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

## Local man arrested in Amarillo sting

On Thursday, January 19, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), along with the Amarillo Police Department (APD) and Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), conducted a joint operation to combat human trafficking by identifying and apprehending suspects who were soliciting prostitution.

The DPS reports that as a result of the collaborative effort, the following individuals were arrested, transported to the Randall County Jail, and charged with solicitation of prostitution: Mohamed Sharaf, 31, of Amarillo; Travis Brollier, 37, of Clarendon; Steven Shaw, 38, of Borger; Tilar Holloway, 26, of Pittsburg; and Dusty Smith, 37, of Amarillo.

Solicitation of prostitution, a state jail felony, involves an individual offering or agreeing to pay a fee to another person to engage in sexual conduct.

## Rep. Jackson named to Ag Committee

Congressman Ronny Jackson (TX-13) last week released a statement following his appointment to serve on the House Agriculture Committee.

The committee is charged with overseeing federal agriculture policy. This year the Agriculture Committee will be tasked with passing a new farm bill, the most impactful legislation for the agriculture industry – passed roughly every five years.

“Representing the largest agriculture district in Texas and one of the largest agriculture districts in the country, my work on the House Agriculture Committee is critical for the continued success of the farmers, ranchers, and producers of Texas’ Thirteenth Congressional District,” Jackson said.

## Chamber seeking award nominations

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for its annual awards banquet, which will be held February 23, 2023.

Nominations are being sought for Man of the Year and Woman of the Year – individuals who have made a significant contribution to the community in 2022, and the Saints’ Roost Award – honoring an individual for a lifetime of service to the community.

Nominations should specify what award the person is being nominated for and briefly state the reason for the nomination. The nominations should be no more than one page in length.

Nominations can be mailed to the Chamber at PO Box 986, Clarendon, TX 79226, or delivered to the Visitor Center at the Mulkey Theatre. Nominations must be received by 5 p.m. on February 8.



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# Hedley secretary resigns amid investigation

Law enforcement officials this week continue to investigate allegations of misappropriations of funds at the City of Hedley involving former city secretary Kim Davis Gossman.

The Hedley City Council met in closed session for about ten minutes last Thursday, January 19, during their regular meeting before accepting Gossman’s resignation and announcing that an investigation was underway. The council then voted unanimously not to press charges against Gossman, but Mayor Carrie Butler said following the meeting that the council’s vote would have no impact on whether law enforcement might file charges.

As the investigation moved forward, Butler contacted the Enter-

prise Monday morning and said the city will in fact be pressing charges and also confirmed that the investigation was also focusing not just on Gossman’s role at City Hall but also at the Hedley Community Development Corporation, the local housing authority.

Sheriff Butch Blackburn could not comment on the case Monday other than to confirm that an investigation is underway and that he expects formal charges to be filed soon. He also confirmed Tuesday that his office is seeking the assistance of the Texas Rangers in investigating the case.

Following the council’s meeting last Thursday night, Butler told the Enterprise at that time that the investigation was focused on payroll

funds and contract labor funds and said that vacation pay was specifically being looked at.

According to Butler, the city’s auditor, Foster & Lambert, had discovered “discrepancies” in Gossman’s salary while conducting the city’s fiscal year 2022 audit, covering July 2021 through June 2022. Auditor Denise Foster notified the mayor of the discrepancies on Monday, January 9.

The council met in an emergency session on January 10; and according to the uncertified minutes of that meeting presented on January 19, no action was taken in open session. The council did meet in closed session for about 40 minutes to consult with counsel on legal matters, the minutes say.

Butler told the Enterprise last Thursday night that Gossman had returned money to the city and, at the time the council voted not to press charges, she said no money was missing from the city. Butler also said at that time that she herself was conducting an internal audit of the city.

At press time, the Enterprise had not been able to connect with officials over the Hedley Community Development Corporation for comment or to confirm if Gossman was still employed by that agency.

The revelations about the investigations came at the end of Hedley’s city meeting which began with three citizens speaking on several issues early in the agenda. Residents Nikki Glover, Carol Glover, and Christian

Coyle spoke on a wide range of issues involving water bills, water meter reading, water rates, street maintenance, and other issues. Several residents spoke negatively of Gossman, who was not present at the meeting. When the council initially voted not to press charges, the standing room only crowd erupted with cries of protest and anger from several residents.

Also in Thursday’s meeting, the council approved removing Gossman as a signatory on city accounts and named Butler and Mayor Pro-Tem Trisha Chambless as the two signatures needed for the first and second quarters of this year. Two other council members will be named signatories for the third and fourth quarters.



## Guns up!

Clarendon High School senior J'maury Davis signed to play football for the Texas Tech University Red Raiders during last Friday in the Bronco Gym. Athletic Director Clint Conkin said Davis formally accepted Tech’s offer of a full ride scholarship during the Christmas break. Originally, Davis was going to play defense for the Red Raiders; but Conkin says after his performance with the Broncos this past season, Tech will likely play Davis as a running back.

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## Fun in the snow

The Gatlin and Shaylie Duncan family took advantage of Tuesday’s snow to make a snow cowboy. Check out next week’s Enterprise for more snow fun pictures!

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## City focuses on southeast side for next street work

The Clarendon City Council focused attention on streets in the southeast part of town during their regular meeting January 12 as preliminary plans were made for the next paving project.

City Administrator David Dockery said the streets prioritized for improvement are all east of State Highway 70 South and include Third, Fourth, Montgomery, Barcus, Davis, Hartzell, and Wells. The city is asking OJD Engineering perform on cost analysis on those specific blocks to determine what improvements can be made for a maximum of \$500,000.

Dockery said the city has that much money on hand through COVID relief funds and through capital improvement funds.

