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

Phase 1 of bridge nears completion

The bridge replacement project on US 287 in Clarendon is nearing the end of Phase One, according to officials with the TxDOT Childress District.

The box and subgrade work is complete as of last week, and the contractor was anticipating the curb and gutter work would be completed by the end of last week with sidewalks being complete this week.

TxDOT says the plan is to begin pouring the concrete pavement by the week of October 20 with an anticipated date of moving to phase two the end of November.

Health Fair to be held at BAC Oct. 23

The Donley County Health Fair will be held Thursday, October 23, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Clarendon College Bairfield Activity Center.

This year's health fair will include flu shots, blood screenings (fasting), blood pressure checks, STI screenings and treatment, and lots of health care resources from a variety of providers.

For more information, call the Extension at 806-874-2141.

Spookfest 25' to be downtown Nov. 1

Spookfest '25 will be a fun-filled evening of trunk-or-treating, games, food, and fun downtown on Saturday, November 1 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The Mulkey Theatre Trunk or Treat will start at 5 p.m. along with games and activities hosted by local organizations. Those interested in have a trunk or activity must call the Visitor Center at 806-874-2421 by Friday, October 24, at noon to reserve space.

Registration for the Chamber costume contest will be in front of the Visitor Center from 5:00 to 6:00. Robertson Funeral Directors will sponsor a free movie at the Mulkey, Casper the Friendly Ghost, at 7:00 p.m.

H'wick Trunk or Treat to be Oct. 31

Howardwick will host a Trunk or Treat on Halloween, October 31, at 7 p.m. in McMorries Memorial Park.

The public is invited to come and hand out candy. Citizens can also drop off candy at City Hall for the kids.



Danlin Avila rides with Delaney and Jetson Chambless during the 73rd Hedley Cotton Festival Parade last Saturday. The event drew several attendees from nearby communities with parades, vendors, games, food, raffles, and more. For more photos from the festival, see page three of this week's Enterprise.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / MANDI GAY

73rd Cotton Festival draws crowd

Hedley hosted its 73rd Cotton Festival last Friday and Saturday, October 10 and 11, with a large crowd from nearby communities and lots of activities this year.

Organizers were pleased with the event which drew about 20 ven-

dors in addition to food trucks and other forms of entertainment. An alumni reunion at the Hedley school was also well attended Saturday.

Several drawings were held to raise funds for local organizations. The Cotton Bale raffled off by the

Lions Club was won by Jean Taylor, and Debbie Kennedy won the 50/50 raffle to support the Hedley Volunteer Fire Department.

The Hedley Senior Citizens held three drawings. Nathan Floyd won that 50/50 pot, Tom Heck won

the Henry raffle, and Kerry Cartrite won the drawing for the shotgun.

Bingo games were well attended for the benefit of the Hedley FFA, and the kids parade and big parade drew several participants as well.



Owl nominees

Hedley High School has announced its candidates for Homecoming King and Queen (top) Damien Alston, Josue Prieto, Payton Inman, Takoda Edwards, (bottom) Lillie McCleskey, Shailyn Hanes, Maddie Moore, and Adriana Villareal. Coronation ceremonies will be held at 6:30 p.m., Friday, October 17, at Memorial Field.

HEDLEY YEARBOOK

Clarendon sales tax sets record

The City of Clarendon received its highest October sales tax revenue when Acting Comptroller Kelly Hancock distributed allocations to local cities last week.

Clarendon's revenue of \$40,621.12 set a new bar for the month, beating the previous record set last October by 3.57 percent. For the calendar year-to-date, Clarendon is now up 8.39 percent with total sales tax revenues of \$455,576.49.

Hedley was off 35.71 percent this month with an allocation of \$821.50 and is now down for the year 3.14 percent at \$12,461.68.

Howardwick was down 23.96 percent for October to \$1,764.89 but remains ahead 13.42 percent for the calendar year-to-date with revenues of \$19,612.57.

Donley County Assistance District 1, still in its first year of sales tax collections to support law enforcement in Howardwick, brought in \$1,144.63 for the month, pushing its total for the year-to-date to \$12,879.17.

The City of Memphis saw a slight increase this October, up 4.6 percent to \$30,420.83, nudging that city's year-to-date collections up 1.39 percent to \$325,778.71.

Boosted by nearby datacenter construction, Claude sales tax revenues are up 56.33 percent at \$46,712.36 compared to \$29,082.24 a year ago with the year-to-date figure up almost 21 percent at \$242,901.05.

Statewide, Hancock distributed \$1.1 billion in local sales tax allocations for October, 3.9 percent more than in October 2024. These allocations are based on sales made in August by businesses that report tax monthly.

Program will focus on drug awareness

UMC Needs Outreach will present a community program on the dangers of illicit drugs and synthetic substances Monday, October 20, at the Mulkey Theatre at 6 p.m.

