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

## Brake Time holding contest for artists

The Brake Time convenience store at US 287 and Jefferson is looking for local residents wanting to release their artistic expressions with a new art contest.

Idea submissions are being accepted until February 28, and six winners will be selected, with the public's help, to each paint a section of fence on the Brake Time property, roughly eight feet by 16 feet.

Brake Time officials say they are looking for something fun with a positive energy. Those interested are asked to bring a sketch of their idea to the store with their name and phone number. Submissions will be posted at the store and online.

Once the six winners have painted their sections of the fence, another round of judging will be opened. The winner of the second contest will get to paint the west side of the Brake Time building.

Artists must provide their own supplies. Visit the local Brake Time store with questions or for more information.

## DCSC planning two February programs

The Donley County Senior Citizens Center has a couple of programs coming up in February that will be of interest to seniors and other citizens as well.

The New Food Stamp Program will be discussed at the center on February 13 at 12:30 p.m. The Area Agency on Aging will present the program and explain what it is and how to apply.

Then on February 16 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., the center will present a Winter Celebration with friends, fun, and food.

Grown-Up Show & Tell will be one of the programs and is limited to 12 presenters. Everyone has a thing-a-ma-bob they've been holding on to for years. Bring it and share its story whether its funny, sentimental, or just pure crazy. Get on the presentation list by calling Mary Green at 580-380-8069.

Fabulous Finger Foods and Chocolate Desserts will also be the order of the evening on February 16. Enjoy a light repast of your favorite snacks and chocolate desserts as you marvel and laugh at the little things with big meanings presented during the evening.

## Tree sales underway

The Donley County Soil & Water Conservation District is taking orders for is spring tree sales now through March 25.

A variety of shrubs, trees, and ornamental grasses are being offered. Order forms are available at the USDA offices at Fourth and Sully. Those interested may stop by or call Mona at 806-874-3561 or 817-648-8351.

## CCISD adopting new phone numbers

Clarendon CISD this week announced new phone numbers will be assigned to every office in the school district as part of an expansion of the CCISD phone system.

CCISD Technology Director & District Safety Officer Butch Noble told the Enterprise the school tried for several weeks to find a way to keep the existing phone numbers with the new system before deciding to replace the numbers.

"We are expanding our phone system to put a phone in every classroom both for security and

safety as well as convenience," Noble said. "Also, at some point we will start using the phones for the bell system."

Noble said part of the trouble with keeping the 874 Clarendon prefix numbers has to do with the Texas Department of Information Resources and how the school's phone numbers are billed to the Region 16 Education Service Center in Amarillo and not directly to CCISD.

"I have not had any luck trying to get the numbers ported (to the new phone system); and after sev-

eral weeks of trying, we decided to just go with new numbers," Noble said.

School officials were not exactly sure what day the change over would take place, but they are asking all parents, students, and community members to please take note of their new numbers, write them down for future reference, and change the contact information in your phones: Administration – 806-310-7220, High School – 806-310-7901, Junior High School – 806-310-7655, and Elementary School – 806-310-7760.



The Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department works to put out a structure fire Saturday night. The blaze destroyed the contents of a storage building, but firemen prevented the fire from spreading to other nearby structures.

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## CVFD responds to two fires Saturday

The Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department was called to a blaze in the southeast part of town late Saturday night for a structure fire.

Fireman Chuck Robertson said the department was paged out at 11:10 p.m. to a storage building that was on fire in the alley between

Third and Fourth Streets off of Hartzell Street.

Four firemen and two trucks responded to the fire and stayed on the scene until about 12:45 a.m.

The danger of fire spreading through heavily wooded area presented a threat to other nearby struc-

tures, but the fire was contained to the immediate area. The contents of the building were destroyed, he said, and the cause of the fire was not known at press time.

Also on last Saturday, the CVFD was called to a structure fire on North Sully Street, north

of the county barn. First Assistant Chief Glen Wright said three firemen responded to the afternoon call. Old tires were found to be burning in an old block building well house. Wright said the fire was extinguished quickly with no real damage to the structure.

## Chamber banquet to have 1950s theme

Get out those poodle skirts and leather jackets ready for an old fashioned Sock Hop when the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual awards banquet Thursday, February 23, at the Bairfield Activity Center.

Tickets are on sale now for the 1950s-themed event, which will recognize several outstanding citizens in Donley County. The awards to be given will be the Saints' Roost Award for a lifetime of service to the community and the Man and Woman of the Year, and Business of the Year

in addition to recognitions for outstanding youth from Clarendon and Hedley.

Musical entertainment for the evening will be by Jackie Haney & the Geezers Gone Wild, which features Clarendon native Charlie Clinton on the keyboard. It will be rockin' good time that you won't want to miss.

The evening will begin at 6 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and hospitality including the annual Chamber silent auction and gift box pull. The banquet, entertainment, and awards will follow

at 7 p.m.

