

It's okay to say 'No' to school bond election

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Clarendon CISD should be allowed to issue $\$ 11.7$ mil lion in bonds. Every voter should be interested in these elections, and Clarendon school taxpayers in particula
should pay attention and understand what's being put before them. Voters should also understand one important fact. It's okay to vote "No" on the bonds. Being against the bonds doesn't mean you're against the school and certainly not against our kids. You can be against the bond and still be for our kids... all our kids.
For three years, I've attended a variety of school
functions in the Clarendon High School Auditorium. functions in the Clarendon High School Auditorium.
Maybe it's the old electrician in me, but something Maybe it's the old electrician in me, but something
that always catches my eye is the fact the covers are missing on the electrical outlets on the front of the stage. Less than $\$ 2$ and a screwdriver would fix that, but it remained undone the last time I was there a few weeks ago.
Some of the stage
ights don't work in the lights don't work in the system doesn't work, several ystem doesn't work, several
chairs are either broken or have been removed entirely, and overall, the place looks
like it hasn't had any care or ouch-ups since it was built in 1990. But the auditorium
 sn't on the list of improve-
In fact the only specific $f$.
In fact, the only specific facilities mentioned by the school are the entrance of the high school, the ag
building, and the football stadium. So elementary and junior high students won't see anything specific from the bonds (other than perhaps some undefined repairs and ADA improvements); and more broadly speaking, the only students who will really get a tangible benefit from the bonds are football players and ag students. fancy new activity bus.
Of the $\$ 11.7$ million the school is asking for, only the $\$ 3$ million ag proposition will actually go to
improving education. The ag program has made great strides under the current teachers; but if you attended any board meetings earlier this year, it was clear that ome parents are not sold on the need for a new ag building.
Let's consider some facts that haven't been put
before you by the out-of-town marketing machine before you by the out-of-town marketing machine
which is pushing for approval of the bonds and wh is funded by those who stand to benefit from passage of the bonds.
The school and those in favor of the bond are working hard to tell voters this $\$ 11.7$ million loan will likely cost many people very little or nothing at all. They point to senior citizens having their taxes froze and homesteads with a $\$ 100,000$ school tax exemp-
tion as reasons to vote for the bond. The fact is that taxes will go up for somebody. The school tax rate will increase from about 83 cents per $\$ 100$ valuation to $\$ 1.15$, wiping out a good chuck of the tax savings the Legislature has created in the last few years. In a breakdown of who pays school taxes in CCISD, the finance company supporting the bond likes to say that homeowners and landowners will pay less than half the cost of the bond. The rest will
be paid for by utility companies and by "commercial and industrial" taxpayers they say are "from out of own." But all of our local businesses are considered "commercial and industrial" and even a business that is owned elsewhere employs local people and contributes to our community.
Another fact, even if you're not paying tax now because your homestead isn't worth $\$ 100,000$, you soon could be. Citizens have started getting updated
valuations from the Donley Appraisal District, and it sure would have been nice to have had those before early voting started. One particular three-bedroom rent house has gone up in value this year by $\$ 16,467$ and has increased in value 66 percent since 2019 to a total of $\$ 98,802$. If you're using the school's tax calculator to figure out how much this bond will cost you, remember that's just the current value. Appraised The 32-cent tax to go up.
ene evaluations with fay the bond is built on of it. The problem is that our ag values are bolstered by irrigated farmland and the groundwater levels are dropping. The highest valued irrigated crop land is $\$ 879$ per acre. Dry crop land of the category used as an example by the bond company is worth $\$ 150$ per acre. If a significant portion of irrigated farmland converts to dryland in the next ten or 15 years, that will
have a real impact on the tax base and the result will be a higher tax rate to make the bond payment. The bond backers say a "Yes" vote will help recruit new employees to the school and new families to the community. No one really moves to a community because the school has a nice bus or new bleachers. People and businesses do make decisions about elocating though by looking at the quality of educaClarendon CISD needs some re. The problem with this bond request is very much like the health care reform bill in 2010 when Nancy Pelosi said, "We have to pass the bill before you can see what's in it." CCISD is long on wants, shorter on needs, and vague on details. The taxpayers don't know for sure what will be built or what it will look like exactly. Are there any renderings of what a "secure vestibule" will look like on the front of the high
school? Are we building a new field howse or reno school? Are we building a new field house or tenovat-
ing or expanding the old one? Are we going to tear down the old ag building if it's in such bad shape, and are there any drawings of what a new ag building will feature? What exactly will the school do with $\$ 11.7$ million? They will get back to us on the details after the bond is passed. No, voters should know up front. Voters should turn down the bond propositions
and give the school time to get community feedback and give the school time to get community feedback
and determine what exactly is needed and how we can improve education the most. The kids and the taxpayers deserve that much respect.