This event is open to the entire community, and school officials encourage parents to attend the session, as all junior high and high school students will have the opportunity to attend the same presentation the following day.

This is a valuable opportunity to learn, prepare, and begin meaningful conversations with your children about the risks of vaping and drug use.

The program presented by Charlie Nichols, MSN, RN, will equip individuals with knowledge about these substances and their consequences and offer guidance to those who may be in need. Substances covered will include fentanyl, vaping, synthetic marijuana, and flakka.

This program is being sponsored by the Clarendon CISD HI-5 Engagement Committee. Free childcare will be available during the Mulkey presentation, provided by Clarendon High School students in the foyer of the Bronco Gym.

For information, contact Jen Bellar at CCISD at 806-310-7220.



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Biting the Hand that votes for you

This past weekend, the Texas Republican Party held a meeting that told rural Texans everything we need to know about who’s really running things. The so-called “grassroots” censure campaign against Republican lawmakers wasn’t a homegrown uprising of county conservatives – it was a coordinated insider operation cooked up in Austin. And once again, it’s the rural legislators who paid the price.

Ten House Republicans were considered, including Speaker Dustin Burrows of Lubbock, but only five were formally censured: Stan Lambert of Abilene, Angelia Orr of Itasca, Jared Patterson of Frisco, Gary VanDeaver of New Boston, and Dade Phelan of Beaumont. Most of the five represent rural or semi-rural districts. Urban and suburban members – those from Collin County, Dallas, and surrounding areas – who cast similar or even more consequential policy votes, got a pass.

So what exactly does a censure mean? Under the party’s Rule 44, it’s more than a slap on the wrist. It allows the GOP to pull neutrality and financial support from a targeted lawmaker, spend party funds to publicize the censure in their district, urge them not to run again, and – under its harshest “death penalty” clause – bar them from the Republican ballot for up to two years.

The pattern is easy to see if you follow the trail. The county resolutions that kicked off this wave of censures were written under the guidelines of a state-party framework created in Austin. Over the summer, party leadership convened a “Legislative Review Task Force,” identified which lawmakers were “eligible” for censure, and circulated model resolutions for counties to copy and file. By the time the September “Censure Report” came out, the list was already set. Counties were just checking boxes.

So while the party markets this as a “grassroots” movement, it’s really a top-down effort to punish independence – especially among legislators who still listen to their hometown voters instead of the special interests ringing the Capitol dome.

Take Representative Ken King of Canadian. The state party listed him in its September report with 17 reasons for censure, painting him as one of the worst offenders. But here’s the catch: not one of the 19 counties King represents chose to bring forward a local censure resolution. That’s right – his own people didn’t file a single complaint. The attacks on King didn’t come from the Panhandle; they came from Austin. King’s “crime” was representing his district and standing up for public schools, local control, and common sense. The party leadership couldn’t control him, so they targeted him.

That’s the thread running through all of this. Rural lawmakers tend to be more independent, less dependent on the donor class, and far more in tune with their local school boards, county judges, and communities. When they push back on top-down agendas that threaten local control, they draw fire from party insiders who want discipline, not debate.

Even the inconsistencies in who got censured prove the point. Stan Lambert and Gary VanDeaver – both respected in their communities – were punished primarily for procedural votes tied to House rules. Yet urban members who supported those same votes escaped censure altogether. Two of the five censured lawmakers aren’t even running for reelection, so there will be no real penalty. It’s like running up the score in a high-school football game – it wasn’t about accountability; it was about revenge.

There real motive behind the censure campaigns became clear when Don Hopper, husband of the party’s general counsel, said in a YouTube chat during Saturday’s meeting that the Rule 44 “death penalty” was written specifically “to remove Phelan.” Imagine that – months of so-called grassroots outrage, all to settle a personal score.

Even President Trump reportedly weighed in behind closed doors, warning Texas Republicans that if they used the death-penalty option to ban lawmakers from the GOP primary ballot, the national party could pull its funding. It’s worth noting that three of the five censured lawmakers were Trump-endorsed, making the whole exercise look even more absurd.

What’s happening here isn’t about conservative values – it’s about control. The censure process has become a tool for party leadership and well-connected political groups to influence local primaries and keep rural legislators in line. They’re using the language of grassroots activism to mask a power grab.

Rural Texans should take that personally. When the state party tries to dictate how our representatives vote or who they support for House Speaker, that’s an attack on local self-government. Folks in places like Abilene, Canadian, and New Boston know their legislators personally. They don’t need a committee in Austin telling them who’s “Republican enough.”

The answer isn’t for rural Texans to give up – it’s to get involved. Show up at your county GOP meetings. Run for precinct chair. Make sure the people sitting in those local GOP seats actually reflect the values of your community, not the ambitions of Austin insiders. If the Republican Party in Texas is going to mean anything to rural voters, it ought to stand for independence, accountability, and honesty – not political vendettas.

