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

City sales tax hits new February high

Comptroller Glenn Hegar Distributes \$1.3 Billion in Monthly Sales Tax Revenue to Local Governments

Clarendon bucked a two-month decline in sales tax revenues and set a new record when Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar delivered February allocations last week.

The city brought in \$52,610.48 for the month, an increase of 7.02 percent over the same period in 2021 and an all-time high for February sales tax revenue. Clarendon now has received \$90,252.04 for the calendar year to date, up 3.23 percent compared to one year ago.

Hedley's sales tax revenue increased 55.39 percent to \$1,836.40 for the month. Hedley's year-to-date total is now \$2,660.97, up 33.81 percent.

Howardwick was also up with an allocation of \$2,142.63 for February, up 22.98 percent and pushing that city's year-to-date figure up 19.54 percent from a year ago at \$3,355.04.

Statewide, Hegar sent \$1.3 billion in local sales tax allocations for February, 9.3 percent more than in February 2022.

These allocations are based on sales made in December by businesses that report tax monthly; October, November and December sales by quarterly filers; and 2022 sales by businesses that report tax annually.

Motor vehicle office adopts new hours

The Donley County Tax Assessor-Collector's motor vehicle office will implement new temporary office hours starting next week. Effective Tuesday, February 21, the office will be open Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 8 a.m. to noon and 1:00 to 4:45 and Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. to noon.

The new hours will help accommodate an employee's recovery from surgery, and regular office hours will be resumed in the near future.

Chamber banquet tickets still on sale

Tickets are still on sale for the Chamber of Commerce's Sock Hop awards banquet, which will be held Thursday, February 23, at the Bairfield Activity Center.

The 1950s-themed event will recognize several outstanding citizens in Donley County. 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.

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

CJH student facing charges after assault

A Clarendon Junior High student will face charges after being accused of attacking another student in a bathroom at the school last week, leaving the victim with a broken jaw.

Other students are also expected to face charges in connection to the case as officials believe the boy was lured into the bathroom for the purpose of being attacked.

The attack, which was videoed and subsequently shared on social media Friday, sparked outrage from the community. The video shows the

victim, confirmed by officials to be 13 years old, apparently unexpectedly assaulted in the junior high boys' restroom by being struck in the face and knocked to the ground.

County Attorney Landon Lambert said his office learned about the incident Friday afternoon and said the Donley County Sheriff's Office did a great job securing witness statements and preparing the report, and the youth appeared before County Judge John Howard Monday for a hearing.

Lambert said his office was seeking juvenile detention for the 14-year-old suspect for a period of ten-business days during which time authorities could better evaluate the case. The judge did not grant the county attorney's request and instead released the youth into the care of his mother with a requirement that he have 24-hour supervision, Lambert said.

The court action led to more anger on social media as some felt the youth was not being punished,

but Lambert says that is not the case.

"This is just the beginning," Lambert said. "It is absolutely not the end; this was just the first step. If he does anything else we can detain him. He should not be in public without his parent."

Lambert said it's important for people to understand that the juvenile justice system is set up to be rehabilitative more than punitive, but he said the young man "is absolutely facing charges."

The county attorney also said

three to five other youth are believed to have been involved with the attack.

"It was a complete setup," Lambert said, noting that parents and the public need to be aware of "the law of parties" in Texas.

"Any person who helps set up a victim is just as culpable as the person who attacks the person," Lambert said. "Every kid that had any part of this will feel something from the county attorney's office. I

See 'Assault' on page 4.



Bi-District Champions

The Clarendon Lady Broncos defeated the Sunray girls Monday night at Tascosa High School to claim the Bi-District Championship. The girls will face Panhandle February 16 at 6 p.m. in Pampa to play for the Area title. Watch for game updates on Facebook.com/TheEnterprise and ClarendonLive.com. Top photo: Baylee Gabel drives to the goal Monday night.

ENTERPRISE PHOTOS / ROGER ESTLACK

City releases two administrator candidates

The Clarendon City Council released two candidates for its search for the next city administrator during last Thursday's council meeting.

Brian Barboza - City Administrator at Knox City and Vance Lipsey - former Town Manager at Lake City, Colorado, were both personally interviewed by the council February 2 but have now been removed from consideration.

That leaves Fred Ventresco -

Town Administrator at Pine Tops, North Carolina, as the last remaining candidate, but city officials say he has not been named as a finalist for the job. Instead, the council last week approved up to \$500 in travel and accommodation expenses for Ventresco to visit Clarendon later this month for a face to face meeting.

Aldermen conducted a virtual interview with Ventresco on January 26.