Talking about a queen like none other
Many tourist destinations claim to be "all things to all people," but com-
pared to Branson, MO, the rest of them pared to Branson,
miss the mark by a country mile. Nestle in the Ozark Mountains, the laid-back demic, but has roared back with numerous new attractions to strengthen its vows to be "number one" in tourism Since 2008, the "Branson buzz" has centered on the 2,000 -seat Sight and Sound Theatre, where sold-out crowds Sound common for live performances of
are Bible figures. Queen Esther is the current attraction; it plays through October

The theatre dazzles, as does the work of some 400 people who have added production of movies, streaming and other types of electronic delivery, evidence that not everything associated with the pandemic is bad. "Thanks to these expanded efforts, we are making a far greater Christian impact than with live performances alone," a spokesman said.

Sight and Sound's 50th anniversary of its founding in Lancaster, PA, looms in 2026. At the home base there, more than 800 employees set highest profes sional Branson.

We've been privileged to see several productions, and still "ooh and ahh" on the lavish grounds leading to the
magnificent venue. The productions have the grandeu of Broadway's best, and with awissio But wait, there's more..

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son visit provides great memories.
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A great example is Clay Cooper, who also serves as an elected city government official. He has his own theater, where he is joined in song by his wife and two sons. He loves his community, his work and his family, pointing with pride to his youngest son who set a record last year for the Branson HS basketball team. "He took more charges than any player in ou

We also took in shows featuring the Dutton, Haygood and Petersen families The Petersens, known for bluegrass music, are anchored by the four kids'
mom, Karren, who plays the bass fiddle. Their rendition of "Sweet Beulah Land" s a treasure

The Haygoods - five brothers and a sister, now in their 32nd year - are known for their variety show that has achieved more than 2,000 sold-out performances. And the ever-popular D ons span three generations Another must see" is Pierce an amazing vocalist who came to the fore on America's Got Talent. Their best fore on America's Got Talent. Their best
joke? We learned that alphabet soup
might be even better if the letters were in Dean Z truly is the "ultimate Elvis" Dean Z truly is the "ultimate Elvis"
and illusionist Rick Thomas is world-class - carrying on brilliantly despite his being "under the weather" during our visit. Jay Osmond, best known for years with the Osmond Brothers, is an out-
tanding soloist. Now 69 years of age, standing soloist. Now 69 years of age,
he's new at "going it alone." He claims hemories that go way, way back. "Even as a seven-year-old, I kne
bout ESP," he said. "Eat/Sleep/Pra bout ESP," he said. "Eat/Sleep/Prac-
Our memory chest runneth over. We earned that Branson now has a worldlass aquarium, an attraction opening at the onset of COVID. It is remarkable...

## Ason, wout five days in

 anson, we wished for more time to isit the more than 100 attractions, as Hard We Colege of the Ozarks, aka, teach all It too is.We marvel that so much has been nvested in Branson, and there's no end in sight. Who could imagine, a couple of decades ago, that there would ever be a 82-room hote in Branson. Well, here , the Thousand Hills Resor Hotel. An ere are more to come in this magical lace where more than 10 million visiNoced his year The wold needs world need more Bransons. Dr. Newbury is a longtime public speaker
and former university president who is
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Celebrating Older Americans Month

By Stephanie Taylor
Research Specialist III
The nation's observance of Older Americans Month (OAM) in May is an tributions older adults make every day. Around the nation, older adults make their mark, acting as volunteers, emplo ees, employers, parents, grandparents, mentors and advocates.