Those attending are encouraged to dress up like the 1950s, and businesses are also invited to purchase blocks of tickets by sponsoring tables at the event. Table sponsors will get to decorate their tables to reflect their business and the theme of the banquet with a prize given for the best table decoration.

Tickets are \$25 per person and must be purchased in advance at the Visitor Center. For more information, call 806-874-2421.

## Local church welcomes new preacher

Corey Johnson from Guy, Ark., has been hired as the new preacher for the Clarendon Church of Christ.

Corey was the pulpit minister at the Guy Church of Christ and is originally from Guymon, Okla. He has preached in Oklahoma and Arkansas, as well as worked in several other professions before preaching full time. Corey attended the Brown Trail School of Preaching in Bedford, Texas, graduating in December 2014. While attending Brown Trail.

He and his wife, Amy, have been married since 2004. Corey and Amy have two wonderful children – daughter Savannah and son Elijah.

He strongly believes that children are the future of the church and has a passion for working with youth and instilling a love of God and knowledge of the Scriptures in them. When he was a child, he attended Black Mesa Bible Camp every summer; and when he became a teenager, he began to serve there as a counselor and teacher. He has also served as a counselor at Green Valley Bible Camp, Inner Circle Christian Camp, and Quartz Mountain Christian Camp.

As a young adult, he was active as a coach for Kids' Incorporated Youth Soccer, which combined

his love of soccer with his love for working with kids. This love of working with children served him well while managing a Sonic Drive-In. He had many teenagers working for him, who looked to him as a role model and would sometimes come to him for advice and help with various problems and situations. He was always happy to take the time to help them in whatever way he could.

The church in Clarendon welcomes Corey, Amy, Savannah, and Elijah to Clarendon and is looking forward to them being a part of the church and the community. The Church of Christ would like to



Corey Johnson has been named the new preacher at the Clarendon Church of Christ. He is shown here with his son Elijah, daughter Savannah, and wife Amy.

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extend an invitation to the community to join them for worship to meet Corey and his family and hear the

message of the gospel he will bring to the community on February 19, 2023.

## Jackson seeks to protect ag from foreign interference

US Rep. Ronny Jackson last week along with Abigail Spanberger (D-VA-07) and Vicente Gonzalez (D-TX-34) reintroduced the bipartisan, bicameral Foreign Adversary Risk Management (FARM) Act to help protect America's ag industry from malign foreign investors.

The bill would also bolster the

US supply chain by reforming the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) – the governmental body that oversees the vetting process of foreign investment and acquisition of American companies. Senator Tommy Tuberville (R-AL) introduced companion legislation in the US Senate.

"Today, America faces numerous threats to its national security, and the agricultural industry is no exception," Jackson said. "Our adversaries, especially the Chinese Communist Party, continue to increase their presence in America's food industry and agricultural supply chains."

This bill will help to combat foreign investment into, and interference of, the American agriculture industry by modernizing the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) to ensure that the US monitors this investment and understands the national security implications.

Specifically, this bill would reform CFIUS by: Ensuring CFIUS recognizes the agriculture industry and agriculture supply chains as critical infrastructure, Adds the Secretary of Agriculture to CFIUS, and Requires CFIUS to review any investment that could result in foreign control of any US ag business.





# Ranking all of the universities in the world

By **Walter Wendler**

The challenges facing universities as we approach the mid-21st century are growing. Despite those challenges, United States institutions frequently top international rankings. And that perch reveals other nations aggressively mimicking our nation's leaders. Competition is positive, and this is why US universities are considered by many as world-leading.

One of the most highly regarded ranking systems is Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings, in the United Kingdom. The analyses are thoughtful and assess key issues leading to excellence in world universities. Research, scholarly citations, internationalization (seen as a positive), research funding, teaching and several other issues are compared to identify the coveted top 10 rankings. Eight of the best institutions are in the US, according to THE. In addition, where countries are ranked regarding the quality of higher education. The US also comes out on top. Other nations, including China, are working diligently to unseat the US from its position as the world leader. The United Kingdom, Germany, Canada and France round out the top five leading nations in higher education.

These analyses use the same measuring stick for every institution. Universities that have a distinguishing mission can contribute, yet, be overlooked. For example, Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) are a small portion of all institutions in the US, totaling 3 percent. However, in terms of the mobility rate of graduates, these institutions outperform US colleges and universities in providing economic progress (upward mobility). HBCU completers are 51 percent more likely to move into the highest income quintile than graduates of other institutions. In the general college population in the US, the mean mobility rate is 1.6 percent, but the mean mobility rate for HBCUs is 3.0 percent, according to a study by McKinsey and Company. National and international rankings typically miss the impact of distinctiveness in mission. Increasingly HBCUs such as Prairie View A&M University, a member of The Texas A&M University System, provide high-value returns for both state and student.

