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- 6 And Lady Broncos fall to Panhandle in the Area round.

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

## Chamber banquet tickets going fast

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. 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.

## Federal disaster aid now available here

Agriculture producers in Donley County may be eligible for federal disaster emergency loans following a designation announced last week.

This Secretarial natural disaster designation allows the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to extend much-needed emergency credit to producers recovering from natural disasters through emergency loans.

Emergency loans can be used to meet various recovery needs including the replacement of essential items such as equipment or livestock, reorganization of a farming operation or the refinancing of certain debts.

Ninety-two counties eligible due to excessive heat that occurred from May 1 through September 30, 2022, including Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Gray, and Childress. Donley and Hall counties are eligible as designated contiguous counties.

The application Deadline is September 13, 2023. To file a Notice of Loss or to ask questions about available programs, contact the local USDA Service Center.

## CHS to perform One Act Play Saturday

The Theater department is hosting a FREE public performance Saturday, February 25 at 7 pm of this year's One Act Play Titled "A Rabbit Hole."

The students have been working hard to make this a great performance and would love for the public to come see them.

## 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.

# CEDC approves downtown restaurant deal

A new restaurant will be coming to downtown after the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation approved an agreement last Tuesday, February 14.

Ricardo Santillan, owner of REFZ Sports Bar & Grill of Guymon, Okla., says he plans to open a second location in the former Clarendon Steakhouse building at US 287 and Kearney Street by this October.

"I'm excited to bring REFZ to Clarendon, to become part of the community, and to bring new jobs to the community," Santillan said.

The new business plans to create 25 to 30 new jobs, and Santillan says he looks forward to working with the school and other organiza-

tions with donations and activities.

REFZ will provide a fun atmosphere with great food and great service, lots of TVs, and good music, Santillan said. The Guymon location is known for its wings, appetizers, fajitas, and steaks, and he said he plans to bring the same varied menu to Clarendon.

Santillan is from Guymon originally and has operated REFZ there for 5½ years. He started in the restaurant business washing dishes at age 14 and first tried his own restaurant at 18. He later opened another restaurant and sold it after four years before starting REFZ.

Last year, he purchased rental properties in Clarendon; and while working on those properties, he real-

ized that eating options were limited.

"I figured since I'm already invested here, let's open a restaurant and give people a good time and another place to eat," he said. "I have people who already work for me who will run it, and I'll be here a while also."

The CEDC agreement with Santillan is expected to receive final approval from the city council this week. After that, the new owner has months of work ahead of him before REFZ will be ready to open.

"We're going to gut out the back end, enlarge the restrooms, and build an office," he said. "The kitchen will take a lot of work. We'll also have to build the bar and get licensed."

Once the restaurant is open,

Santillan says the business will be open on Sundays and will also be available for catering. He is grateful to the CEDC for the opportunity to come to Clarendon.

"The CEDC has made this possible for us, and I'm grateful for them trusting us to make this happen," he said. "It feels good that they have let me be a part of this, and you can tell they want what is best for the community. They've worked with me on everything for the last seven or eight months."

CEDC President Brandon Frausto said a downtown restaurant has been an economic development goal for a long time.

"This is something we've been working toward and has been a pri-



ority for our board," Frausto said. "It's a great opportunity for Ricardo and for the community of Clarendon. It's a win-win that will have a positive impact. People have longed for this."

See 'CEDC' on page 4.



## Bi-District Champions

Tyler Harper shoots for two in the Clarendon Broncos' 83-63 victory over the Sanford-Fritch Eagles Monday night in Pampa. The area playoff details had not been announced at presstime. Check ClarendonLive.com for updated information. ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ELAINA ESTLACK

# Jackson announces ag subcommittee jobs

US Rep. Ronny Jackson (TX-13) announced Tuesday that he will serve on the Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry Subcommittee and the General Farm Commodities, Risk Management, and Credit Subcommittee of the House Agriculture Committee in the 118th Congress.

"I am pleased to announce my subcommittee assignments as a proud Member of the House Agriculture Committee," Jackson said. "As the Representative for one of the largest agricultural districts in

the United States, my work on both the Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry Subcommittee and the General Farm Commodities, Risk Management, and Credit Subcommittee will be critical for the generational success of the hard-working farmers and ranchers I am honored to represent in Texas' Thirteenth Congressional District."

"My role on the Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry Subcommittee will allow me to advocate for the continued success of the ranch-

ers and cattle producers in Texas' Thirteenth Congressional District," Jackson continued. "As part of the General Farm Commodities, Risk Management, and Credit subcommittee, I will ensure the producers in my district have access to Farm Service Agency credit programs and assistance while providing adequate support for the commodities market.

"The agriculture industry overall continues to struggle with rising costs for the seed, fuel, and

fertilizer needed to produce the food and fiber that the world relies on. Combined with the increased severity of droughts in recent years, farmers and producers are struggling to break even. As a Member of these two subcommittees, I will be a leader in efforts to strengthen the farm safety net in the Farm Bill and provide the critical resources my constituents depend on."

