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

Pancake supper to be held this Friday

The Clarendon Lions Club will hold its annual Pancake Supper this Friday, November 7, at the school cafeteria from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The cost is \$8 per plate for all-you-can-eat pancakes, ham, and sausage. Tickets are available at the Enterprise, from any Lion, and at the door.

Proceeds from the annual Pancake Supper support the charitable activities of the Lions Club.

Plans set to honor veterans in Hedley

The Adamson-Lane American Legion Post 287 will be placing flags on all the veterans' graves at Rowe Cemetery near Hedley at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, November 10, 2025, in preparation for Veterans Day.

The post's Veterans Day Program will be held Monday, November 11, at 10 a.m. at the Hedley Lions Club, followed by a program at the Hedley school given by the students.

The flags will be removed from Rowe Cemetery at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 12, 2025.

The public is invited to attend these events.

Traffic pattern now different downtown

Traffic flow on US 287 was shifted in Clarendon Monday as the contractors for the US 287 bridge replacement project moved into phase two.

Northbound traffic is now traveling in the northernmost lane, while southbound traffic is moving in the southernmost lane.

This shift means active demolition and later construction is now taking place in the middle of the road with highway traffic passing workmen on both sides. Motorists are urged to slow down and use extreme caution for the safety of the construction crew as well as the traveling public.

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.



Costume Champions

A large crowd gathered in front of the Mulkey Theatre last Saturday for Clarendon Spookfest '25 with hundreds of people dressed in a variety of costumes. Winners of the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce costume contest were first place group – the Nathan Jaramillo family Rock Stars, second place group – The Founding Fathers, third place group – the Scooby Doo Gang; first place individual – Greenley Lanning as the Corpse Bride, second place individual – Carston Fields as Tree Trapped Guy, and third place individual – the Devil.

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Small Town Christmas set for November 29

Plans are shaping up for another big "Small Town Christmas" this year to coincide with Small Business Saturday on November 29.

Chair Denise Bertrand and her committee are working diligently to build on the success of last year's event and offer even more activities filled with holiday spirit, family fun, and local involvement.

Small Town Christmas festivities will begin at 1 p.m. and will

continue until 8 p.m. with the 200 and 300 blocks of Kearney Street as well as adjacent portions of Third Street being closed off to traffic.

Vendor booths are being recruited to set up in The Roost event center, and Ramblin' Ranch is also preparing additional space in their building if it is needed for other booths.

A Christmas Scavenger Hunt is being planned, food trucks are being invited, and churches and

other groups are being urged to participate with games and activities. A barrel train ride will be available for the kids, and carriage rides are also going to be available that evening.

Santa Claus will arrive at the Courthouse at 5 p.m. as the center of activity shifts to that location for the annual Courthouse Lighting ceremony, which will take place at 6 p.m.

Back on Kearney Street, the celebration continues after the light-

ing with several drawings for free door prizes.

City officials expect new lamp posts to be installed in the 200 block before the event, and the Clarendon EDC has ordered garland and banners for the posts to promote the holiday celebration.

Additional volunteers are being sought as more activities are added to the day. Those interested in helping can contact Bertrand at 806-336-1417.

Lions Club celebrates anniversary

The Clarendon Lions Club held its 103rd anniversary Charter Banquet last Tuesday, October 28, and presented awards to outstanding members during the evening.

Boss Lion Pro Tem Chanel Silva announced Lion Anndria Newhouse and Lion Ted Shaller as the Lions of the Year, following a tie vote among the membership earlier last month.

Newhouse and Shaller were honored for their service to the club and their work with sponsoring blood drives, bringing in programs, and always being at the forefront of being willing to serve as well as for encouraging others to join them in service.

Lion Richard Green was recognized by the club with a plaque honoring his term of service as club president from 2024-2025 and all the service that happened under his leadership.

Millie McAnear was formally crowned as the club's Sweetheart for the current year. Her grandmother also held that same title when she was a girl.

Zone Chair Noemi Peña of Wellington addressed the club and discussed her family and their com-



Lions Club Zone Chair Noemi Peña of Wellington (left) stands with Lion of the Year Anndria Newhouse, Past President Richard Green, Sweetheart Millie McAnear, Lion of the Year Ted Shaller, and Boss Lion Pro Tem Chanel Silva following last Tuesday's 103 annual Clarendon Lions Club Charter Banquet.

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mitment to community service. She talked about the importance of giving back and praised the Clarendon club for its many activities to benefit the community. Peña said is enjoying visiting the clubs in Zone 5 and learning more about the service other communities perform. Zone 5 includes Lions Clubs in Clarendon, Hedley, Memphis,

Wellington, and Wheeler.

