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

Sales tax revenue drops for Clarendon

Clarendon and Hedley sales taxes dropped while Howardwick saw an increase when Texas Comptroller Glen Hegar delivered March allocations to local governments last week.

Clarendon's dropped 3.97 percent compared to this time last year with an allocation of \$33,018.04. The city is still ahead 1.19 percent for the year-to-date collections at \$123,270.08.

Hedley dropped 0.73 percent to \$725.88 for the month but is running 24.58 percent ahead for the year at \$3,381.55.

Howardwick posted a gain of 24.57 percent with an allocation of \$1,890.87 and is now 18.95 percent ahead for the year-to-date at \$5,901.81.

Statewide Hegar delivered \$1 billion in local sales tax allocations for March, 9.9 percent more than in March 2022.

These allocations are based on sales made in January by businesses that report tax monthly.

County renews burn ban for ninety days

Donley Commissioners' Court renewed a ban on outdoor burning during their regular meeting Monday.

Under the commissioners' order no outdoor burning is allowed on a day of a forecasted Fire Weather Watch or a Red Flag Warning issued from the National Weather Service in Amarillo.

Anyone engaging in outdoor burning must contact the Donley County Sheriff's office prior to ignition and give the dispatcher a burn location, a contact phone number, and approximate burn

The burn ban will stay in effect for the next 90 days.

TxDOT meeting will focus on planning

The public is invited to attend a Texas Department of Transportation planning meeting on Thursday, March 23, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Fair Park Auditorium in Childress.

The March 23 meeting will focus on Connecting Texas 2050, TxDOT's statewide long-range transportation plan.

For special accommodations, leave a message at 512-271-2025 at least three working days prior.

Fund established to help Cooper family

A fund has been established at the Donley County State Bank to receive donations to help the family of Coy Cooper as he battles cancer.

Plans are also in place for a Bake Sale to be held March 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Burton Memorial Library with the proceeds going to help the Cooper family.



Grant to pay \$350k for Howardwick paving

Planning Commission to administer the community, so city officials grant funds. the grant.

Block Grant is exciting for the moderate incomes. people of Howardwick and comes after a lot of hard work for the last past based on the points system," three years.

"It just a good, positive thing to get grant funds. for the City of Howardwick and the people here," she said.

surveyed residents personally

Childress said of previous attempts

CDBG grant funds are based The success of the city's grant shows need is demonstrating that

A \$350,000 award for street application hinged on Howardwick its residents are of low to moderate improvements in Howardwick changing the how its level of low income. The City of Clarendon is moving forward this week as to moderate income household is currently trying to survey local city officials met Tuesday night to were reported. The 2010 US Census households for the same reason – to authorize the Panhandle Regional over-reported the income level of improve the chances of getting more

Starting in August 2020, City Secretary Sandy Childress and discovered that more than 70 Howardwick surveyed its households said the Community Development percent of households were of low to and found 70.56 percent were at low to moderate incomes. It also proved "We always got beat in the the 2010 Census has over-reported the city's population.

hand, the city began working on the grant application in April 2021 on need, and part of how a city and finally received approval in February.

we've done really good," Childress alternative routes where possible. said of the news the grant was residents because his whole focus future grant applications. is on cleaning up, better water, and general improvements for the city."

totally rebuild the city's main road, to help work on other roads. Rick Husband Blvd. from about Greenbelt Water Authority.

Childress said when the work begins it may inconvenience some to come to City Hall to sign.

"It was like a feeling that people, but the city will try to set up

The city will provide matching approved. "Mayor Tony Clemishire funds of \$17,500 for the project, and was super proud for the city and its Childress says they are working on

The city also has used about \$50,000 in COVID-relief funds to The grant funds will be used to purchase a dozer and a dump truck

Childress is also still working Porter Drive all the way to City on a petition drive to reverse a water With that new information in Hall. Rick Husband is maintained rate increase from Red River Water from about Porter to Highway 70 by Authority. Childress said residents have until March 31 to sign the petition and she encourages residents



Nathan and Jessica Jaramillo smile at home with their newborn baby, Asher, who was delivered February 25 as the first baby born in Donley County since 2010. ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ROGER ESTI ACK

Home Delivery

Asher Cruze Jaramillo will have a story to tell when he grows up after he came into this world in a most unusual way.

In the early morning hours of February 25, Asher was born in Clarendon... at home... in the bathtub.

"I should have known he would be a little firecracker and make a grand appearance," his mother, Jessica Jaramillo, said. "I found out that I was expecting him on the 4th of July after all."

The last recorded birth in Donley County was in 2010, and that event was believed to have been the first in about 20 years before that.

Most folks try to get to medical facilities in Amarillo or Childress to deliver their bundles of joy these days. And truthfully, Jessica also planned to deliver her third child in Amarillo. But things don't always go according to plan.

"I woke up about 3:30 in the morning thinking I needed to go to the bathroom," she recalled. "Then I felt one big contraction and thought the baby would come later that

afternoon."

Having had two other children, Jessica felt like she had a pretty good idea of what to expect. Her babies had always been early – 35 weeks each time before - but deliveries had not

Asher had already been different though. He tried to arrive much earlier, which gave the

"My contractions had to be stopped, and I had to get steroid shots for his lungs and was guaranteed over and over that he would not make it past 33 weeks gestation," Jessica recalled. "We asked for prayers on social media and received such an outpouring of love from the community and our church (the First Assembly of God).

"Each time I made it to another week, my doctor was in utter disbelief. She just couldn't understand how it was possible. I can attest that it was because of God and all the prayers from the wonderful people in this town."

God also was there to protect Jessica and Asher that early morning as she gradually realized after that first contraction that this baby wasn't going to wait for long.

She and her husband Nathan tried to go to the car, but she decided instead to get in a bath to relieve some of her discomfort. Soon she told her husband to leave her alone in the bathroom and says her body just took over.

At 4:59, Asher entered the world, and his mother pulled him from the water, cooing and looking at her but not crying.

Associated Ambulance Authority arrived to help after the baby was born and took mother and child to BSA Hospital in Amarillo where they were released after a couple of days.

"It was the scariest time of my life, but it was also pretty neat," Jessica said.

