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

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. Some spaces are still available for those interested in have a trunk or activity. Call 806-874-2421 by October 30 at 5 p.m. 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.

Hedley Halloween will be Wednesday

The Hedley community "Trunk or Treat" will be Wednesday evening, October 29, 2025, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the field behind the three local churches. Those attending will enjoy games, prizes, hot dogs, and more. Everyone is welcome to attend.

287 traffic flow to change on Monday

Traffic flow on US 287 will be shifted in Clarendon next week as the contractors for the US 287 bridge replacement project shift into phase two.

The traffic switch will take place Monday, November 3, according to the TxDOT Childress District office. Two-way traffic will be shifted from the northbound lanes to the southbound lanes.

Chamber annual meeting set Nov. 17

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual membership meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday, November 17, at the Mulkey Theatre. Refreshments will be served, and the agenda will include an update on Chamber activities as well as the annual election of board members.



The Clarendon High School Lady Broncos Cross Country team is headed to state after last week's performance at the regional meet in Lubbock. The team consists of (back) Laken Smith, Addy Havens, Emmarie Holland, Lexi Phillips, (front) Mary Jo Dushay, Elliot Frausto, and Madi Benson.

COURTESY PHOTO / JILL FRAUSTO

Lady Broncos XC team statebound

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon Lady Broncos cross-country team is having a stellar year on the course, and the District Championship and Regional Runner-Up awards confirmed the fact that the Lady Broncos are a force to be reckoned with.

All season, all seven ladies have been giving their all, in practice and in competition. They have placed deep each and every meet

and have fully deserved this trip to the State Cross-Country Meet to be held in Round Rock this Saturday, November 1, at the Old Settler's Park.

At the Regional Meet held in Lubbock at Mae Simmons Park last week, the Lady Broncos team finished in the Runner-Up position just behind Gruver. Two runners finished in the top 10 runners for the two-mile course. Senior Madi

Benson, who is no stranger to the State meet, finished in 8th place with a time of 12:51.60 out of a field of 172 runners. The first-place time in that division was 12:08.10. Sophomore Addy Havens finished in 9th place right behind Benson at 12:54.30.

Emmarie Holland took 28th place at 13:41.70, and Elliot Frausto ran the course in a time of 14:00.20. Lexi Phillips is hitting her stride

with a 55th-place finish at 14:12.10, and Laken Smith ran the course in a time of 15:12.20 for 114th place. Mary Jo Dushay gave her all and finished with a time of 18:30.80.

Bronco Tristan Ybarra also ran in the regional boys' cross country competition but did not advance.

According to the coaches, the Lady Broncos are going into the state meet with a collective time that is the third best in the state.



Clarendon School Superintendent Rick Teran and Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn walk through debris scattered on the highway after a SUV left its driving lane and struck a loaded school bus last week.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO

SUV strikes school bus

A Clarendon school bus carrying 27 students was damaged in an accident when a Fort Worth man fell asleep behind the wheel last Thursday, October 23.

According to the Donley County Sheriff's Office, Asher Christian Henry, age 39, was traveling westbound on US 287 at about 3:40 p.m. when the gray Subaru SUV he was driving departed from the left-hand lane and struck the school bus, which was eastbound and stopped in the turning lane waiting to turn south onto Jefferson Street.

Henry told the investigating officer he was tired and drowsy from traveling from the Ft. Worth area and said he went to sleep while driving.

The accident stopped traffic on US 287 for a time and littered the roadway with belongings from the SUV. The Associated Ambulance Authority responded and checked those involved in the accident. Two students were transported to Northwest Texas Hospital to be checked but were released. No major injuries were reported regarding the bus driver or Henry or his passenger.



The SUV in the accident suffered the most damage last week.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO

Clarendon CISD Superintendent Rick Teran said an adjuster had not yet looked at the bus to determine if it can be fixed. The

school has a backup bus in the meantime.

Henry was issued a citation for failing to drive in a single lane.

Amendment Election Day next Tuesday

Early voting continues through Friday, October 31, as Texans consider 17 proposed amendments to the state constitution.

The Donley County Clerk's Office reported 77 people had voted locally as of Tuesday afternoon.

Polls will be open for extended hours from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. this Thursday and Friday for early voting at the Donley County Courthouse Annex.

Election Day will be Tuesday, November 4, with polling again from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Precinct 303 will vote at the Hedley Baptist Church. All other voting precincts will cast ballots at the Donley County Courthouse.

An analysis of each proposed constitutional amendment is available at ClarendonLive.com.

Under Texas law, voters who possess one of the seven acceptable forms of photo ID must present that ID at the polls when voting in person. The acceptable forms of photo ID are: Texas Driver License issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS); Texas Personal Identification Card issued by DPS; Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS; United States Military Identification Card containing the person's photograph; United States Citizenship Certificate containing the person's photograph; or United States Passport (book or card).

District court hears two Donley cases

The 100th District Court issued sentences in two Donley County cases when it heard 23 pleas in Childress on Thursday, October 16.

District Attorney Luke Inman, along with Assistant District Attorney Harley Caudle, prosecuted the cases for the State of Texas, with the Honorable Judge Dale Rabe, Jr., presiding.

Joseph Robert Wisniewski, 57, from Clearwater, Fla., was placed on two years' probation for the state jail felony offense of possession of tetrahydrocannabinol.

