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CHS student faces public intox. charge

A Clarendon High School student was arrested at school last Friday, April 12, for public intoxication just days after a schoolwide program on underage drinking.

Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn said 19-year-old Kenzie Harred was charged with a Class C Misdemeanor and was booked into the jail Friday afternoon and was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Pat White. She was released on Saturday after posting a \$310 cash bond.

The arrest report says Harred was in a classroom intoxicated and admitted to drinking earlier in the day and during lunch.

On Monday and Tuesday of last week, CHS worked with the Texas Department of Transportation and local emergency personnel to stage a Shattered Dreams program, which highlighted the dangers and consequences of underage drinking. Harred was one of the principal actors in the program.

Clarendon sales tax revenue up

Clarendon's sales tax revenues posted a healthy boost when Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar delivered April allocations to local governments last week.

The city was up 10.52 percent from the same period in 2023 with an allocation for the month of \$36,100.75 compared to last year's \$32,661.86.

Clarendon is now 5.04 ahead for its calendar year-to-date sales tax revenues at \$163,795.08.

Hedley's sales tax revenue for the month was up 2.93 percent at \$8,631.19, and that city is now ahead 2.0 percent for the year-to-date at \$4,304.75.

Howardwick's revenue was down 19.10 percent to \$1,653.45 for the month and down 20.70 for the calendar year thus far at \$6,300.17. Howardwick's drop is at least partly attributed to the fact that it lowered its sales tax rate effective October 1.

Statewide, the comptroller delivered \$1.03 billion in local sales tax allocations for April, 5.5 percent more than in April 2023. These allocations are based on sales made in February by businesses that report tax monthly.

Lions hosting blood drive this Thursday

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The Coffee Memorial Bloodmobile will be in the Lowe's Family Center parking lot that day. For your lifesaving appointment, please go to obi.org or call toll free 1-877-340-8777.

Early voting begins next Monday CCISD seeks \$11.7M bonds; County seeks sales taxes

Early voting starts Monday in Donley County with ballots to decide three sales tax proposals, a Clarendon school bond issue, and who will serve on the Clarendon CISD board and the Hedley City Council.

Most early balloting will take place in the Donley County Courthouse Annex although the City of Hedley will cast early ballots for mayor and aldermen in the Hedley City Hall.

Clarendon CISD voters will

be deciding the fate of \$11.7 million in bonds, which will be on the ballot in three questions. Proposition A will seek \$1.8 million for safety and security upgrades at the school as well as two new buses. Proposition B would fund \$6.9 million in improvements at Bronco Stadium including accessibility improvements, new home and visitor bleachers, a new press box, and \$3.3 to 3.5 million for a new field house and to renovate restrooms and the concession stand. Proposition C would pro-

vide \$3 million for a new vocational ag building.

Approval of all three bond propositions would raise the CCISD ad valorem tax rate by an estimated 32 cents per \$100 valuation, and the term of the bonds would be 30 years. The current tax rate is about 87 cents per \$100.

Clarendon CISD voters also have three people running for two positions on the Board of Trustees. Incumbent Wayne Hardin and challengers Ken McIntosh and Taylor

Shelton.

Three ballots will be taken on the proposed creation of County Assistance Districts in the City of Howardwick, the City of Hedley, and in the unincorporated areas of the county for the purpose of raising funds to support the Donley County Sheriff's Office.

If approved, the districts covering the cities of Howardwick and Hedley would raise sales taxes there by one cent, and the district covering rural Donley County would levy a

two-cent sales tax. The new districts would be governed by the Commissioners Court.

Hedley city voters will also choose between incumbent Trisha Chambless and challenger Calvin Holland for mayor and will pick two of three candidates running for city council - incumbent Aaron Hanes and challengers Joe Pafume and John Pierce.

Early voting will continue through April 30. Election day will be Saturday, May 4, 2024.



Virtually drunk

Clarendon High School senior Levi Gates tries to walk while wearing goggles and headphones that simulate the sensory inputs of being drunk. The Texas Department of Transportation brought several simulators to the school last week to educate students on the dangers of drinking, using drugs, not wearing a seat belt, and driving while texting.

COURTESY PHOTO

County, CCISD town halls set for elections

Clarendon CISD and Donley County will hold town hall meetings as voters prepare to go to the polls next week.

Donley County officials will hold a town hall at the Hedley City Hall on Thursday, April 18, at 5 p.m. Sheriff Butch Blackburn and Judge John Howard will both be present to answer questions regarding the May 4 election to create County Assistance Districts, which, if created by election, will authorize a sales tax of 1.0 percent in Howardwick and Hedley and 2.0 percent in unincorporated Donley County.

Clarendon CISD will be hosting a Town Hall meeting regarding the upcoming May 4th Bond Election. The Town Hall will be held at the Mulkey Theater on April 23, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Representatives from Live Oak Public Finance and Gallagher Construction are scheduled to attend. All interested parties are welcome and encouraged to attend.



Hall retires from DCSB

Carol Hall retired Tuesday from the Donley County State Bank after 62 years of service. Hall received a new bench and plants for her garden during a reception held in her honor at the bank. Shown here with Hall are Janice and Walt Knorpp.

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City takes no action on abortion proposal

The City Council took no action on a proposed ordinance to make Clarendon a "sanctuary city for the unborn" during the regular city meeting last Thursday, April 12.

The 17-page ordinance authored by attorney Mark Lee Dickson would outlaw abortion in the city and would enact far-reaching language covering banning certain pharmaceuticals in the city, prohibiting Clarendon residents from getting abortions anywhere, providing for civil suits, and more.

In open comments, two citizens signed in to speak on the subject. Chelsea Weldie requested no action be taken on the ordinance, saying she thought it would be an overstep by the city council. She noted that the community has no GED program or health education program for families.

"This is very restrictive," she said. "There should be better alternatives for scared young women than to persecute them."

Dr. Ken McIntosh also spoke and said he was addressing the issue in his role as a minister.

"There are ministers for choice," he said. "There are also a number of denominations for choice, including the one pictured on the wall there (behind the council at City Hall) - the Episcopal church."

McIntosh urged the council to not take any action until they could have all their questions answered.

Members of the city council agreed that they had several questions about the proposal. Alderman John Lockhart said he was against the measure, and Alderman Eulaine McIntosh called the proposal "new to our town" and encouraged getting more information.

McIntosh also raised concerns about citizens being the ones to enforce portions of the ordinance through civil suits.

In other city business, aldermen approved closing portions of Gorst and Fourth streets for That Senior Thang Fam Fest on Saturday, June 1 from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. The council also approved allowing the Donley County Senior Citizens to use an area east of the aquatic center for its barbecue.

The council voted to support the establishment of a Regional Security Operations Center (RSOC) to be located at Texas Tech University.

No action was taken on a pergola being placed back at 116 S. Kearney. The council agreed the city needs a release from liability signed by the property owner before action is taken.

A bid was approved to purchase a new sewer jet machine at a cost of \$68,932. Two other bids were more than \$90,000.