Figuring out how to deal with water drainage in that area will be a challenge, Dockery said, and so engineers will start with a boundary and topographic study of the area in order to address significant erosion issues on the streets in question.

The council’s discussion on future street improvements came after aldermen took no action on proposals for broadband infrastructure improvements. COVID relief money can be spent on broadband improvements, but Dockery said the council wants to see what the state government will do about connectivity issues in the near future.

Last week, the Texas Comptroller’s office released a map showing Donley County as an underserved area for broadband internet service. The map will reportedly help guide the state’s broadband development efforts.

In other city business, the council reviewed applications from candidate for city administrator to replace Dockery, who plans to retire this spring. Interviews of potential candidates are scheduled for January 25 at the Bairfield Activity Center starting at 1 p.m.

The city also contracted with PRPC for future grant applications

# Filing now open for local elected offices

Citizens wishing to serve their community can now sign up for positions at six local governments that are scheduled to hold elections this spring.

The cities of Clarendon, Hedley, and Howardwick; the Clarendon and Hedley school districts; and the Donley County Hospital District all have a total of 17 positions available this year.

In Clarendon, the two-year terms of Mayor Jacob Fangman and Aldermen Terri Floyd and Eulaine McIntosh are up this year.

Also on the city ballot this year, residents will be asked to renew the street maintenance sales tax.

The City of Hedley has three aldermen’s positions up this year. Those are two-year terms and are currently held by Aldermen Trisha Chambless, Alicia Hanes, and Jennifer Floyd.

In Howardwick the terms of Mayor Tony Clemishire and Aldermen Johnny Floyd and Jada Murray are expiring. Those are all two-year terms.

Clarendon ISD Trustees serve three years, and the terms of Kyle Davis and Chrisi Tucek are expiring this year.

Hedley ISD has two full three-year terms and one unexpired term up this year. Troy Monroe and Shauna Herbert currently hold the full-term seats, and Tangela Copelin is serving the unexpired term.

The Donley County Hospital District Board of Directors has three two-year terms up this year. Those are currently held by Rose Lemley Place 1, Jeff Robertson – Place 2, and

Melinda McAnear – Place 3.

All local boards are elected at-large, but hospital board candidates must file for a specific place on the board. Candidate applications are available from the administrative offices of each entity. Applications for the City of Clarendon positions are also available at cityofclarendontx.com.

Filing for these offices began January 18 and continues through Friday, February 17. Elections are scheduled to be held Saturday, May 6, 2023.

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The First Amendment and Twitter

Twitter has been an ongoing story since the Trump presidency and ramped up even more when Twitter suspended Trump's account after the events of Jan 6, 2021.



historically speaking
by dr. james finck

Whenever plausible, I like to start with the Constitution and the law. The First Amendment states, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

Here is the thing about social media platforms like Twitter or Facebook. They are privately owned. As privately owned businesses, they can make their own rules about what can and can't be posted on their pages.

What does this have to do with trains? Well, by 1871 there was a growing movement known as the Grange. During this era, government did very little. This was not a problem because no one expected it to.

The Grange was not meant to be political, but as it grew, people realized that they did have power, especially in the Midwest and Plains states, where most of the population were farmers.

In the case of Munn v. Illinois, the Illinois court and Illinois Supreme Courts both sided with the state, so the case was brought before the U.S. Supreme Court. In what was a landmark decision for the Populist movement, the Supreme Court sided with the state, ruling that the state may regulate private property "when such regulation becomes necessary for the public good."

While I am not a lawyer, nor do I pretend to be, and I understand we are comparing apples and oranges, there seem to be some principles that are the same. Social media is part of our lives and, in fact, has become necessary for many to do business and promote their brands.

Dr. James Finck is a Professor of History at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma and Chair of the Oklahoma Civil War Symposium.

Religion and the French Acadians

Because of the sparse Catholic population in southeast Texas in the late 1800s, priests made the rounds on horseback and held many of their masses in homes rather than in churches.

Among the several priests on the Alligator Circuit in the 1880s, the Reverend Father Vitalus Quinon worked the circuit tirelessly. On one occasion, he held a Thursday mass at Cow Bayou in Orange County, swam the Neches River at Port Neches and held mass on Friday at Moise Broussard's house at Sabine Pass, then swam Taylor's Bayou to celebrate a Saturday mass at Lovan Hamshire's house at Fannett.

There was only a scattering of Acadians in the Nederland and Port Neches area until 1911-1912 when the main migration from Louisiana occurred. In 1911 St. Anthony's Church in Beaumont was the nearest Catholic church to Nederland, but how to get there. A man known as Mr. Phillips came forward

with a solution. With wooden benches installed in his covered wagon, Phillips ran a shuttle service every Sunday between Nederland and Beaumont. Leaving Freeman's Saloon promptly at 7:00 am on each Sunday morning, Phillips transported worshipers on a 2 1/2 hour trip to St. Anthony's. The return trip left St. Anthony's at 3:00 pm and arrived back at the saloon at 5:30.

This sudden growth spurt of Acadians in the Port Neches and Nederland areas became a source of concern to one group of people - the Ku Klux Klan,



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tales of the old west
by george u. hubbard

which had a very strong presence in southeast Texas. In Port Neches, the Klan used Port Neches Park for their public rallies. Loud speeches, cross burnings, and other Klan activities were frequent occurrences.

Although generally regarded as a white supremacy group, the Klan also had strong religious convictions that favored Protestantism and strongly opposed Catholicism. So when the Acadian French Catholics announced their intention to build St. Elizabeth's church, the Klan came out in open opposition.



On choosing the right roads of life

Undisputed star that he was during the golden era of major league baseball, this player has maintained a spirit of humility that others only dream of.

