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

Local merchants in Holiday Gift Guide

This week's *Enterprise* includes the annual Holiday Gift Guide with sales and gift ideas from local merchants.

Browse through the pages of the Guide to discover great deals and information on how you can make a big difference to small businesses and our local economy this weekend during Small Business Saturday and throughout the holiday season.

Your support of local businesses helps keep our community strong and supports the local jobs and local families.

Carriage rides to be available Saturday

Those attending the annual Courthouse Lighting this Saturday evening will also be able to enjoy a new tradition - carriage rides!

In addition to the usual, music, ceremony, hot chocolate, and visit from Santa, a carriage will be available for rides for donations starting at 5 p.m. and continuing into the evening.

It will be a festive way to cap off a great day of shopping fun in Donley County and put everyone in the mood for the season.

Mulkey closed this holiday weekend

The Mulkey Theatre has announced that it will be closed this holiday weekend due to technical difficulties.

The Mulkey hopes to reopen by next weekend. Plans for the annual showing of the Polar Express are on hold, but the "Dickens of a Christmas" mystery dinner is still scheduled for Thursday, December 7. See MulkeyTheatre.com for details.

Plans set for annual Thanksgiving meal

The annual community Thanksgiving dinner will be held Thursday, November 23, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Clarendon School Cafeteria.

Deliveries will be made to handicapped and shut-ins by calling in advance at 806-236-9759. Donations can be mailed to PO Box 45, Clarendon, TX 79226 or at Pilgrim Bank.

DCCF now taking grant applications

The Donley County Community Fund is now accepting applications to be awarded this fall.

Grant applications for any amount up to \$1,500 must be received by Friday, November 24, at 5 p.m..

To receive a grant application and determine your organization's eligibility to apply, contact Jacob Fangman 806-206-5737 or jacobfangman@yahoo.com. Applications are available from Fangman at Herring Bank or at the Clarendon Visitor Center.



Broncos to play Gruver Friday

The Clarendon Broncos won the area title last week over Seagraves in Floydada. The regional quarter final game will be this Friday at 2 p.m. in Borger against Gruver. Follow [Facebook.com/TheEnterprise](https://www.facebook.com/TheEnterprise) for live updates from the game. ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ROGER ESTLACK

County discusses assistance districts Proposal would levy sales taxes to fund law enforcement

Donley County officials learned more about the idea of creating four County Assistance Districts to help fund law enforcement services during a called meeting last Thursday, November 16.

Sam Bass of the Allison, Bass, & Magee law firm from Austin fielded questions about how such districts work and the steps involved in creating and funding the entities.

Representing the county at the meeting were Judge John Howard, Sheriff Butch Blackburn, Clerk Vicky Tunnell, Sharon Braddock, and Commissioners Mark White, Daniel Ford, and Dan Sawyer. Clarendon City Administrator Brian Barboza, Howardwick Alderman Johnny Floyd, and Howardwick City Secretary Sandra Childress also attended along with former Clarendon administrator David Dockery.

Bass said the creation of the districts would generate revenue for law enforcement that comes "mostly off the highway" from sales at gas stations and convenience stores by collecting sales taxes throughout the county.

Currently there is no sales tax collected in the unincorporated areas of the county. Clarendon has a 2.0 percent sales tax rate, Howardwick collects 1.25 percent, and Hedley collects 1.0 percent. Under state law, local sales taxes cannot exceed 2.0 percent.

Under the proposal a 2.0 percent sales tax would be imposed on the unincorporated areas of the county, Howardwick would be asked to allow an additional 0.75 percent sales tax to be collected in that city, Hedley would be asked to allow another 1.0 percent; and Clarendon would be asked to give-up 0.625 percent (five eighths of one percent) of the rate collected for its general revenue and allow that amount to re-imposed in the city by a new district.

There would be a total of four county assistance districts - one in each city and one covering the unincorporated areas of the county. The districts could be governed by elected boards, Bass said, but it is more common and cost-effective to allow the commissioners' court to serve as the board of each district. The commissioners would then oversee the funds raised by the district, with the primary intent to be to fund the jail and law enforcement.



