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3 Howardwick names more Christmas lighting winners.
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6 And the Lady Broncos beat Quanah.

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

Stockshow set for this Saturday

Forty-four local young people are signed up as exhibitors for this year's Donley County Junior Livestock Show and Sale, which will be held this Saturday, January 10, starting at 9:00 a.m. in the Donley County Activity Center.

An on-site concession stand will be serving homemade breakfast and lunch for those in attendance, and the buyers' dinner will precede the premium sale that evening at 6:00 p.m.

Donations to the buyers' club can be dropped off at the Extension Office at the activity center or mailed to DCJLS at PO Box 661, Clarendon, TX 79226.

FFA and 4-H members will be exhibiting 83 animal entries during this year's show.

Clarendon FFA members showing this weekend are Allie Ware, Emily Dzamko, Kaitin Ehlert, and Jayton Moore.

Donley County 4-H Club members participating will be Addison Havens, George Ronan Howard V, Kate Shaw, Remmi Burton, Morgan Folsom, Shaylee Hall, Alix Roberts, Kasie Shields, Kinze Zongker, Cutter Ashbrook, Elliott Robertson, Weslyn Shields, Addelay Snure, Jase Conway, Slaid Pittman, Ajax Caudle, Emma Howard, Hunter Wann, Trigg Harper, Kase Zongker, Kaylynn Hendrick, Jaxon Robertson, Emily Mccurdy, Eden Sims, Paisley Jones, and Cadun Hendrick.

Hedley FFA members showing will be Takoda Edwards, Brady Goodwin, Payton Inman, Cristina Silvestre, Madison Moore, Jaxon Williams, Foster Koetting, Roman Vaquera, Will Berry, Ehmjey Martinez, Paul Berry, and Tavi Edwards.

Extension offering applicator training

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service office for Potter County will offer the private pesticide applicator training class on Jan. 14, March 18, May 20 and June 10 in Amarillo.

The cost is \$60 and includes all training materials. Participants are asked to RSVP at least one week prior to the class they plan to attend by calling 806-373-0713.

For more information, contact Megan Eikner, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent in Potter County at megan.eikner@ag.tamu.edu.



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Enterprise purchases Red River Sun

Hicks Media LLC and THE CLARENDON ENTERPRISE last week announced the sale of The Red River Sun to Roger and Ashlee Estlack of Clarendon.

The sale brings the Sun under the management of the Texas Panhandle's oldest newspaper although the two papers will continue to be separate publications.

THE RED RIVER SUN covers Childress, Collingsworth, and Hall Counties and combines the heritages of THE CHILDRESS INDEX, THE WELLINGTON LEADER, and THE MEMPHIS DEMOCRAT / HALL COUNTY HERALD.

Although the sale of the SUN did not become finalized until December 30, the Estlacks took over management of the paper December 1, 2025.

"We're excited for our family

to become more active in our neighboring communities, and we look forward to working with Managing Editor Elizabeth Tanner in Childress, Associate Editor Bev Odom in Wellington, and their staff to continue providing strong local journalism to the Greenbelt of the Texas Panhandle," publisher Roger Estlack said.

"We appreciate what Mark Hicks has done for the SUN and for the community. He has been so gracious and helpful during this sale and transition, and we also want to thank our intrepid new staff for their helpfulness and dedication as well. This new chapter for the Sun has also been made possible by the support of the Childress Municipal Development District and the Childress Chamber of Commerce. The

MDD and Chamber boards, led by Sheabree Nix and Susan Leary, have been a pleasure to work with, and we appreciate their support and their faith in this newspaper."

The two papers carry a long heritage of covering local news in the southeast Panhandle, and the Estlack family plans to build on that foundation to serve the readers and advertisers of the area.

"The Higleys, the Wells, the Combs – those families were all contemporaries of our family, and they all shared a commitment to serve their communities," Estlack said. "History is important to us, but so is working for the future."

The Estlack family has 75 years of publishing history in the Panhandle. See "Sun" on page 8.



Red River Sun employees Shauna Salinas and Synglyn Beasley-Vasquez with Managing Editor Elizabeth Tanner, Clarendon Enterprise Advertising Manager Tara Allred, and owners Roger and Ashlee Estlack.

ENTERPRISE PHOTOS



A Clarendon volunteer fireman douses a blaze in a local home Sunday afternoon after members of the department pulled the resident out and performed CPR until paramedics could arrive.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO

Firemen save life of woman

Quick action by the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department and Associated Ambulance Authority saved the life of a Clarendon woman Sunday when a fire broke out in her home.

Fire Chief Jeremy Powell said his department was dispatched at 12:48 p.m. with a report of smoke coming from the home at 522 S. Jefferson Street. Volunteer firemen were on the scene in four minutes, donned SCBA gear, and entered the smoke-filled house. By 12:58, homeowner Sue Hardy was extracted from the burning structure, and firemen began administering CPR in the front yard until EMS took over.

As treatment continued, Hardy was taken by ambulance to the landing zone at Associated Ambulance Authority and then life-flighted to Lubbock.

A friend of Hardy said Tuesday afternoon that she remains hospitalized in Lubbock and is being treated for burns to the hands and face as well as smoke inhalation and pneumonia but that she is alert and responsive.

Firemen worked until 2:00 p.m. to get the house fire under control Sunday. Powell said he and the state fire marshal's office investigated the home Monday and ruled the fire accidental. The cause could not be determined with certainty, but Powell said it's possible the origin was a faulty kitchen appliance.

Eighteen CFVD firemen responded with six trucks, and Hedley volunteer firemen came to help as well before being called off to a two-vehicle accident east of Giles, in which no one was seriously injured.

State, local officials warn public of rising wildfire risks

Local and state officials are warning the public about the increasing risks of wildfires in across Texas and in the Panhandle area particularly.

Unseasonably warm and dry conditions, along with freeze-cured grasses are raising wildfire risks during the holidays across the Lone Star State, the Texas A&M Forest Service warns.

Clarendon Fire Chief Jeremy Powell said Monday that local residents need to use caution with the danger level so high.

"Wildfire conditions continue to worsen, and we're getting into windy conditions soon," Powell said. "People sure need to be wildfire aware."

Dry vegetation and strong winds could allow fires to ignite

easily, spread quickly and challenge firefighting efforts.