Jackson was named to the House Agriculture Committee in January.

# County approves bid for window repairs

Donley County Commissioners approved a bid to repair windows on the 1890 Courthouse during their regular meeting February 13.

The court accepted the lone bid from Pearson Construction in the amount of \$104,750, according to County Judge John Howard.

The county previously attempted to solicit bids and received a low bid of more than \$300,000 from a company downstate.

"We're pleased we will be able to accomplish needed maintenance at a savings and also spend that money locally, which will help our economy," Howard said.

In other county business, commissioners modified specification for a maintenance barn in Hedley after the price of that project came in too high. The county is not rebidding that project, which officials hope will give that facility better function but at a lower cost.

Commissioners approved the Clarendon Elementary Pony Parents to have their annual Easter Egg Hunt on the courthouse lawn on April 1.

The court also voted in favor of abandoning a portion of County Road 6 north of County Road LL, which is surrounded on three sides by the same property owner.

The court voted to approve contracts to acquire property at the southwest corner at the intersection of Jefferson and Third streets for future development and authorized the judge to sign. The deal to buy property north of the old Blocker Apartments from two property owners will cost \$139,000, Howard said.

Commissioners also approved the audit report presented by Tracy Lambert. Howard said the county's financial position continues a positive trend financially while the county tax rate has gone down.

# Hedley, CCISD to hold board elections

Elections will be held this May to elect positions on the Clarendon school board and the Hedley City Council following last Friday's deadline to file for office.

Clarendon CISD Trustee Chris Tucket is seeking re-election and will be joined on the ballot by Mike Word and Ginnie Siefkas in a race for two seats on the board. Incumbent Kyle Davis did not file for reelection.

Hedley incumbent Aldermen Trisha Chambless, Alicia Hanes, and Jennifer Floyd also filed for reelection, and they will be joined on the ballot by Christine Coyle as voters pick three seats on the city council.

The City of Clarendon will also have an election to reauthorize the one-quarter cent sales tax for street maintenance, but Mayor Jacob Fangman and Aldermen Terri Floyd and Eulaine McIntosh are unopposed in their reelection bids.

Three other local taxing entities are expected to cancel their spring elections with none of their races being contested.

Howardwick incumbents, Mayor Tony Clemishire and Aldermen Johnny Floyd and Jada Murray, all filed for reelection. Rose Lemley, Jeff Robertson, and Melinda McAnear filed to run again for their Place 1, 2, and 3 positions on the Donley County Hospital District Board of Directors.

Likewise, all Hedley ISD incumbents - Troy Monroe, Shauna Herbert, and Tangela Copelin - all filed for office again.

Elections will be held Saturday, May 6, 2023.



## Chamber Employee of the Month

Stacie Murillo of JD SteakOut was named as the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce Employee of the Month for February last Friday. She receives \$25 in Chamber Cash. Shown here are Dora Hernandez, Chamber Vice President Sharlene Bordonaro, Stacie Murillo, Jacob Murillo, Jesus Hernandez, and Chamber Board Member Bob Weiss. To nominate a local chamber member employee for the March award, visit ClarendonTX.com/employeeofthemoth.

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# The new Cold War in Ukraine

This semester as I am teaching a class on the Cold War, it seems as if the major comparison we are discussing is the war in Ukraine. I am grateful this war is still on students' minds, as often with tragedies like Ukraine there is a great deal of emotion at first that wanes over time. I assume that is what Putin was hoping for, waiting until the world stopped caring. Yet instead, we have recently learned the U.S. and others are sending the Ukraine tanks but stopped short of sending jets. The question my students have asked is would we have handled this differently during the Cold War? It's a good question and one without a simple answer as each president is different, yet during the Cold War we did have the foreign policy of containment to help guide our decisions.



**historically speaking**  
by dr. james finck

Considering it's been 34 years since the fall of communism, it might be worth reviewing the concept of containment. It was, for good or bad, our foreign policy for the second half of the 20th century and influenced Americans in almost every aspect of their lives. The term and the concept came from a 1947 article in *The Journal of Foreign Affairs*, titled "The Sources of Soviet Conduct" and written by someone calling himself Mr. X. George Kennan had written the "long telegram" to the State Department the year before, but it had not received much traction. The following year he wrote basically the same thing anonymously for the journal.

Kennan was a career diplomat and a leading expert on the Soviet Union. He took a similar approach towards the Soviet Union as we take today, that the Russians are good people but are led by bad ones who cannot be trusted. While this sounds like common sense today, in 1945 we had just come off an alliance with Stalinist Russia in fighting WWII. During that time, we portrayed Stalin as a firm but fair leader and President Truman believed he could work with him. Kennan disagreed.

Kennan put forth two key concepts that he believed drove the Soviet government, the need for a repressive dictatorship at home and a belief that the West/Capitalism would never accept a communist government. It was the second that justified the first. Stalin had previously argued that eventually the world would divide into two "centres," the socialist centers and the capitalist centers, and that the fate of the world would come down to which side won the battle between them.