Because when party leadership in Austin starts deciding who’s loyal enough to wear the Republican label, they aren’t just silencing legislators like Stan Lambert or Gary VanDeaver – they’re silencing the rural Texans who sent them there. And that’s a bridge too far.

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texas rural reporter
by suzanne bellsnyder

Orphan trains brought help to frontier

The Reverend Charles Loring Brace had a revolutionary idea.

Troubled by the large numbers of orphans and abandoned babies in New York City and other eastern cities, this Methodist minister, who had founded the Children’s Aid Society of New York, reasoned that many of the problems of caring for these homeless youths in the East could be alleviated by sending them to the western frontier where young and strong bodies were needed for field labor and household chores.

In the late 1800s the nuns in New York’s Foundling Hospital were finding as many as 1,000 abandoned babies on their doorstep every year, and caring for them properly until their adult years was an impossible task. After their few years of infancy, Brace reasoned, these children could be loved and would be useful to many families out West. Thus the Reverend Brace conceived the idea of shipping these youths by train to western settlements for adoption by frontier families.

These trains, known as “orphan trains,” went almost everywhere from Minnesota down to Texas, and from

the 1850s to 1929, as many as 350,000 children made the trip. Stopping in rural areas, the arrivals of these trains were heralded major events in America’s westward migration.

“We’d stop in these little towns and get out of the trains, and they’d interview us,” recalled Stanley Cornell in retrospect.

“It was kind of like a cattle auction. If they liked us, they’d take us.” Cornell and his brother, Victor, rode the trains twice before being “taken” by a family in Wellington, Texas. Having two daughters and no sons, the man wanted and needed some boys.

When Stanley (age 6) and his brother (age 5) passed the interview, which consisted only of “Do you like farms and animals?” the man gave them a bag of jellybeans and took them home.

As an alternative to begging for food in an orphanage with 600 other



vignettes
tales of the old west
by george u. hubbard

children, the orphan trains were a sweet second chance for many and a nightmare to others. As might be expected, life with their new families brought mixed reactions.

Dorothy Sharpley recalls being rejected by her first adoptive family. “I was sent back to New York only to ride the train again.

My mother loved me, but all my father cared about was how much farm work I could do.”

Stanley and Victor Cornell had a similar experience. Taken in by a family in Coffeyville, Kansas, on their first trip, Stanley remembered that “they were kind and we liked them, but after a couple of months they sent us back. I still don’t know why.” Their subsequent adoption in Wellington, Texas, turned out to be a happy and permanent arrangement.

Today only a scant few orphan train riders are still alive. Six of them attended a reunion recently in Lakewood, Colorado, and relived that adventuresome and traumatic period of their lives. George U. Hubbard is an author and former resident of Clarendon.



Tales of old readers and old jokes

Gentle friends, if any such folks are reading, I wish to make it clear that during my 22+ years of writing this piece, I have avoided ever using “bad” words. If any sneaked in, they were mild, never thrown carelessly around like many words crossing the lips of broadcasters, particularly in the sports world.

Admitting digression here on the sunrise of my latest column, I’ll leave today’s topic briefly, taking a side road to congratulate two well-known “goldy-throats” whom I’ve never heard resort to even mild profanity. They are Jim Nantz, longtime network sports icon, and Dave Raymond, play-by-play guy for the Texas Rangers. There are a few others, I’m sure, but the list is short.

Now, with such attention paid to my “keeping-it-clean” allegiance, I admit–up front–that within a few paragraphs, I will include a word never used in a previous column. I recently was reminded of an old joke that would have gone flat without the word “droppings” in it. (Horror! During my youth, my parents would have threatened a good mouth “soap-washing” had I told such a joke.)....

I have a reader to thank (blame?) for this awakening. Let’s call him “Jerry,” and admit to him--and others--that from time to time, I have uttered questionable verbiage. Who hasn’t made the air blue upon hammering fingers instead of nails, even worse if in a foul mood before letting the hammer down?

There is a danger in dealing with what may be viewed as a personal “holier than thou” assessment, but, here goes.

If this word “droppings” is offensive, you are excused from further reading....

In last week’s epistle, I wrote of a friend’s experience hiking with buddies in Glacier National Park environs, and their wearing small bells to keep bears at bay. I don’t know whether their concern was encountering black or grizzlies--or maybe both--but in the upcoming joke, both breeds are included.

Jerry emphasized that of the two breeds, grizzlies are to be most feared. I don’t know which bear breed “Barney” (he didn’t want his real name listed, either) and his bunch were trying to ward off.

The old yarn claims that long ago hikers not only wore bells, but also carried miniature air horns in case they came across grizzlies bristling with unusually foul temperaments....