Asher was 20 inches long and weighed 8

pounds, 15 ounces.

"I am so proud that my sweet boy will get to tell people that he was born here," she said.

Clarendon starting over with search for new administrator

will start over with its search for a candidate for the job pulled out last

Fred Ventresco of Pine Tops,

The Clarendon City Council elsewhere, city officials have said. During last Thursday's regular his position a while longer.

new city administrator after the last city meeting, the council approved hopes of attracting more candidates.

City Administrator David

April, but he will now be staying in annual Chance Mark Jones Roar

In other city business last week, re-advertising the job for 40 days in the council approved a resolution April 1. proclaiming April as Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention month North Carolina, is believed to Dockery informed the council a in the city and approved closing the have accepted another position year ago of his desire to retire this 300 block of S. Sully Street for the

& Run 5K and the Pony Parents community Easter Egg Hunt on

The council approved a fee of \$35 to reactivate water service after hours. Fees on gaming machines were raised from \$100 to \$1,000.

Hedley approves election matters

The Hedley City Council took several steps to get ready for the upcoming election during its regular meeting last Thursday, March 9.

Mayor Carrie Butler announced that Howardwick City Secretary Sandy Childress is helping the city fill out the paperwork and do what must be done in order to hold the election on May 6.

A special election to fill the unexpired term of former alderman Sandy Wilkinson that would have been held in conjunction with the upcoming general election was cancelled. Clayton Beagle was appointed to Wilkinson's seat and filed to run for that position. No one else signed up for that spot; and since it was uncontested, the council cancelled the special election.

The regular election for three seats on the council has six candidates running – incumbents Trisha Chambless, Alicia Hanes, and Jennifer Floyd and challengers Christine Coyle, Calvin Holland, and Tanya White Gibson.

Aldermen agreed to hold the drawing for ballot positions on Monday, march 13, and approved the order of election for May 6. Early voting will be held from April 24 through May 2, Monday-Friday between the hours of 1 p.m. and 5

Butler will conduct the election with Childress' assistance.

In other city business, the council voted to approve borrowing \$75,000 from Herring Bank against a bond insurance policy valued at \$137,000.

The loan will provide operating money to the city and will be repaid by insurance funds once an ongoing investigation of misappropriation of funds is completed.

Butler announced that a forensic auditor had been to City Hall on March 8 and is expected to have a report in about two weeks. Once the city has that report, they can file on the bond insurance, she said.

The mayor commended the council members who helped compile information for the auditor. Once the auditor finishes his investigation, he will help organize the city's records to give the next city secretary a good starting point.

The council also discussed and approved bills for the city and accepted a bid on property during the meeting.

Clarendon Lions Club to host Jones 5K here April 1

Jones Roar & Run 5K will be held result of abuse. Saturday, April 1, at the Donley County Courthouse.

hosting the event again in memory of 20 to be guaranteed the official 5K the late Chance Mark Jones to raise t-shirt. Registrations are \$30 each. awareness of Child Abuse. Jones

run through the city, around Prospect

The 11th annual Chance Mark passed away in January 2011 as a and end at the Courthosue and will Mulkey Theatre or at the Enterprise. Advocacy Center, local scholarships,

Those interested in running or Park, which is the home of the the many charitable activities of monetary support for other local walking the 5K (about 3.1 miles) Lions' Chance Mark Jones Memorial the Clarendon Lions Club, which charities. The Clarendon Lions Club is encouraged to sign up before March Playground, and past several historic includes eyeglasses for local school sites. The race will begin at 8:30 a.m. kids, Christmas food baskets for Ashlee Estlack at ashlee.estlack@ Race registrations are available local families, hosting the local gmail.com or Roger Estlack at 806-The year's 5K will again start at the Clarendon Visitor Center at the office of The Bridge - Children's 874-2259.

Proceeds will go towards continued park improvements, and

For more information, contact

Capitol transparency a bipartisan effort

Enrollment and a Sense of Urgency

By Dr. Walter Wendler

A study of West Texas A&M University's economic impact in 2017-2018 was carried out by Emsi, a labor market analytics firm that has in the last 20 years conducted 2,000 economic impact studies. They are national leaders. WT's contribution to economic growth was tagged at \$747.3 million, as well as 2,276 jobs supported. The total economic value of WT's contribution to the economies of Canyon, Amarillo and the greater Panhandle was \$2.4 billion.

Frankly, the size and impact of these numbers are staggering to me. But, the experts stand by them. To sustain these contributions, the communities and WT must work together to sustain and increase WT's on-campus enrollment to benefit both the institution and the surrounding communities. A marriage founded for genuine prosperity.

Decreases in enrollment challenge universities across the nation. The number of college-ready high school graduates is decreasing. Enrollment guru David Strauss says it's a triple whammy:

The first whammy is that the number of students graduating from high school is down and has been going down for quite some time in most areas of the country. The double whammy is college-going rates: If the percentages decrease, the pool shrinks even more. And the triple whammy is the things that have been knocked off track by the pandemic, or have caused people to think of alternatives because of the pandemic.

Birth rates in the United States have dried up, according to The Conversation. In 1970, 2.48 children per woman came to life. In 2020, 1.64 were born. Fewer kids, lower enrollment. Moreover, starting salaries for high school graduates in jobs that do not require postsecondary education are increasing dramatically. At Target in Texas, the average starting salary for a warehouse worker is nearly \$40,000 per year. Prima facie is an attractive income for an 18-year-old high school graduate that may diminish the likelihood of attending college.

Many of the major state universities in our nation are increasing their size and attracting a growing number of students. The numerous benefits and opportunities in the classroom and through extracurricular engagement at the largest universities are nearly mind-boggling. For smaller regional public universities like WT, this requires a heightened sense of urgency about enrollment. Recruiting and retaining students and creating enrollment through engaging study and living opportunities is everybody's business. But it is more than that.

If a campus employee sees a student or family gathered around a campus map to figure out where they are in an unfamiliar place, that employee should ask if they can assist. It's a common courtesy. It creates a sense of community. If a faculty member or the university president sees a piece of paper on the sidewalk, a scrap, and does not pick it up and put it in the trash, they contribute to enrollment decline. I hold myself to these expectations. It expresses community stewardship that seems to wane on the square in Canyon, downtown in Amarillo or roadside on the way to Perryton. Stewardship inevitably produces pride.

