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

Sales tax figures drop in Clarendon

Sales tax revenues reflected weaker November sales in Clarendon when Acting Comptroller Kelly Hancock delivered January allocations to local cities last week.

Clarendon saw a 7.97 decrease for the month with revenues of \$36,382.64 compared to \$38,535.48 in January 2025.

Howardwick was also down 8.15 percent at \$1,664.63 for the month, but Hedley posted a gain of 21.57 percent with an allocation of \$1,063.12 compared to \$874.43 this time last year.

Donley County Assistance District 1, collecting sales tax in the City of Howardwick for law enforcement, was up 8.13 percent at \$1,225.05, and Donley County Assistance District 2, collecting sales tax in the unincorporated areas of the county for law enforcement purposes and in its first fiscal year of collections, brought in \$5,453.88.

Boosted by AI datacenter construction, the City of Claude saw its allocation increase 79.75 percent this month with revenues of \$38,295.84 compared to \$21,304.92. Armstrong County's revenues were up an astonishing 1,495.04 percent bringing in \$148,264.82 compared to \$9,295.36 last January.

Memphis was up 16.98 percent at \$31,981.11, and Childress was up 8.03 percent at \$120,078.48.

Across the state, Hancock delivered \$1.2 billion in local sales tax allocations for January, 4.9 percent more than a year ago.

These allocations are based on sales made in November by businesses that report tax monthly.

City asks residents to register animals

City Hall is reminding residents, as we start the New Year, it's time to register your pet(s) with the City of Clarendon.

City Tags are \$5 per dog or cat, per calendar year. Please have an up to date rabies verification form to present to city officials before a tag can be given.

A Livestock Application must be completed and returned with a \$20 license fee for each property where livestock is kept in city limits.

Also, the city encourages everyone to have pets spayed or neutered. For more information, call City Hall at 806-874-3438.



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Foster Koetting shows her Grand Champion Heifer during the annual Donley County Junior Livestock Show Auction last Saturday at the Donley County Activity Center.

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Koetting, Hudson win beef division Donley County Junior Livestock Show draws 86 entries

The 2026 Donley County Junior Livestock Show was held last Saturday, January 10, at the Donley County Activity Center with Hudson Howard and Foster Koetting winning the beef division.

Complete results of the show are as follows:

Steers

Class 1 American – Cutter Ashbrook, Breed Champion; and Parker Haynes, Reserve Breed.

Class 2 British – Parker Haynes, Breed Champion.

Class 3 British – Trigg Harper, Reserve Breed; and Parker Haynes, second.

Class 4 Cross – Hudson Howard, first; Ronan Howard, second; and Parker Haynes, third.

Class 5 Cross – Hudson Howard, Grand Champion; Trigg Harper, Reserve Champion; and Hudson Howard, third.

Heifers

Class 1 – Cutter Ashbrook, first; Will Berry, second; and Cristina Silverstre, third.

Class 2 – Emma Howard, Reserve Champion; Kaitin Ehler, second; Roman Vaquera, third; and Kaitin Ehler, fourth.

Class 3 – Foster Koetting, Grand Champion; Emma Howard, second; and Payton Inman, third.

Class 4 – Kate Shaw, first; and Jaxon Robertson, second.

Sheep

Class 1 Fine Wool – Elliott Robertson, Reserve Champion; Kinze Zongker, Reserve Breed; and Kase Zongker, third.

Class 2 Southdown – Morgan Folsom, Breed Champion and Reserve Breed.

Class 3 Medium Wool – Elliott Robertson, Grand Champion; Kinze Zongker, second; and Remmi Burton, third.



Grand and Reserve Champions.

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Class 2 – Addison Havens, Grand Champion; and Ehmjey Martinez, second.

Barrows

Class 1 Black OPB – Addison Havens, Breed Champion; Wesley Shields, Reserve Breed; Cutter Ashbrook, third; and Kasie Shields, fourth.

Class 2 White OPB – Addison Havens, Breed Champion.

Class 3 Duroc – Addison Havens, Breed Champion; and Jase Conway, second and third.

Class 4 Duroc – Hunter Wann, Reserve Breed; Cutter Ashbrook, second; and Hunter Wann, third.

Class 5 Hampshire – Jaxon Robertson, Reserve Champion; Allie Ware, Reserve Breed; and Hudson Howard, third.

Class 6 Crossbred – Hudson Howard, Grand Champion; Jaxon Robertson, second; Hudson Howard, third; and Remmi Burton, fourth.

District court hears three Donley cases

Three Donley County cases were heard by the District Court when it met in Childress on Thursday, December 11.

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

Niki Lee Ratliff, 32, from Howardwick, Texas, was placed on six years' probation for the second-degree felony offense of assault of a peace officer.

Jose Emmanuel Sanchez-Lemus, 22, from Arlington, Texas, was placed on ten years' probation for the first-degree felony offense of

evading arrest with a motor vehicle.

Donley County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Sanchez on July 22, 2025. The Donley County Grand Jury indicted Sanchez on October 6, 2025.

Sanchez was also ordered to pay a \$10,000 fine, \$305 in court costs, and complete 300 hours of community service. If revoked, Sanchez faces up to 99 years or life in prison.

Danielle Christine Bourbis, 25, from Tallahassee, Fla., was placed on three years' probation for the

state jail felony offense of possession of a controlled substance, Tetrahydrocannabinol.

Donley County Sheriff's Deputy Brian Stevens arrested Bourbis on October 28, 2024. Bourbis pleaded to an information filed by the State on June 10, 2025.