Attorney Sam Bass (right) discusses the concept of county assistance districts during a called meeting of the Donley County Commissioners' Court last week. ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ROGER ESTLACK

"We would have to give notice to the cities of our intent to pursue this," Bass told commissioners, "and then they would give us notice of their desire to participate."

The cities wishing to participate would then put the issue on their May ballots, and the county would put the creation of a district for the unincorporated areas on a ballot in May also.

The county assistance district idea came up earlier this year when the City of Clarendon sought to reduce funding it pays by contract to the Donley County Sheriff's Office. The city has contracted with the county for law enforcement since 1981. The city's previous contract with the county expired at the end of September and had been a three-year agreement with a built-in percentage increase each year. If the agreement had been renewed, the city would be obligated to about \$170,000 in this fiscal year.

County officials say the cost of employing two deputies is about \$180,000, and those two positions are the difference in having 24-hour police coverage. The entire budget for the sheriff's office in the current budget is \$442,658 and the jail is an additional \$373,144.

Judge Howard and Sheriff Blackburn said Thursday the county had agreed to reduce the city's obligation to \$140,000 for a one-year contract with the understanding that the city would put the county assistance district on the ballot, but the city council rejected the new contract when it included language about putting the issue on the ballot and specifically when it mentioned

the 0.625 percent sales tax. Bass said his firm has helped with the creation of several county assistance districts, but he said asking cities to give up their revenue is difficult.

"We've rarely gotten a city to forego a portion of their sales tax," Bass said. "Cities are reluctant to give up their revenue stream."

Sales tax revenues have historically gone up over time, which make county assistance districts appealing as funding streams for law enforcement, but it also means cities don't know exactly how much they are giving up over time.

Former city administrator David Dockery noted that Clarendon's sales tax collection with a 2.0 percent rate grew from about \$230,000 in 2015 to about \$500,000 in the last fiscal year.

The 0.625 percent rate the city would be asked to cede to a new district is estimated to be what would have generated \$140,000 in the last fiscal year, Bass said. The 2.0 percent rate that would be sought for the unincorporated areas is expected to generate about \$30,000, and Bass said the projected revenues from Hedley and Howardwick "could not be calculated."

The comptroller reported in February that Howardwick's 1.25 percent sales tax generated \$3,335.04 for calendar year 2022. Hedley's 1.0 percent sales tax brought in \$2,142.63 for the same period.

Bass said if one city does not agree to the county assistance district plan, it could possibly cause the entire plan to fail.

County officials say Clarendon can choose to continue with an annual contract each year instead of creating a new district, but they can't continue to provide the same level of service for less than about \$180,000. Other municipalities can also contract with the sheriff's office. Cities can also choose to fund their own law enforcement agencies, but that option would be more costly than contracting with the county and would open the cities up to new areas of liability.

If the county assistance districts were approved and revenues exceeded what was needed to supplement the sheriff's office and jail, they funds could be used for fire protection, emergency medical services, emergency management, maintenance of roads, economic development, tourism promotion, libraries, parks, museums, and other things. All of which cities can do with sales tax revenues.

Bass said the county is under no obligation to provide law enforcement for cities without an agreement to do so, and Howard said the assistance districts would have everyone in the county paying the same rate of sales tax and provide a steady revenue stream for the county sheriff's office, which would still also be supported with ad valorem taxes from the county as well.

County officials will plan informational meetings for each proposed district, and Judge Howard anticipates the county will likely meet before its next regular meeting to give notice to the cities of its desire to pursue the districts.

Shop small Saturday with Donley merchants

The second annual "Shop Small Big Christmas" promotion from the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce will put a grand total of \$550 in Chamber Christmas Cash in the hands of lucky winners who shop with local merchants during Small Business Saturday and this holiday season.

Sign-ups begin Friday, November 24, for drawings that will be held for \$100 on December 1, 8, and 15; and the big \$250 giveaway will be held December 22.

As of Monday, participating merchants included Amanda's Country Soaps, Brake Time, Broken Road Liquor, Cornell's Country Store, Country Bloomer's Flowers & Gifts, Courtney D'Costa - Scentsy Consultant, Every Nook & Cranny, Henson's, J&W Lumber, Lashes by Holly, Lowe's Family Center, Mulkey Theatre, Mike's Pharmacy, Rambling Ranch Boutique, REFZ Sports Bar & Grill, Saye's Flying A Tack, Whistle-Stop, and Wicked Fast Attire.