Kennan also argued that for communism to survive it needed to expand but that Stalin was more concerned with security at home than expansion of communism. This is where containment came into play. The Soviets would only expand if allowed to by American weakness. If America and its allies showed enough strength, they could contain communism to its current borders with their military or economic strength. America did not always actually have to fight, just convince Stalin they would. This meant the U.S. and allies would have to spend billions of dollars and be willing to send troops to remote corners of the globe to stop them. If Stalin believed the U.S. would fight, he would push but ultimately not risk war. We would have to fight proxy wars across Asia, South America, and the Middle East, but Russia would never go head-to-head against the U.S. so long as they believed we fought back. It was about containing communism, not pushing it back.

An early example of a successful containment policy was Berlin. After the World War II, both Germany and Berlin were divided between the Russian-controlled communist side and the American/British democratic side. Berlin was in the heart of communist East Germany and Stalin decided to cut off road access to the city from West Germany. Instead of attacking or allowing West Berlin to fall, America began a fifteen-month airlift where American pilots flew around the clock bringing West Berliners everything they needed to survive. Stalin could have stopped the U.S. by shooting down American planes but that would have led to war. Eventually, knowing the airlift made him look bad, Stalin opened the road back up. With the Berlin Airlift, Russia acted and America reacted in kind and contained communism to its current borders. If only it was always so easy. Other containment examples include the Korean and Vietnam War, both of which cost American lives and only Korea was successful.

In the end, democracy won out over communism, but it is debatable whether containment was the cause. It was not always a perfect policy. It forced the U.S. to side with those who did not stand for what America believed in simply because regimes opposed communism, groups like the Taliban in Afghanistan or despotic governments like the Ngo Dinh Diem administration in Vietnam. However, the Soviet Union did fall. It is impossible to answer if containment would still work today, yet it is hard to imagine Russia's invasion of Ukraine if they thought they would face American troops. It is difficult to know how Putin chose when to invade. He did so in 2014 when he captured Crimea and then again in 2022 with the current invasion. The space in between was during the Trump years. While Trump did use more Cold War rhetoric, future historians will have to decide once this crisis has passed.

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# Texas must heal rural health system

By Emily Briggs, MD, MPH, TAFP President, and Christy Francis, TORCH Board Chair

Texas' rural health care system is in serious trouble. The numerous problems plaguing rural health are well-documented and have been described as a succession of bad situations that are getting worse. They demand the Legislature's immediate attention.

Rural Texans are older, sicker, poorer, and less likely to be insured than the average Texan. Rural hospitals, physician practices, and community clinics face significant financial distress and a constant risk of closure due to high uncompensated care costs and unsustainably low reimbursement rates.

Rural communities struggle to recruit and retain doctors, nurses, dentists, mental health providers, and other important health care workers, forcing patients to travel long distances to receive care. This lack of access to care results in higher rates of preventable poor health conditions among our neighbors, leading to increased rates of heart disease, cancer, unintentional injuries, chronic lower respiratory disease, and stroke.

According to the March of Dimes, most rural Texas communities qualify as maternity care deserts, with limited or no access to obstetrical care. Today, only 40% of rural hospitals provide obstetrical services, down from 60% just a few years ago. Is it any wonder that Texas ranks last in the nation in access to high-quality prenatal and maternal care?

When rural Texans can't access the care they need, it's not only their health that suffers, but the entire state economy. Rural Texas is the foundation for much of our state's economic activity. More than 3 million Texans currently live and work in rural communities and are responsible for a sizable chunk of the Texas economy. Rural small businesses make up 24% of all business in the state, contributing more than 20% of the state's economic output and generating more than \$21.2 billion for the state's economy.

The continued neglect of Texas' rural health care system has implications not just for the health of rural residents, but the competitiveness of the entire state's economy. If our rural health care system deteriorates further, the consequences for all of Texas, rural and urban, will be dire.

Rural communities' ability to attract new industries and employers will stall, hobbling business and economic development. Job losses will mount, creating a ripple effect through rural communities, negatively impacting local tax bases, and shrinking available resources for schools and other public services. More patients will be transferred to distant communities, potentially delaying life-saving care, but also straining resources of urban health care safety net systems that are already stretched thin.