Pride enhances the connections at every level of university and community life and focuses on the day-to-day needs of all. Why would anyone want to study, live or conduct business in a place that appeared apathetic to itself? Or that citizenship and a sense of belonging to an engaged community are unimportant. Indifference is the vilest form of neglect. Neglect chokes economic growth. Enrollment decreases follow and are a detriment to a thriving economy. Academic mission and educational excellence evaporate.

Larger institutions may provide more personnel to pick up scraps of paper, provide directions to people on the campus or hire more professionals to market and purposefully extol institutional benefit. However, these are not always as powerful or attractive as members of a community who have a sense of urgency about serving others. The people that live, work and study here matter. Such a perspective is easier to talk about than attain. It requires a sense of urgency – the importance and power of the everyday. And the great benefit of a smaller, regionally focused institution is that it can become part of a community. And by definition community is a group of generally like-minded people who commit themselves to certain actions. A campus and community that does not commit to such principles will falter. It will eventually fail in the contemporary marketplace of higher education, driven by the simple and persistent arithmetic described above.

When the sense of urgency increases, aspirations and commitments given life through thinking and action will increase, as will desirability and institutional success despite real and relentless realities. Communities will prosper. Enrollment will grow. More people will be well served.

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By Kelley Shannon, Executive Director Freedom of Information Foundation of

To witness bipartisanship at the Texas Capitol, look to the lawmakers who are working to improve open government laws.

Legislators from both political parties are igniting interest in transparency and creating the opportunity for all lawmakers to protect the people's right to know. They're carrying on our state's legacy of openness.

When the reform-minded 1973 Legislature enacted the Texas Public Information Act, known then as the Open Records Act, it established one of the nation's strongest transparency laws. This year marks its 50thanniversary. Court rulings and other actions have weakened the law since its passage, but as we celebrate open government during Sunshine Month throughout March let's rally around the bills Texas legislators have filed this session to fortify the landmark act:

Contracting transparency: Access to government contracts allows taxpavers to see how their money is spent. A bipartisan proposal would enhance a law passed in 2019, ensuring the release of "super public" information, including the overall contract price and description of items and services. Senate Bill 680 by Sen. Nathan Johnson, D-Dallas, and House Bill 2492 by Rep. Giovanni Capriglione, R-Southlake, are the bills addressing contracting transparency.

Public records business days: A definition of "business day" in the Public Information Act is needed to provide consistency for everyone seeking

public records. Currently, governments declare on their own which days they are open or closed for handling TPIA requests. Sometimes they don't respond to requests. Proposals to correct this are contained in Senate Bill 618 by Johnson; House Bill 2135 by Rep. Terry Canales, D-Edinburg; and Senate Bills 43 and 44 by Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo.

Dates of birth: Birthdates in criminal justice documents, such as police reports and incarceration records, and in candidates' applications for public office allow the public to accurately identify a person. Correctly identifying someone charged with a crime protects the reputation of those who have the same name but aren't facing charges. A date of birth also helps with thorough vetting of political candidates. Senate Bill 46 by Zaffirini and House Bill 2309 by Rep. Todd Hunter, R-Corpus Christi, allow access to birthdates in these

Public records and attorneys' fees: If a records requestor runs into roadblocks and must sue to obtain public documents, the ability to recover legal fees levels the playing field between that individual and the government, especially if a government hands over records at the last minute after months of costly litigation. This legislation is House Bill 2874 by Rep. John Smithee, R-Amarillo.

Searchable-sortable records: While some governments provide data in searchable-sortable spreadsheet form, often making it easier to analyze, others do not. Senate Bill 965 by Johnson, Senate Bill 45 by Zaffirini and House Bill 2493 by Capriglione would codify the ability to obtain searchable-sortable

records if such a format is available.

of more than 15 diverse organizations democracy.

measures deal with public meetings, police accountability and other timely

police custody, the public needs to know what happened. Some law enforcement agencies use a loophole in the Public Information Act to withhold records. Rep. Joe Moody, D-El Paso, filed House Bill 30 to remedy the problem.

Addressing public notices, Senate Bill 943 by Sen. Lois Kolkhorst, R-Brenham, and House Bill 2178 by Hunter would require government cost on the newspaper's website and on a Texas Press Association statewide public notice website. This posting easy, reliable source for viewing public

Transparency advocates will be speaking out until the legislative government, enabling us to hold it accountable.

Simply put, open government is good government.

Kelley Shannon is executive director of the nonprofit Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas, based in Austin. For more information go to www.foift.org.

These measures are supported by the Texas Sunshine Coalition, made up united around the principle that access to information is essential in advocating for public policy and participating in our

Additional proposed transparency

For example, when someone dies in

notices that by law must be published in a newspaper to also be posted at no extra through a neutral third party provides an

session ends May 29 to urge passage of these proposals that shine light on

HOW CABLE NEWS CHANNELS TREAT VIEWERS* THEY all DO IT AND THE QUICKER YOU OFF YOU'LL BE BY KING RESTURES SANDICOTIEN WERE

Taking inspiration from Minne Pearl

Minnie Pearl – queen of country humor for a half-century - "countrytalked" her way into our hearts, mostly from the stage of Nashville's Grand Ole

Nowadays, the \$1.98 price tag dangling from her hat is but a distant memory. A character fabricated by Sarah Ophelia Colley Cannon, who made Minnie's hometown of Grinder's Switch and stories of "Uncle Nabob" seem real (Cannon, with two degrees in theater, did well with her act, appearing largely on Nashville's Grand Ole Opry, and on radio and television.)

Anyways, it was she who claimed to hate repeating gossip, but she didn't know what else to do with it....

Uncle Mort, my aged kin down in the thicket, spent many a Saturday night listening to the Opry, his radio turned to highest volume. He feels that Minnie helped him take the high roads in continual searches for the sunny side of life.

"I'm an imagined figure, too," Mort joked, "figmentary from the ground up." (I admit unleashing my "uncle" in this column nearly two decades ago.)