In other city business last week, the council approved a resolutions calling for an election on May 6 to elect the mayor and two aldermen and also to reauthorize the one-quarter percent sales tax for street maintenance and repairs. A resolution was also approved to have the city election conducted by the Donley County Clerk's office in conjunction with the hospital district and the school district.

A PanComm radio tower lease

agreement for emergency communications was approved.

The council accepted the low bid of \$406,924 for a CDBG grant project to replace a sewer lift station.

The figure is over budget, however, so officials will value engineer the project to get it back into budget.

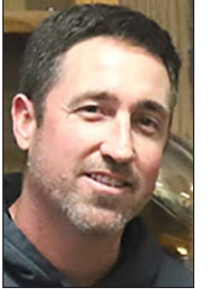
The city also renewed its agreement with the City of Pampa as an alternate location for animal control services.

Conkin taking AD position at Slaton ISD

Athletic Director Clint Conkin is leaving Clarendon CISD after six years to take a job in Slaton.

"I got a job offer I couldn't turn down," Conkin told the Enterprise Tuesday. "I've accepted the position of athletic director and head football coach."

Conkin said he hates to leave Clarendon but the new position is a at a bigger school with more money and will help him as he prepares for retirement.



Conkin

"I'm getting older," he said laughing.

Leaving is difficult, the coach said, after all the relationships that have been built with the community, parents, and especially the kids.

"You watch them grow up, and they become almost part of your family," he said.

Conkin's wife, head girls basketball coach Corey Conkin, will stay in Clarendon for another year, he said, as the couple's oldest daughter will be a senior next year and wants to finish at Clarendon High School.

Slaton wanted to Conkin to start next week, but he's promised Clarendon officials that he will be sticking around and going back and forth through basketball season.

"I'm going to do what I can to help them get a new person in here and not leave them in a bind," he said. "There's a lot of work to do scheduling gyms and things (during playoffs)."

Clarendon Superintendent Jarod Bellar said he sorry to see Conkin leave but he understands.

"I really hate to see him go," Bellar said. "I've enjoyed working with him, but that's just the nature of the business. We're going to miss him for sure. He's done a great job."

Bellar said Conkin helped him get the athletic director's position posted on online sites and said he has already began receiving interest from potential applicants.



Super winner

Enterprise Office Director Tara Allred (left) presents Heidi Phelps with gift certificates for \$1,200 worth of prizes she won during the newspaper's Pigskin Predictions contest Monday. Phelps was one of five entries to correctly predict five out of six of the answers correctly, and her name was then drawn from those during a Facebook Live event at the Mulkey Theatre.

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Filing deadline Friday

Candidates continue to sign up for local offices as the deadline to sign up approaches this Friday, February 17.

Howardwick Mayor Tony Clemishire and Aldermen Johnny Floyd and Jada Murray are all running again.

Hedley incumbent Aldermen Trisha Chambless, Alicia Hanes, and Jennifer Floyd have also filed paperwork to seek reelection.

Clarendon Mayor Jacob Fangman and Alderman Eulaine McIntosh have filed for re-election. Alderman Terri Floyd had not filed at press time but told the Enterprise she will be a candidate for re-election.

At Clarendon ISD, incumbent Chrisi Tucek and challenger Mike Word have filed to run for the two open spots on the Board of Trust-

ees. Rose Lemley, Jeff Robertson, and Melinda McAnear has filed to run again for their Place 1, 2, and 3 positions on the Donley County Hospital District Board of Directors.

Hedley ISD has two full three-year terms and one unexpired term up this year, and incumbents Troy Monroe and Shauna Herbert have filed for reelection to her full term.

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.

Elections are scheduled to be held Saturday, May 6, 2023.



WT wants to beat any other offer

By Walter Wendler

I have talked about the problem of student debt and have diligently worked for West Texas A&M University to be part of the solution to over-indebtedness. All the while, Texas is losing students to other states where out-of-state costs may be higher. Oklahoma is a good example. The number of Texas high school graduates attending Oklahoma institutions is increasing and reached 13,000 last year. The number of high school graduates in Texas is growing, unlike many other states. Twenty-one percent of Texas high school graduates enroll out of state. This brain drain is not productive. And, frequently students are not given the full story. The New York Times claims, without evidence, "Texas public universities automatically admit the top 10 percent of each high school's graduating class, forcing those who miss the cut to go elsewhere." WT will respond positively.

If a prospective student has an admissions offer from any other institution of higher education, anywhere in the United States of America, WT will do everything in its power to beat the offer. Give WT a chance to make higher education valuable and affordable. Provide the admittance and scholarship letter from any university, public or private, and we will work to help a student and family save money, based on net, out-of-pocket educational costs.