Those attending this year's banquet were Zone Chair Noemi Peña and her partner in service Lion Gene; Boss Lion Pro Tem Chanel Silva and husband Craig; Past President Richard Green and Lion Mary Green; Lions Roger Estlack and Ashlee Estlack; Lions Scarlet and Russell Estlack; Lion

Anndria Newhouse; Sweetheart Millie McAnear with her parents, Walker and Erica; Lion Chuck Robertson and Laura Shortnacy; Lion Machiel Covey and husband, J.B.; Lion Larry Capranica and wife, Karen; Lion Eric Gehman; Lion Rita Gehman; Lion Ted Shaller and wife Sharon; and Lion Jacob Fangman.

CCISD to honor K. King Friday

Super Bowl legend Kenny King will be formally honored by Clarendon CISD Friday night, November 7, when the field at Bronco Stadium is dedicated with his name.

School trustees approved the designation Kenny King Field at Bronco Stadium in August following a poll of the community.

King graduated from Clarendon High School in 1975 after playing for the Broncos for four years. He then played for the University of Oklahoma before signing with the Houston Oilers. In Super Bowl XV, King caught a pass from quarterback Jim Plunkett and ran a record-setting 80 yards for a touchdown during Oakland's victory over Philadelphia. He won his second national title in Super Bowl XVIII in 1984.

Clarendon Superintendent Rick Teran said the school will be ready to welcome King this Friday at the pep rally and during halftime of the Broncos game against Quanaah.

The pep rally is set for 2:30 p.m. in the Bronco Gym, and King will be available afterwards in the gym foyer to meet friends and fans and sign autographs.

A pre-game ceremony at 6:30 p.m. will recognize the Senior Class of 2026, and the game will start at 7 p.m. At halftime, King and his family will be escorted onto the field for recognition followed by the unveiling of a new sign bearing the name "Kenny King Field" in the stadium.

Teran said the school is trying to contact as many of King's teammates and classmates as possible to be here Friday for the dedication, and all alumni and members of the public are invited and encouraged to attend as well.

SBA disaster relief deadline November 25

The US Small Business Administration (SBA) is reminding eligible small businesses and private non-profit (PNP) organizations in Donley County of the November 25 deadline to apply for low interest federal disaster loans to offset economic losses caused by drought beginning November 1, 2024.

The disaster declaration covers the counties of Donley, Armstrong, Childress, Carson, Collingsworth, Gray, Wheeler, Hall, and Briscoe as well as 33 other Texas counties and 15 counties in New Mexico and Oklahoma.

Under this declaration, SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program is available to small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, nurseries, and PNPs including faith-based organizations impacted by financial losses directly related to the disaster. The SBA is unable to provide disaster loans to agricultural producers, farmers, or ranchers, except for small aquaculture enterprises.

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What rural Texans want from their state leaders

The latest poll from the University of Texas confirmed what most of us living in rural Texas already know – people are less worried about partisan political fights and more worried about survival. We’re still Republicans, still conservative, still rooted in faith, family, and hard work. But folks are tired of the political blame game. Out here, we’re trying to keep up with bills, pay for health insurance, and make a paycheck stretch while everything costs more than it did last month.



texas rural reporter
by suzanne bellsnyder

At the kitchen tables across Texas, political talk isn’t sound bites. It’s math. We are deciding what can wait until next payday, which bill to pay first, and whether there’s enough left for fuel or groceries. These are the real issues shaping how rural Texans feel about government and the performance of our elected leaders.

For years, state leaders have celebrated the “Texas miracle” and bragged about record economic growth, but it doesn’t always look like that from our side of the fence. When feed, fertilizer, and electricity all go up faster than our income, it’s hard to believe we’re living in an economic success story. We know what prosperity feels like, and this isn’t it.

That’s why there’s growing frustration and fatigue with our state and federal leadership. This latest poll shows that the governor’s once-strong support in rural counties has weakened, and confidence in the state’s Republican leadership is slipping too. Rural Texans haven’t walked away from conservative values – but we want those values to mean something again to our pocketbooks. We want integrity, competence, and a government that’s accountable and relatable to the people it serves.

What I hear around town is simple: there needs to be less talk about ideology and more about outcomes. The same poll shows that Texans are most worried about the cost of living – inflation, taxes, and everyday expenses that make it harder to stay afloat. Those concerns cut across party lines. Families are tired of being told the economy is great while they watch their savings disappear. You can’t preach prosperity when folks are choosing between groceries and gas.

This erosion of trust isn’t about politics – it’s about performance. Rural Texans still believe in limited government and personal responsibility. Still, we also expect the government we do have to work. Fix the roads. Keep the hospitals open. Support our public schools. Make sure small-town businesses are free from regulations so they can survive. None of that should be controversial. It’s just basic stewardship.

Even the border – long the concern of conservatives in Texas – is viewed from a different perspective now. For many of us, the negative impacts of immigration represent a failure of our government do its job to protect our families and keep them safe from harm. When leaders talk about border security but can’t manage budgets or basic infrastructure, the problem looks bigger than policy and leads into concerns with elected officials and their job performance.