"We have seen above-normal grass production across large areas of Texas, especially near Abilene, Wichita Falls, Lubbock, Childress and Amarillo," said Luke Kanclerz, Texas A&M Forest Service Predictive Services department head.

"These grasses are now dormant and freeze-cured, which means

they dry quickly and can support wildfire activity when wind speeds increase."

Be cautious with any activity that could spark a wildfire. Approximately 90 percent of wildfires in Texas are caused by people and their activities, and during the winter holidays, debris burning and equipment use account for nearly 70 percent of them.

"With warm, dry weather and dormant grasses creating ideal conditions for wildfires, we need every Texan to do their part to help prevent sparks from turning into a dangerous wildfire," said Jared Karns, Texas A&M Forest Service fire chief. "Follow local burn bans, maintain equipment properly and take extra precautions during holiday activities to keep Texas safe."

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Our family’s continuing commitment

It’s safe to say that most – if not almost all – ENTERPRISE readers were taken by surprise last week when we announced online that we had purchased THE RED RIVER SUN. I still find it a little hard to believe myself. It all happened so fast.

We had talked back and forth with the owner of that paper and researched the possibility of expanding our business for a few months, but two days before Thanksgiving, we engaged the warp drive on the deal. We technically took the helm of the newspaper serving Childress, Wellington, and Memphis on December 1 in a leap of faith and then spent the next four weeks ironing out the details and signing the purchase agreement on December 30.

More than a decade ago, THE CHILDRESS INDEX, THE WELLINGTON LEADER, and THE HALL COUNTY HERALD (previously known as THE MEMPHIS DEMOCRAT) along with a newspaper in Hollis, Oklahoma, were all combined into one regional newspaper – THE RED RIVER SUN. Coverage of Hollis was dropped at some point, and the paper has gone through a couple of different owners, the most recent being Hicks Media, which until last year owned several other newspapers in Texas. The *Sun* was the company’s last newspaper holding, and they were in search of a buyer.

Our family – with more than 75 years of newspaper ink in our blood in Donley County – decided it would be a good fit for the ENTERPRISE to acquire the *Sun*. Our communities have so much in common here in the Greenbelt of the Texas Panhandle. We share the history of the railroad, ranching and farming heritage, and more. Clarendon College serves all our communities, and we share our water supply.

More than anything, we saw an opportunity to preserve and promote local journalism in the south-east Panhandle. In addition to being the first paper in the Panhandle in 1878, the ENTERPRISE is one of the most decorated weekly newspapers in the state with regional, state, and national awards to its credit. Like Farmers Insurance, “We know a thing or two, because we’ve seen a thing or two.” When we take our experience and share it with the amazing staff at the SUN, our entire region will reap the benefits.

We appreciate the graciousness of Mark Hicks during the process of the sale and transition. We also want to thank our new staff members – Managing Editor Elizabeth Tanner and Circulation Director Syngghyn Beasley-Vasquez in the Childress office and Associate Editor Bev Odom and Reporter / Sales Director Shauna Salinas in the Wellington office. They have been a great team during the changeover, and we look forward to working with them going forward.

The Childress Chamber of Commerce and the Childress Municipal Development District have helped make this venture possible, and it is clear they are serious about wanting what is best for their community and the area.

I’d be remiss if I did not thank Ashlee for her steadfast support of this new chapter in our lives, as well as Ben and Ella for their unwavering dedication to the old man and our family business. And we can’t leave out Advertising Manager Tara Allred, who sometimes thinks I’m crazy but never says “no” when we take on something new.

Changes will be in store for the *Sun*, but what’s next for the ENTERPRISE? First and foremost, THE CLARENDON ENTERPRISE will continue as its own publication. It will be the flagship of our expanded family business, and its commitment to the people of Donley County will not waiver. We will continue to cover the news, we will continue to stand for the public’s right to know and for government transparency, our defense of the Freedom of the Press as a foundation of democracy will not change, and we will hold fast to our belief that a strong community deserves a strong newspaper.

But we do have some things in mind to make the ENTERPRISE even better. We will be redesigning the paper to give it a fresh look, and we will be working on ways to expand coverage in Hedley and Howard-wick. We plan to combine the classified pages of the ENTERPRISE and the SUN to expand the reach of those sections, and we will offer local advertisers more ways to reach readers in the area.

Ultimately though, the “what’s next” for this newspaper (and any newspaper really), depends entirely on readers and advertisers. A mentor of mine likes to say a newspaper’s first duty is to be here tomorrow. If we don’t plan and work for the future and have the backing of readers and advertisers, then even the greatest reporting won’t save us. Local journalism matters – now more than ever. We’ll do our part. We ask you to keep doing your part. Let us know if you have an event happening. Send us your pictures and news items. Buy an ad or buy a subscription or both!

Our family of newspapers has a strong history in the Greenbelt area. Now, it’s time to get busy writing their next chapters.



editor's commentary
by roger estlack

Saluting great writers in Texas

Often, I believe, writers spend too much time on the “what was” and “what will be” instead of the “what is.”

I admit to such whimpering occasionally, and this time, make no promises to do better, but I’ll try.

Keep in mind, though, that my promises – if golf shots – typically veer off to both the left and right, perhaps no closer to the hole than when teed up. Like golf, life isn’t a straight-down-the-middle fairway....

So, I’m but “semi-promising” on most topics as this column enters its 24th year. It remains a joyful project with final wording and punctuation of each improved by the sharp eyes of a handful of “pre-readers,” all greatly valued.

In 2026, I hope some observations will be helpful, and I’m pretty sure I won’t pass along any “can’t miss” recipes. I shared one long ago, and it was a disaster. Better ones are found on the label of grocery items. (A couple of ingredients were omitted, two others mistakenly measured and the recommended baking temperature way off.)

In this year’s final piece, however, I want to mention two bloggers who are seriously devoted to writing, and whose topics each time make me want more, knowing that “more” awaits in their next writing cycle....

Both are unashamedly Christians, regularly providing challenges to make the rest of us who claim to be followers of Christ better ones.

One is Clint Hurdle, a former major league baseball player for a decade and

in managerial and coaching roles for an additional quarter-century or so. All told, he has been associated with five major league baseball teams.

A great communicator, he writes daily blogs, as well as passing along favorites of others he has perused along the way. He began with a dozen email recipients more than a decade ago, and today he has more than 7,000 followers. It is simple to sign up for his free blog at clinhurdle.com....