Wisniewski was arrested by Donley County Deputy Brian Steven on October 12. Wisniewski pleaded to an information filed by the State on October 16.

Wisniewski was ordered to pay a \$500 fine, \$400 in attorney fees, \$180 in lab fee restitution, \$290 in court costs, a \$500 out-of-state probation transfer fee, and completed 100 hours of community service. If revoked, Wisniewski faces up to two years in prison.

Jose Manuel Gonzales, 19, from Clarendon, was placed on two years' probation for the class A misdemeanor offense of assault.

Gonzales was arrested by Donley County Deputy Wesley Christopher on June 14, 2024. Gonzales was indicted by the Donley County Grand Jury on December 18, 2024.

Gonzales was ordered to pay a fine of \$500, \$400 in attorney fees, \$340 in court costs, and complete 100 hours of community service. If revoked, Gonzales faces up to one year in the Donley County Jail.

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Water is Life

Why Prop. 4 should get voter support

Voting is underway on 17 Texas Constitutional Amendments and Proposition 4 deserves your attention, because there is no greater need in Texas right now than building out our water infrastructure and supply. Water is the most critical priority for all state spending – without it, our families, farms, and communities cannot survive.



texas rural reporter
by suzanne bellsnyder

Across Texas, because of age, explosive population growth and drought, agricultural well levels are declining, small towns water lines are old and deteriorating, and city water systems are stretched beyond their means. We talk about the importance of roads, schools and border security, but none of that matters if we run out of water. It's past time for a serious, long-term investment in the one resource that sustains everything else we care about.

What Proposition 4 Does

Proposition 4 will provide a dependable, long-term funding mechanism for water projects in Texas. If passed, it will create a dedicated revenue source of about \$1 billion per year for 20 years from existing state sales-tax revenue to the already established Texas Water Fund, by placing the commitment directly in the state Constitution. That means these are protected dollars, reserved solely for water projects – not up for grabs by Austin for lesser priorities when budgets get tight.

Here's how the money supports local communities: The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) manages the fund. Cities, counties, water districts, co-ops, and special utility districts apply for grants and low-interest loans. Their systems and projects aren't dictated from Austin – they come from the ground up. The TWDB prioritizes applications based on need, readiness, regional impact, and affordability – this means a rural water system facing aging infrastructure and limited tax base can compete for the same dollars as larger cities.

The fund can be used locally to repair broken pipes, replace outdated treatment plants, to drill new wells. It can also be used to build storage capacity and invest in new-supply technologies like reuse, aquifer storage, and desalination. According to TWDB's most recent Needs Assessment, Texas communities face over \$61 billion in drinking-water infrastructure needs over the next 20 years. Proposition 4 gives rural communities a stable pipeline of funding to keep the faucets running and local economies alive.

Why It Belongs in the Constitution

Some critics argue this doesn't belong in the Constitution. But that betrays Texas' conservative tradition. The framers of the 1876 Texas Constitution – nearly all rural conservatives – wrote the document so that big spending decisions must go before the voters, not simply be left to the lawmakers. That's why our Highway Fund, Permanent School Fund, and Rainy Day Fund are constitutional. Proposition 4 follows that same model – locking in taxpayer-approved funds, protecting them from political games, and keeping water a top priority even when competing needs crowd the budget. This is conservative governance at its best: limited government, local control, taxpayer protection.

What It Means for Rural Texas

Coming from a fifth-generation farming and ranching family in Hansford County, I know how important water is to our future. Without reliable water, our farms will shut down, families will be forced to leave, and our communities will become ghost towns. Proposition 4 isn't about politics – it's about survival.

And let's be clear to address the rumors out there: Proposition 4 does not authorize the sale of state water or tie into any water-export scheme. The legislation (SB 7 in the 2025 session) and the amendment itself focus solely on infrastructure and supply development under the TWDB.

Dirt Democracy in Action

Texans taking control of what's under their feet – the land, the water, and their future. Proposition 4 is exactly that – local communities get the tools and funds to secure their water future through voter-approved, Constitution-protected investment.

Early voting is underway right now, and November 3rd is Election Day. It will only take a few minutes to vote to protect our water, strengthen our communities, and ensure that every Texas family – from Hansford County to Houston – can count on clean, reliable water for generations to come.

That's Dirt Democracy in action.

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McCoy was mover behind Chisholm Trail

Every age has its entrepreneurs who make things happen and become fabulously rich as a result. Scores of such entrepreneurs arose during America's westward movement, and tales of their exploits are legion. But there are some whose names are relatively unknown, although their accomplishments had far-reaching effects. Joseph McCoy, at the age of twenty-nine, was one such person.

Trail drives from Texas to the northern markets initially followed the Shawnee Trail through Dallas to Preston and then through Indian Territory. Because the longhorn cattle carried ticks that spread Texas fever to other cattle, settlers along the route began objecting to the passage of the longhorns. Some herds were actually turned back at gunpoint. There were also other problems along the route such as unfriendly Indians and bogus tax collectors.

Observing these problems, Joseph McCoy determined in 1867 that an alternate route would be preferable for future trail drives. McCoy talked the

Kansas Pacific Railroad into building a branch line from Wyandotte, Kansas, to Abilene, and he agreed to pay the railroad five dollars for every animal shipped over its line that year. He then went to Abilene with his two brothers, and they built stockyards capable of holding 1,000 cattle. They also built a barn, an office, a three-story hotel, a large livery stable, and a bank.