Additional Chamber members who wish to participate can call Chamber President Ashlee Estlack at 806-662-4687.

To enter, shoppers will fill out an entry at local participating merchants. The Chamber will gather them up each Friday morning, and hold the drawings live on the Chamber's Facebook.

Enter as many times as you shop locally, so shop often. Entries stay in the hopper each week.

Several businesses will be open during Small Business Saturday, November 25, with in store specials, refreshments, and more.

Also, during Thanksgiving weekend, the official Courthouse Lighting will take place on Saturday at 5 p.m. and includes visits with Santa Claus, music, hot cocoa from the Lions Club, carriage rides, and the lighting of the courthouse square.

Shop at home this holiday season and remember the important role your local merchants play in keeping your community strong.

Visit the Chamber's Facebook page or ClarendonTX.com/Christmas for more information.

Rep. Jackson leads Texas delegation on immigration

US Reps. Ronny Jackson (TX-13) and August Pfluger (TX-11) introduced legislation last week to prohibit a remain in Texas policy for illegal aliens who cross the border.

The Biden administration is reportedly seeking to implement policies that would force migrants to remain in Texas while awaiting asylum screening. This bill would prohibit Secretary Mayorkas from implementing or enforcing this policy.

"Democrat mayors that once relished in providing sanctuary cities for illegal aliens are now seeing the pain and destruction open border policies cause, pain Texas has felt for years," Jackson said. "Our country is being invaded by invitation due to the open border policies of the Biden administration. Since taking office, Biden has welcomed over 3.8 million illegal immigrants into the United States, with at least 169 from the terrorist watchlist, that we know of, and millions more 'gotaways,' and we have no idea who they are or where they are."

This legislation is supported by the Texas Public Policy Foundation, Heritage Foundation, Federation for American Immigration Reform, and NumbersUSA.



Lady Bronco JV finishes runner-up

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon junior varsity Lady Broncos are light on numbers but strong in execution as they finished second in the Amarillo JV Tournament last weekend. They lost to the Canyon Lady Eagles by two points in their final game.

The ladies took on Sunray in their opening game and crushed them, 73-13. The Lady Cats were no match for the Lady Broncos and were helpless to get anything going. Kimbrasia Ballard was on fire and scored 32 points. Cambree Smith added 10 points in the win.

They met up with Dumas once again in the next round and danced to another big win at 51-14. Ballard finished with 23, and Smith hit 11 out of 12 free shots and ended with 13. The big test for the ladies came in their last game on Friday as they faced off against Amarillo High. After two players fouled out, the ladies were forced to finish with four players on the court. They were able to outlast the Lady Sandies and earn a 49-43 win.

Ballard scored 19, and Smith had 12. Staying strong at the charity line, Smith converted three of three to help with the point total. Graci Ellis put in eight that included one three-pointer and hitting three of four free throws, and Madi Benson added seven.

Canadian was the next team to succumb to their Lady Broncos good offensive execution and quickness. Clarendon won 50-40 with Ballard putting in 25 and Smith adding 11. Smith hit great numbers from the bonus line in the tournament, hitting just under 80 percent of her free throws.

The girls played a good game against Canyon in the championship round but fell short at 34-38. A slow start hindered the ladies but put things together for a good finish. Ballard led the way with 26, and Smith added six. Jayla Woodard put in four.

Earlier in the week, the Lady Broncos breezed by Dumas 62-15 at home. They proved too strong for the Dumas team and were able to score at will and finished with a 62 percent free throw conversion. Ballard put in 30 points, Smith had 18, Benson helped with 12, and Kinslee Hatley had two.

The Lady Broncos will travel to Vega December 5 at 4 p.m. and go to Nazareth on December 12.

Colts fall short in season opener

Despite playing hard in their season opener, the Colts lost to Wheeler in a high-scoring game at 35-58.

A big start for the Mustangs hindered the Colts in their attempt to find their offense early on. After a better second quarter of play, the Colts came out and executed better after the break. Defensively, they struggled to stop Wheeler's leading scorer who finished with 32 points.

