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

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.

Clarendon man dies following accident

A single vehicle accident in Armstrong County took the life of a Clarendon man last Tuesday afternoon, November 4.

Christopher Brown, age 47, was traveling eastbound on US 287 when his 2016 Dodge Ram 1500 left the roadway near CR 30 close to the Donley County line and struck a utility pole, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety. Brown was wearing a seat belt during the accident.

Brown was transported by ambulance to Amarillo Northwest Texas Hospital, where he passed away.

Family friends told the Enterprise that family members were told Brown had a medical incident, specifically a heart attack, which caused the accident.

Methodists to host bazaar this month

The Clarendon Methodist Church will hold its Fall Bazaar on Sunday, November 23, from noon to 6 p.m.

Activities will include bingo (from 1:30 to 3:30), a bake sale, vendors, handmade crafts, a silent auction, and Christmas tree raffle. Concessions will include chili, taco soup, Frito pie, caramel apples, and sweet treats.

Thanksgiving service planned Nov. 23

The Donley County Ministerial Alliance will hold its annual community Thanksgiving worship service on Sunday, November 23, at the Clarendon Methodist Church.

The service will start at 6 p.m. and Community Fellowship Church pastor Larry Capranica will deliver the message.

An offering will be taken to support the mission of the Ministerial Alliance.



The Clarendon Broncos listen as Kenny King addresses the pep rally last Friday afternoon.

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'We did it together'

Kenny King says town shares his honor

By Roger Estlack,
Clarendon Enterprise

Maroon letters now spell out "Kenny King Field" on the grass of Bronco Stadium, but the man who put Clarendon on the map with two Super Bowl championships says the honor is not solely his – it belongs to the community.

The formal naming ceremony came during halftime of Clarendon High School's game with Quanah last Friday. It was a day filled with memories, a pep rally speech by King, hundreds of autographs, and a Bronco victory that propelled his alma mater to the playoffs. On Saturday, King reflected on what the naming of the field means to him.

"A lot of people said they're happy for me and proud of me," King said, "but it's not just me. It's us. That's why I wanted my friends and family and classmates with me last night. Without them, there is no Kenny King... or Kenneth King."

He said the full impact of the event probably won't hit him until he's home on his patio with a cigar and some Buffalo Trace.

"For everybody that came last night, it meant so much," King said. "So many people made it possible, so many friends, and my wife, Wanda."

The admiration and respect today's Broncos had for Clarendon's former #35 was evident before the game and off the field, and King loved watching the boys play on his old stomping grounds.

"Those kids played their hearts out," King said. "I had some conversations with a couple of them, the kind Gene Upshaw had with me as a rookie. It was words said in gentle manner that such that you want to listen."

King said the Broncos will themselves to win and that he was proud of them and their coaches.

"I saw bees swarming. They group tackled. They were on fire. Thank you to the Clarendon Broncos for making my night special."

In high school, King was known for his speed and strength as a running back. He was part of the 1972 Broncho team that reached the state finals before he graduated in 1975. Barry Switzer recruited him



Top Photo: The Clarendon High School Class of 1975 joins Kenny King on the field named in his honor. Left Photo: Former OU and Oakland Raider teammate George Cumby, El-Ray King, Kenny King, and Wanda King. Right Photo: Kenny King reads the sign in Bronco Stadium that now honors his career. See ClarendonLive.com for more photos from Friday night.

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to the University of Oklahoma. His father wanted him to take an offer from Texas A&M, but King said believed from OU he could go to the next level. In 1979, he was drafted by the Houston Oilers and then joined the Oakland Raiders the following year. He set a record in Super Bowl XV, catching an 80-yard touchdown pass, to help beat Philadelphia, and then got another Super Bowl victory in 1984.

It's an impressive resume for a kid from a little town in the Texas Panhandle, but King says he owes it all to the sacrifices of his late parents – Walter and Louisa King – and some really good coaches and teachers in Clarendon.

"My mother, everybody loved Louisa King," he said. "She never went to a game. She would sit outside that east gate and see what she could but wouldn't go inside because of her religion. She came to New Orleans for the Super Bowl but stayed at the hotel. Her pastor would tell her it was okay, but she had her convictions."

Mentorships in school started

in P.E. classes and continued through the years.

"Coach Pete Bromley treated everybody fairly – boys and girls," King recalled of junior high. "I was 4'11" and 116 pounds in the eighth grade as a starting halfback. I was aloof in a game against Claude, and he moved me back to third string and put two seventh graders ahead of me. He eventually put me back in the game, and I never looked back."

Coaches like Jack Hall, Clyde Noonkester, and Jeff Walker made an impact as well.

"I was 'coached,' and that makes a difference in a player's life," he said.

Clarendon, King said, is a place of great leaders and great teachers.

"Mrs. (Claudine) Todd was by far my favorite. She was so good to me, and Mrs. Stave (Jean Stavenhagen) was the other favorite," King said. "I was very arrogant as a senior, but they would reel me in and not let me get away with it."

Going to OU was a different kind of football and led to new

challenges but also more opportunities. And after his football career, he still had people who influenced him, specifically Dino Colantoni, who was his first manager at UPS. Through it all, he kept Clarendon and friends, family, and mentors in mind.

"The trials, the tribulations, people don't know," King said. "I didn't want my hometown to fail. Anything I did reflected on Clarendon and impacted my family and friends. I would party, but I would never allow myself to get involved in bad situations."

King said he had the right foundation and support, and he tried to maintain a level of success in professional sports and later in the corporate world because he felt it reflected back on his hometown.

Now, three years into his retirement, King is truly grateful for his life and for what Clarendon has done for him.

"It's my name on the field, but we did it together," he said. "Clarendon, Texas, I love you. Thank you for being my friend. I will be back."

City hits new high sales tax revenue

Clarendon's sales tax revenue hit a new all-time monthly high last week when Acting Texas Comptroller Kelly Hancock delivered November allocations to local governments.

The city received \$65,375.62 for the month, which is up 22.07 percent compared to last November's allocation of \$52,736.12. That's the highest revenue for November and the highest of any month in the city's history.

The previous record was set in November 2023, when the city received \$61,362.03.

The November boost pushes the city's calendar year-to-date total \$519,952.11, an increase of 9.91 percent compared to this point in 2024.

Hedley and Howardwick were both down for the month.

Hedley's allocation of \$1,619.15 was a drop of 62.85 percent and pulls that city's year-to-date total down 18.25 percent to \$14,080.83.

Howardwick was down 17.71 percent at \$1,619.15 for the month but is still up 10.14 on the year-to-date at \$21,338.31.

Donley County Assistance District One, still in its first year of collections in the corporate limits of Howardwick to support county law enforcement, brought in \$1,213.25 for the month and is now sitting at \$14,092.42 for the year-to-date.

Claude and Memphis also posted big gains this month with growth of 45.29 percent and 49.83 percent respectively for monthly revenue of \$41,766.15 and \$67,482.92.