Melissa (Mrs. Chad) Edgington isn’t a baseball authority but, in the prose world, is in a league of her own. I much admire her “juggling” of activities/schedules/family matters in Olney, a small northwest Texas town where her husband is a minister.

Married for 26 years, the Edgingtons’ lives have included his leading a rock band in Nashville, then “lawyering” for the Wagstaff Law Firm in Abilene before he became an East Texas music minister, and finally, Senior Pastor of Olney First Baptist Church. (Though still practicing law, it’s much on the back burner.)

A stay-at-home mom and mother of four children, Melissa is a former English teacher “hooked” on writing. Several years ago, she decided to write “something” every day. That “something” has become an inspirational blog



the idle american
by don newbury

called “Your Mom Has a Blog,” and she writes when she has time. Several thousand recipients look forward to her free emails. To sign up, simply click YES at her website, yourmomhasablog.com....

She writes what she feels, sometimes with seasonal topics, but always on target, underscoring whoever first said that “life is what happens to us while we’re making other plans.”

Bottom line, she’s a “serious” Erma Bombeck. If you were in a household where many of the conversations include remembrances of a rock band in Nashville, a courtroom in wherever, pastor (and wife) in a small town church and rearing children – seemingly from here to eternity – you, too, might have plenty of column fodder. (Their children – Adelaide, 20, Sawyer, 17 and Emerald, 13 – now have a little sister, Ivy Joy, who has been a part of the Edgington family since she was 11 weeks old, and officially “theirs” since 2024. She’s now age four.)

Initially, Melissa “blogged” for her children, saying, “When my face is only a memory....when I want them to be able to ‘read’ me....for my words to come to them in lessons, as gentle whispers from God, as instruction and encouragement.”

She’s a favorite in the Olney Enterprise, and, thanks to blogging, her wonderful words of encouragement and inspiration have no limits....

Dr. Newbury, longtime university president, and his wife live in the Metroplex.



Reader objects to cartoon selections

Why must we the viewers of THE CLARENDON ENTERPRISE be subjected to the editor’s obvious political bias, through the comics, which continuously depict a derogatory nature focused on the current Republican Administration that was democratically and overwhelmingly voted into office by we the people of America and Donley County? I don’t recall any negativity focused on the prior grossly incompetent Democratic Administration. Please re-think your unacceptable unfair bias.

Terry Scott,
Clarendon

Editor’s Response: Our comics tend to sling zingers toward whoever is in power at the time. I pulled up random issues from 2022 and 2023 and found several comics that targeted Sleepy Joe as inept and also focused on Hunter Biden’s scandals. But this is clearly labeled the “Opinion” page. People are always free to state their own opinion in a letter though. Thanks for yours and thanks for reading!

Rural voices matter in primaries

In much of rural Texas, elections are effectively decided in March. By the time the November election rolls around, the field is narrowed, the outcome is possibly set, and the real choice is long past. That’s not my opinion – it’s how politics works in a state where primary elections, especially Republican primaries, determine who will ultimately represent a district.

That reality puts real weight on the next 60 days.

Primary voters – far fewer in number than general-election voters – hold enormous influence. In March 2018, about 2.6 million Texans voted in the primary, roughly 17-18 percent of registered voters. In November of that same year, more than 8.3 million Texans turned out to vote. That gap shows just how much power a relatively small group of primary voters holds. In many races, particularly in rural Texas, the primary determines who will serve, and November simply confirms it.

Because Texas remains a Republican-leaning state, the Republican primary often decides who will go on to win the general election. That means small coalitions of engaged voters – especially rural voters – can have an outsized influence in statewide elections, if they are willing to use it.

That brings us to the heart of this election cycle: brush up and show up.

Rural Texans need to take the job of vetting candidates seriously. Not casually. Not based on campaign mailers, yard signs, or whatever happens to be loud on social media. Serious vetting means researching beyond the slogans, following the money, and paying attention to who is funding a campaign – whether it’s neighbors and everyday

Texans or a small group of wealthy donors whose interests may not align with rural communities. It also means listening closely to how candidates talk about kitchen-table issues and asking direct questions about how their policies would affect daily life back home.

That vetting should be grounded in real-world priorities.

Water policy determines whether a town – or our agriculture industry – has a future. Cuts to school funding show up in teacher shortages, deteriorating facilities, and whether students have meaningful opportunities close to home. A lack of rural healthcare policy means local clinics close, and maternity and emergency care are suddenly hours – sometimes even a helicopter ride – away. Rural economic development resources determine whether communities can create jobs to keep our kids close to home, keep our families rooted, and ensure support for Main Street businesses. Infrastructure decisions determine whether roads, bridges, and water systems hold up in places where distances are long and alternatives are few.

Really understanding candidates takes time. It requires listening carefully, sifting through the issues, and asking hard questions – not to score points, but to understand whether someone truly understands rural Texas or is just passing through it. If we don’t press candidates on the basics before an election, we live with the consequences afterward.



texas rural reporter
by suzanne bellsnyder

The second half of the equation is participation.

Being informed only matters if people vote. Primary elections are decided by turnout, and turnout sends a signal. When rural voters engage in meaningful numbers, candidates notice. When they don’t, rural priorities are easier to overlook or take for granted.

This election cycle is an opportunity for rural Texans to be intentional about where their support goes. Votes in rural Texas should be earned – not assumed. Candidates who understand rural communities, respect local decision-making, and focus on serious, practical issues deserve consideration and support.

State policy is felt first in rural communities. It shows up at the water tap, on the school bus route, at the clinic door, and on miles of highway that have to be maintained with limited resources. These decisions determine whether small businesses survive, whether families can afford to stay, and whether a town has a future.

March is when leadership is chosen, and priorities are set. If rural Texans are willing to do the homework, focus on kitchen-table priorities, and show up when it counts, our voices don’t just matter – they carry weight. That’s how self-government works best in Texas: close to home, grounded in real life, and shaped by the people who live with the consequences.

Suzanne Bellsnyder is the editor of the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman and Sherman County Gazette. A former Capitol staffer with decades of experience in Texas politics, she focuses on how state decisions shape rural life. Subscribe to her newsletter at TexasRuralReporter.Substack.com.