As a result of heavy advertising throughout Texas, many cattle barons decided to take a chance on a new route that led to Abilene. Located west of the Shawnee Trail, much of the route had already been blazed. It had plenty of grass, small streams rather than large rivers, and less contention from settlers and Indians. The first trail drive was successful, and the first train, containing



vignettes
tales of the old west
by george u. hubbard

twenty cars of cattle, left Abilene for Chicago on September 5, 1867.

One of the early frequent travelers on this new trail was a Cherokee-Scotch trader named Jesse Chisholm. Chisholm had blazed the trail while trading with the Indians, and therefore it was his name that became attached to the new trail.

The famous Chisholm Trail became an important artery from Texas to the cattle markets of the north and east, and it remained in prominence until the advent of refrigerated railroad cars, which made it possible to slaughter the cattle locally and ship the refrigerated meat rather than drive herds over such long distances. Such a refrigerated processing plant was built in 1873 in Denison, Texas, a junction point of the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad. As might be expected, it was this same Joseph McCoy who established that plant.

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



Newspapers still getting the word out

Uncle Mort remembers the 1974 event vividly when the lady in front of him at the post office protested the cost of first-class stamps going up 25 percent – from eight to ten cents.

“Are you telling me that it's going to cost a dime to mail a letter to my daughter in Houston?” she fumed. Unruffled, the postal guy had this rejoinder: “Ma'am, you're looking at it all wrong; that's only a penny a day.”... *****

I've pondered often about “the way things were” in Pony Express days, when the cost of sending a single letter – in today's dollars – was \$170. The route had about 200 stations for fresh riders and horses.

Little wonder that the Pony Express ran just 19 months, 1860-1862. After all, riders – though richly compensated – faced strict requirements, including a maximum weight of 125 pounds and the possibility of encountering Indians en route. There were repairs on the raided stations, and buying tons of oats for hundreds of horses was expensive.

The Pony Express first used the motto: “The mail must go through.” Today, most folks use the motto for the US Mail, adding the word “eventually.”.... *****

Publications – at least in recent years – face many challenges; many have folded (pun intended).

I salute the folks who keep them going, satisfying old-timers' oft-heard comment about the joy of holding a cup of coffee in one hand and a newspaper with the other.

The New York Times proclaimed,

“all the news that's fit to print,” and the late Will Rogers often claimed, “Well, all I know is what I read in the papers.”

What we “read in the papers” these days is far more accurate that most “jabber” on social media. Throw in artificial intelligence, and we increasingly yearn for the influence of Rogers, who died 90 years ago in an Alaskan plane crash.... *****

I believe that newspapers provide the “heartbeat of communities.” Further, I stand on tiptoes to applaud the Hood County News in Granbury, TX, as well as the London Lobo in the Texas Hill Country and the Index-Press in O'Donnell, TX. (I cite these for three current, unique reasons.)

The Granbury paper regularly nabs numerous honors in statewide competition, and – published on weekends – it has more pages than weekday editions than Texas' metropolitan publications.

With staff and circulation growing, Publisher Sam Houston, Executive Editor Richard Nelson, and HCN writers have it going.... *****

In O'Donnell – where a museum honors the life of Dan Blocker (“Hoss” on the long-running TV show, Bonanza) – publishers John and Sharon Wells are as resourceful as it gets. He “does it all” at the Index-Press, one of the state's smallest newspapers.



the idle american
by don newbury

John writes a weekly column, reflecting often on childhood memories – as well as providing helpful suggestions concerning health and safety – and other items of current interest.

I take the liberty re-printing a paragraph from his recent column: “A few years ago, we had an incident where a visiting school bus took out the power to the newspaper.... We ended up using a little 350-watt inverter I had connected to a Chevy van by the office door to power the newspaper office with its two desktop computers, two printers, a waxer, a fan and lighting so we could see what we were doing.” Now that's beyond resourceful.... *****

The London Lobo, perhaps the state's smallest newspaper, is printed on both sides of 8.5"x11" sheets of paper, stapled in the upper left-hand corner. Available free, this “labor of love” is published monthly by Brian Jeter.

Each issue includes an article that appeared some 60 years ago in London School's prize-winning newspaper, The Flash. Following is a piece lifted from a 1962 issue. (I committed my first public speech there in 1962, and the school closed a few months later, hopefully not for anything I'd said.)

“Look in your cabinets! Maybe you have a bowl or a pan that belongs to the school. Some are missing, Mrs. Lucy Koerner, who is in charge of the lunchroom, says.”.... *****

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Obituaries

Dunham

Jamie Leigh Dunham (Watson), a vibrant soul of 42 years, passed away in Dallas, Texas, on Saturday, October 18, 2025, leaving behind a legacy of love, laughter, and unwavering devotion.



Dunham

She was born on January 3, 1983, in Hereford, Texas, to Karen Watson. Jamie was a true blessing from God. The cremation arrangements are with Kramer Affordable Cremation.

Her infectious spirit touched all who knew her. Her life took a beautiful turn in 1989 when her mother married Carl Watson, a man Jamie wholeheartedly embraced as her father. In 1991, the family settled in Clarendon where Jamie flourished.