Braxton Gribble led the way with 13 that included three three-pointers and Brance Bell helped with six. Rustin Wade and Kreed Robinson put in five points each and Paxton English added two.

The Colts will travel to Memphis on Monday, November 27, at 5:00 p.m. and will be at Shamrock December 4.

Lady Colts start season with win

The Lady Colts made a good showing in their opening game at home against Wheeler. They were able to grab the win at 17-15.

A slow start by both teams resulted in a 4-0 lead for the Lady Colts after the first six minutes. Eighth grade Addy Havens took over in the next quarter and put in five big points to help her team go up by six. Havens went on to finish with 12 points to lead all scorers.

The ladies came out to finish the game a little sluggish at first but found their rhythm and hung onto the lead to get the two-point win.

Joining Havens was Elli Rodriguez with two, Landry King two, and Makynna Williams with one.

The Lady Colts will resume on November 27 against Memphis beginning at 5:00 p.m.



Bronco Spirit

The Bronco Cheerleaders cheered the Broncos to victory last week in Floydada. Pictured here are seniors Emma Roys, Bayleigh Bruce, and Morgan Johnston (top). Juniors Lauren Ceniceros, Shelbi Coles, and Maloree Wann (middle). Sopomores MaryJo Dushay, Elliot Frausto, Madi Benson, and Gracie Ellis (bottom).

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American Legion members honored veterans with a service in Hedley November 13.

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Community Calendar
November 24
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November 25
Small Business Saturday & Christmas in Clarendon
Savings at local merchants, activities downtown • Sales details posted one week prior in the Holiday Gift Guide on ClarendonLive.com and event details on ClarendonTx.com.

November 25
Christmas Lighting Celebration • Donley County Courthouse • Santa Claus, 5 p.m. • Caroling and Lighting • 6 p.m.

December 2
Saints' Roost Museum Christmas Party • Food, Live Music, and Dancing • Visit SaintsRoostMuseum.com

January 13
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Menus

Nov. 27 - Dec. 1

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, broccoli, whole wheat roll, cherry/pineapple crisp, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Sweet/sour chicken, long grain rice, stir fry veggies, peas, whole wheat roll, brownie, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Enchilada casserole, tossed salad, pinto beans, Spanish rice, churro, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Pulled pork sandwich, hoagie roll, French fries, coleslaw, fruit, peanut butter cookie, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Beef stew, garden salad, cornbread, apple crisp, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: John Wayne casserole, oven roasted parmesan potatoes, mixed green beans w/ bacon & onion, Robert Redford dessert, buttermilk whole wheat biscuit, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Chicken pot pie, buttered rice, broccoli, cranberry white chip oatmeal cookies, mandarin oranges, buttermilk whole wheat biscuit, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Chicken fried steak w/ country gravy, homemade mashed potatoes, buttered carrots, caramel peach crisp, whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Autumn apple pork loin, baked fresh sweet potato, creamed spinach, Amish sugar cookies, whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Chili cheese dog, tater tots, salad, rice Krispy treats, iced tea/2% milk.

Clarendon ISD

Breakfast
Mon: Pancakes, bacon, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Tues: Breakfast burrito, hash-browns, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Wed: Morning griddle sandwich, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Thu: Stuffed bagel, cheese stick, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Fri: Donut holes, sausage, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Chicken spaghetti, breadstick, salad, tomatoes, milk.
Tues: Frito pie, beans, veggie cup, dessert, milk.
Wed: Lasagna, breadstick, broccoli, carrots, milk.
Thu: Nachos Grande, salad, beans, sherbet, milk.
Fri: Steak fingers, gravy, roll, green beans, corn, milk.

Hedley ISD

Breakfast
Mon: Pancakes, bacon, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Tues: Breakfast sandwich, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Wed: Donut holes, sausage, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Thu: Big bites, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Fri: Waffles, sausage, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Breaded drumsticks, biscuit, garden salad, tomatoes, apple, milk.
Tues: Frito pie, beans, veggie cup, pineapple, cookie, milk.
Wed: Steak fingers, gravy, roll, green beans, corn, peaches, milk.
Thu: Boneless chicken wings, cucumbers, carrots, mixed fruit, sherbet, milk.
Fri: Cheese pizza, broccoli, marinara sauce, cinnamon apple-sauce, milk.