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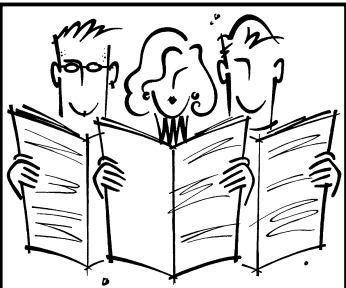
In 2026, America will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. A significant part of those 250 years includes military service and veteran contributions to their communities after service.

To honor and include Texas veterans in the America250 commemorations, the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) is collecting veterans' stories to recognize their military service and life after service.

Veterans are invited to share why they joined the military, why they chose the branch in which they served and what their military service has meant to them. Stories may be submitted through the Why I Served Survey:

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Lady Broncos v Highland Park • 6:30 p.m. • Home

January 9 & 10
Mulkey Theatre • Song Sung Blue • 7:30 p.m.

January 10
Donley County Junior • Livestock Show & Sale • Donley County Activity Center

January 11
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Lady Broncos v Memphis • 6:30 p.m. • Home

January 20
Broncos v Panhandle • 8:00 p.m. • Home

Lady Broncos v Panhandle • 6:30 p.m. • Home

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Menus

January 12 - 16

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Mon: Oven fried chicken, baked beans, mashed potatoes, gravy, whole wheat roll, brownie, iced tea/2% milk.
Tues: Sliced ham, ranch potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll, coconut cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Enchilada casserole, garden salad, pinto beans, Spanish rice, sopapilla cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Meatloaf, cheesy potatoes, green beans, cornbread, apricot, cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Beef tips, noodles, broccoli & cauliflower, hot roll, chocolate cup cake, iced tea/2% milk

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Pork chops, black eyed peas, turnip greens, cornbread, sliced peaches, iced tea/2% milk.
Tues: Goulash, mixed greens, cornbread, coconut cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Chicken fried steak, country gravy, broccoli, mashed potatoes, whole wheat roll, fruit crisp, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Ham & pinto beans, sweet potatoes, marinated cucumbers & onions, salad, cornbread, sliced pears, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Bacon cheeseburger on whole wheat bun, potato wedges, fruit, sugar cookies, iced tea/2% milk

Clarendon CISD
Breakfast
Mon: Breakfast sandwich, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Tues: Breakfast burrito, hash-browns, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Wed: Waffles, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Thu: Stuffed bagel, cheese stick, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Fri: Donut, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Steak fingers, gravy, roll, green beans, corn, fruit, milk.
Tues: Frito pie, beans, fresh veggie cup, dessert, fruit, milk.
Wed: Pizza pockets, broccoli, marinara sauce, fruit, milk.
Thu: Boneless chicken wings, chips, celery, carrots, sherbet, fruit, milk.
Fri: Cheeseburger, garden salad, tomatoes, fruit, milk.

Hedley ISD
Breakfast
Mon: Pancake, bacon, apple, fruit juice, milk.
Tues: Donut holes, sausage, orange, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Wed: Waffles, bacon, peaches, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Thu: Sunrise sandwich, banana, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Fri: No School

Lunch
Mon: Chicken parmesan, corn, green beans, peaches, fruit, milk.
Tues: Frito pie, beans, tomato cup, apple, cookie, fruit, milk.
Wed: Calzone, breach bread pizza, broccoli, sweet potato fries, fruit, milk.
Thu: Boneless wings, chips, celery, sherbet, fruit, milk.
Fri: No School

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Texas Panhandle War Memorial spotlight’s Hedley’s Adamson

Written By Tim Reid for Texas Panhandle War Memorial

It isn’t often that we find information about World War I Veterans. It is even more unusual to find a story that also includes a photo of the Veteran. The following excerpts from a story about PFC Wesley M. Adamson, from Donley County, was written by Larry E. Hume, Chief Master Sergeant, US Air Force, Retired. He gathered the information from Ancestry.com, The El Paso Times newspaper dated August 29, 1921, FamilySearch.org, catalog.archives.gov, and the National Archives.

Wesley Adamson was born July 27, 1899, during the summer heat in Collin County, Texas, that now boasts Plano as its largest city. His parents, Minerva Josephine Howeth, a native Texan, married Silas Locke Adamson from Iowa on July 12, 1877, in Collin County. Wesley was the youngest of the family that consisted of one other son and six daughters. Silas provided for his family by farming in Donley County.

With the first World War raging in Europe since 1914, Germany’s warfare on civilian shipping finally forced President Woodrow Wilson to request a declaration of war against Germany. The Senate and House both voted to support the President, and war was declared April 6, 1917. At age 17, young Wesley wasted no time in answering the call to duty by enlisting in the Texas National Guard on June 30, 1917.

On July 18, 1918, newly promoted Private First-Class Wesley Adamson departed the Port of Hoboken, New Jersey with his unit aboard the USS Rijndam for the war in France. On October 9 and 10, PFC Adamson’s unit, Company H, 142nd Infantry Regiment, 36th Infantry Division, participated in heavy combat near the village of St. Etienne. Following this victory, which included the capture of several hundred men and officers of the German Army, as well as artillery, the unit launched an assault near an area known as “Forest Farm.” The eventual victory brought World War I to an end. During World War I, the division suffered 2,584 casualties, 466 killed in action, and 2,118 wounded in action. PFC Wesley Adamson was



Wesley Adamson

killed in action on October 18, 1918, at the age of 19.

Wesley was buried in the St. Etienne-a-Arnes, Ardennes US Army Cemetery.

Wesley was Awarded the French Croix de Guerre with silver star under order with the following Citation:

“Near St. Etienne, October 8 – 10, 1918, he went forward with dash and impetuosity, taking machine gun nests in flank, capturing prisoners, destroying enemy defenses and reorganizing new positions, thus contributing to the success of his unit”.

On June 6, 1919, the body of PFC Adamson was disinterred from the temporary grave in Ardennes and reburied in the Argonne American Cemetery, Meuse, France.

Following the war with the many thousands of fallen Americans buried in overseas cemeteries, families were given the option to leave their sons buried in American Cemeteries in Europe or bring them home for reburial. Josie and Silas opted for the latter. On July 13, 1921, the

remains of Wesley Adamson were again disinterred and prepared for shipment to the United States arriving at Antwerp, Belgium eight days later. On August 6 over 5,000 bodies of deceased soldiers departed Antwerp aboard the US Army Transport USS Wheaton, arriving at Hoboken, New Jersey 14 days later. Preparations for shipping the remains to their final destination were then underway. The El Paso Times reported that over 10,000 people attended the memorial service held at the pier Sunday, August 28. Wesley’s remains left by train for home on September 8, 1921, and arrived at Hedley, Texas four days later, met by family, friends and citizens. He was buried in Rowe Cemetery, Hedley, Donley County, Texas where he now rests with his parents.