Mort figures that if Cannon were still alive, she (Minnie) would have a field day with gossip on social media, where it now has a strong foothold....

Mort still relishes hearing – and repeating – good stories, hopeful of spreading them to amuse, inspire and make others feel better about the human condition.

He's watchful about goings-on of political figures, particularly those with "funny names."

One such person is U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken. "Reckon he

ever checks with his cousins, Winkin' and Nod?" muses my uncle, remembering a long-ago children's poem....



He's

also happy to learn of children's good deeds. He cites Little Rock's Kayzen Hunter, 8, who looks forward to his family's Saturday morning breakfasts at Waffle House.

His favorite waiter, Devonte Gardner, has been on hard times, barely surviving with his family in a rented hovel, and walking several miles to work.

Kayzen mounted a "GoFundMe" drive, raising \$30,000 to buy Gardner a car and secure better housing....

Mort is impressed by the ingenuity of Girl Scouts, who have done well funding projects with cookie sales since 1917. This year, "Raspberry Rally" has been a sales sensation, selling out everywhere.

If you can't wait to savor this new flavor, worry no more. There is hope.

Raspberry Rally cookies are available on eBay, but the price has increased tenfold. One vendor is selling boxes at \$49.99 each, plus \$12.25 shipping. (The scouts sold them for \$4 box when they were in stock.) Oh, well....

Finally, Mort has found a "feel good" story in Washington, DC, where a two-foot-tall raven was found.

hobbling around a used car dealership in Chantilly, VA. (OK, that's not DC, but just 30 miles away.)

Euthanasia was recommended for the bird, downed by pellets. However, stubborn Catherine Sevcenko intervened, nursing the bird for several months. She dared to pry open its beak to medicate, as well as select favorite foods that seemingly helped him return to joyous living, even if it remained unable to fly.

Ravens are highly intelligent birds, capable of holding grudges, stashing food and using gestures to communicate, and this bird was no exception, Sevcenko said.

Now restored to a muscular three pounds and "running like the wind," the raven walks around the Cayuga Nature Center in Ithaca, NY, at his pleasure. He has been named "Bertrand," a name shortened to "Bert," of course.

Sadly, most seriously injured birds don't make it; this one survives and thrives in his new environment. Trainers and keepers hope he will be open to learning new behaviors – such as perching on command – so they can bring him out of his enclosure when school groups visit. "He's so smart and so present, and we all enjoy watching him hop around," one keeper said, describing him to be a "genuine character."

What a treat awaits visitors, who'll be privy to seeing one of God's creatures surviving on caring love....

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SBA budget increase access to capital for small business owners

Administration has released the businesses. President's Budget for Fiscal Year 2024. The Budget details a blueprint The Budget provides \$30 million to to grow the economy from the bottom support SBA's Growth Accelerator, up and middle out, lower costs for Regional Innovation Cluster and families, protect and strengthen the Federal and State Technology Medicare and Social Security and Partnership Program to provide reduce the deficit by ensuring the entrepreneurs at various technical wealthy and big corporations pay readiness levels with a network their fair share - all while ensuring of technical assistance providers, no one making less than \$400,000 including accelerators, State and per year pays more in taxes.

targeted investments in the American and people that will promote greater economic development entities. This prosperity and economic growth for technical assistance provides small decades to come.

several key provisions:

Expands Counseling market. and Training Resources. The and communities of color.

across the 7(a), 504, Small Business Federal Government. Investment Company (SBIC) and billion in lending provided in the underserved communities.

Increasing the authorized significantly expand the availability the wealthy and big corporations.

Biden-Harris of venture capital funding for small

Bolsters Support for Innovators. local economic development The Budget makes critical, agencies, colleges and universities other technology-based business entrepreneurs access to the At the US Small Business tools, networks and services they Administration, the Budget includes need to commercialize cutting-edge innovation and bring solutions to the

Expands Opportunities for Budget provides \$30 million Veterans. In January 2023, SBA for the Community Navigator began accepting applications for the Pilot Program, which leverages Veteran Small Business Certification community organizations to reduce Program to expand small business barriers for starting a business contracting opportunities for and expand access to business Veterans. The Budget provides \$20.5 counseling and training resources for million to continue building on the veterans, women, rural communities successful implementation of the program and to ensure that veteran Broadens Access to Capital and service-disabled veteran-owned for Small Businesses. The Budget small businesses have access to supports historic lending levels business opportunities across the

Helps Small Businesses Microloan programs. The nearly \$58 Navigate Climate Change Impacts. The Budget provides \$10 million Budget would address the need for to help small businesses access greater access to affordable working and participate in the clean energy and fixed capital, particularly in economy, as well as become more resilient to climate change.

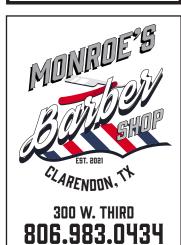
The Budget pays for its lending level for the SBIC program investments, reducing deficits by \$3 by 20 percent to \$6 billion would trillion over the next decade by taxing



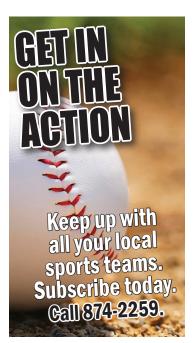


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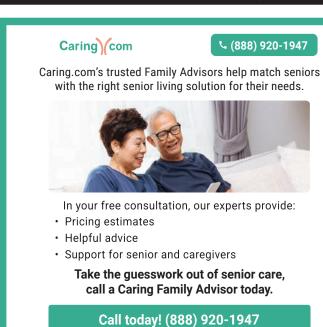
Saturday, April 1

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Questions?

