

City council members grill trash service rep

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City, TCG to address code enforcement

The City of Clarendon announced Monday it is has contracted with Texas Communities Group, LLC (TCG) in an effort to address abandoned properties and code enforcement in the community.

TCG is a municipal services company that will focus on Code Enforcement with the goal of removing dilapidated and hazardous properties and potential fire hazards.

"TCG and the City will work in partnership with the citizens of Clarendon to promote and maintain a safe and desirable living and working environment," City Administrator Brian Barboza said. "We help maintain and improve the quality of the community by enforcing laws and codes targeted to solve specific problems within the community. We will enforce codes through vacant & dilapidated structures, rubbish and debris, weeds, and junk vehicles. Our goal is to work with the property owner to solve the problem."

The City and TCG ask for assistance and support as they begin Codes Enforcement and invite questions. For information, contact TCG at 806-839-2724 or email info@texascg.com.

Christmas dinner

on the agenda of the Clarendon City Council during its regular meeting last Thursday, December 12, as aldermen again grilled Waste Connections about its performance in the

The private waste collection service has been the subject of several complaints by citizens for sev- agreed with McIntosh and pushed eral months. Things seemed to be back against the company's collecimproving when the council met in November; but after tapering off, the number of missed Dumpster com- more percent collections," Estlack plaints has started going up again, said. city officials said.

city.

Garbage collection was high cups the last couple of weeks" and ride with the local driver for a week early for proposals for trash service. amended in two motions - first said Waste Connections was willing to refund \$3,000 to the city for its missed collections. The company claims a 95 percent collection rate.

"That's an insult," Alderman Eulaine McIntosh said, regarding the \$3,000 offer.

Alderman Ashlee Estlack tions claim.

"There's no way we're at 95 or

Alderman Tommy Hill said his Waste Connections representa- trash had not been picked up in three tive Christian Rios told the council and a half weeks and suggested a boza brought up needing Waste Conthe company has had "some hic- Waste Connections supervisor come nections to allow the city to go out

to see what's happening.

to leave town," Hill said. "You think it's bad now; you wait till Christmas gets here."

Rios said he would have a supervisor ride with the driver and would have two trucks last Friday and Saturday to try to get caught up and would have two trucks run through the holidays.

Estlack and McIntosh also continued to push Rios on compensating the city for services that were paid for but not received.

City Administrator Brian Bar-

The contract with Waste Connec- regarding overtime pay during emer-"His truck gets full, and he has tions restricts how soon the city can gencies in accordance with FEMA solicit proposals before the end of guidelines, and second to allow the term next September, unless the incentive pay for employees, which company gives its permission.

> "We're not going to renew," Barboza said.

"We're not going to rebid."

cil took no action on a request for a that the ordinance already covered transmission line easement on the bed and breakfast establishments north side of town. Aldermen wanted and lodging listed on online platto make sure any affected residents forms such as AirBnB and VRBO. will be properly notified first. This The new language is an updated veritem will be discussed again next sion. month

The employee handbook was

is something the city will consider in fiscal year 2026.

The city's Hotel Occupancy Tax To which Rios responded, ordinance was amended to clarify its language regarding short-term rent-In other city business, the coun- als. The council agreed last month

> The board discussed the status See 'City Council' on page 8.

Irangler NFR

Cole Franks riding Coffee Breaking News at the NFR in Vegas last week.

Franks wraps up another good NFR

By Ted Harbin, TwisTed Rodeo

said Franks, a three-time NFR LAS VEGAS - Looking at the qualifier from Clarendon. "A couple paign with an 87-point ride n Fron- night. Round winners are also cel-

He wrapped his 2024 cam- the lion's share of the money on that

City sales tax revenue rises for December

Clarendon's sales tax revenue ticked up slightly, and Donley County Assistance District One received its first revenue when Texas Comptroller Glen Hegar delivered December allocations last week.

After dropping off last month, Clarendon's sales tax revenue increased 2.85 percent this month for a December allocation of \$47,140.34. That revenue brings the city's calendar year total \$520,180.51, which is up 1.23 percent from \$513,842.32 in 2023.

Donley County Assistance District One, which was approved by voters in the City of Howardwick in May for the purpose of helping fund the Donley County Sheriff's Office, received \$1,021.02. That's the district's first allocation since the one percent sales tax began October 1.

The City of Howardwick itself received \$2,067.04 for the month, up 33.29 percent from one year ago. That city ends the calendar year down 2.95 percent at \$21,440.30, but that downturn is due in large part to the city lowering its city sales tax rate effective in October 2023.

donations needed

The volunteers who hosted Clarendon Community the Thankgiving dinner are gearing up for another free event on Saturday, December 21.

The Clarendon Community Christmas dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Clarendon School Cafeteria. Deliveries will be made to disabled and shut-in residents by calling in advance at 806-277-0808.

Donations to support this cause can be made at Pilgrim Bank or sent to PO Box 45, Clarendon, TX 79226. Donations will also be accepted at the door.

TxDOT surveying transit needs

TxDOT will be holding virtual public workshops in December and January to learn more about the transit service needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities. Information on the program, how to connect virtually and how to provide a comment can be found at txdot.gov.



final numbers, Cole Franks had a fantastic run at the National Finals have been great; about one and a Rodeo.

He led the aggregate standings most of the way, only to be surpassed on the final night by world champion Dean Thompson, but Franks still produced at a high rate over the 10-day championship. He finished second in the average, worth more than \$70,000, and placed seven times, earning \$156,340 in Las Vegas.

"It was really good on paper," top," Franks said.

half points would have been great."

He rode 10 horses for a cumulative score of 853.5 points, a half point behind Thompson. That extra he had hoped for would have earned Franks the coveted average championship and another \$16,000. Still, he finished the campaign sixth in the world standings with \$295,896.

"It was a good week, but that

more points here and there would tier Rodeo's Breaking News, which earned him a tie for sixth place with Jess Pope. Each man earned \$2,717 for that.

> In fact, it's serving as motivation for him to build toward next season. His plan is to return to the bright lights of Las Vegas and contend for the world championship. His immediate goal, though, is to finally win a round.