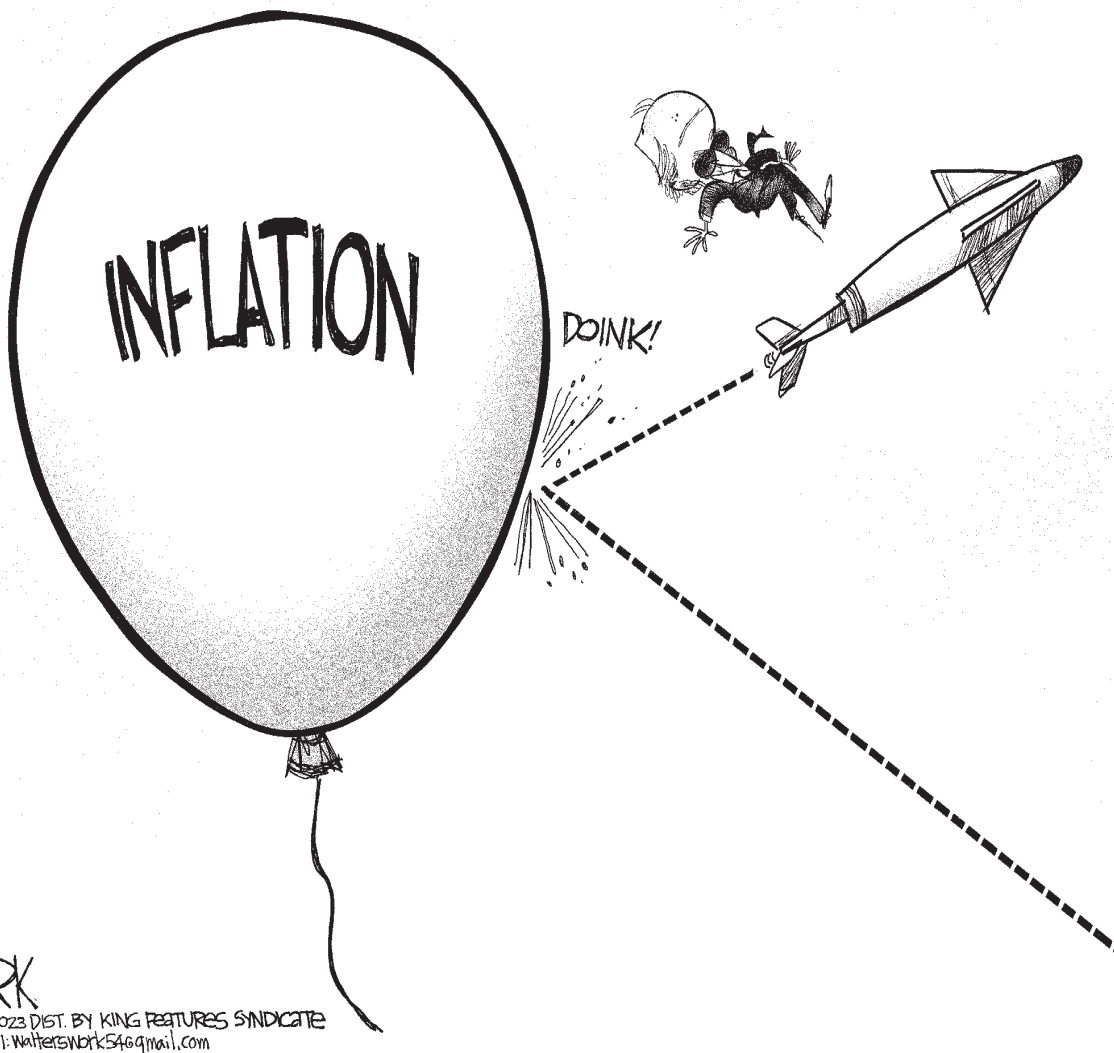
Is this the future our leaders want or rural Texans deserve? We have known

about the problems for decades, but effective policy solutions have been largely ignored, underutilized, and underfunded. The time to act and invest in our rural health infrastructure is long overdue.

A long-term, multi-pronged strategy is required to 1) address our rural health care workforce shortage, 2) improve health care coverage options, thereby reducing uncompensated care and strengthening the viability of physician practices and hospitals, and 3) create a stable financial environment by targeting Medicaid payment increases to incentivize and reward rural practice, in particular preventive care, maternal care and behavioral health services.

With an historic budget surplus, the Texas Legislature has a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to ameliorate many of our persistent rural health care challenges. Let's not waste this opportunity to stabilize, heal, and revitalize our rural health care infrastructure.

The Texas Academy of Family Physicians is the premier membership organization dedicated to uniting the family doctors of Texas through advocacy, education, and member services, and empowering them to provide a medical home for patients of all ages. It has 32 local chapters and is a chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians. Visit [www.tafp.org](http://www.tafp.org) for more information. TORCH is an organization of rural and community hospitals, corporations and interested individuals working together to address the special needs and issues of rural and community hospitals, staff and patients they serve.



# Uncle Mort takes up his pen again

Central to my Uncle Mort's colorful life – now stretching over two centuries – are his scatter-brained decisions to “go off fourth-cocked,” even when “half-cocked” action might be preferable. Someone said that he'd be ahead of the game if he'd “keep his gun holstered,” even if his trigger finger gets itchy.

Forget the holstered part; that's simply not going to happen. My aged kin – long since the king of dreams dominated by dollar marks – feels that there's money to be made in advertising, specifically for all of us who are finding it to be complicated to get from Point A to Point B on a daily basis.

“There's a reason I've put a ‘Do Not Disturb’ sign on my man cave,” he said. “The transportation industry needs my help. And so do most of the others.”...

His thoughts may have merit. Airlines are having a hard time keeping schedules and buses seem to be from another age. Looks like most Americans have taken to automobiles, even with higher costs associated therewith that include insurance, repairs and traversing many highways that have “under construction” signs posted permanently.