Working to beat the cost of college attendance is an act of intense pride, not desperation. We are proud of the Texas Panhandle and WT. The Panhandle's University, WT, is committed to providing an excellent educational experience at an affordable cost. It is our commitment and duty as a regional institution. We are confident in the quality of our academic offerings and the personal fulfillment that students find here. WT faculty are intensely engaged. Our students are not lemmings, but thinkers. The Panhandle's distinctive and powerful value system is alive on our campus.

We are endeavoring to beat any other university's cost-to-attend offer based on WT's and the Panhandle's mutual values. Panhandle values are time-tested. They have been shared for 10 weeks, beginning on September 16, 2022 and concluding on November 27, 2022—all posted on my op-ed website. Panhandle values create fertile ground for an excellent educational experience. Welded to thoughtful inquiry and challenge, clear values produce an enduring educational experience, according to the National Library of Medicine.

Across the nation, college enrollments are declining, down 11 percent since 2017, according to Jon Marcus in a Hechinger Report post. Tennessee, Indiana, Louisiana, Kansas, Idaho, Pennsylvania, Georgia and Colorado all experienced decreases in high school graduates attending college. Rightly or wrongly, the apparent value of the college experience is shrinking, according to Forbes (in Texas, too, according to Axios Austin). But, in too many cases, the marketplace is screaming, and higher education has turned a deaf ear. The educational cost/value proposition phenomenon creates enrollment pressure for Texas colleges and universities. Institutions from Alabama, Arkansas, Tennessee, Oklahoma and numerous other states are vigorously pursuing and luring students from Texas.

The cost of attendance at WT is already cost efficient, according to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Panhandle pragmatism and efficiency drive our mission to keep costs down. Fiscal responsibility is appreciated at WT.

The Panhandle is a proud place. Abraham Lincoln is credited, probably erroneously according to The Baltimore Sun, as saying, "I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him." This two-way sense of pride makes West Texas a satisfying place to live, work and study. Maybe it is the clarifying breezes, the openness of the sky, or the tear in the earth's surface known as Palo Duro Canyon that makes the Panhandle (a home to native cultures more than 12,000 years ago) a respite from convoluted groupthink and a haven for thinking freely.

These characteristics and their energy and vitality transfer to the WT campus. Our campus is intensely proud of its character. We are confident that students who have an offer to attend an institution anywhere else will find a special experience at WT regardless of where the student comes from or their life experience.

Visit WT to see first-hand what I am describing. Talk to people. Look them in the eye. Shake their hand. Meet the students, faculty and staff. Run the numbers. Compare the cost of WT with other offers. And then ask, "Is WT the quality, place and bargain it claims it to be?" Test us.

To learn if WT can beat any offer from another college or university in the United States of America, contact WT's director of admissions, Virginia Leathers (806.651.2006, vleathers@wtamu.edu). We think we can. We want to recruit and retain the best and brightest for Texas. Hand-wringing? Never. It's not the Panhandle way. Instead, we're tackling admissions challenges head-on, proactive manner. Visit wtamu.edu/beatanyoffer for more details.

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Japanese came to Texas to grow rice

The first Japanese into Texas were brought here to grow rice. On a 1902 tour of the Gulf Coast, Sadatsuchi Uchida, a consular official, became convinced that rice could be grown along the Texas coast and that skilled Japanese labor could do it. As a result, about thirty rice growing projects were organized and manned by Japanese labor imported for that purpose. The most successful of these projects were those at Webster (near Houston) founded in 1902 by Seito Saibara and at Terry (near Beaumont) founded in 1907 by Kichimatsu Kishi. Both men brought families; they enticed other workers to come; and their success attracted still more Japanese immigrants. Some also brought their families, some came alone and worked until they could return home to get their families, and some

stayed and married Japanese women who were brought over for the purpose of marriage.