A food safety guide to Thanksgiving leftovers

The minute your Thanksgiving feast hits your table, the clock starts ticking. No, not the countdown to when the doors swing open for Black Friday shopping – the food safety countdown has begun.

Leftovers from that elaborate meal you may have spent days planning and preparing need to be refrigerated within two hours. And although that may sound like not enough time for your fourth cousin twice removed to go back for a second helping, much less a third, it is a rule that should be followed.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service experts shared safety guidelines and a timeline to help Texans safely enjoy their leftovers.

“Every minute food passes through the danger zone food quality breaks down,” said Rebecca Dittmar, AgriLife Extension program specialist for the agency’s food safety education program.

Dittmar said to keep these key things in mind on Thanksgiving and the days that follow: All perishable items should be refrigerated within two hours of coming out of the oven or refrigerator. After two hours, perishable food enters the danger zone. If food has been left out for more than two hours, discard items to prevent foodborne illness.

The Monday after Thanksgiving means anything still in the refrigerator needs to go. This is your last chance to eat it, freeze it or dump what’s left of the leftovers.

Frozen food stays safe indefinitely, though the quality may decrease over time. If you store leftovers in the freezer, they will taste

best if used within two to six months.

No matter what method you use to reheat leftovers, from refrigerated or frozen, the food needs to reach at least 165 degrees before being consumed. Invest in a food thermometer if you don’t already have one.

As long as you follow proper safety protocols to thaw, reheat and refreeze food, you can pretty much keep it in your freezer indefinitely, Dittmar said. The texture and taste will start to go downhill after a few months and you probably won’t want to eat it, but it isn’t unsafe.

If you cooked too much or your guests ate too little, you may want to get creative with leftovers.

“The fresher the food the better anything you make with it will taste,” said Odessa Keenan, AgriLife Extension specialist with the Dinner Tonight program. “Being prepared with recipes and ideas in advance of how to get more meals out of your Thanksgiving feast means less waste.”

From a curry turkey salad to a southwest turkey bake to turkey tacos, the Dinner Tonight website offers recipes and leftover inspiration.

“People should also keep in mind that pretty much anything you can use chicken in, turkey can be substituted,” Keenan said.

For those families who celebrate Thanksgiving potluck style, additional food safety guidelines are also available on the website. If your feast is served buffet style, keep food hot in chafing dishes, slow cookers or warming trays. Keep cold-served food cold with nesting dishes in

bowls of ice.

Keenan said another idea to avoid too many leftovers is to cook what you think your family and guests will actually eat. Just because a certain side is a “tradition” doesn’t mean you can’t trade it out for a new recipe.

More food safety tips to keep in mind year-round:

- The safest way to store food is to use small and shallow containers. Whether in the fridge or freezer, smaller containers help cool leftovers more quickly than storing them in large containers. It also allows to reheat just the amount you’ll need.
- When reheating in a microwave, first arrange food items evenly in a covered microwave safe glass or ceramic dish. Add some liquid if needed. If your microwave doesn’t have a carousel, rotate the food during reheating to ensure even heating.

- Since microwaves have cold spots, use a food thermometer to check the internal temperature of the food in several places with a food thermometer after allowing a brief resting period. Cooking continues for a longer time in dense foods such as a whole turkey or beef roast than in less dense foods like breads, small vegetables and fruits.

- Keep your refrigerator at or below 40 degrees. Your freezer should be set to 0 degrees. Check temperatures periodically using an appliance thermometer.
- The US Department of Agriculture’s Food Safety and Inspection website is a great additional resource for food safety.

Local man receives TxDOT service award

Twenty-two Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Childress District employees were recently recognized for their years of service to the district and state.

Tony Kidd, Maintenance Supervisor in Dickens County; Anita Thompson, Business Operations Manager at the District Headquarters; and Roy Bertrand, Assistant Supervisor in Donley County, were all honored for 25 years of service.

Those receiving awards for 20 years of service were Phillip Gray, Equipment Operator with Special Jobs; Jamie Talley, Maintenance Supervisor in Hardeman County; and Lonnie Guerrero, General Transportation Tech in Cottle County.

