duplicator." I offered my help; he accepted it.

Craig was breathless a few days later when he read Terry's obituary. "Do you mean Terry was Mr. Verdis Pack's son?"

Surprised – no, shocked – he provided details beginning in 1978, when a grocery man gave him coins, and later, his first job....

Coincidence? Maybe. More likely, it's a thread running through God's sprawling tapestry of our lives.

Wind-up. The First Christmas Day is a seasonal hit on HANK FM. Craig has found his way, and our family has a new friend. Maybe you'll hear him on the radio, or ministering in song at care centers throughout the Metroplex.

Or, you might spot him on the freeway in a flashy blue, flame-accented Silverado pick-up – just a year away from antique status. Sunday mornings, you may see it on the Edge Park United Methodist Church parking lot. After all, it was through encouragement of fellow choir members there that he mounted his singing career....

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Victory for private property owners

By US Senator John Cornyn and Congressman Mac Thornberry

Imagine that you had worked hard to purchase a piece of property, pay your taxes on the land, and plan to pass it along to your children for their use and enjoyment. All seems well until an agency of the federal government decides that it really owns your land and swoops in to take it away. You try to fight the government in court but while you do, a cloud hangs over the title to the property for years.

That is the nightmare facing more than 150 land owners along a 116-mile stretch of the Red River. However, stopping this land grab by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is important for more than just those directly affected. Property rights affect all of us, and we must stand together to protect them.

As part of BLM's update to its Resource Management Plan two years ago, the agency originally claimed that it owned up to 90,000 more acres than it previously suggested along the Red River. It later reduced that estimate to approximately 30,000 acres. But the federal government has only surveyed about 6,400 acres of the land in ques-

tion, and these spot surveys are highly contested. They appear to stray greatly from the survey method mandated by the Supreme Court in the 1920s. BLM has also stated that it does not plan to survey the rest of the land in question.

Since 2013, our offices have held countless meetings, phone calls, and site visits with these landowners, as well as local and state officials, to coordinate action. As a result of these interactions, we introduced the Red River Private Property Protection Act in the House and Senate – legislation that seeks to end questions about the federal government's ownership of the disputed land. And in one of the most encouraging developments in this long fight, the US House of Representatives this week passed the bill.

The legislation will require that an actual survey be taken of the entire 116-mile stretch in question using the gradient boundary survey method developed and backed by the Supreme Court. This survey must also be conducted by licensed state land surveyors chosen by the Texas General Land Office and be paid for by the government. Importantly,

the final survey must ultimately be approved by the State of Texas.

The bill also allows the landowner to appeal any further federal government ownership claims to their land through an Administrative Law judge. Once these claims are settled, BLM must sell off the surface rights of the remaining publicly-owned land at fair market value after the proper boundary line is located and settled. The bill also explicitly states that the interest of the states and the sovereign rights of the federally-recognized Indian tribes will not be affected. And the Congressional Budget Office estimates that this legislation would save US taxpayers about \$3 million. In short, this legislation would keep Texans from losing their property to a federal land grab.

By establishing a process to resolve uncertainty, this commonsense legislation would ultimately protect the property rights of Texans. The right to own private property is a cornerstone of our way of life. We will continue to do everything we can to protect that right for these landowners and all Texans.

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Rep. Thornberry votes to strengthen security of the Visa Waiver Program

WASHINGTON - US Congressman Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon) voted yesterday in support of a bill that would deny visa waivers to those who have traveled to or are nationals of countries with significant terrorist activity and enhance the screening of all travelers from Visa Waiver Program (VWP) countries. The "Visa Waiver Program Improvement and Terrorist Travel Prevention Act of 2015," H.R. 158, passed the House by a vote of 407-19.

"Many terrorist recruits and sympathizers who traveled to join ISIS have passports from countries that receive visa waivers and do not currently need a visa to enter the United States," said Thornberry. "This bill would stop terrorists from exploiting this weakness in our border controls by requiring those traveling from countries deemed high-risk, even for business or tour-

ism, to go through more stringent screenings and be approved for a visa. This bill would also improve intelligence sharing, which is key to stopping attacks."

H.R. 158 would require dual nationals and individuals who have traveled to certain nations or state sponsors of terror - including Syria, Iran, and Iraq - since March 1, 2011, to obtain a visa before traveling to the US rather than entering through the VWP. The Secretary of Homeland Security would be able to designate additional countries of concern should threats arise and suspend a country from VWP if information-sharing requirements are not sufficiently met.