During her school years, Jamie shone brightly, showcasing her talents as a spirited twirler and a French horn player in the esteemed Division I Bronco Band. The early arrival of her first daughter, Kyla Dunham, on December 24, 2000, only fueled Jamie's determination. Balancing motherhood and academics, she graduated early from Clarendon High School, a testament to her strength and ambition.

Driven by an innate desire to care for others, Jamie pursued her calling and graduated from Clarendon College with her LVN in 2003, embarking on a career of compassion and service. Her family expanded with the births of Kin-

leigh Dunham on July 27, 2005, and Khloe Merrick on June 26, 2015, each daughter a source of immense pride and joy. The love Jamie had for her girls knew no bounds; they were her everything, the center of her world, and the driving force behind her every endeavor.

Jamie's life was a tapestry woven with threads of joy and sorrow, triumphs and tribulations. Those fortunate enough to truly know her understood the depth of her heart, her fierce loyalty, and her unwavering commitment to those she loved. She possessed a rare gift for empathy, offering solace and comfort to those in pain, always ready with a listening ear and a compassionate heart.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandmother, Martha Jones. Though her journey was unconventional and not without its challenges, Jamie's memory will forever live on in the hearts of those who cherished her. Her infectious laughter, her boundless love, and her unwavering spirit will be remembered and celebrated by all who knew her: daughters: Kyla York (Carrio), Kinleigh Dunham, and Khloe Merrick; parents: Karen and Carl Watson; sisters: Elizabeth Blevins (John) and Kristen Foster (Jesse); grandparents: Paul Jones, Faylon and Nancy Watson; uncles: Kyle Jones (Alana), and Brian Jones (JoAnn); aunt: Annette Brag (Jim); nephews: Kayden Sims, Hayden Blevins, Rylan, Cameron, and Zachary Taylor, niece: Camree Dean, along with many other family members and friends. May she find eternal peace in her final rest, and may her story serve as a reminder that every life has value, every person deserves compassion, and every act of love leaves an indelible mark on the world.

TxDOT End the Streak display coming to Clarendon in Nov.

"No More Empty Seats" is the theme of a traveling display that will visit several locations across the Childress District in November as part of the Texas Department of Transportation's annual End the Streak campaign.

The display aims to bring attention to the tragic streak of daily traffic deaths that has continued on Texas roadways since November 7, 2000.

It also serves as a tribute to the

lives lost across the district and the state over the past 25 years.

"We invite everyone to stop by, take a moment to view the display, and sign the pledge to help us end the streak of fatalities on Texas roadways," said Childress District Engineer Darwin Lankford.

The display will be available for viewing locally on Thursday, November 6, at the roadside park at US 287/SH 70 intersection in Clarendon.

CC Theatre Department to premier New Shakespeare adaptation

The Clarendon College Theatre Department will premier a brand new Shakespeare adaptation on Friday, November 21 at 7 p.m. in the Harned Sisters Fine Arts Center.

"McDeath! Shakespeare's Greatest Comedy!" is a comedic exploration that will showcase three terrific actors from the Panhandle area – Warren Mays, Mallorie Nedd, and Alex Reed – and the theatre's new curtains. Written by CC Fine Arts instructor Dr. Rodney Donahue, the play is an irreverent look at the Scottish tragedy "Macbeth," a play often lauded as a psychological masterpiece.

Donahue says that unfortunately, when actually broken down, "Macbeth" feels like a mistake that somehow wound up on the resume of history's greatest author. In "McDeath!," no one is safe. Usually because McDeath kills them.

This play is free to all and appropriate for all ages, though most characters kill or get killed or kill and get killed.

There will be a special announcement at the production about how you can help the Clarendon College Theatre program during the 2026 Panhandle Gives campaign.

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Community Calendar

- October 31**
Howardwick Halloween
McMorries Park, 7:00 p.m. Truck
or Treating • Call 874-2222 for
details.
- October 31**
Mulkey Theatre • Regretting You •
7:30 p.m.
- November 1**
Mulkey Theatre • Casper • 7:00
p.m. • Free Movie
- November 1**
Spookfest '25. Downtown
Clarendon, • Costume Contest
• Games • Trunk or Treat @ 5
p.m. • FREE Mulkey movie @ 7
p.m.
- November 2**
Mulkey Theatre • Regretting You •
2:00 p.m.
- November 7**
Clarendon Lions Club Pancake
Supper • Clarendon School Caf-
eteria, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- November 8 & 9**
Polar Bear Two-Person Scramble
• Clarendon Country Club

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Menus

November 3 - 7

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Chicken spaghetti, broc-
coli, garden salad, garlic toast,
fruit cup, iced tea/2% milk.
Tues: Pulled pork sandwich,
French fries, coleslaw, fresh
fruit, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Roast, gravy, baked pota-
toes, spinach, whole wheat roll,
banana pudding, iced tea/2%
milk.
Thurs: Pile-on, chips, beef, pinto
beans, Spanish rice, garden
salad, sliced peaches w/
whipped topping, iced tea/2%
milk.
Fri: Steak fingers, gravy, redskin
potatoes, black-eyed peas,
hot rolls, chocolate cake, iced
tea/2% milk

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Salisbury steak, mashed
potatoes, green beans, whole
wheat roll, banana pudding, iced
tea/2% milk.
Tues: Pot roast w/gravy, pota-
toes, onions, carrots, green
beans, whole wheat rolls, fruit
cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Chicken fried steak, coun-
try gravy, broccoli, mashed pota-
toes, whole wheat roll, fruit crisp,
iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Goulash, mixed greens,
cornbread, coconut cake, iced
tea/2% milk.
Fri: Chicken strips, mac &
cheese, baked beans, whole
wheat roll, coconut cake, iced
tea/2% milk