Ten-year service awards were presented to Landon Allen, Maintenance Supervisor in Wheeler County; Waldo Canales, Assistant Supervisor in Cottle County; James Allen, Journeyman Electrician in Facilities; Roy Vela, Jr., Assistant Supervisor in Collingsworth County; Scott Fulton, Maintenance Supervisor in Motley County; Gilberto Ramirez, Equipment Operator in Childress County; Steven Beckham, General Transportation Tech in Wheeler County; Terry Messer, Assistant Supervisor in Knox County; Randy Worley, Equipment Operator in Cottle County and Jeffy Garza, Contract Specialist at the District Headquarters.

Receiving their five-year service awards were Slade Floyd, General Transportation Tech in Hall County; Austin Hager, General Transportation Tech in Foard County; Chris Hammack, Assistant Supervisor in Hardeman County; Tim Martinez, District Sign Technician in Cottle County; Randy Langford, General Transportation Tech in Hardeman County; Jerry Adcock, General Transportation Tech in Dickens County; Anthony Segura, General Transportation Tech in Dickens County and Colleen Brim, HR Generalist at the District Headquarters.

Childress District Engineer Darwin Lankford presented the awards to the employees and praised them for their dedication. “I truly appreciate the hard work and dedication put in by these employees on a daily basis,” Lankford said. “They are committed to making our district one of the best in the state.”

The Childress District serves the counties of Briscoe, Childress, Collingsworth, Cottle, Dickens, Donley, Foard, Hall, Hardeman, King, Knox, Motley and Wheeler and maintains more than 5,473 lane miles of roadway.



Clarendon Lions Richard Green and David Dockery welcome two new members Lindy Craft and Robin Sell. ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ROGER ESTLACK



Clarendon Lions Club members Roger Estlack, Scarlet Estlack, David Dockery, Richard Green, Jacob Fangman, Brian Barboza, Ella Estlack, and Mary Green packed food packages for the Donley County Senior Citizens last Wednesday. COURTESY PHOTO / DENISE BERTRAND

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Broncos' defeat Seagraves to claim Area Title

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon Broncos were named the Area Champs in 2A Div II last week in Floydada at Tyler Stadium with a huge 56-14 blowout over the Seagraves Eagles.

Clarendon's win put them in the Regional Quarter Final round going in with nine wins in a row after a tough pre-district schedule. The game will be played Friday, November 24, in Borger against the Gruver Greyhounds at 2:00 in the afternoon.

Once again, the Broncos were led by senior Lyric Smith who took over the quarterback duties mid-season after Harrison Howard suffered an injury. Smith was fourteen of nineteen passing for 251 yards and five passing touchdowns and one interception. Smith also carried the ball eleven times for 121 yards and three rushing touchdowns including a 45-yard romp through the defense for the Broncos' fourth score of the game in the second quarter. Smith posted five tackles on defense and recovered a Seagraves fumble.

Mason Sims, Jaxan McAnear, and Quay Brown accounted for the other Bronco scores. Sims had seven catches for 132 yards and had three receiving TD's. Sims' longest catch from Smith was 69 yards. After their first score of the game, the Broncos worked it down to their own 15-yard line when Smith found McAnear for the second score of the game. Brown's reception came in the third quarter to help put the Broncos up by 37 points.

Shane Hagood was on the receiving end of a Smith pass for 44 yards and he rushed for 28 yards for 62 total yards and Easton Frausto had three carries for 24 yards. The Broncos accumulated 414 total yards on offense.

Defensively, the Broncos were able to frustrate their opponent and hold them out of the endzone numerous times as they were only able to rack up 101 yards. Dalton Coles has intensified defensively since the season began. Coles led the way with nine tackles in the game and one forced fumble. Grant Haynes has played stronger with seven tackles on the night, and Jared Musick continues to play with consistency grabbing seven tackles and one QB sack. Anthony Ceniceros has stayed solid on the line and finished with four tackles, and McAnear and Ranger Drenth added three tackles each.

First year head coach Aaron Wampler feels the Broncos have worked really hard this season and has confidence they will continue.

"They've gotten more and more comfortable with what the offense is supposed to look like, what the defense is supposed to look like," Wampler said. "Just the execution with that, finding ways to really expose what our opponents are trying to do to us and finding ways to get open offensively. They've worked really, really hard."

Good luck in the Regional Quarter-final, Broncos!

Lady Broncos clobber the Demonettes

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos had an easy go of it on the road last week and took a 50-14 win over Dumas.

Junior Tandie Cummins and sophomore Kashlyn Conkin led the way with eight points apiece that included one three-pointer and one of two free throws for Cummins and one from the arc and three of three free throws for Conkin.

The ladies stepped out to an 18-point advantage after one and continued to add to their point total with a good offensive strategy that allowed all of the players to get involved. Their defense shut down everything Dumas tried, and they were able to hold them to single digits until the final quarter of play.

Presley Smith and Kenidee Hayes added six points each and Kennadie Cummins put in four. Hayden Elam and Kate Shaw helped with three points each, and Courtlyn Conkin was perfect from the bonus at two.

The ladies will host Groom on November 28 in the Bronco Gym at 6:00 p.m. and participate in the Miami Tournament November 30-December 2.



Mason Sims and Dalton Coles take down an Eagle last week in Floydada. ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ROGER ESTLACK



Anthony Ceniceros stops a pass last week by the Seagraves offense. ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ROGER ESTLACK



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The Bronco defensive line holds the Eagles last week. ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ROGER ESTLACK

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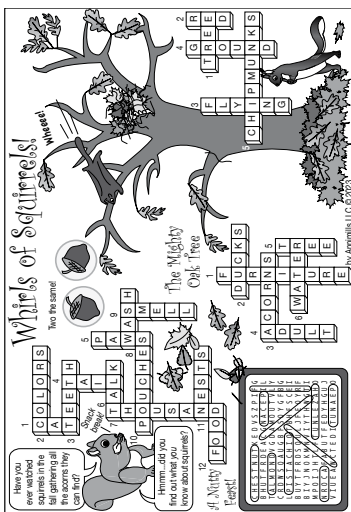
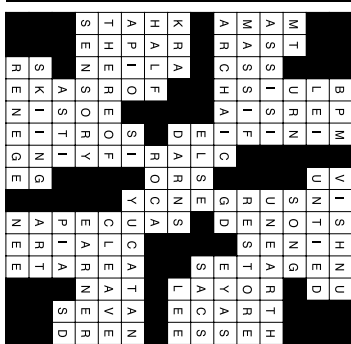
Clarendon Lions Club Regular meeting each Tuesday at noon. David Dockery, Boss Lion. Roger Estlack, Secretary

Clarendon Alcoholics Anonymous Group 806-661-1015, 806-671-9766, 806-205-1840, 24 hour hotline 877-421-4334. Mon. & Sat. 7 p.m. 416 S Kearney St.

Clarendon Chamber of Commerce Regular Board of Directors meeting third Tuesday each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Clarendon Visitor Center.

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APPLICATION HAS BEEN MADE with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission For a Retail Dealer's Off-Premise Permit By Odima Investments LLC, Db a Sunrise Convenience Store Located at 223 RoseMarie DR, Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. Owners and officers of said corporation are: Peter Odima, Officer and Marilyn Odima, Officer

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The property located at 339 Walleye St, Howardwick, TX 79226 was found to be in violation of the city's substandard structure ordinance outlined in the Local Government Code, Title 7, Subtitle A, Chapter 214, for dangerous structures and has been set for a hearing. NOTICES MAILED TO OWNER OF RECORD: Kelly Tuttle

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lots One Hundred Thirty-six (136) and Lot One Hundred Thirty-seven (137), in the Cherokee Section, to the Town of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas PARCEL ID: R7373

A hearing has been set before the city council for the purpose of making a determination of whether the building is a substandard building or structure under the provisions of International Property Maintenance Code, 2009 Edition and the International Wildland-Urban Interface Code, 2009 Edition. The hearing will take place at City Hall, 247 Rick Husband Blvd, Howardwick, Texas 79226 on the 12th day of December, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. You may present your case as to why this building should not be declared a public nuisance and why you should not be ordered to repair, renovate, or demolish and clear such building or structure from the premises. If the city council finds that this building is a substandard building or structure, the city council may order the abatement of said condition or conditions by repair, renovation, removal or demolition by you within a reasonable time to be set by the city council and that the city may demolish or remove said building if the owner does not comply with such order.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The property located at 127 Billy Dr, Howardwick, TX 79226 was found to be in violation of the city's substandard structure ordinance outlined in the Local Government Code, Title 7, Subtitle A, Chapter 214, for dangerous structures and has been set for a hearing. NOTICES MAILED TO OWNER OF RECORD: Chad Austin