The bill would also amend the "Immigration and Nationality Act" to include terrorism risk as a factor under the Electronic System for Travel Authorization that the Sec-

retary of Homeland Security shall consider when determining whether a foreign national is eligible to travel to the US

Many VWP countries fail to screen travelers through INTERPOL, which maintains global databases of lost or stolen passports and information about travelers wanted by law enforcement agencies based on ties to terrorism and criminal activity. This bill would require VWP countries to check travelers against INTERPOL to determine if a traveler is wanted or if a fraudulent passport is being used. VWP countries would be required to issue their citizens fraud-resistant electronic passports containing biometric information, confirm such documents are legitimate when they are scanned upon travel, and notify INTERPOL within 24 hours of their citizens' passport being reported missing.

TxDOT urges drivers to 'plan while you can'

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Transportation's "Plan While You Can" campaign urges party goers to plan for a sober ride this holiday season. The campaign runs through Jan. 1, 2016, and coincides with an increase in DUI patrols and enforcement.

"The holidays are a time of celebration and family, but they also require responsible decisions and planning if alcohol is involved," said TxDOT Executive Director LtGen Joe Weber, USMC (Ret). "Our goal is to save families from the heartbreak of losing a loved one. Finding a sober ride is easy and it can save you from being arrested, injured or killed. There is no excuse for drink-

ing and driving."

During last year's holiday season (Dec. 1, 2014 - Jan. 1, 2015) there were 2,412 alcohol-related traffic crashes in Texas, resulting in 190 serious injuries and 110 fatalities. This was nearly an 8-percent increase in alcohol-related traffic fatalities over the previous holiday season.

Central to the "Plan While You Can" campaign is a statewide tour featuring an interactive dodgeball game that uses custom gaming technology to replicate the effects of alcohol on a person's reflexes. As participants play, virtual drinks are added and the players' on-screen avatars become less able to dodge

incoming "snowballs." The game demonstrates how even one drink can slow reaction times.

Additionally, TxDOT is hosting a contest on its Facebook, Twitter and Instagram social media accounts. Participants who tag up to three friends in a tweet or a post with the hashtag #PlanWhileYouCan will be entered into a giveaway for a donated gift card from a retailer, restaurant or entertainment venue. To enter and learn more, follow TxDOT on its social media accounts.

As always, TxDOT strongly encourages everyone to plan for a sober ride before going out. Visit SoberRides.org to find alternatives to drinking and driving.



The Clarendon Lions Club held their regular Tuesday noon meeting December 15, 2015, with Boss Lion Jacob Fangman in charge.

We had 15 members and Lion Sweetheart Kendra Davis present this week.

Lion Ashlee Estlack reported on college news and said students are gone for the break but an online mini-semester starts this week.

Lion Roger Estlack reported on a successful Christmas bazaar last weekend, and the Sweetheart reported on high school sports.

The club appreciates the Fellowship Class at the Methodist Church for its contribution to our Christmas basket project.

Lion Landon Lambert gave a very important presentation on Elder Law and the need to protect seniors and report cases of abuse or fraud.

There being no further business, we were adjourned.



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December 29
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December 31
New Year's Eve

January 1
New Year's Day

January 2
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January 5
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January 8
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January 12
Lady Broncos v Wheeler 5 & 6:30 p.m. • Bronco Gym

Broncos v Ascension Academy • 6:30 & 8 p.m. • Bronco Gym

Lady Owls v Silverton • 6:30 p.m. • Hedley

January 15
Lady Broncos v Memphis • 4.5, 6:30, & 8 p.m. • Memphis

Owls & Lady Owls v Groom • 6:30 p.m. • Groom

January 18
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 19
Broncos & Lady Broncos v Shamrock • 4.5, 6:30, & 8 p.m. • Shamrock

Owls & Lady Owls v McLean • 6:30 p.m. • McLean

January 22
Broncos & Lady Broncos v Wellington • 4.5, 6:30, & 8 p.m. • Bronco Gym