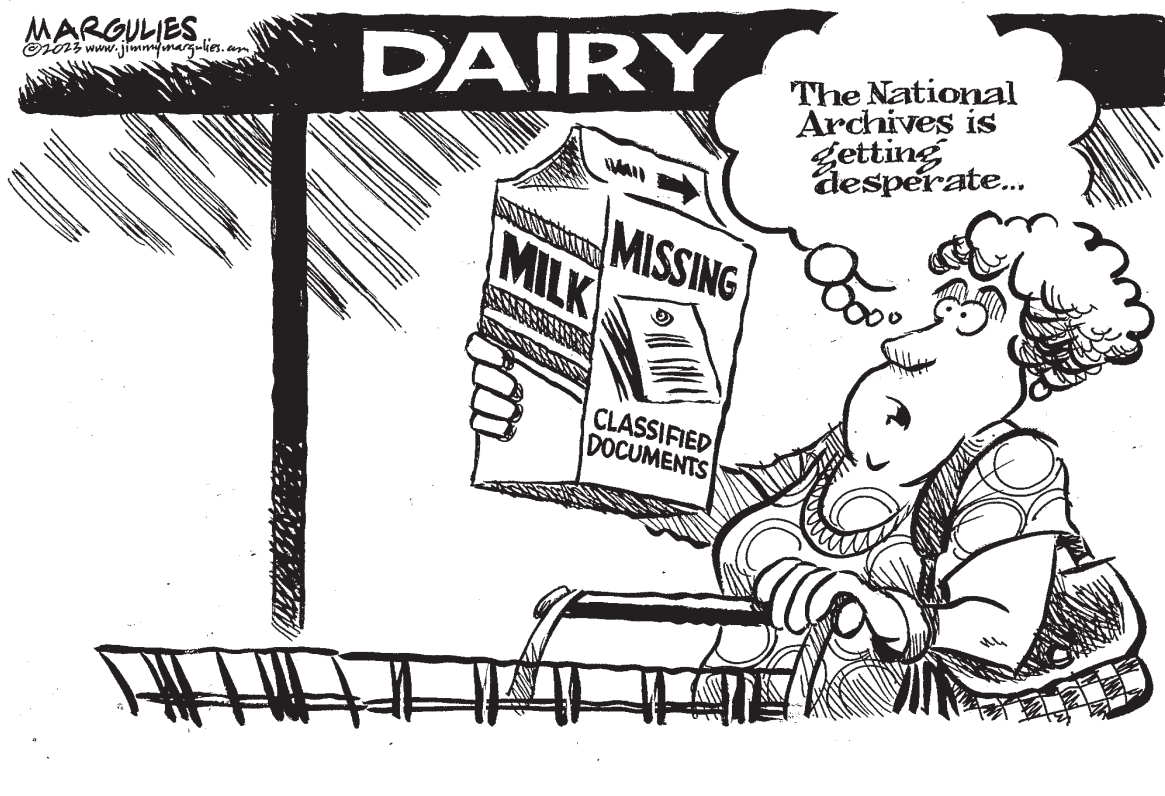
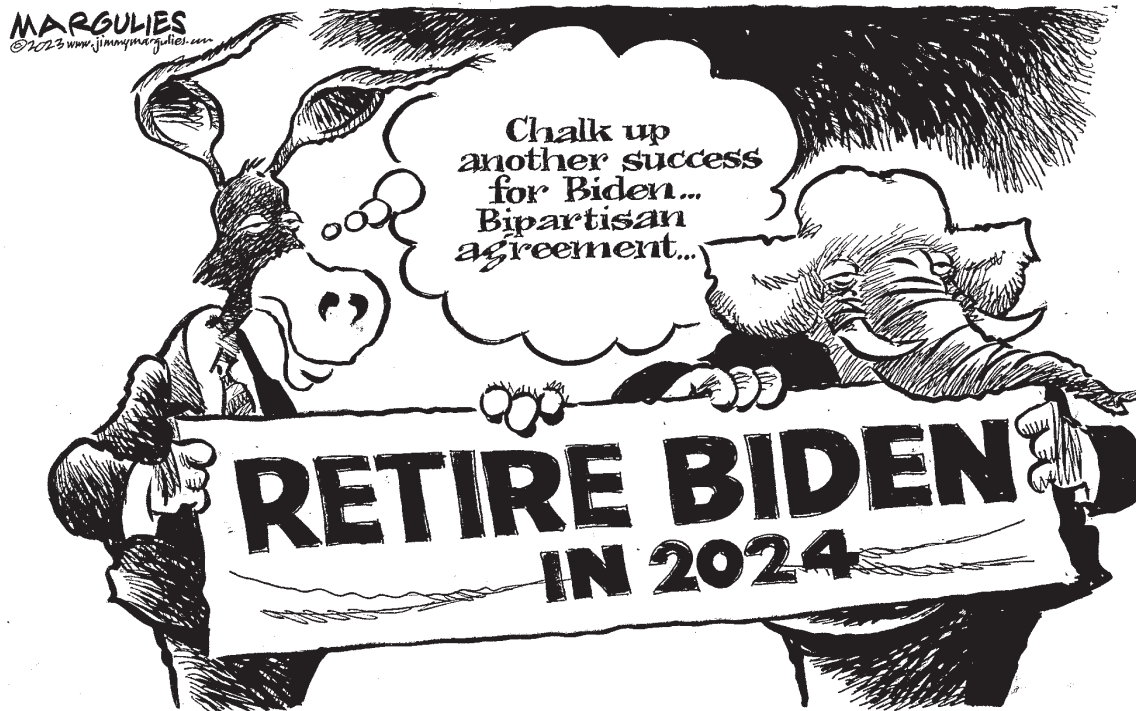
In contrast to the thirteen Japanese known to have been in Texas in 1900, their presence rose to 340 by 1910. As a result, many satellite rice farms sprang up as industrious workers sought independence and success on their own. And with their ensuing wealth, many of the Japanese farmers went on to pursue careers in petroleum, real estate, and other endeavors. Many became philanthropists and leading citizens in their localities in southeast