It has been 107 years since PFC Wesley Adamson gave his life for his country on foreign soil. Even so, the TPWM has not forgotten his courage and bravery.

Read more veterans’ stories at TexasPanhandleWarMemorial.org.



Helping hands

A team of volunteers worked together December 20 in the Clarendon school cafeteria to provide a free Christmas dinner to members of the community.

COURTESY PHOTO

Texas Tech researchers to develop statewide flood warning system

By Freda Ross, Texas News Service

Texas Tech professors are developing a unique flood forecasting system for the state – and specifically for the Texas Hill Country.

The system will be similar to the West Texas Mesonet, which consists of 170 weather stations across the western half of the state.

Brian Hirth is a research professor at the National Wind Institute at Texas Tech, and the lead researcher on the project.

He said the system will forecast rain events as well as take measurements during storms.

“There are several National Weather Service radars all across the region, but there are some big holes

in the Hill Country, especially in the lower part of the atmosphere, that those radars can’t see,” said Hirth. “We know where those holes are, we’ve identified places that we can deploy new radar systems to help fill those gaps.”

The Texas Legislature approved funding for the project this year to address flooding and warning systems across the state.

The move comes after the deadly July 4 flooding in Central Texas that killed 25 campers and two camp counselors.

Two mesonet stations have already been constructed in Kerr County. Hirth said they’re developing a new forecast system that will

Blood donors could win big before Jan. 12

The Blood Institute at Coffee Memorial Blood Center is kicking off the new year with hope, heart, and a major \$5,000 giveaway.

Through Jan. 12, every donor will be entered to win \$5,000 to begin 2026 on a brighter note. Whether the prize helps cover bills, supports a project or simply offers peace of mind, one lucky donor will start the year with a meaningful boost. This campaign also brings hope to a young girl battling leukemia, whose

family will receive \$5,000 toward medical expenses.

Donors will take home a retro-inspired GIVE HOPE long-sleeved T-shirt, complete with an interactive QR code that links to encouraging messages.

“When you give blood, you’re doing more than helping patients — you’re sharing hope,” said Dr. John Armitage, president and CEO of Our Blood Institute and Coffee Memorial Blood Center. “Each donation rep-

resents a spark of compassion and community that connects us all. This campaign is about celebrating that energy and reminding donors that their generosity has real power.”

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.

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Obituaries

Wilson
Christopher Duane Hugh Woodburn Wilson, IV, age 44, of Clarendon passed away on Sunday, December 28, 2025, in Dallas.

Viewing with visitation was held on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at Robertson Funeral Directors in Clarendon. Services will be held privately. Cremation and arrangements are under the care of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Chris was born on July 8, 1981, in Houston. He was raised in Amarillo and graduated from Amarillo High School in 2000. In 2008, he made Clarendon his home, where he later married the love of his life, Samantha Kelly Vargas, on August 5, 2009.

Chris dedicated many years of service to his community through his work. He was employed by Greenbelt Water Authority for 14½ years before beginning his career with the Texas Department of Transportation. Known for his strong work ethic and commitment, Chris took pride in everything he did.

He found peace and joy in what he fondly called his “wind therapy” — riding motorcycles, which he dearly loved. Chris also had a passion for model trains and music, and he enjoyed playing guitar, bass, and drums. Above all, he cherished time spent with friends and family, especially his children and beloved grandson. A true people person, Chris had a way of connecting with others and making them feel welcome.

Chris shared a special bond with his daughter Elika through their membership at the Amarillo Railroad Museum, and they also enjoyed playing golf together. He was a former member of the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department and served his community faithfully as a board member for both the Saints’ Roost Museum and the Clarendon

Chamber of Commerce. Chris was an active and devoted member of Clarendon Masonic Lodge #700, where he took great pride in being a Mason.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Hugh Woodburn Wilson, III, who raised him as a father and remained a profound influence in his life.

Survivors include his wife, Samantha Wilson of Clarendon; his parents, Ricky Jimenez of Amarillo and Lori Wilson Saucedo and husband Dave of Amarillo; his grandmother who raised him as a mother, Renee Wilson of Amarillo; his daughters, Raylind Touchstone and husband Bryant of Amarillo and Elika Wilson of Clarendon; his son, Hunter Wilson of Amarillo; his sisters, Sheri Boatright of Tyler, Traci Kay of Dallas, Eren Shelton and husband Kerry of Lubbock, and Ereka Nokes and husband Thomas of Amarillo; his grandson, William Touchstone of Amarillo; along with numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

The family requests that memorials be made to Clarendon Masonic Lodge #700.

Chris will be remembered for his generous heart, his love for people, and the deep devotion he held for his family, friends, and community. His presence will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Spier

Michael Gerald “Mike” Spier, 76, of Clarendon passed away Monday, December 22, 2025.

Services were held Monday, December 29, 2025, in the Clarendon Church of Christ. Burial followed in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon.

Arrangements are under the care of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Michael Gerald Spier was born on April 4, 1949, in Memphis to J.H. Spier Jr. and Wilma.

Mike and his brothers grew up working for their father at Junior’s Food Market here in Clarendon. He graduated from Clarendon High School in 1967. Following in his father’s footsteps, Mike enlisted in the United States Navy because Junior said he would always have a dry bed and a warm meal. Mike

served in Vietnam before returning home to work at the family store.

Mike became engaged to Neva Dale Morrison on Thanksgiving in 1973, and they were immediately married on December 30, 1973. Together they built their life in Clarendon and would have celebrated 52 years of marriage this year.

In addition to the store, Mike worked at Texas Saddlery and for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. He was best known for his greatest passion—serving for 30 years as a Donley County deputy sheriff, protecting and serving the community he lived in his entire life. He retired in 2017.

Mike was a member of the Clarendon Church of Christ. He served with the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department and Clarendon EMS. And for 25 years he was in the press box as the voice of the Clarendon Broncos.

Mike was also probably the town’s biggest prankster. If you ever had a horn, siren, shotgun, taser, etc go off around you, then you know exactly who was responsible.