Clarendon CISD
Breakfast
Mon: Breakfast pizza, fruit, fruit
juice, milk.
Tues: Dutch waffles, sausage,
fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Wed: Biscuit, gravy, eggs, bacon,
fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Thu: Breakfast sandwich, fruit,
fruit juice, milk.
Fri: Cheesy toast, sausage, fruit,
fruit juice, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Pizza, carrots, green
beans, dessert, fruit, milk.
Tues: Nachos Grande, salsa,
beans, cucumbers, fruit, ice
cream, milk.
Wed: Crispy chicken sandwich,
veggie cup, salad, fruit, milk.
Thu: Breaded pork chops, gravy,
roll, broccoli, corn, fruit, milk.
Fri: Corn dog, potatoes, tomato
cup, milk.

Hedley ISD
Breakfast
Mon: Monte Cristo, banana, fruit
juice, milk.
Tues: Dutch waffles, grapes, fruit
juice, milk.
Wed: Sunrise sandwich, orange,
fruit juice, milk.
Thu: Pancake wrap, yogurt, can-
taloupe, fruit juice, milk.
Fri: Cinnamon roll, sausage,
apple, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Cheeseburger, macaroni,
roll, carrots, green beans, apple,
brownie, milk.
Tues: Quesadilla, beans, zesty
cucumbers, apricots, ice cream,
milk.
Wed: Spaghetti, breadsticks,
salad, tomato, cucumber, fruity
gelatin, milk.
Thu: Asian bowl, egg roll, broc-
coli, corn, orange, milk.
Fri: Hamburger, tater tots,
tomato cup, fruit cup, milk.



Senior night
Hedley seniors take one last walk last week for senior night.

COURTESY PHOTO



The Hedley Owl defense takes down a Motley County player last week.

COURTESY PHOTO

Veterans hiring fair to be in Amarillo Nov. 6

Governor Greg Abbott has invited Texas veterans, service mem-
bers, and veteran spouses to partici-
pate in the 2025 Hiring Red, White
& You! statewide hiring fair Novem-
ber 4 through November 20.
Workforce Solutions Panhandle
will host the fair in Amarillo on
November 6, 2025, from 10:00 a.m.
to 2:00 p.m. at the Tri-State Fair-
grounds – Commercial Exhibit Hall.
Job seekers can register here: [https://
wspanhandle.com/event/hiring-red-
white-you-job-fair/](https://wspanhandle.com/event/hiring-red-white-you-job-fair/)
“The talent of our brave veter-
ans who answered the call to serve
our nation is a large part of the Texas
economic engine,” Abbott said. “The
skills and mission-driven mindset
of our veterans brings a competi-
tive advantage to any business in
our state. This November, I urge all
Texas veterans and military families
to attend a Hiring Red, White, &
You! event.”
Hiring Red, White & You! is
a statewide hiring event, hosted by
the Texas Workforce Commission
(TWC), that connects veterans,
transitioning military members, and
military spouses to employers across
Texas. TWC and Texas Workforce
Solutions will host more than 30
events across the state in partnership

with the Texas Veterans Commission
and the Texas Medical Center.
Since 2012, these free hiring
events have connected more than
26,000 employers with 153,000 job
seekers, including 52,500 veterans.
Hiring Red, White & You! events
have also resulted in more than
4,300 same-day hires.
Employers can participate in
Hiring Red, White & You! at no cost
and are encouraged to contact their
local Workforce Solutions Office for
more information. Employers who
hire veterans may be eligible for
the Work Opportunity Tax Credit,
which allows up to \$9,600 in federal
business income or payroll tax bene-
fits. Through the WeHireVets initia-
tive, TWC recognizes businesses in
which veterans make up at least 10%
of the workforce.
“It’s important that we con-
tinue to serve those who served, and
do so with priority, resources, and
commitment,” said TWC Chairman
Joe Esparza. “From navigating the
transition to civilian life to connect-
ing with meaningful careers, Hiring
Red, White & You! events make a
difference in the lives of veterans
across Texas.”
“Thank you to our veterans who
have served our country,” said TWC

Commissioner Representing Labor
Alberto Treviño III. “Texas is home
to more than 1.7 million veterans
and serving military members whose
skills and experience are crucial
contributors to the state’s economic
success.”
“Texas recognizes the inval-
uable skills and experience that veter-
ans bring, not only to the workforce
but to every aspect of our commu-
nity,” said TWC Commissioner Rep-
resenting the Public Brent Connett.
“TWC’s annual Hiring Red, White
& You! job fairs continue to success-
fully connect Texas veterans, transi-
tioning military personnel, and their
spouses with rewarding careers, and
the Texas economy is brighter and
stronger because of veterans’ suc-
cesses.”
For more information about
the Amarillo event, contact Phillip
Flores at 806-350-1606 or [pflores@
wspanhandle.com](mailto:pflores@wspanhandle.com) or contact
Sarah Barnes at 806-350-1618 or
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Employers can find additional
information on Hiring Red, White
& You! events at [twc.texas.gov/
hrwy](https://twc.texas.gov/hrwy). For information on all vet-
eran workforce services available in
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veterans.