His name is Bobby Richardson, embodied in a 5-9, 170 frame of baseball greatness. Five words uttered on his recognition day at Yankee Stadium - August 31, 1966 - describe his life, which has stretched past 88 years.

The words "To God Be the Glory" are a near-perfect fit for this Christian gentleman now spending retirement years in Sumter, SC, where he grew up. He became a Christian at age eight, guided by parents, Sunday school teachers and friends who took seriously Proverbs 22:6, training up children in the way they should go.

His "training up" has guided his "living out" twilight years. Two-and-a-half years ago, he became the primary caregiver for Betsy, his beloved wife of 66 years whose life now requires peritoneal dialysis nightly.

The happy couple - again taking the high road - is grateful for suitcase-sized dialysis equipment that allows them to travel as needed.

Their lives are simpler now. On a typical day, Bobby is at a breakfast hangout for banter with friends. Come 9 a.m., he's back home, preparing breakfast for his wife, a major player in his "training up." Indeed, she has, alongside a national sports hero and taking primary responsibility in the early years for rearing three sons and two daughters.

I wish I knew Bobby better. He's a good friend of two of my best friends, college chums Bunny Martin (15-year-old yo-yo phenom who won the world title in 1951) and Ray Hildebrand, who wrote and sang "Hey, Paula," the nation's favorite popular song for a spell in 1963.

For the trio, their God-given talents, however great, have always been secondary to their service to God.

The Richardson I know is limited to a few phone calls and emails, but in every communication, his humility and absolute art of deflecting praise stand out.....

To write of Bobby Richardson could easily lead one into the deep sea of statistics; few athletes in world history have as many.

Readers who choose to reflect on the numbers are invited to "Google away."

They'll encounter more stats than could be stuffed down throats of all attendees at a giraffe convention....

I can't touch the hem of the garment by writing of this man who has written two books - The Bobby Richardson Story and Leaving a Lasting Legacy: On and Off the Field.

I pray for an eventual visit with him, Bunny and Ray, three Christian



the idle american
by don neubury

giants who have signed millions of autographs. Bobby's mail includes several requests daily.

He responds as best he can....

The only "stat" I'll offer shows the depth of respect extended by Yankee teammates, men with whom he starred during ten seasons, including nine World Series trips.

Seven of his teammates are now deceased, with only Richardson and Tony Kubek remaining. Now the statistic: Richardson officiated at funerals of manager Ralph Houk as well as teammates Whitey Ford, Clete Boyer, Roger Maris, Yogi Berra, Bill (Moose) Skowron and Mickey Mantle. Many fans remember that Richardson (and NBC sports reporter Bob Costas) eulogized Mantle on national television at his Dallas memorial service in August, 1995....

A few days earlier, Bobby and Betsy were in Dallas for an Old-Timers' baseball game. Mantel, whose liver was giving way, wanted to talk to Bobby about the salvation plan he'd suggested so many times.

Maybe Mantle also was thinking of "God's Hall of Fame," Bobby's favorite poem he'd recited thousands of times.

Anyway, hours before his death, Mantle asked Bobby and Betsy to visit one more time. They hurried from South Carolina back to Dallas. That's when Mantle accepted Christ....

Dr. Neubury is a longtime university president who continues to write weekly and speak throughout Texas. Contact: 817-447-3872. Email: newbury@speakerdoc.com.

## Virtual Junior Master Gardener training set

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will present the Junior Master Gardener, JMG, National Leader Training Conference virtually Feb. 21-22.

The program will be presented in the Zoom format from noon-5 p.m. on Feb. 21 and from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Feb. 22.

For conference details and session overviews go to 2023 JMG NLT Training-Homepage. The cost is \$65 per person. The primary email for the conference is [isjmgnlconference@gmail.com](mailto:isjmgnlconference@gmail.com).

"This year's virtual national leader training will be a dynamic and interactive training conference," said Lisa Whittlesey, AgriLife Extension program specialist and JMG program coordinator. "It will be exclusively and completely accessible as an engaging online training event."

Whittlesey said the goal of

the conference is to bring together teachers and leaders from across the nation for formalized training in the JMG curriculum.

The conference is designed to help participants grow from novice gardening educators to empowered leaders and trainers who can introduce and develop youth gardening in their school or local community, she said. Participants will learn to utilize JMG resources, implement best practices for programs, involve local county Extension personnel in programs and reach into schools, afterschool programs and clubs.

"Participants will also learn how to generate funding to support programs and build sustainability through collaborations and partnerships," Whittlesey said.

Fourteen continuing education units will be provided by the Texas Education Agency and offered

through AgriLife Extension.

"We also plan to record every session and will try our best to do so," Whittlesey said.

Due to the virtual nature of the conference, participants must register individually and not as a group.

Registered attendees will receive an individual registration link to enter the conference.

Whittlesey said the password-protected website must be used to attend all presentations. The conference portal can be found by going to the conference home page and clicking the "conference portal" button.

In addition to this live training event, the training video and written instructions will be uploaded to the home page. Additional resources can also be found on the website <https://jmgkids.us/2023jmgnl/>

## Duck Dynasty star to keynote beef conference

Speakers for the annual Capital Farm Credit Hemphill County Texas A&M AgriLife Beef Conference have been announced by Andy Holloway, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agent for Hemphill County.

This conference, themed "It's All About the Numbers," is set for April 25-26 in the Jones Pavilion, 1101 N. Sixth St., Canadian. Registration opens Jan. 15.

The cost is \$150 per person, and spouse tickets can be purchased for \$125 if attending together. Participants can register online at [www.hemphillcotxbeef.com](http://www.hemphillcotxbeef.com), by calling 806-323-9114 or stopping by the AgriLife Extension office at 10965 Exhibition Center Road, Canadian. Credit and debit cards are accepted with a 3% added fee for the processing charges.