Bourbis was ordered to pay a \$2,500 fine, \$400 in attorney fees, \$340 in court costs, \$180 lab fee, and complete 100 hours of community service.

If revoked, Bourbis faces up to two years in prison.

Downtown sidewalk work draws questions from council

The quality of work and the design of sidewalks in the city's current downtown revitalization project were discussed during last week's regular Clarendon City Council meeting.

Aldermen were particularly concerned with some thresholds of businesses that are not accessible despite accessibility being one of the goals of the project.

Engineer Ethan Johnson said the grant requires sidewalks to be accessible but accessibility to buildings is not necessarily required.

Alderman Ashlee Estlack pushed back wanting to know why the standard seems different from the first project in the 100 block of Kearney compared to the second and third projects in the 200 and 300 blocks. She said every building in the first block is accessible, but she found seven that were not accessible in the next two blocks.

Johnson said in some cases it has to do with ramping from the intersection and doors being too close to the ramp and in other cases he said that he was limited in the design but restricts on how high steps can be for the sidewalks.

"It doesn't look like the same city did the 100 block and the 200 and 300 blocks," she said. "Business owners have been left with a mess in some cases."

Estlack also distributed pictures she had taken down and expressed dissatisfaction with the quality of work in the 200 and 300 blocks in several cases.

"Excuse my language, but this just looks like Fido's ass in some places," Estlack said.

Alderman Brittney Sanne said one area of the concrete work near the library "looks like my kid did it with Playdoh."

Johnson said some areas can be addressed on final inspections and said a portion of the contract won't be paid until the city is satisfied and inspections are met.

In other city business, the city approved a motion to pay for a \$143,000 northside water improvement project out of reserves after financing options would have caused the price of the project to balloon. The city will now move forward with the next steps of the project which aims to improve water quality for several households in that part of town.

City officials also discussed cleaning up an area of White Street and what might be done to prevent illegal dumping in that area.

The council approved a resolution calling for a city election in May to elect three aldermen. The expiring seats are currently held by Aldermen Chelsi Shadle, Tom Thompson, and Chris Topliff.

A request for funds from the Donley County Senior Citizens Center's home-delivered meals program was approved for \$1,000.

A plan for additional stop signs in the city was presented but dropped by the council.

The council also met briefly in closed session to discuss City Secretary Machiel Covey but took no action upon returning to open session.



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Searching for offense and finding it

Several times recently I have written that being offended is often the price you pay for learning. If you can go through four years of college without ever having your ideas challenged, then you are not really getting an education. What I did not say is that students should not go out of their way to seek offense. Yet that is exactly what some students do. Unfortunately, it is hard to blame them when they are simply following the example set by many of our elected leaders.

Allow me to give an example from my own classroom.

At the end of a semester, I received a comment on a course evaluation stating that the student was "completely offended" by something I said to another student. The evaluator explained that a student from Africa with a thick accent made a comment in class. Because I could not understand him, I asked him to repeat himself. When he did, I jokingly said that I could understand him better if he would "just learn proper English."

On the surface, I can understand how that comment might sound bad. But context matters.

I did make the comment, and the student does have a thick accent. However, I know the student well, and this is a running joke between us. The student in question is Black, but he was born and raised in England. In other words, he is a native English speaker with a strong British accent. When I told him to "learn proper English," I was speaking to someone who speaks the purer form of English, we Americans are the ones who changed it. He understood the joke and laughed, as did his friends. I have said the same thing to white British students without raising an alarm. Another student however assumed, based solely on skin color, that he was African and took offense on his behalf assuming I was being racist.

This is where intent becomes important. The student to whom I was speaking knew there was no malice. The majority of the class knew there was no malice. He eventually asked his question and we moved on. That brings me to what I really want to discuss.

On Dec. 16, Los Angeles Rams wide receiver Puka Nacua, one of the best players in the NFL, appeared on a livestream with two popular internet personalities, Adin Ross and N3on (Mikyle Rafiq). I hope I'm getting that right; I am far too Gen X to fully understand this world. During the stream, the hosts asked Nacua if he would perform a touchdown celebration they created. After a couple of failed dance attempts, Nacua admitted he was not coordinated enough. Instead, they asked him to rub his hands together while looking into the camera. He agreed.

Nacua had no idea that rubbing one's hands together is considered by some to be antisemitic. My first reaction was simple: How is that antisemitic? If he had done so while calling Jews greedy, then yes, that would be offensive and deserving of punishment. But that is not what happened.

Like Nacua, I had never heard of that gesture being associated with antisemitism. I grew up in the Washington, D.C., area. My high school included students of every race, religion, and background imaginable, including a sizable Jewish population. I have heard every slur one can think of, and never once have I heard that rubbing one's hands together associated with Jews. My secondary field for my Ph.D. is the modern Middle East, including Israel, and again I have never encountered that gesture alone used as a derogatory symbol toward Jewish people.

I question if not for the hosts referring to it as a "Jewish dance," earlier in the show, if anyone would have even associate them together. It looked far more like the "money" gesture popularized by athletes than anything else. If my background and education do not associate that gesture with antisemitism, why would Puka Nacua? Intent matters. There was nothing malicious in what he did.

If anyone deserves criticism, it is the hosts of the show. Earlier in the stream, when Nacua was not present, they referenced what they called an "iconic Jewish dance." In that case, there was intent. Yet because Adin Ross is Jewish, it is unlikely any real accountability will follow. The greatest mistake Nacua made was associating with juvenile adults behaving foolishly in pursuit of followers.