Call Johnny Treichel at 806-874-4843









March 17

Lady Broncos v Gruver • 1:00 p.m. Gruver

March 17 & 18

Jesus Revolution • 7:30 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

March 18

Lady Broncos v Amarillo High • 1:00 p.m. • Amarillo High

March 18 Broncos v Canute • 1:00 p.m. Canute

March 19

Jesus Revolution • 2:00 p.m. •

Mulkey Theater

March 21

Broncos v Shamrock • 4:00 p.m. •

March 24

Broncos v Kress • 4:00 p.m. • Home

March 24 & 25

Jesus Revolution • 7:30 p.m. •

Mulkey Theater

March 26 Jesus Revolution • 2:00 p.m. •

Mulkey Theater March 28

Broncos v Wellington • 4:00 p.m. •

March 30

Family Game Night • 6:00 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

April 1

Lions Club's Chance Mark Jones 'Roar N Run' 5K • Begins at 8:30 a.m. • Donley County Courthouse

April 9

Community Easter • 11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. • Courthouse Square



March 20 - 24

Donley County Senior Citizens Mon: Soft tacos, cheese, Spanish rice, ranch style beans, garden salad,

baked apples, iced tea/2% milk. Tues: Chicken fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, whole wheat roll, cherry/pineapple crisp,

iced tea/2% milk. Wed: Roast, gravy, baked potatoes, whole wheat roll, banana pudding, iced tea/2% milk.

Thurs: BBO chicken, baked potatoes. green beans, whole wheat roll, cherry cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Pulled pork sandwich, hoagie roll, French fries, coleslaw, melon, peanut butter cookie, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Frank & beans bake, long grain rice & wild rice, baked potato, tossed green salad, apricots, whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.

Tue: Chicken alfredo over fettuccini, broccoli, herb roasted potatoes, Amish sugar cookies, wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.

Wed: Cheesy ha, potato bake, seasoned spinach, oatmeal cookies, biscuit/margarine, iced tea/2% milk. Thurs: Beef soft taco, Mexican rice, mixed green salad, canned peaches, Texas sheet cake, iced tea/2% milk. Fri: Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, pickles, oven baked tater tots, no bake cookies, iced tea/2% milk.

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Breakfast Mon: Breakfast pizza, fruit juice, fruit,

Tues: French toast, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Wed: Breakfast sandwich, fruit juice, fruit, milk. Thu: Pancake wrap, fruit juice, fruit,

milk. Fri: Cinnamon roll, sausage, fruit

juice, fruit, milk. Lunch

Mon: Corndog, potatoes, tomato cup, fruit, milk

Tues: Quesadilla, salsa, beans, cucumbers, fruit, ice cream cup,

Wed: Crispy chicken sandwich, veggie cup, salad, fruity gelatin, fruit, milk, Thu: Breaded pork chop, broccoli, corn, fruit, milk.

Fri: Pizza, carrots, green beans, cookie, fruit, milk.

Hedley ISD

Breakfast Mon: Breakfast pizza, fruit juice, fruit,

Tues: French toast, sausage, fruit iuice, 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: Corndog, potatoes, tomato cup, fruit cup, milk.

Tues: Quesadilla, salsa, beans, cucumbers, apricots, ice cream, milk. Wed: Crispy chicken sandwich, fresh veggie cup, fruity gelatin, milk.

Thu: Breaded pork chop, gravy/roll, broccoli, corn, mandarin oranges,

Fri: Pizza, carrots, green beans, rice crispy, fruit, milk.

Jury sentences Borger man to 60 years in Prison

Alex Hernandez Orona to 60 years north of Panhandle. in prison for the first degree felony motor vehicle, enhanced, in the 100th March 9.

Attorney Harley Caudle, prosecuted the case for the State of Texas, with presiding.

Orona, 29, from Borger, was arrested by Carson County Chief Leinenweaver testified that Orona Deputy J.C. Blackburn on July rammed his patrol vehicle in an 30-minute vehicle chase involving 207. six Carson County Deputies.

60 just east of Panhandle, when way to avoid the impact, he blocked Orona refused to pull over for a Orona's escape and took the hit traffic violation.

Instead of stopping for the on 207. speeding violation, Orona performed away into oncoming traffic.

and onto state highway 207.

county roads, across the 6666 Ranch

A Carson County jury sentenced barrow ditch approximately 10 miles barrow ditch after law enforcement's

"I believe this case spotlights offense of aggravated assault on a the effectiveness of our criminal peace officer with a deadly weapon, justice system here in Carson as well as 25 years for the third County," said Carson County Sheriff degree felony of evading arrest in a Tam Terry. "When an individual deserves a break, he usually gets County Courthouse last Thursday, Orona deserves a 60-year sentence, he gets one as well. I hope his District Attorney Luke Inman, sentence will send a message to all along with Assistant District those just like him - the lawlessness will not be tolerated."

the Honorable Judge Stuart Messer four deputies involved in the chase, area - do not come to Carson County in addition to Terry, to testify.

Although Leinenweaver could The pursuit began on U.S. Hwy have moved his vehicle out of the trying to protect innocent vehicles

a U-turn on the highway, and sped driving through fences and gates on the 6666 Ranch, crashing into The chase continued down Leinenweaver's patrol vehicle, as getting shipped off to the meat Blackburn shooting out the tires of The high-speed chase ended Orona down in a foot pursuit after reflect on his actions in trying to run after deputies forced Orona into the Orona's vehicle wrecked into the over a cop."

pit maneuver, according to testimony.

After the jury convicted Orona of the two offenses, the State presented evidence that Orona is a convicted felon and sent to prison on two separate occasions.

The prior convictions enhanced Judicial District Court at the Carson one. When a career criminal like the punishment range for both felony counts to 25 to 99 years, or life.

During closing arguments at the punishment phase of the trial, Caudle asked the jury to "send a message to all of the other career criminals like The State called three of the this defendant in the surrounding or anywhere in the 100th Judicial Carson County Deputy Lonnie District. We do not want you, and we will not tolerate your behavior."

Juries get to hear the testimony 7, 2022, at the conclusion of a attempt to escape back onto highway and see the evidence presented at trial and make an informed decision, both at determining guilt and appropriate punishment, according to Inman.

"Like the crazy heifer out in the pasture busting through fences and charging at people just trying to get her corralled, this defendant The chase involved Orona got culled from the herd today," said

"While it might not be the same packing plant, 60 years is a sufficient Orona's fleeing vehicle and running sentence for him to have time to



Lion Machiel Covey and Boss Lion Landon Lambert stand with the newest member of the pride, Lion Chelsea Covey ENTERPRISE PHOTO





The Clarendon Lions Club held regular Tuesday noon meeting March 14, 2023, with Boss Lion Landon Lambert in charge.

We had 13 members in person, two members attending virtually, and one guest this week - Chelsea Covey, guest of Lion Machiel Covey.

The club recognized Pi Day -3.14 – but had cake for dessert. The Boss Lion pointed out that Stone Cold Steve Austin Day is 3.16 and reminded those who are Irish or Irish at heart that St. Patrick's is 3.17.

DG Roger Estlack updated the club on the Jack King Classic Golf Tournament on June 3. Lion Larry Capranica will be assembling the club's golf team. The DG also announced that PDG Bill Craddock of Canyon will be our district's inductee to the Texas Lions Hall of Fame this May.

Plans for the 5K and community easter egg hunt were discussed. The deadline to sign-up for the 5K and get the t-shirt is Monday, March 20, at 5 p.m. Registration forms are at the Clarendon Visitor Center. Online registration is available at https:// www.active.com/orgs/clarendonlions-club.

Lion Mary Green said an IRS Invitational Golf Fundraiser will be held at the country club on April 15. The two-person tournament costs \$10.99 to enter. Agents will watch for loopholes on the greens, and officials will audit scorecards. Trophies will be awarded.

Lion David Dockery updated the club on efforts to trim and remove dead and dying trees in front of the Lions Hall on Fourth Street.

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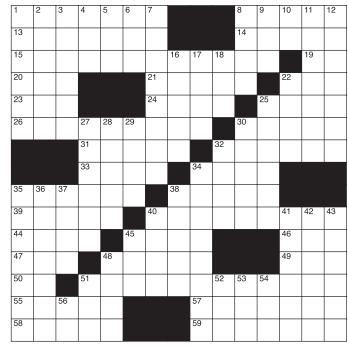
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- 24. World's longest river 25. One of the Greats
- 26. Make clean 30. C. Canada indigenous peoples 55. Single unit
- 31. Japanese seaport 32. Most unclothed
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- 4. Neither 5. Corporate exec (abbr.)
- 6. Second sight 7. The absence of mental stress
- 8. Supplemented with difficulty
- 9. Stop for good 10. College dorm worker
- 11. Bones
- 12. Most supernatural 16. Spanish island
- 17. Unlimited 18. Where golfers begin
- 22. No charge
- 25. Print errors
- 27. Professional drivers
- 28. Kiss box set 29. Short, fine fibers

30. Administers punishment

38. Pastoral people of Tanzania or Kenya 40. Cloth spread over a coffin

32. Czech city

36. Crustacean

37. Currency

41. Grouped together 42. On land

52. Zero

- 43. Glistened
- 45. A type of extension

35. The academic world

34. Soluble ribonucleic acid

35. Distinguishing sound

38. French realist painter

44. God depicted as a bull

46. Residue after burning

48. Poe's middle name

50. TV series installation (abbr.)

59. Traveled through the snow

34. Normal or sound powers of mind

51. Beloved country singer

39. Popular beer brand

40. Views

45. Relieve

47. Habitation

49. Japanese title

57. Genuine

58. Develop

- 48. One who assists 51. College sports conference
- 53. Midway between northeast and east
- 54. Type of screen
- alphabet
- 56. The 13th letter of the Greek

Obituaries

Retired architect Kent Derelle Rattan, 71, died Oct. 17, 2022, in his Buena Vista,

Va., home. The son Dennis Meral Rattan of Quitaque and Toni Ethelyn (nee McBrayer) Rattan Memphis



Rattan

and younger brother of Ronald Rattan, Kent was born Feb. 28, 1951, at Northwest Texas Hospital in AmarilloThe Rattans lived in Amarillo where Kent spent the first few years of primary school at Alice Landergin Elementary School.

The family briefly moved to Springdale, Ark., where Kent attended Springdale Elementary School. The Rattans then settled in Clarendon, where Dennis started his own successful T.V. repair and cable management shop, 'Rattan T.V.'. The family was a member of the local Baptist church, which instilled in Kent the importance of God's love that he would carry with him throughout his life.

As a child in Clarendon, Kent played baseball, directed plays in attended Sunday school. Kent Sodexo USA from 1998 to 2005. showed an early talent for academics, High School as Salutatorian. High School as the Class of 1969 the local National Honor Society chapter as well as the Spanish Club.

accepted a scholarship to Trinity University in San Antonio, where he graduated cum laude in 1973 After college, Kent taught at a prep University of Texas, Austin, earning with family, friends, and pets. his Master of Architecture in 1983.

lived and worked as an architect in Md., and daughters Julia Porterfield Dallas, San Antonio, and Little Rock. of Baltimore, Md.; Elizabeth Rattan In 1986, he moved to Bethesda, of Philadelphia, Pa.; and Claire Maryland., where he worked as a Rattan of Staunton, Virginia.; older Senior Project Manager at Marriott brother - Dennis Ronald Rattan International.

of Erie, Pennsylvania., at the Washington, DC. On March 25th, as 'brothers' Larry Springer of New 1989, Kent and Nicki married. Braunfels, Texas; and Nathan Noble Together they raised their four of Alexandria, Virginia. Nicki A. children, Sean M. Porterfield, Julia Miller, his spouse of 33 years, died R. Porterfield, Elizabeth S. Rattan, on Nov. 28, 2022. and Claire H. Rattan in Frederick, Maryland. Kent remained with for Kent will be held at 11:00 a.m. Marriott from 1986 until 1998, Saturday, April 22, 2023 at Citizens and then accepted a construction Cemetery, SH 70, Clarendon.

the local community theater, and management and design position at

In 2005, the Rattan family graduating from Clarendon Junior moved to Austin, where Kent launched his own business, Design Kent graduated from Clarendon Services Plus, Inc. as the President and Project Director, using his Valedictorian and was president of project management and design skills for architecture projects. In 2011, Kent and Nicki moved After high school, Kent to Buena Vista, Va., where Kent based his business until 2019, when he retired. In his free time, Kent enjoyed fly fishing, hiking, traveling, with a Bachelor of Arts degree. playing the harmonica, making bad jokes, staying on top of current school in Little Rock, Ark., and then affairs, reading, travel novels and pursued his graduate studies at the British comedy, and spending time

He leaves behind his children: Between 1983 and 1986, Kent son Sean Porterfield, of Frederick, and sister-in-law Pam Rattan of Kent met Nicki A. Miller, Austin; nephew Brandon Rattan of San Francisco, Calif.; niece Jessica American Institute for Architects in Fetzer of Houston, Texas: as well

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Officials accepted the bid of of \$138,325, according to County including what work might have to Judge John Howard.