"Our focus this year will be to provide beef cattle producers, based on the numbers information, edu-

cation and technology to navigate through the continuing drought, beef cattle markets and opportunities in the beef cattle industry," Holloway said.

The Hemphill County Ag Committee will bring in Willie Robertson from the television show Duck Dynasty as the keynote speaker on April 25.

Businessman, outdoorsman, hunter, speaker and author, Robertson is best known as the CEO of Duck Commander on A&E's Duck Dynasty.

Duck Commander is the brand of their duck call, as well as apparel, hunting gear, wine, foods, spices and more.

Robertson has expanded the family company from a living room operation to a multi-million-dollar enterprise and into a premiere destination for all things outdoors, including Buck Commander, Fin Commander, Strut Commander and

Duck Commander Family Foods.

Holloway said the speaker list includes Troy Applehans of Cattle Fax; Dan Basse of Ag Resources; Lee Leachman of Leachman Cattle Company; Josh Worthington of Worthington Angus; Tom Brink of the Red Angus Association; Trevor Caviness of Caviness Beef; Ty Lawrence, Ph.D., of West Texas A&M University; Dan Hale, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension associate director for agriculture and natural resources, Bryan-College Station; and Adam Isaacs and Jason Abraham, local Hemphill ranchers.

Holloway said the conference will offer 12 sessions on everything from cattle markets to weather conditions to the future of the cattle business, as well as 85 trade show vendors and three beef meals.

For more information, contact Holloway at 806-323-9114 or [holloway@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:holloway@ag.tamu.edu), or Christa Perry at [christa.perry@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:christa.perry@ag.tamu.edu).

## Data collected from ag census helps shape industry's future

By Kate Hansen, senior policy associate, Center for Rural Affairs

The deadline is quickly approaching for farmers and ranchers to fill out the 2022 Census of Agriculture.

Every five years, the US Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) conducts the census to capture information on our nation's farms, ranches, and the people who operate them. This year, Feb. 6 is the deadline for forms to be returned or submitted online at [agcounts.usda.gov](http://agcounts.usda.gov). Paper versions were sent out via mail in December.

To paint a full picture of agri-

culture across the country, operations large and small are asked to take part. Farmers and ranchers in both rural and urban areas should participate, so long as their operations make \$1,000 or more in revenue per year.

Through their participation, producers provide information on their land use and ownership, production practices, income, expenditures, and their demographics. All personal data collected is kept confidential.

Results of the census, which will be released in 2024, not only help NASS maintain an up-to-date understanding of the agricultural

industry, but also give producers a voice in the Department of Agriculture's programs and decision-making. Additionally, groups such as the Center for Rural Affairs use the results in analysis, studies, and to encourage decision-makers to support key programs. This information impacts conservation, crop insurance, value-added products, marketing, and more.

On average, completion of the census takes 20 to 30 minutes, but the results have the potential to shape the industry for years to come. The Center for Rural Affairs encourages producers to fill out their census by Feb. 6.

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7	6	4	1	8	2	5	9	3
9	5	8	6	4	3	1	7	2
2	8	1	7	9	5	4	6	8
1	8	6	4	2	5	9	3	7
5	7	3	9	1	8	6	8	4
4	6	3	8	9	2	7	1	5
8	7	5	2	3	4	6	9	1
1	9	4	3	8	7	5	6	1
4	3	8	1	6	2	4	3	8

ANSWER:

### HEDLEY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	20 ESSER III Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 734,740	\$ -	\$ 19,805	\$ 754,545
5800 State Program Revenues	1,533,942	-	31,330	1,565,272
5900 Federal Program Revenues	39,493	89,606	233,748	362,847
5020 Total Revenues	<u>2,308,175</u>	<u>89,606</u>	<u>284,883</u>	<u>2,682,664</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
Current:				
0011 Instruction	1,133,225	68,100	121,471	1,322,796
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	1,082	2,891	866	4,839
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	1,193	-	5,483	6,676
0021 Instructional Leadership	2,229	-	955	3,184
0023 School Leadership	100,990	1,014	-	102,004
0031 Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	2,438	9,372	-	11,810
0033 Health Services	3,550	-	-	3,550
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	42,062	-	-	42,062
0035 Food Services	-	2,053	122,731	124,784
0036 Extracurricular Activities	69,423	-	19,041	88,464
0041 General Administration	212,929	2,030	-	214,959
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	268,626	1,026	-	269,652
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	23,044	-	16,277	39,321
0053 Data Processing Services	74,178	3,120	4,721	82,019
Debt Service:				
0071 Principal on Long-Term Liabilities	18,768	-	-	18,768
0072 Interest on Long-Term Liabilities	1,232	-	-	1,232
Capital Outlay:				
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	84,220	-	-	84,220
Intergovernmental:				
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	27,592	-	-	27,592
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	25,377	-	-	25,377
6030 Total Expenditures	<u>2,092,158</u>	<u>89,606</u>	<u>291,545</u>	<u>2,473,309</u>
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	216,017	-	(6,662)	209,355
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>				
7915 Transfers In	-	-	6,662	6,662
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(6,662)	-	-	(6,662)
7880 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(6,662)	-	6,662	-
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	209,355	-	-	209,355
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	2,020,960	-	-	2,020,960
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	<u>\$ 2,230,315</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,230,315</u>