This year's OAM theme, "Powered by Connection," recognizes the profoun
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social connections have on our health social connections have on our health
and well-being. According to the U.S. and well-being. According to the U.S.
Surgeon General's Advisory on the Healing Effects of Social Connection and Community released in 2023, a lack of social connection can increase the ris for anciey, depression and dementia. During Older Americans Month, we recos made by older Te cons and butionside by older Texans, and are services that support and empower old services that support and empower old
adults and their caregivers in aging and living well", said Haley Turner, deputy living well," said Haley Turner, deputy
executive commissioner of community services at the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC).

In 2022, The Texas Demographic Center in 2022 estimated 9.3 million people 50 or older live in Texas. As that number grows, so does the need for ships and social connections. ships and social connections.
AARP Texas director Tina Tran said everyone should recommit themselves in social isolation among older adults. "Older Americans Month is a unique opportunity to celebrate the many achievements and contributions of older Americans, and to give abundant attention to the importance of helping people fulfill their hopes, dreams and other aspi rations," Tran said. "Here in Texas, older persons are strong, resilient and deeply invested in improving the wellbeing of future generations on all sorts of matters, including health and financial security and making communities more livable for people of all ages."
HHSC provides multiple programs and services to help older Texans live healthy lives, stay connected in their communities and remain living in their homes as they age.

Aging Texas Well is an initiative
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Age Well Live Well is a statewide Aealthy aging campaign that promotes easy pathways to available resources. The campaign emphasizes making healthy changes using three core message areas: Be Healthy, Be Connected and Be Informed.

Texercise provides free physical activity and nutrition resources to educate, motivate and engage adults 45 and

The Area Agencies on Aging provide services to help people 60 and older, their family members and caregivers receive information and assistance to ocate and access community services.
Aging and Disability Resource Centers are part of the No Wrong Door ystem, which is designed to streamline public access to long-term services and apports.
Find more information on HHSC programs and services at hhs.texas.gov.

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## Obituaries <br> \section*{Thomas}



Cemetery in Claude. Mrs. Thomas was born May 3, 1944 in Clarendon, Texas, the daughter of the late Otha Imadell (Koontz) and R.G. Eddleman, Jr. She passed away Tuesday, April 23,2024 surrounded by members of her family.

Mrs. Thomas was a 1962 graduate of Claude High School where Champion. She married her high school sweetheart, Albert Thomas,
on August 4, 1962. She welcomed on August 4, 1962. She welcomed her sons Darren Brit in 1965 and
Bradley Kent in 1968 Gail was Bradley Kent in 1968. Gail was a
dedicated Christian wife and mother dedicated Christian wife and mother. She loved with her whole heart and
was thrilled to be Nanny to Rob and was thrilled to be Nanny to Rob and
Griffin. One of her passions was the Prodisee Pantry Food Bank in Spanish Fort, Alabama which she and Albert helped found. She made life-long friends in the many places

## DPS marks 15 years of interdiction program

Public Safety (DPS) this month rec- tors becoming certified to train ognizes the 15 -year anniversary of IPC globally and more than 13,500 its lifesaving Interdiction for the Pro- people trained in the United States tection of Children (IPC) program. Launched by DPS in April 2009, the IPC program trains frontline officers to recognize indicators that a child may be a victim, at-risk tify individuals who pose a high-risk threat to a child.
$\qquad$ than protecting the most vulnerable in our state: our children," said
Governor Greg Abbott. "During the Governor Greg Abbotl. During the Texas Department of Public Safety has been instrumental in that mis-
sion, rescuing hundreds of at-risk and exploited children from dangerous situations and heinous criminals across our state. The comprehensive training of front-line officers is the reason State Troopers are the goteam to not only protect our state,
but save countless lives. I thank the Texas Department of Public Safety for working tirelessly to protect our children every day and help bring justice for victims."
The multidisciplinary training has been given to local, state, federa, tribal, U.S. territory and internaional partners. Since its inception, 600 child program has resulted in over way Patrol, over 300 investigations