Owls & Lady Owls v Valley • 6:30 p.m. • Hedley

January 26
Broncos & Lady Broncos v Quanah • 4.5, 6:30, & 8 p.m. • Bronco Gym

Owls & Lady Owls v Lefors • 6:30 p.m. • Hedley

January 29
Broncos & Lady Broncos v Wheeler • 4.5, 6:30, & 8 p.m. • Wheeler

Owls & Lady Owls v Silverton • 6:30 p.m. • Silverton

February 2
Groundhog Day

Broncos & Lady Broncos v Memphis • 4.5, 6:30, & 8 p.m. • Bronco Gym

Owls & Lady Owls v Groom • 6:30 p.m. • Hedley

February 5
Broncos & Lady Broncos v Shamrock • 4.5, 6:30, & 8 p.m. • Bronco Gym

Owls & Lady Owls v McLean • 6:30 p.m. • Hedley

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Menus

December 21 - 25

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Ham & beans, cornbread, spinach, seasoned corn, orange pineapple, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Chicken alfredo pasta, buttered carrots, garden salad, garlic bread, hot cinnamon apricots, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Cheeseburger, potato wedges, tomato wedge salad, melon medley, iced tea/2% milk.
Thu: Holiday
Fri: Holiday

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Beef tips & noodles, meadow blend vegetables, corn, wheat roll, chocolate/strawberries, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Salisbury steak, diced potatoes w/shin, English peas, rolls, fruit salad, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, turnip greens, wheat rolls, cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Thu: Holiday
Fri: Holiday

TxDOT hands out safety awards to employees

CHILDRESS – Safety: Mission Zero is just one of the mottos at the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), and certainly one of the most important. At TxDOT, mission zero means; zero injuries, zero incidents and zero fatalities.

Approximately 200 employees in the 13-county Childress District were recently honored for their outstanding driving record and no injury record at the annual TxDOT Safety Awards Banquet.

“Safety has always our top priority,” said Marty Smith, Childress District Engineer. “Our goal every year is to work 365 days without a single injury or incident. When an employee does that, we think it deserves notice, so we have a safety awards event to say congratulations and thank you.”

TxDOT Donley County employees receiving an award in years combined for safe operator and no injury awards in 2015 include: Eloy Camacho, two years; Randy Crump, 18 years; Brian Miller, 20 years; Mike Ritchie, 46 years; Derek Shields, six years; Fu Benavidez, 43 years; Roy Bertrand, 16 years and Clay Christopher, 20 years.



Donley County's TxDOT maintenance crew was recognized with safety awards recently: (back) Clay Christopher, Brian Miller, Nathan Judd, Jerry Inman, Derek Shields, Eloy Camacho, Bob Spillers, (front) Mike Ritchie, Randy Crump, Fu Benavidez, Joel Horn, and Roy Bertrand.

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The wonder of being Jesus' mother

I love Christmas. I love decorating, putting up the tree, shopping, and the music and parties; but don't forget Jesus.

As I look at the Nativity and remember the story, I wonder at Mary who was a young girl of 14 or 15 and accepted the fact that her son would fulfill a prophecy in the Bible. Not only would Mary accept it, but Joseph would also. I can see her, being great with child, riding the donkey into Bethlehem and not finding a room at the inn. I can feel the relief when the inn keeper offered his stable, the stable smell, and the animals inside.

The temperature in Bethlehem is about the same as Lake City, Florida, which averages about 42°

at night, we know that is a temperature humans can tolerate if you are out of the wind and rain but not a comfortable place to have a baby.

Every new mom thinks their baby is the best but can you imagine how Mary felt when the shepherds bowed down to her baby? Oh, Holy night!

How can I wish Jesus a happy birthday? I believe by continuing our traditions of decorations and a tree with presents, just as the three wise men brought Him gifts. I love the



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songs, my very favorite is, “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day” followed by “Little Drummer Boy.” But if you want to get my heart racing, give me a group of school kids singing, “Joy to the World.”

I love having family around, and am happy when I give them a present I know they want. My great-grandson has a list of 25 items, but as I grow older my wish list gets shorter. All I can think of is better health.

Remember to thank Jesus for the blessings received, such as the 1.5 inches of rain given to us this weekend. Thank you, Lord, for blessings received.

Remember the sick in our community and keep them in our prayers.



Clarendon Girl Scouts pose with Santa Claus during the second annual Courthouse Lighting last Saturday, December 12. The girls later sang during the lighting ceremony. Shown here are Rosa Olivas, Emily Myers, Kynne Shelley, Josie Murillo, Lilly Riveras, A.J. Riveras, Lexi Jantz, Riley Jantz, Evelyn Mills, Denise Bertrand, Brandie Neal – Leader of Brownies 5379 & Daisies 5118, Bella Neal, and Dahlia Neal.