The deeper issue found in this poll is the erosion of trust. People haven’t changed what they believe but their expectations have changed. Real folks are no longer interested in speeches or slogans. They want proof that someone in Austin understands that rural families live in the margins and we are looking for leaders who share our concerns about the future and are willing to get back to basics so that we can keep Texas moving forward.

When we practice Dirt Democracy, good government grows from the ground up – from the people, who understand what it takes to make things work. It means leaders who listen to who they legislate, who balance the books like families do, and who measure success by the health of their communities, not by headlines or party loyalty.

Heading into 2026, the message from rural Texas couldn’t be clearer. We’re not asking for miracles. We’re asking for good government. Focus on the cost of living, property taxes, healthcare, and local jobs – the everyday issues that decide whether small towns survive.

Folks in rural Texas already know what they stand for. What we’re looking for now are leaders who stand with us. Around every kitchen table in this state, people are sorting through bills, budgets, and broken promises – and deciding for themselves who deserves their trust.

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Pecos High Bridge was engineering feat

The initial route of the Southern Pacific Railroad going east from El Paso followed a tortuously crooked route as it approached the Pecos River. Because of the curves and mountainous terrain, trains in that area had to move very slowly. Studying the situation, Jim Converse, chief construction engineer of the Southern Pacific in that area, conceived an alternate route that would eliminate two tunnels and shorten the railroad by eleven miles.

Construction of the new route began in 1891. Many laborers were required, and three frog towns came into existence. (Frog towns were those tent cities that hopped along with the tracks as the railroads pushed through the frontier.) Converse’s new route would require a bridge 2,180 feet long and towering 321 feet above the Pecos River, a bridge higher and more massive than any other that had thus far been undertaken in America, and the construction would be quite dangerous.

The work went slowly but smoothly

until an accident occurred in which seven men were killed. Three others were severely injured and not expected to recover.

Judge Roy Bean was summoned from Langtry to perform the inquest, as was the custom in that area at the time. Bean made the death pronouncements, then, being in a hurry to get back to Langtry, he looked briefly at the three injured men and, pronouncing them dead also, made his departure.

Upon completion of the Pecos High Bridge, as it came to be known, the trains ran on a much-improved schedule as Converse had predicted. But when the new route was only two weeks old, C. P. Huntington, owner of the Southern Pacific, surprised everyone by ordering it closed and rerouting the trains back



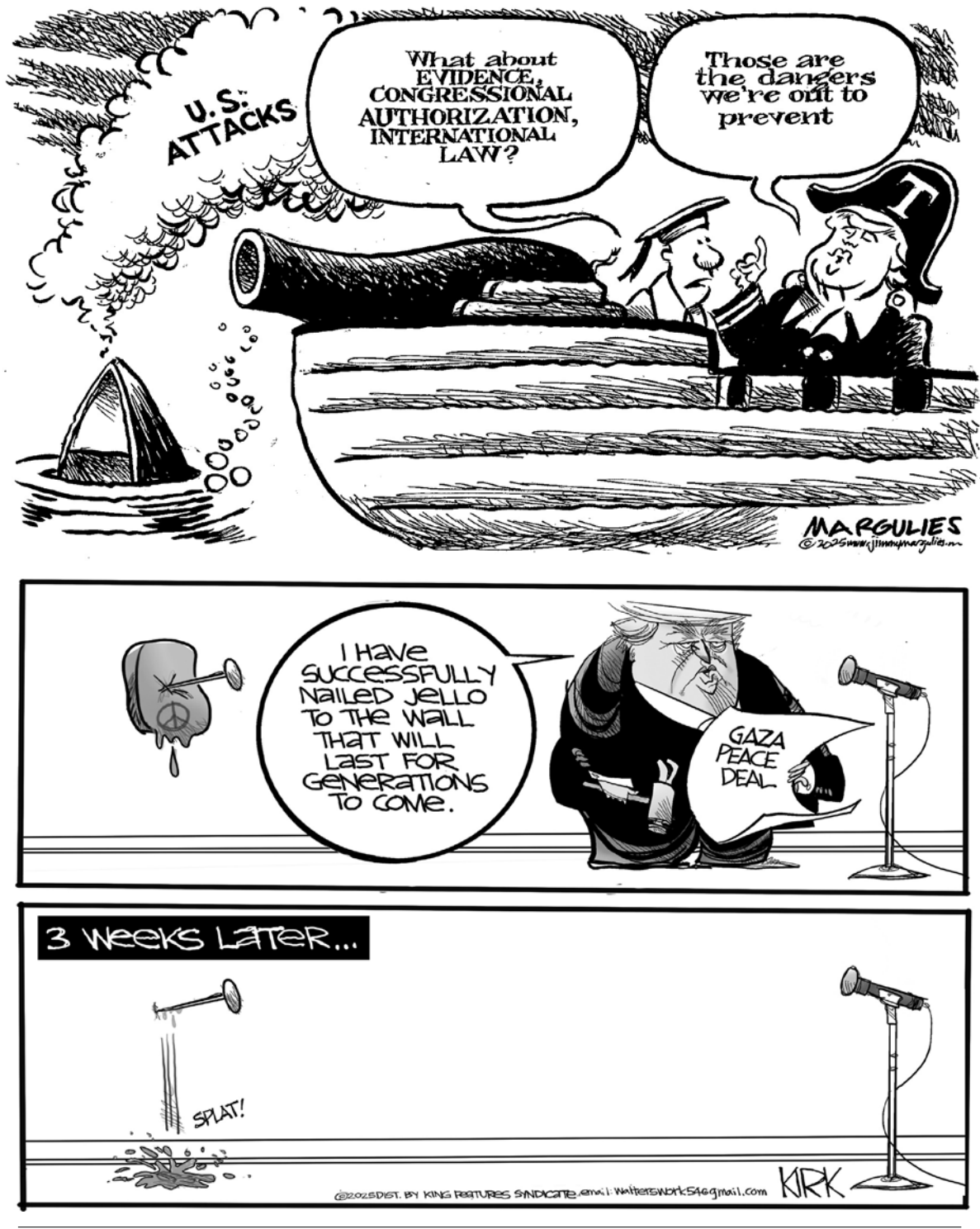
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tales of the old west
by george u. hubbard