The location of institutions is also important. On the west coast, states that have traditionally supported higher education create strong economies. With the California Master Plan, led by Clark Kerr in 1960, the University of California, the California State University and California Community Colleges created a behemoth that is now home to 10 world-leading IT enterprises. Focusing on the San Francisco Bay area, Stanford and U.C. Berkeley helped guide a private/public one-two punch to build Silicon Valley.

On the east coast, Harvard's early years were connected to the First Church in Cambridge, serving locally and building a geographic educational center for America that is the envy of much of the free world. Harvard's purpose was simple: "Educate Clergy" and spread the gospel. At the start of the Industrial Revolution, coupled with MIT, another one-two punch was landed for the greater Boston metropolitan area. Competition between institutions, as in the general marketplace, breeds excellence. With its pervasive economic impact, the Route 128 Corridor around Boston is fielded by more universities than any other metropolitan region in the nation, led by Harvard and MIT.

Texas higher education is on the verge of creating a model mid-21st century higher education enterprise as two excellent systems, the A&M University System and the University of Texas System, compete globally and in Texas. On one hand, is the powerful land grant tradition that is Texas A&M's hold on excellence, and on the other, the University of Texas with a focus on classical liberal studies. These descriptions are an oversimplification, to be sure, but simultaneously the original defining characteristic of each. New growth in Dallas, Irvine and Plano, "Texas Triangle of Technology" form a powerful matrix of state-wide universities, regional colleges and community colleges contributing to the IT industry's economic development that may soon overtake California.

Paying attention to people's needs, recognizing the importance of locality, focusing on specialized offerings to students, careful performance review and excellence in scholarly work, especially when it is focused on solving complex problems, will yield excellence in the world market. As for WT, we will make our mark as a regional research university. To do that, we will focus intently on regional issues. WT will work diligently to engage rural students. We will allow forces at work in our locale to shape who we are. WT's role will be different but profoundly important for a rural regionally serving research institution.

What makes American higher education the best in the world? It is simply this—with little national control of universities and great diversity of institutional offerings around the nation and the states, the cream of the crop will rise to the top. Institutions that pay attention to locale and appreciate the impact of the University on the community and the impact of the community on the University will prosper, as will the regions that host them. WT's focus is on Panhandle community life, schools in rural settings, enriched enterprise, beef, rural healthcare, water and energy.

Walter V. Wendler is President of West Texas A&M University.

# Michael Whelan and the Native Texans

It is almost a John Smith and Pocahontas story. Michael Whelan, an Irishman who built the first frame house in Refugio, was traveling home from Victoria one day when he heard a moaning along side of the road. Stopping to investigate, he found a severely injured young Indian boy lying in the tall grass. Whelan took the boy home with him and nursed him back to health. After a few weeks, the boy was strong enough to return to his own people, and Whelan took him back to his own home.

A few years later, some Indians captured Whelan, tied him to a tree, and were preparing to burn him at the stake when a young Indian brave rushed out of the brush, dashed up to Whelan, cut his ropes, and began kissing him. It was the same boy that Whelan had previously saved from death. Seeing the actions

of the young brave, the other Indians went up to Whelan and also kissed him. They then set him free and allowed him to go safely to his home.

Whelan had come to Texas alone, and he lived for a while with a friend, Walter Lambert. But as soon as his house was completed, he returned to Ireland and brought his wife and children to Texas.

While Whelan and Lambert were living together, the Indians made several raids in the Refugio area, and they stole a number of horses. Lambert was determined that the Indians would not get his