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Community Calendar

- January 27**  
Broncos & Lady Broncos v Quanah • 6:30 p.m. • Away
- January 27**  
Owls & Lady Owls v Silverton • 6:00 p.m. • Away
- January 27 & 28**  
A Man Called Otto • 7:30 p.m. • Mulkey Theater
- January 29**  
A Man Called Otto • 2:00 p.m. • Mulkey Theater
- January 31**  
Broncos & Lady Broncos v Memphis • 6:30 p.m. • Home
- January 31**  
Owls & Lady Owls v Claude • 5:00 p.m. • Home
- February 2**  
Broncos Powerlifting • 4:05 p.m. • Childress

## Menus

Jan. 30 - Feb. 3  
Clarendon ISD

**Breakfast**  
Mon: Sausage kolache, yogurt, fruit juice, fruit, milk.  
Tues: Breakfast sandwich, fruit juice, fruit, milk.  
Wed: Eggs, biscuit & gravy, ham, fruit juice, fruit, milk.  
Thu: Breakfast pizza, fruit juice, fruit, milk.  
Fri: French toast, sausage, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

**Lunch**  
Mon: Sloppy Joes, beans, corn, fruit, milk.  
Tues: Chicken n waffles, veggie cup, tots, strawberries, fruit, milk.  
Wed: Chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, carrots, squash, fruit, milk.  
Thu: Cheeseburger, chips, tomato cup, salad, fruit, milk.  
Fri: Roast beef sandwich, corn, cucumbers, fruit, milk.

### Hedley ISD

**Breakfast**  
Mon: Pancakes, bacon, fruit juice, fruit, milk.  
Tues: Breakfast combo, fruit juice, fruit, milk.  
Wed: Breakfast pizza, fruit juice, fruit, milk.  
Thu: Oatmeal, cinnamon toast, fruit juice, fruit, milk.  
Fri: Donut holes, sausage, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

**Lunch**  
Mon: Country fried steak, roll, gravy, potatoes, okra, strawberries, milk.  
Tues: Tex-mex stack, beans, carrots, hot cinnamon apples, sherbet, milk.  
Wed: Pizza, garden salad, green beans, peaches, milk.  
Thu: Popcorn chicken, corn, crunchy broccoli salad, apples, roll, cookie, milk.  
Fri: Chili cheese hot dog, fries, tomato cup, snowball salad, milk.

## Retired School Personnel meet

The Donley County Retired School Personnel Association held their bi-monthly meeting on Monday, January 23, at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

After a potluck meal, President Carlton Turvaville presented informative instructions on the use of Texas Retired Teachers Association (TRTA) computer portal to access materials and information vital to retired school personnel.

There were 10 members present and no visitors. The next scheduled meeting will be March 27.

## Golden Needles work on Quilt of Valor

The Golden Needles Quilting Club met January 19, 2023, at the Donley County Senior Citizens Center.

The club worked on a Quilt of Valor. Dortha Reynolds pieced the quilt, which will be given away.

Those attending last week's meeting were Tiny Alderson, Frances Smith, Sharon Shaller, Dortha Reynolds, Barbara Helms, Gay Cole, Louella Slater, Allene Leathers, and Janan Koontz.

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**Rockin' it**  
Hedley students Bryn Alexander (top photo) along with Blake Christopher, Asa Bains, and Jose Piata (bottom photo) excavate geodes last week.

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## Jackson bill would defend gun owners

US Rep. Ronny Jackson (TX-13) last week reintroduced the No User Fees for Gun Owners Act.

This legislation would ban any state or unit of local government from imposing any insurance requirement or any tax, user fee, or other similar charges as a condition of continued ownership of a firearm, pistol, or revolver.

"Never before in American history has our Constitutional right to bear arms been under more attack than right now," Jackson said. "One step at a time, we will ensure that your right to bear arms is guaranteed by Washington once and for all."

Last year, the City of San Jose passed a law mandating gun owners to have liability insurance and pay an annual fee for simply owning guns. Specifically, within six months after enactment, gun owners in San Jose have to pay an annual \$25 fee per household and purchase gun insurance that covers losses and damages resulting from "any negligent or accidental use of the firearm."

Rep Jackson's bill would block these kinds of policies from being implemented in blue cities nationwide.

Jackson is a member of the Second Amendment Caucus. The National Rifle Association (NRA) has endorsed this bill.

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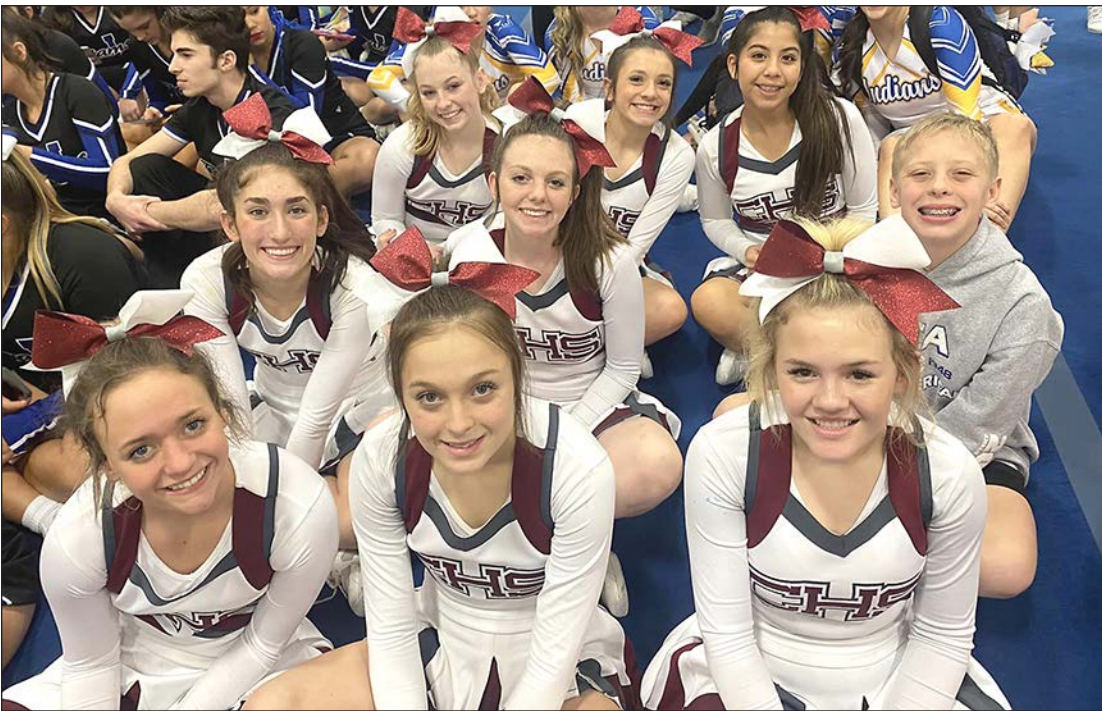