HHSC Highlights Substance Use Prevention Resources for Red Ribbon Week, Oct. 23-31

AUSTIN – The Texas Health
and Human Services Commission
is observing Red Ribbon Week Oct.
23-31 by highlighting resources
that encourage youth to make safe,
healthy choices and live drug-free.
“Red Ribbon Week is a pow-
erful reminder that prevention starts
with education, awareness and com-
munity support,” said Trina K. Ita,
deputy executive commissioner of
HHSC Behavioral Health Services.
“We are committed to creating safe
and supportive environments where
people – especially our youth – feel
empowered to choose drug-free life-
styles.”
HHSC offers support for

anyone struggling with substance
use through several programs, which
can be found on the commission’s
website: <https://www.hhs.texas.gov/>.
Texas Targeted Opioid
Response offers videos on how to
speak with friends or family about
opioid misuse, information on the
overdose reversal medication nalox-
one, and other resources.
The Turn To campaign offers
guidance for people seeking help
for themselves, a friend or family
member, or their community to over-
come mental health challenges.
Prevention and Behavioral
Health Promotion provides sub-
stance use preventive strategies,

resources and support through multi-
ple partnerships and programs.
The 988 Suicide and Crisis
Lifeline provides free and confiden-
tial support for anyone experienc-
ing mental health-related distress,
as well as their loved ones. Help is
available 24/7 by calling or texting
988.
Veterans can call 988 and press
1 to access the Veterans Crisis Line.
Additional resources are available
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5	9	6	3	2	2	1	7	4
6	1	9	5	4	3	8	2	7
8	4	1	7	4	9	6	5	3
2	3	8	5	2	7	9	8	4

ANSWER:

Federal shutdown will halt November SNAP benefits

Terri Langford, Gabby Birenbaum and Dan Keemahill, The Texas Tribune

Federal food assistance payments to the nation’s poorest citizens will come to a halt on Saturday, the result of the second-longest government shutdown in U.S. history. It will be the first time the benefit has been interrupted since it began more than six decades ago.

More than 3.5 million low-income Texans are among the more than 40 million Americans receiving Supplemental Nutrition and Assistance Program (SNAP) payments each month. With Democrats demanding that Congress address expiring health insurance subsidies and Republicans refusing to negotiate until the government reopens, the parties have been locked in a stalemate over government funding for close to a month.

The USDA notified states that if the shutdown did not end by Oct. 27, SNAP benefits would be halted on Nov. 1.

You can click here to search for your local food bank by zip code. You can also call 2-1-1 and press option 1 for information about local food pantries in your area.

Congress could also address the issue — without ending the shutdown — by passing a standalone bill to fund SNAP. Sen. Josh Hawley, R-Missouri, has introduced a bill to do so, though Senate Republican leadership has not scheduled a vote on it.

Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, signed on as a co-sponsor, blaming “Democrats’ callous apathy” for the shutdown and saying the legislation would “ensure our most vulnerable mothers, children, and families across the Lone Star State have the assistance they desperately need during this senseless shutdown.” Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, said, “Democrats should open the government” when asked about the possibility of a standalone bill on SNAP.

Here is what you need to know about the SNAP pause.

What is SNAP?
SNAP stands for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, the latest incarnation of the federal food assistance program created in 1964 under President Lyndon Johnson. It is commonly referred to as the food stamp program.

The November SNAP price tag is approximately \$8 billion. Out of that amount, \$614 million would go to Texas SNAP recipients.

How does SNAP in Texas work?

Every state, including Texas, offers SNAP assistance to qualifying residents. Undocumented immigrants are not eligible for SNAP assistance. Applicants provide information about their income and family size, and payments are determined by a household’s income level and the number of people in a household. In Texas, an average of about \$400 a month is paid to qualifying

individuals.

About 3.5 million Texans, including 1.7 million children, depend on SNAP assistance every month.

SNAP funds are distributed to Texas participants through a debit-like card called a Lone Star card, which they can use to purchase groceries. Unused benefits from one month can be rolled over to the next month.

Why are SNAP benefits suspended for November?

The Health and Human Services Commission distributes SNAP in Texas, but the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which is being affected by the federal government shutdown, funds the program.

The government shut down on Oct. 1 after the Senate voted down two proposals — a Republican-backed plan to fund the government at its current level until Nov. 21, and a Democratic bill to fund the government through Halloween and permanently extend Affordable Care Act tax credits that expire at the end of the year.

Democrats have continued to reject Republicans’ proposal, saying Congress needs to address the tax credit expiration before premiums rise, while Republicans have insisted that they will not negotiate on health policy until the shutdown is ended.

Who is to blame for the SNAP interruption?

The USDA, led by Secretary Brooke Rollins, a Trump appointee, has accused Senate Democrats of being responsible for the federal shutdown and the resulting holdup of SNAP funds. “Because of the Democrat shutdown, there are not enough funds to provide SNAP for 40 million Americans come Nov 1,” Rollins wrote Oct. 16 on X. “Shameful.”

But policy experts and Democrats have countered that the federal government could have used emergency funds to pay out SNAP benefits. That emergency fund has about \$5 billion, but both the Trump administration and House Speaker Mike Johnson have said they are not able to legally tap into it.

Can states pay SNAP recipients and then have USDA reimburse them when the shutdown ends?