Commissioners also accepted a bid of more than \$45,000 to install new security cameras. Judge Howard was approved, and bids on properties said the district attorney's office will in Howardwick and Hedley were be pay about \$26,000 of that cost due also approved. to the presence of the district judge's

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Hedley's Josiah Howard,

No action was taken but plans inside the Courthouse Annex.

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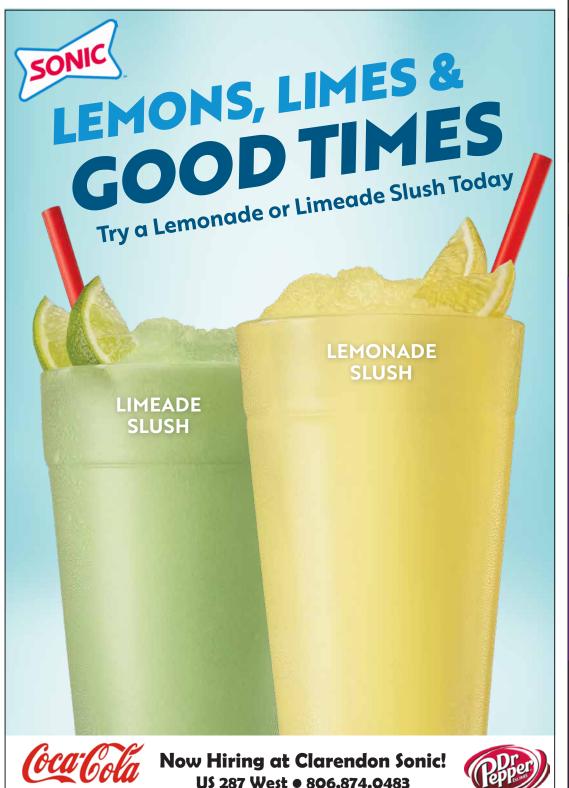
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Broncos defeat Caprock JV by fourteen runs By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon Broncos took their A game to Amarillo March 7 and defeated the Caprock Longhorn JV 15-1. The Broncos only posted eight hits in the game, but they were able to capitalize on big hits.

Levi Gates earned the win pitching two innings and allowed only one hit and no runs. Gates was able to strike out two hitters before in as relief.

Early in the game, Easton single and the team was able to mark three runs in the first inning. They added runs in the second, third and fifth innings, while only allowing on 12 RBIs, and added four stolen Caprock one run in the third.

Several players swung for the

fence with Smith leading the way two innings and recorded only one scored another run in the fifth and with one.

The Broncos were on their game around the bases as well and stole nine bases all together. Smith led the way with four.

Defensively, the Broncos were sharp and played solid in the field committing zero errors in the win.

On March 9, the Broncos Tyler Harper and Lyric Smith came traveled to Oklahoma to participate in the Hollis Tournament. They met up with Sayre in the first round Frausto knocked a runner in with a and breezed to a 15-1 win in three

> With hot bats, they were able to post 12 hits in the game, tacked

strike outs in his 14 pitches.

Several players had multiple hits and Ward, Howard, Sims, and Frausto nabbed stolen bases.

Next up for the Broncos was Shattuck and struggled at the plate in their 0-11 loss posting four errors in the game. Ward was able to slam a triple in the fourth inning but could not cross home plate for a run.

Ward was on the mound for four innings and gave up six hits and five runs. Gates pitched the final inning and gave up six runs on three hits.

The Broncos took on Granite in the final game and fell behind in the third inning after both teams went Musick was on the mound for scoreless in the first. The Broncos

with two doubles and Jared Musick hit, no errors, and two strike outs. one in the seventh but could not Mason Sims came in and had two catch up. They ended the game at

> Howard and Frausto split the duties on the mound as Frausto came in after the third innings. Howard allowed three hits, four runs, and four errors, while Frausto allowed four hits, two runs with two errors.

> The Broncos outhit Granite in the seven innings at bat but fell short bringing runners home with only one RBI by Caudle.

> The Broncos left nine runners on base in the game.

The Broncos will host Claude on March 17 beginning at 1:00 p.m. On March 21, the Broncos will travel to Canute, Okla., before returning to take on Kress at home on March 24.

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Lady Broncos opens District with win over Sunray

The Lady Broncos were ready for their district play to begin after a solid pre-district season. They slammed Sunray March 7 11-1 before a hometown crowd. Sophomore Kennedie Cummins went the distance pitching all five innings and posting the lone homerun for the Lady Broncos in the first inning. Cummins only allowed three hits, had zero walks, and struck out seven hitters.

The ladies were consistent at the plate, but a big six-run fourth inning sealed the win. Hadyen Elam, Cummins, and Tandy Blacksher each nabbed an RBI to put points on the board. Elam had three RBIs, K. Cummins, Blacksher, and Tandie Cummins had two each.

CHS athletes

Groom Relays

a 5:15.31 1600m race to top the field at the Groom Relays last weekend. Williams also finished second in the

3200m race with a time of 11:25.

Clarendon's Bryce Williams ran

Madi Benson ran the fastest time in the 400m run with a time of 101.7, was third in the 200m at 29.8, and finished eighth in the long jump with a leap of 12'10 3/4". Kimbrasia Ballard took first in the 100m with a time of 13.3 and competed in the

finishes with Williams was Elliot Frausto with a second place in the 1600m run at 6:33.41, Kaleb Mays in the 100m dash with a. time of 12.0, and Anthony Brown second in

The Lady Bronco 800m relay ran in second place with a time of 1:57.2. Running the relay was Berkley Moore, Kenidee Hayes, Gracie Ellis, and Ballard. The ladies' 400m relay was second at 54.7 with

the long jump at 17^{8} $\frac{3}{4}$.

compete in the relays.

run well at

By Sandy Anderberg

long jump.