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### Winning cheer team

The Clarendon Bronco Cheerleaders participated in the UIL cheer competition in Ft. Worth this month and finished 20th out of 60 teams, making the final round of competition in only their second year at the event. Congratulations, Cheerleaders!

COURTESY PHOTO

## Bronco Powerlifters begin season

By Sandy Anderberg

Several Broncos competed in a powerlifting meet in Childress and did a great job in the three-event competition according to coach Yancy Molloy.

Gannon Broussard had a lift total of 1,000 pounds. He posted 415 pounds in the squat, 225 in the bench, and 340 pounds in the dead lift.

Easton Frausto had a good meet as well and had 350 pounds in the squat, 200 pounds in the bench,

and dead lifted 350 pounds for an overall weight of 900 pounds. Davin Mays finished with 885 total pounds. He was able to squat 305 pounds, bench press 190, and deal lift 390 for 885 pounds. Jared Musick who weighs in at 174 pounds posted 310 pounds in the squat, 225 in the bench, and 390 in the dead lift for 835 total pounds lifted.

Dalton Coles had 690 pounds overall; squat 255, bench 135, and dead lift 300 pounds. Colton Caudle lifted 680 overall; squat 225, bench

155, and dead lift 300. Bryce Williams lifted 670 pounds; 145 in the squat, 235 in the bench press, and 290 in the dead lift. Mason Allred lifted 670 total pounds; 255 in the squat, 145 in the bench, and 260 in the dead lift.

Aiden Word lifted 635 pounds with a 235-pound squat, 145-pound bench, and 255-pound deadlift. Kaleb Mays lifted 195 in the squat, 125 in the bench press, and 250 in the dead lift for a lift total of 570 pounds.

### Lady Colts handle Memphis at home

The Clarendon Junior High Lady Colts were able to take care of the Memphis Lady Whirlwinds at home earning the 29-19 win.

The ladies played well on both ends of the court and were able to pull away from Memphis in the second half of play.

After the break, the Lady Colts were able to settle into a rhythm and pull away from the Whirlwinds. Jayla Woodard led the way with 12

points, and Cambree Smith helped with seven. Smith also connected on five of eight free throws, which was a big difference in the game. Eli Rodriguez put in four and Kinslee Hatley, Josie Murillo, and Addy Havens helped with two points each.

The ladies will compete in the Panhandle Tournament January 28 and travel to Wellington Monday, January 30, for the last game of the season.

## Obituaries

### Steele

Ray Steele, 76, of Memphis died Sunday, January 22, 2023, in Amarillo. Services will be 1:00 p.m. Thursday, January 26, 2023 in the First Baptist Church in Memphis with Rev. Daniel Downey, officiating. Burial will follow in Silverton Cemetery in Silverton.



Alaska. In addition to his coin shop, he owned a fruit stand in Hedley and ran cattle for a number of years. Besides being an avid rare coin collector, Ray enjoyed skeet shooting, playing pool, bowling, and working with antique furniture. His greatest pleasures were spending time with his family and visiting his daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter in Florida. He also volunteered at Senior Citizens for several years. Ray was an avid member of the First Baptist Church in Memphis.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a sister, Connie Steele. He is survived by his daughter Toni Futrell and husband Benji and his granddaughter Kira of Debarry, Florida; his sisters, Kim Jeffrey and husband Bill of Hedley and Joanne Garcia of Bull Head City, Arizona.

If you'd like to send a donation in lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be directed to the Alzheimer's Association.

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- Fishes without the line touching water
- Brooklyn hoopsters
- Actress Lathan
- A metric for athletes
- Food storage location
- Colossus
- Desolations
- Accustom to something unpleasant
- \_\_\_ Kubrick, filmmaker
- You might ask this at Thanksgiving
- Arkansas city
- Gave food to
- Request
- V-shaped open trough
- Make lively
- It accompanies feather
- Blonde bombshell
- One who revolves
- Bluish greens
- Charity
- Having the shape of a cube
- Unwind
- Believed by some to be the supreme being
- Checks or guides
- Leak slowly through
- Top-quality
- Midway between south and southeast

### CLUES DOWN

- Part of your foot
- It's at the back of the eyeball
- Where things stand
- Offered
- Contains pollen
- Boisterous get-together
- Asserts out loud
- They're in the sky
- Canonized
- A politician's official stances
- It can catch fish
- British thermal unit
- Helps little firms
- Where patients go for treatment
- Large red deer
- Pokes holes in
- "Star Wars" hero Solo
- One in a hospital
- Scandinavian god of battle
- Famous cat
- \_\_\_ Angeles: City of Angels
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- City along the Rhine
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- Martini ingredients
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## Broncos gain two wins

By Sandy Anderberg

The 2022-23 Broncos are making a statement as they supported an undefeated record last week in the race for another District championship. The Broncos made easy work of Shamrock early in the week and handled Wellington 62-44.