Statewide, Hancock delivered \$1.3 billion in local sales tax allocations for November, 6.4 percent more than in November 2024.

These allocations are based on sales made in September by businesses that report tax monthly and on sales made in July, August and September by quarterly filers.

Local man facing new felony charge

A Clarendon man is in the Donley County Jail this week, charged with a second crime after being arrested earlier this year for sexual assault.

Jacquaviyon Brown is facing a charge of Burglary of a Habitation, a second-degree felony, after he allegedly broke into the home of a Clarendon woman on November 2, according to Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn.

Brown, age 21, turned himself in on November 3 and was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Sarah Hatley on November 4.

He was originally arrested on April 13 for the sexual assault offense which allegedly occurred on April 6. Following that arrest, Brown was released on \$20,000 bond.

In a court hearing on November 7, District Judge Dale Rabe reset Brown's original bond to \$250,000 cash and also set a second bond of \$250,000 for the new charge.



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Abbot: Big on sound bites, but short on substance

Governor Greg Abbott’s Sunday night announcement came not from the State Capitol or a Texas small town, but from a backdrop overlooking the Houston skyline. “Let’s Roll,” the campaign banner read – a slogan built for a national audience, not for the communities that make this state work.

Abbott isn’t running for Governor anymore. He’s running for President.

His speech was full of applause lines for national conservative audiences: border security, “banning DEI,” “protecting girls’ sports,” and “the largest day-one school voucher program.” He claimed Texas is now the “Top State for Education,” though the school finance crisis tells a different story. He bragged about “lowering property taxes,” and rolled out a new five-point plan that will choke the life out of local government.

When our elected officials stick around too long – it’ll make 16 years as Governor for Abbott – they become protective of what they’ve created. So make no mistake: Abbott’s fourth term is not about governing; it’s about legacy. Texas communities face growing water infrastructure needs, crumbling roads, the closure of rural hospitals, teacher shortages, struggling volunteer fire departments, and underfunded schools. Yet his announcement sounded more like a bid for national headlines.

Most concerning is Abbott’s “property tax reform” plan, an anti-local-government weapon. “Local governments are hiking your property taxes incessantly,” he said. “It’s time to drive a stake through the heart of the ability of local property tax hikes for good.”

His five-point plan would: Cap local spending growth at the lesser of population growth + inflation or 3.5 percent. Require a two-thirds vote for any tax increase. Allow rollback elections if 15 percent of registered voters petition. Limit appraisals to once every five years. Propose a constitutional amendment to eliminate school property taxes.

But on the ground, in a small town like the one we live in, this plan represents slow starvation. An arbitrary spending cap makes it nearly impossible for local leaders to cover annual costs driven not by overspending, but by inflation, insurance hikes, and the rising price of everything from asphalt to ambulance tires.

Our smaller and rural governments already don’t have “fat to cut.” Under Abbott’s plan, they’ll choose between fixing potholes and keeping police, between maintaining water systems and replacing fire gear. That’s not “cutting waste.” That’s cutting into the bone.

They’ve spent decades practicing conservative governing and fiscal responsibility. Cities and counties already operate under one of the most restrictive revenue caps in the nation. Abbott’s proposal goes even further – handcuffing every city council, school board, and county commission. It would take decisions away from the local level and consolidate them in Austin – the opposite of what real conservatives believe.

That’s why rural and small-town voters have long supported local control – we prefer local decision-making over dictates from Austin. Abbott claims he’s protecting taxpayers, but what he’s really doing is stripping voters of their right to decide: to raise rates for schools, fix bridges, or invest in community projects that make our towns livable.

In big cities, you can hide bad policy behind skyline photo-ops and talking points. In rural communities, you feel it the first time the streetlights stay broken, the volunteer fire truck won’t start, or the school can’t fill a teaching spot because funding was gutted for a campaign slogan.

Abbott said he’s “not bought by billionaires.” Yet billionaire money fueled his attacks on rural Republican lawmakers who opposed vouchers – the same plan that would funnel public money to private schools while rural districts struggle to stay open. You don’t amass a \$100 million war chest without donors expecting something in return.

This fourth-term campaign is an audition for higher office, financed by people who see Texas as their testing ground.

Texas deserves a governor focused on Texas – not Fox News segments or presidential polls. Rural Texans aren’t asking for handouts or headlines. We’re asking for a government that trusts local people to make local decisions and funds the services that keep our communities safe and strong.

Abbott may be ready to “roll,” but rural Texas is the one getting rolled over.

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texas rural reporter
by suzanne bellsnyder

Collin County felt the Civil War's impact

The Civil War was devastating in a number of ways. In addition to the terrible loss of life on the battlefields, the requirement that every able-bodied man enlist in the army left many farming families in dire circumstances. The women and children left behind while the men were away at war had extreme difficulties maintaining their homes and farms by themselves, and many were incapable of the intensive labor required. Those fortunate enough to own slaves had things a little easier. The experiences of some of the settlers of Collin County, Texas, typify the general effects of the Civil War on the home front.

As was the practice throughout the South, Collin County deserters were hunted down, arrested, and imprisoned. At times it was a heart-wrenching process. Robert C. Horn, a minister in Collin County who helped track down deserters in that area, recalled, “This was a hard business-to take a man away from his home while his wife and children begged and screamed for his release.”

In one extreme case, a soldier named McDermitt, while stationed in Indian Territory (now Oklahoma),

received a plaintive letter from his wife. Writing of the hardships the family was enduring in Collin County, she lamented that there was no water within several miles and she had no way of getting her children to water or food. With letter in hand, McDermitt went to his commanding officer and requested a leave of absence.

Upon being refused, he went home without leave and moved his family to where water was available. After spending a short period helping out at home, McDermitt reported back for duty, whereupon he was immediately arrested. Following a court martial, McDermitt was shot as a deserter.

While desertion was treated with utmost severity, the appearance of patriotism and desire to serve drew compassionate reactions in many cases. Many teenage boys who tried to enlist were rejected because of their age. In rela-



vignettes
tales of the old west
by george u. hubbard

tively rare cases, young adults who were considered to be essential at home were similarly rejected from military service. In 1861 Elbert W. Kirkpatrick attempted to enlist in the Confederate army, but he was rejected because he was only seventeen years of age and because he was needed at home. Elbert had been the sole support of his family since his father’s death in the 1850s from pneumonia contracted while trying to catch an alligator in a Collin County stream. Reapplying every year, the young Kirkpatrick was finally accepted into the army in 1864, and he participated in several battles. Lee’s surrender to Grant at Appomattox had a heartbreaking impact throughout the South, and tears of frustration and regret were shed by even the hardest of souls. Passions in Collin County were just as strong as those throughout the South. For many years Collin County veterans of the “lost cause” gathered for an annual reunion at Elbert Kirkpatrick’s home to remember their more glorious years.