Much like my classroom example, the person who seemed most offended was U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell of California. After referring to Nacua as an "a-hole," Swalwell called for him to apologize or be removed from the league. While I agree there is no place for hate speech, I see no evidence that Nacua engaged in any. If the congressman is genuinely concerned about antisemitism, perhaps he should turn his attention to college campuses across his own state, where students openly call for the elimination of the Jewish people in Israel when they chant "From the river to the sea."

Again, intent matters. What those students are doing is intentional. Rubbing one's hands together without any knowledge of a supposed meaning, and with no desire to offend, is not. Punishing Nacua for something that may or may not be true without malice does nothing to combat real hatred and should not happen.

James Finck is a professor of American history at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma. This article first appeared in the Lawton Constitution.



historically speaking

by dr. james finck

The royal 'hang-up' in Dallas

It's usually a "ho-hum" thing when my Uncle Mort calls. If it's about business, I make sure to "think monkey" in front of it.

Recently, his "jabber" included details of his "blind hog luck" while fetching groceries from the thicket's general store. His visit coincided with the arrival of the bread truck, this time with a trainee.

"He was a talker, bringing me up to speed on the news in Dallas," Mort said. A conversational dark side soon loomed, according to my uncle, about AT&T's decision to move its global headquarters almost 20 miles north to Plano. Mort's voice tone ascended from barely neutral to full throttle....

"AT&T's 'hanging up' on Dallas is the biggest local news since sliced bread," the trainee joked, making sure Mort made the "sliced bread connection" with his job. He added, "Looks like this drama has more ups and downs than an elevator with its tail on fire."

The 20-minute conversation – coupled with mindless scouring of the internet – provided enough info for Mort to consider himself an authority on the world's largest communications company, Dallas' biggest employer. He learned that the current digs in Dallas are rented, wondering if AT&T was required to pay first and last month in advance.

He's "right on" about this being big news. When the jousting includes so many players – including Texas Governor Greg Abbott – it's like penny-pitching gambling elevating quickly to high dollar casinos. Know this: There's more

spinning going on than all the tops of world toy stores strung together....

There's probably enough squirming in both corporate and city hall board rooms for new moves to be added at belly-dancing schools. Reasons for the BIG MOVE come from many sources, some of them tepid at best. AT&T claims to need a "suburban campus" where it can spread out. Dallas – with several skyscrapers posting "for rent" signs – urges the behemoth bunch to "think tall."

This reminded Mort of the joke about overweight guys going to great lengths to avoid great widths, but I doubt this has much to do with the "Big D" brouhaha quickly skipping simmering to a full boil.

Cut to the chase, my uncle is placing his bets on information provided by a bread truck trainee and internet sources. With him, "You pays your money and you takes your chances."....

Mort's thoughts are all over the charts, but I'll relay some of 'em:

1) Don't expect President Trump to get involved. He's too busy trying to convince Canada NOT to build a wall to keep us out. He's also busy with threats to Denmark that if cooperation with the US isn't forthcoming, he'll place a 300 percent tariff on Danish rolls.

Mort, who still hoists a Confederate flag



the idle american

by don newbury

daily, is more worried about Yankees headed south than illegal immigration. Every time there's news about Federal troops on the Rio Grande River, Mort thinks they ought to be at the Red River gateway from Oklahoma. "The Feds are guarding the wrong river," he fumes.

2) Jerry Jones might move the Cowboys north, too; they could start over as the "Plano Plowboys."

3) Think of the possibilities for utilizing emptiness left behind. "They could house the homeless and operate city hall in the same building," he claims. (Right now, Mort is trying to find out if it's true that AT&T has ordered flak jackets for the company's nearly 6,000 Dallas employees traveling to and from work daily.)

4) City leaders, trying to call AT&T brain trusts, may mostly get busy signals.

5) Mort doesn't fault Alexander Graham Bell, who invented the telephone. A college professor, Bell was trying to create some different sound pitches to help his deaf wife. (Answering the first ring in 1844 was a "Mr. Watson," who heard Alex's request, "Come here, I need to see you.") Watson wasn't needed for long, though, since he soon scored big in the ship-building business.

But that's another story. Foregoing are Mort's stories, and he's stickin' to 'em. My case is rested....

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Never trick the Chuckwagon cook

If asked to name the most important person on a trail drive, most cowboys would agree on the chuck wagon cook. It was the cook's responsibility to keep the men well fed with food fit to be eaten, a task that sometimes required a cook to double as a magician.

Always the first one up each morning, the cook would have a big pot of coffee boiling even before the wrangler got up to round up the saddle horses. Then a typical breakfast of biscuits or flapjacks would be prepared. Before moving out, the crew would agree with the cook on the camp location for the next night, and it was up to the cook to get his wagon, pulled by four ornery mules, to that location as best he could. After cleaning pots and pans and loading all the bedrolls and other things left by the crew, the cook would start on his own journey to the specified location.

Those mules took the chuck wagon across open country between boulders, stumps, and trees; across streams; up and down hills. The cook had to get there no matter what and have a good, hearty meal ready for the hungry crew when they arrived with their cattle. That was his job, and the gang didn't care how he did it as long as he got it done.

The evening meal was usually

set out in the

pots in which

it was cooked.

There would be a

big pot of soup,

another pot of

roast beef with

every kind of

vegetable in it, a

pot of beans, a pot of sourdough biscuits.

The cowboys would simply help

themselves.

A rapport always existed between

a good cook and the others in the crew,

and they frequently took time to chat,

trade yarns, and even play tricks on each

other. It was smart to be well liked by

the cook, even though friendly shenanigans would sometimes take place.