vignettes
tales of the old west
by george u. hubbard

Texas.

In letters to a friend, one of Saibara's daughters gives some glimpses to life on his rice farm. Laborers of different nationalities found work there, and the Japanese regard for various racial groups found expression in their eating and sleeping arrangements. Four different tables were used for the meals. The Japanese sat at one table. The Russians sat at another table. Other Caucasians were mixed together at a third table, and the Blacks sat at a fourth table. The sleeping accommodations were similarly segregated. Normally a hired cook prepared the meals, but when a cook was not available, Saibara's wife fed the crew. But working together and guided by the Japanese work ethic, they became a successful enterprise. George U. Hubbard is an author and former resident of Clarendon.



The fraidy-cats in this life are us

The 21st century may soon be most known for worldwide paranoia. When topics worthy of fright are recorded, the list will spill over to a second page, and maybe a third.

My aged Uncle Mort down in the thicket is a solid example. He claims that there's been so much "buzz" about misplaced classified documents in Washington, he fears that such issues could drip down to rural areas.

What if they search the modest home where he and wife Maude have lived since the 1940s? Might something "important" – albeit papers that most would consider frivolous – be discovered? He decided to conduct a personal search, starting with upheaval of sofa cushions. He didn't find any documents, but did come up with a remote control, perhaps – but probably not – for his old Muntz TV that was invented by a sales wizard named Earl (Madman) Muntz, who is a whole 'nuther story....

What the hey, I'll provide a bit more "bait" that could cause you to Google the guy, a self-made engineer and sales guru who also wore the "kook cape," a garment he seemed to enjoy. Credited with shortening the word "television" simply to "TV," he reduced the number of components in TV receivers, snipping away at tubes and stuff until the screen blackened and speakers failed. (When this happened, he "put the parts back in.")

Perhaps his best-known commercial included his wife's challenge of the bargain-basement price tags on his TVs. "I wanna give 'em away, but Mrs. Muntz won't let me," he'd often brag, "She's

crazy!"

Muntz (1914-1987) may have inspired my off-the-wall uncle....

Let's get back on track: A newspaper ad for Michelin Tires caused me to ponder why fine restaurants strive for Michelin ratings? Can it be that Michelin may have feared, uh, losing traction?

Okay, maybe I'm close, but no cigar. Turns out that Michelin folks in France started making tires in 1892, perhaps fearing that safeguards might be needed to assure consistent traction. A decade later, they started rating restaurants, striving to keep top-rated restaurants several miles apart. They theorized that motorists would drive many miles to dine at THE BEST restaurants, thus wearing out their tires faster. (Having spoken at several thousand luncheons and dinners where the food usually had little in common with what my grandmother used to serve, I thought maybe Michelin has something to do with describing "rubber chicken" entrees on the speaking circuit.)

Readers may wonder why a guy who was raised on Spam might dine at many of Michelin's top-rated restaurants. That would be correct. I was in college before I knew that "kafflavs" served anything other than hamburgers and chili (bowls of "red"). It was even



the idle american
by don newbury

later before realizing the importance of watching for "final notice warnings" posted by health departments in some eating establishments....

I now repeat my favorite Super Bowl joke, which is generic, hearkening back to the days when the Dallas Cowboys were in the big game. A church youth minister was scurrying around fellowship hall, worrying that there might not be enough food for an onslaught of youngsters planning to watch the game and chow down at church. He hastily prepared a food table sign: "Please take just two sandwiches. Remember, God is watching you."

A youngster, noticing the limitation on sandwiches, quickly scrawled another sign for the cookie tray: "Take all the cookies you want. God is watching the sandwiches..."