It was claimed that black bears chow down largely on berries, while grizzlies are resolute carnivores.

Therefore, researchers scouring bear habitats doggedly examined “droppings” to determine which breed dominated their studied regions.

If such residue included berries, they figured that blacks ruled. However, if it included little bells and air horn fragments, they assumed that grizzlies were in charge....

While dealing with attention to



the idle american
by don newbury

detail, my Uncle Mort told me of his carelessness recently while scouring his attic, where hundreds of cigar boxes clutter. One was labeled “Grandmother’s Things,” followed by a name he didn’t recognize. “I can’t imagine how many ‘grandmothers ago’ it was,” he related.

He pulled out a bracelet, eager to slip it on Maude’s wrist.

His wife, initially pleased, examined it closely, asking, “Why is it inscribed “Do Not Resuscitate?” He had no words, and her “cold-shouldering” continued....

Ok. Ok. Let’s return to the real world, where truth is unvarnished and the government is here to help us.

Dr. Larry McGraw, beloved Hardin-Simmons religion professor for 44 years, is both deeply committed and clever. He’s everywhere, including decades of service at public address microphones for H-SU sporting events. Additionally, he’s taught First Baptist Church’s Primetime Sunday School class for some 35 years. He’s always coming up with jokes, stories and assorted observations that usually elicit grins, but sometimes groans.

Recently, he provided a “groan moment” upon proposing a new class motto: “We don’t care.” It didn’t gain traction. Of course they care, and are immensely revered for their prayerful lives of unselfish service--even during the week! They’d never agree to such a motto....

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October 17 & 18

Mulkey Theatre • The Black Phone 2 • 7:30 p.m.

October 18

Metal Detecting Amateur metal detecting in historic Jericho Gap, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

October 19

Mulkey Theatre • The Black Phone 2 • 2:00 p.m.

October 23

Donley County Health Fair. Bairfield Activity Center • 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Call 874-2141

October 26

Golf Scramble. Clarendon Country Club. Call 806-874-2166 to register.

October 31

Howardwick Halloween
McMorries Park, 7:00 p.m. Truck or Treating Call 874-2222 for details.

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Menus

October 20 - 24

Donley County Senior Citizens

Mon: Pork chops/loin, black eyed peas, turnip greens, cornbread, sliced peaches, iced tea/2% milk.

Tues: King ranch chicken, ranch style beans, garden salad, tortillas, black forest parfait, iced tea/2% milk.

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

Thurs: Salisbury steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll, banana pudding, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Pollock, Brussel sprouts, French fries, hushpuppies, fruit cocktail, sugar cookie, iced tea/2% milk

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Beef stroganoff, black eyed peas, spinach, whole wheat roll, strawberry short cake, iced tea/2% milk.

Tues: Beef soft tacos, cheese, ranch style beans, Spanish rice, mixed green salad, sopapilla cake, iced tea/2% milk.

Wed: Chicken fried steak, gravy, broccoli, mashed potatoes, whole wheat roll, fruit crisp, iced tea/2% milk.

Thurs: Sliced ham, ranch potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll, coconut cake, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Chicken strips, gravy, potato wedges, garden salad, whole wheat roll, brownie, iced tea/2% milk

Clarendon CISD

Breakfast
Mon: Sausage kolache, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Tues: cheese omelet, toast, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Wed: Breakfast sandwich, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Thu: Breakfast pizza, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Fri: Dutch waffle, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Xtreme burrito, corn, cucumbers, applesauce, dessert, milk.
Tues: Chili cheese totchos, biscuit, veggie cup, strawberries, fruit, milk.
Wed: Chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, carrots, squash, grapes, milk.
Thu: Cheeseburger, chips, tomato cup, broccoli, pears, milk.
Fri: Enchiladas, beans, salad, orange smiles, pudding, milk.

Hedley ISD

Breakfast
Mon: Cinnamon roll, bacon, banana, fruit juice, milk.
Tues: Pancake wrap, yogurt, maxed berries, fruit juice, milk.
Wed: Scrambled eggs, bacon, biscuit, gravy, oranges, fruit juice, milk.
Thu: Early bird sandwich, apricots, fruit juice, milk.
Fri: French toast, sausage, grapes, fruit juice, milk.

Mon: BBQ sandwich, street corn, rosy applesauce, cookie, milk.
Tues: Chili cheese totchos, Texas toast, veggie cup, milk.
Wed: Pizza, carrots, squash, grapes, milk.
Thu: Hamburger, chips, lettuce, tomato, broccoli, pears, milk.
Fri: Chalupa, beans, salad, salsa, orange, pudding, milk.



The City of Howardwick Volunteer Fire Department Chief Eddie Chavira and Assistant Chief Lorendo Schlinker were presented a beautiful one of a kind quilt from Patricia Gregory Eddleman with the fabric donated by Quiltwinks this week.