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



I'm just a prophet in my own mind

I’ve never claimed to have the gift of prophecy, nor do I now.

Yet, it seems beyond coincidence that two of my past three columns have centered on bears, and now – lo and behold – bears are back in the news, particularly in Japan, where they are attacking people. To the few readers who may think me to be clairvoyant, don’t let me stop you from elevating me to prophet status. If there’s just one such reader, I am flattered.

In the early days of TV, actor/wrestler Gorgeous George – with shiny locks of hair draping down to his waist – was a “so-so” wrestler, but what a showman! Once he claimed that he never considered himself to be the world’s greatest wrestler, the planet’s most intelligent human being or the most handsome man ever. Then he added, “But what’s my opinion against millions of others?”....

It may require a prophet with advanced degrees to untangle worldwide messes of discord that are expanding daily, so let’s limit observations to goings-on in Dallas, Texas.

Even as I type, please consider just two of the multiple issues boiling in Big D cauldrons. Dallas leaders can’t decide whether to repair City Hall, demolish the building and rebuild on site, or construct a new building at some other location.

And, two of its three professional sports teams are squabbling about policies of their shared “home,” American Airlines Center....

Let’s start with City Hall, recognizing the idiom that claims “we, the people” can’t fight. Watch out, when big-time players start screaming, fights seem sure to follow, with one group claiming that current City Hall grounds would be a peachy place for a gambling playground.

The late Chinese-American architect, I. M. Pei, is lauded for designing what was considered a world-class structure at the time, “oooh and ahhed” as an architectural masterpiece around the globe. Now, 48 years later, it’s in sad repair, with hundreds of millions of dollars needed if it is to be brought up to speed.

Perhaps it shouldn’t be mentioned, but structures in Europe have been constructed for the ages, and in the US, quite the opposite is true. Recently, Rome’s Torre dei Maggiori fortified tower – once almost 200 feet tall – partially collapsed. It was commissioned by Pope Paul III and begun in 1238. It withstood earthquakes and other misfortunes, reducing its height by about a half. During much of its history, it housed City Hall offices, finally closing in 2006. The European Union came up with some \$8,000,000 for transformation of remains into a museum, but the October partial collapse could alter plans....



the idle american
by don newbury

Now, let us briefly peek in at American Airlines Center, where Dallas Mavericks’ and Dallas Stars’ brass are baring fangs, each filing suits and counter-suits. There must be much chop-licking by attorneys such as Thomas J. Henry, whose ads about “the name we know and the firm we trust,” dominate TV.

Their warring is simply beyond the understanding of most of us.

I’m reminded of the little old lady who was mentally disheveled at the prospect of voting on whether to legalize horse racing and dog racing. She thought this to be the height of stupidity, claiming simply that “the horses will win every time – their legs are longer.”....

Oh, that issues looming today could be settled without voices raised, fists pounded and lawsuits filed.

Admittedly, there is always the danger of over-simplification.

My brother, Dr. Fred Newbury – the scholar of our family who has taught every year at Dallas’ Richland Campus of the 21 st century and the final 27 years of the 20th century – made an observation about the current state of the Dallas Cowboys. “At least the Cowboys have become consistent,” he said. “They’re as bad on offense as they are on defense.”....

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NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST

On October 14, 2025, Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO or Company) filed a Petition and Statement of Intent to Change Rates (the Petition) with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC or the Commission) in Docket No. 58819, and with those municipal authorities in its Texas service territory that have original jurisdiction over SWEPCO’s electric rates. This notice is being published in accordance with Section 36.103 of the Public Utility Regulatory Act and Commission Procedural Rule 16 Tex. Admin. Code (TAC) § 22.51(a)(1).

SWEPCO has approximately 191,000 Texas retail customers. All such customers and all classes of customers will be affected by the relief requested in SWEPCO’s Petition.

SWEPCO’s request to change its rates is based on the financial results for a 12-month test year ending on March 31, 2025. SWEPCO’s Petition requests approval for a total Texas retail base rate revenue requirement of \$641,516,844 and a base rate increase of \$163,896,434, an increase of 41.67 % over adjusted Texas retail Test Year base rate revenues exclusive of fuel and rider revenues. The proposed increase in Texas retail revenues will be offset by setting SWEPCO’s current TCRF, DCRF, Advanced Metering System (AMS) surcharge, and a portion of Net Operating Loss Carryforward (NOLC) surcharge to zero, a reduction of \$68,960,435. Thus, the net proposed increase is \$94,935,998. The overall impact of the proposed revenue requirement, considering both fuel and non-fuel revenues, is a 13.48% increase. The impact of the rate change on various customer classes will vary from the overall impact described in this notice, as shown in the table below. In addition, SWEPCO is seeking recovery of the reasonable rate-case expenses, including expenses paid to reimburse intervening municipalities, that it incurs in this case and those rate-case expenses incurred in three prior dockets that have yet to be recovered.

A Residential Service customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours of energy per month will see an increase in their total bill (including fuel costs and rate riders) of \$16.43 per month, an increase of approximately 12.15%.

The following table presents the percentage annual revenue increases, by type of service, under the proposed rates in this proceeding:

Major Rate Class	Base Revenue Change	Base Percent Increase	Total % Change @ Proposed
Residential	\$ 65,986,839	41.26%	12.90%
General Service	\$ 7,941,672	29.84%	4.33%
Light & Power	\$ 42,089,946	29.84%	7.39%
Cotton Gin	\$ 175,099	83.33%	17.46%
Total Commercial	\$ 50,206,717	29.91%	6.96%
Industrial	\$ 41,899,554	78.73%	30.66%
Total Commercial & Industrial	\$ 92,106,271	41.66%	13.72%
Municipal	\$ 2,421,140	62.58%	20.06%
Municipal Lighting	\$ 1,689,786	62.29%	25.52%
Total Municipal	\$ 4,110,926	62.46%	21.95%
Lighting	\$ 1,691,431	29.45%	7.30%

SWEPCO has proposed that its requested rate change become effective 35 days after the filing of the Petition and Statement of Intent. The proposed effective date is subject to suspension and extension by actions that may be taken by the Commission and other regulatory authorities.

SWEPCO also seeks to reconcile its Advanced Metering System (AMS) deployment costs through March 31, 2025. SWEPCO is requesting to (1) implement new base rates reflecting its ongoing costs to provide AMS and (2) reconcile AMS costs with AMS surcharge revenues under 16 TAC § 25.130. At the conclusion of this proceeding, with the implementation of new base rates, SWEPCO proposes to eliminate the AMS surcharge and roll AMS capital expenditures and AMS operations and maintenance costs into base rates.