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His hobbies include playing sports, spending time with family, and helping his grandfather on the ranch. Sebastian's goals are becom-
ing the high school valedictorian ing the high school valedictorian,
they lived and vigilantly kept in
contact with all of them. She was
most happy visiting with family and
friends whether in person, by phone,
or handwritten letters and emails.
The photo albums she created docu-
ment the milestones and life events
of the people she loved. Gail's sharp
wit, guidance, and interpersonal
skills will be sorely missed by all
of those who were graced with her
presence.
She is survived by her husband, Albert D. Thomas of Dripping Springs; sons and daughters-in-law,
D.B. and Shannon of Mineral Wells, D.B. and Shannon of Mineral Wells,
Texas and Brad and SueAnna of Dripping Springs; grandsons, Rob fin Thomas of Mineral Wells; sisters and brothers-in-law, Karen and Bart Templeton and Kathi and Glyndol Holland; brother and sister-in-law Kenny and Danneva Eddleman; and a number of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who are loved like family.

She was preceded in death by her parents and parents-in-law, Al and Billye Thomas.

Honorary pallbearers will be er nephews Craig Sandlin, Craig Thomas, John Thomas, Lynn Holland, Todd Templeton, Eric Eddlean, and family friend Ian Punches. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Prodisee Pantry in Spanish Fort, Alabama at http www prodiseepantryorg/


## Think Before You Vote!

 way Patrol Troopers receivas Highthe Interdiction for the Protection of Children program," Protection Director Steven McCraw, "Working with law enforcement and other child advocacy partners over the last 15 years, DPS has and continues to at-risk and exploited children every$\qquad$ All DPS Troopers receive an abbreviated IPC course during the
Trooper Training Academy and are encouraged to attend the full 2 -day 16-hour course. IPC uses a victimcentered approach to expand law enforcement's ability to protect attisk children and uses the core message of "Stop Waiting for Children
to Ask for Your Help." Troopers are taught to assess the totality of circumstances to determine if a child is at risk.

In addition to removing children from dangerous situations, IPC hild abduction, human trafficking, child pornography, and sexual assault investigations. people trained in the United States "Hundreds of children have been rescued from dangerous crimi-



## THERE WILL BE A COST!

$\$ 11.7$ million doesn't come free.
While Clarendon CISD tells you the bonds won't cost you anything, the fact is someone will be paying tax rates 13.9 percent higher. Small businesses, farmers, landlords, and others will have to foot the bill; and that will mean less money in their budgets for other things.

That's fewer dollars available for FFA fundraisers, Little League sponsorships, athletic fundraisers, yearbook ads, etc. The economy is already in bad enough shape without increasing our local tax burden for 'wants' instead of 'needs.'

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## Menus

## April 29 - May 3

 Donley County Senior citizens salad, coleslaw, cornbread, chery/pineapple crisp, iced tea/ $2 \%$ mik. foutates . Mushroom steak, baked potatoes, green beans, wholewheat roll, chocolate cake, iced tea/ $2 \%$ milk. Wed: Roast/gray, baked potatoes, spinach, whole wheat roll, banana
milk. Thurs: Chicken/dressing, English peas, squash, whole wheat roll, pumpkin pie, iced tea $/ 2 \%$ milk. Fri: Beef stew, garden salad, cornbread, apple crisp, iced Hedley Senior Citizens Mon: Asian sweet chili pork, fried
rice eegs rolls, broccoli, almond cookies, creamy fruit salad, iced tea/2\% milk. Tue: Lemon pepper chicken, roasted sweet potatoes, brown
rice, Brussel sprouts, banana pudding, iced tea $/ 2 \%$ milk. Wed: Chicken fried steak, try gray, homemade mashed potatoes, country green beans with bacon \& onion, fried donut, whole wheat buttermilk bisccuit,
icod twe iced tea/ $2 \%$ mik. meat sauce, roasted red potatoes, creamed spinach, oatmeal cookie, garlic bread, iced tea/ $/ 2 \%$ milk.
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Fri: Bacon cheeseburger on
whole wheat bun, sweet potato whole wheat bun, sweet potato
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banana, rice Krispie treat, iced tea/ $2 \%$ milk.