Mike was preceded in death by his father, J.H. Spier Jr.; his mother, Wilma Spier; and his brothers, Lynn and Bill Spier.

Mike is survived by his wife, Neva Spier; daughters Nichole Rivera (Jeff) of Pike Road, Alabama, and NeAnne Clinton (David) of Enid, Oklahoma; and sons Darren Spier (Melanie) of Canyon, Texas, and Hunter Spier (LeeAnn) of Amarillo, Texas. He is also survived by twelve grandchildren: Justin and Julia Rivera; Brady, Joshua (Bria), Ryan, Jessica, and Abigail Clinton; Jake and Jensen Spier; and Hunter Jr., Haylie, and Harley Spier. He is further survived by three great-grandchildren, Clara and Dakota Clinton, with great-granddaughter, Nora, on the way.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Lakes

6. Electromotive force

9. Invests in little enterprises

13. Longtime Utah Jazz coach

14. Small sailboat

15. Actor Idris

16. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls

17. System that detects objects under water

18. Harsh, grating noise

19. Steward

21. A fencing sword

22. Infections

23. Actress Ryan

24. Sodium

25. Swedish castle

28. A lump of slime

29. African antelope

31. Insurance providers

33. Choosy

36. Ringworm

38. Unpolished

39. Drenches

41. Pant style

44. Son of Noah

45. Spiritual being

46. Upton Sinclair novel

48. Journalist Tarbell

49. Popular sports highlight show

51. Born of

52. Rich tapestry

54. S. China seaport

56. State of being unclothed

60. Surrounded by

61. Residue

62. Away from wind

63. Dried-up

64. Visionary

65. A very large body of water

66. Garden tools

67. Screen type

68. Ancient Scandinavian poet

CLUES DOWN

1. Millisecond

2. Spanish city

3. A sudden very loud sound

4. “The Indiana Jones of beer”

5. Tin

6. Sea eagles

7. Volcanic crater

8. Type of coat

9. Women’s apartments in Ottoman palace

10. Divulge a secret

11. Norwegian playwright

12. “It’s a Wonderful Life” director

14. Poisonous perennial plant

17. 18-year astronomical period

20. Clothes

21. Places to sit

23. Family of regulator genes

25. New York ballplayer

26. Impressive in size or scope

27. Jacques __, French biologist

29. One from the Big Apple

30. Genus of woolly lemurs

32. Songs to one’s beloved

34. Indigenous person of N.E. Thailand

35. Supplemented with difficulty

37. Farewell

40. Investment account (abbr.)

42. One from Utah

43. Begets

47. A male child

49. Break apart

50. Brief appearance

52. Partner to “oohed”

53. A light informal meal

55. Fabric with smooth, shiny surface

56. One billionth of a second

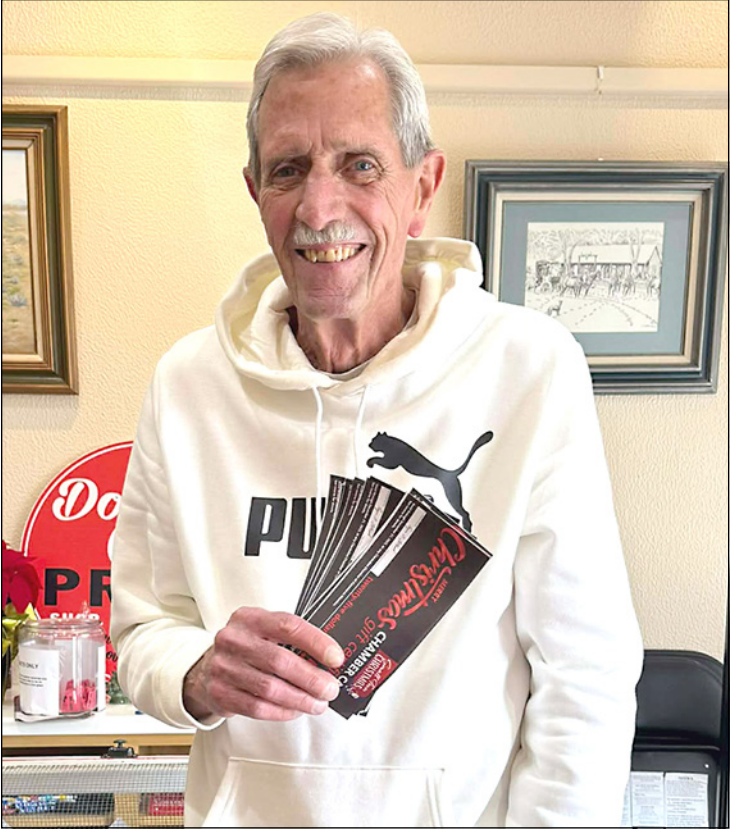
57. Ancient Italian-Greek colony

58. Close tightly

59. Mail out

61. Language

65. Computer characteristic



Chamber winners

Susan Alvis and Roy Monroe were the final winners of the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce’s Small Town Christmas drawings on December 19. Alvis won the weekly drawing for \$150 in Chamber Cash, and Monroe won the bonus drawing for \$250 in Chamber Cash. Thank you to everyone who supported our local merchants this past holiday season.

CHAMBER PHOTOS

the lion’s tale
by roger estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club held its first meeting of the New Year on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, with Boss Lion Pro Tem Eric Gehman in charge.

We had a light crowd this week with everyone still trying to get back in the swing of things after the holidays.

Club members discussed plans for another exciting bingo event next month to raise the final funds necessary for our kitchen remodel project. Watch for more details coming soon!

The Lions district mid-winter meeting was held in Amarillo over the weekend.

In community news, a blood drive will be held on January 29 with the Bloodmobile at Lowe’s Family Center, city council meets this Thursday, and the junior livestock show is set for Saturday.

With no further business, club members undecorated the Christmas tree and then adjourned to spread good cheer and Lionism throughout our fair county.

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Lady Broncos earn big district win over Quanah

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos stopped Quanah in their tracks with a huge 67-19 win on the road before the Christmas break. Berkley Moore and Kenidee Hayes led the way with 14 points each in the 48-point landslide. The Lady Broncos jumped on the Lady Indians early catching them off guard with their aggressive play. Their seven-point first quarter lead quickly went to a 31-point lead before the break before climbing to big win. Quanah struggled to get anything going against the quickness of the Lady Broncos on both ends of the court.

