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

Holiday schedule set for Enterprise

The Clarendon Enterprise has set an early deadline for its December 21 and 28 editions. All news, photos, and advertising are due to the office by noon this Friday, December 15, to be included in those issues.

Next week's paper will be distributed on its regular schedule. The Year-In-Review edition will be distributed December 26.

The office will be closed for the Christmas and New Year's holidays, December 21 - 29.

We wish all our readers and advertisers a very Merry Christmas and a fantastic New Year!

Angels remaining on Tree at Library

Angels from the Community Angel Tree located at the Burton Memorial Library are now available for adoption.

Those interested are asked to please stop by the Library and pick up an angel or two. Gifts need to be returned by Monday, December 18. Donations in support of the Angel Tree Project can be made at Pilgrim Bank or mailed to PO Box 45.

For additional information, call the Library at 874-3685.

Chamber social to be held Thursday

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce will hold its next Business After Hours this Thursday, December 14, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Whistle-Stop.

At the After Hours event, refreshments will be served, and Chamber members and prospective members are invited to network, learn more about the Whistle-Stop, and find out more about what's happening in the local business community.

For more information about this and other Chamber events, contact the Clarendon Visitor Center at 874-2421.

City sales tax drops for year-end total

Clarendon's sales tax revenue dropped again when Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar distributed allocations to local governments last week.

The city finishes the calendar year at \$386,018.04, which is down 3.65 percent compared to tax revenue of \$400,665.54 for calendar 2016.

December's allocation was \$27,295.19 based on sales made in October by businesses that report tax monthly. That's 11.18 percent lower than the same period one year ago.

Hedley was up 29.69 percent for the month with an allocation of \$470.81, and that city was also up overall for the year 6.59 percent at \$7,254.06.

Howardwick was up 7.73 percent this month at \$852.14 but was off 4.86 percent on the year's total at \$11,270.56.

Statewide, Hegar distributed \$695.2 million in local sales tax allocations for December, 10.8 percent more than in December 2016.



Commissioners Court enacts county burn ban

The Donley County Commissioners Court enacted a burn ban during their regular meeting Monday, December 11.

No outdoor burning is allowed on a day of a forecasted Fire Weather Watch or a Red Flag Warning issued from the National Weather Service in Amarillo.

Under Donley County's Burn Ban conditions, anyone engaging

in outdoor burning must contact the Donley County Sheriff's office prior to ignition and give the dispatcher a burn location, a contact phone number, and approximate burn time. The persons engaging in outdoor burning needs to be present on the site of the burn until the burn is completed.

Anyone engaging in any form of outdoor burning is asked to burn

with extreme caution at all times.

Forecasters can issue the watch or warning for all or selected portions within a fire weather zone. The Red Flag event is verified when the weather and fuel conditions listed below are met simultaneously for any three hours or more during the period.

The following weather and fuel conditions must be forecast to occur

or already occurring before issuing a Fire Weather Watch and/or Red Flag Warning: Minimum relative humidities equal to or less than 15 percent; 20 foot winds of 20 mph or higher and/or gusts to 35 mph or higher; and an NFDRS adjective fire danger rating of "high" or higher.

For information, log onto www.sht.noaa.gov/vama/.

The burn ban will stay in effect

for the next 90 days.

In other county business Monday, the commissioners court renewed the county's tax abatement guidelines for a two-year period; approved a resolution regarding the Donley County Jail commissary account; and reappointed Jerry Woodard to the Panhandle Regional Finance Corporation Board for a three-year term.



Justin Shadle, Ryan McCleskey, Justin Christopher, DaQuawne Oliver, Nathan Shadle, and Isaac Dunham charge the field during the Quarter Final Championship game in Childress last Friday, December 1.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ELAINA ESTLACK

Broncos' stellar season ends

By Sandy Anderberg

The 2017 Bronco football season ended Friday night in Childress with a 0-33 loss to Wellington.

The Broncos finished with a record of 12-2 on the year and were able to capture the Regional Finals Championship trophy on the way and reached the State Quarterfinal game for the first time since 1972.

This group of young men has played hard all year and was

strengthened by a new coach with a new pride in the maroon and white. Their only two losses came at the hands of Wellington, who is now looking to defeat Muenter in the state semifinal game.

"I am extremely proud of the season these guys put together this year," head coach Clint Conkin said. "They fought hard in every game and never gave up. It did not go the way we wanted it to Friday, but our

guys played their tails off."

The Broncos struggled somewhat on offense and were stopped by a huge line. Daquawne Oliver had nine carries for 14 yards, and Damarjaez Cortez carried seven times for 16 yards.

Noah Elam had four yards from four carries, Ryan McCleskey had three carries for a yard, and Dalton Benson carried the ball twice for three yards. N. Elam threw the ball 12 times for 37 yards,

and Cortez passed for 22 yards going two for six. Colt Wood was able to catch a pass for 26 yards, and Preston Elam caught two passes for 33 yards.

Conkin knows the Broncos gave it their all this season.

"Again, I am very proud of these guys," he said. "They finished the year 12-2 and made a lot of memories that will last them a lifetime."



In the spirit of the season

Hedley High School's Class of 2018 experienced the true meaning of Christmas on Saturday. The day began delivering gifts to less fortunate children in conjunction with the Eveline Rivers Christmas project in Amarillo. Earlier this year the class helped wrap the gifts at the Christmas workshop. After delivering gifts in Amarillo, the class took some blankets that they had to Christ Church Camp of New Beginnings, formerly Tent City, in Amarillo. Christ Church of New Beginnings is a camp in Amarillo where homeless residents reside. The Class of 2018 "adopted" a couple they met at the camp and purchased clothing, cooking supplies and more for the couple. The students mingled with other campers and saw a different way of living. Shown here are Cody Cabler, Paula Carrera, Crista Ramirez, Kallie Lindsey, Eveline Rivers, Megan Wells, and Caylor Monroe.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / KARI LINDSEY

Challengers emerge for three offices

Donley County voters will have three local contested races to decide in the 2018 elections.

Filing closed Monday, December 11, with challengers declared for the offices of County/District Clerk, Precinct 3&4 Justice of the Peace, and Precinct 2 Commissioner.

Clerk Fay Vargas is seeking reelection on the Democratic ticket, and Bobby Woodard is also running for that office.

Precinct 3&4 Justice of the Peace Denise Bertrand is running again and will face Pat White in the Republican Primary.

In Precinct 2, Commissioner Daniel Ford is running for re-election and is being challenged by Donley County Chief Deputy Randy Bond. That race will also be decided in the Republican primary.