Cummins, Elam, and Baylee Gabel grabbed several stolen bases.

the Randall Tournament held March each, and Wilkins and Mya Edwards 9-10. They went up against Canyon, had one each. Tulia, River Road, and Randall JV.

on Thursday. A huge opening inning at 7-5. This time it was T. Cummins they needed for the remainder of the seven strikeouts. The ladies had a

for six innings and only allowed two Elam, Gabel, and T. Cummins gave hits and gave up only one run. Fiftysix of her 70 pitches were strikes as she dismissed 11 hitters from the

found their mojo at the plate and made a big difference as five runners at 1:00 p.m.

The Lady Broncos were error gathered nine hits as a team with free in the game and T. Cummins, K. Gabel leading the way with three hits. Gabel also stormed the bases and finished the game with three The Lady Broncos took part in steals. Frausto and Elam had two

The Lady Broncos also played The ladies defeated Canyon 7-1 Tulia and held on for a six inning win scoring frenzy in the fourth putting K. Cummins was on the mound six points on the board. RBIs by Clarendon the power they needed to Tulia's five.

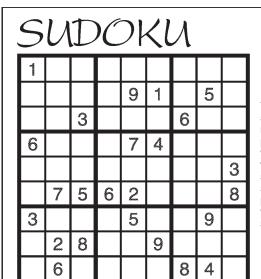
Wilkins led the way at the plate

posted stolen bases in the game.

The last matchup with River Road finished up the tournament for the Lady Broncos. The ladies topped off a great tournament with a 15-0 shut out over the Lady Cats in only three innings. T. Cummins took the helm and only allowed one hit, no walks, and three six strikeouts.

Everything went the Lady gave the Lady Broncos the edge on the mound for the duration with Broncos' way as they were able to score runs at will. They posted four hits, six RBIs, and seven walks. Elam led the way with three at bats, two runs, one hit, and one RBI.

The Lady Broncos will travel to finish the big inning with six runs to Gruver March 17 for another district game beginning at 1:00 p.m. and be on the road at Amarillo High on Offensively, the Lady Broncos hitting two for three. Base running Saturday, March 18, also beginning



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the same runners as the 800m. The mile relay finished fourth with a time of 4:41.81. Running that relay was Benson, Hayes, Presley Smith, and Elliot Frausto. The Broncos did not

Other results: Broncos: Shane Hagood 9th in 100m at 12.4; Kaleb Bolin 3rd in the 200m at 25.0, 4th in the 400m at 56.3; Lyric Smith 4th in 200m at 25.2, 3rd in the high jump at 5'8"; Jaxan McAnear 5th in the 400m at 57.4, 3rd in the 800m at 2:18.56; Anthony Brown 10th in the high jump at 5'4"; Reagan Wade 10th in the triple jump with a leap of 32'2". Also competing was Riley Wade, Michael Randall, and Colton Benson.

Lady Broncos: Moore 6th in the 100m at 14.4; Gracie Ellis 10th in 100m at 15.1; Trystan Brown 10th in the 400m at 1:14.5, 6th in the 800m at 2:55.09; Presley Smith 5th in the 800m at 2:53.40, 7th in the long jump at 14'7"; Mary Jo Dushay 7th in discus at 56'9"; Ballard 3rd in the high jump at 4'4". Also competing was Lexi Phillips.

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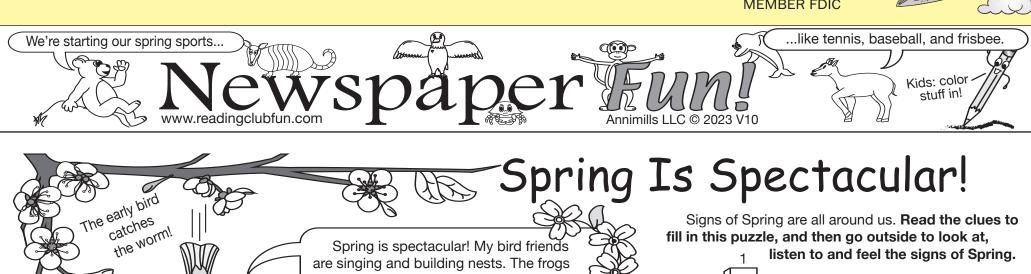
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CCISD Trustees renew contracts

February 21.

session, the board reconvened in on the 2021-2022 Texas Academic a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday. open session to extend the contracts Performance Report (TAPR). of CHS Principal John Moffett, Bessent for two years. Counselor Jenae Ashbrook's contract and Federal Programs Director Jen presented. Bellar's contract were renewed for one year each.

Rating System of Texas (FIRST),

Administrative CJH Principal Jenifer Pigg, and were presented by Conkin, Pigg, 2023-2024 Instructional materials Elementary Principal Cynthia Moffett, Ashbrook, Mrs. Bellar, and Superintendent Jarod Bellar.

School policies were updated as

Trustees also renewed the an election for May 6, 2023, for and approved an internet access bid contract of Athletic Director Clint the purpose of electing two school Conkin, but he has accepted the board trustees for three-year terms athletic director's position at Slaton currently held by Kyle Davis and ISD. Also at the February 21 Chrisi Tucek. Vicky Tunnell will meeting, Josey Shadle spoke against serve as Early Voting Clerk and discuss personnel but took no action.

Clarendon CCISD Trustees bullying and getting Christ back into LaVerne Pinion will serve as deputy renewed administrative contracts school. A public hearing was held clerk. The election will be held at the when they met in regular session on the School Financial Integrity Donley County Courthouse Annex with early election voting in person Following a 91-minute closed and a public hearing was also held April 24 through May 2 from 7:30

> During the regular meeting on reports March 6, the board approved the Allotment and TEKS Certification, adopted a Joint Election Agreement with the City of Clarendon and Donley County, regarding the The board met in a called conduct of the District's general meeting on February 17 to order election to be held on May 6, 2023, to be partially funded through the federal e-rate program.

The board also met in closed session for more than an hour to

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