COURTESY PHOTO

Texas DPS encourages keeping families safe

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) launched part three of its 90 Days of Safety campaign: Keeping Texas Families Safe last week.

“Texas faces more threats today than at any other time in our lives — and some of those threats are right down the street or on the other side of a computer screen,” said Homeland Security Division Chief Gerald Brown. “It’s more important than ever that we stay educated and remind ourselves to be vigilant in the face of potential danger. That’s why, for the next 30 days, the department is focusing on ways Texans – like you – can help us make this state safer for every family.”

The Keeping Texas Families Safe portion of DPS’ 90 Days of Safety Campaign highlights actions Texans can take to avoid dangers and potential threats:

Safely store your firearms locked in a cabinet or safe. Practicing safe gun storage protects our kids, prevents accidents and keeps guns out of the hands of criminals. Download a safe storage checklist and find a good storage option for your home with help from DPS’

Safe Storage Campaign. Visit safestorage.texas.gov to see your options.

Have a plan in place for your family, pets and home ahead of significant weather threats. Preparing for any type of natural disaster is paramount to protecting life and property.

Know the dangers of fentanyl. Victims of fentanyl poisoning often don’t know that a pill or substance they bought online or received at a party is laced with the deadly drug. Just ONE PILL laced with 2 milligrams of fentanyl can take someone’s life.

Recognize the signs of online scams and know the tactics used by hackers to access your personal information or bank accounts. Being able to identify phishing emails, fake ads or other malicious content will protect your identity and money from being stolen.

Download the iWatchTexas app on your mobile device and report any suspicious activity in schools and communities. Reports take less than five minutes and help law enforcement stop life-threatening attacks before they even happen.

Colts drop first game of season

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon Colts have done a great job so far this season packing in the wins, but they were defeated last week on the road by the Wellington Rockets 6-24.

The Colts were determined and played a solid game but struggled against a strong opponent. Quarterback TJ Smith had the lone touchdown for the Colts, which was on the first offensive play of the game. Smith also recorded an interception from his linebacker position.

Workshop to help connect veterans with jobs

The Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) Veterans Employment Services (VES) team will bring its third annual Off-Base Transition Training (OBTT) West Texas Road Show to Amarillo on Oct. 16, 2025, bringing vital job search and transition skills to veterans across West Texas and the Panhandle.

“This training gives veterans the tools to sharpen resumes and interview skills ahead of the statewide Hiring Red, White and You! Job fairs,” said Trey Hubbard, TVC VES West Texas District Manager and Air Force veteran. “It’s designed to ensure veterans in smaller rural communities are just as prepared as those in larger cities. We wanted to bring the highly effective OBTT

Defensively, the Colts are determined to continue gaining strength on the line and making stops when they can. Kase Zongker led up front with several tackles according to Coach Isaac Semans. Both he and Coach Kelley were pleased with their effort despite the loss.

“Coach Kelley and I are proud of the boys and how they are fighting,” Semans said. “We hope to use the result of this game to motivate the team to work harder this week to grab a win.”

classes out of the big city to smaller towns and more rural areas where there are significant concentrations of veterans that might not otherwise receive the training.”

The OBTT program consists of a series of employment-oriented workshops that were developed by the U.S. Department of Labor to assist those in the U.S. military, veterans and their spouses in reestablishing themselves in civilian employment after separating from the military or serving in the National Guard and Reserves. OBTT workshops are primarily held in specific urban areas around the country.

For more information, contact Jim Halbrook at 512-568-0658 or jim.halbrook@tvc.texas.gov.



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting October 14, 2025, with Boss Lion Brian Barboza ringing the bell.

We had eight members present this week with the Monday holiday and other factors disrupting attendance.

The club began sign-ups for shift work at the pancake supper, which will be November 7, and also discussed the upcoming Charter Banquet on October 28.

Balloting for Sweetheart was concluded, and votes were tallied following the meeting. We’re pleased to announce CHS senior Millie McAnear will be serving with us for the coming year. Congratulations, Millie!

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

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ANSWER:

Obituaries

Shields
M a r y Ellen "Susie" Jones Shields of Clarendon entered into her Savior's arms on Wednesday, October 8, 2025. Susie was born at home in Bula, Texas on March 7, 1937, to Rutherford & Lorilla Jones.



Shields

Susie moved to Donley County to play basketball for the Clarendon College Bulldogs in 1956. She became a lifelong resident of the Lelia Lake community after marrying Earl Shields on January 15, 1958.

Susie had a servant's heart. She was known for sharing her famous homemade ice cream, yummy yeast rolls, and delicious taco soup. She had a love for decorating and hosting parties for organizations such as the Clarendon Book Club, Les Beaux Arts Club, Hedley Lioness Club, American Cancer Society, the Clarendon College Ex-Students Association, and the Church of Christ.