One chuck wagon cook recalled

in later years how the men in his crew,

who had played several tricks on him,

Route 66 tour plan includes Jericho

Plans for the centennial celebration of Route 66 will include a stop in Donley County when the fifth Annual Texas Route 66 Motor Tour takes place October 1-3, 2026.

The Old Route 66 Association of Texas has announced the event will kick off October 1 in Shamrock with a celebration at the iconic Tower Station in Shamrock and continue on Friday and Saturday, October 2 and 3, guiding registered participants across the Texas stretch of Historic Route 66.

The October 2 leg of the journey will start in Texola and roll through iconic stops including Shamrock,

McLean, Jericho, and Amarillo. October 3 will see the tour continue from Amarillo to Vega, Adrian, and Glenrio. Each location will offer its own slice of Route 66 history, culture, and charm.

This curated driving experience highlights iconic landmarks, small towns, museums, and local businesses—bringing together classic cars, travelers, and Route 66 fans from across the country.

Tickets are on sale now at www.rt66oftexas.com/motortour. Motor Tour registration includes: Event swag bag, Two hosted lunches, One banquet dinner, Museum admis-

sions, Entertainment and special experiences along the route 66 corridor.

"The Texas Route 66 Motor Tour has become a signature event for our association," said Gary Daggert, President of the Old Route 66 Association of Texas. "Celebrating our fifth tour during the Route 66 Centennial makes this year especially meaningful. It's about honoring history, supporting communities, and experiencing Route 66 the way it was meant to be enjoyed—together."

For registration details, event updates, and other opportunities, visit www.rt66oftexas.com/motortour.

FarmHope workshop set for Jan. 12 in Lubbock

A FarmHope workshop will take place on Jan. 12 from noon to 3 p.m. at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Lubbock, 1102 E Farm-to-Market Road 1294, in Lubbock.

FarmHope is a collaborative effort of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the Texas A&M Health Telehealth Institute.

Participants are asked to pre-register online. The free training begins with sign-in at 11:30 a.m. and runs through 3 p.m. Lunch will be sponsored by the Texas Corn Producers and the National Agricultural Law Center.

Texas State names Leeper to President's List

Texas State University is pleased to announce Toby Leeper of Clarendon has been named to its President's List for Fall 2025.

Leeper is majoring in Aquatic Biology.

The President's List is made up of students who earned a grade point average of 4.0 while enrolled in 12 or more GPA hours at Texas State University in the semester.

Rodriguez named to SNHU Dean's List

Carmen Rodriguez of Hedley has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Fall 2025 Dean's List. The fall terms run from September to December.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

AgriLife Extension offers pesticide 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.

Check-in will be from 8:30-9 a.m. for each class, and the class will last three and a half hours. The trainings will be held at the AgriLife Extension office for Potter County, 3301 SE 10th Ave.

A Private Pesticide Applicator License is required for producers and landowners who apply restricted-use pesticides to their property. The class provides the training necessary to take the private applicator license test administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture.

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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Making The Grade

Hedley

'A' Honor Roll

1st Grade: Shiloh Berry, Alexandria Coyle, Micah Howell

2nd Grade: Blair Alexander, Delaney Chambliss, Jess Koetting

3rd Grade: Kinley Persian, Coltley Watts

5th Grade: Dale Coyle

7th Grade: Paul Berry

10th Grade: Tinsley Albrecht, Payton Inman, Maria Silvestre

11th Grade: Abbey Brangan, Kylynn Shelley

12th Grade: Abigail Hood

6th Grade: Bryn Alexander

8th Grade: Tavi Edwards, Maddex Gay, Connor Holt

9th Grade: Damien Alston, Liberty Carter

10th Grade: Andrew Arreola, Takoda Edwards, Brayden Goodwin

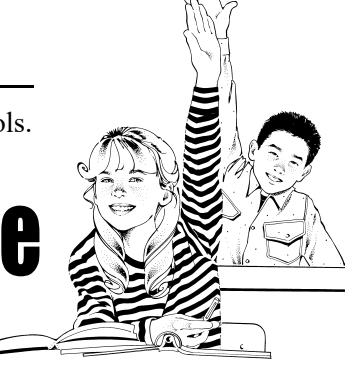
11th Grade: John Holt, Lillie McCleskey

12th Grade: Shailyn Hanes, Matthew Rodriguez, Adrianna Villarreal

We salute these kids for striving to be the best in our schools.

Congratulations and keep studying!

Clarendon Insurance Agency



Making The Grade

Clarendon

'A' Honor Roll

1st Grade: Graham Fields, Edward Harris, Mercy Whestone, McCoy Wann, Cayenne Wright

2nd Grade: Kylee Glover, Isabelle Hudson, Will Robertson, Bryer Smith, J'Cole Stewart, Brantley White, Daegan Hall, Lennon Morris, Ian Word

3rd Grade: Cambria Wright

4th Grade: Rebekah Bains

5th Grade: Stratton Burton

6th Grade: Asa Baine, Jase Conway, Kensler Roberts, Lincoln Smith, Jax Vande Boogaard

7th Grade: Cotton Halsey

8th Grade: Kassie Askew, Emma Christopher, Kase Zongker

9th Grade: Brance Bell, Bennett Chesser, Juliet Guerra, Shaylee Hall, Clarah Lewis, Hesten Taylor

10th Grade: Markeal Anderson, Madden Emerson, Madison Green, Makynna Williams, Tristen Ybarra, David Caudle, Kennedy Halsey, Addison Havens, Hudson Howard, Dakotah Jameson, Justus McAnear, Josie Murillo, Hagen Newman, Flint Pittman, Eliana Rodriguez, Skylar Williams