The Broncos easily won over the Irish by a score of 67-27 on the road. The Broncos did everything right on both ends of the court and caused Shamrock to struggle to get anything to fall. Lyric Smith and Tyler Harper led the Broncos to the win with 18 and 17 points respectively.

When the Broncos took the court last Friday night against the Wellington Skyrockets, they knew

all they had to do was stick to their game plan. The first half of play went just as they wanted it to, and they were playing aggressive defense against Wellington.

However, the Rockets were able to regroup over the break and came out and hit several three-pointers to begin to chip away at the Broncos' lead.

Free throws were key in the Broncos win as they knocked down 23 of 29 shots for 79 percent. Smith turned up the heat once again and finished with 19 points. Harper had 11, Josiah Hearn put in 11, and Jmaury Davis had 10. Anthony Ceniceros had five and Harrison Howard and Kaleb Bolin put in two each.



Grant Haynes drives the lane for a layup last week against Memphis.



Reagan Wade goes up for a shot last week against Memphis.

## Lady Broncos beat Shamrock

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos are enjoying a great season as they are nearing the end of regular season play. Their latest win came in Shamrock followed by a disappointing loss at home to Wellington.

The Lady Broncos crushed the Irish defeating them 69-8 last Tuesday night. Shamrock was never able to put up any fight in the game and could not stop Clarendon. Makenna Shadle put in 14 points, made two of three free throws and hit two three-pointers in the game. Baylee Gabel and Berkley Moore added 11 points each, and Kenidee Hayes helped with nine. Courtlyn Conkin had seven, Finley Cunningham posted a

couple of threes for six, and Tandie Cummins added five. Hayden Elam and Graci Smith finished with three points each.

The game with Wellington did not go as the Lady Broncos had planned and they were defeated 25-41. The Lady Broncos played hard but struggled to put points on the board. They normally average several three pointers in a game but did not add any big shots against the Lady Rockets.

Gabel had seven, Hayes had six, Moore put in five, Kennadie Cummings had three, and Shadle. And T. Cummins added two points apiece.



Jaxan McAnear fights for two last week against Memphis.

## Bronco JV slams Shamrock, 40-5

Reagan Wade and Jaxan McAnear teamed up for 22 points to lead the junior varsity Broncos to a 40-5 win over Shamrock last week.

After holding the Irish scoreless in the first quarter of play, the Broncos got down to business and kept them in single digits at the buzzer. Grant Haynes and Mason Sims put in six each, and Riley Wade, Michael Randall, and Shane Hagood added two points each.

The Broncos played hard

against Wellington but ran out of time. They took a narrow 30-39 loss. The Broncos struggled with turnovers in the first half of play that allowed the Rockets to grab the momentum. Clarendon turned up the heat in the second half and outscored Wellington, but it was too little too late.

Grant Haynes led the way with 15 points, nine of which came in the first quarter of play. McAnear put in nine, and Sims had six.

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## Lady Bronco JV clobbers Shamrock

Coach Kasey Bell has the Lady Bronco junior varsity playing tough as they posted two more wins last week. They defeated Shamrock on the road 56-15 and earned a 35-18 win over Wellington at home.

Neither game was much of a contest for the Lady Broncos as they were able to score at will and played solidly on defense. They were able to convert turnovers by both teams and stayed strong to get the ball in the hoop. Presley Smith went three for three from the bonus line and finished with 17 points against Shamrock. Gracie Clark stood her ground inside for 10 points, and Gracie Ellis added eight. Elliot Frausto put in six, Kashlyn Conkin had five, Madi Benson added four, and Millie McAnear and Trystan Brown put in two each.

The Lady Broncos led the Lady Rockets by 10 at the break and then were able to put some distance between them and Wellington in the second half of play. Smith was solid once again and added 15 points while Conkin posted 11 that included three three-pointers. Clark found her sweet spot from the side and put in nine points.

They will play at Quanah January 27 and go up against Memphis at home on Tuesday, January 31.

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# Owls & Lady Owls

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**Clarendon Lions Club** Regular meeting each Tuesday at noon. Landon Lambert, Boss Lion. Roger Estlack, Secretary

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**Clarendon Chamber of Commerce** Regular Board of Directors meeting 1st Thursday each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Clarendon Visitor Center.

## LEGAL NOTICE

**THE CITY OF HOWARDWICK** will be holding a Public Hearing Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 6pm at City Hall to consider an application for a variance at lots 206, 207 and 208 Arrowhead Section.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**  
Clarendon CISD will hold a public meeting to discuss the financial rating received from the state's Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST). The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. February 13, 2023 in the Clarendon CISD Administration and Technology Building located at 416 South Allen Street, Clarendon, Texas. Clarendon CISD received a FIRST rating of A= Superior Achievement.

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**DONLEY COUNTY** is accepting sealed bids for maintenance to repair the historic windows for the Donley County Courthouse. This scope of work is intended to perform maintenance repair of existing historic wood sash windows. Work includes wood repair, replacement of glazing compound and repainting the exterior. There is some limited masonry repainting and sealant replacement work at the south elevation. There will be no mandatory pre-proposal conference, however, site visits can be scheduled through the Judge's office during normal business hours. Construction documents and proposal forms are also on file and available at the Judge's office. Interested parties may obtain electronic copies by calling the Judge's office at 806-874-3625. Sealed Proposals will be accepted until February 10th, 12 noon, local time. Any proposals received after the closing time will be returned unopened. Sealed proposals, appropriately marked with bid number "2023-01"-Donley County Courthouse, clearly marked on the outside of the packet, must be delivered to: The Honorable John C. Howard, M.D., County Judge Donley County Courthouse 300 S. Sully Street Clarendon, Texas 79226 All questions and requests for clarification must be submitted in writing (via US Mail, Fax, or E-mail) prior to or on February 8th at 4:00 p.m., local time. Electronic copies of the Request for Proposal, with construction documents, can be obtained by contacting the Judge's Office. Telephone 806-874-3625 or Email: doncojudge@windstream.net Bids will be opened at Commissioners Court on Monday, February 13th at 9:00 am.

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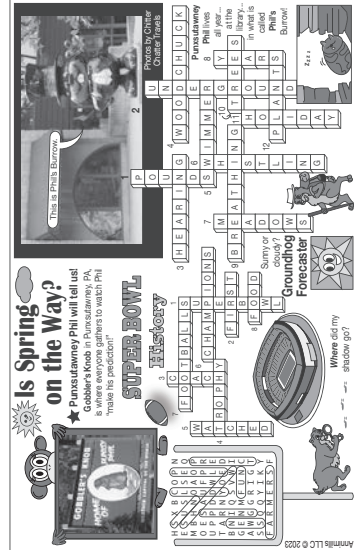
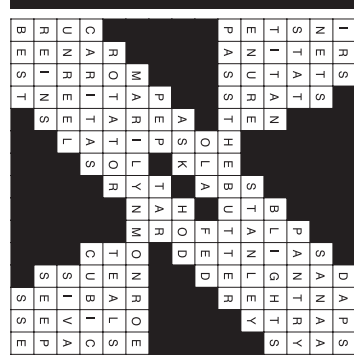
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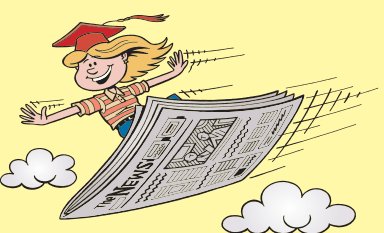
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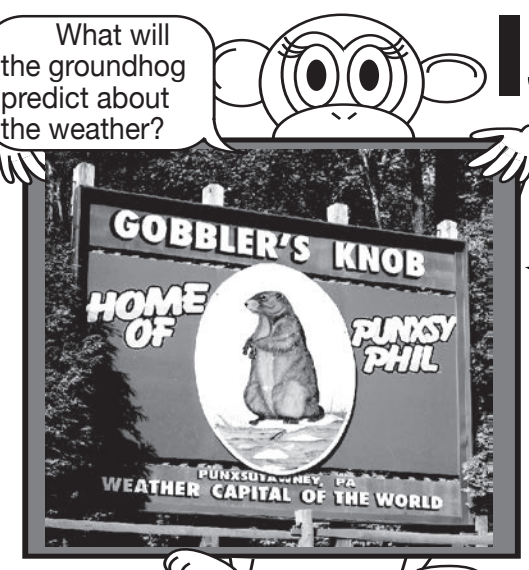
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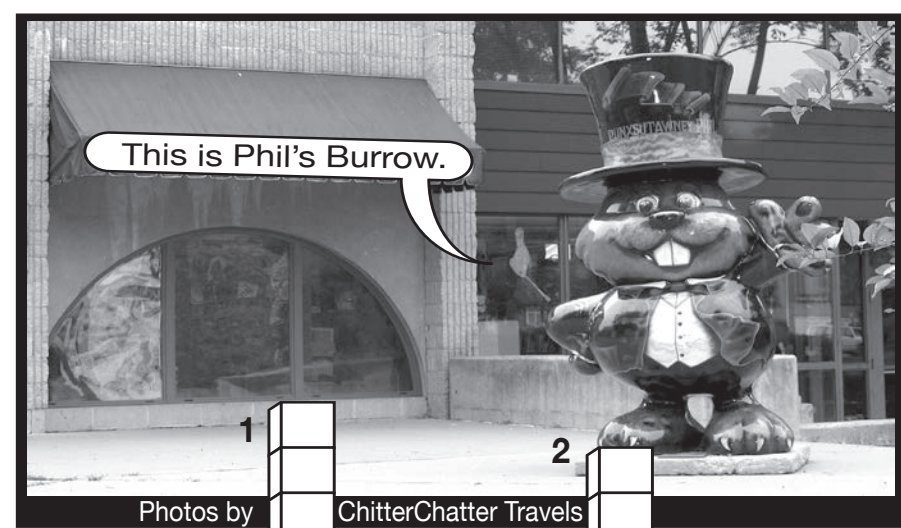


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★ **Gobbler's Knob** in Punxsutawney, PA, is where everyone gathers to watch Phil "make his prediction"!



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1 underground  
2 breathing  
3 holiday  
4 hearing  
5 meadows  
6 pounds  
7 whistling  
8 swimmer  
9 plants  
10 years  
11 trees  
12 woodchuck

**Punxsutawney Phil lives all year... at the library... in what is called "Phil's Burrow"!**

Zzzz

- A Groundhog:**
- usually weighs about 12 \_\_\_\_\_
  - burrows \_\_\_\_\_ with its curved claws to make a home
  - can see well and has very good \_\_\_\_\_
  - is also known as a \_\_\_\_\_
  - is an excellent \_\_\_\_\_
  - sometimes makes a \_\_\_\_\_ noise
  - can be found in woods, fields and \_\_\_\_\_
  - can live to be about 6-8 \_\_\_\_\_ old
  - hibernates - its body temperature drops and its \_\_\_\_\_ nearly stops
  - can climb into \_\_\_\_\_ to take naps
  - is the only animal with its own national \_\_\_\_\_
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