to their original slow route. Reasons for this unexpected turn of events are unclear. One theory is that Huntington wanted to discourage the other people who had invested in the bridge and then reopen it after they had dropped out, thus garnering all the profits to himself. Another theory is that he wanted to bargain with the federal government for greater concessions and was holding back the new route as leverage.

Regardless of Huntington’s reasons, the new route eventually reopened and remained in use for many years. Passage over the bridge was safe yet frightening, especially when the bridge swayed with the wind. On more than one occasion, train passengers walked across in fear that their train might be blown off by the winds.

In 1910 the bridge was reinforced, and then in 1944, having served its purpose successfully, it was replaced by a newer bridge made of concrete and steel.

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



Nothing much is new under the sun

Their numbers are dwindling, but folks figuring there’s nothing new under the sun are spending too much time in the shade and/or staring too much at the fiery object that planets circle with precision – at least so far.

Assuredly this is not the opinion of a robot, spy or AI (“artificial intelligence” for people asleep at the wheel for the last decade and still slumbering.) I am a real person who believes the movie Truth and Treason is a “must see” film.

There’s a tidal wave of support sweeping across the nation. For some people – particularly those who may not have been to a theater in years – the old adage, “We ain’t seen nothing yet,” may apply....

If you have hilarity on your mind, skip Truth and Treason . It is a raw depiction of the miserable conditions caused largely during the reign of Germany’s Adolph Hitler.

Yet, we are thrilled by the courage of three teenage boys who saw through Hitler’s madness and defied it.

Tears come easily as their true accounts unfold, gushing even more when the horrors of the World War II era are compared to leanings in our world today. The prospect is frightening. Those who maintain otherwise should take stock of worldwide news, taking their blood pressure fore and aft.

It has been years – maybe decades – since I have seen such an important film. Persons may disagree if they choose, but they may be as hard to find as five-year-olds willing to swear off sweets....

Angel Studios – recognizing a growing demand befitting audiences of all ages – has done it again. “Cleaner” movies with more noble content are making their way back.

Don’t take my word for it. If you are leery of giving my review much credence, check the internet for reviews by rank and file citizens, as well as professionals whose jobs are to review critically.

Some, of course, feel it necessary to include some negative observations. Of the several dozen reviews I read for Truth and Treason , however, most glowed with approval....

One of the most generous headlines describes “an almost perfect film.” Another reviewer claims that the movie “reignited my passion for the truth.” SA sobering headline warns of “what’s left when truth costs everything.”

As I exited the theater, I overheard a comment from a person – perhaps a few years my senior – that probably “nutshells” the prevailing world view of the twisted German Führer. “For the cemetery to avoid becoming a swamp, they probably needed gutters on his grave to dispose of spittle spewed from the mouths of millions who understandably loathed him.”

I wish all Americans – above junior high school age – would attend this



the idle american
by don newbury

movie. (It would likely be disturbing for the young.).....

The late Dr. Guy D. Newman was president of my alma mater, Howard Payne University, for 17 years, including all five of my undergraduate years. (His tenure in the presidency is second-longest in the history of the 136-year-old school.) As early as the 1950s, he warned against the dangers of both Communism and Socialism.