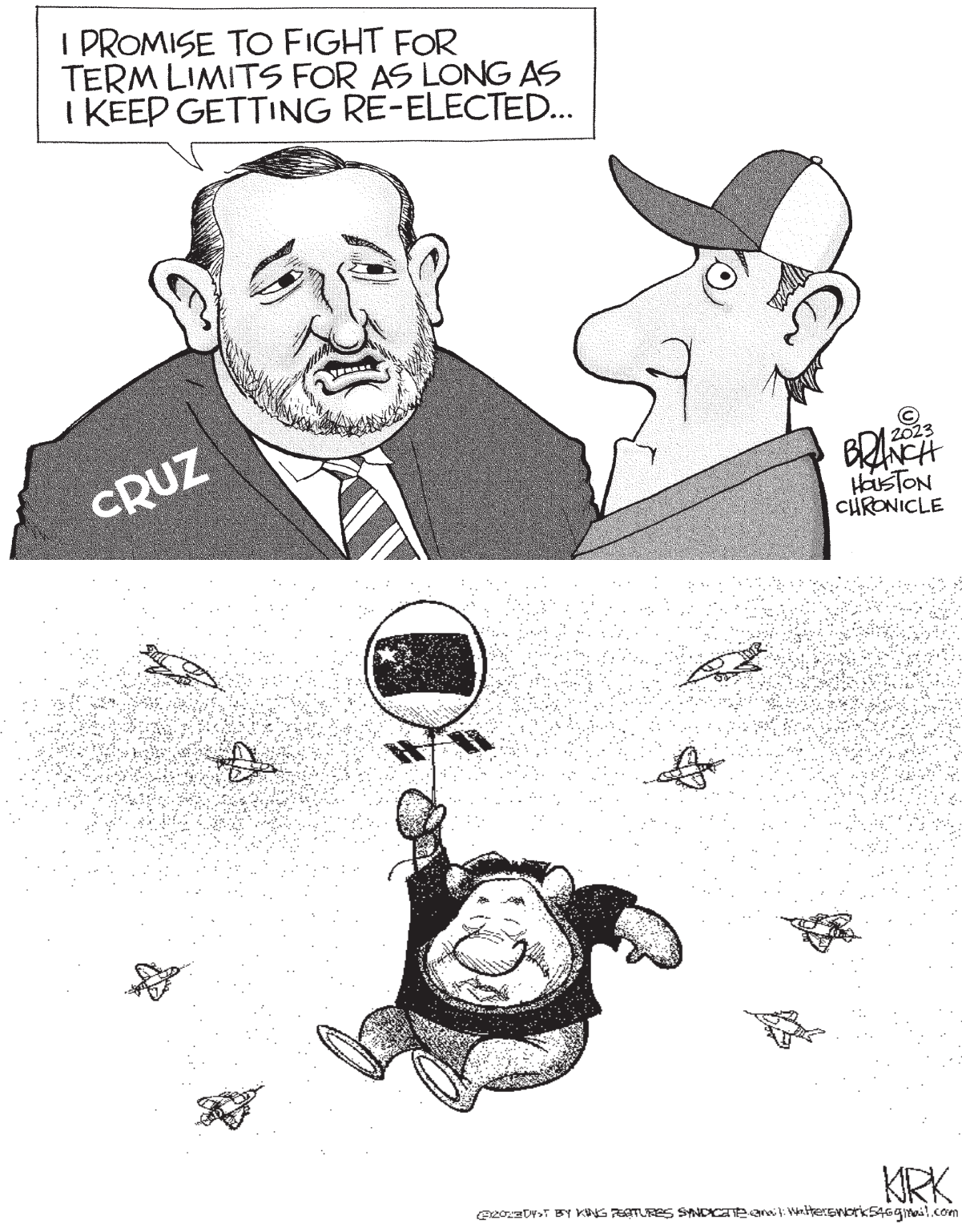


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tales of the old west  
by *george u. hubbard*

favorite horse. One night, the two men made their beds on the front porch of the house, and Lambert tied his horse's rope to his foot to make sure he would be awakened if Indians came. The next morning, Whelan woke up, surveyed the scene, and cried out, "Faith and begorra! The rascals have cut the rope and your horse is gone!" Over time, the Irish learned a lot from the Indians.

In his later years, Whelan wanted to return to Ireland for a visit, but because of his asthma and delicate health, his wife, Mary, would not permit him to go. Finally, after Mary died, Michael made the trip, returning at the age of 87 to the home of his youth in County Wexford. Within three weeks, he contracted pneumonia and died.

George U. Hubbard is an author and former resident of Clarendon.



# Struck down by new abbreviations

A weathered rancher of my acquaintance stubbornly refused to join a group of church friends who "enjoy" bad health. A woman of few words, she explained her absence from services the previous Sunday.

"I was struck down by the flu," she stated, leaving it at that.

Would that our health conditions be so succinctly categorized these days. Now, there are strains, distresses, aches, pains and assorted illnesses that not only have names, but typically are reduced to abbreviations and sometimes even numbers. It's a mistake to try to keep up; much blame is attributed to COVID....

I surrender all, having been "stove up" since Christmas with respiratory issues that may seem minor to you and little more than that to me.

All I know is that coughing, wheezing and congestion stretched over three weeks, and my wife's similar symptoms hung around longer.

We've generally much stayed indoors. A neighbor thinks we've been "struck down" by a new set of abbreviations. "Probably the RSV stuff that's going around," she said....

Until lately, "RSV" was totally foreign to me. (Without the "S," of course, "RV" seems far removed from illness, with the allure of being "on the road again.")

I could have left it right there, but later in the day, I spoke on the phone with my friend Paul Butler. He and his wife Virginia had endured similar symptoms, and Paul joked (I think) that they were victims of that "RSVP" disease.

Maybe he wasn't kidding. He may have known that "RSV" stands

for "respiratory syncytial virus," adding the "P" for Paul intentionally to personally identify with the disease....

This set me to thinking about former terms concerning illnesses. We had "bad colds," croup, crud, upset tummies, sprains, strains, headaches and other names that rarely exceeded two syllables, and often were just one. Abbreviations weren't needed.

An age-old condition remains colorful. The guy was "rode hard and put up wet," an expression better understood by non-urban folks.

There were other expressions in a general category, "running off at the mouth." These were usually attributed to political figures who didn't know when the shut up....

Texas Governor Greg Abbott probably would like to retract his "tweet" bragging that he could kick better than Dallas Cowboy Brett Mayer, who muffed five straight point-after kicks during his team's two final games.