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: All of Lot One Hundred Twenty-two (122) Except East Ten feet (E'10') and Lot One Hundred Twenty-three (123), in the Huron Section of the Sherwood Shores Addition, to the Town of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. Including Mobile Home Cert No:

LEGAL NOTICE

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LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot One Hundred Fourteen (114), in the Huron Addition of the Sherwood Shores Addition, to the Town of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas including Mobile home Cert No: 01114190 PARCEL ID: R8075 A hearing has been set before the city council for the purpose of making a determination of whether the building is a substandard building or structure under the provisions of International Property Maintenance Code, 2009 Edition and the International Wildland-Urban Interface Code, 2009 Edition. The hearing will take place at City Hall, 247 Rick Husband Blvd, Howardwick, Texas 79226 on the 12th day of December, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. You may present your case as to why this building should not be declared a public nuisance and why you should not be ordered to repair, renovate, or demolish and clear such building or structure from the premises. If the city council finds that this building is a substandard building or structure, the city council may order the abatement of said condition or conditions by repair, renovation, removal or demolition by you within a reasonable time to be set by the city council and that the city may demolish or remove said building if the owner does not comply with such order.

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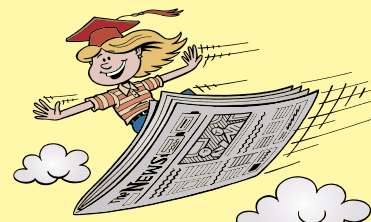
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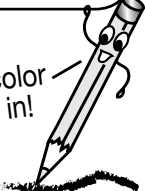
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Have you ever watched squirrels in the fall gathering all the acorns they can find?

Read the clues to fill in this puzzle:

Snack break!

1. may be as small as a mouse or as large as a _____
 2. fur _____ may be gray, golden brown, red, black or white
 3. four sharp front ones; can bite through the hardest nut shells
 4. used for steering, balance, shade and warmth
 5. use these to hold, bury food
 6. over one _____ types of squirrels
 7. squirrels _____: bark, squeal and chatter
 8. _____ themselves a lot
 9. find nuts with this keen sense
 10. ground squirrels have these in cheeks to carry food
 11. make these in tree hollows, on branches, in ground
 12. fruits, nuts, berries, seeds, insects, eggs are _____

Whirls of Squirrels!

Invitations to a festival were sent on oak leaves to all squirrel family members:

- These squirrels build nests in branches and hollows. They do not store food, but bury it to find later.
- These are the noisiest squirrels. They like to live in forests. They are the smallest of the tree squirrels, but they are very fast.
- These squirrels sleep during the day. They move and eat at night. They climb to high spots in trees, then jump and glide!
- These members of the squirrel family - woodchucks, prairie dogs and marmots - all have burrows in the earth. They store food and hibernate in winter.
- These dig burrows. They have dark and light stripes on their faces. They carry food in cheek pouches to store it for the winter. They sleep, but they wake up to nibble food.

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle to find out who is at the festival.

RED
GROUND
TREE
CHIPMUNKS
FLYING

Scenes from the Hedley ISD Veterans Day Program



COURTESY PHOTOS / HEDLEY ISD

CISD Board of Trustees approve budget amendment

The Clarendon CISD Board of Trustees met in regular session last Monday, November 13 with a short agenda.

The board authorized the president to sign a notice concerning a waiver for the summer nutrition plan. The board also approved a budget amendment to the food service fund for 2022-2023 as presented.

Trust deeds were approved for the City of Howardwick as presented.

Administrative reports were given by Athletic Director Aaron Wampler, Elementary Principal Cynthia Bessent, CJH Principal Jenifer Pigg, CHS Principal John Moffett, Counselor Jenae Ashbrook, Federal Program/Curriculum Director Jen Bellar; and Superintendent Jarod Bellar.

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