In 1982, she became the first woman elected to the Clarendon ISD Board of Trustees, and she served there for nine years before she was appointed to the Clarendon College Board of Regents as its first female member and served for over 28 years.

Her family and friends will remember her as God fearing, witty, stylish, and sweet. She was an excellent wife, mother, Memaw, sister, daughter, and friend.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and her brothers, Leon and Wendell Jones.

She is survived by her loving husband of 67 years, Earl Shields; four children, Rosilyn and Daylan Sellers, Keenan and Sandra Shields, Patrice and Ted Wright, Derek Shields and Brenna Buker; sister, Sarah and Carl Jones; brother, Roger and Barbara Jones; 15 grandchildren; and 23 great grandchildren.

Susie's legacy is one of faith, love, laughter, and the importance of family and community. Her passing leaves a void in the hearts of those who knew her, but her spirit will continue to inspire and guide her family and friends.

Services were held on Monday, October 13, 2025, in the Clarendon Church of Christ with Larry Shields and Bill Clark officiating. Burial followed in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon.



Owl Matthew Rodriguez gets ready to snap the ball to Payton Inman last week against McLean. The Hedley boys came up short last week but are looking for a homecoming win this week.

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Josue Prieto tries to gain yards for the Owls Friday night in McLean.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Martial arts in China

6. The butt of jokes

12. Nevertheless

16. Sportscaster Michaels

17. A firm believer

18. Atomic #18

19. One's bestie

20. Of I

21. Hamburger accessory

22. Thus

23. Partner to Pa

24. Scottish tax

26. Cuts away

28. Require

30. Government lawyer

31. Own (Scottish)

32. Body cavity

34. Brew

35. Young woman (French)

37. Platforms

39. Pair of points in mathematics
40. Attack suddenly

41. Aviators

43. Make perfect

44. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)

45. Neither

47. The center of a city

48. Sacrifice hit in baseball

50. Singer Redding

52. Dragged forcibly

54. Puncture with a knife

56. Belonging to me

57. Expresses surprise

59. Haul

60. The Golden State

61. Biblical Sumerian city

62. Integrated circuit

63. Opposed to certain principles

66. Sodium

67. Qualities

70. Walk

71. It awaits us all

CLUES DOWN

1. Ate quickly

2. Peyton Manning's alma mater

3. Moves through water

4. Run away from

5. Utah resident

6. Natural objects

7. Children's game

8. Obligation to prove

9. Ancient Greek building for performances

10. Soldier

11. Decorated

12. Catches

13. Russell __, author

14. Speak indistinctly

15. Students get them

25. Japanese warrior

26. Dessert

27. Doleful

29. Most cushy

31. Moon crater
33. Small evergreen Arabian tree

36. Something fugitives are "on"

38. 007's creator

39. Paintings on hinged panels

41. Type of bomb

42. Japanese classical theater

43. U.S. gov't department

46. Flightless bird

47. One who cuts wood or stone

49. Buttock and thigh together

51. A way to gather

53. Body part

54. Argentinian city

55. Undergarments

58. Jai __, sport

60. Container for shipping

64. Type of screen

65. Get free of

68. Indicates position

69. Business department



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Bronco Hunter Caison blocks for Caleb Herbert last week against Wellington.

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Broncos fall to the Skyrockets

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon Broncos hosted the Wellington Skyrockets last Friday night and lost 48-6.

Despite only scoring one touchdown, the Broncos showed growth on the field. They were able to make several big stops in the game on defense and collected good yardage on offense.

The Skyrockets' gained an early edge when they were able to capitalize on Bronco turnovers and scored two touchdowns in the first quarter of play.

The Broncos were able to connect on several good pass plays to move the ball down the field. The Broncos' running game was much improved as well, and they were able to catch the defense off guard several times. Caleb Herbert and Kreed Robinson shared the duties under center, and both did a good job guiding the Broncos. Markael Anderson, Michael Randall, Jaden Guerra, and Parker Hanes hustled on offense with Anderson earning the lone Bronco touchdown with a big run. Braylon Rice and Tyler Cavanaugh made good catches.

Defensively, the Bronco line blocked well, and several Broncos made strong tackles. Heston Seay, Aiden Morris, Kaleb Mays, and Robinson played a solid game.

The Broncos will continue practicing hard this week and play another district game on the road to Shamrock on Friday, October 17, at 7:00 p.m.

JV Broncos stumble at Wellington

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon junior varsity football team struggled against the Wellington Skyrockets and was defeated 8-52 on the road last week. It was the second loss in a row for the JV squad.

Fighting injuries and sickness, the Broncos were shorthanded but stayed in the fight against a solid opponent.

The Broncos' only score of the game came in the first quarter when Don' Jae Orr grabbed the kick off and went the distance for six. Easton Caffey got the extra point, and the Broncos tied the game at eight apiece. That would be the Broncos' only score.