## Breakfast

Mon. Pancakes, bacon, fruit Tues: Breakfast purito, browns, fruit uice fuito, browns, fruit tiuce, fruit, mik.
Wed: Cereal, toast fruit fruit, milk. Thu: Strudel, cheese stick, fruit juice, fruit, milk. Fri: Donut, sausage, fruit juice,
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Lunch
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Mon: Chicken spaghetti, bread-
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fruit, milk Tues: Frito pie, beans, veggie cup, dessert, fruit, milk. Wed: Pizza, broccoli, tomatoes,
fruit fruit, milk. Thu: Nacho grange, celery, carrots, sherbet, frut, mik,
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beans, corn, fruit, mik.

## Breakfast

Hedley ISD
Mon: Sausage kolache, yogurt, fruit suice, fruit, milk. Tuus: Cheese omelet, toast, fruit juice, frit, milk.
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juice, fruit, milk. sausage, fruit Thu: Breakfast pizza, fruit, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
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| Lunch |

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bereadstick, vegie cup potatos breadstick, veggie cup, potatoes,
strawberries $\&$ strawberries \& bananas, fruit,
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wed. Wed: Xtreme burritos, corn,
cucumbers, rosy applesauce, cookie, fruit, milk.
Thu: Hamburger, chips, tomato cup, garden salad, pears, fruit, mik.
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Fri: Pizza, carrots, squash grapes, fruit, milk.


DCSC serving community since 1975
In an effort to raise awareness County Senior Citizens Center, they are holding their Fourth Annual That Senior Thang "FAM FEST" on Saturday June 1. This event is a fun-
filled family night for everyone in filled family night for every The Donley beyond. The Donley County Senior
Citizens Center was established in Citizens Center was established in
1975. The center provides nutritious meals and a place for senior citizens to socialize. They deliver an aver-
age of 100 meals to seniors, disabled age of 100 meals to seniors, disabled
and shut-ins everyday - Monday through Friday. They provide in house dining for seniors and friends who are able to come in and eat. The who are able to come in and eat. The
center offers social activities such as: bingo nights, game days, health programs, trivia nights and much more. These services are provided with a staff of 4 and almost 50 active volunteers. The volunteers deliver the meals each day and are the bright spot in the lives of those seniors and shut-ins that don't have family or
friends checking in daily. Many of the volunteers are retired senior citizens themselves and truly appreciate a place to serve and be able to make a difference in the lives of a friend.
Mark your calendars for That Senior Thang FAM FEST on June 1 and join the street party to show support for one of our oldest and most needed organizations in Donley County. Watch Facebook for details

DHDC to host
May the Fourth
DHDC Invites YOU to Dis-
cover Science and Sci-Fi for May
Memphis Chamber Winners
The Memphis Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet was held The Don Harrington Discovery last Friday, April 26. Those honored were Citizen of the Year - Be With You", an event celebrating Thelma Beasley; Business of the Year - Gabby's on the Square, science through a love of sci-f. represented by Cindy Banner, Kali Floyd, and Cliff Banner; and DHDC will turn into a rebel Lifetime Achievement Award - Pauline Johnsey. base from a galaxy far far away and base from a galaxy far far away and
ask guests to "join the Jedi" as they ask guests to join the Jedi" as they
teach a new generation the science behind defeating the dark side! With two time slots, 1:00 pm and $3: 30 \mathrm{pm}$, DHDC will explore science with demos, activities, and lots more! Guests will enjoy lightyears of fun featuring: Food trucks outside their rebel base; Space theater shows exploring galaxies far far away; DHDC's spectacular science demos; Activities to take home exploring science and sci-fi;
A chance to see alien-like creatures; A chance to see alien-like creatures;
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Texas history lessons
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Addie Snure, Jensyn and Ainslie Lewis, Kensler Roberts, Teagan Chesser, Emma Howard, Kassie Askew and Ajax Caudle competed in the Dudz to Dazzle contest at WTAMU.