Finally, this: Fears and worries aside, I begin my 21st consecutive year of writing weekly columns. The Idle American began in 2003, running in six newspapers. Since then, it has appeared in some 200 publications, largely on a weekly basis. The intent has been to provide gentle humor and occasional inspiration in a strife-torn world. I am blessed, looking forward to finding home keys and maintaining at least some mental acuity, while keeping fears and worries at bay. Immense thanks to folks who have taken time to read....

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Congressional recognition

Hedley senior Josh Booth received a Certificate of Excellence from Congressman Ronny Jackson last week for receiving the 2022 THSCA Cross Country First Team All State Honors.

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Moon task

Hedley fifth graders Tavi Edwards and Conner Holt modeled the phases of the moon last week using Oreo cookies.

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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

A Proud Salute to Our Presidents

On Presidents' Day, we observe the birthdays of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

Today, Presidents' Day is also an opportunity to honor all our former presidents of the United States for their service and contributions to our great country.

Each of these historic men has left an indelible impression on the character of our nation.

As our country continues to grow and navigate new challenges, we thank them for their leadership and their lessons, and celebrate their legacies.

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Community Calendar

February 16
Winter Celebration: Grown-Up Show and Tell @ Clarendon Senior Citizens • 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

February 16
Lady Broncos v Panhandle • 6:00 p.m. @ Pampa

February 16
Broncos Powerlifting • 4:05 p.m.

February 16
Broncos Baseball v River Road • 4:30 p.m. • Home

February 23
Clarendon Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Banquet • Silent Auction & Hors D'oeuvre @ 6:00 p.m. • Dinner & Awards @ 7:00 p.m. • For more information call 806-874-2421.

February 28
Brake Time Art Contest • Submissions due February 28

Menus
Feb. 20 - 24

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Beef stroganoff, black eyed peas, spinach, whole wheat roll, strawberry shortcake, iced tea/2% milk.
Tues Soft tacos, Spanish rice, ranch style beans, garden salad, baked apples., iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: BBQ chicken, baked potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll, cherry cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Pork loin, long grain rice, turnip greens, whole wheat roll, pumpkin pie, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Pollock, Brussel sprouts, French fries, hushpuppies, fruit cocktail, sugar cookie, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Breaded pork chop, buttered corn, long grain & wild rice, tossed salad, wheat roll, raspberry dream cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Cheese & spinach stuffed meatloaf, black eyed peas, mashed potatoes w/gravy, Robert Redford dessert, wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Baked ham, country style green beans, wheat roll, easy peach cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Breaded chicken, parmesan, baked potato, tossed green salad, apricots, wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Tuna salad, cabbage, sausage, potato soup, banana cake, iced tea/2% milk.

Clarendon ISD

Breakfast
Mon: No School
Tues: Breakfast taquito, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Wed: Breakfast pizza, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Thu: Breakfast sandwich, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Fri: Breakfast burrito, hash brown, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Lunch
Mon: No School
Tues: Chicken fajitas, beans, salsa, carrots, fruit, milk.
Wed: Meatball sub, salad, green beans, fruit, milk.
Thu: Popcorn chicken, roll, crunchy broccoli salad, fruit, milk.
Fri: Pig in a blanket, fries, tomato cup, fruit, milk.

Hedley ISD

Breakfast
Mon: Breakfast pizza, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Tues: French toast, sausage, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Wed: Power breakfast, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Thu: Pancake wrap, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Fri: Cinnamon roll, sausage, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Hamburger, fries, tomato cup, fruit cup, milk.
Tues: Nacho Grande, salsa, beans, cucumbers, apricots, ice cream, milk.
Wed: Crispy chicken sandwich, veggie cup, garden salad, fruity gelatin, milk.
Thu: Breaded pork chop, roll, gravy, broccoli, corn, mandarin oranges, milk.
Fri: Pizza, carrots, green beans, fresh fruit, milk.



End of the line

The Old Neece home, also known as the Gentry house, located at Sixth and Bugbee was demolished last week after several years of legal battles between the property owners and City Hall. Clean-up continues on the site this week.

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Katherine Monroe was the top winner of the popular vote by donations at the first Post-Groundhog Day Chili Cookoff at the First United Methodist Church.

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Chili Cookoff featured many flavors

By Grace Holman

Chili devotees could find their favorite at the Clarendon First United Methodist Church Chili Cookoff Sunday, February 5: with or without beans, beef, chicken or deer, thick or somewhat succulent, with or without tidbits of hot peppers, onion or tomato, And hot or mild.

Alongside the array of crock-pots and hefty bowls were choices of condiments – shredded cheddar cheese, sour cream and an assortment of chips, yellow and white.

The taste tests – to determine winners – were by spoonful or spoonful of the seven varieties of chilis. A choice made, most returned for a full bowl – the favorite or a mixture. Sweet and unsweet teas were available.

Votes were cast by dropping the

“Ballot,” a dollar bill or more, into the numbered paper bag at each chili station.

Persons with a “sweet tooth” found an assortment of cakes and cobblers, to take home or for the finishing touch after the bowls of chili. The favorite “eat on the spot” was chocolate cupcakes with a white icing, in individual festive bags.

Winners of the Chili Cookoff was determined by the amount of dollar votes.

Katherine Monroe won first place, with Patsy Tubbs taking second place, and Joy Treichel garnering votes for third place in the contest.

The fundraiser for the church, with hopes of having an annual cook off, took a total of \$1,070 from both the chili votes and bake sale items.

Assault:

Continued from page one. promise that’s coming.”

Sheriff Butch Blackburn said the juvenile probation department and the county attorney’s office took quick action when his office turned the case over to them.

“Landon did excellent work,” Blackburn said. “It’s no little feat getting all that in order, and he had done by noon Monday. I have no doubt that the court will adjudicate that boy.”

Blackburn also said that the kids involved in the case, including the alleged attacker, have been very forthcoming about what happened and said school officials have also been very cooperative. He is frustrated by social media, however, and he would like the public to give officials a rest from what they read online.

“What you read on Facebook is probably not 100 percent of the story,” Blackburn said. “Facebook is not where you need to get your information.”

Clarendon School Superintendent Jarod Bellar did not comment on the case specifically, but he echoed Blackburn’s comments, saying he would like the public to understand there is a process that has to be followed.

“There’s due process whether people like it or not,” Bellar said. “We’re in a world of instant gratification, but that’s not how things work.”

Bellar said the school has a responsibility to look after the best interests of everyone involved and of all students.

“I wish people would just give us some time to do a complete investigation,” Bellar said. “They need to allow Mrs. Pigg (the junior high principal) to go through the process.”

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Obituaries

Kyle

Wilma Ruby Lahr Kyle was born in Hedley, March 28, 1926, the 2nd youngest of nine children to Chalmer and Lydia Isabel Kyle. Her parents came from Oklahoma in a covered wagon during the Dust Bowl times. They stopped in Hedley



Kyle

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.

Wilma was born in a one room house, as the 8th child born. Her younger sister, Velma, also born in Hedley in 1928. She attended school in Clarendon, one room, called Bair-

field School House. She was the only one in her grade, with only five children attending, two 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, "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 went to business school to be a secretary and learn shorthand. Her first job was at Kraft Cheese.

Wilma was raised as a God-fearing Baptist girl who continued to love God and family her entire life. She attended Buchanan Baptist Church of Amarillo, where she met and later married Robert John Lahr, an army medic veteran in WWII. They had four children together, the first three 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, and remained there until the time of her death, January 22, 2023.

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

She lived a fulfilled life, leaving a legacy with her four children, Timothy, Esther, Elizabeth & Dawn, and 32 grandchildren and great grandchildren. She continued to love God and family her whole life. She never missed a day reading her Bible or praying for her family.

She is survived by her younger sister, Velma Kyle Gilliam.

The memorial service will be graveside at Rowe Cemetery in Hedley. 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. Hedley 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.



Mulkey birthday tour

Bob Weiss gives a tour to Michael Morency of The Mulkey Theatre on Monday during the 77th birthday of the theatre.

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- Rocker's guitar
- Civil Rights group
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- W. Asian country
- The Eye Network
- Clarified butter
- Part of the Cascade Range
- Downwind
- A way to steer
- Loop
- Not ingested
- Swampy coniferous forest
- Musician
- Signing
- Containing iron
- Part of a theorem or proof
- Veterans battleground (slang)
- Of enormous proportions
- Italian city
- Come before
- Balm
- Undergarments
- Male parent
- Ropes
- Ear part
- Investment vehicle
- Dictator
- Cain and ___
- A type of code
- Border river along India and Nepal
- It's what's for dinner
- Consume
- Christian __, designer

CLUES DOWN

- Cuckoos
- Skin issue
- City in central Japan
- Sorrels
- Twinned diamond
- Canadian province
- Monetary units
- Head honcho
- Goddess of wisdom
- Part of a play
- Get rid of
- Applicant
- Bowling alleys have many
- Explosive
- "The Say Hey Kid"
- Ultrahigh frequency
- No (Scottish)
- Make a mistake
- Credit card term
- Keyboard key
- Woman (French)
- In the middle of
- Score perfectly
- Coat a metal with an oxide coat
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Broncos head to post-season play

By Sandy Anderberg

With all the District basketball games behind them, the Clarendon Broncos are preparing for the play-offs once again. At press time the Broncos are currently tied for the District Championship with Wellington at 8-1.

The Broncos traveled to Wellington last week and suffered their first loss in 27 district games and broke their 30 plus winning streak. The Broncos struggled to put points on the board in their 43-57 loss.

The game was back and forth for the first two quarters, but the Skyrockets gained the positive momentum after the break and led the Broncos by 13 points after three. Wellington was able to stay solid in the remainder of the game to get the upset.

Senior Jmaury Davis put in 18 points going four for four from the

bonus line. As a team, the Broncos made eight of eleven free throws compared to 10 out of 12 for Wellington. Anthony Cenicerros hit two three-pointers and finished with eight, and Lyric Smith added seven. Kaleb Bolin had six, and Tyler Harper helped with four.

The Broncos then took on Wheeler and earned the 54-43 win. The Broncos struggled in the first half of play, but never stopped fighting and came back to defeat the Mustangs in an exciting fourth quarter. Davis and Smith had 23 combined points in the final period, and Harrison Howard hit two huge three-pointers to steal the momentum away from Wheeler.

Davis finished with 23 and Smith added 22. Howard had six, Harper put in two, and Levi Gates added one.



Asa Baines drives the ball during a Little Dribblers game last week.



Hunter Wann goes up for two points during a Little Dribblers game last week.

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Lady Broncos head to Area

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos have had a great season so far and are ready to add several playoff games to their season.

Clarendon beat Sunray 58-43 Monday night at Tascosa High School in Amarillo to claim the Bi-District title.

The ladies will face Panhandle for the Area Championship this Thursday, February 16, at 6 p.m. in Pampa.

Despite the close 39-46 loss to Wellington in their last regular season game, the Lady Broncos are

fired up for their playoff run.

The Lady Broncos led at the break, but the Lady Rockets turned up the heat in the final two quarters of play to take the lead and hold on for the win.

Senior Finley Cunningham hit three three-pointers in the game for nine points and Hayden Elam was perfect at the free throw line and finished with four as well. Makenna Shadle helped with eight points and Kenidee Hayes had five. Baylee Gabel put in four and Courtlyn Conkin and Berkley Moore added two points each.

Lady Bronco JV win over Wellington

The Lady Bronco junior varsity had a stellar year and topped it off with a big 43-24 win over the Lady Rockets in Wellington.

The Lady Broncos led the way from the beginning and held a comfortable lead going into the break. Kimbrasia Ballard put in nine of her 17 total points in the second quarter of play to help secure their lead. Presley Smith teamed up with Ballard to finish in double figures with 10 points and the team shot 40 percent from the bonus line.

The Lady Broncos were able to maintain their sizeable lead and played solid defense against the Lady Rockets to hold and get the win.

Also scoring was Kashlyn Conkin and Gracie Clark five each, Madi Benson with four, and Gracie Ellis added two.

Lady Colts end season with huge win over Quanah

The Lady Colts finished their 2022-23 basketball season with a big 57-27 win over the Quanah Lady Indians.

The Lady Colts jumped out to the early lead and applied strong pressure on defense. They were able to cause Quanah to commit several turnovers and they were able to take advantage of big mistakes. They played solid offense and hit key shots at crucial times to maintain their lead in the game. The Lady Colts exploded in the final quarters of the game and stopped Quanah from putting points on the board.

Jayla Woodard finished with 16, and Cambree Smith put in 14. Kinslee Hatley had nine, Eli Rodriguez put in eight, Sequoia Weather-ton added six, and Addy Havens had four.

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Board of Trustees approve audit report

The Clarendon CISD Board of Trustees met in regular session January 9 with a full agenda. brooke, Federal Programs Director Jen Bellar, and Superintendent Jarod Bellar.

A motion was approved to amend the budget to the food service fund for 2021-2022 as presented. Trustees also voted to accept a \$22,000.00 anonymous donation for new playground equipment at Clarendon Elementary in accordance to District Policy CDC Local as presented. The board approved the

2023-2024 West Texas Food Service Co-op (WTFSC) Interlocal Agreement as presented. Prior to the regular meeting, the board met in special session enjoyed a meal prepared by Christi Benson and served by her students in honor of Board Appreciation Month. Students attending were Presley Smith, Kashlyn Conkin, Madi Benson, Gracie Ellis, Briana Childers, and Courtlyn Conkin.

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