SWEPCO is proposing various revisions to most tariffs and schedules. In addition, in order to facilitate future TCRF, DCRF, and Generation Cost Recovery Rider (GCRR) filings pursuant to 16 TAC §§ 25.239, 25.243, and 25.248, respectively, SWEPCO requests that the Commission: (1) set the Company’s current TCRF and DCRF to zero; and (2) establish in this docket the baseline values consisting of the inputs to the calculations that will be used to calculate SWEPCO’s TCRF, DCRF, and GCRR in future dockets. Persons with questions or who want more information on this Petition may contact SWEPCO at 428 Travis Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101, or call toll-free at (888) 216-3523 during normal business hours. A complete copy of the Petition and related filings is available for inspection at the address listed in the previous sentence.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals may contact the Commission through Relay Texas at (800) 735-2989. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is 45 days after the date the application was filed with the Commission, unless otherwise provided by order of the presiding officer. A request for intervention or request for further information should refer to Docket No. 58819.



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¿Qué Pasa?

Community Calendar

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](#).

December 6
Saints' Roost Museum Christmas Party. Food, Live Music, and Dancing • Visit [SaintsRoostMuseum.com](#).

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Menus

November 10 - 14

Donley County Senior Citizens

Mon: Cheeseburgers, potato wedges, melon or fresh fruit, sugar cookie, iced tea/2% milk.
Tues: Sweet & sour chicken, long grain rice, stir fry veggies/peas, whole wheat roll, chocolate pudding w/whipped topping, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Meatloaf, cheesy potatoes, side salad, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Chicken & dressing, English peas, squash, roll, pumpkin pie, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Pollock, Brussel sprouts, French fries, hushpuppies, fruit cocktail, sugar cookie, iced tea/2% milk

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Meatloaf, cheesy potatoes, green beans, cornbread, fruit cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.
Tues: Chicken enchiladas, broccoli & cauliflower, garden salad, garlic breadstick, lemon cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Chicken fried steak w/ country gravy, broccoli, mashed potatoes, whole wheat roll, fruit crisp, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: BBQ chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Bacon cheeseburger on whole wheat bun, potato wedges, sugar cookie, fruit, 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: French toast, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Pulled pork sliders, street corn, cucumbers, dessert, fruit, milk.
Tues: Chili cheese totchos, biscuit, veggie cup, fruit, milk.
Wed: Fish, mac & cheese, carrots, squash, fruit, milk.
Thu: Pizza baked pasta, breadsticks, tomato cup, broccoli, fruit, milk.
Fri: Cheeseburger, beans, salad, tomatoes, pudding, fruit, milk.

Hedley ISD
Breakfast
Mon: Cinnamon roll, bacon, banana, fruit juice, milk.
Tues: Pancake wrap, yogurt, grapes, 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.

Lunch
Mon: BBQ sandwich, street corn, zesty cucumbers, rosy apple-sauce, cookie, milk.
Tues: Chili cheese totchos, Texas toast, veggie cup, fruit cup, milk.
Wed: Pizza, carrots, okra, grapes, milk.
Thu: Walking taco, lettuce, tomato, broccoli, apple, milk.
Fri: Chalupa, beans, salsa, salad, orange, pudding, milk.

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Life Scouts Ella Estlack and Jaxon Robertson raise the flag Friday before the game.

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Retired School Personnel Assoc. to meet Nov. 17

The Donley County Retired School Personnel Association will hold its bi-monthly meeting on Monday, November 17, at 12:00 p.m. in the Donley County Senior Citizens Building.

After lunch, the meeting will begin at 12:45 p.m. The program will be a report of the recent Fall Conference held in October at the Region 16 Education Center in Amarillo.

Suggestions for future programs will be discussed at this meeting. Plan to attend and bring your ideas for new programs.



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting November 11, 2025, with Boss Lion Pro Tem Eric Gehman in charge.

Song Leader Larry Cappranica led the club in the National Anthem in honor of Veterans Day, and he followed up the song with a brief story of his service America.

Our program this week was presented by Lion Mary and Lion Richard Green. Mary read a letter from her uncle who was stationed in the Pacific during World War II. The letter was written just after the Japanese surrender, described what he had been doing during the war, and talked about his excitement to be coming home soon. Mary said the family has received word from the National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg that her uncle's letter will be placed on display there.

Veterans Day residential and commercial flag service for the Lions was performed by Lions Courtney D'Costa, Chris D'Costa, Lauren Graves, Machiel Covey, and Chanel Silva. The club will pick up flags at Citizens Cemetery at 5:00 on Wednesday, November 12.

Lion Cappranica reminded everyone of the Community Thanksgiving worship service, which will be Sunday, November 23, at 6 p.m. at the Clarendon Methodist Church. An offering will be taken to support the Donley County Ministerial Alliance.

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Obituaries

Brown

Christopher Ali Brown, 47, of Clarendon passed away Tuesday, November 4, 2025, in Amarillo.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 15, 2025, at the First Baptist Church in Clarendon. Burial will follow at Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon.

Viewing will take place Friday, November 14, 2025, at Robertson Funeral Directors, with the family receiving friends for visitation from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Arrangements are under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Chris was born November 7, 1977, in Memphis, to Gary Wayne and JoAnn Smith Brown. He married the love of his life, Amanda C. Weatheron, on September 26, 1998, in Clarendon.

A proud graduate of Clarendon High School, Chris lived in Amarillo for several years before moving to Clarendon during his junior year of high school. He worked as a route delivery driver for Gandy's in Amarillo for many years, where his dedication and friendly spirit made him well-loved by colleagues and customers alike.

Chris had a zest for life and was known for his warm, easygoing nature. He enjoyed dancing, singing, fishing, grilling, and was famous for making the best ribs around. A devoted fan of the Dallas Cowboys and San Antonio Spurs, he was often the life of the party — a gentle giant with a joyful heart and a contagious



Brown

smile. More than anything, he cherished time spent with his family, especially his grandchildren, who were his pride and joy.

He was preceded in death by his mother, JoAnn Brown, and his brother, Gary Brown.

Those left to cherish his memory are his beloved wife, Amanda Brown of Clarendon; his father, Gary Brown of Wellington; his daughters, Damara Brown and husband Kersey Kelley of Arlington, Makayla Brown of Clarendon, and Shania Brown and husband Malik Randall of Mesquite; his brothers, Torrence Smith and Prince Brown; his sister, Cynthia Shrubs of Wellington; his grandchildren, Zayleigh Brown, Zephora Brown, and one on the way; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and brothers and sisters-in-law.

Chris will be remembered for his kindness, his laughter, and his boundless love for his family and friends.

Graham

Gary Dale Graham, 77, of Memphis passed away on November 8, 2025.

Graveside services will be 2:00 p.m. Thursday, November 13, 2025, in Rowe Cemetery in Hedley with Rev. Anthony Knowles, officiating. Viewing will be held Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at the funeral home with the family receiving friends for visitation from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Arrangements are under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Memphis.

Born on January 14, 1948, in Memphis to Lester and Ruby Oakley

Graham, Gary was a 1966 graduate of Memphis High School and later attended Clarendon Junior College.