MaryJo Dushay, Gracie Ellis, Kassie Askew, Emma Howard, Teagan Chesser, and Adleigh Moore competed at WTAMU.


MaryJo Dushay placed 2nd overall and qualified for the State Roundup.


Conway and Hunter Wann placing 3rd

Donley 4-H members compete at district Donley County 4-H had
members compete in District members compete in District
Spring contests recently at WTAMU Spring contests recently at WTAMU
with three members advancing to the With three members advancing to the
State Roundup in College Station State Roundup in College Station
June 3 -5. tition, senior members competing were MaryJo Dushay and Gracie
Ellis. MaryJo placed 2nd overall and qualified for the State Roundup while Gracie placed 4th overall. In
the Intermediate division the Intermediate division, the team
of Kassie Askew, Emma Howard Teagan Chesser and Adleigh Moore placed Sth as a team while Adleigh placed 3rd in the Reasons class. In Livestock Judging, Hudson
Howard competed in the Intermediate division placing 12 th overall! In the Junior division, the 3rd place team members were Jensyn Lewis, Ainslie Lewis, Jase Conway and Hunter Wann with Jensyn placing 2nd overall individually. The team of Cutter Ashbrook, Kensler Roberts and Will Berry placed 9th. All team members placed in the top forty indi-
vidually vidually,
In the Grass ID competition, Wes Shaw won the contest and will
advance to the Stace advance to the State Roundup while
Kyler Bell placed in the top ten at Kyler Bell placed in the top ten at
10th place. Emily McCurdy was also a State Rounds place piano solo in ter 2nd place piano solo in the Talent Show-
case. In the Dudz to Dazzle contest, teams were given a textile item to
use their sewing and design skills to use their sewing and design skiils to
make a new item in a given category make a new item in a given category
of wearable, non-wearable or accessory/jewelry. They must design, construct and plan their presentation in sixty minutes. Donley 4-H had two teams compete, and those members were Addie Snure, Jensyn and Ainslie Lewis, Kensler Roberts, Teagan Chesser, Emma Howard, Kassie Askew and Ajax Caudle. Becca Chessers Robin Ellis and Becca Chesser invested many hours
helping coach the kids in these proj


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The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting April 30, 2024, with Boss Lion Pro Tem Mary Green in charge. We had 12 members, Sweetheart Emma Roys, and three guests
this week - Ben Estlack, Ella this week - Ben Estlack, Ella
Estlack, and Hunter Caison, guests Estlack, and Hunter Ca
of Lion Roger Estlack.
of Lion Roger Estlack.
The club sang "Happy Birthday" to the Boss Lion and to Lion Chuck Robertson.
Lions Chelsea Covey and Roger Estlack reported on the 5 , this year Lion Roger also gavain this year. Lion Roger also gave an
update on the state Lions convention update on the state Lions convention
coming up next month in Amarillo.
The Boss Lion authorized an idea to establish a bulletin board in the Lions Hall to showcase our Sweetheart's activities for the current year. ness, we were adjourned to spread Lionism and good cheer throughout our fair county.
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The The Bronco baseball team is runs that inning. Frausto's second three innings throwing four strike- ball to center scored Williams. The
headed for the Bi-District round after shutting out Memphis $25-0$ in their home Sims to put the game out of one run. Musick took over in the inning with strong hits to score three last regular season game. The Bron- reach. The Broncos added six more fourth and allowed three runs and runs to come within two runs of the cos have had a great season and are runs in the fourth inning with big hits struck out seven batters and Frausto Broncos. But the team still had more currently 14-1-2 overall. from Bryce Williams, Grant Haynes, cleaned up finishing with two strike- fire from the plate to extend their Jared Musick took the mound Musick, and Harrison Howard. outs, four hits, and one run. lead by four runs over Forsan. They in the game against Memphis and Frausto collected four RBIs and Howard was solid at the plate topped it off by adding two more allowed no hits while throwing six five runs in the game, Levi Gates had posting a single, double, triple with runs in the seventh inning. Frausto strike-outs to get the win. Musick one single, two doubles, two RBIs, four RBIs and one run and Haynes allowed them two hits in their turn was assisted by Easton Frausto who and three runs. Howard claimed added two singles and two runs. Wil- at the plate, but they were unable to took over the pitching duties in the three singles, four RBIs, and two liams had a single, RBI, one run, and get a runner in scoring position. The final two innings posting five strike- runs, while Williams had one single one stolen base while Frausto had game ended with a Forsan ground-
outs while allowing only one run. outs while allowing only one run. and was credited with four runs. a single, two runs, and two stolen out from Frausto to Gates at first
Junior Mason Sims mustered up Junior Mason Sims mustered up Mason Allred posted one RBI and bases in the win. Heston Seay had a base.
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Broncos' first scores of the game. error.
Williams knocking down a single to ing game two.