11th Grade: Kenden Hanes, Summer Martinez, Marelli Mercado, Hunter Caison, Shaun Childers, Kortni Davis, Eliana Estack, Kinslee Hatley, Parker Haynes, George Howard, Dahlia Neal, Braylon Rice, Zakary Roberts

12th Grade: Rowdy Beabout, Kyler Bell, Madilyn Benson, Ayden Bordonaro, Shelby Christopher, Ranger Drenth, Mary Jo Dushay, Gracie Ellis, Elliot Frausto, Kennedy Hayes, Emmarie Holland, Kaleb Mays, Millie McAnear, Berkley Moore, Alexis Phillips, Sarah Shaw, Don'ja Orr

1st Grade: Ryker Evans, Jamie Ryan, Zaiden Walker, Keyara Butler, Miles Decker, Harry Teak, Raegan Weldie

2nd Grade: Viktor Benton, Wylie Kirby, Tex Naylor, Sadie Shields, Darren Sternadel, Kaylee Taylor, Maggie Ashbrook, Jayton Hodge, Owen King, River Smith, Miles Word, Liam Wright

3rd Grade: Setson Duncan, Randilynn Harris, Penelope Roberson, James Shelton, Hope Ybarra, Josefina Alvey, Weston Burrow, Tate Chase, Azaylah Jaramillo, Rose Stone

4th Grade: Bennett Fields, Cutter Gaither, Landree Martinez, Madilynn Oliver, Alix Roberts, Carson Shields, Kasie Shields, Kinze Zongker, Danlin Avila, Omari Butler, Bennett Chesser, Juliet Guerra, Shaylee Hall, Clarah Lewis, Cutter Gaither, Daegan Hall, Dakota Taylor, Danlin Avila, Edward Harris, Eliseo Olivas, Graham Fields, Hesten Taylor, Hope Ybarra, Isabelle Hudson, Ja'Niyah Harris, Jaelyn Owens, Jakayden Weatherton, James Shelton, Josh Robinson, Kelton Herndon, Kinze Zongker, Kody Christopher, Lily Dubose, Livie Austin, Logan Blanchard, Madilynn Herndon, Madilynn Oliver, Mason King, McCoy Wann, Mercy Whetstone, Mia Jaramillo, O'Zarianna Matthews, Owen King, Paisley Jones, Peyton Warren, Rebekah Bains, Rose Stone, Rose Ybarra, Shaylee Hall, Sofie Blanchard, Stratton Burton, Tex Naylor, Will Robertson, Wylie Kirby, Xzaimian Gary, Zaiden Walker, Zuri Roark

5th Grade: Memory Arnold-Farmer, Blake Christopher, Camree Dean, Abby Jaramillo, Zyquavian Matthews, Slaid Pittman, Hunter Shields

6th Grade: Easton Caffey, Paxton English, Brentley Gaines, Braxton Gribble, Joshua Holt, Charles Neal, Rustin Wade

7th Grade: Hadley Beabout, Aiden Burnam, Daniel Capetillo, Allison Ware, Jesslyn Guerra, Alexis Jantz, Landry King, Kagan Robinson

8th Grade: SBrye Foster, Alana Johnson, Brice Wagner, Jayla Woodard

12th Grade: Joshua Blais, Dakota Bond, Nolan Burrow, Shane Haggard, Kaunden Moffett, Heston Seay, Coulter Wortham, Tyler Cavanaugh, Presley Smith

Perfect Attendance

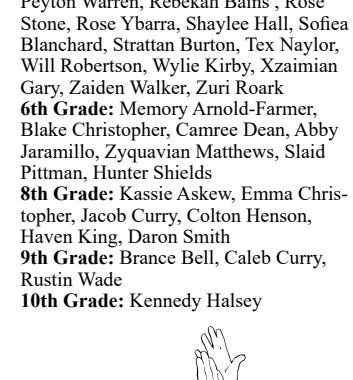
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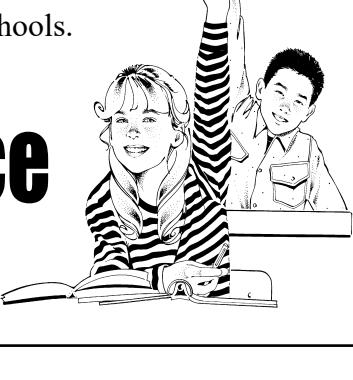
10th Grade: Kennedy Halsey



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Level: Intermediate

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

¿Qué Pasa?

Community Calendar

January 16 & 17

Mulkey Theatre • Song Sung Blue • 7:30 p.m.

January 18

Mulkey Theatre • Song Sung Blue • 7:30 p.m.

January 20

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

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



Menus

January 19 - 23

Donley County Senior Citizens

Mon: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, garden salad, garlic toast, apple crisp, iced tea/2% milk.

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

Wed: Smothered steak, gravy, buttered carrots, broccoli & cauliflower, whole wheat roll, lemon cake, iced tea/2% milk.

Thurs: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll, sliced peaches, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Pork chops/loin, long grain rice, peas & carrots, whole wheat roll, pumpkin pie, iced tea/2% milk

Hedley Senior Citizens

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

Tues: Pork roast, pinto beans, macaroni & tomatoes, cornbread, peanut butter cookie, iced tea/2% milk.

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

Thurs: Sliced ham, butter carrots, black eye peas, whole wheat roll, fruit crisp, iced tea/2% milk.