In the Summer of 1964, Gary met Nita Bailey at Fowler's Swimming Pool in Memphis. They were united in marriage on February 1, 1969, at the First Baptist Church in Hedley, Texas. They made their home in Bushland, Texas, where Gary was employed for 40 years with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

Working in the beef cattle department with veterinarians and nutritionists, his job entailed all aspects of caring for cattle. For 36 of those years, Gary also served as the after-hours caretaker of the Research Center Farm, mentoring many students and graduates who became lifelong friends. While in Bushland, he was a member of Bushland Baptist Church and had also served on the school board in the 1980's at Bushland school.

After his retirement in January 2008, Gary returned to Memphis, where he was well-known and recognized for driving around town in his 1973 Red and White Ford truck.

Above all, Gary will be remembered as a loving husband, a devoted "daddy," and a proud "Poppy."

He is preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Wynema "Sissy" Thweatt of St. Jo, TX; his nephew, Heath Spruill, also of St. Jo, TX; and his sister-in-law, Brenda Driver Graham of Claude, TX.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Nita; his darling daughter, Melissa Henderson and husband Nathan of Amarillo, Texas; his grandson, Braxton Henderson of Amarillo, Texas; and his granddaughter, Natalie Henderson of Columbia, Missouri. He is also survived by his brother, Keith Graham of Clarendon, Texas; his sister, Rita Legate of Clarendon, Texas; and many nieces and nephews.



Graham

Lady Broncos topple Texline

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos put together four solid quarters of basketball against Texline last week and earned a 35-21 win over the Lady Tornados helped by three big shots from the arc.

Preslee Smith led the way with 11 points, and Kenidee Hayes put in nine. Cambree Smith added eight, and Gracie Ellis finished with seven. P. Smith, C. Smith, and Ellis each knocked down a three-pointer, and Hayes and C. Smith converted three of four free throws apiece. Overall, the Lady Broncos shot 53 percent from the bonus line compared to 75 percent from Texline.

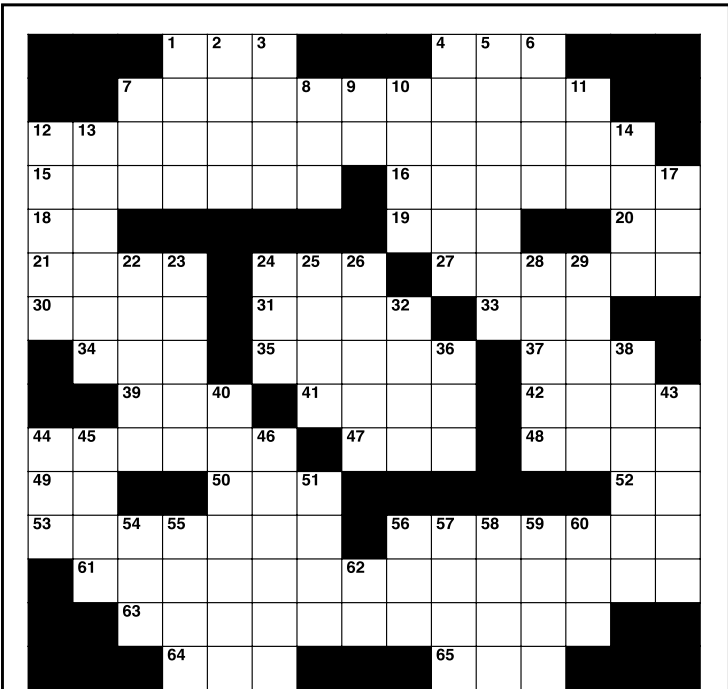
After trailing by one point in the opening eight minutes of play, the Lady Broncos took control offensively and played solid defense to give them the edge they needed to get the win. The second quarter was huge for the Lady Broncos as they put in 16 points to only one for the Lady Tornados.

The Lady Broncos will play their first home game on Saturday, November 15, against the McLean Lady Tigers beginning at 10:00 a.m. This game was originally scheduled for November 14 but was moved due to the Broncos' playoff game with Windthorst Friday night.

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- 4. Keyboard key
- 7. One who works on lights
- 12. Notable children's story
- 15. Fall back into a bad pattern
- 16. Eye parts
- 18. Atomic #18
- 19. Of she
- 20. Farm state
- 21. One point south of southeast
- 24. British media entity
- 27. Asian garment
- 30. Drench
- 31. Expressions of pleasure
- 33. Turf
- 34. UK trade union (abbr.)
- 35. Bleated
- 37. Fifth note of a major scale
- 39. Paddle
- 41. Monetary unit of Italy
- 42. American classical pianist
- 44. Shuts down for the day
- 47. Seize
- 48. Soluble ribonucleic acid
- 49. Greeting
- 50. Some cars still need it
- 52. Atomic #22
- 53. Let go
- 56. Marched in public
- 61. U.S. residents, Mexicans and Canadians
- 63. Hostilities
- 64. Speak aloud
- 65. River in NE Scotland

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Razorbill genus
- 2. Longtime Baltimore tight end
- 3. Performs on stage
- 4. Supports a sentiment
- 5. Rugged mountain ranges
- 6. Broadway songwriter Sammy
- 7. Snakelike fish
- 8. Men's fashion accessory
- 9. Hospital worker
- 10. Something to scratch
- 11. No (Scottish)
- 12. Volcanic ash
- 13. Of this
- 14. American jazz drummer Watts
- 17. Drop down
- 22. English dialect
- 23. Predatory seabirds
- 24. Imams' deputies
- 25. Fertility god
- 26. Fence material
- 28. Parks and DeLauro are two
- 29. Distinctive smell (Brit.)
- 32. Protein-rich liquids
- 36. Touch lightly
- 38. Season for Catholics
- 40. Boat race
- 43. Police actions
- 44. Chinese river
- 45. Waterfall (Scottish)
- 46. Walk ostentatiously
- 51. Type of carpet
- 54. Mauna __, Hawaiian volcano
- 55. Sea eagles
- 56. An enclosure for confining livestock
- 57. Dry
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Broncos slam Quanah, look to playoffs

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon Broncos ended their regular season with two wins to send them to post-season play finishing third in district play.

They earned a 44-36 win at home against the Quanah Indians last Friday night and will take on Windthorst in the first round of the playoffs on Friday, November 14 in Vernon beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The Broncos jumped out and got all over the Indians and held a 16-point lead at halftime.

In the opening series for the Indians, Brice Wagner forced a fumble that Markael Anderson was able to recover. The Broncos were able to convert that fumble into six points when quarterback Caleb Herbert pitched the ball to Ranger Drenth on the 36-yard line who was able to run it in for a touchdown. Kreed Robinson earned the two-point bonus, and the Broncos were on top 8-0.

Another big defensive hit by Parker Haynes in the next Quanah possession caused another fumble that Klay Wilkins got his hands on for a turnover.