No. “Despite their willingness, States cannot cover the cost of benefits and be reimbursed,” the USDA announced last week. Some states, like California, are fast-tracking funding to food banks to offset the shortfall.

Will Texas government leaders step in and approve some type of assistance?

It’s hard to know that. Celia Cole, CEO of Feeding Texas, which represents the state’s food banks, said her organization is asking lawmakers about state resources available to food banks if the federal shutdown continues long into November. Cole said her organization will work to meet the need but added: “We don’t

have all the resources we need if the shutdown continues.”

We’ve had shutdowns before. Why weren’t SNAP payments halted then?

During Trump’s first term, the government partially shut down for 35 days over a border wall funding dispute. But the U.S. Department of Agriculture used a contingency fund to disperse benefits early. That shutdown ended on Jan. 25, 2019; the Department had enough reserve funds to keep SNAP afloat through the end of February.

This time around, the Trump administration says it legally cannot draw on emergency funds to pay out SNAP benefits. Democrats have blasted the Trump administration for its analysis, saying it is within Trump’s power to tap the contingency money.

What’s the immediate impact on Texans who depend on SNAP?

According to Cole, the Feeding Texas CEO, once the federal shutdown ends, SNAP recipients would receive any missed payments retroactively. Also, some SNAP participants may have unused October benefits that they can use in November.

But ultimately, any interruption in SNAP funding could force families to skip or cut back on meals or choose to pay rent over food.

“I think people are going to be faced with really difficult decisions and people will go hungry if the benefits are delayed,” Cole said.

Can Texans on SNAP rely on food banks in November?

Yes, but the state’s 20 food banks are already working hard to help the roughly 334,000 federal employees in Texas impacted by the government shutdown and 118,000 military service members and their families. Food banks are nonprofit entities that rely on both private donations and some government funding to provide groceries free of charge.

This past week, H-E-B announced a \$5 million donation ahead of the Thanksgiving holiday to Feeding Texas to help stock food banks and another \$1 million to the state’s Meals on Wheels programs that deliver meals to older Texans. But the longer the shutdown lasts, the bigger the impact will be on food banks and other nonprofit groups — especially if the 3.5 million Texans on SNAP go without their benefits.

“This definitely has ripple effects,” said Craig Gundersen, a Baylor University economics professor who has studied SNAP. “I’m really hoping that they will figure something out. I think that this (the delay in SNAP benefits) can be catastrophic.”

Are other federal assistance programs interrupted by the shutdown? No. Other programs including WIC, Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program are not affected at this time.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. El __, Texas town

5. Rocker’s tool

8. A lot

12. Traveling by ground

14. Spelling competition

15. Two-toed sloth

16. Small perfumed bag

18. “Much __ about nothing”

19. Tough-skinned mollusk

20. Removes from record

21. It warms the planet

22. Leafy green

23. Quality of arriving favorably

26. Living thing

30. “Six of Crows” author Bardugo

31. Got around a rule

32. Resin from burned substance

33. Iraq seaport

34. Religious leaders
39. Fugitives are on it

42. Samson’s influencer

44. Italian city

46. A quality of lacking interest

47. Predatory tropical fishes

49. Nobel physician Isodor

50. Luck

51. Stationary part of a motor or generator

56. Orthopedic professional group (abbr.)

57. One point south of due east

58. It follows 79

59. Paper currency

60. Anger

61. Spanish seaport

62. Sleep in a rough place

63. Famous museum

64. Selfs

CLUES DOWN

1. Bullfighting maneuver

2. From a distance

3. Soul and calypso song

4. Expressions of delight

5. Lower in esteem

6. Inner region of an organ

7. Flowers

8. A bog

9. Remove a fastening

10. Membranes

11. Enormous

13. One who abstains from drink

17. Malayan wild ox

24. Type of student

25. Rejecting all moral principles

26. Sino-Soviet block

27. Egyptian unit of weight

28. Wrong

29. Make a mistake
35. Indicates location

36. Boxing’s “GOAT”

37. Where wrestlers compete

38. Timid

40. Disney town

41. Suggesting the horror of death and decay

42. Male parent

43. Remove for good

44. Simple shoes

45. Flowers

47. Hindi courtesy title for a man

48. Not pleased

49. “Atlas Shrugged” author

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Colts beat Wheeler in bad weather

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon Junior High Colts had a good night in Wheeler last Friday night despite the inclement weather.

The Colts were causing a storm of their own as they fought their way to a 14-0 victory over the Wheeler Colts. The shut-out reflects the successes the Colts have had all season on the grid iron as they look to wrap up their 2025 season.

With T.J. Smith at the helm, the Colts were in full-on mode as they gained the only score of the first half of play. Smith was able to find

the endzone due to the great blocking from the line. Smith earned the touchdown when he was able to break free on the first offensive play from scrimmage after half time. The game was called after three quarters of play due to lightning.

From his safety and tight end position, Henry Robertson had several key tackles in the game. Robertson also teamed up with Smith for a two-point conversion to add to the score.

Coaches Semans and Kelley have done a great job with the young players and were not disappointed in

the shut-out.

"The boys had to play in abnormal conditions Friday, dealing with a moved game, little warm-up time, and adjusted start time," Semans said. "The boys showed resilience and heart. They came out of the gate slow but responded very well when it mattered most. Coach Kelley and I are very proud of the boys and the effort they have put into this season."