In his administrator's report, Brian Baroza discussed TxDOT's plans for replacing the bridge on US 287 over the drainage ditch east of Kearney Street and plans to block certain intersections during construction.



Understanding the foundation of terrorism

I think it is safe to say that the most significant event in my lifetime is Sept. 11, 2001. Yet while names like Osama bin Laden and Al-Qaeda are now household names, the American public at large knows very little about them, how Al-Qaeda works or much about the other founding members or their religious philosophy. Lawrence Wright tackles these issues in his Pulitzer Prize-winning book "The Looming Tower: Al-Qaeda and the Road to 9/11." Wright not only explains the attacks of that dreadful day but helps readers understand the men behind it that caused so much pain.

One way to combat terrorism is to try to understand its causes; to understand why many in the Middle East hate Westerners so badly. An understanding may lead to dialogue, then to resolution, and hopefully peace. While completely condemning any act of terror, it is important to understand that the Middle East is a region that for most its modern history has been acted upon. For 600 years they were under the thumb of the Turks and when they finally broke free they never quite gained full autonomy as they fell under the influence of the British, French, Soviets and then eventually the Americans. Even when some nations did gain political freedom they were still culturally dominated by the West.

Wright follows bin Laden as he journeyed to Afghanistan to become a major player in the jihad movement against the Russians, mostly because of his financing, and it was there that he became acquainted with Al-Zawahiri. Wright writes, "Each man filled a need in the other. Zawahiri wanted money and contacts, which bin Laden had in abundance. Bin Laden, an idealist given to causes, sought direction; Zawahiri, a seasoned propagandist, supplied it."

After Afghanistan bin Laden returned to The Kingdom where he worked for his family but did not give up his radicalism. He had confrontations with the royal family because of their worldly ways, but where he got into real trouble is when American forces began to arrive in The Kingdom in preparations for their attacks against Iraq during the Gulf War. This became the major turning point as he could not accept infidels in the Holy Land. Bin Laden's criticism of the royal family grew to the point where he was kicked out of The Kingdom and moved himself and his new organization al-Qaeda to the Sudan. There he began plotting against Americans. He watched the Clinton administration withdraw troops when faced with violence as seen in Black Hawk Down attacks in Somalia. Bin Laden felt that after Vietnam and other failed military attacks that America was weak. He began looking for ways to hit America where it hurt.

While much of the rest of the book deals with planning for 9/11 and the government's inability to stop it, what I found fascinating were the terrorists' theological discussions. Wright spends a great deal of time with Islamic thinkers and investigates how they could justify going against the Quran in the name of Islam. Islam condemns suicide, the killing of innocents and other Muslims, yet al Qaeda did all three. During one such conversation Wright writes, "Abu Hajar addressed the ethics of killing innocent people. He spoke to the men about Ibn Taymiyyah, a 13th century scholar who is one of the primary references for Wahhabi philosophy. In his day, Ibn Taymiyyah confronted the problem of the Mongols, who savaged Baghdad but then converted to Islam. Was it proper to take revenge against fellow Muslims? Ibn Taymiyyah argued that just because the Mongols had made the profession of faith, they were still not true believers, and therefore they could be killed. Moreover, as Abu Hajar explained to the 30 or 40 al-Qaeda members who were sitting on the carpet in bin Laden's salon, propping their elbows on the bolsters and sipping mango juice, Mongols, who bought good from then or sold to them or was merely standing near them, might be killed as well. If he is a good Muslim, he will go to Paradise; if he is bad, he will go to hell, and good riddance. Thus the dead tourist and the hotel worker would find their just reward."

Wright does a masterful job of weaving together the ideological, political and personal motivations driving the perpetrators and the counterterrorism efforts of Western intelligence agencies from the inception of Al-Qaeda in the Afghan-Soviet War to its evolution into a global terrorist network, offering valuable insights into the failures and missed opportunities that allowed 9/11 to occur. Moreover, the book provides a thought-provoking analysis of the inherent tensions and contradictions within the U.S. intelligence community and its struggle to adapt to the emerging threat of transnational terrorism. While "The Looming Tower" is a sobering account of the human cost of extremism and the devastating impact of terrorism, it also serves as a poignant reminder of the importance of vigilance, cooperation and resilience in confronting the challenges of the modern world. The length and detail may scare off some casual readers, but overall, Wright's work is essential reading for anyone seeking to understand the origins and consequences of 9/11 and the ongoing struggle against violent extremism.

Lawrence Wright's "The Looming Tower: Al-Qaeda and the Road to 9/11," published Aug. 8, 2006, by Knopf Publishing, New York; is available on Amazon.

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historically speaking

by dr. james finck

Did Flag of 1824 fly over the Alamo?

Although some historians disagree, it is believed by many that the heroic defenders of the Alamo fought under a modified Mexican flag.

In the first conflicts that eventually led to the fight for independence, the thousands of settlers in Texas simply wanted just treatment and an end of cruel oppression by the Mexican government. This is not to say that thoughts of independence did not exist. But the earlier skirmishes were attempts to obtain the just and fair treatment guaranteed by Mexico.

The Mexican constitution of 1824 essentially organized Mexico into a republic of self-governing states. Although Texas was denied that political recognition and was attached to Coahuila, the Texas settlers were to have the same rights as the Mexican settlers. In addition, Mexico encouraged immigration and settlement in its outer reaches with the idea that the newcomers would be integrated into the Mexican culture. Immigrants by the thousands flocked into Texas, but it soon became apparent to the Mexicans that the expected inte-

gration would not occur. The continued influx of settlers into Texas caused the Mexican government to see this area slipping out from under Mexican control. Taking matters into his own hands, President Santa Anna stripped Texans of their political rights, and he became more and more oppressive and ruthless in dealing with the Texans, as they were then called. The guarantees of the constitution of 1824 were being almost completely ignored.

Although the majority of the gallant band of 158 Texans who defended the Alamo against some 1,500 Mexican soldiers were fighting with independence in mind, a few were still expressing themselves as Texans who merely wanted their promised rights.