The gov's attempt at humor not only fell flat but also offended others confined to wheelchairs.

Maybe someone stole our leader's identity. That could be the story he'll stick to. Whatever, Dallas has joined Houston in having a problem....

Now, I return to the original prem-



**the idle**  
**american**  
by *don newbury*

ise that medical ID's are galloping ahead of us.

In a recent Dallas Morning News edition, facing pages caught my eye. One led with a major headline, asking readers if they've had heart failure; the other pointed to "pacing" as the key for "long COVID."

I read the one about heart failure first, since I've had four bypasses and a mitral valve repair – and later implantation of a stent, defibrillator and pacemaker – in 1998 and 2021, respectively....

The ad cited familiar symptoms, suggesting that I could be saddled with a condition called "ATTR-CM." I'll ask my cardiologist about it, since transthyretin amyloid cardiomyopathy – the abbreviation spelled out – sounds like something I already have.

When I inquire, he may wax rhetorical, asking why I'm blinking incessantly. If he does, I'll urge him to relax and take a few deep breaths, informing him that my blinking serves only to signify my disbelief about "long COVID." I didn't even know the disease can be measured.

Returning home, I'll mull over prescribed medications and whether my exercise regimen is "set" on the lowest possible bar. Maybe I'll reconstruct the old joke about a guy undergoing sedation prior to surgery. "This makes you feel like you do when you're drunk," he said. "I wouldn't know," the anesthesiologist replied. "I've never had anesthesia."...

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# Hay supply near 50-year low

Hay supplies remain short and prices continue to rise as Texas cattle ranchers try to feed herds through winter, according to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service experts.

The 2022 drought and subsequent poor hay production resulted in stressed hay supplies going into winter, according to AgriLife Extension specialists. Those short hay supplies and demand have now pushed hay bale prices toward record high prices.

The US Department of Agriculture Jan. 27 Texas Hay Direct Report priced large round bales of good-to-premium Bermuda grass between \$70 and \$175 each with prices for the same quality hay reaching \$410 per ton in the Panhandle. Most counties across the state are reporting decent quality bales above \$100.

Deeper than usual culling in preparation of that winter feeding shrunk Texas cattle numbers and the national herd to lows not seen since 2012, said David Anderson, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension economist, Bryan-College Station. Cattle producers expect good calf prices in the future but feeding cows until spring forages are ready to graze is the concern now.

Anderson said drought and high fertilizer prices were the two major factors that led to near-record low hay production. Grass needs soil moisture to grow during the summer hay season, but pastures also need fertilizer, especially nitrogen, to maximize growth and yields.

Vanessa Corriher-Olson, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension forage specialist, Overton, said \$160 per bale was around the breakeven point during the 2022 season for hay producers who maintained pastures with average inputs due to the cost of fertilizer, weed and pest control applications. High commodity prices for grains, which are ingredients in supplemental feeds added alongside hay rations during winter, are exacerbating tight hay supplies.

"It's no shock that hay prices are so high," she said. "The drought, poor range and pasture conditions and high feed costs have all worked together against producers."

Anderson said Texas pastures produced the lowest amount of hay since 2011. Hay yields averaged nearly 1.95 tons per acre over the last

decade but totaled 1.56 tons per acre in 2022. Texas produced 4.44 million tons of hay in 2011 compared to 6.5 million tons in 2022.

The number of hay acres cut and baled was also down to 4.19 million compared to a 10-year average of almost 5 million acres.

US hay production followed the Texas trend. According to the December 2022 hay stock reports, the 71.9 million tons of hay on hand was the smallest amount since the USDA began tracking forage supplies in 1973. Texas hay supplies were 37 percent below the December 2021 report and other Plains states like Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska were all at least 30 percent below their stocks last year. Hay stocks in southeastern states were also down except for North Carolina.

"So, you have less hay production in Texas, but you also have less production in all the states around you that might be a source to have bales shipped in," Anderson said. "Usually, one region is dealing with drought and lower supplies and producers can go elsewhere for relief. Having less hay everywhere at the beginning of winter puts a strain on producers, even if there are fewer cattle to feed."

Corriher-Olson said supplies are the concern now, but that pasture management will determine the long-term production in pastures. Many hay producers avoided input costs like fertilizer and herbicides during the drought. Some pastures received reduced fertilizer applications while other fields received nothing.

The reduced management and overgrazing during the drought could cost producers this season, she said. Fertilizer prices have fallen some, but they remain relatively high, she said. Much of the state, especially the hay-producing region of East Texas, received good winter moisture and is poised for production while other parts of the state like West Texas, South Texas and the Panhandle remain relatively dry.

Long-term outlooks show the state has equal chances of moisture or drought until July, Corriher-Olson said. East Texas has higher chances of receiving rainfall after July.

Producers who maintained their pastures and avoided overgrazing

in 2022 should be in good shape if good soil moisture is available, she said. Fields that were not fertilized or sprayed for weeds and/or overgrazed could have a difficult time bouncing back.

"Hay production in 2023 will depend on management in 2022," she said. "Fields that were not managed will have a harder time recovering even with moisture and fertilizer because the first thing to respond will be annual weeds, and they will be competing with perennial forages."

Whatever the case may be, Corriher-Olson said hay producers should be ready to capitalize on appropriate management, whether that is applying fertilizer or monitoring and treating weeds and pests like fall armyworms.

Cutting corners now could hurt future calf crops

Jason Cleere, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist, Bryan-College Station, said high grain prices have compounded the short supply of hay and high winter feed prices. In 2011, ranchers could rely on heavier rations of grain-based feed and less hay to meet the daily nutritional needs for cattle.

However, global events and the drought of 2022 have pushed grain prices much higher during this current drought cycle, he said.

Most producers culled their herd deeper than usual to reduce the number of mouths they must feed through winter. Some producers are looking for other supplemental feed options to cut costs where they can, but many options relate to availability and weighing the logistical cost and capabilities of each operation. Whatever producers incorporate into their winter feeding plans, Cleere said they need to maintain cow body condition scores well enough to ensure those cows are ready to breed following this spring calving season.

"It's a challenging year, but indications point toward extremely good prices for next year's calf crop," he said. "I suspect producers are going to be short on hay if we don't get an early spring green-up. My main message would be: Don't cut too many corners now that you can't take advantage of good calf prices in the future."

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- February 10**  
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- February 10 & 11**  
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# Menus

Feb. 13 - 17

- Donley County Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Chicken strips, gravy, macaroni & cheese, potato wedges, garden salad, wheat roll, sliced peaches, iced tea/2% milk.  
Tues: Cheeseburgers, potato wedges, melon, sugar cookie, iced tea/2% milk.  
Wed: Polish sausage, mashed potatoes, whole wheat roll, black forest parfait, iced tea/2% milk.  
Thurs: Pot roast, gravy, potatoes, onions, carrots, green beans, whole wheat roll, peach cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.  
Fri: Mexican pile on, tortilla chips, Spanish rice, garden salad, brownie, iced tea/2% milk.
- Hedley Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Breaded chicken strips, baked potato, steamed rice, peaches, roll, iced tea/2% milk.  
Tue: Beef brisket, chopped spinach, cheesecake w/fruit, wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.  
Wed: Beef & bean chili, baked apple slices, whole grain crackers, cornbread, iced tea/2% milk.  
Thurs: Cheesy ham potato bake, broccoli, wheat bread, apricots, iced tea/2% milk.  
Fri: Beef stew w/biscuit topping, Carolina caviar, banana, Amish sugar cookie, iced tea/2% milk.

- Clarendon ISD**  
Breakfast  
Mon: Breakfast pizza, fruit juice, fruit, milk.  
Tues: Dutch waffles, sausage, fruit juice, fruit, milk.  
Wed: Scrambled eggs, ham, biscuit & gravy, fruit juice, fruit, milk.  
Thu: Pancake wrap, yogurt, fruit juice, fruit, milk.  
Fri: Cereal, toast, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
- Lunch  
Mon: Corn dog, tots, tomato cup, fruit, milk.  
Tues: Quesadilla, salad, beans, cucumbers, fruit, milk.  
Wed: Chicken sandwich, chips, veggie cup, salad, fruit, milk.  
Thu: Pork chop, roll, broccoli, corn, fruit, milk.  
Fri: Sandwich, chips, carrots, snack, fruit, milk.

- Hedley ISD**  
Breakfast  
Mon: No School  
Tues: Breakfast burrito, fruit juice, fruit, milk.  
Wed: Waffles, sausage, fruit juice, fruit, milk.  
Thu: Breakfast sandwich, fruit juice, fruit, milk.  
Fri: Oatmeal, cinnamon toast, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
- Lunch  
Mon: No School  
Tues: Walking taco, beans, veggie cup, pineapple, cookie, milk.  
Wed: Pizza, marinara sauce, cinnamon applesauce, milk.  
Thu: Boneless chicken wings, celery, carrots, chips, mixed fruit sherbet, milk.  
Fri: Steak fingers, green beans, corn, peaches, roll, gravy, milk.



**Chili Champs!**  
The first Post-Groundhog Day Chili Cookoff at the First United Methodist Church was a big success Sunday evening with a wide variety of chili styles and flavors to choose from. Katherine Monroe (center) was the top winner of the popular vote by donations, Patsy Tubbs (accepted by Laban Tubbs left) was third, and Joy Trichel was third.

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**Eagle Recognitions**  
Four Clarendon Eagle Scouts were recognized Saturday at Camp Don Harrington as part of the Golden Spread Council's Class of 2022. A total of 42 Scouts across the council earned their Eagles in 2022, and eight of them were from Clarendon. Local Eagles attending Saturday's reception were Ben Estlack, Dan Estlack, Kacie Eugea, and Evelyn Mills. Other Clarendon Eagles in 2022 were Mason Allred, Koltyn Shields, Henry Bivens, and Haughton Bivens.