The following county officials have filed for re-election but do not have any opposition: County Judge John Howard, Treasurer Wanda Smith, Precinct 1&2 Justice of the Peace Pam Mason, and Precinct 4 Commissioner Dan Sawyer.

Next year's primary elections will be held on March 6. The General Election will be held November 6.

Court hears pleas from, Shields, Row

The district court accepted pleas from two Donley County residents recently.

Clayton Shields was convicted on Monday, December 11, for the enhanced third degree felony offense of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and sentenced to four years in the Institutional Division of TDCJ.

Shields, 24 from Lelia Lake, was arrested by Donley County Sheriff's Deputy Ryan Hill on July 2, 2017.

Shields was originally placed on five years deferred adjudication community supervision on September 20, 2017. The State filed a motion to adjudicate on November 13, 2017, alleging three violations of community supervision. Pursuant to the plea agreement, Shields is also required to pay a \$5,000 fine and \$488 in court costs.

Christina Maria Row was convicted on Friday, December 1, for the state jail felony offense of criminal mischief and sentenced to 22 months in the State Jail Division of TDCJ.

Row, 34 from Clarendon, was arrested by the Donley County Sheriff's Office on March 13, 2016.

Row was originally placed on five years deferred adjudication community supervision on June 27, 2016. The State filed a motion to adjudicate on July 18, 2017, alleging nine violations of community supervision. Pursuant to the plea agreement, Row is also required to pay a \$500 fine, \$488 in court costs, and \$47,974 restitution.

District Attorney Luke Inman, assisted by Harley Caudle, prosecuted the cases for the State of Texas with the Honorable Judge Stuart Messer presiding.

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Zero clusters impacting the news

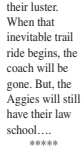
When my 105-year-old Uncle Mort dropped in the other day, he claimed to be on the verge of "dropping out" of a world he believes is moving too fast. He claims he is weary of much, beginning with all the strings of zeros encountered in the news recently.

"Trouble is, zero clusters - with commas fore and aft - are being lobbed at us two and three at a time," Mort lamented. "What's worse, jarring numbers larger than zeros are in front of 'em, and they're sucking the air out of the room."

Huh?... ***** He rattled on, citing several current news items whose numerical impact left him reeling. Mort claims his "gosh has been gotten" by coaches' compensation that has ballooned into millions of dollars annually. And, he calls out Texas A&M University to be "front and center."

Referencing the arrival of Jimbo Fisher from Florida State University with a contract that could span 10 years and some \$75,000,000. Mort thought the figure seemed familiar. Turns out, it is almost the same outlay as the one Texas A&M recently expended to purchase Texas Wesleyan University's up-and-running law school.

He's aware that a "good ol' boy" name of "Jimbo" may carry the coach for a few games. The maximum outlay projected for Jimbo, however, hangs on his winning a national football championship. Should he fail to win one as soon as the "powers that be" deem acceptable, he will ride off down the trail of former coaches whose names have lost



the idle american by don newbury

In these days, it is both quaint and refreshing to learn little hidden gems about smaller numbers - specifically, one dozen.

I cite the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary's "42 club" that has met regularly for almost six decades. The game of "42" was extremely popular back then, and the club began with half-a-dozen couples who met for monthly dinners and "42" in members' homes, except for July, August and December.

When members have died or moved away, other old-timers have been invited to join.... *****

In recent years, they've met at a restaurant before going to someone's home for dessert and games, always on Friday nights.

Who says retirees aren't busy? They've reached a place where it's difficult to get everybody together on Fridays. There was talk of disbanding, and they met on a recent Tuesday night to discuss that very topic. All members showed up that evening, and the 100% attendance became the topic of conversation. Eureka, now they are forging on,

meeting monthly on Tuesdays. Leaving Fridays free, the "42-ers" scheduling was seen to be on the wane.

Charles and Jean Tidwell are currently longest-tenured members. They split time between their home in Fort Worth and a mountain home in New Mexico. Several years ago, she mentioned to a mountain neighbor that her "42" club soon would visit from Fort Worth. "Where in the world will you put up 42 people?" the neighbor questioned.... *****

Two warm/fuzzy vignettes about animals are in the news. At the Houston zoo, a gorilla departed her digs to visit her adolescent "hogsy." (Or is it "pigsty"?) In whatever, no one was hurt; gorillas are vegetarians. Still, piglets nearby may have been difficult to convince that gorillas never have a yen for pork as well.

In Brooklyn, a raccoon gained access to a liquor warehouse, draining the contents of a bottle of booze. Predictably, it became as drunk as a skunk. It was treated medically and released, but NOT back into the liquor warehouse.

Finally, a well-oiled barroom patron's slurped words failed to convince the bartender of his professed sobriety. "Misten, lister," he began. "I've only had tee martoonis, and I'm not malf as huch under the affluence of incohol as some thinkle may peep. But the drunker I stand here, the longer I get...." *****

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Two wrongs can misuse one 'right'

By Gene Polocinski inside the First Amendment

Didn't we all learn, long ago, that "two wrongs don't make a right"?

But two wrongs can misuse a right - as in our right to free expression, guaranteed by the First Amendment.

First, there's the wrong done by "Project Veritas," a gaggle of self-proclaimed operatives on a purported mission to root out corruption and dishonesty in the media. The group uses deceitful tactics to wrong-foot reporters.

Most recently, Project Veritas attempted to plant a fake story in The Washington Post, hiring a woman to make false claims that she was made pregnant by Alabama senatorial candidate Roy Moore. The Post's thorough reporting exposed deep flaws in the woman's story and uncovered her tie to Project Veritas. In a story published on Nov. 29, the Post also detailed attempts by the woman and her colleagues to infiltrate social meetings and professional events for journalists.

Checking on the accuracy and credibility of news stories is one thing, and is even advisable in an era when anyone can claim to be a journalist. But repeated attempts to play "trick and trap," with reporters proving nothing more than that they are, at times, as vulnerable to con artists as anyone.

The other "wrong" was made right by Walmart last week, after the company took down a T-shirt that was for sale on Walmart.com, which read "Rope, Tree, Journalist. Some assembly required." Walmart says it took down the shirt within hours after receiving a complaint from the Radio Television Digital News Association. But a third party was able to put it up for sale in the first place. While the words printed on the shirt are protected by the First Amendment, they're still shameful.

NPR reported that "the shirt first gained attention a year ago, when a Reuters photographer snapped an image of a man wearing it at a gathering of Trump supporters two days before the November presidential election."