As a symbol of their campaigns to win a more just treatment, it is believed



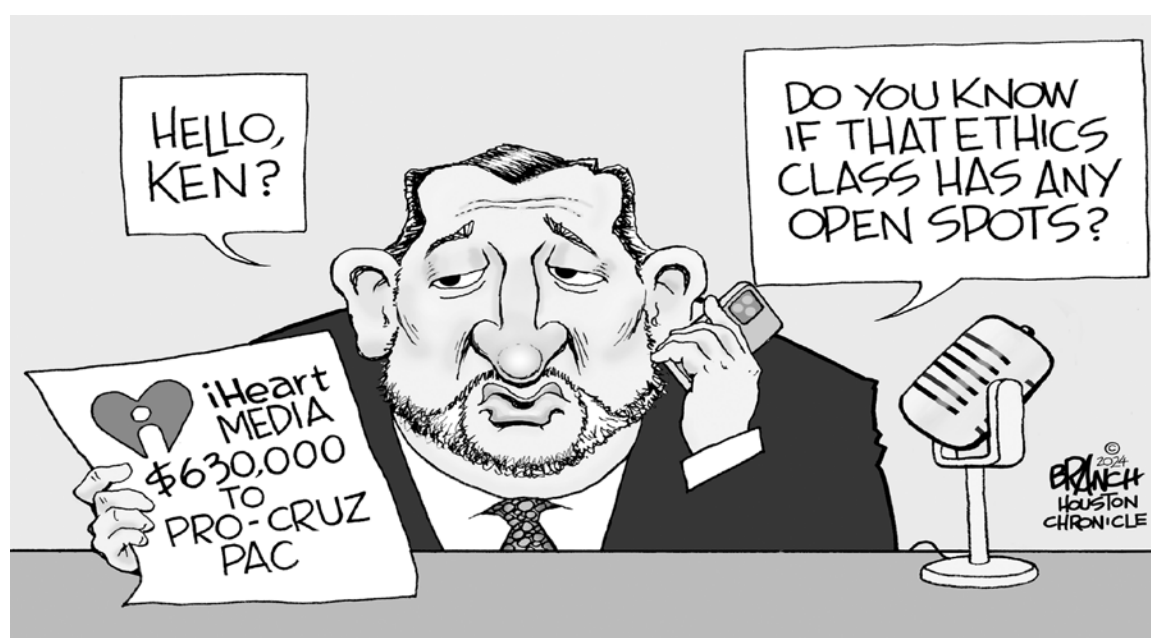
vignettes tales of the old west

by george u. hubbard

by some historians that the Texans in the Alamo flew a modified version of the Mexican flag (among other flags) with its green, white, and red vertical stripes. The eagle had been removed from the center white portion of the flag, and the numerals "1824" had been sewn in its place. The flag, which probably pre-dated the battle of the Alamo, was intended to remind the Mexicans that what the Texans really wanted was a restoration of the constitutional guarantees of 1824.

Did such a flag really fly at the Alamo? The only Texian flag to survive the battle was that of the New Orleans Greys. Although some historians insist that the "1824 flag" never existed at the Alamo, replicas of the flag are on display in the visitors' center at the Texas State Capitol grounds, at the San Antonio public library, and at Baylor University's student union building, along with explanatory plaques describing its use at the Alamo. The truth of the matter may never be known.

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



New Year's resolutions follow up

My ancient Uncle Mort is not one to speak negatively of neighbors, unless they live at least three cattleguards away.

He recently "spilled the beans" on a neighbor who lives so deep in the thicket that no one passes his house going to town.

The old guy admitted to Mort recently that he had made a high-bar new year's resolution. A fan of the grape, he vowed to swear off the devil's brew, "except maybe on holidays."...

He said he maintained his sobriety until Valentine's Day before uncorking a bottle, or "maybe it was two bottles."

The challenge became daunting. He wasn't sure he could make it until Easter without a drink. Then, he saw a newspaper ad proclaiming March as Ford Truck Month. This - he concluded - allowed him to substantially water down his sobriety pledge for a whole month.

Mort's neighbor was "king's X" on his resolution for 31 days....

My uncle said he's been making monthly contributions for years to a small seminary back east that has added a new course. He's thinking of canceling contributions, perhaps even stopping payment on April's \$5 check.

He says the catalog's description of one course is "beyond frivolous." It claims to be "an in-depth study of nightmares, baptisms and the hereafter."

Students already have re-named this course, calling it "bed, bath and beyond."...

A big fan of the Texas Rangers, Mort remains giddy about their 2023 World Series championship. He bragged

about the rings distributed recently.

Valued at \$75,000 each, the rings are symbolic of much.

They are encrusted with enough "rocks" to start a landslide, an interchangeable top and - of all things - a secret compartment....

Their weight is about the same as the average baseball.

Players and about 40 other award-ees - have gushed endlessly about the rings' beauty, their gratitude and optimism about repeating as champions in the 2024 season.

Mort couldn't believe it that the rings are so heavy....

My uncle is optimistic for the 2024 team, joining other fans whose hope flames eternal. He admits, however, that he's concerned about bullpen depth.

Manager Bruce Boche and his coaches need to carefully inspect all relief pitchers before they reach the mound, according to Mort. Inspect? Huh?

"Yeah, with them rings being so big, coaches must be certain that relievers don't wear them on the mound," Mort joked. "If they insist on wearing their bling, they need to be sure it's not on their pitching hands."...

Mort went to a tiny high school in East Texas. I never knew it until recently, but he was on the high school



the idle american

by don newbury

baseball squad. Trouble was, he said, there were too many boys in high school - ten.

Since only nine players were needed on the team, he was always the bench-warmer. On the final game of his senior year, the bases were loaded and the game was tied in the home half of the ninth inning. Two batters were out when the coach called his name to pinch-hit, despite Mort's never having played in a game.

The coach rattled off specific instructions. "Mort, I want you to look that pitcher straight in the eye, crowd the plate and get hit!"...

Forever the "concept guy" who leaves the details to others, Mort tips his hat to the Werner Ladder Company for its creative advertising in lockstep with the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

For 15 years, Werner has manufactured custom ladders for winning "March Madness" teams, both men and women. This year, they turned out 60 ladders for all NCAA tournament divisions. "I made this suggestion decades ago, so I guess the ladder people must have come across some of my old letters, Mort believes.

Werner's contribution has led to numerous illustrations about "climbing the ladder," "reaching new heights" or "making it to the top." Poor Mort. He remains a "concept guy," a legend in his own mind....

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Deadline approaching in Texas for wildfire loans

The Small Business Administration last week reminded Texas businesses and residents of the May 13, 2024, deadline to apply for an SBA federal disaster loan for property damage caused by the Smokehouse Creek Fire and the Windy Deuce Fire in Carson, Hemphill and Hutchinson counties that began Feb. 26, 2024.

According to Francisco Sanchez Jr., associate administrator for the Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience at the SBA, businesses of all sizes, most private nonprofit organizations, homeowners and renters may apply for SBA federal disaster loans to repair or replace disaster damaged property. SBA can also lend additional funds to help with the cost of improvements to protect, prevent or minimize disaster damage from occurring in the future.

These low-interest federal disaster loans are available in Armstrong, Carson, Donley, Gray, Hansford, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Potter, Randall,

Roberts, Sherman and Wheeler counties in Texas; and Ellis and Roger Mills counties in Oklahoma.

Businesses of all sizes and private nonprofit organizations may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory and other business assets.

In addition, SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans to small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private nonprofit organizations of any size to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. Economic injury assistance is available regardless of whether the business suffered any property damage. The deadline to apply for an SBA economic injury disaster loan is Dec. 13, 2024.

Disaster loans up to \$500,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate. Homeowners and renters are eligible for up to \$100,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed per-

sonal property, including personal vehicles.

Interest rates can be as low as 4 percent for businesses, 3.25 percent for private nonprofit organizations and 2.688 percent for homeowners and renters with terms up to 30 years. Loan amounts and terms are set by SBA and are based on each applicant's financial condition.

Interest does not begin to accrue until 12 months from the date of the first disaster loan disbursement. SBA disaster loan repayment begins 12 months from the date of the first disbursement.

Applicants may apply online and receive additional disaster assistance information at SBA.gov/disaster. Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659 2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance. For people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services.



Greenbelt Electric supports firemen

Greenbelt Electric Cooperative donated funds to several area volunteer fire departments last week. Receiving donations in Donley County were Clarendon Fire Chief Jeremy Powell (top photo), Hedley Fire Chief Neil Koetting (middle photo), and Howardwick Deputy Chief James Gaither (bottom photo).

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CVFD gets new firetruck

The Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department last week received a new truck for its fleet. The 1985 Oshkosh Hemtt vehicle was originally a military surplus vehicle that was outfitted as a firetruck for the Bowman Volunteer Fire Department. When Bowman VFD no longer needed the truck, they reached out to Clarendon, according to Fire Chief Jeremy Powell. CVFD paid \$55,000 for the truck, which has only 2,700 miles on it and will serve as a multifunctional vehicle able to do everything from haul water to fight grass-fires and structure fires. Powell paid special recognition to T Bar C for transporting the truck from Bowman to Clarendon.

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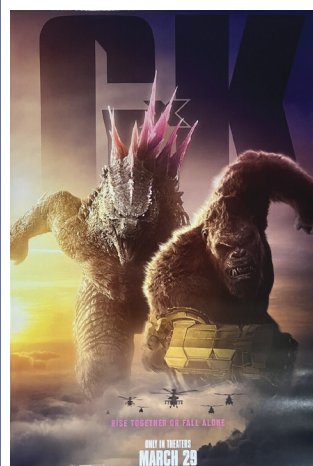
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April 21
Godzilla x Kong: The New Empire • 2:00 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

April 23
Broncos v Memphis • 4:30 p.m. • Away

April 27
Clarendon Lions Club 12th Annual Chance Mark Jones Memorial Roar & Run 5K. 8:30 a.m. start at Donley County Courthouse. \$30 entry fee.

May 11
Howardwick Citywide Garage Sale. Call City Hall for details or to be added to the map, 874-2222.

May 25
Clarendon Aquatics Center Season Opening • 1:00 p.m.

June 1
Trash to Treasures Garage Sale Event. Multiple garage sales in and near Clarendon starting at 8 a.m. • Maps available at ClarendonLive.com the week of the event. Sales must register by May 24 • Call 874-2259 to sign up.

★ Menus April 22 - 26

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Chicken strips, gravy, macaroni & cheese, potato wedges, garden salad, whole wheat roll, sliced peaches w/whipped topping, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Soft tacos, Spanish rice, ranch style beans, garden salad, baked apples, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Pork roast, pinto beans, macaroni & cheese, corn bread, butter cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Pork roast w/gravy, potatoes, onions, carrots, green beans, whole wheat roll, peach cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Spaghetti/meatballs, garden salad, garlic toast, sliced peaches w/whipped topping, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Baked ziti w/Italian sausage, brown rice, buttered zucchini & squash, caramel peach crisp, garlic whole wheat Texas toast, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: John Wayne casserole, roasted red potatoes, California blend vegetables, Robert Redford dessert, mandarin, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Chicken fried steak, country gravy, homemade mashed potatoes, county green beans w/ bacon & onion, cranberry white chip oatmeal cookies, whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: BBQ chicken, red potato salad, buttered peas & carrots, ginger molasses cookies, whole wheat buttermilk biscuit, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Bacon cheeseburger on whole wheat bun, onion rings, tossed green salad, banana, no bake cookies, iced tea/2% milk.

Clarendon CISD
Breakfast
Mon: Waffles, bacon, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Tues: Breakfast sandwich, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Wed: Breakfast pizza, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Thu: Breakfast strudel, cheese stick, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Fri: Cereal, toast, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Cheeseburger, potatoes, salad, fruit, milk.
Tues: Sloppy Joe, beans, carrots, salsa, sherbet, fruit, milk.
Wed: Pizza, salad, green beans, fruit, milk.
Thu: Popcorn chicken, roll, corn, broccoli salad, dessert, fruit, milk.
Fri: Hot dog, potatoes, tomato cup, fruit, milk.

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

Landscaping to help protect from wildfires

Many landscapes were lost in the fires that burned rampantly throughout the Texas Panhandle, leaving some homeowners wondering what trees, shrubs and other plant materials to remove or replace to create a more fire-wise landscape for the future.

“The main thing you want to check for after a tree or shrub has been through a fire is if it has live buds and living cambium,” said Christina Reid, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service horticulturist for Lubbock County. “If it doesn’t have either of these living tissues, it’s time to start the removal process.”

Cambium tissue provides specialized cells to promote growth, and the cambium layer can be found between the xylem and phloem structures of the plant.

“Look for moist, green or cream-colored inner bark,” Reid said. “If the inner bark is dried and brown, it likely has been killed by heat. But if your trees and shrubs have live buds and living cambium throughout much of their canopy, they have a better chance of survival. Water them and add compost back to the soil as soon as safely possible.”

She said if the trunk of the tree or shrub has been burned and bark is gone, wrapping it will help prevent pest pressure.

According to Texas A&M Forest Service, partially burned but otherwise healthy deciduous trees may still be able to produce new leaves and stems – sometimes even producing sprouts at their base. Most tree species are not likely to survive if more than 50% of their circumference is damaged, but hardwoods and pines often recover from 100% crown scorch in periods of normal rainfall if the roots, the stem and the buds in the crown are uninjured.

However, significant destruction of the vascular tissue in one of the tree’s three main parts – the roots, stem or crown – will usually be lethal.

More information on how to assess trees after a fire can be found in the Texas A&M Forest Service publications Post-Fire Evaluation of Hardwood Trees and Post-Fire Evaluation of Pine Trees.

Whether it’s replanting after a fire or just landscaping in general, one of the most important things to remember is to plant trees, shrubs other plant materials that are suitable to your land and region. A healthy, well-maintained landscape that includes fire-resistant plant materials is important to the survival of a home during a wildfire.

“Plants with a high moisture content do not readily ignite and can withstand higher temperatures, while plants that have resins, oils and volatiles are highly flammable and should be kept away from the home,” said Ethan Law, Texas A&M Forest Service woodland ecologist serving 26 Panhandle counties. “Highly combustible plants produce more heat as well as greater flame lengths.”

He said slower-growing plants reduce the amount of maintenance time and low-growing plants help maintain the vertical separation of fuels.

“Less dense plants produce less

material to burn, while more compact plants produce more fuel to burn,” Law said. “Generally, deciduous trees are preferred to evergreen trees as some evergreens are very high in volatile compounds.”

He suggested choosing trees that have minimal branching down low, as that will help keep them from igniting during a wildfire.

Seedling trees are typically an economical and efficient way to handle planting multiple trees as they are more cost effective at scale and reduce handling issues that arise with larger trees. When replanting trees, it’s best to use a mixture of bare-root and containerized hardwoods.

“The benefits of bare-root seedlings are that they are lighter and easier to handle and have been grown outside in native soil,” Law said. “Containerized seedlings are typically in tree tubes and will have soil and more fine roots.”

In Texas, it’s best to wait until fall to replant trees when there is typically more rainfall, which means the soil will have sufficient moisture and nutrients. Moist soil makes it easier for newly planted trees to take root and absorb the nutrients needed to thrive.

Law said some of the more fire-resistant trees for the Panhandle include pecan, Texas redbud and Texas red oak.

Reid added that other species of fire-adapted or fire-wise trees that grow well in the Panhandle include bur oak, desert willow, Chinese pistache and golden rain tree. More fire-resistant native tree species for the area include net-leaf hackberry, willow and western soapberry.

More information on trees that grow well in the Panhandle can be found using Texas A&M Forest Service’s tree selector feature or by visiting AgriLife Extension’s Texas Tree Planting Guide.

Some fire-wise shrubs and perennials for the area include primrose, aster, columbine, liatris, lantana, Turk’s cap, beauty berry, crape myrtle, abelia, agarita and boxwood.

“When planting close to the home, forb species are preferred over full shrubs for fire resistance,” Law said.

Tansy aster, gay feather and other wildflowers are fire-resistant and typically do well in the Panhandle climate. Some of the shrubs that do well include Texas lantana, fourwing saltbush and buttonbush.

Fire-resistant landscaping creates a separation between the fuels a fire needs to continue burning. Those fuels may include the trees surrounding your property, the plants used for landscaping and even the home itself.

“The goal of fire-resistant landscaping is to lower the intensity of a wildfire as it approaches your home, and the first 30 feet from your home in all directions is called the defensible space,” said Juan Rodriguez, wildland-urban interface coordinator, Amarillo, with Texas A&M Forest Service’s Panhandle Branch incident response.

“Maintaining defensible space around the home greatly improves its chance of surviving a wildfire.”

Rodriguez said in an environment with low humidity, high

temperatures and high winds, fire intensity can be very extreme. “Even here in the High Plains where our primary fuel is grass, we have seen flame lengths of 20-30 feet,” he said.

When we have structures surrounded by heavier, more volatile fuels that go untreated or unmaintained, they can be at higher risk to heat and flame exposure. Embers carried in the wind and settling into openings around the home can sit and smolder, going unnoticed and ultimately catching the home on fire.

Rodriguez said to help your landscape become more fire resistant, plant along the contour of your property and avoid any straight lines of disturbed soil as water will follow that groove.

Erin Jones, AgriLife Extension horticulturist for Randall County, recommends reducing the amount of flammable material near homes and structures by pruning any dense branches or shedding tree bark.

“Removing fallen leaves as well as tall, dry grasses while using non-combustible materials, such as rocks, turf grasses and flame-resistant mulches, can also help prevent the spread of fires,” she said. “Additionally, hydrated plant materials don’t readily burn so keeping plants well-watered can help.”

To develop a defensible space around the home, Texas A&M Forest Service suggests designing a landscape based on home ignition zones. These are: the immediate zone, 0-5 feet from the home; the intermediate zone, 5-30 feet from the home; and the extended zone, 30-100 feet from the home.

The immediate zone — Xeriscaping is encouraged, but if there are plants, they should be green, healthy and low to the ground. They should also be spaced well apart and not located too close to any windows. For the house, seal any openings where embers can get in, repair loose or damaged window screens, install metal mesh over vents and clear debris under porches, in gutters or in any openings around home.

The intermediate zone — Landscaping or hardscaping here can create breaks to help influence and decrease fire behavior. The landscaping in this zone should typically consist of more fire-resistant trees, shrubs and grass. Well-maintained lawns or short grasses, even wildflowers, can be used. After that, incorporate fire-resistant shrubs and trees.

The extended zone — Here the goal is to interrupt the fire’s path and slow down the speed and intensity of the fire. Trees and vegetation can still be present, but it’s important to have good tree spacing and proper limbing to reduce torching. Consider practices such as shaded fuel breaks consisting of well-spaced, thinned-out trees.

More information on fire-wise plant selection, location and design elements can be found in the publication Firewise Landscaping In Texas.

The Texas A&M Forest Service provides additional information related to post-fire recovery, including preventing soil erosion, reforestation, tree planting, brush control and landscaping considerations.

Sales Tax Holiday for Emergency Supplies, April 27-29

As we enter the severe weather season, Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar reminds Texans they can purchase certain items tax free during the state’s sales tax holiday for emergency preparation supplies, which begins at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, April 27, and ends at midnight on Monday, April 29.

“Fires, tornadoes and other severe weather conditions can strike at any time, so it is important that families, homes and businesses have the supplies they need to face these and other emergencies,” Hegar said. “There is no sense in waiting for disaster to strike. I’m encouraging Texans to take advantage of this tax holiday to save money while stocking up for emergency situations.”

The Comptroller’s office esti-

mates shoppers will save about \$2.1 million in state and local sales taxes during the tax holiday, which was approved by the Texas Legislature in 2015.

There’s no limit on the number of qualifying items you can purchase. These include: household batteries, fuel containers and flashlights priced less than \$75; hurricane shutters and emergency ladders priced less than \$300; and portable generators priced less than \$3,000.

For purchases made online, note that delivery, shipping, handling and transportation charges are part of the sales price. If the emergency preparation supply being purchased is taxable, the delivery charge is also taxable. Consider these charges

when determining whether an emergency preparation supply can be purchased tax free during the holiday.

For example, if you purchase an emergency ladder online for \$299 with a \$10 delivery charge, the total sales price is \$309. Because the total sales price of the emergency ladder is more than \$300, tax is due on the \$309 sales price.

Purchases that do not qualify include: batteries for automobiles, boats and other motorized vehicles; camping stoves and camping supplies; chainsaws; plywood; extension ladders and stepladders; and tents.

A list of emergency preparation supplies that may be purchased tax free can be found on the Comptroller’s website.

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TxDOT promotes workzone safety

Have you ever felt the blast of air from traffic on the side of a highway? The ceaseless noise, staggering winds and two-ton vehicles speeding just feet away can be terrifying for highway workers in work zones.

With the Texas population continuing to grow, more and more projects are popping up to address congestion and improve safety. Crews at these sites just want to get the job done and come home safe to their families. But drivers are actually more often the people getting hurt in work zones.

Last year 190 people were killed in work zones, and 77 percent were drivers or their passengers. It's a major concern, and during National Work Zone Awareness Week, April 15-19, TxDOT's "Be Safe. Drive Smart." campaign will give safe driving tips for navigating these work zones.

"Keeping our Texas highway system functioning and safe requires constant effort from dedicated crews," TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams said. "Drivers should anticipate work zones and changing road conditions and always be prepared to slow down, follow signs and pay attention."

Following two consecutive

years of declines in the number of traffic fatalities in work zones, TxDOT is urging Texans to help continue this trend by slowing down, staying alert and obeying posted signage when driving through road construction or maintenance areas. The "Be Safe. Drive Smart." campaign offers five tips for safely navigating work zones:

Slow down. Follow the posted speed limit and never drive faster than what is safe for road conditions. Excessive speed is a leading cause of work zone crashes.

Pay attention. Avoid distractions, keep your mind on the road and put your phone away.

Watch out for road crews. Roadside workers want to get home safely too. Always follow instructions and be mindful of construction area road signs.

Don't tailgate. Traffic in work zones can slow suddenly so give yourself room to stop in a hurry. Rear-end collisions are the most common type of work zone crashes.

Allow extra time. Road construction can slow things down. Count on it, and plan for it.

TxDOT also reminds motorists to follow the state's Move Over/Slow Down law that requires drivers

to move over a lane or reduce their speed to 20 mph below the posted speed limit when approaching TxDOT, emergency, law enforcement, tow truck or utility vehicles stopped with flashing lights activated on the roadside.

To spread work zone safety awareness and encourage safe driving behaviors, roadway safety professionals are encouraged to wear orange on April 17 for Go Orange Day.

TxDOT's "Be Safe. Drive Smart." 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 media inquiries, contact TxDOT Media Relations at MediaRelations@TxDOT.gov or (512) 463-8700. The information contained in this report represents reportable data collected from the Texas Peace Officer's Crash Report (CR-3).

This information was received and processed by the department as of Feb. 6, 2024. To view additional traffic safety data, visit TxDOT's Traffic Safety Data Portal online.

Homesteading conference will be on April 27

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is hosting the Homefront Conference for those interested in learning about homesteading on April 27 in Canyon.

The conference will be held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Cole Community Center, 300 16th St., with registration beginning at 8 a.m. The cost to attend is \$35, and individuals can preregister at <https://tx.ag/HomefrontConference>. The deadline to preregister is April 24.

The registration fee includes conference attendance, door prizes, swag bag and a catered lunch. Jessie and Layton Schur, owners of Schur Family Farms and The Frontier Market, Plainview, will be the luncheon's keynote speaker.

The goal of the conference is

to help people learn the latest in the growing field of homesteading to enhance their ability to provide food and other necessities on their own property.

Taught by seasoned homesteading specialists throughout the area, the event will feature breakout sessions on the latest topics on homesteading, including growing a home garden, managing greenhouses, beekeeping and backyard poultry.

Participants will choose which breakout sessions they want to attend.

"Our hope is to educate on a variety of topics so people can leave feeling empowered to move forward with their homesteading journey," said Chelsey Rash, AgriLife Extension family and community health

agent in Randall County.

The speakers and topics will include: Opening remarks – Justin Trammell, president, Canyon Farmers Market, Canyon; Gardening and greenhouse management – Randall County Master Gardeners; Beekeeping – George and Paige Nester, owners, Creek House Honey Farm, Canyon; Milling wheat – Kelli Brown, The Girls Who Mill, AgriLife Extension family and community health agent in Haskell County; Home remedies – Jenna Bichsel, owner, Alamo Street Herbs, Canyon; Cottage food laws – Lindsey Eudey, sanitarian, Texas Department of State Health Services, Amarillo; and Animal management – Leah Redwine, owner, Rafter Creek Ranch, Claude.



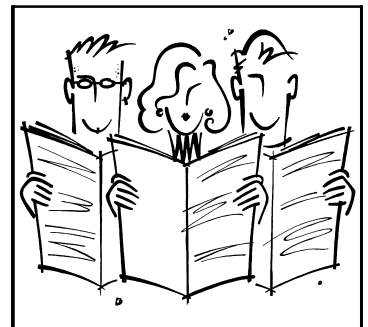
Berry boys place at state show

Donley County 4-H members Paul and Will Berry of Hedley placed in the State Braunvieh show this past weekend. Will placed second, and Paul came in fourth.

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- Midway between south and southeast
- For each
- Airborne (abbr.)
- Photographs
- They ___
- It's important in respiration (abbr.)
- Monetary unit
- Cool!
- A son of Jacob
- Cut off
- Devour
- Agent of one's downfall
- Best
- Network of nerves
- Partner to "oohs"
- Origins
- Sewing utensil
- Alias
- Swiss river
- Greek mythological figure
- Type of whiskey
- Lay to rest
- "Rule, Britannia" composer
- Select jury
- Feeling
- Action regarded as morally wrong
- Makes angry
- Act incorrectly
- Defensive nuclear weapon
- Class of escort aircraft carrier
- To what degree
- Buzzing insect
- The human foot
- "The Leftovers" actress Dowd
- A place to stay
- Sun up in New York

CLUES DOWN

- An involuntary muscular contraction
- Earnest
- Cuts out surgically
- Can't move
- Baseball stat
- British soldier
- Traditional medicine plants
- Political party controlled by managers
- Hebrew prophet
- Supporter
- Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- Liberty Mutual mascot
- Georgia rockers
- A place where building is done
- Large, deep-bodied fish
- Clothing retailer
- Supplement with difficulty
- Annoy constantly
- Founder of Babism
- Indigenous person in parts of Asia
- Sea eagle
- Leave behind
- Time of day
- Colorless crystalline compound
- They lay out course requirements
- A diamond has three
- Algerian coastal city
- Remove cover
- Rechristened
- Distinctive practice
- Defunct phone company
- Turkish officer of high rank
- Eliminate from the body
- Witness
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Founding Father Franklin

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Broncos slam the Irish

By Sandy Anderberg
The Bronco baseball team only needed five innings to take down the Shamrock Irish in a district baseball game last week. The Broncos had a huge 22-2 win at home.

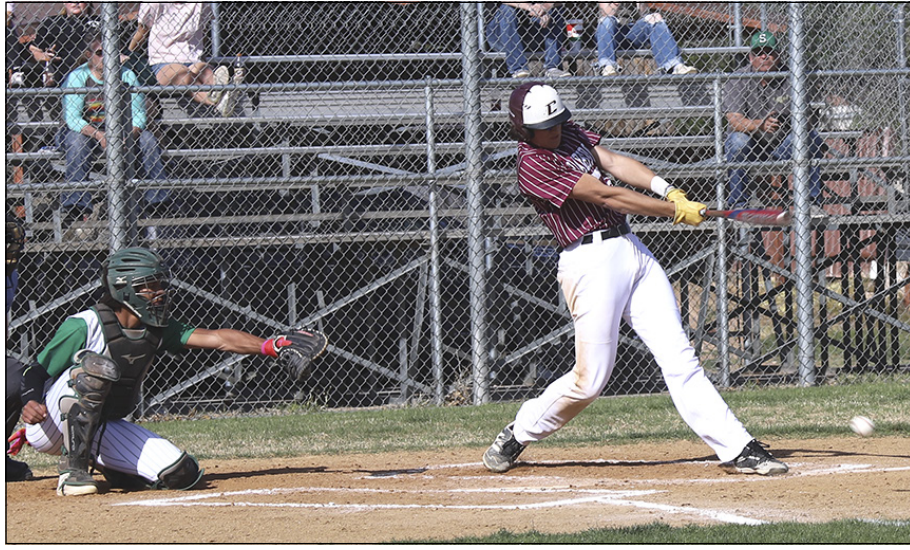
It only took the Broncos eight hits to score the runs. Senior Easton Frausto slammed not one, but two homeruns in the fourth inning. The first came on the second pitch of the series to score a run and the second homerun was a fly to left field that scored two runners. Frausto went on to knock in four runs and as many RBIs and collect four stolen bases in the game.

Mason Sims was on the mound for the first three innings where he allowed one hit, one run and struck out two. Overall, Sims threw 25 strikes in 41 pitches. Frausto took over the duties for the last two innings and had good results as well. He threw 46 pitches in all and

racked up 26 strikes in his time on the mound.

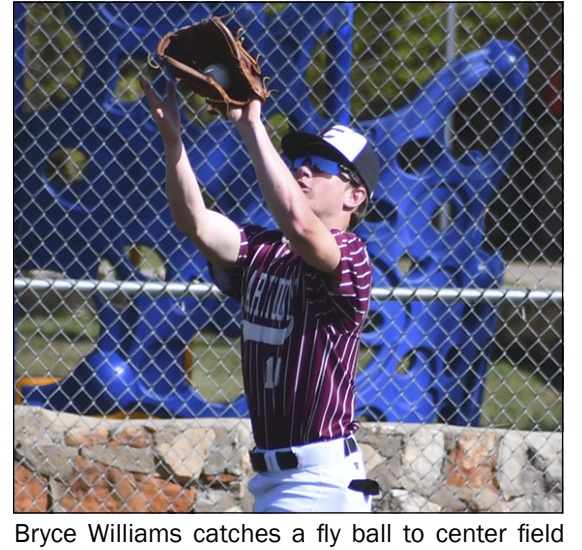
The Broncos were on fire at the plate and ran the bases well. The team grabbed a whopping 27 stolen bases from the Irish that gave them the momentum they needed to get the big win. Levi Gates knows how to get it done and finished with five stolen bases and Frausto, Mason Allred, and Brice Williams had four each.

Gates hit one double, one RBI, and collected three runs, while Allred had two singles, an RBI, and accounted for three runs in the game. Sims claimed one single, two runs, and one RBI and Shane Hagood had two runs and a stolen base. Harrison Howard stole one base, had one single and one double, one RBI, and had three runs. Grant Haynes posted one run, one RBI, and one stolen base while Parker Haynes grabbed one steal.



Levi Gates gets a hit against Shamrock last week.

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Bryce Williams catches a fly ball to center field last week.

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Lady Broncos shut out Gruver again

By Sandy Anderberg
The Lady Broncos are currently 23-1-1 in regular season play as they begin to think about post-season play. They held the Lady Hounds off of home plate defeating them 13-0 last week. Kennadie Cummins earned the win against Gruver striking out 13 and allowing only one hit. Cummins faced 16 batters and threw an impressive 45 strikes out of 57 pitches.

The ladies jumped out early to put four runs on the board in the first inning. They were able to score two runs with no outs and put the next two runs up with only one out. The inning ended with a pop-up and a ground-out.

The Lady Broncos would not score again until the fourth inning when K. Cummins doubled on a fly to left field scoring Shelbi Coles and Bayleigh Bruce. Elyza Rodriguez brought Cummins home on a single to left and Gracie Wilkins' ground

ball to second scored Rodriguez and T. Cummins before the end of the inning.

With two outs in the fifth, Bruce hits Coles into home and Rodriguez hits the only Lady Bronco triple that brings Bruce home for a run. Sitting at 10 runs, the ladies were not finished as T. Cummins doubles on a ground ball to left field and was able to score Rodriguez and find home plate on an error by the left fielder. Wilkins turned a single into a home run on an error by the center fielder.

K. Cummins had two runs, singled and doubled, had two RBIs, and one stolen base while Wilkins posted one run, three singles, an RBI, and one stolen base. T. Cummins ended the game with two runs, a double, and two RBIs and Rodriguez had three runs, two singles, one trip, and three RBIs. Bruce made good on one single, two runs, and one RBI and Coles posted two runs as the DH in the win.



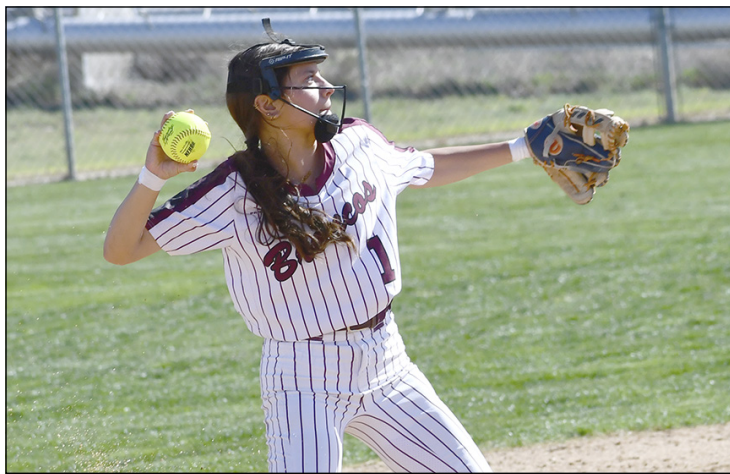
Mason Sims pitches last week against Shamrock.

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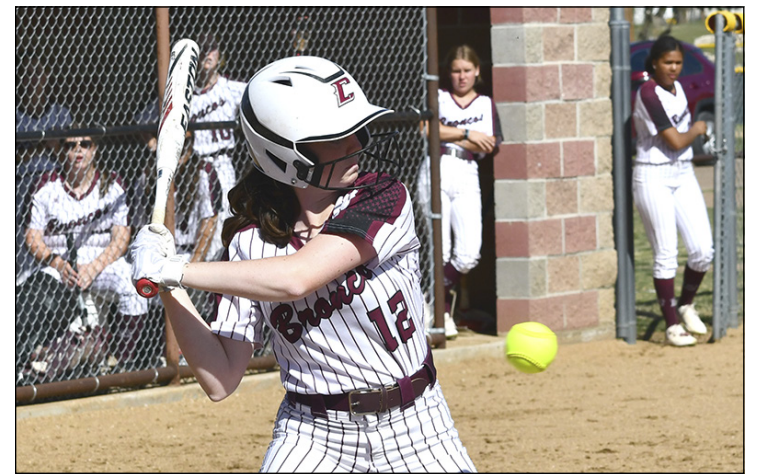
Easton Frausto bats last week against Shamrock.

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Elliot Fruasto grabs a ball at short last week.

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Maloree Wann bats last week at home.

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Benson, Bolin, Smith named Area Champions

By Sandy Anderberg
Lady Bronco track standout Madi Benson ran her way to an Area Championship last week winning the 800m run in a time of 2:28.50. Benson also ran second in the 400m dash with a time of 1:04.83 and second in the 1600m run in a time of 5:54.71

On the Bronco side, Kaleb Bolin, who has been running strong all season, took the championship in the 400m dash with a time of 52.56 and senior Lyric Smith pushed hard for a championship in the high jump with a leap of 6'2". Smith outjumped his opponents by four inches to take the top spot. The athletes will head to the Regional Track Meet which will be held Friday and Saturday, April 19 and 20 in Canyon at the WTAMU Track & Field Complex.