Mort sprang into action when he read the other day that airline boardings in 2022 ran 10% under the pre-COVID year of 2019.

He mentioned Greyhound's campaign mounted in the mid-1950s, urging folks to garage their cars, leaving driving to them. You probably remember the jingle that urged folks to “skip the fuss and take the bus.” The slogan seemed to be center stage in Greyhound's print

and electronic ads for more than four decades....

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Mort figures that automobile dealerships probably will holler “sic'em,” confident that most folks may experience “less fuss” as they move about the country, or simply their neighborhood. (One business traveler says he has started driving again because he doesn't have time to fly.)

When we talked the other day, Mort seemed torn between striving to become an ad writer or a “goldy-throat” analyst in a TV sports booth.

“I'm gargling to keep my voice crisp and reading up on sports cliches,” he said. “But if Tom Brady can sign a Fox contract of \$375 million for telling viewers about football games for 10 seasons, there may be a future there for me.”...

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I'm tempted to advise him to “dream on.” But I still have respect for my elders, and in his case, my “eldest.”

Maybe the ad route might fit Mort best. He showed me his first ad draft, one that still needs some work.

“At airports and bus stations, problems abound. Jump in your car and stay close to the ground.” He rolls on that driving now seems to be the “lesser of three evils.”...

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Mort is also moving forward on a venture into the world of tattoos. “Pretty soon, unique ankle tattoos may be all the rage, particularly for aging men,” he said.

He claims that his unlikely interest came with the growing frustration of putting on his socks each morning.

“Wait'll you hear this, nephew,” he said. “I'm working on a tattoo kit so old guys can paint their ankles in the solid colors of their choice. That way, others will think they are wearing socks.”...

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Clever ads may be Mort's “thing.” After all, Warren Buffett made “walking around” money composing rhymes for Burma-Shave signs seen on fence posts around the country.

Mort says one website business pays “green money” for slogans and ad ideas. He saw one recently on a swimming pool supply truck. It claimed to have employees who enjoy “pooling around.”

I hope Mort tiptoes into ad writing. Six Flags over Texas got a black eye decades ago with a claim that if Alice visits Six Flags, she'll have no use for Wonderland. How were the “sloganeers” to know that one of their billboards went up near Wonderland Amusement Park in Amarillo? Understandably, management of the regional amusement park took umbrage at the soon-to-be-removed billboard....

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## District Court hears 30 pleas on February 16

The 100th Judicial District Court heard 30 pleas took place when it met in Childress Thursday, February 16.

District Attorney Luke Inman, along with Assistant District Attorney Harley Caudle, prosecuted the cases for the State of Texas, with the Honorable Judge Stuart Messer presiding.

The 30 resolved cases consisted of one first degree felony, four second degree felonies, six third degree felonies, 15 state jail felonies and three class A misdemeanors.

The majority of the information docket consisted of drug related offenses, according to Inman.

"While other cases sometimes get filed as informations and placed on these large dockets that we have twelve times a year, the vast majority of the cases on the docket are drug related offenses," said Inman. "This information docket speeds up the process of felony prosecution for drug related offenses which allows our grand juries to focus on other felonies."

A total of \$43,000 in fines were assessed, \$12,000 of which were paid upfront by the defendants at the time of the plea.

"We haven't moved this many cases in one week since February of 2020," said Inman. "It's great getting attorneys and defendants back in the court room and moving a massive amount of cases off the docket."

An additional \$9,860 in court costs and \$4,370 in restitution were assessed as a result of the pleas.

## Quilting Club met last week

The Golden Needles Quilting Club met February 16, 2023, at the Donley County Senior Citizens Center.

The club worked on an old mill wheel pattern vintage quilt top that was made from Holly Sugar sacks and all hand-pieced.

Attending the meeting were Dortha Reynolds, Janan Koontz, Francis Smith, Gay Cole, Shelby O'Keefe, Allene Leathers, Dottie Newkirk, Louella Slater, and Barbara Helms.

**Shop at Home**  
Support the merchants who support your community.



## Heating up

Texas Heat brought home the championship at the Lefors tournament and finished undefeated at the Panhandle Youth Boys Basketball League. The future is bright for the Clarendon Broncos. Shown here are (top) Maddex Gay, Brance Bell, Jaequan Weather-ton, Brentley Gaines, Paxton English, (bottom) Trigg Harper, Rhett Britten, Braxton Gribble, and TJ Smith. Not pictured: Coach Aaron Harper.