I'm sure some smug, smarmy types will find the "humor" worthy of a smirk, if not a smile - and I won't hold my breath waiting for the outrage that erupted months ago when comedian Kathy Griffin held up a fake severed head of President Trump as part of an online spoof.

My colleagues at the Newseum tweeted their response to this stupid attempt at satire: "Hey @Walmart, we can think of 2,305 reasons why this shirt is offensive. #JournalistsMemorial #PressFreedom." The Newseum's Memorial Memorial contains the names of 2,305 journalists who died in pursuit of the news. The memorial is rededicated each year - next year's ceremony will be on June 4, 2018.

Those of us involved in that event will be joined once again by the family and friends of men and women who were killed by despots, drug lords, corrupt government officials and others, for gathering and reporting the news, in the United States and around the world.

We'll once again experience the anguish and see the tears of spouses and colleagues in mourning for those who made the ultimate sacrifice to speak truth to power, and to bring facts and truth to a world sorely in need of both.

So, to the clown who designed and promoted the "Some Assembly Required" T-shirt, we extend an invitation: Show up on June 4 and explain why you thought your shirt slogan was funny.

We'll save a chair for you. Gene Polocinski is chief operating officer of the Newseum Institute and of the Institute's First Amendment Team. He can be reached at gpolocinski@newseum.org, or follow him on Twitter at @genefc.



THIS IS "TODAY" WITH SAVANNAH GUTHRIE, POPE FRANCIS AND THE DALAI LAMA WITH THE WEATHER

The North Pole in Pickton, Texas

Alan Screws grew up on his family's dairy farm four miles north of Pickton in northeast Texas. He has turned part of the farm into what he calls the North Pole of Texas which features lighted Christmas scenes and a fifteen minute train ride that goes across a couple of bridges and right through the middle of a toy shop.

"I'll stop in the toy shop," says Alan, "which is a twenty-four by forty foot building. I got the idea from the main train at Six Flags, which goes through an old saloon. The toyshop has animated elves in it. Every night Santa is there and talks to everybody on the train and gives them a bag of jellybeans. The words Happy Birthday Jesus are printed on each bag."

the county commissioners to build a bridge over the county road to get to the other side of our property. Soon we built another bridge. The crowds kept growing and we started having two or three hundred or three hours for a ride. This is our twentieth year. Last year we hit our one hundred thousandth ride. It's all free. We've got four trains now so we can give about four hundred rides an hour. While people are waiting in line we have big TV monitors that show we reading the Christmas story. We've had as many as 800 waiting in line. Commissioners have let us build a by-pass on the county road so traffic can be diverted and people can stand in line on the county road. We have a Christmas cabin where the people

can come in and visit with Mrs. Claus and take pictures with her. We have Kim's hot chocolate factory. Kim's wife, where we give away the best hot chocolate you'll ever want to drink. We always have a live nativity scene. We have a huge Texas-sized sleigh that you can put your whole family in and take pictures."

Alan, who used to race cars and pickups on dirt tracks, is mechanically minded and built the trains. One of the displays features racecars. One on a pond has jet skis.

"The train engine is a Kubota tractor that we built a cab around and put a nose on it like a car. We put a smoke machine on the front so it smokes like a train. And it has a bell on it. Each train has three passenger cars that carry eight to 10 people each."

The ride starts Thanksgiving weekend and operates until December twenty-third. It runs from six to nine PM. The address is 227 CR 3378, Pickton.

"It an experience. People need to come out and enjoy the true meaning of Christmas with us."



stories of texas by tumbledown smiah

Obituaries

Sims

Dorothy Eva Sims, 91, of Clarendon died Tuesday, December 8, 2017, in Childress.



Sims

Services were held Friday, December 8, 2017, in the Robertson Funeral Directors Saints' Roost Chapel in Clarendon with Rev. Matthew Stidham, officiating. Burial will follow in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon.

Arrangements were under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Dorothy was born July 24, 1926, in Hanna, Oklahoma to Albert Luther and Myrtle May Skinner. She married Billy Carl Sims on November 13, 1943, in Eufaula, Oklahoma. She had been a resident of Clarendon most of her life. She was a homemaker where she loved quilting and embroidery. She made beautiful quilts. She loved being outside and taking walks. She was a member of the First Assembly of God in Clarendon.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; 2 sons, Billy Charles Sims and Jackie Loyd Sims.

She is survived by 2 daughters, Mary Cole and Linda Hill and

husband Kelly all of Clarendon; 2 sons, Bobby Sims and wife Petra and Ronnie Sims and wife Terri all of Clarendon; 13 grandchildren; 25 great grandchildren; and 3 great great grandchildren.

The family request memorials be sent to a favorite charity.

Sign our online guest book at www.RobertsonFuneral.com

Howell

Dicki K. Poe Howell, 93, of Clarendon died Saturday, December 9, 2017, in McLean.



Howell

Family Only Grave-side Services will be held at a later date in Llano Cemetery in Amarillo with Chris Moore, officiating.

Arrangements are by Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Dicki was born November 20, 1924, in Abilene, Texas to John C. and Lizzie Poe. She married Dr. James Frank Howell, Jr. on February 4, 1950, in Fort Worth. Dicki had grew up in the Waco Children's Home with her siblings from when she was 5 years old. While living in Abilene, Dicki had served as Executive Secretary to Mrs. Baird and was instrumental in getting Mrs. Baird's Bread in the Panhandle of Texas. In 1977, she moved to Clarendon and

was very active in the community, serving on the Donley Co. Hospital District Board, had been a member of the 1910 Book Club at the Patching Memorial Club House, and had also a member of the Dental Society of Amarillo. Dicki graduated from McMurtry University, and later on in her life, she took many geology courses at West Texas State University. She was a licensed farmer, enjoyed knitting, painting, and also practiced judo. Mrs. Howell was a Catholic.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, on June 22, 2007; a son, Zack Howell in 1973; 4 brothers, Joe, Bert, Pat and Frank Poe; and by 3 sisters, Elizabeth, Emily, and Mazelle Poe.

She is survived by 4 sons; James Howell, III and wife Leanne of Midland, Tim Howell and wife Teresa of Widorado, Joe Howell and wife Rhonda of Clarendon, Pete Howell and wife Vonna of Amarillo; her daughter, Tessie Robinson and husband Jim of Clarendon; her grandchildren, Felicia Powell and husband Jeremy, Zack Robinson and wife Jennifer, Lindsey Robertson, Stephanie Miller and husband Rick, Pete Howell, Jr and wife Megan, Zack Howell and wife Sheri; 9 great grandchildren, Emeri and Kreed Robinson, Jaxon Robertson, Matthew, Jacob, Emmett, Samantha Howell, and Aubrey and Noah Miller; and dear friend Lois Tilly of Ft. Worth.

The family request memorials be sent to the McLean Care Center.



the lion's tale
by roger estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting December 12, 2017, with Boss Lion Pro Tem John Howard in charge.

We had 17 members and one guest this week - Misti Newsome, guest of Lion Ashlee Estlack, who presented our program.

Lion Ashlee reported on the college where 42 students graduated Friday. Ten also graduated from the Jordan Unit, and about 40 nursing students participated in pinning and graduation.

Lion Mike Norrell reported on the public school where a canned food drive is being held in the junior high and high school, basketball is underway, a band concert will be held Sunday, and an elementary music program is planned for Monday night at the Harned Sisters Fine Arts Center.

The club gave some hearty congratulations to the 2017 Clarendon Broncos on an excellent season.

Misti Newsome discussed the Coffee Memorial Blood Center, which will hold a blood drive January 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Bairfield Activity Center. They have a goal of hitting 35 units, and the holiday season is a critical needs time with 1200 donors needed every day to service the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles. One donation can save three lives and takes about 45 minutes to an hour. Donors can save time by making an appointment and by filling out pre-screening information at GiftOfLife.org.

There being no further business, we were dismissed.

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- Exists
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- Right-handed page
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- German municipality
- Negotiate
- Key-board key
- Youngster
- Medical decision (abbr.)
- Ribonucleic acid
- One-time Levi's chairman
- Walter
- Cold region
- Type of plywood

CLUES DOWN

- Extremely high frequency
- Court
- Make a mistake
- Change the appearance of
- Long-haired dog
- The Greatest of All Time
- Designer Christian
- Blemished
- Atlanta-based rapper
- Deceivers
- One who supports disorder
- Colossal
- A team's best pitcher
- Comfort in a time of sadness
- Opponent
- Professionals might need one
- Captures geographical data (abbr.)
- Senior officer
- Sacred Islamic site
- A way to unfreeze
- Winter melon
- Dispute
- An expression of imagination
- Human gene
- Touch lightly
- Computer giant
- Carlands
- Francz van __, German diplomat
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December 14 & 16
Owls & Lady Owls • Groom Tournament • Away

December 19
Broncos & Lady Broncos • Fort Elliot/Amarillo Flames • Home • 4:00 p.m.

December 19
Owls & Lady Owls • Higgins • Away • 6:00 p.m.

January 2
Broncos • Spearman • Home • 2:00 p.m.

January 2
Lady Broncos • Shamrock • Home • 5:00 p.m.

January 5
Lady Owls • McLean • Away • 6:30 p.m.

January 9
Lady Owls • Whitewater • Home • 6:30 p.m.

January 13
Donley County Junior Livestock Show & Sale • Donley County Activity Center

February 8
Chamber Awards Banquet & Silent Auction • 7:00 • Bairfield Activity Center

March 3 & 4
Whistle Stop Trade Days

Menus

December 18 - 22

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Ham & beans, cornbread, spinach, seasoned corn, orange pineapple cup, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Chicken alfredo, buttered carrots, garden salad, garlic bread, hot cinnamon apricots, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Cornbread on wheat bun, baked tater tots, corn, chocolate pudding, iced tea/2% milk.
Thu: Enchilada casserole, Pinto beans, salad, sliced peaches, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Holiday

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, stewed okra, seasoned corn, pumpkin squash, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Spaghetti with meatballs, Italian vegetables, broccoli, garlic toast, Autumn Jello, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Herb roasted chicken, potato wedges, whole wheat roll, margarine, peas & carrots, strawberries w/whip topping, iced tea/2% milk.
Thu: Vegetable beef stew, corn bread, margarine, tossed salad w/dressing, orange pineapple cup, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Holiday

Clarendon ISD
Breakfast
Mon: Breakfast pizza, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Tue: Breakfast strudel, cheese stick, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Wed: Cereal, toast, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Thu: No School
Fri: No School

Lunch
Mon: Pizza, corn salad, tomato cup, mixed fruit, milk.
Tue: Tuna salad sandwich, lettuce & tomato, cucumbers, corn chips, orange, milk.
Wed: PBJ sandwich, string cheese, baby carrots, animal crackers, apple, milk.
Thu: No School
Fri: No School

Hedley ISD
Breakfast
Mon: Cheese toast, scrambled eggs, bacon, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Tue: Pizza hash browns, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Wed: Waffles, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Thu: No School
Fri: No School

Lunch
Mon: Cheeseburgers, lettuce garnish, tater tots, carrots sticks, mixed fruit, milk.
Tue: Chicken Fajitas, pepper blend, charro beans, toss salad, rosé applesauce, milk.
Wed: Sack lunch.
Thu: No School
Fri: No School

Protect your children from hackers

Hi, gang! Merry Christmas! The big day is almost here. If you don't have your shopping done, then you are like me. Let's shop Clarendon and not fight the Amarillo crowds or thieves. Shop Safe. Do your research and shop securely and don't count out local stores for online deals.

One thing that I haven't covered this year is Parental Control. Install software on your kids' and teens' computers and mobile devices to limit the websites they can access. Hackers like kids' IDs: Since kids and teens usually have good credit, hackers are always on the lookout for their information. Talk to your family, especially the younger and older folks, about the importance of not giving out personal information in soliciting emails or social media.

Looking out for scams: Young people tend to shop based on what their peers or celebrities are wearing or using. Scammers will try to lure them to click on links such as "free Kyle products," "free concert," "free game" and more. If it sounds too good to be true, do not click. Also always check HTTP and HTTPS: Before sending any personal and sensitive information, make sure the website has "https://" at the beginning of its web address. The "S" at the end of HTTPS indicates that the website is secure because it is encrypted, which makes it safe to enter credit card or other personal information.

Also watch your mail for scam mail. I received an official looking letter Saturday. The envelope had Dated Material highlighted in green. Also SECOND NOTICE in red letters. Over the window for my name and address was OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS ENCLOSED FOR: and on the back a PO Box 9084, Clearwater, FL 33758. Inside, I had won \$45,000. I contacted them before December 30, 2017. I will check this out however I think it is a scam. Bob

"Looking to buy a car? Four

things to keep in mind" by Rosario Méndez, FTC

Buying a car can be overwhelming. There are many things to consider, including your budget, your needs and preferences, and the inventory available at the time. And you see car ads when searching online, when watching TV, while reading the newspaper or listening to the radio. So how do you know those offers are the real deal?