The Colts will take on Memphis at home on Thursday, October 30, at 5:00 p.m. and will travel to Quana on November 4 in their final game of the season.

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Broncos fall short at home against Wheeler

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon Broncos have had a tough two seasons on the field and remain winless with two games remaining this year. The seniors, along with their underclassmen teammates, are looking to change things in Memphis on Friday. With the 6-56 loss in the back of their minds, the Broncos have been busy in practice and are determined to get the win at Memphis.

The Broncos got off to a rough start as the Mustangs scored seven points in the first five minutes of the game. However, the Broncos held them away from the endzone until early in the second 12 minutes of the game.

The Broncos did a lot of things right with good runs made by Parker Haynes from his RB position as well as Markael Anderson. Caleb Herbert was behind center and did a good job of scrambling for yardage. Forced to punt several times in the game, the Broncos looked to Creed Robinson to put the Mustangs deep in their own territory, which he was able to do all night.

Defensively, the Broncos played hard but struggled to stop the Mustang attack through the air and on the ground. Dakota Bond, Coulter Wortham, Heston Seay, Ranger Drenth, Tyler Cavanaugh, and Anderson did all they could on the field.

The Broncos' lone score came in the final quarter when Anderson ran it in for six after being set up with good runs by Haynes and Herbert.

The Broncos will be determined as they take the field in Memphis Friday night in a "287 showdown" beginning at 7:00 p.m.



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As part of the Texas Department of Public Safety’s (DPS) Keeping Texas Families Safe initiative, the department is reminding all Texans of steps they can take to stay safe this Halloween.

“Keeping Texas families safe starts with awareness and action,” said Homeland Security Division Chief Gerald Brown. “This Halloween, let’s be prepared, stay aware and help ensure every Texan can enjoy the season safely.”

As part Keeping Texas Families Safe initiative DPS encourages Texans to do the following:

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. If you’re having Halloween gatherings in your home – act now. Download a safe storage checklist and find the right storage option for your home with help from DPS’ Safe Storage Campaign. Visit safegunstorage-texas.com to find options.

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. Fentanyl can even be disguised as candy. Remember, just one pill laced with 2 milligrams of fentanyl can take someone’s life.

Download the iWatchTexas app on your mobile device and report suspicious activity in schools and communities. Reports take less than five minutes and help law enforcement stop life-threatening attacks before they happen. Tips can be reported via the website, the free iWatch iOS or Android mobile app or by calling 844-643-2251. All reports are confidential.

Halloween safety tips for trick-or-treating: Ensure costumes are bright and reflective by adding reflective tape to darker costumes to help drivers see trick-or-treaters at night. Use face paint instead of masks that could obstruct vision. Walk on sidewalks and utilize crosswalks. Carry glow sticks, flashlights or wearable lights to increase overall visibility.

Use soft and flexible accessories such as pirate swords or wands that are not sharp. Have a prearranged meet up location, in case your group is separated. Travel with adult supervision and stay in familiar neighborhoods. Discuss the importance of only visiting well-lit houses and never entering a stranger’s home or car for candy. Make sure children know the phone number of an adult and how to call 911 in case they become lost. After trick-or-treating, take all goodies home for an adult to inspect before eating, and never consume any items that don’t have a wrapper. Know the neighborhood, visit the Texas Public Sex Offender Registry, which includes a map of where the registered sex offenders reside in a given area.

Following simple safety tips can go a long way on making Halloween safer for everyone, but everyone must do their part. According to the non-profit Safe Kids Worldwide, children are more than twice as likely to be hit by a vehicle and killed on Halloween than any other night of the year.

“Sometimes it’s the smallest compromises that lead to the biggest consequences,” said Texas Highway Patrol Chief Bryan Rippee. “This Halloween remember to plan a sober ride, put the phone away and slow down for pedestrians— especially children. A few mindful choices behind the wheel can make all the difference in keeping our families and communities safe – it can save a life.”

Halloween safety tips for drivers: Don’t drink and drive. Make alternate plans if you consume alcohol. Be aware as a driver – don’t assume children are paying attention to your vehicle. Buckle up everyone in the vehicle — it’s the law. Slow down, with the number of children walking the streets on Halloween, reducing your speed is necessary. Use caution when going through neighborhoods and other trick-or-treat locations. Eliminate distractions while driving, including the use of mobile devices. Texas law prohibits the use of portable wireless devices to read, write or send an electronic message unless the vehicle is stopped.

If you’re using a navigation device or app, have a passenger operate it so you can keep your eyes on the road. Drive defensively, as Halloween can have additional challenges.

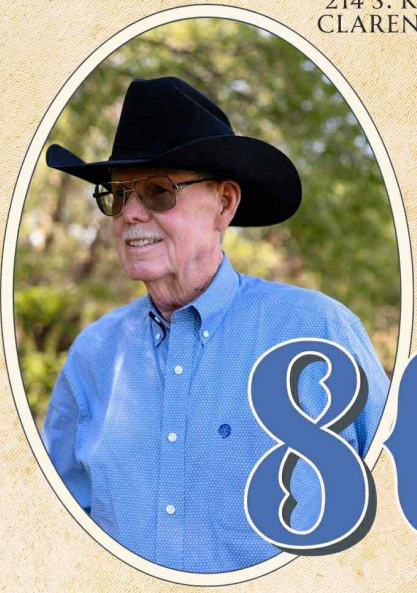
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