With quarterback Braxton Gribble out due to sickness, Brentley Gaines stepped up to call the signals. However; Gaines was injured, and Orr got the call from his backfield position to guide the Broncos. They worked hard to get something going, but penalties and turnovers got in their way offensively.

Several Broncos did a good job on the offensive side with Orr leading the way. Easton Caffey and Jaden Guerra made some good yardage as well. Defensively, Michael Shattuck, Brance Bell, Aiden Morris, Orr, and Kaicen Francis made some crucial tackles in the game.

The Broncos will host Shamrock on Thursday, October 16, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in Bronco Stadium.



Caleb Herbert gains yards for the Broncos last week at home against Wellington.

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Regional bound

The Lady Bronco team and Bronco Tristan Ybarra are all Regional bound after last weeks XC district meet in Wheeler.

Lady Broncos' XC team snags District Championship

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon Lady Bronco team has had a stellar year and last week, they capped off a very successful season of running earning the title of district champs.

As a team, the ladies have made big strides in their strength training and toughness on the course, which has allowed them to easily come together as a team to take what has been theirs all season long.

However, their team is only as strong as each individual runner and the Lady Broncos go deep in that category. Led by senior Madi Benson, who has been a regional and state meet competitor for most of her JH and HS career, the Lady Broncos

will be among the favorites in the Regional XC meet's team championship.

Benson claimed second place with a solid run in the district meet in Wheeler. Benson crossed the line at 12:30.29, which was just under 23 seconds behind the first-place finisher.

Joining Benson at the top was sophomore Addy Havens, who has great successes as well. Havens took third place with a time of 12:52.33. Emmarie Holland ran well once again and finished sixth out of a field of 43 runners. Holland's time was 13:20.94. Elliot Frausto, who has had her own accomplishments on the cross-country course, was 10th in

the race with a time of 13:43.72 and Lexi Phillips made stellar improvements this season and crossed the line in 12th place at 13:58.48.

Laken Smith was 22nd at 15:06.54 and Mary Jo Dushay ran the course in a time of 19:01.30 for 38th place.

The Lady Broncos will be practicing hard this week as they prepare for the Regional Meet to be held October 20 in Lubbock at Mae Simmons Park.

Bronco Tristan Ybarra placed 3rd and will be heading to the Regional meet as well.

Colton Henson placed 7th and Lindley Hogle placed 10th for the Colts.

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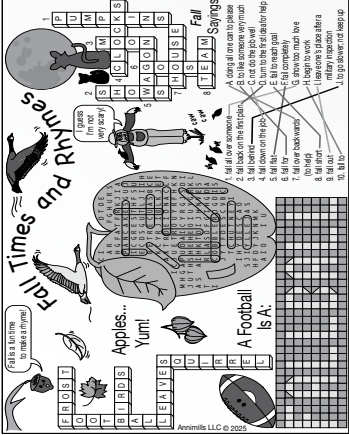
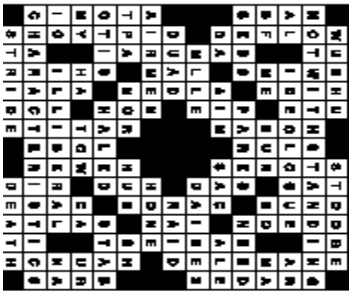
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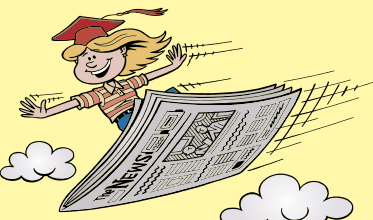
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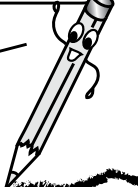
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Will you
remember
to turn the
clock back,
Jack?

Fall is a fun time
to make a rhyme!

Fall is a
ton of fun!

Fall as a rule is cool!
Better get a sweater!

**Read these fun fall rhyming
clues to fill in the crossword.**

- Some of them fly south
when the weather gets cold;
But they fly back north
when warm weather takes hold.
- It flies through the air,
the goal post it clears;
the home team wins,
the crowd jumps and cheers!
- They swirl through the air,
crunch under your feet;
A big pile to jump into
just can't be beat!
- The wind blusters and shakes
the branches of the trees;
Plop! Plop! Plop! He gathers
all the acorns he sees!
- It forms crystal feathers on glass
and freezes the leaves;
Its deep cold can cause a strong
road to buckle in heaves.

Fall Times and Rhymes

In each
clue find the
silly word (in bold)
then fill in the puzzle with
a word that rhymes *and* makes sense.