Echoing in my mind are the words of a poem he recited often: “No one escapes when freedom fails. The best folks rot in filthy jails. And those who scream, ‘appease, appease,’ are hanged by those they tried to please.” Never has a movie – as well as an unrelated play – moved me so deeply.

Only hours after seeing the movie, I was fortunate to learn of a play presented by the music ministry of First United Methodist Church Plano....

The play, Something Greater, features a cast of about a dozen 18-30-year-old members of the church.

Set in the chapel with seating for 120, it was “packed out” for the first three scheduled performances, so a fourth was added. More than 500 saw it live.

Its impact grows as the video is passed around. I intend to watch it again, and next week will provide additional details about how to access it on YouTube....

Dr . Newbury, a speaker in the Metroplex, may be reached at 817-447-3872; email: newbury@speakerdoc.com.

Scenes from Spookfest 2025



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3	8	7	1	2	6	5	9	4
5	6	1	4	2	7	8	3	9
4	5	9	6	1	3	8	7	2
1	7	3	4	2	8	5	6	9
8	2	5	3	7	6	4	1	9

ANSWER:

Honoring Our Brave Veterans

As our Armed Forces fight to protect our freedom abroad, we're reminded of the sacrifice made by so many brave soldiers before them. On Veterans Day, we pause to recognize and thank all of the veterans who have served our country. We are eternally grateful for your dedication and service.

We will be closed on Tuesday, November 11, in honor of Veterans Day.

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¿Qué Pasa?
Community Calendar
November 7 & 8
Mulkey Theatre • Regretting You • 7:30 p.m.

November 9
Mulkey Theatre • Casper • 7:00 p.m. • Free Movie

November 7
Clarendon Lions Club Pancake Supper • Clarendon School Cafeteria, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

November 8 & 9
Polar Bear Two-Person Scramble • Clarendon Country Club

November 29
Small Town Christmas Small Business Saturday • Savings at local merchants, activities downtown.

November 29
Christmas Lighting Celebration. Donley County Courthouse Santa Claus, 5 p.m.; Caroling and Lighting, 6 p.m.

November 30
The Polar Express • Mulkey Theatre, 6:00 p.m.

December 4
Mistletoe & Mystery. Mystery Dinner @ Mulkey Theatre. Advance tickets required. Visit [MulkeyTheatre.com](#).

Menus
November 10 - 14
Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Chicken enchiladas, pinto beans, garden salad, chocolate cupcake, iced tea/2% milk.
Tues: Closed
Wed: Mushroom steak, baked potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll, fruit cup, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Pork roast, gravy, pinto beans, macaroni & tomatoes, cornbread, peanut butter cookie, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Polish sausage, cabbage, mashed potatoes, whole wheat roll, black forest parfait, iced tea/2% milk

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Stuffed baked potato, shredded beef, steamed broccoli, whole wheat roll, pineapple cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Tues: Polish sausage, cabbage, mashed potatoes, whole wheat roll, black forest parfait, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Chicken fried steak, gravy, broccoli, mashed potatoes, roll, fruit crisp, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Mexican pile on, tortilla chips, pinto beans, Spanish rice, garden salad, sliced peaches w/ whipped topping, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Ham & navy beans, spinach, mashed potatoes, cornbread, bread pudding, iced tea/2% milk

Clarendon CISD
Breakfast
Mon: Pancakes, bacon, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Tues: Breakfast sandwich, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Wed: Breakfast pizza, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Thu: Breakfast sandwich, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Fri: Breakfast cookie, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Pig in a blanket, potatoes, tomato cup, fruit, milk.
Tues: Tex-Mex stack, beans, carrots, salsa, sherbet, fruit, milk.
Wed: Pizza, salad, California blend vegetables, fruit, milk.
Thu: Thanksgiving meal – Turkey, dressing, roll, potatoes, gravy, green beans, dessert, fruit, milk.
Fri: Popcorn chicken, roll, corn, broccoli, salad, milk.

Hedley ISD
Breakfast
Mon: Waffles, bacon, banana, fruit juice, milk.
Tues: Scrambled eggs, toast, potatoes, orange, fruit juice, milk.
Wed: Breakfast pizza, cantaloupe, fruit juice, milk.
Thu: Morning griddle sandwich, grapes, fruit juice, milk.
Fri: Breakfast burrito, hash-browns, apple, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Popcorn chicken, fries, tomato cup, fruit cup, milk.
Tues: Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, roll, green beans, pudding, milk.
Wed: Tex-Mex stack, beans, carrots, sherbet, milk.
Thu: Sloppy Joe, salad, celery, peaches, milk.
Fri: Nacho grande, corn salad, broccoli, milk.



Roper Romp
The Donley County State Bank ladies put on their best "Helen Roper" from the old Three's Company show last Friday for Halloween. Shown here are Sarah Holland, Lindy Craft, Laura Luttrell, Kasie Davis, Robin Sell, and Buckie Crump.