Through 30 nights of compettitle would have been the cherry on ing at the NFR, he has yet to win a round, which also means he collects plan to make everything happen.

ebrated at the South Point Hotel and Casino for a nightly presentation and receive a Montana Silversmiths buckle for the honor.

PRCA PHOTO / CLICK THOMPSON

"It's going to take me 31 rounds, the first round next year I'm getting that," he said. "I've got five days before I'm off to my next one, so I just want to keep it rolling."

If he had the chance, Franks would get on 10 more bucking horses in a row. He'll have to wait until next December, and he has a

Hedley's sales tax revenue was up 196.44 percent for the month with an allocation of \$1,304.95, and the city closes its 2024 calendar year with a 47.49 percent increase in sales tax revenues at \$18,530.28.

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

Statewide, Hegar distributed \$1.2 billion in local sales tax allocations, 6.8 percent more than in 2023.

Ely wins second drawing for holiday Chamber Cash

winner Friday and will hold its third of winning. and final Small Town Christmas drawing this Friday at noon.

mas Cash last week.

Chamber of Commerce will put Garrison's, J&W Lumber, Lowe's chants this season.

drawing that will be held for \$100 Attire. this Friday, December 20. To enter,

Commerce named its second holiday who enter will have multiple chances

Those merchants participatdrawing along with a \$250 bonus ing are: Amanda's Country Soaps, Broken Road Liquor, Brollier's Auto Karon Ely was the second Parts, Clarendon Outpost, Cornell's winner of \$100 in Chamber Christ- Country Store, Country Bloomers winners who shop with local mer- Pharmacy, Ramblin' Ranch Boutique, REFZ Sports Bar & Grill, Sign-ups are continuing for the Whistle Stop, and Wicked Fast season and remember the impor-

shoppers will fill out an entry at local bonus drawing for \$250 in Chamber Support the businesses who support participating merchants. Entries stay Christmas Cash on December 20. your town!

The Clarendon Chamber of in the hopper each week, so those Sign-up for the bonus drawing will be at the Clarendon Visitor Center. Shoppers can bring their receipts and receive one entry for every \$25 spent at participating merchants.

Several downtown merchants are also staying open for Late Night Shopping on Thursday, December Flowers, Courtney D'Costa Scentsy, 19, until 8 p.m. Downtown mer-The third annual "Shop Small" Every Nook & Cranny, Floatin' chants staying open late and holding promotion from the Clarendon T, Floyd's Automotive, Henson's, sign-ups for Late Night drawings are Henson's, Stocking Ice Cream a grand total of \$550 in Chamber Family Center, Monroe's Peach Parlor, Every Nook & Cranny, Ram-Christmas Cash in the hands of lucky Ranch, Mulkey Theatre, Mike's bling Ranch Boutique, and Saye's Flying A Tack Store.

> Shop at home this holiday tant role your local merchants play The Chamber will also hold a in keeping your community strong.



Karon Ely was the winner of \$100 in Chamber Christmas Cash during the second holiday drawing last Friday. She invested her winnings in Small Town Christmas sweatshirts. A new winner will be drawn this Friday at noon. ENTERPRISE PHOTO

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Scots-Irish influence on **US culture**

During my travels this summer I made my way across Ireland and Scotland and fell in love with the beauty and the rich history of these countries. During my stay, by far my favorite evenings were the ones where we were treated to nights of songs, dance, and stories. While every nation in the world has its traditional culture that is worthy of celebration, there is

something special about this region that stands above the rest for me. Part of the reason is that there is a familiarity with this culture, and historically speaking it comes from a good reason.

There is something enchanting, almost romantic, about these nations. I'm sure that for Americans'

historically speaking by dr. james find

part, some songs are in Gaelic, while most today are in English. Other nation's folk songs and stories can lose something in translation. Ireland and Scotland's difficult histories play a part of their culture as their people have had to endure struggles including occupation from the Vikings, the Normans and most recently the British. Possibly Ireland's greatest struggles came in the 1840s and '50s with the Potato Famine. During the Great Hunger, more than a million Irish died and dropped the population by 25% as another million fled the island for greener pastures.

While the Irish songs are better known than the Scottish ones, attending the Military Tattoo in Edinburgh Castle and hearing 100 bagpipes, including pipers from the U.S. Navy and the Citadel, come out the main gate playing "Scotland the Brave" still gives me chills just remembering it. We also attended the Spirit of Scotland where I tried my first haggis while listening to the many Scottish folk songs including "Amazing Grace." Yes, it's an English song but best heard when played on the bagpipes. You could really hear the pain and sadness of the Scots with the haunting melody of songs like "The Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond."

As I said I think the reason we are so drawn to the folk songs from Ireland and Scotland are because they are so rich and old, but also because they are in English. But there is also something familiar about them—something that feels like home. There is an important part of American history that I think will help in our understanding.

During America's Colonial period and in the years after the revolution, there were several important immigrant groups that populated our shores. Obviously, the English were the largest group, but there were also large groups of Germans and Dutch, not to mention the forced immigration of Africans. Yet the group I have always found most interesting are the Scots-Irish, mostly Presbyterian Lowland Scotts who fled to Ireland in the 18th century to escape British persecution, especially because of their religion. Eventually this group left Ireland and came to the British North American Colonies bringing with them their music, stories, and clan lifestyles. Where most immigrants at the time settled as close to the coast as possible and integrated, Scots-Irish immigrants mostly arrived at the Middle Colonies but moved west until they hit the Appalachian Mountains. Once in the mountains they spread north and south settling the region now known as Appalachia. In these back country hollers of Kentucky, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and down into Georgia, they kept to themselves. They are the backbone of America, fiercely loyal to family, distrustful of authority, and gun-toting patriots. Their exploits became famous, though exaggerated some, in the late 19th century with the Hatfields and McCoys and later in the 1976 documentary "Harlan County, U.S.A." which showed the people as backwards and violent during a coal mining strike. More recently two politicians have written books about the Scots-Irish, Vice President-elect J.D. Vance with "Hillbilly Elegy," and "Born Fighting: How the Scots-Irish Shaped America" by former Virginian Senator Jim Webb. For my purposes, however, it's the 1920s that are most important. From the 18th century until the 1920s, the Scots-Irish had some of the best-preserved traditional culture in America. The outside world had not been able to infiltrate the back country hollers. In 1927 Ralph Peer, a music scout from Victor Records believed there could be a market for what was called mountain music. He came to Bristol, Virginia, and put out a call for talent. A.P. Carter heard the call and gathered his wife, Sara Carter, and sister-in-law Maybelle Carter and made the trek over the hills to Bristol. A.P.'s brother, Ezra, and Maybelle were June Carter Cash's parents. On Aug. 1, 1927, A.P., Sara and Maybelle recorded two songs that became huge hits. Carter did not write original music. Instead, he traveled the Appalachian region collecting songs that had been passed down and recorded them as hillbilly music. Eventually the label changed the name to country music. While country music today has mostly abandoned its roots, when I hear the poetry of a song like Zach Bryan's "Something in the Orange," I am reminded of old Irish ballads, or the capitating melody of "Wagon Wheel" by Old Crow Medicine Show (They did it first) or a haunting tune like "Down to the River to Pray" by Alison Krauss, I know the old world sound is not completely gone. Scottish and Irish music is still alive here in the new world, and it connects me to the old. Hopefully it stays that way for a long time. James Finck is a professor of American history at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma.

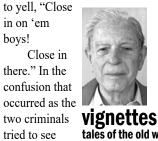
Sheriff tricks outlaws to surrender

If you can catch them without shooting at them, your own chances of survival are greatly improved. In the East Texas town of Woodville, Sheriff George Enloe was a master at using ruses and disguises to apprehend lawbreakers during his tenure as sheriff of Tyler County from 1888 to 1898.

Sam Feagin, who had just killed a man, sent word to Sheriff Enloe that if the sheriff was thinking of trying to arrest him, the sheriff should bring his "burying clothes." Learning that Feagin was headed toward the ferry on the Nueces River, Enloe got there first and hid in a nearby skiff.

Jumping out just as Feagin was passing by, Enloe got the drop on Feagin and brought him back to Woodville. After serving a short time in jail, Feagin and a fellow prisoner named Ezell succeeded in escaping. Knowing that Feagin's father lived nearby at Hillister, Enloe went to Hillister, hid under the Feagin's house, and learned where to find the younger Feagin by listening to the conversations in the house above. Enloe learned that Feagin and his ally were hiding in an empty house by a nearby mill.

Approaching the house, Enloe suddenly found himself facing two guns that were pointing at him. Instantly he began



boys!

tales of the old west by george u. hubbard who might be coming at

them from the rear, Enloe managed to cover them, handcuff them, and return them to jail.

On another occasion, a Mr. Weatherford who had killed two men at a sawmill below Warren, headed for the Louisiana border, but Enloe got to the Sabine ferry first. The next morning Enloe borrowed an old slouch hat and a horse from a Widow West who lived nearby. Riding toward the river, he started rounding up a few stray cattle with seemingly indifference to everything else.

Soon another man, who Enloe recognized to be Weatherford, approached from behind him moving toward the ferry. Appearing as just another cattleman, Enloe let the man catch up with him. Then as they were riding side by side, Enloe shoved his gun into Weatherford's face and arrested him.

Mob violence and lynchings were common in those days, and Enloe had to use all his wits to prevent the lynching of one of his prisoners. Green Gilder, a former slave, had killed a white woman at Warren, and a mob was forming with intentions of hanging the killer. To protect the prisoner, Enloe sent him under guard into the woods near the house of Enloe's brother-in-law.

Not knowing that the prisoner had been moved, the mob arrived at Enloe's home and demanded the keys to the jail. Nannie Enloe, George's small and dainty wife, defied the mob and threw the keys into a churn of buttermilk. Despite threats from the mob to take Enloe's life, George and Nannie stalled long enough for the guards to get Gilder safely hidden in the woods. George then reached into the buttermilk and gave the keys to the mob.

George Enloe either fooled the lawbreakers or persuaded them, through reasoning, to surrender. He took his job seriously, and he was successful in upholding the law. He also lived to an old age.

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In several other incidents, Sheriff



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Friday the 13th brings up superstitions

I have never been a superstitious person – not until the recent Friday the Thirteenth.

Truth is, I've chuckled at others who won't walk under ladders, change routes when black cats crossed their trails or wear the same unwashed

"lucky" garments to extend sports victory strings.

Sad memories of my mid-morning calamity remain tender. But, tears dried, I am looking for an old telephone book. I'm thinking its yellow pages might list an organization for superstitious people. I'll join ASAP.... ****

The day started well. I'd scored a 99 on the CPAP mask that my cardiologist said might extend my life. For the first three weeks, scores were in the 70s and 80s (much like my college transcript). They said if I'd work harder on mask placement, the hissing sound that kept me awake would go away, and it did.

Having taken on kitchen duties a while back, I decided to concoct a festive smoothie for my wife and me.

Truth to tell, it would give me a chance to use my Blendtec blender, an appliance purchased at an estate auction earlier this year for a mere \$80. I outbid four others who also recognized this king of blenders. Sure enough, it turned out to be "like new," as the auctioneer claimed. Sadly, it no longer is..... *****

Let me start at the beginning. For the super special smoothie, I tossed in more-than-called-for ingredients, doubling the recipe of chia and flax seeds,

even if toothpicks would be required later. I used "globs" of premium yogurt and pure vanilla extract.

Then, I spotthe idle ted a half bowl of american Cool Whip with an expiration date in by don newbury the previous week. Just as I was "glob-

bing" a tablespoon of whipped cream into the blender, the phone rang. I hurried to answer before Voice Mail took over, leaving the "glob-filled" spoon in the jar....

It was my brother, Fred, beginning with seasonal greetings to introduce a 10-minute conversation about our infirmities. (He, too, is now in his 80s.) I returned to the kitchen, giving no thought to gravity laws. The spoon had sunk to the bottom of the 90-oz. jar that contained four pounds of ingredients. For the next sixteen seconds--enough for two successful bull-riders--the gates of Hades prevailed. When I hit the "start" button, it sounded like bulls in a china shop. (Could those hard-frozen bananas be challenging my blender?).... ****

During the first eight seconds, the smoothie--gushing like a worn-out fireplug--coated the counter to the breakfast table 15 feet away. The pinkish liquid drenched everything in its path, including the latest edition of Texas Monthly. I was unable to reach the on-off button, but eight seconds later, dislodged the

power cord with a yardstick.

One petite cup of the precious drink remained in the jar. I strained it, fearful of ingesting a plastic chard. Tears drained into the cup from which I sipped reverently, as if participating in Holy Communion. I prayed for strength, patience and the ability to take on a massive clean-up that would extend into the afternoon. I fear that dried residue inside drawers and in crevices might be discovered indefinitely.....

My defense mechanism took over. Why couldn't Blendtec use metal jars? Why did my brother call at 10 a.m., knowing that he might rouse me from my slumber? Why did I go well above the "fill-to-here" line? Why did I stupidly leave a spoon in the jar? Alas, not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, oh Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

I asked Fred to refrain from calling next Christmas; he could send a card instead. But, there's a silver lining! I found a like-new replacement jar on eBay for just \$80, the LAST ONE, delivered free! If it works, I'll still come out ahead. If it doesn't, maybe I'll go crying to Blendtec. I'll also ask if they might like to buy parts remaining from a broken jar....

Dr. Newbury, longtime university president, continues to speak and write. The Idle American, begun in 2003, is one of the nation's longest-running syndicated humor columns. Contact: 817-447-3872. Email: newburv@speakerdoc.com. Website: www. speakerdoc.com.

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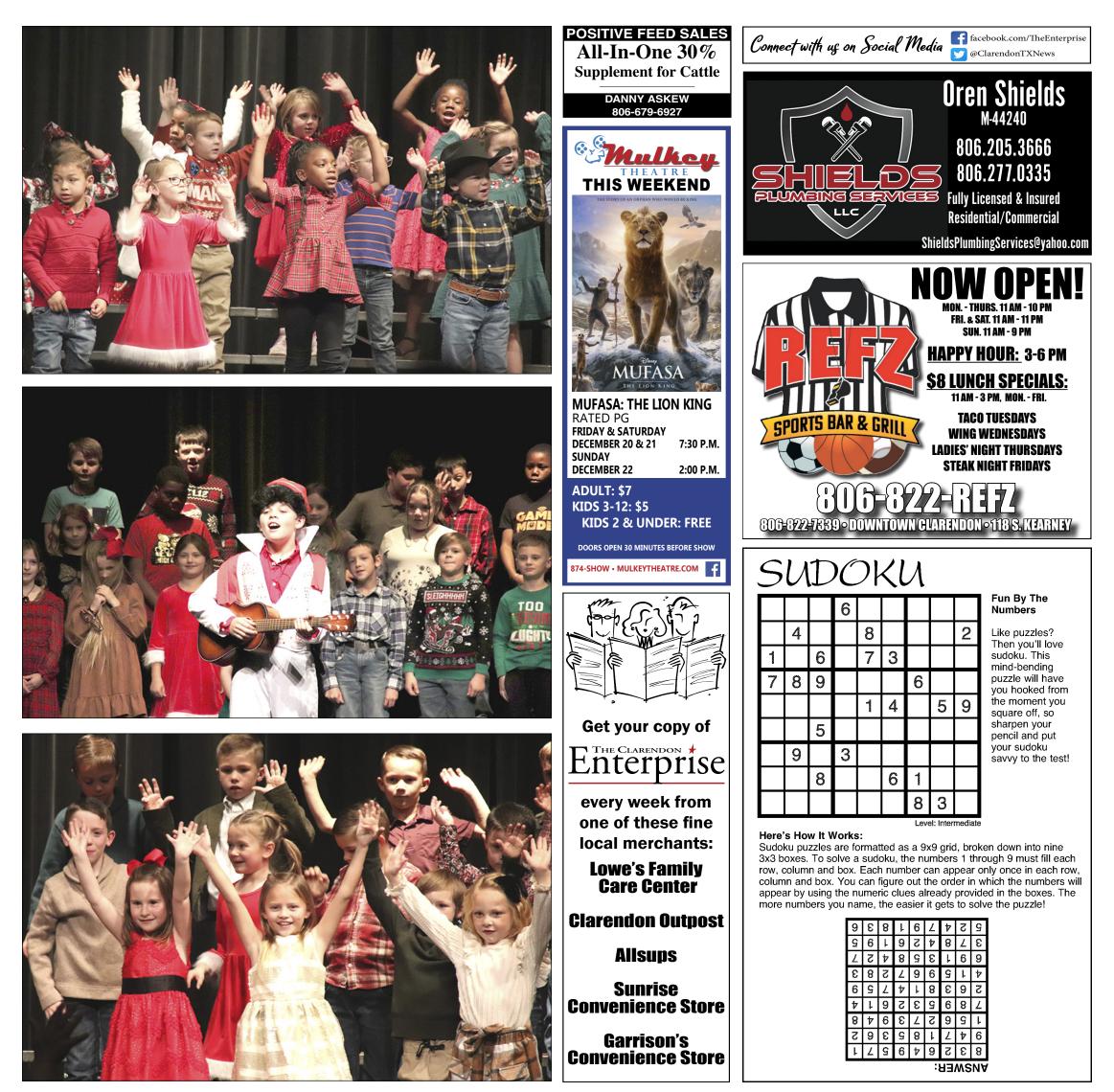


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Sounds of Christmas Clarendon Elementary students preformed their annual Christmas concert on Monday night .

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December 20 & 21 Mufasa: The Lion King • 7:30 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

December 22 Mufasa: The Lion King • 2:00 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

December 26, 27, & 28 Broncos @ Lubbock Cooper Tournament • TBA • Lubbock

December 27 & 28 Lady Broncos @ Wildcat Classic • Little field

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December 29

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January 11

Donley County Junior • Livestock Show & Sale . Donley County Activity Center

Menus

December 23 - 27 Donley County Senior Citizens Mon: Chicken strips, gravy, potato wedges, garden salad,

whole wheat roll, brownie, iced tea/2% milk. Tue: Lasagna, Brussel sprouts, garden salad, garlic bread stick, chocolate pudding, iced tea/2%

milk Wed: Closed

Thurs: Closed

Fri: Chili cheese dog on a bun, baked beans, marinated cucumber & onions, oatmeal raisin cookie, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Beans, beef, & cheese burritos, tortilla chips, mixed green salad, apricots, chocolate pudding parfait, iced tea/2% milk. Tue: Closed Wed: Closed

Thurs: Pot roast w/gravy, roasted carrots, potatoes, onions, brown rice, cranberry fluff, whole wheat biscuit, iced tea/2% milk. Fri: Cold cup sandwich, sweet potato fries, mixed green salad, ambrosia, iced tea/2% milk

Jackson moves to stop UNRWA funding

US Rep. Ronny Jackson (TX-13) last week sent a letter to House meet the increased demand for elec- affordable child care in Texas. and Senate leadership urging the tricity, 59 percent support a proposal



Masonic Milestone

Members of Clarendon Lodge #700, A.F. & A.M., stand with Billy Jack Land at his home Sunday after they recognized him for 70 years as a Mason. B.J. is a Past Master of the Lodge and has served many roles in the community during his lifetime, including service as chief of the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department, and former Clarendon Lion, and later as a member of the Clarendon City Council. Shown here are Russell Estlack, Land, Worshipful Master Jarrod McDaniel, and Jim Owens.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ROGER ESTLACK

New Poll: Texas Voters Back Key Legislative Solutions to Pressing Challenges

Texas 2036 last week released for good-paying jobs.

the results of the 8th Texas Voter Health Care Costs and Trans-Poll, revealing a strong appetite for parency: Texas voters are worried legislative solutions to pressing chalabout cost and transparency. More lenges like water security, education, than seven in 10 voters say they are electric grid reliability, health care paying more for health care than they did five years ago. In addition, costs and housing affordability. Despite lingering concerns 87 percent expressed concerns that about the future, a majority of large investment companies called voters remain optimistic about private equity firms have purchased Texas' potential to address these ownership stakes in doctor's offices issues head-on, demonstrating Texas and hospitals. Three-fourths (75 voters' desire for practical, futurepercent) of voters agree that the Texas state government should more Water Supply: A vast majority actively regulate health care mergers

(85 percent) of voters are concerned to ensure the market remains suffithat the state could face future water ciently competitive. Housing Affordability: Texans voters also support the state making are ready for creative solutions to strategic long-term investments in increase the availability and affordability of housing. A strong majority percent favor the Texas Legislature (84 percent) agree that homeowners dedicating \$1 billion annually to the should have the right to build addi-Texas Water Fund, which was cre- tional housing, such as garage apartments or tiny homes, on their own Electric Grid Reliability: A property.

four, or 74 percent, of voters express ity of the state's electric grid. To help concern about the availability of

remain optimistic about the state's economy, and 59 percent said they felt either the same or more optimistic about the state's future after this year's presidential election.

Seventy-one percent of Texas voters believe students using state funds for educational expenses, including tuition at private schools, should take tests similar to those in public schools to ensure learning outcomes can be compared and evaluated.

Texans don't want to wait too long before providing help to students falling behind in math: 79 percent of voters favor requiring schools to notify parents as early as kindergarten if their child is not performing at grade level in math.

Texas voters tell us the maximum indoor temperature in Texas prisons should be 78°F, on average. Just 8 percent of Texas voters believe that the maximum temperature should exceed 85 degrees, with Child Care: Close to three in 83 percent supporting a maximum temperature below 85 degrees.

Texas voters are split on how AI should shape state government. When respondents are asked to While 47 percent prioritize restrictprohibition of funding for the United for a \$5 billion investment of state prioritize a list of potential invest- ing its use due to safety and pri-Nearly a quarter (24 percent) of voters believe AI could make government services more efficient, reducing waste and cutting through bureaucracy. The 8th Texas 2036 Voter Poll, conducted by Baselice & Associates, surveyed 1,001 respondents between November 16-20, 2024. It has a margin of error of ± 3.1 percent.

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(UNRWA) in any upcoming fiscal Energy Fund, which supports buildyear 2025 appropriations bill.

Jackson's office says this action addresses UNRWA's repeated hostility toward Israel and its appeasement of terrorist organizations such as Hamas.

"UNRWA, which had numerous employees participate in the horrific October 7th attack on Israel, is more interested in fueling terror and supporting Hamas than it is in helping innocent civilians," Jackson said. "The United States cannot be subsidizing an entity that unapologetically supports terrorist organizations like Hamas and works to destroy Israel. took action against UNRWA, and the United States must stand with Israel at this decisive moment by to do? taking similar action. America must lead with principle and strength, and slow down at least 20 miles per hour I thank my colleagues for their support in working to ensure that our taxpayer dollars are not supporting passing a first responder stopped on corrupt, terror-supporting organiza- the roadside. tions like UNRWA.'

by the Jewish Institute for National Security of America (JINSA).

Co-signers include Representatives Randy Weber (TX-14), Warren Davidson (OH-08), Keith Self (TX-03), Diana Harshbarger (TN-01), you and be prepared to react quickly. Tom Tiffany (WI-07), Dan Meuser (PA-09), Joe Wilson (SC-02), and Tom Kean Jr. (NJ-07).

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shortages. Notably, 85 percent of

reliable water infrastructure. And 68

majority of voters (53 percent) say

they lack confidence in the reliabil-

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ated last year.

Readiness: A majority of voters (61 percent) believe that Texas high school students are not graduating prepared for the workforce or future said they were at least somewhat economy. A resounding 91 percent agree that high school students should have access to workforce of Texas voters, their overall levels training or credential programs that provide a certification that allows from August 2023. Despite these them to graduate ready to compete concerns, a majority of Texas voters toplines and crosstabs.

Nations Relief and Works Agency funds to double the size of the Texas ments that the state government vacy concerns, others see potential. could make in child care, 62 percent select improving the quality of care High School and Workforce and education delivered at child care providers as their first or second choice.

> This year, 85 percent of voters concerned about the future of Texas. While this reflects a large majority of concern are down seven points

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Local emergency personnel responded to a two-vehicle accident at US 287 and Taylor in front of Lowe's Family Center last Thursday afternoon. Authorities on the scene said the white SUV driving by Phyllis Morency of Clarendon pulled out in front of a pickup pulling a travel trailer. No serious injuries were reported. ENTERPRISE PHOTO

Travel with or without pets?

Walking into your room to find that changing environments is OK." a curled- up dog or cat resting within your opened suitcase can be heartwrenching, to say the least. With the trip may be on the horizon, leading should invite their furry friends to Rutter said. "Pets can also pick up join in on the fun.

Dr. Christine Rutter, a clinical associate professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, delves into the debate on whether owners should bring pets along for holiday vacations — and the travel stress that inevitably comes with the journey.

The desire to introduce your dog or cat to the extended family may be great, but it's more important to prioritize what is best for your pet's comfort and overall well-being.

Pets accompanying their owners on holiday trips should feel safe and not as if they are being uprooted from the normal routines that bring them comfort and security. Each animal's personality is different, so owners should gauge embarking on a big trip.

"Some pets are extremely anxious in new environments and won't settle down, won't eat or eliminate or new animals in their environ- said. ment," Rutter said. "Other pets are

It's also important to consider

whether the people and other animals at the destination will be comfortable winter chill sweeping in, a holiday with a new dog or cat in their midst. "Travel can be stressful for owners to consider whether they everyone, including your pet," States, there are often rules for trav-

> on the stress of their owners." According to Rutter, family members who aren't expecting to have guest pets, or don't have pets themselves, may have food items either under a holiday tree or within pets' "stealing range" that can lead to a trip to the emergency room.

To mediate this stress, Rutter suggests that owners be prepared and aware of all of the stipulations that travel with pets may entail, including knowing requirements for bringing animals across state and country lines.

Rules for how pets can travel internationally vary. Owners who wait until the last minute or skip steps will likely be unable to travel internationally with their pets.

"With international travel, some countries may require sequential their pet's comfort with travel before blood testing for infectious diseases or a quarantine period, and some tail-wagging friend at the family may ban the importation of some types of animals, so it's vital to start preparing for international travel at on a leash, or will bark at every noise least six months in advance," Rutter

In addition, the Centers for comfortable with the extra visitors.

Researching rules and regulations in advance is not only important for taking pets to other countries but also for bringing them back home at the end of the trip.

But even within the United eling with pets.

"Domestic travel across state lines requires a special veterinarianissued health certificate," Rutter said. "Enforcement of this requirement is usually lax for domestic pets, but an airline or state law enforcement officer can elect to enforce it at any time."

For owners who ultimately choose not to travel with pets, pet sitting and boarding are great options for making sure your furry friend does not feel forgotten.

"For me, personally, I do like to travel with my pets, but the cost and difficulty of the process makes international travel with them unappealing," Rutter said. "I find a good in-home pet sitter or boarding kennel that I trust and leave my dogs in a familiar environment, which gives them fewer new stresses at a time."

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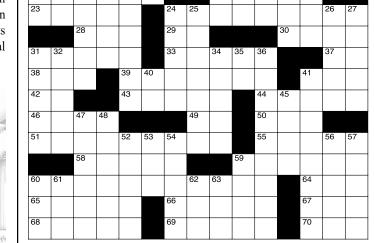
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24. Most contemptuous

31. Financial institutions

actress

22. Plant parts

23. Snow house

28. Note to repay

29. Old English

character

30. Wings

4. Member of people inhabiting

15. Fictional soccer coach Ted

18. "American Horror Story"

16. Irregular in botanical parlance

1. Miller beer variety

- 39. Give off 41. Semitic alphabet letter
- 42. Farm state
- 43. Actress Sarandon
- 44. Back parts
- 46. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire 49. Touchdown
- 50. One point north of due east
- 51. Refurbishes
- 55. Silver and Dogg are two
- 58. Former Tigers catcher Alex
- 59. Type of envelope
- 60. Seriously considered
- 64. Unhappy
- 65. Past (archaic)
- 66. Asian wild dog
- 67. Old English letter
- 68. Young domestic sheep

31. Prickly, scrambling shrubs

36. Songs sung to one's beloved 40. The 12th letter of the Greek alphabet

56. Make ecstatically happy

62. Exclamation of satisfaction

57. Semitic alphabet letter

63. Hill or rocky peak

32. Become less intense

35. Indicates position

45. Israeli politician

34. Polishes

41. Insects

47. Pre-digital

48. Roaming

52. Ambience

53. Brew

54. Late

59. Blend

60. Dash

61. Self

- 69. Football players need to
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 - 8. Midsection
 - 9. Jewish calendar month
 - 10. Urological condition
 - 11. A small quantity of anything
 - 12. Mountain Time
 - 13. Affirmative
 - 19. Word element meaning ear
 - 21. Carried away
- - 24. Short-billed rails
 - 25. Newborn child
 - 26. Sword
 - 27. Groups of people

Broncos take down Vega By Sandy Anderberg

The Broncos played solid and defeated Vega 35-32 at home last week after a physical ball game. Kaleb Bolin and Michael Randall finished with 11 points to lead the way.

The two teams battled early in the game and only one point separated the teams. But the Broncos played a strong offense in the second eight minutes to take a big lead into the break. Despite falling back somewhat after halftime, the Broncos were able to maintain the lead and finish the game for the win.

Mason Sims put in nine points and hit three of four free throws, and Caleb Herbert helped with four points. Bolin put in three threepointers and Randall added one.

The Broncos played in the Childress Tournament over the weekend and struggled to find a rhythm. They went winless in the tourney but had some high spots against the teams.

They took on the host team in the first round and lost to the Cats 27-67. The Broncos struggled to get anything going offensively in the game. Bolin and Herbert finished with 10 points each and had five rebounds together.

They took on Amarillo High JV in the next round and lost 15-54 and Holliday in the third round. They played hard against Holliday and narrowly lost 50-54. Sims had 18 points and five rebounds in the game and Randall had 15 points with seven rebounds. Bolin finished with 11 points, two assists, and a steal in the game.

The Broncos had another close game with Vernon in the final round and lost 33-36. Sims had a double-double with 13 points and 11 rebounds and Randall helped with five points and 11 rebounds.

The Broncos will open district play against Quanah at home on Friday, December 20, at 8:00 p.m. and will participate in the Lubbock Caprock Tournament over the holidays.

Lady Bronco JV falls to the **Pantherettes**

The Lady Bronco junior varsity played hard against Panhandle but came up short in the 30-56 loss.



Bronco Mason Sims fights the Vega defense to go up for a basket.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ROGER ESTLACK

Lady Broncos drop District opener to Panhandle

By Sandy Anderberg The Lady Broncos opened their district season at home against number two ranked Panhandle and were narrowly defeated 42-50.

The Lady Broncos played solid in the first eight minutes and led the Pantherettes by four points. Junior Kashlyn Conkin poured in nine points in the opening quarter that

three of five free throws to lead the but it was not enough to get the win. team to the early advantage. However, Panhandle was able to close with 11 points each and Kennadie the gap before the break taking the Cummins added eight. Kenidee momentum into the locker room.

shut down the Lady Broncos' outside game only allowing them two-pointers from there on out. Junior Kate December 20 at 6:30 and will play Shaw stepped up from here inside in the Wildcat Classic in Littlefield included two three-pointers and hit position and add to the scoreboard, over the holidays.

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Shaw and Conkin led the way Hayes had four, and Berkley Moore, The Pantherettes were able to Tandie Cummins, and Hayden Elam finished with two points each.

The ladies will host Quanah



Bronco Caleb Herbert dribbles to the basket last week against Vega. ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ROGER ESTLACK

Colts play hard against Wellington

with a 28-59 loss.

The game was fairly even in the first quarter of play with the Colts the second quarter to put points on defense all of the way to the buzzer. the board.

Wellington was able to grab turnovers and convert them into points.

Tyler Smith was able to finish with 11 points in the game and Brentley Gaines hit two three-pointers for six total points. Jaequan Weatherton and Braxton Gribble put in four each and Paxton English finished with three.

The Colt B team did a great job at 5:00 p.m. but were defeated by the Rockets in the last ticks of the clock. The team Lady Colts last week.

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The eighth grade Clarendon trailed for three quarters of play Colt team made a great stand against but came alive in the final quarter the Wellington Rockets but finished of play to hold the Rockets to only one fourth quarter point. The Colts played aggressive to work their way back into the game and were able only trailing by two but struggled in to run a good offense and play solid The Colts struggled at the free throw line and had a few missed inside shots that could have changed the outcome of the game.

Wyatt Devenney put in six points and Colton Henson added five. Rustin Wade helped with four and Kase Zongker finished with two.

The Colts will continue their schedule after the break on January 6 at home against Quanah beginning

There were no results for the



They played a great first half and stood toe to toe with the Pantherettes. Cambree Smith was solid and hit five of six free throws in the opening quarter of play. Smith went on to put in 15 points to lead the Lady Broncos.

Panhandle took control on both ends of the court and made stops against the Lady Broncos not allowing them to gain any ground offensively.

Addy Havens and Kinslee Hatley had four points each, Jayla Woodard put in three, and Millie McAnear and Sequoia Weatherton helped with two each.

The Lady Broncos will take on Quanah at home on December 20 at 4:00 p.m. before the Christmas break.

Bronco JV falls short to the Longhorns

The Bronco junior varsity played hard against the Vega Longhorns and lost 24-32.

The Broncos had the lead after one quarter but fell back by one point at the break.

The Longhorns converted eight of thirteen free throws, which was better than the Broncos, who only shot four total bonus shots and made three. Vega held onto the momentum and hit crucial shots when they needed them, and the clock was working against a Bronco comeback.

Kreed Robinson finished with 11 points and made all three free throws. Hudson Howard and Aiden Morris had four each, Trysten Ybarra put in one three-pointer, and Dakota Bond put in two.

The Broncos will play Friday night against Quanah at home December 20 at 5:00 p.m. and resume their schedule after the holidays.

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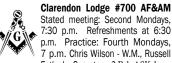
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12th day of December, 2024. [s] Jacob Fangman, Mayor ATTEST:

[s] Machiel Covey, City Secretary

ARCHITECHTURAL SERVICES PUBLIC NOTICE

Donley County is intent upon developing plans and specifications for an Emergency Operations Center located in Clarendon, Texas. The County desires to design a facility that will function as the primary emergency operations center for the County and is now seeking to contract with a qualified architectural firm or individual (registered to practice in the State of Texas) to prepare the preliminary/final project design plans, write the project specifications, conduct all necessary interim/final inspections and perform other services, as appropriate, to ensure the successful completion of the project. A copy of the County's Request for Qualifi-

cations may be obtained from the County Judge's Office at 300 S. Sully, Clarendon, Texas, 79226 or Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, P.O. Box 9257, Amarillo, Texas 79105, ATTN: Abby Sanders, (806) 372-3381. Statements of Qualifications should be submitted to the Donley County Judge, John Howard.

Completed responses must be received by the County no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8th. 2025 to be considered. Donley County reserves the right to negotiate with any and all architects or firms that submit response, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-102. All engineers/firms must not be debarred or suspended from the Excluded Parties List System EPLS) of the System for Award Management Donley County is an Affirmative Action/Equal

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both Parts. This contract is contingent upon release of funds from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB).

Any contract or contracts awarded under this Request for Bids are expected to be funded in part by a loan from the TWDB. Neither the State of Texas, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), nor any of the departments, agencies, or employees of either agency are or will be a party to this Request for Bids, or any resulting contract.