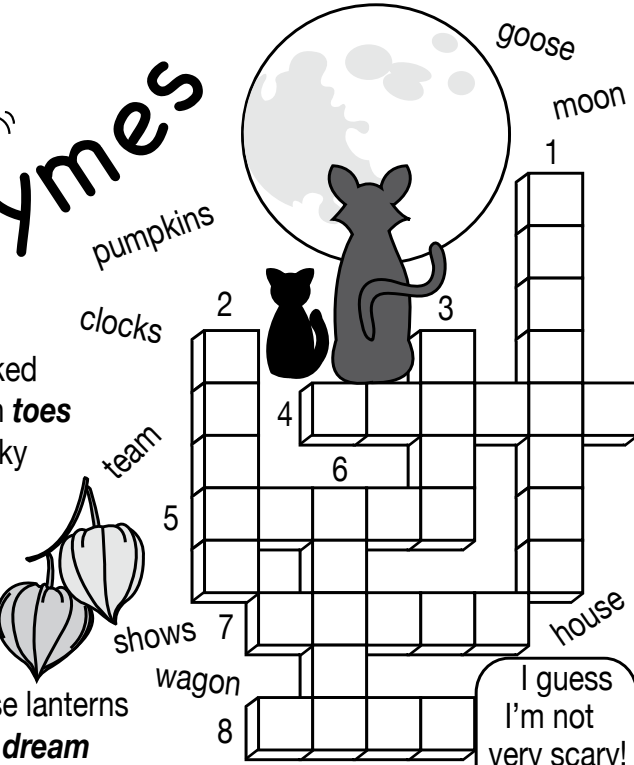
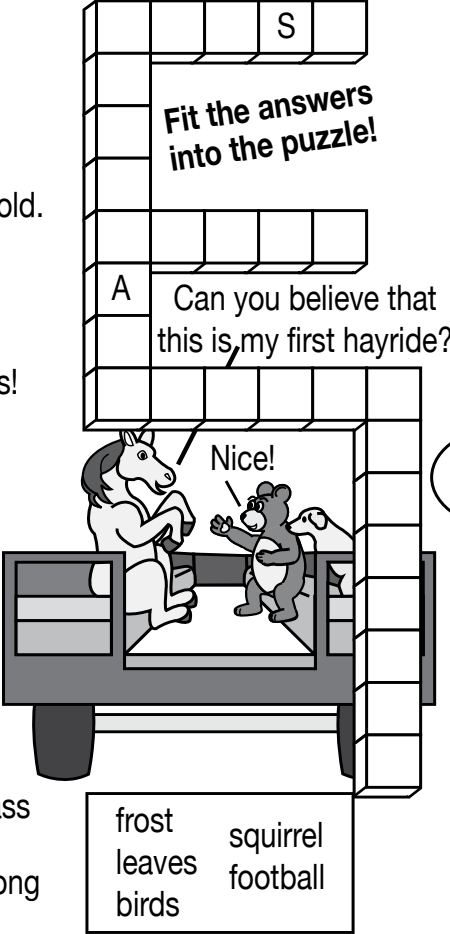
- bumpkins** dot fields waiting to be picked
- families gather to watch new television **toes**
- a full harvest **tune** glows in the night sky
- hawks** are turned back one hour
- families sit in hay and laugh as they
bump along on the farmer's **dragon**
- a **moose** flies south
- a family decorates the **mouse** with
pumpkins, wreaths and orange Chinese lanterns
- practice is after school for the football **dream**

**Fall
Sayings**

- fall all over someone
- fall back on the first plan
- fall behind
- fall down on the job
- fall flat
- fall for
- fall over backwards
- fall short
- fall out
- fall to

Fall is in full swing. The word "fall" is used in many ways.
Can you match the sayings to their meanings?

- doing all one can to please
- to like someone very much
- not do the job well
- turn to the first idea for help
- fail to reach goal
- fail completely
- show too much love
- begin to work
- leave one's place after a military inspection
- to go slower than others and not keep up



I guess
I'm not
very scary!





Strike up the band
Kase Zongker and Zachariah Morris perform with the Bronco Band during the halftime performance of last week's football game.

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85th Birthday

Saturday, October 25, 2025
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Enjoy a night to yourself while the kids enjoy Parents' Night Out

The Don Harrington Discovery Center is offering a chance for children ages 4-11 years old to engage with their scientific experiments, STEAM exhibits, and amazing animals, so caregivers can enjoy a night to themselves from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm on October 17.

Dinner is also included for all registered participants and provided by DHDC's PNO dinner sponsor: Chick-fil-a on Gem Lake.

This month's Parents' Night Out theme will be Spooktacular. Children will experiment with caul-

drons of bubbling chemical reactions with our experienced educators walking them through the science behind what's happening.

Caregivers are encouraged to register soon at DHDC.org as spots are limited. Registrants will enjoy Chick-fil-a's nuggets and chips from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm, while caregivers can enjoy time to themselves or run errands as needed.

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