COURTESY PHOTO

AgriLife reopens research facilities at Vernon

Texas A&M AgriLife recently reopened several upgraded facilities in Vernon, including office, laboratory and storage spaces, which sustained damage from a tornado in May 2022.

The storm damaged or destroyed eight buildings crucial to the operations of the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Vernon and Texas A&M AgriLife Foundation Seed, located on the same campus.

The campus underwent roughly \$18.7 million in tornado repairs and reconstruction, with \$15 million of that amount thanks to an appropriation from the Texas State Legislature. The Texas A&M AgriLife center and Foundation Seed serve as a hub for agricultural research, outreach and education.

Work at the campus supports commodity producers in the region, state and beyond. Texas A&M AgriLife offerings at Vernon include production of high-genetic-quality seeds as well as Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service programs that strengthen Texas agriculture and natural resources.

“The work to rebuild in Vernon reflects Texas A&M’s commitment to agricultural systems that serve our state’s producers and push the envelope for practical agricultural innovation,” said Glen Hager, chancellor of The Texas A&M University System. “The Texas A&M System is always here to help Texans when disaster strikes, and we are proud to have restored and improved our capabilities to serve Texas and the world.”

After the tornado’s devastation in 2022, the Texas A&M AgriLife Center required full renovation of its main administration building, including a roof and new mechanical units, metal siding, doors and interior flood repairs to ceilings, utility systems, floors and walls. Destroyed vehicles and laboratory and farm equipment were also replaced.

At Foundation Seed, the seed shop and cold storage facilities were rebuilt, along with a chemical storage building and an outdoor chemical storage area. Repairs to the seed building included walls, a front office, additional chemical storage areas and power restoration.

In particular, the renovations are a boon for the laboratory work of AgriLife Research scientists. The storage spaces allow for seed expansions, and office spaces give personnel of AgriLife Extension a place to coordinate regional activities. New equipment enhances AgriLife Extension specialists’ ability to conduct applied research and support the field work of AgriLife Extension agents.

“The center and Foundation Seed are crucial to Texas A&M AgriLife’s work, particularly in this part of the state,” said Jeffrey W. Savell, Ph.D., vice chancellor and dean for Agriculture and Life Sciences. “I am inspired by their commitment to farmers and ranchers, to service and community engagement. The reopening celebrates resilience and progress, and I am excited to see what lies ahead.”

“These infrastructures are critical to our continued support of Texas commodities through leading-edge discoveries and innovations,” said G. Cliff Lamb, director of AgriLife Research. “These tools enable research toward healthy lives and livelihoods in Texas and beyond.”

Parkhill Architects and J.T. Vaughn Construction LLC led the design and renovation of the campus alongside the Texas A&M AgriLife Facilities and Management team.

On Oct. 28, leaders of Texas A&M AgriLife and state policymakers held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to cap off the three-year reconstruction effort at Vernon.

“We are elated to return our campus to full and improved capacity after three years of adapting to the reconstruction process,” said Richard Vierling, Ph.D., director of the Texas A&M AgriLife center at Vernon and Foundation Seed. “We are proud to have continued serving the region during this time of transition. I commend the hard work of all Foundation Seed staff who continued to serve the seed industry, Texas and the region.”

Rick Avery, Ph.D., director of AgriLife Extension, thanked state leaders in attendance and The Texas A&M University System for its support in the restoration effort.

“The center enjoys a long history of serving producers and communities across the Rolling Plains,” he said. “Thanks to these renewed facilities, AgriLife Extension can grow its services, strengthen partnerships and continue delivering solutions that help people improve their lives.”

Applications for the Angel Tree now available

Angel Tree applications are now available at the Burton Memorial Library until November 24. If you know a child who could use a present from the Angel Tree, please stop buy and fill out an application for them.

Angel Tree gifts will be distributed December 16 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Christ’s Kids Ministry.



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The Horse Quiz Bowl team of Foster Koetting, Kasie Shields, Remmi Burton and Kinze Zongker placed first at the 4-H Fall Big Fun competition.

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The Captain Cooks team of Elliott Robertson, Clarah Lewis, Weslynn Shields and Joslyn Floyd competed in the Food Show at the 4-H Bif Fun Event.

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The Spice Girls team of Foster Koetting, Kasie Shields, Presley Lockhart, and Lainey Hanks competed in the Food Show at the 4-H Big Fun Event.

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The Whisk Takers team members of Madilyn Oliver, Alix Roberts, Addie Snure, and Shaylee Hall competed in the Food Show at the 4-H Big Fun Event.

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The Horse Quiz Bowl Intermediate team of Kassie Askew, Paisley Jones, Laityn Hanks and Teagan Chesser placed fourth in their division.