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## THECB releases free tool

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) has launched a new tool called Tomorrow Ready Texas to help parents and guardians support their teens with college and career planning. The tool provides Texas families with the resources they need to support their child's success after high school – in college, a career, or military service.

Tomorrow Ready Texas includes step-by-step action plans for families with teens in 8th through 12th grade. Families can customize these plans to match their child's specific interests and goals, and stay on track with deadlines, milestones, and career goals. The resource also includes specific information for families of students with disabilities.

"As a parent of three teenagers, I understand how overwhelming planning for college and career can be for students and their families. Families are often surprised by how

soon students are asked to make important decisions, and we receive large amounts of information from various sources," said Commissioner of Higher Education Harrison Keller. "Tomorrow Ready Texas is designed to help families of young Texans cut through the noise and develop plans for turning their students' hopes for the future into attainable goals they can achieve in a timely and affordable way."

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We had 12 members and Sweetheart Laney Gates present this week. The sweetheart issued some fines this week.

Lion Tex Buckhaults reported the college women's team had beaten Odessa and are ranked number 10 and the college men are ranked number two.

Lion David Dockery reported the city is still looking for the next administrator and for engineers for their next big project.

Lion John Howard said the county acquiring property at Third and Jefferson west of the sheriff's office and is soliciting bids for window repairs and for a county barn in Hedley.

Lion Richard Green reported on Howardwick, and Lion Larry Capranica reported the old house at Sixth and Bugbee coming down.

There being no further business, we were adjourned to spread Lionism and good cheer throughout our fair county.



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# Obituaries

## Kyle

Wilma Ruby Kyle was born in Hedley, Texas, March 28, 1926, the 2nd youngest of 9 children to Chalmer and Isabelle Kyle. Her parents came from Oklahoma in a covered wagon during the Dust Bowl times. They stopped in Hedley because it was raining. While there, her papa looked around and rented a farm, and did share cropping. As a young girl she picked cotton in the Texas fields with her family.



Kyle

Wilma was born in a one room house, the 8th child born. Her younger sister, Velma, also born in

Hedley in 1928.

She attended school in Clarendon, a one room called Bairfield School House. She was the only one in her grade, with only 5 children attending, 2 of them her sisters. The schoolhouse was relocated to Lubbock, Texas as a museum.

Just before WWI, the family moved to Amarillo, about 1940. All four of her brothers went into the service. They were only supposed to be gone a year, and she recalls a song sung, "I'll be back in a year lil darling, don't you worry, don't you cry, I'll be back in a year. But of course, it was years before they all made it back. She graduated from Amarillo High School, in 1945, and later with to business school to be a secretary and learn shorthand. Her first job was at Kraft Cheese.

She attended Buchanan Baptist Church of Amarillo, where she met and later married Robert John Lahr, an army veteran of WWII. They had 4 children together, the first 3 born in Amarillo and the last one in Los Angeles Calif. They went back and forth from California to Texas until they finally settled in Calif. In 1955. Wilma lived in California until 1994 when she traveled back home to

Texas with her daughter and be near her sister. They settled in Fort Worth Texas, and remained there until the time of her death, January 22, 1923.

She was a homemaker for the 1st 25 years of her marriage raising her 4 children. She then worked as a secretary, bookkeeper until she retired in 1993.

She lived a fulfilled life, leaving a legacy with her 4 children, Tim, Esther, Elizabeth & Dawn, and 32 grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She was survived by her youngest sister Velma Kyle.

The memorial service will be graveside at Rowe Cemetery in Hedley where the population today remains under 300 and one blinking yellow light. If you blink, you will miss the city. The cemetery was originally a garden in a rancher's homestead. It was later donated and established in 1892. Her great grandmother Aldeca Bradley was buried there in 1929, and her older Sister Augusta Latimer in 1996. This is where Wilma, "Grandma" as she was fondly called by everyone, wanted her final resting place. The family will meet there to celebrate her 97th birthday in March.

## Lady Bronco JV stuff Memphis, Shamrock

The Lady Bronco junior varsity team held back nothing in their wins over Memphis and Shamrock at home last week. They defeated Memphis 73-2 and took care of Shamrock 69-19.

The ladies were strong on both ends of the court and did not show any weaknesses in their game. Defensively, the Lady Broncos were solid and caused the Lady Cyclones to struggle to get the ball on their offensive side of the court.

They were solid in their execution and connected on several three pointers.

Presley Smith led the way with 27 points in the game against Memphis and Kashlyn Conkin hit five three pointers to finish with 17. Gracie Clark put in eight, Gracie Ellis had seven, and Madi Benson put in six. Elliot Frausto and Millie McAnear finished with four each.