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

Clarendon CISD

Breakfast
Mon: Breakfast sandwich, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Tues: Dutch waffle, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Wed: Biscuit, gravy, scrambled eggs, bacon, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Thurs: Pancake wrap, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Fri: Cheesy toast, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch

Mon: Pizza, carrots, green beans, dessert, fruit, milk.

Tues: Quesadilla, salsa, beans, cucumbers, ice cream, fruit, milk.

Wed: Crispy chicken sandwich, fresh veggie cup, garden salad, fruit, milk.

Thurs: Breaded porkchop, gravy, roll, broccoli, corn, fruit, milk.

Fri: Corn dog, potatoes, tomato cup, fruit, milk.

Hedley ISD

Breakfast
Mon: French toast, sausage, orange, fruit juice, milk.

Tues: Cinnamon roll, sausage, banana, fruit juice, milk.

Wed: Scrambled eggs, bacon, biscuit, gravy, fruit juice, milk.

Thurs: Morning griddle sandwich, banana, fruit juice, milk.

Fri: No School

Lunch

Mon: Cheeseburger, macaroni, carrots, brownie, apple, milk.

Tues: Pork rib, roll, broccoli, corn, orange, milk.

Wed: Nachos Grande, beans, cucumbers, apricots, ice cream, milk.

Thurs: Chicken bowl, garlic knot, tomato cup, fruit cup, milk.

Fri: No School



the lion's tale
by roger estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting January 13, 2026, with Boss Lion Brian Barboza in charge.

We had 12 members present and three attending virtually.

Lion Anndria Newhouse distributed posters for the January 29 blood drive but said the area is experiencing a critical blood supply shortage right now and urged anyone who could to give at the Amarillo Coffee Memorial Blood Center.

The club briefly discussed plans for the Valentine's Bingo.

The Lions eyeglasses program was also discussed. Used eyeglasses may be left at the Enterprise, Robertson Funeral Home, the Burton Memorial Library, and the Donley County State Bank.

There being no further business, we were adjourned.

Scenes from the 2026 Donley County Junior Livestock Show



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TxDOT raising trafficking awareness

Being a good Texan on the road isn't just about driving kind, courteous and safe.

It's about looking out for each other, and that includes watching for the signs of human trafficking. While some behaviors on our roadways are obviously unsafe, the signs of human trafficking may not be as obvious.

That's why the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is raising awareness about the tragic reality of human trafficking and empowering employees and travelers across the state to recognize the signs of human trafficking to help stop this horrific crime. Together we can ensure a Texas where nobody is victimized by human trafficking, and everyone feels safe to travel our roads freely.

"What would happen if we all know the signs of human trafficking and act when we see it? We can work together to give anyone who travels in Texas peace of mind wherever they go," TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams said. "We know our transportation system can be a conduit for trafficking, which is why we are providing tips to our employ-

ees and Texas drivers on how to spot the signs."

During National Human Trafficking Prevention Month, TxDOT is sharing important safety messages across the state, including new posters at Travel Information Centers. These can reach Texas drivers along major interstate corridors and encourage people to be on the lookout.

TxDOT employees also receive training to spot the signs of human trafficking. This training has helped save victims by enabling our TxDOT employees to recognize the signs of human trafficking at travel centers and report them to law enforcement. Our Human Trafficking Awareness training educates our employees about the various types of human trafficking, red flags commonly associated with human trafficking, how transportation is used to aid traffickers and ways individuals can safely report suspicious activity. TxDOT employees recently wore blue in recognition of "Wear Blue Day," to raise awareness about human trafficking.

Here are some "red flags" that might indicate labor trafficking or sex trafficking: Worker is not free to leave. Worker lives at the business. Worker is transported to the location by the owner or manager and all workers arrive and leave at the same time.

Person seems overly fearful, submissive, tense or paranoid. Person is deferring to another person before giving information. Person has physical injuries or branding such as name tattoos on face or chest.

It's important for all of us to be aware, stay vigilant and report signs of human trafficking. If you see any of these red flags, you can report the situation through several ways: Call 911 for emergencies. Call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 888-373-7888 or text 233733. Call iWatchTexas at 844-643-2251 or submit a report through their website or through the iWatch app on your mobile device.

By being alert and "trusting your gut" when something feels wrong, you can help play a role in preventing the tragedy of human trafficking, and make sure Texas roadways are safe for all of us.

Discovery Center offering dollar programs

For just \$1 per person, both Discovery Center Collective locations in Amarillo will be offering \$1 admission during their Discover for a Dollar program on Jan. 23 and Jan. 24.

The Don Harrington Discovery Center (DHDC) will host a Discover for a Dollar evening from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, January 23. The \$1 admission per person for the evening will include science demonstrations, an immersive Space Theater show, freshly popped boxes of popcorn, and a chance to explore the STEAM-based activities and exhibits throughout the building.

Wildcat Bluff Nature Center (WBNC) will host Discover for a Dollar on the following day, Saturday, January 24, from sunrise to sunset. Visitors outside of WBNC's office hours (9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) are asked to place their \$1 admission fee in the drop box next to the Visitor Center's entrance or to use the QR codes at the trailhead or bulletin board to pay digitally.

The opportunity to explore

DHDC or hike WBNC's trails for just \$1 allows all families to make new memories together at a more accessible price. The program is aligned with the DCC's mission to spark curiosity for learners across the high plains and to create equitable access to informal education for all.

The Don Harrington Discovery Center is marking its 50th anniversary by continuing its commitment to accessible, hands-on learning through programs like Discover for a Dollar, while also bringing back signature events such as The Mad Scientist Ball and Discovery 5.0.