As a team, the ladies converted their free throws at 60 percent and had three players in double figures. Joining Moore and Hayes was Gracie Ellis who pumped in 12. Kate Shaw, Madi Benson, and Cambree Smith all finished with nine points each, and Preslee Smith nailed a three-pointer in the game.

The Lady Broncos participated in the Canyon Tournament over the holidays and faced a strong Tascosa team in the opening round. The Lady Broncos were defeated 51-64, but played well. They fell behind in the second quarter and struggled to make up the difference despite outscoring their opponent 25-18 in the final quarter of the game. Moore hit five big shots and finished with 20 with C. Smith adding eight for the top two scorers.

They drew up against the Canyon Lady Eagles in the next round and fell short at 40-54. Once again, the Lady Broncos gave their all and struggled in the second quarter digging a hole they could not get out of. However, the ladies were able to come back with the hot hand in the fourth and cut the deficit to 14 before the final buzzer. Moore led the way

with 16 and would later earn an All-Tournament award. They took on Midland Greenwood in the final game of the tournament and clobbered them 52-26 with Hayes charging through with 12 points and Moore with 11. Overall, the Lady Broncos improved at the bonus line and knocked down 12 of 18 free throws for 67 percent and recorded six three-pointers in the game with Hayes striking twice. P. Smith finished with nine, Ellis and Shaw added seven each, and C. Smith had five.

The Lady Broncos also took on Hale Center in a non-tournament, non-district game and earned a 54-34 win. The Lady Broncos rushed out of the gate and held a 14-point lead at the break. They were able to pick up where they left off in the final two quarters of the game to earn the 20-point win. As a team, they shot lights out at the bonus line hitting 77 percent of their shots compared to only 44 percent by their opponent. Moore hit five three-pointers and was three for five from the line, while Hayes finished with 13 that included hitting all four of her bonus shots and adding one three pointer.

C. Smith followed suit also with 13 that included two three-pointers and three out of four from the free throw line. P. Smith had four, and Ellis and Shaw added two points each.

The ladies will continue their district season January 9 at Highland Park beginning at 6:30 and host Memphis on January 13.

The Lady Bronco junior varsity will play at Highland Park on the ninth and participate in the White Deer Tournament January 10 before playing Memphis at home at 4:00 p.m. January 13.

Broncos open District with loss

By Sandy Anderberg

The Broncos opened their district season at Quanah before the break and fell short at 40-45.

The Broncos played hard but left too many shots fall short in the game. As a team, the Broncos made 50 percent of the two-point shots they made, but only converted at 19 percent from the arch. That along with a low percentage of 38 percent from the free throw line hindered them on the scoreboard.

There were high spots in the game that the Broncos came build on as they continue their district schedule that includes a rematch with the Indians.

Michael Randall finished with 19 points and 13 rebounds in the game. Brentley Gaines and Tyler Cavanaugh followed with seven and six points respectively. Braxton Gribble put in five points with two assists, and Caleb Herbert added two points and grabbed six rebounds.

The Broncos competed in the Childress Tournament over the holidays and finished with one win and three losses. The solo win came against Wildorado at 66-42. Gribble led the way with 21 points that included four three-pointers, and Randall who put up 16 points and earned 13 rebounds. Tyler Cavanaugh played well and added 12 points, while Paxton English and Herbert added 10 points each.

The Broncos' losses came against Morton, Dalhart, and Lorenzo. They were able to grab 40 rebounds in the game and posted 14 assists. Randall finished with another double-double with 15 points and 12 rebounds, and Gribble, Cavanaugh, and Gaines completed the list of those who put points on the board.

With several freshmen on the floor, the Broncos fell to Dalhart 22-76 with Gribble and English leading with six points each, Herbert and Aiden Morris put in four each, while Cavanaugh helped with two.

Randall had 14 points and nine rebounds in the loss to Lorenzo. At 40-52, the Broncos struggled to get anything going. They were only able to go to the bonus line twice and failed to convert both of them. Eighteen turnovers also plagued the Broncos offensively.

The Broncos will go up against travel to Highland Park January 9 and host Panhandle January 20 at 8:00 p.m.



Team Building

The varsity and junior varsity Bronco basketball teams enjoyed a team dinner provided by Calvary Baptist Church recently. During district play, local churches have graciously signed up to provide team dinners to the players for an opportunity for the boys and the community to connect with one another. The JV Broncos play at home every Tuesday at 5 p.m., and the varsity plays at 8 p.m. Come support your Broncos.

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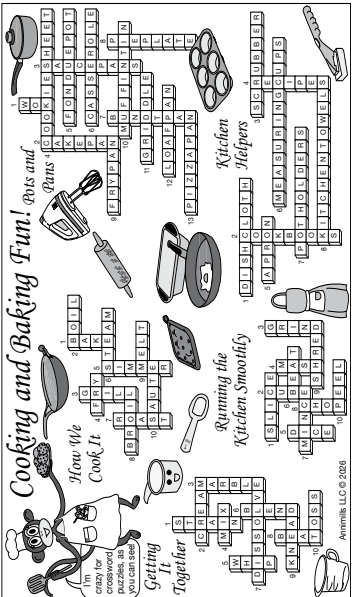
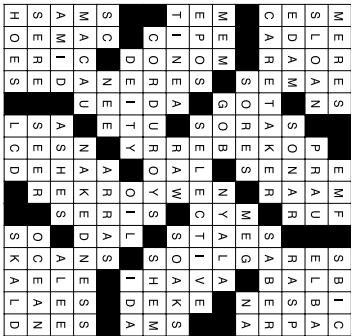
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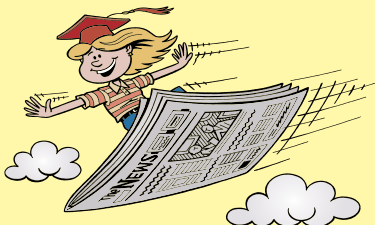
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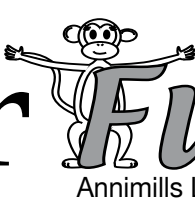


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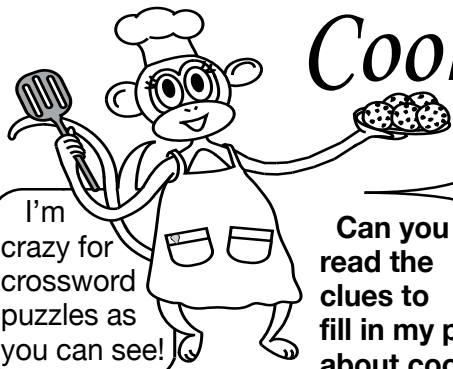