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Clarendon Chamber of Commerce

# SOCK HOP

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

**February 23, 2023**

Featuring 1950s music performed by  
**GEEZERS GONE WILD**

Bairfield Activity Center  
Silent Auction & Hors 'Doeuvres @ 6 p.m.  
Dinner & Awards @ 7 p.m.  
Tickets \$25 each

**Details & Tickets: 806.874.2421**

**¿Qué Pasa?**

Community Calendar

**February 25**  
Clarendon CISD: One Act Play presents Rabbit Hole • 7:00 p.m.

**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 24 & 25**  
Magic Mike's Last Dance • 7:30 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

**February 26**  
Magic Mike's Last Dance • 2:00 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

**Menus**

**Feb. 27 - March 3**

**Donley County Senior Citizens**

Mon: Chicken teriyaki, long grain rice, stir fry veggies, whole wheat roll, butter cake, iced tea/2% milk.  
Tues: Pork roast, pinto beans, macaroni & tomatoes, cornbread, butter cake, iced tea/2% milk.  
Wed: Roast, gravy, baked potatoes, spinach, whole wheat roll, banana pudding, iced tea/2% milk.  
Thurs: BBQ beef on a bun, tater tots, coleslaw, chocolate chip cookie, apricots, iced tea/2% milk.  
Fri: Ham/Navy beans, spinach, mashed potatoes, cornbread, whole wheat roll, Jello w/fruit, iced tea/2% milk.

**Hedley Senior Citizens**

Mon: Soft tacos, pinto beans, Mexican rice, carrot sticks, cherry blossom, cherry blossom dessert, iced tea/2% milk.  
Tue: Sloppy Joe, wheat bread, seasoned tater tots, tossed salad, w/ dressing, no bake cookies, iced tea/2% milk.  
Wed: Cheesy ham potato bake, chopped spinach, Angel food cake w/ strawberries, wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.  
Thurs: Salmon patties, fresh potato wedges, long grain wild rice, coleslaw, canned pears, wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.  
Fri: Cheeseburger on whole wheat roll, oven baked tater tots, baby carrots, mandarin oranges, iced tea/2% milk.

**Hedley ISD**

**Breakfast**  
Mon: Pancakes, bacon, fruit juice, fruit, milk.  
Tues: Breakfast combo, fruit juice, fruit, milk.  
Wed: Power breakfast, fruit juice, fruit, milk.  
Thu: Breakfast pizza, fruit juice, fruit, milk.  
Fri: French toast, sausage, fruit juice, fruit, milk.  
**Lunch**  
Mon: Country fried steak, potatoes, okra, strawberries, roll, gravy, milk.  
Tues: Tex-mex stack, beans, carrots, salsa, hot cinnamon apples, sherbet, milk.  
Wed: Chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, carrots, squash, grapes, milk.  
Thu: Hamburger, chips, tomato cup, garden salad, pears, milk.  
Fri: X-treme burritos, corn, cucumbers, rosy applesauce, rice crispy, milk.

**CEDC:**

Continued from page one.

CEDC Vice President Taylor Shelton shared Frausto's enthusiasm. "The CEDC has made this a high priority because we felt like a restaurant would be beneficial to other businesses downtown and a great addition to our community," Shelton said. "We look forward to a long and successful relationship with Ricardo's team."

The Clarendon EDC first purchased the old steakhouse building in 2015 after it was heavily damaged by an automobile and has made significant investments in the building since that time to make it attractive as a potential restaurant.

**Prepaid tuition program deadline near**

Texas families can lock in today's cost of undergraduate resident tuition and schoolwide required fees at Texas public colleges and universities by enrolling their children in the tax-advantaged Texas Tuition Promise Fund before the close of the current general enrollment period on Feb. 28.

"It's never too early to start planning for a child's college education," Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said. "The Texas Tuition Promise Fund has a range of payment options that gives Texans the flexibility they need to plan and provide future opportunities for their children, grandchildren and other loved ones.

Families will find that when it comes to planning for their children's future education, every little bit adds up and starting early can make a difference."

The Texas Tuition Promise Fund, the state's prepaid college tuition program, allows participants to prepay undergraduate resident tuition and schoolwide required fees by purchasing tuition units for a four-year degree, two years of community college or just a few semesters. For additional flexibility and portability, the plan also can be used at Texas medical and dental institutions, Texas private colleges and universities, out-of-state colleges and universities, career schools and registered apprenticeship programs where tuition and schoolwide required fees are not locked in and the benefits and payouts would be based on the Transfer Value of the units.

While this general enrollment period ends Feb. 28, the enrollment period for children younger than 1 at 2022-23 prices is extended through July 31. The next general enrollment period begins on Sept. 1, with new contract prices based on Texas public college tuition and schoolwide required fee costs for the 2023-24 academic year.

Complete plan information – including residency and other requirements, current prices, enrollment forms and more – is available online at TuitionPromise.org, or by calling 800-445-GRAD (4723), option 5.

The program's outreach team also offers free webinars that provide an overview of the plan and discuss the different tuition unit types and payment options, as well as information about Texas Match the Promise Foundation<sup>SM</sup> matching scholarship opportunities.

Go to the Texas Tuition Promise Fund website for information about how to register to attend upcoming webinars.



Clarendon High School FCCLA competed at the Region I Conference in Lubbock.

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**FCCLA competes well in Lubbock**

Clarendon High School began a new chapter of FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) this year.