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The Junior Horse Quiz Bowl team of Elliott Robertson, Lainey Hanks and Bennett Chesser placed fourth.

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Donley County 4-H kids compete at Fall Big Fun Event

Donley County 4-H members competed in several contests in the District One 4-H Fall Big Fun event recently.

In the Food Show, Remmi Burton entered the Side Dish category with her coleslaw. Three teams competed in the Food Challenge, and members of the Spice Girls team were Foster Koetting, Kasie Shields, Presley Lockhart, and Lainey Hanks. The Whisk Takers team members were Madilyn Oliver, Alix Roberts, Addie Snure, and Shaylee Hall and members of the Captain Cooks team were Elliott Robertson, Clarah Lewis, Weslynn Shields and Joslyn Floyd.

Foster Koetting entered the Educational Presentation competition and placed third in the Beef Category.

In the Horse Quiz Bowl, Donley 4-H brought home the championship in the junior division and members of that team were Foster Koetting, Kasie Shields, Remmi Burton and Kinze Zongker. The team of Elliott Robertson, Lainey Hanks and Bennett Chesser placed fourth. The intermediate team of Kassie Askew, Paisley Jones, Laityn Hanks and Teagan Chesser placed fourth in their division.

The teams thank coaches Amanda Askew and Jasie Shields for their commitment to our members!



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting November 4, 2025, with Boss Lion Brian Barboza swinging the gavel.

We had eight members present, two attending virtually, and Sweetheart Millie McAnear this week.

The club discussed the Pancake Supper, which will be held this Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the school cafeteria. Tickets are \$8 per person, and it's all you can eat.

Upcoming service projects were also discussed. The club is asking for help setting out flags at Citizens Cemetery on Wednesday, November 5, at 5 p.m. The more volunteers, the quicker it goes. The flags will be picked up next Wednesday, November 12, and volunteers for that would be appreciated as well.

The Christmas food basket service project was also discussed.

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

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Difficult
5. Coarsely ground corn
9. There's one for the "world"
11. Loved Romeo
13. Sticky situation
15. Pelvic areas
16. An informal debt instrument
17. Cannot be repaired surgically
19. A device attached to a workbench
21. Related on the mother's side
22. Sound unit
23. __ Sagan, astronomer
25. Utah city
26. A disappointing effort
27. Steal goods during a riot
29. Wakes up
31. Hair salon service
33. Serenaded
34. Looked intensely
36. U.S. Air Force expert Robert F.
38. A type of cast
39. One's duty
41. Where golfers begin
43. Make a mistake
44. Semitic sun god
46. Ancient Greek City
48. Having had the head cut off
52. A place to stay
53. Unwise
54. Most unnatural
56. Dennis is a notable one
57. Ointments
58. Students' exam
59. Leaked blood

CLUES DOWN

1. Brave
2. Act of awakening
3. Jest at
4. Sandwich store
5. Chapter of the Koran
6. Dismounted
7. Small vehicle
8. Irked
9. One who earns by disreputable dealings
10. Monetary unit of Samoa
11. Long, mournful lamentation
12. Weight unit
14. Alone, single
15. Decreases
18. Indicates beside
20. Worn by exposure to the weather
24. A body of traditions
26. College students' ultimate goal
28. Amino acid
30. Nasal mucus
32. US government entity
34. Swinish
35. Legislative body in Russia
37. Grant an exemption to
38. Put in advance
40. Satisfy
42. Felt
43. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
45. Witnesses
47. Picnic invaders
49. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
50. Ancient person of Scotland
51. Cheerless
55. Unwell



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Broncos get the win over the Cyclones

By Sandy Anderberg

The Broncos charged into Memphis and met up with the Cyclones once again in the long-time ‘287 Rivalry’ in Memphis at Cyclone Stadium last Friday night. The Broncos, who had gone without a win for 18 games, came home with the win and bragging rights in the huge 56-7 stomping of the Cyclones.

Along with the win the Broncos will host their last regular season game this week. They are now in the hunt for post-season play as they prepare for Quanah in their last regular season game. The game next Friday night will be at home in Bronco Stadium under the lights on the newly named Kenny King Field.

The Broncos are ready to christen the field with a big win as CHS and pro football star Kenny King looks on. Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m. immediately after Senior Recognition, which will begin at 6:30. King will be honored during a half-time ceremony.

The Bronco football team along with the junior varsity team were the stars last Friday night as everyone contributed to the win over Memphis. Quarterback Caleb Herbert was on his game underneath center and used the Bronco running backs and pass receivers to wear down the Cyclone defense all night long.