Productive Bronco offense took them down the field with runs from Herbert and Anderson before Drenth got his hands on the ball for another six points. Dakotah Jameson converted the bonus to put the Broncos up 16-0.

Quanah finally got on the board when they took advantage of a Bronco fumble to cut the lead in half. However, that spread was increased on the very next play when Michael Randall picked up a bouncy.

The Bronco defense was on fire and made numerous turnovers and big stops when they needed them. The line did a good job blocking for Herbert and opened holes for the running backs. Klay Wilkins, Shaun Childers, and Heston Seay had several key stops, but the entire defense was on their game and would not be denied.

The Broncos went on to score another 12 points before regulation was up to finish with 44 points. Quanah was able to find the end-zone a couple of more times but had to fight hard through the Bronco defense who stayed strong until the end. Drenth and Seay smothered the QB with just minutes left on the clock and caused another fumble. Zak Roberts was right there to recover for the Broncos. With just seconds left on the clock, Seay flew through Quanah's offensive line and sacked the quarterback with authority right before Wilkins wrecked Quanah's chances with a huge stop.

The Broncos will be practice with determination and be ready for Windthorst Friday night in Vernon.

Colts end season with only one loss

The Clarendon Junior High Colts had an outstanding season and finished the season at 8-1. Their only loss came from Wellington.

The Colts took on Quanah in their last game and defeated them 42-16 after holding a 42-0 lead at the break. Quarterback Tyler Smith scored five touchdowns to lead the Colts and running back Darren Smith earned one touchdown and converted several extra points in the game.

Just as strong as their offensive attack was their defensive stand against the Rockets. Colton Madsen gave a very strong effort from his DE spot, and Henry Robertson was solid from his safety spot.

Coaches Semans and Kelley were very pleased with the win and the season.

"Coach Kelley and I had a lot of fun coaching this group this season," Semans said. "The Colts grew together as athletes, students, and teammates and it showed on the field. We are looking forward to seeing their continued success all the way through the rest of the year and into high school. We are extremely proud of them and all the wok they put into the season."

The Colts will begin their basketball season Thursday, November 13, at home against Wildorado at 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. in the Bronco Gym.



The Bronco captains take the field with Kenny King Friday night for the coin toss.

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The Bronco defense takes down a Quanah Indian Friday night.

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Bronco Kreed Robinson moves the ball downfield.

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Markeal Anderson gains yards for the Broncos.

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Caleb Herbert runs the ball for the Broncos.

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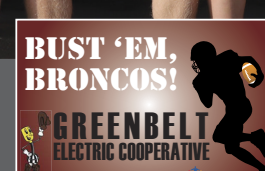
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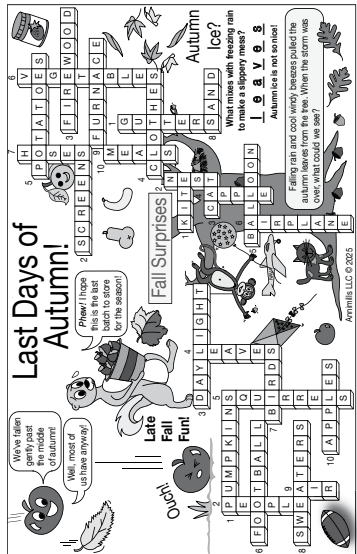
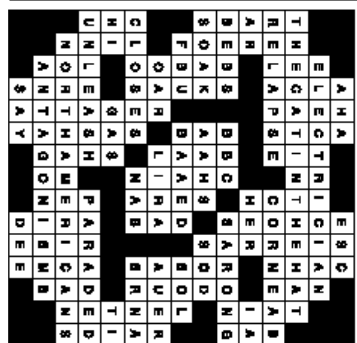
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rants, etc.) customers have the option to have
a 1x week or 2x week pickup with a 3 yard
container or 1.5 yard container. This increase
reflects the amount the solid waste provider is
charging the city on top of \$1.50 for residen-
tial and \$3.00 for commercial (Example: City
is charged 3-yard containers shared inside city
\$56.58 1x week citizens would see a \$59.58
on their bill for garbage).
Water and Sewer have gone up 3% to cover
increased expenses and sustain the financial
accountability of the city. In all customers will
see around or over a \$10.00 increase on the
utility bill.
We thank our citizens who are our customers
in the understanding and cooperation during
this transition as we make any adjustments
unfortunately there are no credits for any
adjustments that will be made because we
fall a month behind in billing. If citizens have
any questions please contact City Hall at 806-
874-3438.

SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF DONLEY
By virtue of Tax Warrant issued out of the
100th District Court of Donley County, Texas
in Cause Number 25-065-DCCV-00040 on the
30th day of October, 2025, by the Clerk
thereof, and to me as Sheriff, directed and
delivered, I will proceed to sell at 10:00 a.m.
on the 2nd day of December, 2025 at the
East Door of the Donley County Courthouse,
in Clarendon, Texas, the properties described
below:
Cause No. Styling Legal Description
25-065-DCCV-00040 City of Howardwick,
Donley County, Texas.
Owners of Various Properties Located Within
the City Limits of Howardwick, Texas
TRACT 1. Lot One (1), Country Club North Sec-

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tion of Sherwood Shores IX, City of Howard-
wick, Donley County, Texas. R7706
TRACT 2. Lot Three (3), Country Club North
Section, of Sherwood Shores IX, City of How-
ardwick, Donley County, Texas. R7708
TRACT 3. Lot Fourteen (14), Country Club
North Section, of Sherwood Shores IX, City of
Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R7716
TRACT 4. Lot Twenty-four (24), Country Club
North Section, of Sherwood Shores IX, City of
Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R7723
TRACT 5. Lot Seventy-four (74), Country Club
North Section, of Sherwood Shores IX, City of
Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R7757
TRACT 6. Lot One Hundred Six (106), Coun-
try Club North Section, of Sherwood Shores
IX, City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas.
R7772
TRACT 7. Lot One Hundred Fourteen (114),
Country Club North Section, of Sherwood
Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley County,
Texas. R7778
TRACT 8. Lot One Hundred Forty-eight (148),
Country Club North Section, of Sherwood
Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley County,
Texas. R7801
TRACT 9. Lot One Hundred Ninety-six (196),
Country Club North Section, of Sherwood
Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley County,
Texas. R7839
TRACT 10. Lot One Hundred Ninety-five (195),
Country Club North Section, of Sherwood
Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley County,
Texas. R7838
TRACT 11. Lot One Hundred Sixty-nine (169),
Country Club North Section, of Sherwood
Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley County,
Texas. R7822
TRACT 12. Lot One Hundred Ninety-seven
(197), Country Club North Section, of Sher-
wood Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley
County, Texas. R7840
TRACT 13. Lot Two Hundred Seventy-eight
(278), Country Club North Section, of Sher-
wood Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley
County, Texas. R7907
TRACT 14. Lot Two Hundred Ninety-two (292),
Country Club North Section, of Sherwood
Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley County,
Texas. R7915
TRACT 15. Lot Three Hundred Sixty-eight
(368), Country Club North Section, of Sher-
wood Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley
County, Texas. R7938
TRACT 16. Lot Four Hundred and Thirteen
(413), Country Club North Section, of Sher-
wood Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley
County, Texas. R7962
TRACT 17. Lots Four Hundred Thirty (430),
Four Hundred Thirty-one (431), and Four Hun-
dred Thirty-two (432), Country Club North Sec-
tion, of Sherwood Shores IX, City of Howard-
wick, Donley County, Texas. R7971
TRACT 18. Lot One Hundred Nine (109), Coun-
try Club North Section, of Sherwood Shores
IX, City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas.
R7774
TRACT 19. Lot One Hundred Eleven (111),
Country Club North Section, of Sherwood
Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley County,
Texas. R7776
TRACT 20. Lot One Hundred Seventy-two
(172), Country Club North Section, of Sher-
wood Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley
County, Texas. R7824
TRACT 21. Lot One Hundred Seventy-six (176),
Country Club North Section, of Sherwood
Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley County,