The game with Shamrock went much the same way with the ladies

taking complete control of the game while holding the Lady Irish out of scoring range. The Lady Broncos' stellar defense and quickness allowed them to get stops and cause turnovers. The Lady Irish hit wall after wall by Clarendon's defensive dominance.

Conkin put in 15 and Smith, Ellis, and Kimbrasia Ballard added 10. Clark put in nine Benson had eight, Frausto helped with five, and McAnear added two.

## Clarendon Colts fall to Wellington

The Clarendon Colts played hard against a good Wellington team at home last week but fell short in the end. The Colt B Team lost to the Rockets 13-30 and the A Team lost 29-52.

Both Colt teams played hard but struggled to put points on the board. Missed free throws hindered them as the B Team only hit five out of 14 bonus shots. Dakota Jameson led the way with five, and Aiden Burnham, Zack Roberts, Kendon Hanes, and

Aiden Morris added two each.

Hayden Moore led the way for the A Team with 14 points and the team was able to finished at 50 percent from the free throw line. Creed Robinson added a big three pointer. Moore finished with 14 points and made five of seven from the line and Robinson finished with five. Caleb Herbert added three, Parker Haynes, Hudson Howard, and Sean Childers each added two, and Braylon Rice put in one.

## Lady Colts fall against Wellington

The Lady Colts played hard and gave their all against Wellington last week and took a 27-39 loss on the road.

The ladies were able to make up a little ground in the second quarter of play and make it a four-point ball game. But a slow shooting third period put the Lady Colts in a hole they struggled to get out of. The

Lady Skyrockets were able to knock down several three pointers to gain the upper hand and get the win.

Cambree Smith finished with 14 points and went six of nine from the bonus line.

Eli Rodriguez and Jayla Woodard put in four each, while Kinslee Hatley had three and Addy Havens added two.

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Looking to the playoffs

# Lady Broncos grab two more victories

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos grabbed two big wins last week over Memphis and Shamrock that put them at the top of the district race and secured their place in post-season play as their regular season comes to an end.

The ladies defeated Memphis 86-11 and played rock-solid in their 59-22 win over Shamrock.

The Lady Broncos jumped out to the early lead in the opening quarter against the Lady Cyclones and went quickly to a 21-0 lead.

Memphis was helpless to do anything to stop the Lady Broncos as they hit several three pointers and were able to make layups on fast breaks.

Freshman Berkley Moore gave a strong performance on both ends of the court and led the way with 22 points. That included four three pointers.

Seniors Baylee Gabel, Makenna Shadle finished with 15 and 13 points

respectively, and Graci Smith added 10 from her inside position. Hayden Elam posted seven, Kennadie Cummins and Kenidee Hayes put in six each. Tandie Cummins had four and Finley Cunningham added three.

The Lady Broncos did not lose any steam as they took on the Lady Irish three days later. It was all Clarendon from the opening tip-off as they were able to control the momentum of the game and keep the ball out of Shamrock's hands. They executed their unstoppable offense just as they wanted and earned the big win.

Shadle had a great game and pumped in 17 points and Gabel added 14. Cunningham and Elam had eight, Moore put in seven, and Hayes helped with six. Smith had five, K. Cummins put in four, and Conkin had one.

The Lady Broncos' regular season is over, and they will now prepare for post-season play.



Tandie Cummins goes in for a layup last week against the Lady Cyclones.

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Hayden Elam looks for an open shot last Tuesday against Memphis.

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Jmaury Davis dunks for the Broncos last week at home.

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# Broncos District leaders

By Sandy Anderberg

The back-to-back state championships are right where they want to be and are looking at yet another run at the state title for the third year in a row. They posted two big wins last week and have three regular season games remaining.

Last Tuesday night, the Broncos made short work of the Cyclones at home and got the 71-25 win. Clarendon jumped out early to find a rhythm and were able to score 47 points in the first half of play. Memphis struggled to keep up with the Broncos' pace of the game and committed errors that the Broncos were able to capitalize on.

Jmaury Davis stayed steady and led all scorers with 20 points. Josiah Hearn turned double figures as well with 13, and Tyler Harper knocked down nine points. Anthony Cenicerros and Lyric Smith each had eight on the night, and Kaleb Bolin finished with five. Harrison Howard added four in the win.

The Broncos then defeated Shamrock 66-19 to end the week. The district leaders set a great pace against the Irish and established a solid lead at the break and a third quarter scoring surge was largely due to converting turnovers into points. Shamrock could do little to stop the Broncos as they executed on both ends of the court. Their free throw percentage was below 50 percent which was not their normal shooting percentage from the free throw line.

Smith knocked down 22 points shooting 75 percent from the bonus line and Davis added 15 which included a three pointer. Hearn and Harper each added seven, and Cenicerros put in six. Bolin had five, and Howard helped with four.

The Broncos will travel to Wheeler February 10 and their last regular season game will be at home on Tuesday, February 14, against Quanah as they prepare for the playoffs.

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