The Bronco offensive line made things uncomfortable for the black and gold as they were able to open holes that Markael Anderson, Park Haynes, and Ranger Drenth blew through to get good yardage. Herbert spread out the passing game between Braylon Rice, Michael Randall, Kreed Robinson, and Dakota Jameson who all made decent catches for good yardage. Herbert worked the quarterback keeper all night and earned the Broncos’ first touchdown of the game early in the opening quarter on a 12-yard run and added the two-point bonus.

With two minutes left in the first quarter, the Cyclones went down the field and took a short pass in for six and added a kick for the conversion to make the score 8-7 in favor of the Broncos. That would be the Cyclones’ only score of the game as the Bronco defense played one of their strongest games of the season. Anderson, Klay Wilkins, Heston Seay, Shawn Childers, Drenth, and Haynes dug in deep with the rest of the defense and frustrated the Cyclones. Tanner Cavanaugh also had a few pass break-ups against the Memphis offense.

The junior varsity players saw playing time and picked up where the varsity left off and did a great job defending the endzone. Offensively, they were able to have their way with the Cyclones and put points on the board. Dakota Bond and Brice Wagner set the scene for a Bond touchdown and extra point late in the fourth. Rowdy Bebout was then able to recover a fumble to give the ball back to the Broncos. Quarterback Braxton Gribble handed off to Easton Caffey for a big run and Tyler Davis took it in from 42 yards out for six. Gribble ran it in for the bonus.

Come cheer the Broncos on Friday night as they take on the Quanah Indians in their final game this year in Bronco Stadium.



Colt Ryker Thomas carries the ball against Memphis. COURTESY PHOTO



Henry Robertson gains yards for the Colts last week against Whirlwinds. COURTESY PHOTO

Colts clobber the Whirlwinds

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon Junior High Colts made short work of the Memphis Cyclones at home last Thursday night.

The Colts put together four solid quarters and earned the 32-8 win. They did it with grit and determination as they have been doing all season.

Quarterback Tyler Smith has put several points on the board from

the start and was able to account for two touchdowns for the Colts. Running backs Darren Smith and Zy Matthews found the endzone as well as defensive tackle Kase Zongker.

Defensively Henry Robertson recovered a fumble from his safety position, and Teagan Chesser had several key tackles.

The Colts will end their season on Thursday, November 6, at Quanah beginning at 5:00 p.m.



Zy Matthews runs the ball for the Colts last week against Memphis. COURTESY PHOTO

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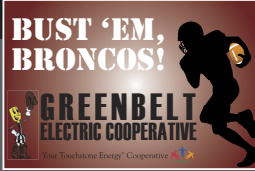
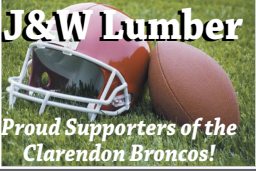
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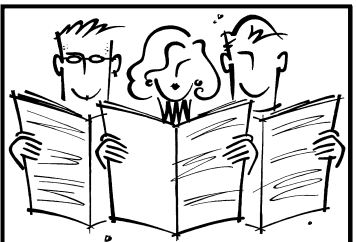
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Lady Broncos run strong at state

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Bronco cross-country team represented Clarendon High School well last Saturday when they ran in Round Rock at the State Cross-Country meet in a field of 150 runners.

The ladies were only two points away from climbing the podium for the third-place team but finished with a respectable fourth place for the first time in several years.

Hamilton was the number one team in state racking up 65 points, and Gruver was second with 102 points. Douglass was third with 146 points, and the Lady Broncos finished with 148 points.

Coaches Korey Conkin and Kasey Bell knew this would be a great season on the course, and the ladies were able to breeze through district and regionals to claim their spot at state.

Conkin was very proud of all of the girls.

“What a blessing it was to get

to be part of something so amazing,” Conkin said. “We talked about all the potential this team had at the beginning of the season and they did not disappoint. It was such a joy getting to watch them grow as a team and see improvements each week and coach this team and see them accomplish a feat that had not been achieved in over a decade. So very proud of the Lady Broncos!”

The ladies’ individual times were improved from the beginning of the season and very respectable. Madi Benson, who is no stranger to the State CC meet, led the Lady Broncos finishing in 17th place with a time of 12:21.60. The first-place runner crossed the finish line in a time of 11:13.70.

Addy Havens ran 26th with a time of 12:41.90 and Elliot Frausto finished at 13:21.40 for 69th place. Lexi Phillips was 82nd with a time of 13:34.50, Laken Smith was 132nd at 14:44.10, and Mary Jo Dushay was 150th with a time of 17:34.70.



The Clarendon Lady Broncos Cross Country Team as they prepare to take off for the state contest last week. ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ROGER ESTLACK



Lady Bronco Madi Benson runs at the State Cross County meet last week. ENTERPRISE PHOTO/ MICAH MCCARTNEY



Lady Bronco Addy Havens runs at the State Cross Country meet last Saturday in Round Rock. ENTERPRISE PHOTO/ MICAH MCCARTNEY

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