All twelve members were required to be enrolled in a family and consumer science classes. Chapter officers are Advisor Christi Benson, President Courtlyn Conkin, Vice President Brianna Childers, Secretary Gracie Ellis, Treasurer Kashlyn Conkin, and Reporter Madi Benson.

Service projects for the year have included making and serving cookies to veterans at the elementary school, Veterans Day ceremony, adopting an angel from the library at Christmas, and making the school board a meal and presenting the history of education in Clarendon during school board appreciation week.

February 10 and 11 the chapter

attended the FCCLA Region I Conference in Lubbock where students competed in the following events:

Adriana Araujo, Courtlyn Conkin and Brianna Childers entered a Spotlight on Projects board about service work with Snack Pak 4 Kids at Clarendon Elementary School. They received scores of 98/100 and 92/100. Results in the Family and Consumer Science Assessments Creed, Mission, and Purpose category were Kashlyn Conkin - Gold, Shelby Christopher - Gold, Madi Benson - Gold, Lexi Phillips - Gold, Courtlyn Conkin - Gold, Brianna Childers - Gold, Presley Smith - Silver, Millie McAnear - Gold, Gracie Ellis - Gold, and Elliot Frausto - Gold. Overall, the chapter received the Region I award for being the 2A chapter with the most pre-registered FCSA participants.



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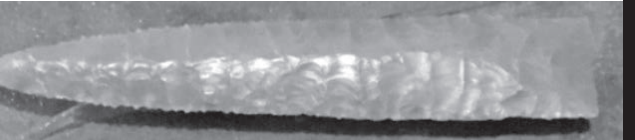
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Kennadie Cummins plays defense against Panhandle.

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2023 Bi-District Champions. See our complete story next week.

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Courtlyn Conkin drives to the basket last Friday.

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Jmaury Davis lays in two for the Broncos Monday night against Fritch.

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## Lady Broncos fall in Area to Panhandle

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Bronco basketball team's season may have ended last week with a 42-52 loss to Panhandle in the Area round of the playoffs, but despite the heartbreaking early exit from post-season play, the ladies played hard all season long.

The Lady Broncos knew they were in for a battle going up against the number five state ranked Pantherettes who carried a 19-1 record this season. They were very much in the mix early on and only trailed by four points after the first eight minutes. They fell off somewhat before the break, but regained some momentum to come within five points late in the game. They struggled with getting the breaks they needed to put a strong pressure on the Pantherettes and could not catch up.

The ladies ended the season with an outstanding 26 wins and seven losses and were second in District 2-2A. A team who pulled together early as a group, the Lady Broncos played with heart and determination with a solid goal in mind. The team has been led by seniors Finley Cunningham, Makenna Shadle, and newcomer for the season, Baylee Gabel under the coaching of Korey Conkin and Kasey Bell.

Stepping up in a big way were those returning from last year's varsity team. Courtlyn Conkin and Hayden Elam were standouts along with the seniors and were joined by Tandie and Kennadie Cummins, Graci Smith. Freshmen Kenidee Hayes and Berkley Moore were impressive and added a lot of game to the Lady Bronco team. Next season looks very promising as they will gain several good athletes from the junior varsity team.

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

**Clarendon Alcoholics Anonymous Group** 806-676-9416, 806-661-1015, 24 hour hotline 806-329-3088. Mon., Thurs., & Satur. 7 p.m. 416 S Kearney St.

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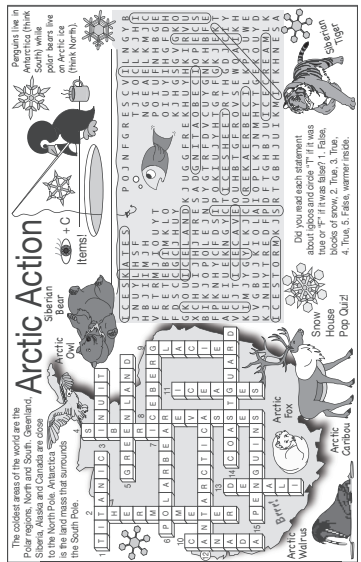
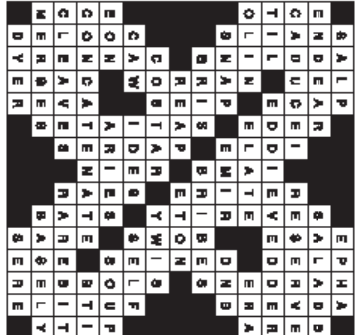
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## ENGINEERING SERVICES PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Clarendon plans to apply for the upcoming 2023-2024 Texas Community Development Fund from the Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Program of the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). Accordingly, the City of Clarendon is seeking to contract with a qualified Engineering Firm registered to practice in the State of Texas to A) prepare certain application material necessary for application submission to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the 2023-2024 TxCDBG CD Fund Program and B) (Contingent upon funding availability from TDA) Provision of engineering services associated with project implementation including all preliminary and final design plans and specifications, and to conduct all necessary interim and final inspections. These services are being solicited to assist the City of Clarendon in its application preparation and project implementation of a TxCDBG contract, if awarded, to support water and/or sewer system improvements in the City of Clarendon.