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Blue Bell is back in town

I am really glad that Blue Bell is finally back, and I'm really hoping that they will get the Mint Chocolate Chip back. For now, it's just vanilla and chocolate.



the cub reporter
by *benjamin estlack*

I like my ice cream, if it's vanilla, with whipped cream and chocolate syrup on it. Sometimes I like sprinkles on it.

But my favorite is Mint Chocolate Chip. It's mint and chocolate and it's the best thing! It's like upgraded vanilla. I like it in a bowl, I like it in a cone, and I like it in a milk shake.

I have really missed Blue Bell. I've really missed the flavor.

I also like cinnamon ice cream with chocolate chips from Marble Slab. Dairy Queen's mint Oreo Blizzard is good, too. I also like Sonic's M&M Blast and Oreo McFlurries from McDonald's.

But in a one to ten rating, Blue Bell rates at “ten” and the others tie for second with a “seven.”



Delivery man

Hedley FFA delivered fruit and meat this week from their annual fundraiser. Pictured is Josh Fish.

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Art Club holds December meeting

By Tommye Duncan

The Les Beaux Art Club had its December meeting at the First United Methodist Church. Our meeting was called to order by president, Greta Byers. The hostesses were Patsy Tubbs, Gloria Gage, Freddie Jo Moreman, Tookie Thornberry, and Francis Shelton. Our meal of chicken, sweet potato patty, and salad was delicious.

Our program was given by Carol Buse from Amarillo. She demonstrated how to make gift boxes from greeting cards. Each member was given cards to make their own boxes. Fun was had by all with our creative talents (some better than others).

We welcome our new member Carol Allen. Our Art Festival was

discussed and compliments were given to all that had helped to make the festival a success. We especially thank Thresa Shelton for being chairman and Chris Clifford for the children's art. If you missed all of the demonstrations of art produced by the students of Clarendon CISD, you missed a wonderful exhibit.

Our club has had a wonderful year and accomplished a great art show with the help and support of all of our community. We thank all of our preferred buyers that helped promote art in Clarendon. This helps us to furnish supplies for our young people to show what talent they have and to get excited about art.

We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

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Drugs in the News

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CISD November Servant Leaders

Clarendon CISD has recognize its Servant Leaders for November. These students were chosen by their teachers because they displayed the characteristics of being servant leaders.

For example, they are honest and hardworking, take and share class notes for those who have been absent, help their peers learn to tie shoes, rise to academic and UIL challenges, and volunteer to help with whatever needs to be done in or out of the classroom.

In particular, for this month's Servant Leaders, two students on separate occasions helped diffuse situations that could have escalated into violence and ensured the safety of those around.

Elementary Servant Leaders are Kindergarten, Kennedy Halsey; 1st grade, Kinslee Hatley; 2nd grade, Rayanna Mosier; 3rd grade, Casey Curtis; 4th grade, Levi Gates; and 5th grade, Britton Cottrell.

CJH Servant Leaders are 6th grade, Cutter Goodpasture; 7th grade, Antwan Bassett; and 8th grade, Darcie Hunsaker.

CHS Servant Leaders are 9th grade, Jada Butler; 10th grade, Justin Christopher; 11th grade, Brooke Smith; and 12th grade, Alysse Simpson.

We are all faced with choices every day, and servant leaders make decisions that signal a willingness to put the needs of others first. Clarendon ISD joins with these students' families in saying congratulations, we are very proud of you and your decisions. Keep up the good work and continue to be great examples of how we should all live.

Golden Needles hold Christmas their party

The Golden Needles quilters celebrated Christmas at a party/meeting hosted by Gay Cole on Thursday, December 10. Much joyous laughter and carol singing with the pleasure of sharing a brunch highlighted the meeting. As is our custom we took an offering for the community Angel Tree. In 2016 we plan to make another quilt of valor for a veteran as well as a friendship quilt. Members present were Wilma Callis, Suzan Chassande-Boroz, Barbara Helms, MaryLynn Manning, Dortha Reynolds, Jo Shaller, Louella Slater, Frances Smith, Eva Lee Swinney, Betty Jean Williams, Janan Koontz, Ann Bunyan, and Rose Lee Watson.