Here are four things to keep in mind when you're considering an offer in a car ad. The fine print is important. Read the entire ad. The small print shouldn't contradict the big print. Compare offers from multiple dealers. If you don't understand what an ad is offering, you can look for an offer from another dealer. Speak Spanish? All of the ad should be in the same language. A company should give you all the important information in the same language, so you can understand the entire offer. Be skeptical if the ad you see is in Spanish, but parts of it are in English. The FTC recently announced a case against a dealership that advertised attractive terms in Spanish, but had other important information in English.

Asking questions is important. When you visit the dealer, you should ask many questions. If you decide to buy, be clear on the terms you're agreeing to before signing anything. When you see a car ad, keep a critical eye. If the ad offers, for example, low monthly payments or 0% rates, and if the fine print at the bottom of the ad contradicts the offers in large print on the same ad, the ad may not be telling the whole story. To find the best car deal, it's a good idea to shop around and compare offers from dif-

ferent dealers. Also, consider various financing sources like banks or credit unions. Learn more about buying and owning a car at www.FTC.gov/cars.

"US Marshals won't call you about jury duty" by Bridget Small, FTC

United States Marshals protect the federal courts, track down dangerous fugitives, and transport thousands of prisoners. They don't make calls and threaten to arrest people or fine them for missing jury duty. But scammers posing as Marshals have been making calls like that and tricking people into sending money. The imposters use spoofed phone numbers that look official, and steal the names and badge numbers of legitimate law enforcement officials. They warn people they must be arrested unless they buy a prepaid debit, iTunes or gift card and pay the fine immediately. If you buy a card and tell a scammer the card's code, the scammer takes the card's value; your money is gone. If a "U.S. Marshal" calls you with a jury duty warning, hang up. It's a scam.

If a fake Marshal, or any other government impostor, calls and tells you to send money to avoid arrest: Don't send money by prepaid card and don't wire money. Wiring money is like sending cash. You usually can't reverse or trace the transaction. Don't share your financial or personal information. Scammers can use your information to commit identity theft. Don't trust a name or number that appears on your phone. Scammers can fake caller ID information. If you received a call to this, please report it to the FTC and to your local Marshals Service District Office. If you sent money to an impostor on a prepaid card, report it to the card company's fraud department. Read more about the tricks government imposters use and how to beat their scams.

Stay safe out there!



New arrival

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Memories of Christmas past

As Christmas draws closer memories of Christmas past keep flooding into my life at the most unexpected times. This will be my 80th Christmas, so naturally I do not remember all those days. I began to wonder what makes a memorial Christmas?

For me it is not one thing, but all of them rolled together. During WWII, you made do with what you had, which meant Daddy chopping down a likely logging cedar tree in the pasture and bringing it home in the feed wagon as he finished his morning chores.

The five and dime in Estelline or Sears & Roebuck catalog may have some decorations for the tree but mostly they were saved from the previous year. The tree was sparkly and bright without lights and brought cheer to the house.

I felt safe and secure snuggled in my daddy's lap, smelling Bug Durham and listening to the radio or hearing him read a story. As I grew older, Mother bought a live tree

from Green-wood's store in Alameda, and many of those decorations were used again, but a string or two of electric lights were added.

I still felt safe and secure while we watched "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" or "Frosty the Snowman" on the black and white television.

Ole Jim and I celebrated Christmas in Albuquerque with our infant son, Gary, with a small tree, a few ornaments, garland, icicles, and a homemade star topper for the tree. I felt very anxious as a new mother and wanted to create that safe and secure feeling for my children. Ole Jim spent many Christmases away from home, courtesy of the US Air Force and the Vietnam war, and I must admit I did not feel very safe and secure.

As we moved from state to state, one constant was the Christmas decorations, which had been added onto.

The kids laugh at decorating the tree, especially the icicles and how I made them put them on one at a time and take them off and save them when the tree came down.

For the past number of years our tree is a lighted artificial and with a push of a button you have a selection of clear lights, multi-colored lights or a combination. My decorations have dwindled and my children do the work for me while Ole Jim and I supervise which makes me feel safe and secure.

I passed the one remaining ornament from that original Christmas tree to its rightful owner a few years ago and at the children's insistence I no longer use icicles on the tree.

More memories will be made this year; and if I am very quiet and sniff just right, I can smell Bug Durham tobacco.

Christmas time trips to ballet and theatre

Last week, I went on a field trip with my class to see the Nutcracker in Amarillo. Some of my classmates said it was boring, but I liked it. I've seen it once before with my parents. This is a ballet and a story about a little girl who gets a Nutcracker for Christmas. I like the part where all the children come out from under a dress and start doing back flips.

I also really like the music, and at the end of it where a guy runs out and does a back flip just standing

there.

On Sunday, I went to a play in Claude called "A Christmas Carol." It's about a man named Scrooge and him ruining everyone's Christmas. His famous line is "Bah, humbug!" I really like the part where the two kids of Bob smell

the goose cooking and start singing about it. In the end, Scrooge travels with the Ghost of Christmas Past, the Ghost of Christmas Present, and the Ghost of Christmas Future; and he learns that he will die and so will Tiny Tim. So when he wakes up, it's Christmas Day and he started being nice to everyone he had been mean to.

I really enjoyed the play and the Nutcracker. I hope someday to see one or the other again.

Sheriff's Report

December 4, 2017
4:03 a.m. – EMS assist 600 block South Gorst
6:40 a.m. – EMS assist 1400 block West 8th
7:53 a.m. – Out @ Courthouse
1:20 p.m. – Welfare check 200 block Dixie Drive
2:32 p.m. – Units paged module fire South 1260
2:34 p.m. – See caller 900 block South Koogle
9:31 p.m. – EMS assist 200 block Dixie Drive

December 5, 2017
10:31 a.m. – Welfare check 700

block East 2nd
12:25 p.m. – Units paged cotton fire FM 1832
2:07 p.m. – EMS assist 200 block Dixie Drive
2:45 p.m. – Welfare check 800 block South Carhart
8:15 p.m. – Units paged cotton stripper fire FM 1260 North
10:27 p.m. – EMS assist 200 block Reeves – Hedley

December 6, 2017
1:19 p.m. – EMS assist 8 miles South of McLean
1:31 p.m. – EMS assist 200 block Dixie Drive
6:26 p.m. – EMS assist 300 block

Angel – Howardwick
8:52 p.m. – See caller 3rd & Taylor
December 7, 2017
7:13 a.m. – See caller Front & Goodnight
12:52 p.m. – See caller 600 block East 2nd Street

December 8, 2017
10:27 a.m. – Welfare check 1100 block East 3rd
1:32 a.m. – To jail with one in custody
8:08 a.m. – Units paged one vehicle accident FM 2471
10:08 a.m. – Report of suspicious vehicle 273 & Co Rd E

WHISTLE STOP LEGENDS

Whistle-Stop owners Jordan & Kimberly salute this week's legends...

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Gene Alderson spent most of his life in Clarendon in business and in service to others.

He was born in 1939 and joined his parents in operating Alderson Chevrolet in 1961. Following his father's death in 1965, he became the youngest Chevrolet dealer in the United States, and he successfully ran the business for more than 25 years. He then became a long-term care facility administrator before retiring in 2009.

During his life, Gene was president of the Lions Club and the Clarendon Country Club and served on the boards of the Clarendon public school and the Chamber of Commerce.

He was faithful as a member of First Baptist Church, serving as a deacon, Sunday School Superintendent, and other positions. Before his death in 2012, he became very active as a member of Gideon's International.

The Whistle-Stop and the community salute Gene Alderson for his legacy of service to Clarendon and his fellow man. Thank you, sir!

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Dry conditions could worsen for much of Texas

COLLEGE STATION – October and November were two of the driest Octobers and Novembers on record, and much of the state appears to be facing a continued dry spell through winter, according to the state climatologist.

Dr. John Nielsen-Gammon, College Station, said conditions were excessively dry throughout the typically wet fall months, and dry conditions are expected to continue through the next several weeks at least.

The lack of rain is causing concerns about fire danger, poorly developed winter pastures, including wheat, and dropping surface water levels for livestock, according to reports from Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agents in areas that have missed rain events.

"When you get a dry spell it takes a while for soils to dry out, but they do get there," he said. "Take the areas affected by Hurricane Harvey, you saw extreme flooding in some areas and not much since then."

Nielsen-Gammon said October-November 2017 was the 12th-driest since the state started keeping records in 1895. September and October are typically wetter months for Texas, he said, but rain hasn't materialized.

No single county in Texas has received at least 4 inches of rain anywhere within its borders since the beginning of October, he said. Drier areas of the state, including North Central, West and South Texas, have received less than 2 inches over that period. Areas from the Winter Garden to Big Bend and from Lubbock to the Red River have received less than half an inch over those 60 days.

Warmer, sunny days, winds and lack of rain are drawing a growing portion of the state into drought conditions, he said. The drought monitor shows 25 percent of the state is in drought, up from just 2.5 percent a month ago, he said.

"October is usually one of the wettest months and oftentimes is

extremely wet, but it's been fairly dry and the forecast going forward into winter doesn't look promising," he said. "Overall for the next couple of weeks, it looks like most of the state will average less than half an inch of rainfall."

The lack of intense or significant rain events that would produce runoff once it does rain could also be a concern for ranchers who rely on surface tanks for livestock water as winter progresses, he said. Runoff is contingent on soil moisture levels and rain intensity, but it typically takes 1-2 inches of rain to saturate the ground enough to create runoff or produce a flush amount that could replenish watering holes.

Nielsen-Gammon said it was too early to draw any comparisons to the state's last significant dry spell when a dry fall and winter in 2010 stretched into spring and summer 2011. But La Niña conditions in the Pacific Ocean, which translates into warmer, drier air for much of the state, are expected through winter.

US ag trade fueled by demand, steady yields

BRYAN – US agricultural exports value totaled \$135 billion in 2016 and experts anticipate future growth if production yields, trade agreements and borrowing power work in lockstep.

"Trade is very, very important," Dr. Luis Ribera, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economist in College Station, told attendees at the Texas Plant Protection Association Conference Dec. 5 in Bryan. "That \$135 billion is huge." Ribera said US agricultural imports were valued at \$115 billion in 2016.

"As you can see, both imports and exports generate positive economic impacts," he said. "Overall, when you look at what we export, we are really good at producing corn and cotton as well as several other commodities."

We have a year-round supply of everything you can think of, and we can get it from around the world even if it's not in the season."

Ribera said trade agreements play a pivotal role in being the driving force of both import and export activities. When comparing North American Free Trade Agreement from 1994 to 2016, there was a 192 percent increase in total US agricultural exports. Mexico plays a large role in the US export market.

Imports from Mexico are also prominent, Ribera said. "Vegetables are the largest share of imports from Mexico due to seasonality," Ribera said. "The good news? We can get year-round supplies of vegetables. What is good for us is good for Mexico as well. It helps their economy do well and helps our economy here in Texas."

Ribera said more than 19,000 jobs have resulted from Texas' export trade to Mexico. "Imports have been a positive on our economy," he said. "With regards to agricultural imports from Mexico, tomatoes have been the most popular item. Mexico has

made a large investment in greenhouse facilities because we are willing to pay-up for nice, big red tomatoes."

Storage infrastructure continues to be expanded in the Valley region of Texas as 80 percent of cold storage facilities are located there, he said.

"NAFTA has been good," he said. "This trade is not the US government buying from the Mexican government. You have to realize this is business to business. You have years and years of relationships that have been established."

Dr. Mark Hussey, vice chancellor and dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A&M University in College Station, opened the conference discussing the importance of trade agreements and how they will weigh heavily in producing enough food and fiber to meet a global population expected to reach more than 9 billion by 2050.



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Make safety a priority for the holidays

COLLEGE STATION – While the joys are associated with the time of holidays, there are unexpected dangers that could take the mirth out of the season, said a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

"Fires and decorating-related accidents are among the most notable dangers people need to be aware of during the holidays," said Joyce Cavanagh, AgriLife Extension family and community health specialist, College Station.

The National Fire Protection Association has identified Christmas Eve, Christmas and New Year's Day as the top three days of the year for home candle fires in the U.S., Cavanagh said.

"In addition to candle or electrical fires, Christmas tree fires, although they are not as common, are more likely to do serious damage or result in a death than other home structure fires," she said.

Cavanagh also noted injuries from placing decorations are also common during the holiday season. She said some tips to help avoid fires from candles are:

- Keep candles at least one foot away from flammable items or surfaces. Do not put candles directly on surfaces. Use a sturdy candle holder with a drip plate for wax.
- Blow out candles when you leave the home or go to bed and avoid using candles in the bedroom or other areas where people may fall asleep.

Replace candles before they burn all the way down or before the flame gets too close to the holder or

container. In the event of a power outage, use flashlights or other battery-powered lighting instead of candles.

"To avoid Christmas tree fires, select a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched and add water daily to the tree stand reservoir," she said. "It's also a good idea to place the tree at least 3 feet away from any heat source and make sure it isn't blocking a door or exit."

Her tips for helping people stay out of medical clinics or hospital emergency rooms as a result of injuries related to holiday decorations, include: If purchasing an artificial Christmas tree, choose one that is labeled as fire resistant.

Take extra care when using a ladder to place holiday decorations, particularly when putting up heavy decorations with sharp edges or breakable components.

Use lights that have been tested by an independent testing laboratory and place them only where appropriate.

Replace old or worn-out light strings and turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

Never use lit candles as a Christmas tree decoration. Keep any lit candles in sight and away from flammable items – and far from areas where they may be knocked over.

"The holidays are a time of joy but they also have the potential for danger," Cavanagh said. "Being vigilant about possible hazards inside and outside the home can help ensure a happier, safer holiday season."

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Tascosa defeats Lady Broncos

The Lady Broncos traveled to Amarillo on Saturday to take on the Lady Rebels and played hard but were defeated 29-81.

The Lady Broncos tried to get something going, but fell behind early on. A slow-shooting third quarter hindered the ladies in their attempt to catch Tascosa. Too many fouls also put the Lady Rebels on the line too many times.

Sandra Smith and Mattee Johnson led the ladies with seven points each, and Hannah Hommel added five. Carlee Johnson and Kira Weatheron each added four, and Shaelyn Oviwiti put in two.

Earlier in the week, the Lady Broncos traveled to Vega to take on the Lady Longhorns and were defeated 44-66.

The game was fairly even in

the opening quarter, but Vega held a slight advantage at the break. Clarendon attempted to come back and closed the gap to within eight points after three quarters. That comeback attempt fired the Lady Rebels up and they were able to execute their offense.

"The girls played a great first half," coach Korey Conkin said. "We were in the game, but we played terrible in the second half. We had plenty of opportunities to score but couldn't finish on a shot. In the fourth quarter, we had no fight left in us. It was a very disappointing outing, but we will bounce back."

The Lady Broncos will participate in the Lockney Tournament December 14-17 and will host Fort Elliott on Tuesday, December 19, at 6:30 p.m.



Andy Davis brings down a Wellington ball carrier during Friday's Quarter Final game.

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Lady Bronco JV beat by Vega

The Lady Bronco junior varsity played hard against Vega last week but was defeated 33-46.

The Lady Broncos jumped out to the early lead in the first quarter but struggled to stop Vega's offensive surge in the second quarter.

After leading by seven, the Lady Broncos trailed by five at the break.

The Lady Longhorns came out

and added to their point total, and Clarendon was unable to stop them defensively.

Ashlynn Newsome led the ladies with 14 points, and Darcie Hunsaker added nine. Raynee Newsome put in six, and Jade Benson helped with four.

The Lady Broncos will play at home against Ft. Elliott on Tuesday, December 19, beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Lady Colts lose to Panhandle

Both Lady Colt teams struggled against good Panhandle teams here at home last week. The seventh grade lost 11-30, and the eighth grade lost 11-30. Neither team could muster much offense in the game.

Too many turnovers by both teams hindered their ability to execute their offense to put points on the board. Defensively, the ladies struggled to find a good rhythm against a good offense.

"We simply did not show up to good," coach Carrie Hicks said. "We

had too many turnovers, and our defense was lacking. It was the seventh grade's first loss of the season. I sure hope that we are ready to play next week."

Scoring for the seventh grade were Makenna Shadle six, Laney Gates five, and Finley Cunningham four. Kaylee Bruce led the eighth grade with seven, and Madison Smith helped with four.

The Lady Colts will play Memphis at home December 18 beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Preston Elam attempts to stop a Skyrocket from scoring during last week's game

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Colts beat Panthers on the road

The eighth grade Colts put together four quarters of solid play to defeat Panhandle 34-20 on the road last Monday night.

The Colts stayed focused in the game after only leading by two points after the first quarter. A huge second and third quarter allowed the Colts a comfortable lead to the end. A great Colt defense slowed Panhandle down, who struggled offensively. They were only able to score one point in the final quarter.

Josiah Howard had a big game putting in 14 points, and Koyt Tuckek and Jodee Pigz helped with six points each. Brock Hatley added four, and Calder Havens and Cutter Goodpasture put in two each.

The seventh grade Colts were defeated, 29-44. They fell behind from the beginning and could never make up any ground against a good Panhandle team. The Panthers led by 12 points at the break but were able to increase that lead to 18 after three quarters. The Broncos started a small comeback in the fourth quarter, but the point spread was too much to overcome.

"As always I was proud of the effort from both groups," coach Blake Nichols said. "Both groups played hard and are showing improvement."

The Colts will travel to Memphis on Monday, December 18, and play at 5:00 p.m.

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...eggrog and to use peppermint in cocoa.

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Do you know where the spices we use come from? How about the nuts and oils?

The holidays are full of excitement. People often share their joy with others by decorating their yards, homes and hearths. Colored lights shine from tree branches. Garland and wreaths grace doors. Plants and flowers are brought inside to brighten and beautify rooms. Delicious smells of baking cookies and breads from the kitchen are created by spices taken from plants and trees. Plants are an important part of holiday time celebrations!

Fill in this puzzle about the parts of plants that we use in our kitchens!

Plants at Christmas Time!

1. nuts from trees, used in making marzipan candy - a sweet paste that is shaped and colored to look like fruits, vegetables and toys
2. Icecube gets its flavoring from this plant
3. buds from a bush; have a spicy taste and scent; hang an orange from a ribbon and push these into it for a nicely scented decoration
4. from a bean in a pod on a vine; used in puddings
5. has a "cool" taste; used in candies; grows in U.S. and Canada
6. ground into flour; used for cookies, cakes, gravies
7. used in candy canes, tea; thought to help settle the stomach
8. comes from cane; used for icing, lollipops
9. in pods hanging on trees; in some places, street vendors roast and sell these to eat while still warm
10. hard little seeds ground into powder - shake on eggrog
11. root with a spicy taste; used for breads, cookies
12. used for scent and taste in stuffing and with meats
13. from the red-brown bark of a tree; ground into powder for drinks, cookies
14. reddish-purple fruits from a tree; used in cakes, pudding
15. from the bean of cacao tree

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Plums
Anise
Sugar
Sage

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peppermint
cinnamon
chestsnuts
chocolate

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vanilla
nutmeg
ginger
almonds
cloves

Hide and Seek

1. large tree in U.S. and Canada
2. in light-colored berries
3. flowers at Christmas
4. green leaves, white berries
5. common herb growing from garden beds
6. made from evergreen branches
7. associated with hot and spicy taste
8. used in candy canes
9. played as bedding in a manger or made into ornaments for the tree

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DaQuawne Oliver tries to gain some yards at last week's game in Childress against Wellington.

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Hedley Owls hand defeat to Warriors

The Hedley Owls defeated the visiting Miami Warriors last Tuesday, December 5.

The two teams were locked closely in the first half of play, trading the lead with Miami out in front 13-14 at the half.

The Owls had a cold third quarter but came on strong in the fourth quarter to put up 19 points on the board, six of which came from the free-throw line. The game ended in Hedley's favor, 35-32.

Scoring for the Owls were Jordan Upton 13, Tristen Harper 8, T.J. Leal 9, Isaac Booth 4, and Justus Rinko 1.

The Lady Owls also faced Miami but came up short.

The girls trailed throughout the game. Hedley was behind 15-21 at the half and fell further behind in the third quarter.

The Lady Owls did not score their opponents 9-6 in the fourth quarter, but it was not enough to catch up. The final score in Miami's favor was 32-42.

Kallie Lindsey led for the Lady Owls with 7 points. Also scoring for Hedley were Kasie Hinton 7, Cara Lambert 6, Perla Carreon 4, Madison Gay 5, and Kadee Lockey 3.

The Hedley boys and girls will play in the Groom Tournament December 14-17 and both teams will play in Higgins on December 19 starting at 6:00 p.m.



The jersey worn by Lady Owl junior high player Kylie Monroe was retired on Monday, December 4. Kylie's family was presented with photos of Kylie in her basketball jersey. HEDLEY HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK PHOTO



Makayla Lee passes the ball during the junior high game against Groom. HHS YEARBOOK

Caprock Canyon announces trout stocking

Numerous anglers in the Texas Panhandle enjoy the challenge of fishing for Rainbow Trout. Thanks to an active stocking program by Texas Parks & Wildlife (TPWD), anglers of all ages can fish for trout locally all winter long.

Each winter TPWD in cooperation with participating cities and community groups stocks catchable-size Rainbow Trout into more than 100 locations statewide. More than 299,000 trout will be stocked into Texas waters this year. The trout stocking program is designed to provide increased fishing opportunities for Texas anglers.

As a part of this trout stocking program and with the cooperation of Caprock Partners Foundation, Caprock Canyon State Park's Lake Theo is scheduled to receive 1,910 Rainbow Trout this winter.

The first 955 trout are scheduled to arrive December 13, 2017 with an additional 955 stocked

February 1, 2018. The park will be closed December 26-29, 2017, January 9-12, 16-19, and 23-26, 2018 for annual public hunts.

Fishing gear for these hungry trout can be as simple as a cane pole or as sophisticated as a fly rod. Ultra-light spinning tackle using 4- to 6-pound test-line and 1/32 to 1/8 ounce spinners works well. Dry or wet flies, small spoons, and bucktail or feather jigs are also productive.

There are many methods which will catch trout, but baits such as whole kernel corn, cheese and salmon eggs on a long-shanked hook (#8 or smaller) are quite effective for these hatchery-reared fish. It is also a good idea to carry a pair of needle-nosed pliers to aid in removing hooks. Caprock Canyon State Park also has rods and tackle that can be loaned to park visitors. Talk to park personnel for details.

Anglers are reminded that Community Fishing Lakes do have

special regulations for Rainbow Trout: the daily bag limit is 5 fish per day per person, and there is no minimum length regulation on these small lakes. No fishing license is required when fishing within a State Park. Entry fees are required for all adults and children over 12 years of age and can be paid at the Park headquarters upon arrival. Only fishing by pole and line is permitted in Community Fishing Lakes.

For more information on statewide and community fishing regulations consult a 2017 - 2018 Texas Parks and Wildlife Outdoor Annual available at all license retailers or the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department website at www.tpwd.state.tx.us. You can also download the Outdoor Annual app for your smartphone or tablet device.

For more information about Caprock Canyons State Park, visit them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/caprockcanyons.

DPS reminds texans of winter weather safety tips

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) encourages Texans in all regions of the state to make preparations for winter weather.

"While we've all heard the joke about Texas only having two seasons — hot and hotter — all Texans need to prepare now for the serious threats that the upcoming winter could bring," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Every year, Texas faces the dangers of winter weather conditions, including freezing temperatures, ice, sleet, and even snow. Texans are urged to stay informed about changing weather in their area and to take steps now to help stay safe during the coming months."

Texans should winterize their vehicles by checking the battery, windshield wipers (including appropriate freeze resistant-fluid), tire pressure, tire tread, fluid levels, and lubricate door and trunk locks to prevent freezing. In addition, here is a list of emergency supplies drivers can keep in their vehicle: Blankets/sleeping bags, extra clothing, gloves and a hat; Cell phone, radio, flashlight and extra batteries; First-aid kit and pocket knife; High calorie, non-perishable food and bottled water; Bag of sand or cat litter to provide traction for tires; and Windshield scraper, tool kit, booster cables, tow

rope and a shovel. DPS offers the following additional tips for staying safe during possible winter weather:

Monitor local weather broadcasts and follow up-to-the-minute weather conditions, at <http://www.weather.gov/>; Purchase an all-hazards weather radio for up-to-date warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information; Sign up for your local emergency notification system; Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained before any trip, and keep your gas tank full; On icy roads, drive slowly and increase distance required for stopping, and avoid using cruise control; Watch for downed trees and power lines across roads. If power is out, treat all intersections as four-way stops; Allow extra time when traveling in inclement weather; Avoid traveling when sleet, freezing rain or snow is predicted, and monitor road conditions by visiting www.drivetexas.org or by calling 1-800-452-9292; Insulate outside faucets and pipes near outer walls; and Make sure that furnaces, heaters, fireplaces and wood stoves are clean, well-ventilated and in good working condition.

Also, to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning, NEVER operate generators and other fuel-powered devices inside a home or an enclosed

space, such as a garage. The deadly odorless, colorless gas is produced any time a fossil fuel is burned, with sources including motor vehicle engines, generators and fuel-burning appliances or heating systems. Consider installing a carbon monoxide detector. Make arrangements for proper shelter and an emergency supply of food and water for your pets and livestock. Stock up on firewood and supplies, including canned goods and bottled water. If you will be away from home for a long period of time, set your thermostat to 55 degrees or higher and open cabinets under sinks. Make sure you have inclement weather contact numbers for schools and work. Check on friends and family members whose health or age may put them at greater risk from cold weather.

During the winter season, residents can contact 2-1-1 Texas, the state's free 24-hour helpline, to check on possible community-established warming centers or related services in their area. No matter where you live in Texas, you can dial 2-1-1 or 877-541-7905 for community resources.

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