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Texas. R7826
TRACT 22. Lot Forty (40), Country Club North
Section, of Sherwood Shores IX, City of How-
ardwick, Donley County, Texas. R7735
TRACT 23. Lots Ninety-one (91) and Ninety-
two (92), Country Club North Section, of Sher-
wood Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley
County, Texas. R7766
TRACT 24. Lot One Hundred Sixty-seven (167),
Country Club North Section, of Sherwood
Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley County,
Texas. R7820
TRACT 25. Lot Two Hundred (200), Country
Club North Section, of Sherwood Shores IX,
City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas.
R7843
TRACT 26. Lot Two Hundred Fourteen (214),
Country Club North Section, of Sherwood
Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley County,
Texas. R7856
TRACT 27. Lot Two Hundred Forty-three (243),
Country Club North Section, of Sherwood
Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley County,
Texas. R7878
TRACT 28. Lot Two Hundred Seventy-five
(275), Country Club North Section, of Sher-
wood Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Texas.
R7904
TRACT 29. Lot Two Hundred Seventy-seven
(277), Country Club North Section, of Sher-
wood Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley
County, Texas. R7906
TRACT 30. Lot Three Hundred Ninety-three
(393), Country Club North Section, of Sher-
wood Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley
County, Texas. R7947
TRACT 31. Lot One Hundred Twenty-six (126),
Country Club North Section, of Sherwood
Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley County,
Texas. R7787
TRACT 32. Lot Thirty-six (36), Country Club
North Section, of Sherwood Shores IX, City of
Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R7731
TRACT 33. Lot One Hundred Fifty-four (154),
Country Club North Section, of Sherwood
Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley County,
Texas. R7807
TRACT 34. Lot Two Hundred Fifty-nine (259),
Country Club North Section, of Sherwood
Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley County,
Texas. R7891
35. Lot Three Hundred Eighteen (318), Coun-
try Club North Section, of Sherwood Shores
IX, City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas.
R7930
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[s] Charles Blackburn
Sheriff, Donley County, Texas

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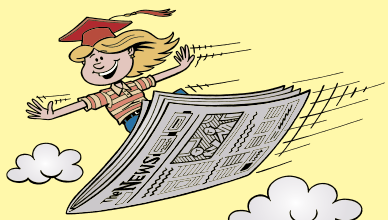
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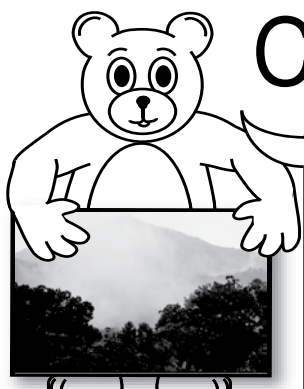
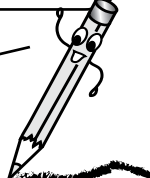
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Cherokee Nation (Eastern Band)

Did you know that archaeologists think the first
people to live in North America were the Paleo-Indians?
At the end of the last Ice Age (around 12,000 years ago)
these people moved from Asia into North America on a
land bridge that existed then. It is believed that they lived
in small family groups and moved constantly to **hunt**
animals like the mastodon (an elephant-like animal that
is now extinct) and to **gather** foods like berries and

nuts. Arrowheads for spears and other tools mark places where they lived.

In the Archaic period (8,000 to 1,000 BCE), families had homes with
wooden poles covered with hides, which could be **moved**. In the spring they
would move to the river valleys to **fish** and **collect** shellfish. In the fall they
would move to the forest to hunt deer or turkey and gather nuts and berries.
Archaeologists have studied **tools**, soapstone bowls, burial grounds, and
pottery to understand these people's ways.

In a more recent period, Woodland Indians, people are thought to have had
villages as well as seasonal camps. **Corn**, a key part of the Indian diet, was
introduced. The first evidence for the bow and arrow were found. It is believed
that people were **trading**: salt, beads, shells, fish, pottery and animal skins.

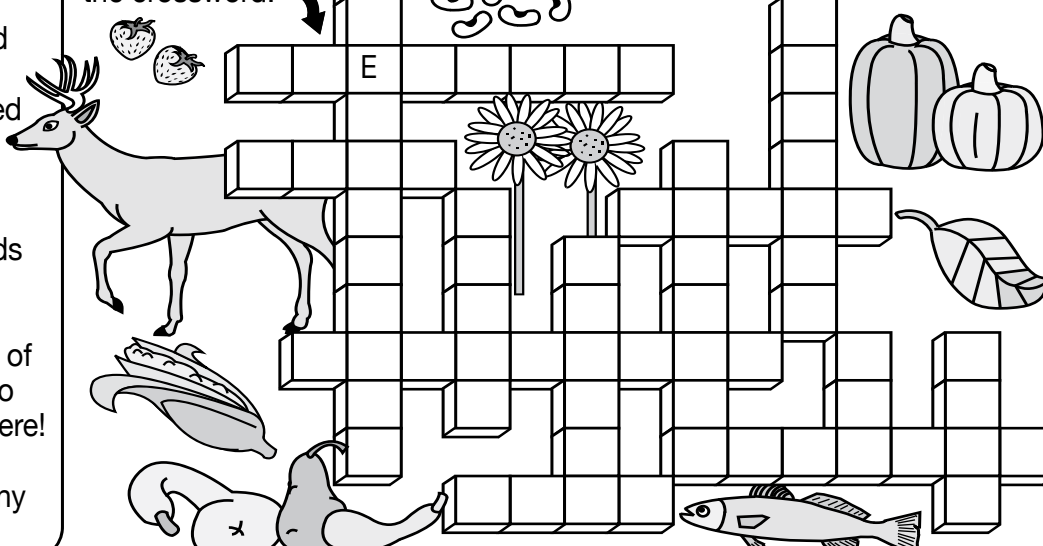
During the next period, Mississippian Indians, settlements became more
permanent. Squash, corn and beans, known as the **Three Sisters**, were
important and foods from hunting and gathering were now added to the foods
harvested from gardens. Beautiful **jewelry** and pottery were created too.

