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

Candidates forum to be held Tuesday

The Donley County Republican Club will host a Candidate Forum Tuesday, February 13 at the Bairfield Activity Center at 7:00 p.m.

Local candidates for this spring's primary elections will present their platforms. The forum will be open to the public regardless of party affiliation, and refreshments will be served.

Donations are being accepted by the Donley County Republican Club for the purpose of providing these annual forums and for purchasing food for both Republican and Democratic election workers during the primaries.

Those wishing to make a donation for that purpose can do so by mailing a check to PO Box 789, Clarendon, TX 79226 or by taking a donation to the Donley County Republican Club directly to the Donley County State Bank.

Deadline to request mail ballots Feb. 23

Donley County Clerk Vicky Tunnell is reminding voters this week they must renew any request to ballot by mail.

Those requests do not renew automatically, Tunnell said.

For voters interested in the balloting by mail for this spring's Democratic or Republican primary elections in March, applications must be received (not postmarked) no later than Friday, February 23, 2024.

For information, call the Clerk's office at 806-874-3436.

Baseball sign-ups to be next week

The Clarendon Baseball League will be holding sign-ups for baseball players and softball players age nine to 16. Wednesday & Thursday, February 14 and February 15, at the Bronco Gym from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. \$50 due at sign up.

Visitors must check in at Clarendon ISD

Effective February 5, anyone entering into any campus at Clarendon CISD will enter onto the campus by means of the Elementary, Junior High, High School or Administration offices.

Each person will be required to show a Driver's License or ID card issued by the state. Each person will sign in and be issued a visitor pass with their name on it.



100th Day Celebration

Mrs. D'Costa's Pre-Kindergarten class at Clarendon Elementary School dressed up as centenarians last week to mark the 100th day of school.

COURTESY PHOTO

More candidates file for local offices

The candidate count is now up to 14, but several positions are still unfilled on local boards as the deadline to sign up approaches next week.

Three boards have enough candidates for all open positions while four other boards are still waiting for people to file for office as of Tuesday.

The cities of Clarendon, Hedley, and Howardwick; the Clarendon and Hedley school districts; the Clarendon College District; and the Donley County Hospital District all have a total of 21 positions available this year.

The City of Howardwick has three people running for three positions available on the city council. Aldermen Mary Grady and Terry Barnes are seeking re-election, and Johnny Hubbard is also running.

All of the Donley County Hospital District Board's expiring members have filed for re-election. Those are Mark C. White – Place 6, Jan Farris – Place 4, Nikki Adams – Place 5, and Lori Howard – Place 7.

Clarendon CISD has Taylor Shelton and Kenneth McIntosh running for the positions currently held by Wayne Hardin and Wes

Hatley. The incumbents have not yet filed for re-election.

Carole Ward has filed for re-election to her seat on the Hedley CISD board, but Dana Bell's seat has not been filed for.

In the City of Clarendon, Aldermen Tommy Hill and John Lockhart will be on the ballot for two of three positions on the city council up for election this year. Aldermen have not filed.

Mayor Trisha Chambless is seeking a full term in office in Hedley, and two other positions are available on the city council. Those seats are currently held by

Aldermen Aaron Hanes and Clayton Beagle.

Janice Knorpp has filed for re-election to the Clarendon College Board of Regents. Three other seats have not been filed for and are currently held by Tommy Waldrop, Lon Adams, and Brittney Word.

All local boards are elected at-large, but hospital board candidates must file for a specific place on the board. Candidate applications are available from the administrative offices of each entity.

Filing continues through Friday, February 16. Elections are scheduled to be held May 4, 2024.



Chamber honoree

Jerri Shields of the Burton Memorial Library was named the Chamber of Commerce's Employee of the Month for January for her friendly service and helpfulness at the library. Shown here are with Shields are Chamber directors Courtney Monroe, Richard Green, and Bob Weiss. To nominate a Chamber business' employee go to ClarendonTx.com/employeeofthemonth. ENTERPRISE PHOTO

Appraisal district provides helpful info for taxpayers

Updated property tax information has been compiled by the Donley Appraisal District and is available now to assist taxpayers. This property tax information is current and covers a wide range of topics, such as taxpayer remedies, exemptions, and appraisals, and has information for select groups, such as disabled veterans and those age 65 or older.

"Whether you are a homeowner, business owner, disabled veteran or other property owner, it's important to know your rights concerning property tax laws," said Paula Lowrie, Chief Appraiser of the Donley Appraisal District. "Contact

us with your questions and we'll provide you the most complete, accurate and up-to-date information available to assist you."

Property Tax Exemptions for Disabled Veterans – The law provides partial exemptions for any property owned by disabled veterans or surviving spouses and surviving children of deceased disabled veterans. Another partial exemption is for homesteads donated to disabled veterans by charitable organizations at no cost or not more than 50 percent of the good faith estimate of the homestead's market value to the disabled veterans and their surviving spouses. The exemption amount

is determined according to percentage of service-connected disability. The law also provides a 100 percent homestead exemption for 100 percent disabled veterans and their surviving spouses and surviving spouses of U.S. armed service members killed in the line of duty.

Homestead Exemptions– A homestead is generally defined as the home and land used as the owner's principal residence on January 1 of the tax year. A homestead exemption reduces the appraised value of the homestead and, as a result, lowers property taxes. Applications are submitted to the appraisal district office.

Productivity Appraisal –

Property owners who use land for agricultural purposes or wildlife management can be granted property tax relief on their land. You can file an application that may result in a lower appraisal of the land based on production, versus market value.

Property Tax Exemptions – Non-profit organizations that meet statutory requirements may seek property tax exemptions and must apply at the appraisal district by a specific date. Businesses that receive tax abatements granted by taxing units; ship inventory out of Texas that may be eligible for the freeport exemption; store certain goods in transit in warehouses that are moved

within 175 days; construct, install or acquire pollution control property; own and operate energy storage systems; convert landfill-generated gas; or store offshore drilling equipment while not in use may also be eligible for statutory exemptions.

Rendering Taxable Property – If a business owns tangible personal property that is used to produce income, the business must file a rendition with the appraisal district by April 15. Personal property includes inventory and equipment used by a business. Owners do not have to render exempt property such as church property or an agriculture

See 'Tax Info' on page 5.

H'wick okays paving

The City of Howardwick accepted a bid for road construction during a called meeting January 23 to improve a stretch of Rick Husband Boulevard.

The \$219,499.50 bid of G&G Operators of Dalhart was accepted as the lowest bid. The highest bid was \$428,980 from West Texas Utility Contractors.

City Secretary Sandy Childress said the scope of the work covers drainage improvements from the draw between Dawn Drive and Porter Drive and extending about 800 linear feet northwest on Rick Husband, tearing up that section of road and replacing it with hot mix asphalt.

Childress the original plan for the grant project when it was first conceived in 2020 was to improve Rick Husband much further, going all the way past City Hall to Swanson Street. Increasing costs over time whittled the project down, she said.

The city is, however, negotiating with the contractor and the agencies providing the Community Development Block Grant funding the project in hopes of issuing a change order on the contract that would allow more paving to be done.

Childress said doing a two-course chip seal instead of hot mix would lengthen the amount of new paving that could be done on this project.

Childress said the city has some COVID-relief funds still on hand that might be used to purchase some equipment that would allow the city to do some of the work to rip up the existing road itself, which also allow more of the CDBG grant money to go further with paving.

"The contractor has no problem with it, but we have to get everyone else to agree," she said.

Childress is also encouraged that the city will have a good chance at winning a second grant once this one is completed. The next grant could provide as much as \$500,000 for future paving.

"They tell me once you get the first grant, it's easier to get a second one," she said.

The city expects the paving project as it currently is planned to begin in March and be completed within 60 days. If the city is allowed to make its desired change order, that timeline may change, Childress said.



Boxing was king in US at one time

For most of us this week, winter has finally come. It seemed the perfect weekend for our first arctic plunge as it was Wild Card Weekend in the National Football League, and I could hunker down with three days of football.

As a Kansas City Chiefs fan, I was excited to watch them take on the Miami Dolphins and hoped the Chiefs' receivers could catch the ball in the cold. Yet, to my surprise and frustration while watching the Cleveland Browns-Houston Texans game, I saw an advertisement for the next game, only streaming on Peacock. I don't have Peacock. I thought about subscribing for just this game, but I already have more streaming services than I need, and I refuse to be forced to subscribe to yet another. The advertisements for Peacock all said the same thing: It's the first time a playoff game will be streamed and so sign up and be part of history. Streaming a playoff game is historic, but the NFL should note it's probably not the history they are hoping for.

Today in sports there are the big four that dominate: baseball, basketball, hockey and the biggest of all, football. Yet, if we traveled back 100 years, the sports scene was much different with the big three being horse racing, boxing and the one constant baseball. In the 1920s and '30s everyone had their favorite horse, and the most significant sports star was the heavyweight boxing champ. Every kid dreamed of being the heavyweight champion and the sporting events were the biggest thing on the radio. This changed over time and for many reasons.

While baseball still has a considerable following it has fallen behind basketball and football in popularity. Most consider this due to TV. Baseball is perfect for radio but is thought of as too slow to keep modern audiences glued to a TV the way the fast-paced sports like football do.

For horse racing, most historians see four major causes. First, horse racing used to be the only legal form of gambling, but then the rise of casinos captured the attention of gamblers.

Secondly, the move to the suburbs in the 1950s took people away from the tracks mostly built in urban areas. Thirdly, horses did not race as much. If a horse won a leg of the Triple Crown, they were sent to stud. Its hard to develop relationships with favorite horses if they only raced a couple times. Finally, animal rights groups protested the sport as cruel to animals turning off some fans.

Let's focus on boxing. Heavyweight champions were worshiped 100 years ago. Yet, today even as a big sports fan, I have no idea who the champ is. That is a big change. In the 1920s and '30s names like Jack Dempsey, Tommy Loughran, Joe Louis and of course Jim Braddock were spoken in reverence. Boxing, unlike horseracing, survived the post-war years and it thrived with TV. Boxing fit TV perfectly. Boxers like Sugar Ray Robinson and Rocky Marciano kept the sport thriving.

In the 1960s the sport actually grew when a young Cassius Clay captured America's attention. Changing his name to Muhammad Ali, he became to many the greatest boxer of all time. It was not just Ali, the next two decades also had fighters like Sonny Liston, Joe Frazier, and George Foreman to keep fans interested.

While it would take time for boxing popularity to fall, something happened in the 1970s that is at least partly responsible, a cable network HBO. In 1973 Home Box Office premiered its World Boxing Championship series with an amazing match between Foreman and Frazier. While the fight pitted two superstars, it also limited its audience as less than 10 percent of Americans had cable. HBO topped itself in 1975 when it broadcasted "The Thrilla in Manila" between Ali and Frazier on a pay-per-view format. The fight was huge and the format did not seem to hurt the sport's popularity. Yet as boxing began to be dominated by HBO, it started to lose the casual fan as many households did not have the service.

Things looked up for subscription services in the 1980s. About 60 percent of homes had cable by the end of the decade and at least half of them had HBO, but that is still only 30 percent of the television audience. Luckily boxing still thrived, especially with new superstars like Mike Tyson. Too young to have watched Ali live, for me Tyson was the greatest boxer I had ever seen. I loved his fights, but it required a bunch of us kids to pool our money to afford to watch them.

The problem for Tyson fights on pay-per-view was that after shelling out all the cash he knocked out his opponent in the first round. Tyson beat Bruce Seldon in a championship fight in one minute forty-nine seconds. I don't recall how much we paid to see the fight, but it was a lot of money to shell out for less than two minutes.

I have no idea what the rating were for the Chiefs game. They were probably spiked with the thousands of Swifties who tuned in to see how many cutaways there were of Taylor Swift. No matter the ratings, they could not have been as large as other games that were broadcast on regular networks.

I am not saying football might go the way of boxing. Most of the games were on the networks and most Americans now stream their content. Also, unlike boxing, the NFL does not need to worry about the Chiefs knocking out the Dolphins in two minutes, even though it did look that way with the Green Bay Packers v. Dallas Cowboys. It's just difficult to understand when you are the king, why tinker with the product? Maybe viewer accessibility is what keeps them on top. Yet if you want to call a streaming game "historic", historically speaking there was a time when boxing was king.

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historically speaking
by dr. james finck

Tales of a Nevada grave robber

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The discovery that Jean Baptiste, a grave digger in the Salt Lake City cemetery, not only dug graves but also reopened them and robbed the bodies, touched off one of the most intense periods of excitement in the annals of that Mormon city. This strange episode is all but forgotten today; however, the passions that were aroused in the winter of 1862 by the discovery of this little man's infamous deeds were such that "the women in their poignant grief would have torn Baptiste into shreds had he not been protected by the iron bars of a prison."

Jean Baptiste, more commonly called "John the Baptist," was reportedly born in Venice, Italy, in 1814. Before coming to Salt Lake City, he had worked as a grave digger in Australia. Coming to Salt Lake City shortly before 1857, Baptiste applied for work at the Salt Lake City cemetery. J. C. Little, City Sexton, gave him a job, and for the next five years the little grave digger quietly plied his trade, hardly being noticed by anyone. But in January 1862, when relatives disinterred the body of Moroni Clawson to remove his remains to another location, Jean Baptiste's secret avocation came to light, and the city at once became the scene of the wildest confusion.

Moroni Clawson had been shot and killed while trying to escape arrest. Since no one came forward at that time to claim Clawson's body, he was buried in the Potter's Field area of the cemetery. Some days later, members of Clawson's family appeared and obtained permission to move the body to a cemetery at Willow Creek (now Draper) in Big Cottonwood Canyon. When the grave was opened, they found themselves staring down at a naked body.

Members of Clawson's family turned their ire on Henry Heath, a Salt

Lake City policeman, who had been in charge of the burial. When Henry Clawson accused Heath of improperly burying his brother, Heath became quite upset, for he had not only buried the body in a full set of burial clothes, but he had purchased them with his own money.

"I don't think any pauper ever had cleaner or better burial clothing than he," Heath claimed.

Suspicion soon turned to John Baptiste. Searching Baptiste's home, Heath and fellow policemen found several boxes of clothing and jewelry. They uncovered 60 pairs of children's shoes, a dozen men's shoes, and many items of women's clothing. Baptiste confessed to burying the people in the daytime and then digging them up at night and removing clothing and jewelry. He pled for mercy, but because Heath had recently buried his own daughter in the cemetery, Heath was in no mood to extend mercy. Leading Baptiste to his little girl's grave, Heath demanded, "Did you rob that one?"

"No, no, not that one." Heath later recalled that Baptiste's answer "saved the miserable coward's life."

As news of the grizzly discovery spread through Salt Lake City, several citizens remembered passing pawn shop windows and seeing watches, rings, and other items of jewelry that had looked strangely familiar. All the items from Baptiste's house were taken to City Hall and spread out on a table 50 feet long. The mayor declared a city-wide holiday, and citizens stood in line to search the table for items that might have been removed from the bodies of their rela-



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tales of the old west
by george u. hubbard

tives. The atmosphere was charged with near hysteria, especially as people recognized garments in which their loved ones had been buried. The fact that Baptiste was now incarcerated in the innermost cell of the jail is all that saved him from a lynch mob. Distraught families threatened to open the graves of their deceased to ascertain the condition of the bodies, and if necessary, to reclothe them. The excitement remained high until Brigham Young exerted a calming influence by speaking on the subject in the Tabernacle.

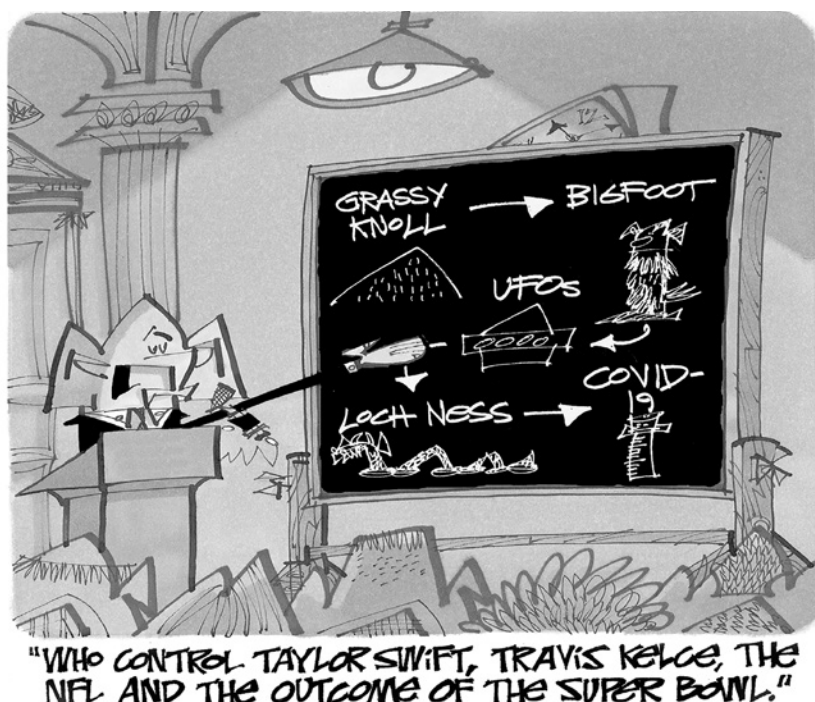
I will defy any thief there is on the earth or in hell to rob a Saint of one blessing. A thief may dig up dead bodies and sell them for the dissecting knife, or may take their raiment from them, but when the resurrection takes place, the Saints will come forth with all the glory, beauty and excellence of resurrected Saints clothed as they were when they were laid away.

Do as you please with regard to taking up your friends. If I should undertake to do anything of the kind, I should clothe them completely and lay them away again. And if you are afraid of their being robbed again, put them in your gardens where you can watch them.

I would let my friends lay and sleep in peace. The meanness of the act is so far beneath my comprehension that I have not ventured to think much about it.

Still, what to do with Baptiste. "Hang him," cried some. "Cut his ears off," cried others. Brigham Young suggested that Baptiste simply be exiled and told never to return. Following this suggestion, authorities banished Baptiste to Miller's (now Fremont) Island in the Great Salt Lake. It is known that he remained on the island for several months, then he disappeared and was never seen in Utah again.

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



Retelling an old 20th century joke

It's an old joke from the 1990s, pulled from the files each time the Super Bowl rolls around.

Late Congressman Charles Stenholm, a distinguished Christian statesman from Ericksdahl (near Stamford) popularized the yarn in Texas, claiming that it originated in Washington, DC. It was during more civil times, when Republicans and Democrats not only talked to each other, but shared jokes across the aisle.

That the joke has whiskers is further linked to the "good old days" because it was shared at Super Bowls featuring the Dallas Cowboys. It was back when there was little argument but that the Cowboys were "America's team." Yes indeed, it was a LONG time ago....

Here's the joke: The youth minister of a church put up signs all over town inviting youth to attend a Super Bowl party. There'd be sandwiches and cookies for all.

Hours before the party, he grew antsy, fearing they'd run out of food before they ran out of "takers."

As a precaution, he prepared a hasty sign for the sandwich table. It read: "Please take no more than two sandwiches. Remember, God is watching you."....

When he exited, a junior high kid slipped in, noticing the stark request on the sandwich table sign.

He decided to make a sign of his own for the cookie table.

It read: "Take all the cookies you want—God is watching the sandwiches."....

During the recent Christmas/

New Year's bowl season, James and Jeanie Williamson and their family gathered at their daughter's home in Houston. Mary and her hubby, Justin, have a spacious home, complete with all kinds of kitchen paraphernalia, the kind Justin, an accomplished cook, deems important. During the visit, Mary and her sister-in-law, Sarah, busied themselves with small talk.

Thinking it may have been misplaced or somehow relocated by the Cornetts' five children, Mary asked, "Where is the sugar bowl?"

Pausing, Sarah answered, "I think it's in New Orleans." Justin, as well as Mary's hubby, John Williamson, and the grandchildren made great sport about the exchange, deciding that the small talk had grown even smaller....

Their laughter perhaps lessened Sarah's shade of red, but powers that be at Texas Christian and Baylor Universities should be blushing about mystifying boo-boo's concerning their basketball playing floors.

Both are obvious to fans who have witnessed home games of both Baylor and TCU.

Let's take the two issues one at a time....

At TCU, the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum is state-of-the-art after a recent multi-million dollar facelift.

Overall, the re-do is magnificent. The floor pattern may be a work of art,

but to the hordes of us who'd prefer to follow the game without risking sea sickness, it is lacking. Trying to follow the players and fast ball movement induces dizziness, the artwork appearing to be ocean waves shortly before storms brew. It may win a prize at the art show, but it is hard on TV viewers.

Social media is buzzing with unhappiness with TV coverage at Baylor's new \$212 million Foster Pavilion, where the Bears now play basketball. Fans say that no provisions were made for TV cameras' placement for horizontal shots. Cameras are decidedly directed downward, the effect somewhat lessened by "zooming in."

At a time in history when both Baylor and TCU are combatants in big-time sports with big-time budgets and the big-time glitz that goes with such emphases, changing floor designs and finding new areas dedicated to TV cameras should be "slam dunks."....

Somehow, reference to colors brings to mind a tale attributed to my late Uncle John Harper, who was in law enforcement much of his life.

He often parked near a newly-painted STOP sign. The black letters shined boldly against a brilliant red background. There, he ticketed and lectured motorists failing to come to complete stops. One driver objected, maintaining that he had merely "oozed through" the intersection.

"S-T-O-P don't spell 'ooze'," Uncle John countered, handing him a citation....

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Wes Shaw with the Grand Champion Heifer purchased by Virginia Patten Farm Bureau / Hall-Donley Farm Bureau.



Jase Conway with the Grand Champion Barrow purchased by Justin Conway.



Maloree Wann with the Grand Champion Gilt purchased by Jacob Pigg Cattle.



Madison Moore with the Grand Champion Sheep purchased by Brit & Virginia Patten.



Levi Gates with the Grand Champion Steer purchased by 287 Ag / Scott Farley.



Kaitin Ehler with the Grand Champion Goat purchased by Greenbelt Electric Cooperative.



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- Hall-Donley Farm Bureau
- Harley & Tana Caudle
- Hedley Lions Club
- Herring Bank
- Hollis Livestock Auction
- J & W Lumber
- Jack & Lindy Craft
- Jackie & Kasey Bell
- Jacob Pigg Cattle Co.
- Jay & Susan Anders
- Jen Snell
- Jim & Sharon Braddock/Broken B Ranch
- Johnny & Gail Hill
- Johnny & Janet Cooper
- Johnny & Joy Treichel
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Adleigh Moore with the Reserve Champion Goat purchased by Donley County Gin and Lakeview Gin.



Levi Gates with the Reserve Champion Steer.



Kate Shaw with the Reserve Champion Heifer purchased by TWG Insurance.



Showmanship Award Winners

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- February 8**
Lady Broncos Powerlifting • 4:00 p.m. • Childress
- February 9**
Owls v Valley • 6:30 p.m. • Home
- February 9**
Broncos v Wheeler • 6:30 p.m. • Home
- February 9 & 10**
The Beekeeper • 7:30 p.m. • Mulkey Theater
- February 11**
The Beekeeper • 2:00 p.m. • Mulkey Theater
- February 13**
Broncos v Quannah • 6:30 p.m. • Away
- February 13**
Broncos Baseball v San Jacinto (scrimmage) • 4:00 p.m. • Home
- February 15**
Broncos Powerlifting • 4:00 p.m. • Childress

Menus

Feb. 12 - 16

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Mushroom steak, baked potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll, chocolate cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Chicken enchiladas, pinto beans, side salad, Spanish rice, black forest parfait, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Meatloaf, cheesy potatoes, side salad, cheery cobbler, cornbread, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Pork loin, long grain rice, turnip greens, whole wheat roll, pumpkin pie, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Chili dog on a bun, French fries, cucumber/onion salad, oatmeal/raisin cookie, iced tea/2% milk.

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Mon: Asian sweet chili pork, steamed rice, buttered peas & carrots, egg rolls, almond cookies, apricots, whole wheat buttermilk biscuit, iced tea/2% milk.
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Wed: Chicken fried steak w/ country gravy, homemade mashed potatoes, Brussel sprouts, chocolate chip cookie, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Crunchy baked cod, buttered egg noodles, creamed spinach, snickerdoodles, whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Beef, bean, & cheese burrito, Mexican rice, mixed green salad, banana, rice Krispie treat, iced tea/2% milk.

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

Lunch
Mon: Corn dog, potatoes, tomato cup, fruit, milk.
Tues: Nacho Grande, salsa, beans, cucumbers, ice cream cup, fruit, milk.
Wed: Spaghetti bowl, breadstick, veggie cup, salad, fruit, milk.
Thu: Crispy tacos, broccoli, corn, fruit, milk.
Fri: Pizza, carrots, green beans, dessert, fruit, 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 sandwich, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Fri: Waffles, sausage, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Breaded drumstick, biscuit, garden salad, tomatoes, apple, milk.
Tues: Frito pie, beans, veggie cup, pineapple, cookie, milk.
Wed: Pizza, broccoli, marinara sauce, cinnamon applesauce, milk.
Thu: Boneless chicken wings, chips, celery, carrots, mixed fruit, sherbet, milk.
Fri: P&J sandwiches, cheese sticks, baby carrots, celery sticks, animal crackers, milk.



Students at Clarendon Elementary celebrated 100 days of school last week. COURTESY PHOTO / LISA GRAHN

Seat belt declining among Texas teens

A parent's worst nightmare happens all too often in Texas as the number of unbuckled teen drivers and passengers killed in crashes is rising. TxDOT's Teen Click It or Ticket campaign is urging all teens to buckle up — every seat, every ride.

Vehicle crashes continue to be a leading cause of death for U.S. teenagers. The number of teenagers killed in Texas who weren't wearing their seat belt increased from 144 in 2021 to 162 in 2022, the equivalent of three full school buses.

"We want to remind our teens to always buckle up, no matter how far the drive," said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. "It only takes a few seconds to put on your seat belt, and that simple click can save a life."

Seat belts offer the best protection in a crash. Unfortunately, seat belt use remains low among Texas teen drivers and passengers. In 2022, 51 percent (162 of 320) of teens killed in vehicle crashes were not wearing seat belts.

The Teen Click It or Ticket campaign will travel the state Feb.

1-15, reaching out to Texas teens with its imperative seat belt safety message.

The tour will include a mobile digital vehicle featuring screens displaying safety information. It will also include a trailer with the wreckage from a truck crash that involved two teenagers who walked away with minor injuries because they were wearing seat belts.

During the interactive experience, teens will learn about the Texas law that requires drivers and all passengers to wear seat belts. Unbuckled drivers and passengers — even those in the back seat — can face fines and fees of up to \$200.

The Teen Click It or Ticket campaign is a key component of #EndTheStreakTX, a broader social media and word-of-mouth effort that encourages drivers to make safer choices while behind the wheel to help end the streak of daily deaths. Nov. 7, 2000, was the last deathless day on Texas roadways.

For inquiries, contact Ginger Wilson at txdot.gov or (940) 937-7288.

the lion's tale
by roger estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting February 6, 2024, with Boss Lion David Dockery in charge.

We had 16 members in person, two members attending virtually, and Sweetheart Emma Roys present this week.

Lion Ted Shaller updated the club on his efforts to collect donations to finish the fundraising for the new air-conditioning system for the Lions Hall. Thanks to Lion Ted's efforts and several generous gifts, we are very close to our goal.

Lion Jacob Fangman reported on the city, and Lion Landon Lambert reported on the county.

Emma reported that tonight is senior night during the basketball games as CHS takes on Wellington.

Lion Richard Green reported that a sheriff's sale today put several Howardwick properties back on the tax rolls, and he reminded everyone of the Chamber banquet coming up on February 29.

Lion Roger Estlack reported on the CEDC's efforts to get some new directional signage for businesses downtown, and Lion Larry Capranica reported the community Palm Sunday service will be held by the Ministerial Alliance on March 24 at 6 p.m. at Community Fellowship Church with Methodist pastor Ryan Quist bringing the message.

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

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Senior Night

Hedley High School seniors Flor Sylvestre, Ashlee Holmes, Nic Clark, Liam Branigan, and Saul Carreon were recognized last Friday during the HHS v. Groom games.

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Lillie McCleskey dribbles down court for the Lady Owls last week.

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Paeton Glover shots for the Owls last week.

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Tax Information:

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producer's equipment used for farming. Failure to render results in a penalty being applied to the tax bill.

Residence Homestead Tax Deferral – Texas homeowners may postpone paying the currently delinquent property taxes due on the appreciating value of their homes by filing a tax deferral affidavit at their local county appraisal district. This tax relief allows homeowners to pay the property taxes on 105 percent of the preceding year's appraised value of their homestead, plus the taxes on any new improvements to the homestead. The remaining taxes are postponed, but not canceled, with interest accruing at eight percent per year.

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Appraisal Notices – Taxpayers typically receive a notice of appraised value from the appraisal district in the spring. The notice should be reviewed carefully; it contains important information about the property record. Once notices are mailed, the updated information is available at <http://www.donleycad.org>. The city, county, school districts and other local taxing units will use

the appraisal district's value to set property taxes for the coming year.

Protesting Property Appraisal Values – Property owners who disagree with the appraisal district's appraisal of their property for local taxes or for any other action that adversely affects them may protest their property value to the Donley Appraisal Review Board (ARB). The normal deadline to file a protest is May 15.

Property Taxpayer Remedies – This comptroller publication explains in detail how to protest a property appraisal, what issues the county appraisal review board (ARB) can consider, and what to expect during a protest hearing. The publication also discusses the options of taking a taxpayer's case to the district court, the State Office of Administrative Hearings, or binding arbitration if the taxpayer is dissatisfied with the outcome of the ARB hearing. You can find it at comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/.

Notice of Availability of Electronic Communication – Chief appraisers and ARBs may communicate electronically through email or other media with property owners or their designated representatives. Written agreements are required for notices and other documents to be delivered electronically instead of mailing.

To learn more, visit <http://www.donleycad.org>. Information is also available on the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division's website at comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/.

The Donley Appraisal District can be reached by phone at 806-874-2744.

Owl Spotlight

Last week, the Hedley Owls and Lady Owls played against Claude on Tuesday, and unfortunately, both were not able to pull out a victory. The high school boys' score was 51-21 while the girls' score was 62-9.

Thursday, Rambling Ranch Boutique came to the school parking lot for the community to shop.

Friday, there were both junior high and high school games at home against the Groom Tigers for senior night. The junior high Lady Owls fell short but the junior high Owls attained another victory. High school Lady Owls fell short to the Ettes as well as the Owls falling short to the Tigers.

The Owls will play White Deer this week. Junior high will play Monday night at White Deer, and the Varsity will play at White Deer on Tuesday. This will be the last game for the Lady Owls. The boys have their final game of the season this Friday against Valley here at home.

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Ranger Drenth lifts 410 pounds in the deadlift last Thursday in Childress. COURTESY PHOTO / AL ELAM



Bryce Williams lifts 380 pounds in the deadlift last Thursday. COURTESY PHOTO / AL ELAM

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Drenth finishes first at Powerlifting Meet

By Sandy Anderberg

Ranger Drenth lifted well over his body weight in total pounds lifted at the Childress Powerlifting Meet last week. Drenth lifted in the 190-pound class and had a total lift of 1,005 pounds. He posted 370 in the squat, 225 in the bench, and deadlifted 410 pounds to earn first place in his division.

Eleven Broncos competed in the meet, and all walked away with top 10 finishes and posted personal bests in the meet. Jared Musick and Bryce Williams brought home sec-

ond-place awards in their respective weight classes. Musick lifted a total of 985 pounds in the 184-pound class and had lifts of 325 in the squat, 260 in the bench, and 400 in the deadlift. Williams marked good numbers in the 153-pound weight class with 315 in the squat, 205 in the bench press, and 380 in the deadlift. Overall, Williams had a lift total of 900 pounds.

Mason Allred did a great job lifting 985 pounds in the 167-pound division with lifts of 355 in the squat, 225 in the bench, and 405 in the deadlift. Coulter Wortham received

third place with a lift total of 860 pounds in the 193-pound class. He lifted 290 in the squat, bench pressed 220, and had a deadlift of 350. Kaleb Mays lifted his way to third place as well posting a lift total of 730 pounds in the 119-pound class with lifts of 255 in the squat 175 in the bench, and 300 in the deadlift. Nolan Burrow was fourth in the 260-pound class and lifted a total of 835 pounds. Burrow lifted 275 in the squat, 225 in the bench and 335 in the deadlift.

Brice Wagner was fifth in the 157-pound division with lifts of 325,

185, and 330 for 840 pounds overall. Zack Roberts lifted 300, 210, and 315 for a lift total of 825 pounds in the 206 class and Rowdy Bebout lifted in the 207-pound class and finished 6th with a total of 815 pounds. He lifted 315 in the squat, 185 in the bench, and 315 in the deadlift. Dalton Coles placed 10th in the 158 class with lifts of 240, 185, and 325 respectively for an overall total of 750 pounds.

The Lady Broncos will lift again in Childress on Feb. 8, and the Broncos will lift again Feb. 15.

Bronco JV slams Memphis

The Bronco junior varsity made it look easy against the Cyclones on the road last week and defeated them 62-9. Memphis was never in the game as the Broncos were solid on both ends of the court.

The Broncos held a huge 17-0 lead after one and dropped 14 more points to take a commanding lead at the break. The Cyclones were helpless to stop the Broncos who connected with six three-pointers from

three players. The Broncos had three players in double figures.

Michael Randall led the way with 16, and Anthony Brown and Shane Hagood had 10 points each. Tyler Bell added nine, Tyler Cavanaugh had eight, and Caleb Herbert had four. John Weatherton had three, and Dakota Bond put in two.

The Broncos will finish their season on February 13 at Quanah beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Lady Colts fall to Wellington

The Lady Colts hosted Wellington last Monday night and fell short 13-48. The ladies did a good job of staying focused, but turnovers plagued them as the Lady Rockets were able to convert the mistakes into points.

Wellington jumped out to the early lead playing good defense against the Lady Colts who trailed by 21 points at the break. The Lady Colts hustled their way through the final two quarters of play but struggled to make up any ground. Nine missed free throws hindered the Lady Colts' attempt to come back. Eli Rodriguez put in six points and Addie Havens helped with five. Josie Murillo added two points to the score.

"We played well," said coach

Kalen Grahn.

On Saturday, the ladies traveled to Wheeler and were narrowly defeated 29-34. The game was close from the beginning with the Lady Mustangs only holding a slight advantage throughout. It was a two-point ballgame at the break and the Lady Colts showed a lot of determination in the second half. Once again, the clock was not their friend as they ran out of time.

Rodriguez put in nine with one three-pointer and converting 50 percent of her bonus shots and Havens helped with six. Sequoia Weatherton had a three-pointer and finished with five and Murillo added three. Brilynn Bruce, Landry King, and Makynna Williams helped with two points each.

Colts fall against Mustangs, Whirlwinds

The Colts traveled to Wellington last Monday night and despite playing hard fell to the Skyrockets 18-38.

A slow start hindered the Colts as they began the game but worked their way back to tie the game at 12 at the break. A big scoring quarter for Wellington in the third put the Colts down 10 points. Wellington's good defense stopped the Colts from putting points on the board in the final quarter. Braxton Gribble put in nine points, Dakotah Jameson had seven, and Kreed Robinson added two.

On Saturday, the Colts hosted Wheeler and played extremely well against a bigger Wheeler team. The Colts had the lead at halftime as they ran a solid offense and hustled

on defense grabbing rebounds for second-try shots. However, Wheeler came on strong in the third quarter to tie the score at 35 all and took over the scoring in the final period of play.

Gribble put in nine, and Hudson Howard added eight that included two three-pointers. Brance Bell was strong inside and added eight points, while Paxton English helped with six. Jameson collected several rebounds and finished with five and Robinson and Gaines added three each. Aiden Burnam put in two points.

In the added quarter, the seventh grade Colts won 11-10 with Gaines and Paxton putting in four each and Rustin Wade adding three from behind the arc.

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Broncos score two big win last week

By Sandy Anderberg

The Broncos are doing a good job of staying solid as they near the end of district play. They were able to gain two more big wins last week with a 66-26 win over Memphis and a 63-21 win over Shamrock.

The Broncos jumped all over the Cyclones early and held them to single digits at the break. Good ball movement on offense put the Broncos in a good spot as they were able to drop five of their seven three-pointers in the first half of play. Leyante Prince and Anthony Ceniceros put in two each in opening two quarters. A solid offensive presence with a strong defense allowed the Broncos to stay in their game plan and get the big district win over the Cyclones.

Prince finished with 18 and Mason Sims added 13 from his post position. Ceniceros put in nine and Kaleb Bolin had eight. Jaxan McAnear had seven and Levi Gates was strong inside with five. Lyric Smith had four and Reagan Wade finished with two.

On Friday, the Broncos went to Shamrock and breezed to a 63-21 win. The Broncos had six three-pointers in the game and converted 50 percent of their free throws. But solid basketball on both ends of the court allowed them to get the easy win.

The Broncos were in complete control from the tipoff to the buzzer. The Bronco defense only gave up nine points in the first half and two in the third period. Solid play from all players gave the Broncos the edge they need to finish their regular season with confidence as they will begin to prepare for post-season play.



Bronco Lyric Smith lays in two Friday in Shamrock.

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Bronco LeAntye Prince puts in two points for the Broncos last week.

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Lady Bronco Graci Smith goes up for a two last week in Shamrock.

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Bronco Wes Shaw goes for two last Friday in Shamrock.

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Lady Bronco Kate Shaw goes for a layup last week in Shamrock.

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Lady Bronco Berkley Moore shoots a jumpshot last Friday.

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Lady Broncos continue to roll over teams

By Sandy Anderberg

As the Lady Broncos' regular season nears the end, they will begin to look toward the playoffs. The ladies are in a good spot and are looking to go deep in post-season play.

The Lady Broncos earned two wins last week over Memphis and Shamrock on the road. They defeated the Cyclones 64-12 and demolished the Irish 78-17. The ladies have been executing offensively at a high level the entire season and have used their quickness on the defensive side to get stops and cause turnovers. They will build on that as they end their regular schedule and look forward.

A huge start against Memphis put the Lady Broncos in a great spot to use several players in the game. Their free throw percentage was just under 50 percent in the game which is lower than their normal, but they were able to turn six three-pointers which has been part of their offensive arsenal all season. Six different players had success with the three-ball and Kashlyn Conkin and Kennadie Cummins put in two each with Berkley Moore and Kenidee Hayes adding one apiece. Hays and Tandie Cummins were perfect at the free throw line as well.

Memphis was defenseless against the Lady Broncos who brought a lot of intensity and quickness on both ends of the court. Hayes put in 15 to lead the way and K. Conkin, K. Cummins and Kate Shaw had eight each. Moore put in seven and Cambree Smith had six. Courtlyn Conkin, T. Cummins, and Graci Smith helped with four each, while Gracie Ellis added one.

The game with Shamrock was nearly identical to the game with Memphis as they ladies were able to make both offensive and defensive moves at will over the Lady Irish. Shamrock put them on the free throw line twenty-three times and they converted 16 of those. Moore and Hayes led the players on the scoreboard with 15 each with G. Smith and T. Cummins putting in 14 and 10 respectively. K. Cummins had eight, Shaw added six, and C. Conkin and C. Smith put in five each.

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American Cancer Society releases new estimates

The American Cancer Society has released estimates for breast cancer new cases and deaths for 2024: 310,720 new cases of invasive breast cancer in women and 2,790 in men in the U.S. Estimated breast cancer deaths: 42,250 in women and 530 in men.

Invasive female breast cancer incidence rates have been increasing by about 0.6 percent since the mid-2000s. The rise is a little steeper in women younger than 50 years of age than in those 50 and older.

The breast cancer death rate among females peaked in 1989 and has declined by 42 percent as of 2021 because of earlier detection through screening mammography, increased breast cancer awareness and improved treatment.

Goodnight buffalo film to be featured in Amarillo

The Amarillo Museum of Art and Panhandle PBS will host an on-campus series of films, art and free lunch each Wednesday in February in the third-floor library at the Amarillo Museum of Art, located at 2200 S. Van Buren.

This event series explores Native American perspectives on identity, storytelling, the buffalo, and more. Designed to connect the Amarillo Museum of Art's new exhibition, "In Our Own Words: Native Impressions" with local and national Panhandle PBS content around the Ken Burns film, "The American Buffalo," the series is free of charge and open to the public.

Each event in the series will begin at 11:45 a.m. with a free lunch while supplies last, followed by a 12 p.m. film screening and a 12:30 p.m. gallery talk on the exhibit, "In Our Own Words: Native Impressions."

Next week's screening will be February 14: "Strong Spirit," Episode One - Local Panhandle PBS production featuring the Goodnight buffalo herd at Caprock Canyons State Park.

Comptroller observes National Unclaimed Property Day

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar joined other unclaimed property administrators to celebrate the fourth annual national Unclaimed Property Day last Thursday, February 1.

"I am proud to have returned more than \$2 billion to Texans since becoming Comptroller, including a record \$344 million last fiscal year, and we are continually looking for new ways to return even more," Hegar said. "This effort is a testament to the hardworking folks in our Unclaimed Property Division. The money belongs to the people of Texas, and I encourage everyone to visit ClaimItTexas.gov to see if the state is holding some of their unclaimed property."

According to officials with the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators, one in seven people in the United States have unclaimed property. Unclaimed property includes things such as forgotten utility deposits or other refunds, insurance proceeds, payroll checks, cashier's checks, dividends, mineral royalties, dormant bank accounts and abandoned safe-deposit box contents. Businesses generally turn property over to the unclaimed property program after it has been considered dormant for one to five years.

The Comptroller's office has returned more than \$4 billion in unclaimed property to its owners since Texas' unclaimed property program began in 1962. The state is currently holding more than \$8 billion in cash and other valuables through the program. The average value of an approved claim is more than \$1,000.

There is generally no statute of limitations for unclaimed property the state holds, which means there's no time limit for owners to file a claim - they can do so at any time.

For more information, or to search for unclaimed property and begin the claims process, visit the Comptroller's unclaimed property website, ClaimItTexas.gov. Texans are also encouraged to check MissingMoney.com or FindMyFunds.com to search for property that may belong to them in other states.

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| Terry Ellerbrook | Rick Hayes | 75 | Scott Bivens, God & Life | 97 |
| Pat Robertson | David Lane | 77 | Lisle Rowland | 99 |
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| David Leathers | Chris Sanchez | 77 | Branson Carter | 01 |
| James Thomas | Richard Sanchez | 77 | Steven Ford | 01 |
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| Calvin Burrow | Raymond Jaramillo | 77 | Nathan Gribble | 02 |
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| Jeff Campbell | Shane Klinnert | 79 | Tyler Smith | 08 |
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| Ty Butcher, God & Me | 04 | | |
| Zachary Cornell, God & Me | 04 | | |
| Joseph Jaramillo, God & Me | 04 | | |
| Austin Lowry, God & Me | 04 | | |
| Charles Mason, God & Me | 04 | | |
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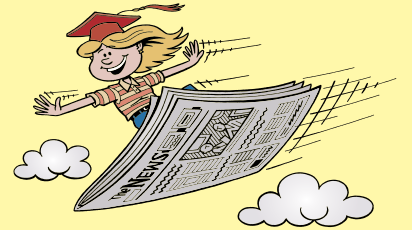
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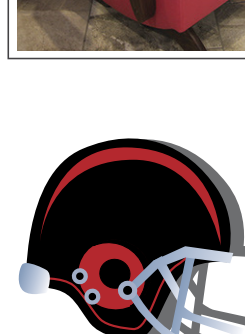
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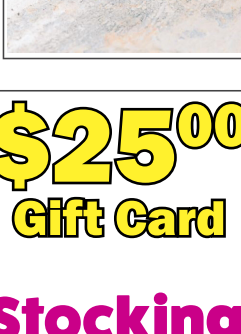
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