The milestone year will feature special dinosaur-themed exhibits and experiences throughout 2026, offering new and returning visitors more opportunities to explore, learn, and discover together.

Follow DHDC and WBDC on Facebook and Instagram or visit DiscoveryCenterCollective.org for more information.

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Blood Needs Remains Critical locally

Our Blood Institute is continuing its emergency blood donation appeal as hospitals across Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas remain in need of a stable blood supply to support patient care.

In recent days, the area community has begun responding to the call for donations. While Our Blood Institute is grateful for those who have stepped up, blood inventory levels remain below what is needed to fully support trauma care, surgeries, cancer treatments and emergency response.

Coffee Memorial Blood Center says the area remains in need of all

blood types, especially type O-positive and O-negative, which are the first blood types used in emergency situations.

"Blood donation is not a one-time need during an emergency," said Dr. John Armitage, president and CEO of Our Blood Institute. "It takes consistent donations to rebuild the blood supply and keep hospitals prepared. We are encouraged by the response so far, but the need remains urgent."

Blood is needed every day for patients facing life-threatening situations, including car accidents, complicated childbirths, chronic illnesses

and major surgeries. Unlike many medical supplies, blood cannot be manufactured and must be donated by volunteer donors.

Our Blood Institute urges all eligible donors to continue making appointments in the days and weeks ahead to help move the community out of this deficit and protect patients who depend on timely access to blood.

Anyone who is healthy and 16 years old* or older can give blood. Appointments to donate can be made online at obi.org or by calling 877-340-8777. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Obituaries

McCombs

Robert "Bob" Gault McCombs, 88, of Amarillo passed away December 27, 2025.

Bob was born July 4, 1937, in Amarillo to Robert Leslie

McCombs and Margaret Gault McCombs and raised in Vega Tx.

After graduating high school Bob joined the military and proudly served in the Marines and National Guard from 1956-1962 with Honorable Discharge from both branches. He then moved to Childress where met his wife of 63 years, Patricia Ann McCombs. He worked 35 years for the US Post Office in Childress and Clarendon. He also served on the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department for close to 20 years. Clearly, he was dedicated to a life of service and will be remembered for all that he gave.

Bob is preceded in death by his wife Patricia McCombs.

He is survived by a sister Linda Cheek, a stepdaughter Sandy Jobert and husband Mick, daughter Wendy Walsh and husband Cary, grandchildren Marla, Lori, Dakota and Kaitlyn, great grandchildren River, Jayden, Chase, Lucy and Clay.



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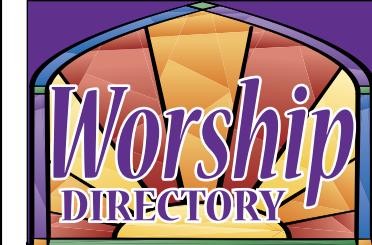
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 US 287 E • 874-2156 • REV. SETH SHIPMAN
 SUN. SCHOOL: 10 A.M. • SUN. SERVICE: 10:30 A.M.
 SUN. EVENING: 7 P.M. • WED. 7 P.M.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
 300 S. CARHART • 874-2495
 SUN. BIBLE CLASS: 9:30 A.M. • SUN. SERVICE: 10:30 A.M.
 SUN. 6 P.M. • WED. 7 P.M.

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 209 S. HAWLEY • 874-2321 • PASTOR: ALLEN POSEY
 SUN. SCHOOL: 9:30 A.M. • SUN. SERVICE: 11 A.M.
 • WED. 7 P.M.

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 SUN. EVENING: 6 P.M. • WED. COMMUNITY KIDZ 5:30 P.M.
 WED. ADULT BIBLE STUDY: 6 P.M.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 120 E. THIRD ST. • PASTOR: DR. KEN MCINTOSH
 SUN. SERVICE: 5 P.M.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD
 4TH ST. & HWY. 70 SOUTH • PASTOR: JASON HUSTON
 SUN. SCHOOL: 9:30 A.M. • SUN. SERVICE: 10:40 A.M.
 WED. BIBLE STUDY: 6:30 P.M.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
 300 BUGBEE AVE. • 874-3833 • REV. LANCE WOOD
 SUN. SCHOOL: 9:45 A.M. • SUN. SERVICE: 10:55 A.M.
 SUN. EVENING: 6 P.M. • KIDS ACTIVITIES: WED. 6 P.M.
 COLLEGE MINISTRY: WED. 9 P.M.

CLARENDON METHODIST CHURCH
 420 S. JEFFERSON • 874-3667 • BRO. RYAN QUIST
 SUN. SCHOOL: 9:45 A.M. • SUN. SERVICE: 11 A.M.
 SUN. YOUTH: 6:00 P.M. • WED. BIBLE STUDY: 6:30 P.M.

JESUS NAME APOSTOLIC CHURCH
 720 E. MONTGOMERY • REV. 874-2078
 REV. CALVIN BURROW
 SUN. SERVICES: 3 P.M. • WED. 7 P.M.

RISE UP KINGDOM MINISTRIES:
 501 S. MCCLELLAND • PASTOR: JOSE SHADLE
 SUNDAY DISCIPLESHIP CLASS: 9:30 A.M.
 SUN. 10:00 A.M.

CHRIST'S KIDS OUTREACH MINISTRY:
 416 S. KEARNEY • 874-2007
 SUN. BREAKFAST 9:30 A.M. • SUN. PRAISE & WORSHIP 10 A.M.
 SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:30 A.M. • WED.: 5 P.M.