After 1650, when Europeans arrived, there were years of both peace and
fighting. In 1836, the U.S. Senate accepted a **treaty** signed by a small group of
Cherokee to sell their land and the Cherokee were forced to leave the east to
be **resettled** in Oklahoma. They were expected to walk 1,000 miles to get there!
On this hard walk, now called the "Trail of Tears," an estimated 4,000-8,000
people died. Some Cherokee refused to move and **hid** in the mountains. Many
of their descendants now live on Qualla Boundary, a preserve.



About 15,000 Cherokee Indians
live in North Carolina, mostly on
tribal land. The town of Cherokee
is in the Great Smoky Mountains.

Find the 14 words
or phrases in **bold**
print in Forest's
story. Fit them into
the crossword.





How it's made

Clarendon fifth graders learn how corn meal is made during the annual Agriculture Literacy Day last Thursday, hosted by the Donley County AgriLife Extension. County Agent Leonard Haynes says 110 students attended the event at the Donley County Activity Center. Schools participating were Clarendon, Memphis, Hedley, Claude, Silvertown, and Valley. The extension office has hosted this event for more than 20 years, and students had the opportunity to learn about beef, peanuts, cotton, and corn production in addition to groundwater conservation, electrical safety, the water cycle, and more.

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Donley organizations eligible for SBA loans

The US Small Business Administration (SBA) is reminding eligible small businesses and private non-profit (PNP) organizations in Texas of the Dec. 11, 2025 deadline to apply for low interest federal disaster loans to offset economic losses caused by heat and winds occurring June 1-Dec. 31, 2024.

The disaster declaration covers the Texas counties of Andrews, Armstrong, Austin, Bailey, Borden, Brazos, Briscoe, Burleson, Callahan, Castro, Cochran, Coke, Coleman, Collingsworth, Colorado, Concho, Cottle, Crane, Crockett, Crosby, Dawson, Dickens, Donley, Ector, Fayette, Fisher, Floyd, Fort Bend, Gaines, Garza, Glasscock, Gray, Grimes, Hale, Hall, Haskell, Hemphill, Hockley, Howard, Irion, Jones, Kent, King, Lamb, Lee, Lipscomb, Lubbock, Lynn, Martin, McCulloch, Menard, Midland, Mitchell, Motley, Nolan, Parmer, Reagan, Roberts, Runnels, Schleicher, Scurry, Shackelford, Sterling, Stonewall, Swisher, Taylor, Terry, Tom Green, Upton, Waller, Ward, Washington, Wharton, Wheeler, Winkler and Yoakum as well as the

New Mexico county of Lea and the Oklahoma counties of Beckham, Ellis and Roger Mills.

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.

EIDLs are available for working capital needs caused by the disaster and are available even if the small business or PNP did not suffer any physical damage. The loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills not paid due to the disaster.

"SBA loans help eligible small businesses and private nonprofits cover operating expenses after a disaster, which is crucial for their recovery," said Chris Stallings, associate administrator of the Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience at the SBA. "These loans not only help

business owners get back on their feet but also play a key role in sustaining local economies in the aftermath of a disaster."

The loan amount can be up to \$2 million with interest rates as low as 4% for small businesses and 3.25 percent for PNPs with terms up to 30 years. Interest does not accrue, and payments are not due until 12 months from the date of the first loan disbursement.

The SBA sets loan amounts and terms based on each applicant's financial condition.

To apply online, visit sba.gov/disaster. Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance.

For people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services.

Submit completed loan applications to the SBA no later than Dec. 11. However, after the deadline has passed, there is a 60-day grace period to accept applications.

Blood center offers holiday gift Nov. 10 - Dec. 25

This holiday season, your gift of blood could be the greatest act of generosity of all. Coffee Memorial Blood Center invites you to keep the spirit of the holidays in your heart — and in your veins — by donating blood between November 10 and December 25.

All successful donors will receive: A festive, limited-edition long-sleeved T-shirt featuring Ebenezer Scrooge and the words "Don't Get Ghosted;" and the chance to help save up to three lives with just one donation

"Just like Scrooge learned from the Spirits of Christmas, this campaign reminds us that generosity can change the future," said Dr. John Armitage, president and CEO of Coffee Memorial Blood Center. "One blood donation has the power to bring hope and healing to patients in need this holiday season."

Whether you're visited by the Ghost of Christmas Past, Present, or Future, one thing is certain — blood donations are needed every day to help local patients. Give the gift of life and secure your exclusive holi-

day T-shirt, available only while supplies last, through December 25!

Blood center officials say they will be unveiling even more exciting donor incentives as the holiday approaches.

Anyone who is healthy and 16 years old or older can give blood. Donation typically takes only about an hour, and one donation saves up to three lives.

Appointments to donate can be made online at obi.org or by calling 877-340-8777. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Dry conditions spark concerns across Texas Plains

Following increasingly dry conditions, Texas experienced a warming trend last week. In portions of the Texas Plains, last week's first hard freeze pushed native grasses into dormancy. These dormant and cured grasses ignite more easily and require less drying and fire-conducive weather to support wildfire activity.

Nearly 40 percent of wildfires reported in Texas over the past week were caused by debris burning and equipment use. These activities can easily ignite a wildfire under current dry and warm conditions.

An unusually warm and dry pattern is expected to persist for at least the next two weeks.

"With current weather conditions setting the stage for increased wildfire activity, we need all Texans to do their part in prevention," said Jared Karns, Texas A&M Forest Service fire chief. "It is critical to follow local burn bans, properly maintain equipment and take extra precautions to help prevent wildfires."

As warm and dry conditions persist, consider the following:

Always obey local burn bans and outdoor burning restrictions. Do not conduct any outdoor burning, including campfires, until the burn ban has been lifted and weather conditions improve.

When a burn ban is in place, residents should avoid outdoor activ-

ities that may cause sparks, including welding, grinding and using heavy machinery.

Exercise extreme caution when working outdoors with heavy equipment. Malfunctioning equipment can spark or overheat, leading to a wildfire. Check equipment frequently for trapped debris, and check bearings for signs of overheating.

Residents should stay up to date on weather conditions and always use extreme caution when engaging in outdoor activities, even if there is no burn ban.

If a wildfire is spotted, contact local authorities immediately. A quick response can help save lives and property.

Word to take applications for Republican Party

Donley County Republican Party Chair Bill Word has announced dates that he will be available to receive applications for candidates wanting a place on the 2026 Republican Primary ballot.

Word will be at 4 Maple Drive in Clarendon on November 20, 21, 25, 26, and 28 and December 2, 3, 4, 5, and 8. He is also available by appointment at 806-277-0246

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