Overall, eight Broncos and Lady Broncos will make the short drive to Canyon to compete in the regional round to test their hard work this season.

Elliot Frausto had a great day on the oval in the 800m and 1600m coming in second and fourth respectively. Frausto ran her personal best in both races with a time in the 800m run of 2:30.56 and a 6:01.61 in the 1600m run.

Rounding out the Lady Bronco competitors in the Area round was freshman Jayla Woodard who finished a respectable seventh in the long jump with a distance of 14'9" and sophomore Kate Shaw who posted a distance of 30'7" in the shot put.

Kaleb Mays who has been very consistent in the 100m dash will make an appearance in that event because of a third-place finish at the Area meet with a time of 11.24. Mays will also run a leg in the mile relay due to a second-place finish with a time of 3:36.07. Running with Mays will be Bolin, Shane Hagood and Brice Wagner.

Long distance runner Bryce Williams qualified for the upcoming meet with a fourth-place finish in the 800m run with a time of 2:06.80. Williams ran sixth in the 3200m run at 11:19.22 and seventh in the 1600m run with a time of 5:19.88. Smith competed in the 100m dash and finished seventh at 11.64 and Brice Wagner was eighth in the long jump with a leap of 18'9". Mason Sims competed in the 110m hurdles with a time of 16.85 for seventh place.

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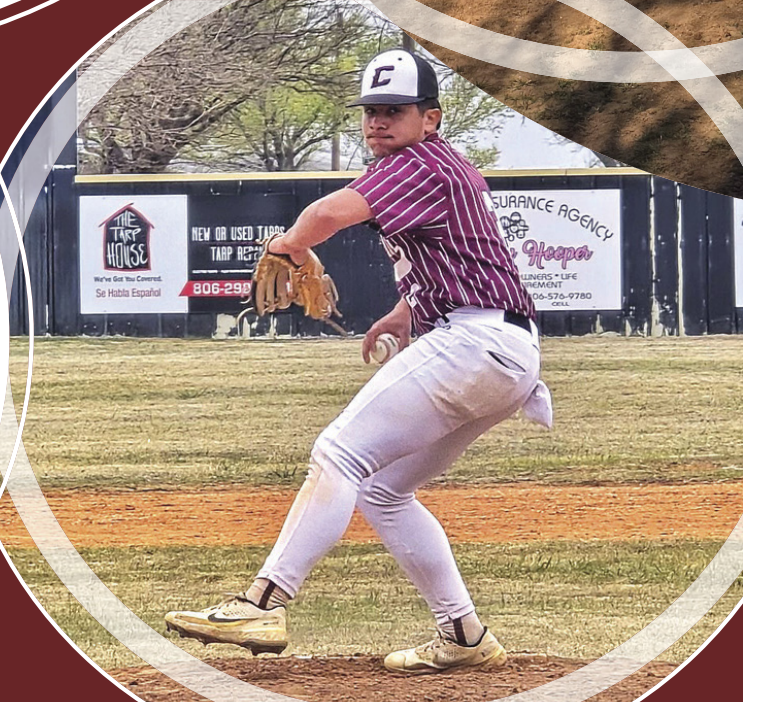
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 HEARING BODY: Howardwick City Council serving
 POSSIBLE INTERESTED PARTIES: Ira Killam & Jack Anthony

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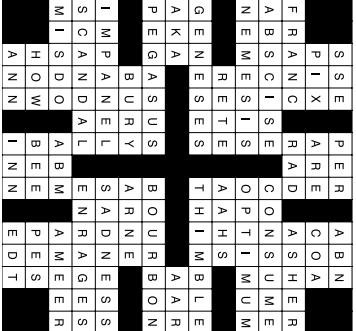
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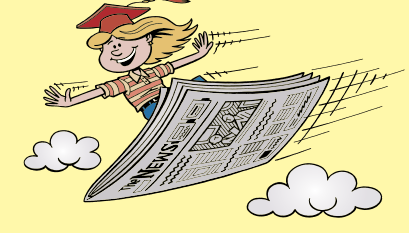
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Wind turbines are one way to generate power using a renewable resource. They help to cut pollution.

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What bright idea do you have to help save energy?

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1. The major fuels we use for energy today are called _____ fuels because they are made from parts of animals and plants that have been under heat and pressure in the Earth's crust for millions of years.
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5. Once we use up the **fossil fuels** they will be gone. Today, scientists are working hard on fuel sources that can be regrown or reused. They are called _____ fuels.
6. Giant, fan-like structures with blades that you might see in fields are called turbines. They use the _____ as a source of power. They make electricity to power homes.
7. Another **renewable** source of power is _____. We use dams to hold water back and then slowly let it flow through to spin generators to make electricity. This is called hydropower.
8. In very sunny areas, you can see panels that collect _____ energy. This is energy from the sun's rays. The special cells in the panels can change sunlight into electricity.
9. Have you heard of bioenergy? This form of energy is created from _____ like corn or grains, or may be made from wood scraps or animal waste. It is a renewable fuel because we can regrow its sources.
10. This source of energy uses heat from deep in the earth. Boiling liquid or steam is pumped up to the surface and passed through machines to generate electricity.
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the lion's tale
 by roger estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting April 16, 2024, with Boss Lion Pro Tem Richard Green in charge.

We had 13 members present, four attending virtually, Sweetheart Emma Roys, and three guests this week. Ben and Ella Estlack were the guests of Lion Roger Estlack, and Deana Phillips presented our program.

Ms. Phillips is a dispatcher / jailer at the Donley County Jail and, in honor of National Telecommunicators Week this week, she told us about her job.

Dispatchers are not secretaries, nor do they just answer the phone. They have to take an 80-hour class and pass an exam as well as take 24 hours of computer training. They must retest every two years, and they have to state current on CPR and cardiac training. Jailers have to have 96 hours of classes in county corrections plus take continuing education every year to stay licensed. In Donley County, these jobs are combined into one, and there is usually only one person on duty at a time for a 12-hour shift.

In addition to answering 911 calls and trying to keep people calm until first responders arrive during an emergency, Donley County dispatchers receive all kinds of calls plus they have to take care of inmates, book new inmates, do laundry, clean the jail/office (inmates clean their own cells), prepare meals three times a day, and much more. Jail standards require inmates to be checked every hour, but local policy requires them to be checked on every 30 minutes when possible. They are the first call when people have their worst day, but they get to help people daily.

Dispatcher/Jailers in Donley County currently are Deana Phillips, Cheryl Philips, Leanne Boggus, Joe Allen, and Tessa Moffett.

Lion Brian Barboza said the city is taking applications for life-guards still, and Lion Mary Green updated the club on the Lions-sponsored Cornhole Tournament at the Howardwick Hoedown on July 20.

Lion Estlack said he and Lion Ashlee Estlack were honored at the District Convention Saturday with the International President's Award and the District Governor's Award respectively.

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

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