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 PUBLIC MEETING & WATCHTOWER STUDY: SUN. 10 A.M.
 BIBLE STUDY, CONGREGATIONAL THEOCRATIC MINISTRY
 SCHOOL & SERVICE MEETING • TUES.: 7 P.M.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 301 S. PARKS ST. • 874-2511 • REV. JIM AVENI
 SECOND SUNDAY SERVICE: 11 A.M.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
 MONTGOMERY & MCCLELLAND
 FR. BALA POLLISSETI
 SUN. MASS 11 A.M.

ST. STEPHENS CATHOLIC CHURCH
 300 N. JEFFERSON ST. • PASTOR: ROY WILLIAMS
 SUN. SCHOOL: 10 A.M. • SUN. SERVICE: 11:15 A.M.
 WED.: 7 P.M. (WEATHER PERMITTING)

TRUE CHURCH OF GOD & CHRIST
 301 N. JEFFERSON • ST. PASTOR: JEFF RILES
 SUN. SCHOOL: 10 A.M. • SUN. SERVICE: 11:15 A.M.
 WED.: 7 P.M.

THE GATHERING
 623 W. FOURTH • PHYLLIS COCKERHAM
 SUNDAY: 10 A.M. • WED.: 7 P.M.

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 110 E. SECOND ST. • MINISTER: STEWART MESSER
 SUN. BIBLE CLASS: 10 A.M. • SUN. SERVICE: 11 A.M.
 SUN. EVENING: 6 P.M. • WED.: 7:30 P.M.

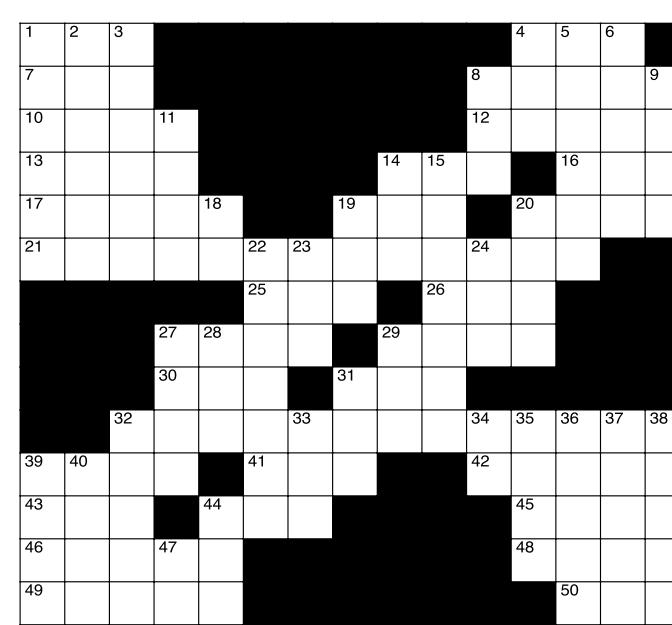
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 200 N. MAIN ST. • PASTOR: STAN COSBY
 SUN. SERVICE: 11 A.M.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
 210 N. MAIN ST. • 874-3326 • PASTOR: BRUCE HOWARD
 SUN. SCHOOL: 10 A.M. • SUN. 11 A.M. & 6 P.M.
 WED.: 7 P.M.

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 235 RICK HUSBAND BLVD. • 874-3326 • REV. JIM FOX
 SUN. SCHOOL: 8:45 A.M. • SUN. SERVICE: 10:00 A.M.
 SUN. EVENING: 5 P.M. • WED.: 6 P.M.

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MARTIN BAPTIST CHURCH
 US 287 W
 SUN. SCHOOL: 10 A.M. • SUN. SERVICE: 11 A.M.
 SUN. EVENING: 6 P.M. • WED.: 7 P.M.

BRICE
BRICE DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE
 PASTOR: LOUIS BENNETT
 SUNDAY: 9:45 A.M. • SUN. EVENING: 6 P.M. • WED.: 6 P.M.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Former CIA
- 4. Language
- 7. Constrictor snake
- 8. Demand
- 10. Rich man
- 12. Short-tailed marten
- 13. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire
- 14. Superconducting super collider
- 16. International group of countries within the Americas
- 17. Sacred state for Muslims
- 19. Shock therapy
- 20. Engrave
- 21. Localities
- 25. Paddle
- 26. Periodical
- 27. Dishonestly gained money
- 29. Gain possession of
- 31. High schoolers' test
- 32. Mr. October
- 39. Sign of healing
- 41. One's grandmother
- 42. Entrap
- 43. One who simultaneously buys and sells
- 44. Francisco
- 45. Web-based data provider of marine life
- 46. Type of snake
- 48. Dark mark or stain
- 49. Member of the Salii
- 50. Former measure of length
- 51. CNN's founder
- 52. Witness

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Acquire
- 2. Console
- 3. Hunting expedition
- 4. Pie — mode
- 5. Simple shoes for peasants
- 6. Eurasian shrub
- 8. Reciprocal of a sine
- 9. Work together in harmony
- 11. Grenade
- 14. File extension
- 15. Minute pores in a plant
- 18. Medal of Honor
- 19. Make a mistake
- 20. Advance slowly, as if by inches
- 22. Sandwich meat
- 23. An awkward stupid person
- 24. Strong tree
- 27. Commoner
- 28. Electroencephalograph
- 29. Mahal
- 31. Congressman
- 32. Disorderly crowd
- 33. 007's creator Fleming
- 34. Atomic 55
- 35. