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#### Early deadlines set for next Enterprise

THE CLARENDON ENTERPRISE has set early deadlines for next week's issue with the upcoming

Thanksgiving holiday.

All news, ads, classifieds, and photos need to be turned in by noon this Friday, November 17, to be included in next week's paper, which will be distributed

paper, wines.
on Tuesday.
The Enterprise will be closed November 22-24 for

#### Christian breakfast to be held Thursday

The United Christians Breakfast will be held this Thurs day, November 16, at 7 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
The Thanksgiving program

will be brought by Don Stone. Get up and enjoy a good breakfast and a great time of fellowship and thanks for the life we enjoy.

#### Local voters follow state election trend

Donley County voters went along with the rest of the state last week, agreeing to seven amend-ments to the State Constitution.

Turnout, in terms of percent-was about twice what it was for the state as a whole. Donley County saw 10.3 percent of voters, 225 people, take the time to do their civic duty. Statewide turnout was only 5.7 percent.

Propositions 5 and 7 were the narrowest victories both locally and statewide. Both had to do with the ability of different

#### **Community church** service is Sunday

The Donley County Minis rial Alliance will host its annual Community Thanksgiving Ser-vice this Sunday at 6 p.m. at the Arena of Life Church on Kearney

#### Community dinner to be held Nov. 23

The annual Clarendon Com-munity Thanksgiving dinner will be held on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23. The dinner is free and will be

served from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m in the Clarendon school cafeteria

Take-outs are available and deliveries will be made to the handicapped and shut-ins by calling in advance. Donations can be made at Pilgrim Bank or mailed to PO Box 45. For further details or to volunteer, please call 874-2007.



American Legion member Dick Bode salutes the flag during the Hedley ISD veterans service last week. Bode was the keynote speaker for veteran services at Clarendon College and Rowe Cemetery last week and spoke about his family's liberation by American forces during World War II in Europe. The family later moved to the United States from Holland and Bode served in the armed forces himself. Bode says he is an "American by choice" and says he gives speeches to help repay the debt his

## City searching for new water board member

is looking for a new person to rep-resent its interests on the Greenbelt Water Authority Board follow-ing last week's council meeting November 9.

Gary Campbell who has held Clarendon's seat on that board for six years told the board he did not wish to be reappointed as his term expires.

"I've enjoyed it. I've had a good time, but right now I'm over-loaded," Campbell said. "I think it's

time for me to step down."

Campbell said he would continue to be available if the city ever needed him with questions about water treatment.

City Administrator David Dockery praised Campbell's contributions to the city and noted his work on the Greenbelt Board in development of water wells and the acquisition of groundwater rights.

Aldermen discussed the

Aldermen also approved reappointing three members of the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation Board. Those members are Terri Floyd, Doug Kidd, and Brandon Frausto.

In his administrator's report,

fill Campbell's seat but took no action on the topic. The city coun-

cil will not meet on its next regular date, November 23, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The Green-

belt position will be considered at

the following regular meeting on December 14.

In other city business, the council voted to cast all 450 of the

city's votes on the appraisal board in favor of the candidacy of Alder-

man Jacob Fangman.

Dockery said the city is looking at possible houses for demolition and specifically looking at properties than have been on the delinquent tax list for ten years or longer.

### Byars, Holladay win Howardwick seats

The winds of change hit the tion, Riddle remains on the city City of Howardwick when voters went to the polls last Tuesday, November 7

Greta Byars was easily elected to the vacant mayor's seat 75-46, over Mayor Pro-tem Eric Riddle; and Doc Holladay beat Jada Murray for a vacant alderman's position.

City Hall said Tuesday that 121 people voted in last week's on. Despite losing the elec-

board as an alderman.

The election results has already caused a bit of a shake-up at City Hall. The city said Munici-pal Judge Heidi Phelps resigned her position effective last Friday, and Code Enforcement Officer Will

Jordan resigned effective Tuesday.

Mayor Byars first meeting with the board was happening Tuesday night as the Enterprise went to press this week.

### Donley Courthouse to be featured in new book

house was recently photographed as part of new project to publish a pictorial book of all 254 Texas county courthouses.

Curtis Smith of Houston retired as a financial planner in 2000 and soon took up photography as hobby after taking pictures on a trip to Europe.

"I ended up taking a photography class at Rice University, and built up my quality of camera equipment," Smith said during a recent visit to Clarendon and the Enterprise.

Smith said he saw a lawyer post-

ing courthouse pictures online and wondered who all could say they had been to all of Texas' 254 counties. That was four years ago, and now he's shot nearly 200

The 1890 Donley County Court- of the buildings all

The project is taking a lot of time because, as Smith notes, "they aren't in a straight line."

Smith's October visit to the Panhandle with his wife Debbie finished off photofinished off photo-

graphing the courthouses in this part of the state, but he says it will probably be about two years before a book is completed

"There are a lot of courthouse books out there," Smith says, "but they

are outdated."

Smith, who is a close friend of Clarendon native Will Lowe, also has an eye for details and unique features that he says is lacking in the current books.

He has a few favorites among the ones he's shot so far, including Clarendon's courthouse.

"This is definitely the jewel of the Panhandle," he says, noting that other favorites are Ellis County, Presidio County, Grimes County, and the 1910 Harris County Courthouse surrounded by ancient oak trees.

When he's finished with Texas courthouses, Smith says his next project will be cars with a focus on details, lines,



### Local case among those heard in Memphis last week

One Donley County case was among three heard by the District Court last Thursday, November 9, when it met in Memphis.

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

Allison Cearina Armstead pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication community supervision for a period of five years for the first degree felony offense of fraudulent use of identifying infor-

Armstead, 25 from Arlington, was arrested in Donley County by DPS Trooper Kelly Hill for the offense that took place on October 12, 2017. Armstead pleaded to an information filed by the State on November 9, 2017.

Pursuant to the plea agree ment, Armstead is required to pay a \$500 fine, \$488 in court costs, and successfully complete 400 hours of

community service.

If Armstead violates probation, she could face up to 99 years in the

Institutional Division of the TDCJ.

Edgar Eduardo Mendoza Diaz (a.k.a Julian Ulloa Mendoza) pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication community supervision for a period of two years for the third degree felony offense of money laundering.

Diaz. 23 from Modesto. Calif.. was arrested in Carson County by DPS Trooper Darrin Bridges for the offense that took place on October 26, 2017

Diaz pleaded to an information filed by the State on November 9,

Pursuant to the plea agreement. Diaz is required to pay \$276 in court costs, a \$500 fine, and successfully complete 200 hours of community

If Diaz violates probation, he could face up to ten years in the Institutional Division of the TDCJ.

Lisa Shay Salas pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication community supervision for a period of three years for the third degree felony offense of possession of a controlled substance.

Salas, 39 from Wellington, was arrested in Childress County by Chil-dress Police Officer Todd Gambol for the offense that took place on January 23, 2017. Salas pleaded to an information filed by the State on April 10, 2017.

Pursuant to the plea agreement Salas is required to pay \$354 in court costs, a \$3,000 fine, \$180 lab fee, and successfully complete 200 hours of community service. If Salas violates probation, she could face up to

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## Let's start focusing on 'junk news'

at destabilizing our democracy.

Let's stop talking so much about "fake news." Not that we should ever cease identifying, talking about or countering misinformation, be it accidental error, the result of negligent work, or deliberately false to which we must now add propaganda tactics aimed

We face all those types of misinformation today; amplified as they are by platforms that allow for instantaneous, worldwide communication.

But the term "fake news" no longer has any real aning as a national concern or a problem to be dealt with. The term has become far too politicized and much too imprecise, now serving as a catch-all for information anyone sees as divisive, disagreeable, biased or plain wrong. Instead, I prefer a term offered

by my Newseum Education colleagues: "junk news." Regardless of what we call it, less talk and more on on misinformation is where our focus ought to be. Media Literacy Week, taking place Nov. 6 through 10, is as good a time to start as any.

NewseumED, the Newseum's nonpartisan educa-

tion arm, offers information and tools to help students and all of us – navigate today's complex media landscape. Its collections of resources are all aimed at helping us understand how news is made and how we can take a more active and responsible role in the information cycle. That includes having the skills to evaluate information, filter out fake news, separate facts and opinions, recognize bias, detect propaganda, spot errors in the news and take charge of our role as media consumers and contributors.

As junk news continues to infiltrate the news feeds of millions of social media users, education and awareness have become the best line of defense against the spread of misinformation and disinforma-tion. Where journalists once served as the "gatekeepers" of society's daily information consumption, today anyone with Internet access can create and distribute content, and spread information by sharing it on social

For many, that's more comfortable and a better option: the power to choose and shape what we need to know, rather than having it fed to us by a select few. But with that power should come a greater sense of responsibility to draw our news from as many reliable, diverse sources as we can.

Failure to do that has created the now-infamous adition in which social media's omnipresent algorithms track our every keystroke to present us with news that we "like" – or in other words, news that plays to our existing opinions and biases.

Sure, there was a time when readers would settle on a favorite TV network or, in an even earlier era, a favorite radio station for the nightly news. Newspaper readers in communities where there were multiple daily publications would subscribe to one over the others. Much of the non-local news, for good or bad, contained the same information - very often taken from wire services that prided themselves on their ability to "get it first, get it right – but above all, get it right, first." Those were the days when CBS News anchor Walter Cronkite was called the "most trusted man" in the nation, by virtue of that news media

In today's news world, where those long-standing print and broadcast news outlets are barely standing, and new media players have vet to show the depth or credibility it takes long to develop, we as cons must take less on "faith" and more on "fact."

For their part, news operations, think tanks, social media companies and others are working on ways to help consumers play a more responsible role in the daily news cycle. Verifying stories and tightening ethical standards are good starts, but significant obstacles lay in the path – namely, the declining revenue and resources of traditional press organizations, and the new web-based media economy that depends on eye-balls and clicks. In such an environment, thorough 'accountability" reporting - often dull but always necessary – has fallen by the wayside.