This contract is subject to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program, which includes EPA-approved fair share goals toward procurement of Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprise (M/WBE) businesses. EPA rules require that applicants and prime contractors make a good faith effort to award a fair share of contracts, subcontracts, and procurements to MIWBEs through demonstration of the six affirmative steps. For more details of the DBE Program and the current, applicable fair share goals, please visit www.twdb.texas.gov/dbe. Equal Opportunity in Employment -All qualified Applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age (40 or older), disability, or genetic information. Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the Department of Labor regulations at 41 CFR Part 60-4, relating to Construction Contractors--Affirmative Action Requirements, which include the President's Executive Order No. 11246, as amended by Executive Order No. 11375 and Executive Order No. 13672, in the award and administration of contracts awarded under TWDB financial assistance agreements. Failure by the Contractor to cany out these requirements is a material breach, which may result in the termination of the awarded financial assistance. The Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wage require-

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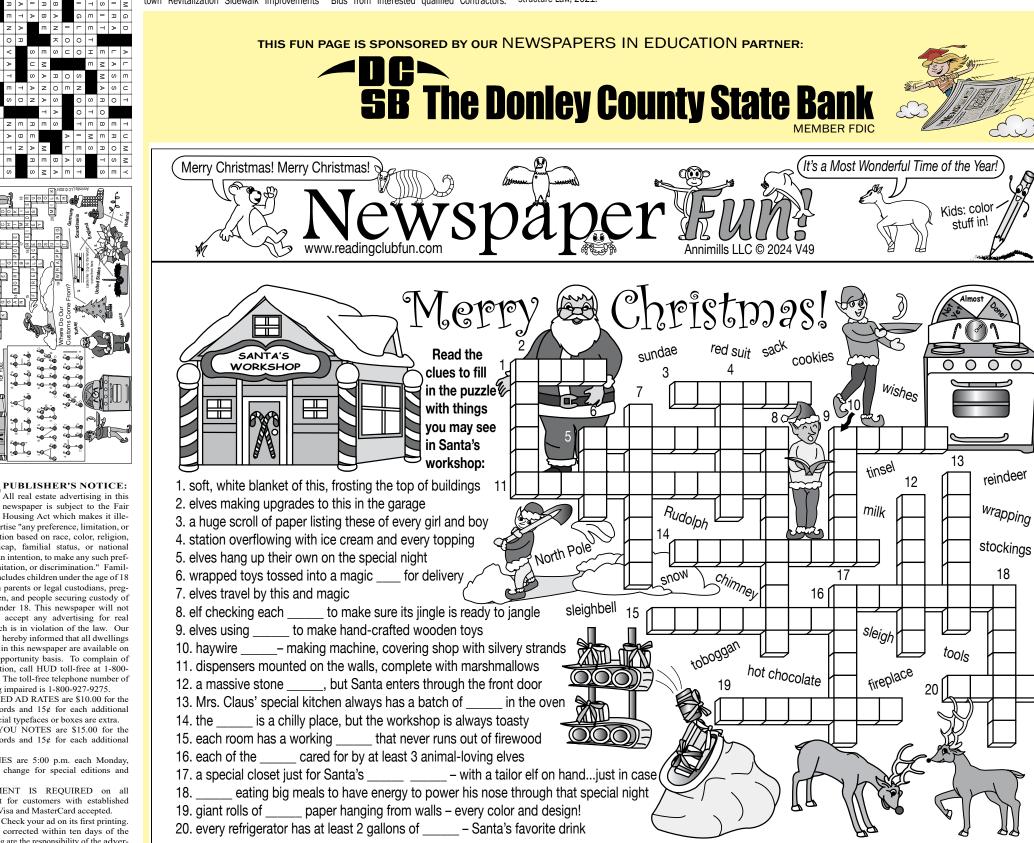
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CCISD Trustees met Dec. 9

The Clarendon CISD Board of Trustees heard a report on the fiscal year 2024 audit during their meeting December 9, 2024.

Following a public hearing on the School Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) report, Richard Blankenship of Johnson and Sheldon, P.C., presented an audit report for the year ending August 31, 2024. The board voted in favor of accepting the report as presented.

Administrative reports were presented by Athletic Director Aaron Wampler, Elementary Princi-Jenifer Pigg, CHS Principal John Moffett, Elementary Counselor Erin Shaw, Guidance Counselor Jenae Ashbrook, Federal Programs Director Jen Bellar, and Superintendent Jarod Bellar.

The board reviewed and acknowledged the HB3 Board Goals for Early Childhood and College, Career, and Military Readiness.

The board also reviewed and acknowledged the District Improvement Plan for 2024-2025.

The 2025-2026 West Texas Food Service Co-op (WTFSC) Interlocal Agreement was approved as presented.

Trustees also voted to upgrade the campus door security using the State Safety Grant Funding as presented.

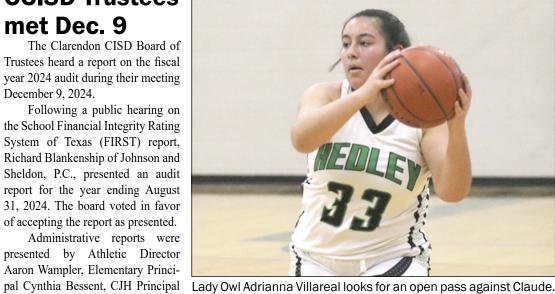
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of easements for sewer line work at the former Family Dollar location. A new business plans to open in that location in the new year, but the sewer line work must be completed first.

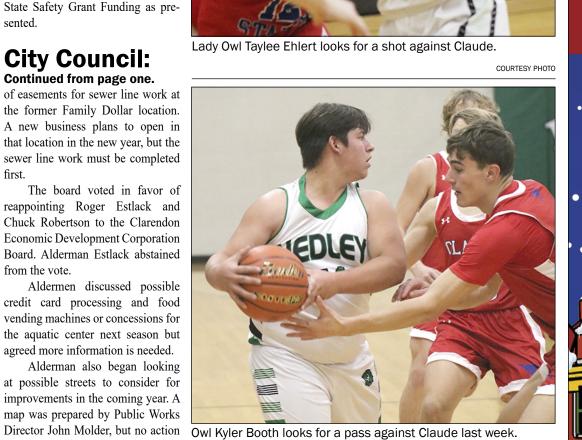
The board voted in favor of reappointing Roger Estlack and Chuck Robertson to the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation Board. Alderman Estlack abstained from the vote.

Aldermen discussed possible credit card processing and food vending machines or concessions for the aquatic center next season but agreed more information is needed.

Alderman also began looking at possible streets to consider for improvements in the coming year. A map was prepared by Public Works was taken.







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schedule for holidays

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Our office will be closed for the holidays from December 23 through January 3 to allow our staff to spend time with our families.

We appreciate your support in 2024 and look forward to serving you in 2025. We hope you all have and prosperous New Year.



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