The United Christians December Breakfast

The United Christians December breakfast will be held Thursday, December 17 morning at 7:00 a.m., at the Fellowship Hall in the First Methodist Church. The breakfast will be promptly at 7:00 followed by the program by Bobby Ellerbrook Pastor of the Body of Christ Church.

Come out for a good breakfast and a time of fellowship and you will be out by 8:00.

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Total precipitation to date: 30.6"

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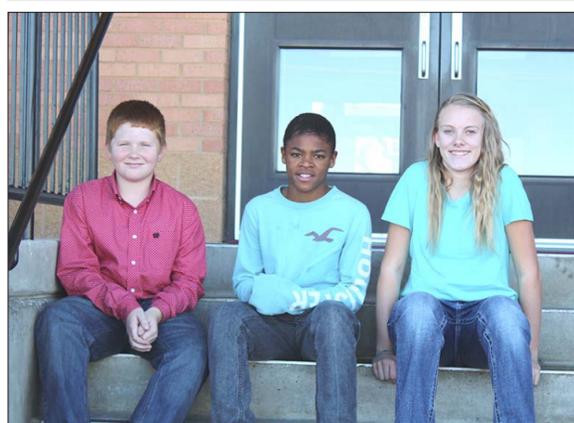
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Elementary Servant Leaders are (back) Levi Gates, Britton Cottrell, Rayanna Mosier, (front) Kinslee Hatley, Kennedy Halsey, Casey Curtis.

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Junior High Student Leaders are Cutter Goodpasture, Antwan Bassett, Darcie Hunsaker.

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CHS Servant Leaders are Justin Christopher, Jada Butler, Alysse Simpson, Brooke Smith.

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Lady Broncos' overtaken in third quarter

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos played three fairly even quarters against Vega on the road last Tuesday night, but the third quarter worked against them in their 42-50 loss to the Lady Longhorns.

The Lady Broncos played Vega to a tie after the first eight minutes and took the lead by three going into the break. But the Lady Longhorns overtook Clarendon in the third quarter to get the lead. The Lady Broncos were able to fight back but came up short at the buzzer.

Briana Butler connected with 12 points, and Berkeley Alexander helped with 11 to lead the ladies on the scoreboard. Hannah Howard helped with seven, and Hannah Hommel added six. Shaelyn Owiti had three, Briley Chadwick had two, and Jensen Hatley put in one. The team made nine of fifteen free throws for 60 percent.

They also competed in the Panhandle Tournament over the weekend and went up against the host team in the first round. They were defeated,

36-60. The Lady Broncos could never get anything going against the Pantherettes' tough defense.

"We opened up with a very good Panhandle team," coach Kalen Grahn said. "We lost the game, but our girls did not quit. The coaches from Panhandle complimented the girls for not quitting and playing hard. We actually outscored Panhandle in the third quarter, 14-12."

Butler and Chadwick had 11 each and Howard put in four. Alexander and Owiti had three and King and Hommel each had two.

They took on Spearman in the second round and were defeated 26-48.

According to Grahn, the ladies could not get anything going.

"This game against Spearman was not good," Grahn said. "As a group that might have been our worst outing of the year. Nothing went our way. I was able to play all our girls, so some young players picked up some valuable varsity time."

Butler had six, Chadwick had five, and JV player Andrea Smith

put in five, also. Hatley and Owiti each had three and Alexander and JV player Brandalyn Ellis helped with three each.

The Lady Broncos went battled Highland Park in the final game of the tournament and lost 43-54. Grahn felt the ladies gave it their all against the Lady Hornets.

"The third game against Highland Park, was by far our best performance," Grahn said. "The girls bounced back after a tough loss to Spearman and played very well. We were tied at halftime and down by four starting the fourth. Our inside game played well, with Berkeley Alexander leading us with 14 points. We had a few possessions that we did not execute and that was the difference. Overall, we saw some good things and we will keep working to get better."

Alexander 14, Chadwick 6, Smith 6, Butler 5, Hatley 5, Howard 4, and Hommel 3.

The Lady Broncos will play in the Gruver Tournament December 28-29.



The Seventh Grade Lady Colts played Shamrock last week. The ladies won 43-16 against the Lady Irish. Pictured is Kailee Osburn, who scored eight points for the Lady Colts. . COURTESY PHOTO / LISA GRAHN

Bronco JV slam Vega in second quarter

The Bronco Junior Varsity stifled the Longhorns on the road last Tuesday night defeating them 54-23. Freshman Isaac Dunham was unstoppable inside and put in 17 points for the Broncos and Payton Havens helped with 13.

After playing the first quarter to an 8-8 tie, the Broncos picked up steam and outscored their opponent by 18 points to take a game-changing lead. They continued their dominance throughout and earned the big win.

Ryan Ward put in eight points, Preston Elam and Daquawne Oliver each had six, and Caton Grahn and Noab Elam helped with two each.

Over the weekend the Broncos competed in the Borger Tournament with one win and two losses. The Broncos took on Happy in the first round and defeated them 43-32. Their offensive execution was on point and they were defensively solid from beginning to buzzer.

Scoring: Dunham 10, P. Elam

9, Havens 7, N. Elam 5, Ward 4, Oliver and Chris Bruce 3, and Grahn 2.

They went up against Bushland in the second round and were narrowly defeated at 54-57. After trailing in the first quarter, they regrouped and took a nine-point lead into the final quarter of play. But they struggled to stop the scoring attack by the Eagles and took the three-point loss.

Noab Elam was on fire with 16 points and Oliver helped with 14. Dunham had eight, P. Elam had six, Havens helped with four, and Grahn and Bruce put in three each.

The Broncos took on the host team in the final game and lost 46-49. They were down throughout the game, but came roaring back in the final quarter to close the gap. Time was not on their side and they were unable to overtake the Bulldogs. Dunham put in 22 to lead the Broncos, and N. Elam had nine. Oliver put in seven, while Grahn and

P. Elam helped with three. Havens added two points to the scoreboard.

"The boys really played well this weekend," coach Alton Gaines said. "We won the first game against Happy. We really shot the ball well from the outside for the win. In game two we played a Bushland team who gave us problems on the board. We just didn't have an inside threat. That really hurts us no matter who we play. Our Bigs have got to learn to play big. That is something we will fix."

"We had a last second shot by Noab Elam that went in and was good, but was waved off. We played our third game for third place and we lost to Borger. It was another good game by the boys, but like before, we had our chances. We needed free throws for the tie and came up one short, but great job by all of our players."

The Broncos will be on the road to White Deer January 5 beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Lady Colts stomp Shamrock

The Lady Colts traveled to Shamrock on Monday and earned two big wins on the night. The seventh grade Lady Colts spread their scoring out and won, 43-10; and the eighth grade won, 40-16.

The seventh graders took control early and put on a defensive show in stopping the Lady Irish from getting anything going.

Ashlynn Newsome led the ladies on the scoreboard with 10 points and Kailee Osburn and Jade Benson stepped up their game and helped with eight points each. Tavianna Hearn, Kaylin Hicks, and Sophie Bilbrey each had four, Zhala Bassett put in three, and Amnesty Oatman had two.

The eighth grade Lady Colts jumped in where the seventh grade left off to get their big win. They shut down their opponent's offensive drives easily and dominated on both ends of the court. Kira Weatheron finished with 17 and Darcie Hunsaker added 10 to finish in double figures. Madi Gay had eight, Raegan Allen and Giselle Mellado each had two and Raynee Newsome put in one.

"Both teams are coming together and playing well as a team," Carrie Hicks said. "They are beginning to work their offense more and their defense has improved greatly."

They will be at home against Quanah January 7 at 5:00 p.m.



Christopher Gonzalez prepares for the shot in the JV win against Miami. COURTESY PHOTO / HHS YEARBOOK



Hedley Owl Clay King takes a shot during the boys game last week against Miami. ENTERPRISE PHOTO BY MORGAN WHEATLY



Crystal Ramirez drives into the goal during the Lady Owls game against Hartley. ENTERPRISE PHOTO / KARI LINDSEY

Colts defeated by Shamrock

The seventh and eighth grade Colt teams took on Shamrock at home Monday, December 7. The seventh grade was narrowly defeated at 20-25 and the eighth grade took a 26-53 loss.

The seventh graders had an even first quarter of play, but fell behind in the second quarter of play. The Irish gained some momentum on the Colts before the break to take an eight-point lead. However, the Colts came back in the third to narrow the gap. But time was not on the Colts' side and they took the five-point loss.

Aaron Roys put in nine points and Ivan Gonzalez added five. Chase Gwinn finished with five and Travis Thomas put in four.

The eighth grade Colts worked hard, but failed to find a rhythm on the defensive side of the ball. Shamrock was able to build a big lead early and hold on throughout. Clay Ward put in 13 points and Marcus Lilly added 11. Tanner Burch helped with two.

Both Colt teams will travel to Quanah January 7 and play at 5:00 p.m.

Lady Bronco JV stopped by Vega

The Lady Bronco junior varsity struggled to execute their offense last Tuesday night against Vega and took a 14-27 loss.

They began the game slowly and could not find a rhythm offensively. They trailed 6-15 at the break. Despite their cold shooting, they stayed determined were able to put some points on the board in the final quarter. "We did not execute

our offense like we needed to," coach Kasey Bell said. "We have to work harder on both ends of the court and eliminate mistakes."

Sandra Smith finished with six, and Kendra Weatheron, Brandalyn Ellis, Zaryia Smith, and Emily Johnson had two points each.

The Lady Broncos will play Fritch on Saturday, January 2, at home beginning at 2:00 p.m.



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5. tin _____
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7. long wooden _____
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10. _____ ballet
11. _____ on the shelf
12. holiday _____
13. _____ pull Santa's sleigh
14. _____ for naughty kids
15. striped candy _____

16. rocking hobby _____
17. steaming hot _____
18. _____ hat:
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19. crunchy _____ for reindeer
20. singing _____
21. _____ gliding downhill
22. Santa's _____

23. spinning _____
24. North _____
25. holiday drink, _____
26. Sugary _____ with fun shapes
27. _____, Santa's favorite drink
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Broncos drop game to Vega Longhorns

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon Broncos were narrowly defeated last Tuesday night on the road falling at the hands of the Longhorns at 60-67. The Broncos lagged behind throughout and missed crucial free throws in the loss.

"We did not play good defense and make free throws against a good Vega team," coach Brandt Lockhart said. "We were able to cut the lead to five points with a minute left after being down 13 points in the third quarter."

Three Broncos managed double figures in the game with colt Wood and Keandre Cortez leading the way with 12 each. Marshal Johnson added 11, and Bryce Grahn and Junior Cenicerros helped with eight apiece. Chesson Sims had five, and Bear Smith added four. Wood also had five assists and four steals, and K. Cortez had two steals. Johnson had six rebounds, and Grahn had

four rebounds and five assists.

The Broncos took on Panhandle JV in the opening round of the Panhandle Tournament and breezed by them at 68-31. The Panthers led after the first quarter, but the Broncos came alive in the second quarter of play, overcoming the five-point deficit to take a nine-point lead into the break.

Defensively, the Broncos turned up the heat and Panhandle was unable to answer back. Johnson hit 17 points and had seven rebounds, and Cenicerros put in 13 points and had four assists. Smith also finished in double figures with 11 points and had seen rebounds and three steals. Wood had eight points, three steals and three assists, and Sims had six points on the board. Grahn helped with five points, three assists, and four steals; and K. Cortez had five points and three steals. Damarjae Cortez helped with three points.

After the Panhandle win, the

Broncos went head to head with Spearman and earned a 53-34 win. Cenicerros put in 13 points with seven rebounds, and Johnson had 11 points and grabbed seven rebounds to lead the Broncos. There really was never any doubt as to the dominance by the Broncos, which left Spearman struggling. Grahn had seven points and five steals while Wood had seven points and five assists. Sims and D. Cortez had four points each, and Smith had three. D. Cortez had two points, four assists, and two steals.

The Amarillo Flames defeated the Broncos in the next round at 39-32. Neither team was able to find dominance in the game and the Broncos, as a team was unable to put points on the board.

Cenicerros finished with 17, and Johnson had 10. Wood had nine, Grahn two, and Sims one. Johnson recorded double-double with 13 rebounds, and Cenicerros had six rebounds and two assists. Grahn

added two assists and five steals, and K. Cortez had two assists in the game.

The Broncos advanced to the championship game with Panhandle and despite fighting hard, were defeated 35-50. They struggled to get anything going offensively and could not contain the Panthers. Cenicerros and Grahn finished with 11 apiece, Johnson and Wood had six, and Smith had one. Johnson grabbed nine rebounds, and Cenicerros had six. Wood racked up four steals.

"I thought we improved defensively during the Panhandle Tournament," Lockhart said. "We were able to advance to the championship game against Panhandle. I was very proud of our defensive play against Panhandle, but did not shoot well. Keandre Cortez had a great tournament defensively."

The Broncos will play in the Gruver Tournament December 28-29.

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Nov. 14	Claude	H	JVG/VG	2:00
Nov. 16	Clarendon Scrimmage	H	VB	7:00
Nov. 20	Highland Park	T	ALL	6/7:30
Nov. 24	Perryton	T	ALL	6/7:30
Dec. 1	River Road	H	ALL	4/5/6:30/8
Dec. 3-5	Claude Tournament	T	JVG/VG/VB	TBA
Dec. 3&5	Borger Tournament	T	JVB	TBA
Dec. 8	Vega	T	ALL	4/5/6:30/8
Dec. 10-12	Panhandle Tournament	T	VG/VB	TBA
Dec. 10&12	River Road Tournament	T	JVB	TBA
Dec. 15	Valley	H	ALL	4/5/6:30/8
Dec. 28-30	Gruver Tournament	T	VG/VB	TBA
Jan. 2	Fritch	H	ALL	2/3:30
Jan. 5	White Deer	T	ALL	4/5/6:30/8
Jan. 8	Quanah	T	JVG/VG	5/6:30
Jan. 12	Wheeler	H	JVG/VG	5/6:30
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Feb. 5	Shamrock	H	ALL	4/5/6:30/8
Feb. 9	Wellington	T	ALL	4/5/6:30/8
Feb. 12	Quanah	T	JVB/VB	5/6:30
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Hedley 3,4,5th graders enjoyed an art presentation by Amarillo native, Tom Panger. Mr. Panger is sponsored by the WOWW program. He came to Hedley School and did a pastel drawing for the students. Mr. Panger then left his drawing with them to hang in their school.

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Artist Tom Panger, from Amarillo, visited with Hedley students. Tom is sponsored by the WOWW program. Tom is shown with Pre K - 2nd grade students.

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Sheriff's Report

December 7, 2015

- 12:57 a.m. – EMS assist Memphis Nursing Home
- 7:39 a.m. – Broken window 287 & Kearney
- 1:23 p.m. – To jail with one in custody
- 7:47 p.m. – See caller 200 block East 4th
- 9:26 p.m. – EMS assist 100 block Church Street

December 8, 2015

- 10:19 a.m. – EMS Assist Clarendon Family Medical Center
- 12:43 p.m. – Out @ Annex
- 3:04 p.m. – Out @ JP Office
- 5:00 p.m. – Residential burglar alarm Co Rd 17
- 9:35 p.m. – EMS assist 3rd & Taylor

December 9, 2015

- 9:17 a.m. – Report of line down Barcus & Goodnight

- 3:29 p.m. – EMS assist Clarendon College

December 10, 2015

- 9:38 a.m. – Out @ Hedley JP Office
- 4:30 p.m. – Report of alarm at Greenbelt Lake lease lots
- 5:40 p.m. – To jail with one in custody

December 11, 2015

- 7:40 a.m. – EMS assist 300 block Rosenfield
- 10:30 a.m. – EMS assist 100 block North Sully
- 1:16 a.m. – EMS assist Clarendon Family Medical Center
- 4:00 p.m. – See caller 1200 block FM 2362
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Mrs. Stidham's Clarendon HeadStart class is eagerly waiting for Santa after hanging their stockings and writing letters for Santa to fill them. Show here are (top) Hailyan Sanchez, Jacob Curry, Jaequan Weatheron, Riahlee Armstrong, Colt Wilkerson, Colt Lockey, (middle) Scarlett McInturf, Nevaeah Jaramillo, Ivorion Crain, Ja'Leiyah Moore, Ivora Crain, Caleb Curry, (bottom) Bryson Shoels, Brilynn Bruce, Kialla McDuffie, and Zackariah Morris.

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Sound of Christmas

Marissa Jamarillo and Aubrey Powell play with the Clarendon High School Bronco Band during the annual Christmas Concert in the Colt Gym Sunday afternoon.

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A huge thanks to each 1st grader and their families for your great fundraising efforts. Our class raised 300.00 in change. We were able to send 20 deployed soldier care packages overseas for Christmas this year. The care packages included chap stick, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, razors and shave cream, wipes, gum, toothpaste and toothbrushes etc and Christmas cards from our class. We also were able to donate \$150.00 to the NHS Christmas Drive this year. Thank you thank you parents.



Musical Christmas

Raynee Newsome and Madisen Gay play their flutes during the Junior High Bronco Band's Christmas Concert Sunday at the Colt Gym.

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