## Lady Broncos to play Colorado City May 2 in Lubbock

he fifth and gain another in the strong all year and will play in the them $6-4$ in a game that saw the struck out four batters. Area round May 2. The ladies over- Lady Broncos getting the lead in the Gracie Smith pounded one to doubles, three RBIs and one run and all record is an impressive 27-3-1. second inning and holding it until the right field in the second inning to Smith had a homerun, one single, They will take on Colorado City in end. They had eight hits in the game earn the first run of the game for the two RBIs. Wilkins had a single, one Lubbock with the first game starting for their six runs. Lady Broncos. Smith added another run, and one stolen base, while K. at 6:00 p.m. on Thurs., May 2. Game Tandie Cummins got the call on run in the top of the third when she Cummins had a single and one run. two will be played on Fri., May 3 at the mound and the win by throwing slammed a single that scored Gracie Shelby Christopher had one single 3:00 p.m. and game three, if needed, for five innings, posting four strike- Wilkins to go up by three. The ladies and Elyza Rodriguez helped with will be played following game two. outs and allowing five hits and four would go on to score two more runs two runs.


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fish. Some will row their boat out to the middle
of a lake. Fishing from a pier into the ocean is
cool too. Some people only wish to "catch"
fish from the supermarket for a favorite dish.
Have fun and...shhh...the fish are biting!
each word to its "fishy" description.
Think fishing! Now match each word to its "fishy" description

1. tackle
(O) A. hooks, lures and other things used to fishB. rush; knock someone down
2. catch $\qquad$ A. game in which the ball is thrown and caught $\bigcirc$ B. a bucket of fresh fish going home with you
3. cast
(1) A. what the doctor puts on a broken bone B. throwing your fishing line and bait into the water O A. people who wet their feet
4. waders © © at the edge of the water
 O) B. waterproof boots that cover waaaay up
$\qquad$
5. test $=0$ A. the amount of strength in your fishing line B. what the math teacher gives you NEWSPAP


## Read the clues

 to fill in this puzzle about going fishing: 1. weights you attach to your line 2. used to wind the fishing line3. holds all the small equipment needed
4. person who fishes for fun, food or a living

5 .things to atract 12 fish; sometimes flashy or feathery 6. has fins; swims and lives in fresh or salt water
7. curved piece of metal used to catch a fish 8. these keep bait near water's surface, signal "bite" 9. round, open container with a handle used to carry fish 10. long, narrow pole with hoops that hold your line 11. piece of food or a worm; used to attract a fish 12. people sit in this and row to their "fishing holes"


Stocking visit
Kathy Stocking (right) stands with Stocking Ice Cream Parlor owner Rhonda Howell last Tuesday, April 23. Stocking, the great-granddaughter of the Panhandle's first doctor - Jerome Stocking, lives in Michigan and visited Clarendon last week to learn more about family history. She had seen the ice cream parlor online and made plans to visit the shop but did not realize until she got here that
it is the same building that housed Dr. Stocking's drug store going back to the 1880s. The original Stocking Drug Store sign hangs behind Howell and Stocking. Enterprise photo / roger estiack


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