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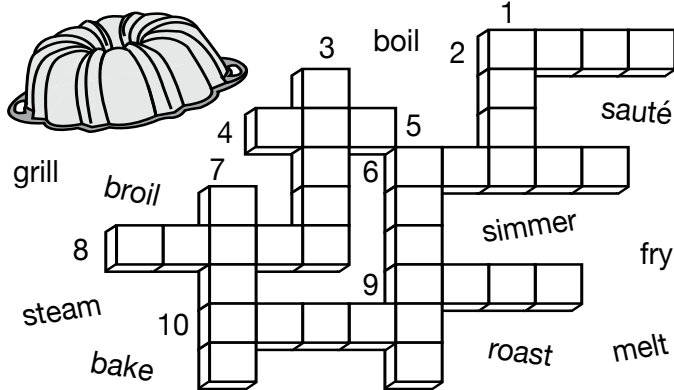


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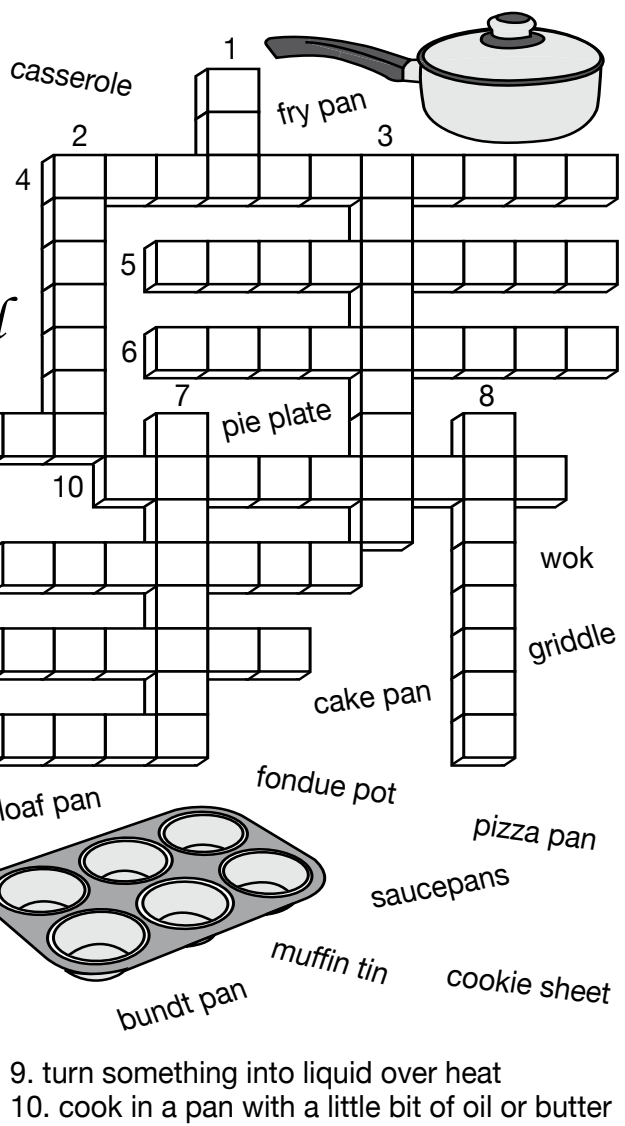
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5. bowl heated from below — keeps cheese and chocolate melted for dipping
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Clarendon Enterprise and Red River Sun owners Roger and Ashlee Estlack with Red River Sun Associate Editor Bev Odom in Wellington.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO

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dle, printing THE DONLEY COUNTY LEADER from 1929 to 1974 before Roger purchased the Clarendon paper in 1995. Ashlee joined the paper in 2002 and continues to be involved in the business as a contributing editor. The couple's children – Benjamin, a junior at Texas Tech University, and Elaina, a junior at Clarendon High School – have grown up in the newspaper business and continue to help.

SUN readers will notice a slightly different size to the newspaper starting with the January 2 edition as printing moves from Lawton, Oklahoma, to Shamrock, Texas. Other changes will come in the next few weeks and months as the papers become more familiar with each other's operations and determine where functions overlap and can be made more efficient.

"We will be redesigning both the SUN and the ENTERPRISE. You will see the classified pages combined to give broader coverage for advertisers, and we will be exploring areas where we can expand or improve coverage," Estlack said. "Liz and Bev are doing a great job for us. We want to support them all we can, make their jobs easier where possible, and be able to cover more

local news in the Greenbelt area."

Deadlines for the Sun remain unchanged at this point. Advertising policies and subscription rates are all being reviewed, and the Sun's digital footprint will be examined as well.

"We remain committed to the printed newspaper, but our family has long realized the importance of digital communications for today's readers," Estlack said. "One of Ashlee's specialties is social media, and we like to think of our business not just in terms of print circulation but overall audiences – print subscribers and digital subscribers as well as website and social media readers."

The Estlacks also ask the communities for their support of the newspaper.

"A strong newspaper is an indicator of a vibrant and growing community," Estlack said, "but we need your help to continue the tradition of local journalism and make it even better. We welcome your suggestions for changes, but we can't do anything without the support of readers buying subscriptions and local businesses and organizations advertising with us. We want to work together to make our region the best place it can be for families and for business."

USDA sets payment rates for Farmer Bridge aid

US Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins has announced the next phase in the Farmer Bridge Assistance Program (FBA), the eligible commodity per-acre payment rates.

As announced earlier this month by President Trump and Secretary Rollins, \$12 billion will be paid to American farmers in 2026. Of that amount, \$11 billion consists of one-time FBA program payments.

"President Trump committed to increase certainty in the farm economy, and farmers can count on these payment rate calculations when going to the bank as they plan for the spring planting season. Putting Farmers First means delivering real relief when it matters. Farmers who qualify for the FBA Program can expect payments in their bank accounts by February 28, 2026," said Secretary Brooke Rollins. "These one-time payments give farmers the bridge to continue to feed and clothe America and the world while the Trump Administration continues opening new markets and strengthening the farm safety net. USDA is making this process as simple and seamless as possible so producers can focus on what they do best – feeding and fueling our nation."

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