There are some signs that people are rethinking

a reliance on just one site, which is a good first step to improving our news diet. According to the Pew Research Center, about a quarter of all U.S. adults (26 percent) get their news from two or more social media sites, up from 15 percent in 2013 and 18 percent in 2016. But consumers shouldn't stop with just "more"

– our daily intake needs to consist of varied, credible sources. Otherwise, consumers trap themselves in a news bubble or echo chamber, in which they only se information that confirms and reinforces their opinions

instead of challenging them.

At a forum last week on First Amendment issues and fake news, I advanced a long-held theory of mine that eventually news consumers will demand information on which they can rely, and will over time migrate to those sources; that credibility will be the news currency of the 21st century.

But it's no longer the province of news providers alone to build that demand. Individual consumers must join in that effort by getting savvier about the news. In a twist on an old saying, "Let the buyer be aware."

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### Baseball champions on parade

town red," but not Houston. There, they lean heavily toward another hue. In the bayou city, orange paint is in high demand. Since their Astros won the World Series, some humans – as well as a few animals – sport dyed orange hair. And, the city's nighttime glow seems

We were in H-Town on parade day, when the Astros waved from firetrucks to an estimated half-million fans jamming the streets to honor their heroes' first-ever world championship. We viewed it on our hotel TV, noting "all

things orange" as a common theme.

Except for the parade and an unusual convention in Galveston, we'd have motored down to the cruise port. However, Galveston - a city of some 50,000 – was engulfed by the nation's largest bike rally, and I don't mean Schwinn. The annual four-day event attracts some 250,000 motorcyclists; there was no room at any inn. Such were the rates that at choice hotels, the price of a night's sleep was equal to half of our fare for two on a five-night cruise. The former offered no free breakfasts. The cruise, however, featured 15 meals and on-board entertainment at no additional rge, not to mention a visit to beautiful Caribbean waters...

This is not to say there wasn't "entertainment in Galveston. The historic city is replete with many points of interest. Plus, folks into "people watching" could pretty much see what-ever, particularly if they were interested in the 'cycles, which abounded in all sizes and types. Some were painted in



american With six bikers to every

Galveston resident, it's little wonder that conversations occurred mostly indoors for 100 hours or so. 'Vroom-vrooms" echoed throughout the

city, and out to sea.

Galvestonians feel, in general, that the cyclists are a thoughtful, law-abiding and courteous group of conventioneers who are welcomed back each year. After we boarded Carnival's Valor, we wondered how the departing vessel's whistle could be heard above all the "vroom

Maybe it was orchestrated, but there seemed to be a mass silencing of the cycles as the ship's whistle signaled our departure..

Cruising, we've long believed, provides a respite; most "land-lubbing" concerns are left behind. We learned on this cruise, however, that one does well

to remember "what day it is."
For example, we forgot to "fall back" from daylight saving time. We filled out our "breakfast card" menu asking for 8:30 a.m. room service deliv-ery on Sunday.

At 9:20, my body ached for coffee, and I thought I'd caught Carnival in a

ing, we've noted few miscues, and even those have been miniscule.) Just as I breakfast was an hour late, there was a arrived....

the "leisurely thing" to do. For Galves might consider Houston for lodging the night before boarding. Galveston is but done. This trip, Houston hotels seemed generally unaffected by the motorcy-clists' convention. We "Pricelined" the Houston North Hyatt-Regency, a won-derful four-star hotel, for \$49, a figure perhaps one-sixth of the tab at a comparable hostelry in Galveston

Walking the deck after dinner, my wife and I enjoyed the beautiful Novem-

low 70s, and there was a gentle breeze.

About 50 miles into the Gulf of
Mexico, we glanced back toward Houston. Brenda and I are pretty sure we saw an "orange glow" never before seen in the City of Champions....

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called room service to complain that our knock at the door. The knock meant, of course, that our ON TIME breakfast had

There is much to be said for arriv ing a day early at cruise ports. It's simply ton – already the nation's fourth-busiest cruise port – more than 1,000,000 visitors will board cruise ships in 2018. Folks who are interested in economizing one hour away by freeway, and parking/

ber evening. The temperature was in the



### Sweet potato royalty in Gilmer

I was to keynote the all service club luncheon to kickoff the activities surroundng Yamboree, one of the largest festivals in Texas. It attracts upwards of 100,000 people. One of our hosts gave us tickets to the coronation of Queen Yam. I really didn't know what to expect, since Gilmer has a population of around 5,000.

As usually happens in small towns, the event exceeded my expectations by about a thousand percent. It was true pomp and circumstance on a par with a royal wedding or coronation in England. The queen and her court were presented along with a series of Duchesses, the Noble Order of the Garter and the Bearer of the Royal Scepter. Court dancers pro-vided entertainment.

All princesses had a royal promenade around the packed auditorium and when it came time for Queen Madison Lee of the House of Dean to make her appearance, the crowd showed its appreciation with quiet respect. You could almost hear the smiles breaking across faces and heads nodding up and down.

gant evening. The queen's train was at least twenty feet long. Four train guards managed the folds of mate-

stories

of texas The con more than two hours and the entire event was repeated the following night to accommodate the people who wanted to

This is the 80th year for Yambo ree. It was started in 1935, the same year Johnny Mathis was born in Gilmer. It was canceled for two years during WWII. The reason for the celebration is of course the sweet potato, a major crop in 1935 when the state encouraged communities to stage some sort of event for the state's centennial in 1936 A huge carnival takes place downtown and there are numerous contests involving

the vegetable. Booths offer all kinds of merchandise and there is an antique auto show. The program listing all the events is a narrow booklet with 140 pages.

Modest stands offering sweet potatoes for sale line the streets leading downtown. Schools turn out the Thurs-day and Friday of Yamboree weekend ause kids are showing their animals

in the livestock barn.

When I was asked to speak at the all service club luncheon I had no idea it was the event where US presidents, Texas governors, heads of major indus tries and other prominent people have graced the podium. The crowd filled the high school gymnasium and the entire experience was a humbling one for me.

I did manage to interview some yam farmers, the president of the Yam-boree Brandon Garmon and of course, Queen Yam Madison Lee Dean. Joyce Raabe is in charge of judging the yam pie contest. She told me no spices are allowed in the preparation of the pies. "It must be just sweet potato.

#### Let's honor Veterans

There were more moist tears in my eyes as I attended three services honoring our Veterans. The services I attended were: Clarendon College, Rowe Cem-etery, and War Memorial on the Court-

Our Veterans have given their all to the United States of America and to us God bless America!

Judy Hodges,



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Clarendon High School egg drop regional championship team is Holden Coxey, Ryan Ward, Daquawne Oliver, and Zack Keith.

#### CHS engineers win Egg Drop Competition

For the third straight year, the ing TAME (Texas Association of Franks, and Cody Lowry placed 2nd. Clarendon High School Physics Minorities in Engineering). This Coming in 3rd place was the team of program has produced the regional year's champions were Holden Dalton Benson, Preston Elam, Gavin champion in the 11th-12th grade Coxey, Ryan Ward, Daquawne division of the Don Harrington Dissoliter, and Zack Keith. covery Center's Annual Egg Drop

Projects are judged by a panel of professional engineers represent-

Lion John Howard reported on

the county, and Lion Ashlee Estlack

reported on the college, where the basketball teams are winning and a Charlie Brown Christmas play is

received his official name button and the club was recognized by Lions International for "member sat-

Lion David Smith gave a pan-cake report. Attendance at the supper was down, but those who attended

were very complimentary of the

The club voted to support the annual museum Christmas Party. There being no further busi-ness, we were dismissed to spread Lionism and good cheer throughout

planned for next month. Lion Howard was presented with a Centennial Pin for bringing in new members, Lion Brian Fuller

isfaction.'

our fair county

had both 2nd and 3rd place teams for the second year running. Eastin Goodpasture, Zack Caisson, Cole

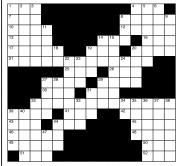
ret, and Zack Ketth.

Clarendon High School also project of creating an egg-cradling both 2nd and 3rd place teams device to protect a raw egg from the second year running. Eastin breaking when dropped from twenty feet on to a hard floor.



#### Gold Star Awards

Donley County 4-H members Chardy Craft and Brandalyn Ellis were recognized with Gold Star Awards during the 60th annual Panhandle 4-H Gold Star Banquet at West Texas A&M University



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- 7. Mineral
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  12. Ivory Coast village
  13. Caffeinated beverage
  14. Without armies

- 14. Without airnes
  16. Intention
  17. Sulfuric and citric are two
  19. Supplement with difficulty
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- 49. Indigent 50. Illuminated
- Very fast airplane
   Devoid of cordiality

48. Natives to New Mexico

29. Aids digestion

#### CLUES DOWN

- Worn by women "Naked Gun" actor Nielsen Processes fatty acids
- 5. Mortals 6. Not invited
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- Pilgrimage
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  19. Electroencephalograph
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- 24. Sinclair novel 27. Basics 28. A person's life story 29. Luxury automaker 31. Ultrahigh frequency
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#### Menus

November 20 - 24

Donley County Senior Citizens Mon: Meatball submarine, homing in mix vegetables, cookie, iced

Italian mix vegetables, cookie, iced tea/2% milk. Tue: Steak fingers, roasted potatoes, spinach, whole wheat roll, slices pineapple, iced tea/2% milk. Wed: Soft beef tacos, pinto beans, tossed salad, applesauce, iced tea/2% milk. Thu: Holiday Fri: Holiday

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, brocili, garlic toast, Autumn Jello, iced
tea/2% milk.
Tue: Chicken fajitas, fajita vegetables, chuckwagon con, Spanish
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#### Clarendon ISD

Tue: Cheese omelet, toast, fruit, fruit Wed: No School Thu: No School Fri: No School

Mon: Frito pie, fresh veggje cup, charro beans, salsa, lettuce & tomato garnish, apple-pineapple delight, milk. Tue: Pizza, baby carrots, corn salad,

fresh grapes, cookie, milk. Wed: No School Thu: No School Fri: No School

Social Security payments up... slightly Hi, gang! Social Security pay-

ments are increasing. It's the big-gest boost since 2012 but not nearly enough to keep up with rising costs. I remember when Social Secu-

rity was new, and it was pushed as a great and good thing. I believe it could have been just that, however when the Social Security reserves started getting big the Congress couldn't keep their grubby fat little hands off of it. Then they enrolled people who never worked or paid into it.

I know many retired people who don't want to go into any Gov-ernment handout program but would love to get back the money promised when they paid into Social Security. Now they exist in poverty or near poverty. Oh, I forgot! The Government is taking care of that. We will get an increase of \$27.38 a month.

"Social Security Payments to Increase 2 Percent Next Year" by Gary Strauss, AARP,

A 2 percent cost-of-living adjustment for Social Security recipients is coming in 2018, but it doesn't keep pace with rising costs. Social Security recipients will be getting a 2 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) in 2018, the biggest increase since 2012. But it won't be enough to keep pace with the rising costs affecting millions of older consumers who depend on the monthly benefit as their prime

source of retirement income.

The COLA, announced Friday
by the Social Security Administration, will boost the average benefi-ciary check by \$27.38 a month, or about \$329 a year.

The increase is the largest since a 3.6 percent hike in 2012. The adjustment was a minuscule 0.3 per-

in 2017, and there was no change

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CEO Jo Ann
Jenkins said whittlin'

said ane 2018 COLA w." provide recipients some financial relief but not enough to offset the higher costs eroding older consum-ers' purchasing power. "For the tens of millions of families who depend on Social Security for all or most of their retirement income, this cost of living increase may not adequately cover expenses that rise faster than inflation including prescription drug, utility and housing costs," Jenkins

Indeed, while overall inflation remains relatively tame, those on fixed incomes and struggling to make ends meet are feeling an economic pinch. Average consumer electricity bills are up about 3.5 percent over 2016, and prescription drug prices are climbing at an even faster clip.

The 2018 COLA could be crimped by higher Medicare Part B

premiums. The standard premium is now about \$134 a month, but many participants pay about \$109 a month if they have the fee deducted from monthly benefit payments. A "hold harmless" provision in federal law prohibits Medicare from raising a person's Part B premiums if it reduces their Social Security benefits. For the past two years, most Medicare beneficiaries have been held harmless because, without a significant COLA, increasing their premiums would have resulted in

In 2018, the COLA will be large enough to allow for the increase in premiums. Medicare costs have grown very slowly in the past few years. The increase in premiums that some beneficiaries will see next year is an unfortunate side effect of not having a substantial Social Security COLA recently. Medicare Part B premium prices are expected to be announced next month. "For many beneficiaries, even this small adjustment will be wiped out by increases in Medicare premiums and other health care costs," said Nancy Altman, president of Social Security Works, a nonprofit advocacy group. "It's long past time for Congress to update the formula used to calculate the yearly COLAs so that it reflects the real expenses that seniors and Americans with disabilities face every day."

The Social Security Adminis-

tration also announced that the maximum amount of earnings subject to Social Security tax, now \$127,200, would climb to \$128,700 next year. This year, 42 million retirees are receiving Social Security payments averaging \$1,377 a month, or about \$16,524 a year. With the 2018 COLA, payments will average \$1,404 a month, or \$16,848 a year. In its 2017 annual report, Social Security trustees again warned that without changes, the Social Secu-rity trust fund would be depleted by 2034. Jenkins says AARP will keep pressing for solutions. "AARP continues our advocacy for bipartisan solutions to help ensure the long-term solvency of the program, as well as adequate benefits for recipients," Jenkins said.

### Remember the contributions of veterans

The city election is over with newly elected Mayor Greta Byars and Alderman Doc Holladay taking their places on the board.

With many promises, expecta-tions are high from the citizens and the way to know how those promises are met is to attend the regular City Council meeting held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at City Hall. Congratulations, Greta Day to honor and Doc. The community is hoping for unity, and that begins with the

Veterans Day was commemorated last week, November 11. As a kid I knew it as Armistice Day in remembrance of the signing of the Armistice ending WWI on the Monday in October but many people

at Compie-gne, France. gne, France. The time was the 11th hour. 11th day, 11th month, 1918.

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all that had served and are currently serving in the military. In the early 1970s, Congress began messing with our holidays, moving them to a Monday which gave many another three-day weekend. In 1971, Veterans Day was moved by law to the 4th

s continued to view November 11 as the true date and it was offi-cially moved back to November 11 This was a day of reflection for me and all my ancestors that have fought for our country beginning with the French and Indian War in 1756, American Revolution, War of 1812, Civil War, WWI, WWII, Korea, Viet-nam, Iraq and Afghanistan plus the Cold War

I proudly stand and salute the flag and always cry when the Star Spangled Banner is played/sang. I am a patriot. God bless all our service men and women and listen to the stories. Write them down because you won't remember small details when they are gone.

### New farm simulator game is very realistic

Last month for my 11th birth- and take care of day, I got a new game called Farming them. You earn

Farming Simulator is a computer game where you choose a diffiand animals. culty and then design your character

things like trees, potatoes, sugar beets, and grain. You can either sell but you have the grain or feed it to farm animals... collect all the but it takes money to buy the animals

You also and follow a tutorial to learn the have a chicken game. the cub game. coop wnen you

You can plant a few different start and you can reporter sell your eggs, b

Some of the challenges in the farming, too.

for a long time.

I think this is really close to real farming and my Uncle Michael, who is a farmer, says it sounds just like

game are keeping your crop from withering before you can get it harvested and you also have to deal with the weather, such as hail that ruin your crops. Sometimes you can take out a loan but you have to be careful. because I bought too much equip-ment once and couldn't pay it back

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He served Donley County faithfully as the county and dis-trict clerk for 32 years – diligently recording the births, deaths, and marriages along with court proceedings and other official business in Donley County – from

1955 until his retirement in 1987, just a few months before

eath. C. also served America in World War II in the Navy and lived in service to others through civic and church and lived in service to others through civic and church organizations, particularly the Clarendon Lions Club where he was a longtime member, past president and Lion Tamer at the time of his passing.

The Whistle-Stop and the community salute the memory of P.C. Messer for his service to Donley County and his service to his fellow man. Thank you, sir!

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### SWEPCO warns about utility scams

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associations in support of Utilities United Against Scams (UUAS). UUAS is a consortium of more than 100 U.S. and Canadian utilities and will observe the second annual Utility Scam Awareness Day. Wednesday, November 15, as part of a week-long advocacy and aware-

ness campaign, November 13-17.

Many electric, water, and natural gas customers throughout the country are being targeted by impostor utility scams each day. Scam-mers typically use phone, in-person. and online tactics to target these customers. Scammers pose as electric, water, or natural gas company employees, and they threaten that customers' services will be disconnected or shut off if they fail to make an immediate payment – typically

vulnerable, including senior citizens and low-income communities. They also aim their scams at small busi-ness owners during busy customer service hours.

"Scammers are targeting local businesses, senior citizens and customers whose native language is not English," said Brett Mattison, SWEPCO's director of customer services and marketing. "We're sharing this information so customers can protect themselves from this fraudu-lent activity."

ctivity."
"SWEPCO employees will never demand immediate payment, insist a payment be made with a pre-paid credit card or ask a customer to meet us in a parking lot to make a payment," said Mattison.

The Junior Horse Quiz Team of Gracie Ellis, Grant Haynes, Bryce Williams, and Maloree Wann placed 1st at the Fall Roundup.

The Senior Beef Ouiz Team of Taylor Shaller, Caton Grahn, Ryan Ward, and Cutter Goodpasture placed 3rd and will also be advanc-ing to the State Roundup after competing at the Fall Roundup.

The Junior Horse Ouiz Team of Kinslee Hatley, Parker Haynes, and

Whitney Williams placed 2nd at the Fall Roundup

How Customers Can Protect

 Customers should never pur chase a prepaid card to avoid service disconnection or shutoff. Legitimate utility companies do not specify how customers should make a bill pay-ment and always offer a variety of ways to pay a bill, including accepting payments online, by phone, auto-

matic bank draft, mail, or in person.

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Customers who suspect they have been victims of fraud, or who feel threatened by scammers, should contact local law enforce-ment authorities. The Federal Trade Commission's website is also a good source of information about how to protect personal information

### **Donley County** 4-H competed at fall roundup

Donley County 4-H recently had 33 members compete in the District 1 4-H Fall Roundup held at West Texas A&M University vember 2-4.

The Food Challenge is a contest where team members are given a basket of surprise ingredients with a set amount of time to prepare a dish and give a presentation about the finished dish and its nutritional value to

a panel of judges.

Members competing in this contest were Junior Team A: Parker Haynes, Tandie Cummins, and Haiden Norman; Team B: Kenna-die Cummins, Kinslee Hatley, Zane Cruse, and Aubry Stidham; and the Intermediate Team: Laney Gates, Hailey Wilson, and Levi Gates. In the Food Show, contestants prepare a dish ahead of time and

present it to a panel of judges who conduct an interview asking questions about the preparation and nutritional value of the dish. Members competing in this contest were Tandie and Kennadie Cummins.

Lindy Craft and Shonda Cum mins are the leaders for the food

Quiz Bowl contests were a big event for Donley County where team members go head to head with another team in a "Jeopardy" style contest answering questions in Beef, Horse, or Swine categories working their way through the tournamen

The Senior Horse Quiz Team placed 3rd overall and will advance to State Roundup. Members on this team are Brandalyn Ellis, Darcie Hunsaker, Malerie Simpson, Tanner

Burch and Payton Havens.

The Intermediate Team of
Mycah Woodard, Brenna Ellis, and Jodee Pigg placed 1st; and the team of Laney Gates, Kasen Hatley, and Levi Gates placed 3rd.

The Junior Team of Maloree Wann, Gracie Ellis, Grant Haynes, and Bryce Williams placed 1st; and Kinslee Hatley, Whitney Williams, and Parker Haynes came in 2nd after meeting head to head in the cham-pionship round. The team of Lind-ley Hill, Evelyn Mills, and Haiden

Norman also did very well.

Shelly Hunsaker, Jenifer Pigg, and Julie Gates are the coaches for these teams.

The Senior Beef Quiz Team of Taylor Shaller, Caton Grahn, Ryan Ward, and Cutter Goodpasture placed 3rd and will also be advancing to State Roundup. The Interme-diate Team of Madison Smith, Emeri Robinson, Brock Hatley, and Calder Havens competed well, too

The Beef Quiz Teams are coached by Guy Ellis.

A lot of time is put in to pre paring for these contests and county agent Leonard Haynes appreciates all the effort put forth by the kids, volunteers, and parents.

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The Senior Horse Quiz Team of Brandalyn Ellis, Darcie Hunsaker, Payton Havens, Tanner Burch, and Malerie Simpson placed 3rd at

District and will advance to the State Roundup.

in the Food Show at the recent 4-H Fall Roundup

appointment to apply.

### **Lady Bronco JV win Consolation** trophy in Tascosa Tournament

After taking a 43-50 loss to River Road in the first round of the Tascosa Junior Varsity Tournament, the Lady Bronco JV turned up the heat to take the Consolation Trophy over Nazareth. They played four good games of basketball with one

loss and three wins.

In their opening game with
River Road, the Lady Broncos
played well but had trouble handling the Lady Cats physical game. Matte Johnson pumped in 16 points to lead the ladies on the scoreboard and Ashlyn Newsome and Darcy Hunsaker each helped with seven. Missed free throws hurt them somewhat as they only converted 17 of 32.

Kira Weatherton finished with

four, MaKayla Brown and Raynee Newsome each helped with three, Jade Benson had two, and Aubrey Jaramillo put in one.

Things went better in the next game against Randall and the ladies won, 57-34. The ladies shot much better and were able to convert bonus

points throughout. Offensively, they had nine players add to their point total and everyone contributed to the total and everyone contributed to the win. Weatherton led all scorers with 16, Benson put in 14, and Johnson added 10. A. Newsome and Hunsaker each put in six, while MaKay Shelp helped with five. R. Newsom and Sophie Bilbrey had two each.

The Lady Broncos then took on Lubbock Coronado and defeated them 43-35. Once again the ladies were solid on both ends of the court despite trailing by three after the first quarter of play. They were able to take the lead in the second quarter and never look back. Johnson and Benson put in 13 while Hunsaker added 12. Shelp and Kailee Osburn each added two and Brown put in

The win over Coronado put them in the Consolation game with Nazareth. Hard work and determination paid off and the ladies earned the win at 50-32. The Lady Broncos led throughout the game and really



turned up the heat in the second half. Defensively, they were strong, especially in the third quarter, as they held the Swiftettes to only four points. They held the momentum in the second half to get the win.
Weatherton finished with 13, Johnson had 12, and Benson put in 10. A.
Newsome had eight, Hunsaker put in four, Brown had two, and Kaylin Hicks added one.

"After a rough game with River

Road with too many fouls, the girls really began to execute the offense coach Kasey Bell said. "They really played hard and worked well as a team. We got a lot of our points off the press and were able to convert their turnovers into points. I was pleased with the way they played so hard to win their last three games."

The ladies will travel to Lockney on Tuesday, November 21, and play at 4:00 p.m.



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**Hedley Senior Night** 

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#### Farm and Ranch Symposium set for November 28

AMARILLO - The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will offer two sessions during this year's Panhandle Farm and Ranch Management Symposium at the Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show

The program is set for Nov. 28 the Grand Plaza of the Amarillo Civic Center, 401 S. Buchanan St. in Amarillo. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. for the morning session and 1:30 p.m. for the afternoon ses-

"This year we are running all day Tuesday and we're dividing the program in two," said Danny Nusser, program in two, said Damy Nusse, AgrilLife Extension regional pro-gram leader in Amarillo. "We know not every producer needs to or can stay for the entire program, so we want to make sure we are offering them what they may need in a timely format.

Six Texas Department of Agri culture continuing education credits, three in the morning – two integrated pest management and one laws and regulations, and three in the after-noon – two general and one drift minimization, will be offered. Morning program CEU certificates will be given at 12:30 p.m. and those for the afternoon program will be handed out at 4:30 p.m.

Nusser said while lunch will not be provided, producers are welcome to attend all day. There will be a one-time fee of \$10, whether they attend one session or both sessions

Agenda topics include: Aphid Focus on Wheat Sorghum, Dr. Ed Bynum, AgriLife Extension entomologist, Amarillo.

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toxins), Dr. Jourdan Bell, AgriLite Extension agronomist, Amarillo, Making the Right Decisions Related to Leasing Arrangements, Dr. Tiffany Dowell Lashmet, AgriL-ife Extension agricultural law spe-cialist, Amarillo.

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## Skyrockets end **Broncos' streak**

By Sandy Anderberg

The Broncos went up against
Wellington, who is a top ten team in the state rankings, last Friday night carri and were defeated 0-49.

The Broncos finished District six

play in second place to the Skyrock-

Conkin.

The Broncos' rushing yards, which have been great all season, only amounted to 42 yards against Wellington. Daquawne Oliver, who has been unstoppable, carried the ball six times for only three yards on

racked up several yards for the year was stopped at 11 yards on seven

six times for 13 yards, and Ryan McCleskey had eight carries for 20

play in second place to the Skyrock-ets and will have a playoff game in Hereford Friday night at 7:00 p.m. against Vega.

Things just did not go well against Wellington last Friday night according to head coach Clint cos were unable to find the end zone

"Our defense played well,"
Conkin said. "We had several guys
with tackles. We just have to regroup

and get ready for the playoffs."

The Broncos finished their regular season at 9-1 and were 4-1 in District play.



Bronco Preston Elam protects the ball Friday night against Wel-

Sylvester Ballard runs the ball for a touchdown last Thursday against Wellington.

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The Clarendon Junior High

season with a big 32-8 over weiting-tion at home last Thursday.

Sylvester Ballard scored four rushing touchdowns and he con-verted two two-point bonuses.

Jordan Evans found the end zone once and had one two-point conver-

Koyt Tucek caught a pass from Josiah Howard for six, and Josh Dunn had one rushing TD. Rhett Caison had two two-point conver-

Coach Blake Nichols noted that

pasture, and Jodee Pigg.
"Overall, I felt like we had a
good season. Obviously our record
speaks to that, but more importantly everyone improved greatly from the first day of the season," Nich-ols said. "It was fun to watch these guys develop as the season went along. They worked hard all season and were very coachable, and that's really all you can ask of a group of bide."

### **Lady Broncos** get the best of Follett

By Sandy Anderberg
The Lady Broncos put their first loss behind them and regrouped to defeat Follett, 40-19, on the road last week.

The ladies shot 82 percent from the bonus line as a team, and senior Carlee Johnson led the way with 15 points.

After a slow first quarter, the Lady Broncos turned up the heat on the Lady Panthers outscoring them,

"The Lady Broncos had a slow start after their two-hour bus ride to Follett," coach Korey Conkin said. "But they picked up the pace tre-mendously in the second quarter and never looked back."

Defensively, the Lady Broncos were solid as they only allowed six points the entire first half of play.

"Defense was the key as their full-court pressure put them on a 13 point run against the Lady Panthers," Conkin said. "They had a strong finish in the second half of play."

Also adding to the point total was Mattee Johnson with eight, San-drea Smith and Ashlynn Newsome four each, Emily Johnson put in three, and Jade Benson, Kira Weath-erton, and Hannah Hommel each finished with two.

"The girls were a bit unfo-cused at the beginning of the game," Conkin said. "We couldn't grab ahold of steals. When their defense picked up, their shots started falling I'm glad we could get us a 'W' or the road."

The Lady Broncos will travel to Lockney on Tuesday, November 21 Game time will be 6:30 p.m.

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### 10 NEWS

## Seliger files for re-election to senate

State Sen. Kel Seliger (R-Amarillo) this week filed his papers with the Republican Party of Texas to seek re-election to Senate District 31. Senate District 31 spans 37 counties across the Panhandle, South Plains, and Permian Basin, including the cities of Amarillo, Midland, Odessa, and Big Spring. The district, larger than the State of Indiana, is one of the biggest and most conservative in Texas

"I was born and raised here and my family is from here," Kel said. "I'm honored and proud to fight for the small-town values of our com-

ication to education, small government, and local control.

He is 'A' Rated by the NRA, endorsed by Texas Alliance for Life, and has a 100% Pro-Life Rating from Texas Right to Life. He was named a "Fighter for Free Enterprise" four times by the Texas Association of Business for promoting a healthy Texas business climate. Seliger also received the Texas Conservative Coalition's Conservative Champion Award, Texas Wildlife Association's Conservation Hero Award, and the

Seliger consistently champions agriculture and energy issues, including a recent proposal to cap state revenue from energy taxes - so our industry, economy, and community can benefit more from what we produce.

As Chairman of the Senate Higher Education Committee and the longest serving member on the Senate Education Committee, Seliger is one of Texas's top education leaders. Notably, he authored the bill to provide the option of Individual

Since he was first elected, Conservative Roundtable of Texas's Graduation Committees for stu-Seliger has been recognized for his Effective Conservative Lawmaker conservative principles, and his ded-award. Graduation Committees for stu-dents who pass all of their courses, but fail to pass one or two of their state-mandated tests. In recognition of these efforts, he was named to the Texas Parent Teacher Association Legislative Honor Roll and received the Leader in Education Award from

Humanities Texas. Seliger also serves on the Senate Finance Committee and the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development. He is a long-time member of the NRA and the Texas Farm Bureau. Seliger and his wife, Nancy, have two sons. Jonathan and Matthew.



King on campus

State Rep. Ken King (R-Canadian) visited Clarendon College last week, where he was a guest lecturer for a government class and then ate lunch with representatives of the Student Government



Clarendon College honors students helped set a gravestone for a veteran recently with County Veterans Services Officer George Hall.

### CC students volunteer with VFW

gram students recently helped Vet students part in to assist the widow in errans of Foreign Wars Post 7782 in saving her money for placement fees preparing and placing a veteran's and also their effort to honor one of headstone for PFC Billy G. Hill America's heroes.

Clarendon College honors pro- post appreciates the hard work the of Wellington, Morgan Reynolds of McLean, and Ethan Shipman of

Memphis.
CC honors students each volunteer 16 hours per semester with recently.

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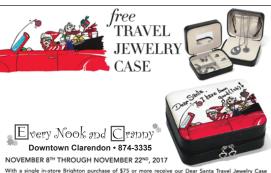
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