A copy of the Request for Qualifications for services may be obtained from the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, P.O. Box 9257, Amarillo, Texas 79105, ATTN: Corinna Morris, (806) 372-3381. A statement of qualifications for these proposed services will be required. Please submit your proposal and statement of qualifications to the address below: David Dockery, City Administrator Clarendon City Hall 313 Sully St. Clarendon, TX 79226 Qualifications must be received by the City of Clarendon no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 21, 2023 to be considered. Proposals may be considered during a called Council Meeting scheduled on February 22, 2023 at Clarendon City Hall, 313 Sully St., Clarendon, TX 79226 at 5:00 p.m. Engineering selection may occur at this meeting or at a later date. The City of Clarendon reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals, engineers or firms that submit qualifications, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards. Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises are encouraged to submit proposals. All engineers/firms must not be debarred or suspended from the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS) of the System for Award Management (SAM) www.sam.gov. The City of Clarendon is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AND STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

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7. chunk of a glacier broken off at ocean's edge; only 1/8 can be seen above the water  
8. large cracks in the ice  
9. over thousands of years, snow hardens into thick mass of slow-moving ice  
10. North American nation  
11. time periods during which a large part of Earth's surface was covered in ice  
12. continent surrounding South Pole; has the largest sheet of ice in the world  
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# Pantex accepting applications for STEM classroom grants

To kick off Engineers Week, which is held annually during the last week in February, Consolidated Nuclear Security (CNS) announced Monday that it is once again sponsoring five \$1,000 grants for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education in classrooms across the Texas Panhandle.

The goal of the grants, designated for grades K-12, is to foster advancement of STEM activities in the classroom and to help develop Pantex's future workforce. CNS manages and operates Pantex and the Y-12 National Security Complex in East Tennessee.

This is the second year that Pantex has offered STEM class-

room grants to Amarillo and the top 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle, including Donley County.

Projects receiving grants in 2022 included robotics focusing on coding and development, the creation of hovercrafts, SNAP educational circuit kits to study curriculum topics, creating computer-controlled items with specific functions coded into the system, and even the start-up of a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) lab to explore STEAM careers. These projects create individual and team engagements, sparking imagination, creative thinking and the exploration of career opportunities for their futures.

Grant application information is available on the Pantex website. Applications will be accepted through March 20, 2023. Educators who are immediate family members of Pantex employees are not eligible to apply for or receive a grant.

Pantex staff will evaluate the grant applications and make recommendations for grant allocations. Once a final decision is made, five grants of \$1,000 each will be made payable to the individual school and will be dispersed to the teacher or administrator in accordance with school protocol.

Grants will be awarded in April, and all funds must be spent by July 31, 2023.



Pantex officials cut the ribbon on the plant's new Flexible Support Facility. COURTESY PHOTO

## Ribbon cut on new Pantex facility

Representatives from the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) joined leaders from Consolidated Nuclear Security, LLC at Pantex on February 16 for a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the site's new Flexible Support Facility (FSF).

"The completion of the Flexible Support Facility is a significant step toward continuing to modernize Pantex as we fulfill the workload increases at the site over the next several years," said Pantex Site Manager Colby Yeary.

The 14,400 square-foot building broke ground in September 2020 and achieved beneficial occupancy on February 3, 2023. The FSF will provide support for the nuclear security mission at Pantex. Housing approximately 90 personnel, the new facility helps accommodate part of the general staffing growth occurring at the site.

The new facility will house project and maintenance teams, increasing direct communication among those support organizations who help ensure facility availability across the site.

The design of the FSF is based on a Standardized Acquisition and Recapitalization (STAR) design that was previously used at the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS). The STAR initiative is aimed at reducing costs and accelerating construction of small office and light laboratory facilities through the use of standard, scalable building designs. Pantex is the first NNSA site to complete a project reusing a STAR design from another site, and the approach

is being evaluated for applications across the nuclear security enterprise to achieve cost and schedule efficiencies with each subsequent build. The design used for the FSF is currently being leveraged for two additional projects at the NNSS.

"The project management team was able to overcome challenges with construction during the pandemic and supply-chain issues by monitoring schedule progress, anticipating potential bottlenecks, and implementing solutions to keep the project moving forward," said Todd Clark, CNS Infrastructure Program Manager. "The lessons learned from this project will help us to gain future efficiencies for project execution, building construction as well as other projects planned for the site."

Pantex plans to utilize this same design to construct additional mission enabling buildings that further support the ability to deliver the site's national security mission, including a change house for employees to use for donning work-related clothing and an additional office facility.

Consolidated Nuclear Security, LLC operates the Pantex Plant, located near Amarillo and the Y-12 National Security Complex, located in Oak Ridge, Tenn., under a single contract for the US National Nuclear Security Administration. Pantex and Y-12 are key facilities in the US Nuclear Security Enterprise, and CNS performs its work with a focus on performance excellence and the imperatives of safety, security, zero defects and delivery as promised.

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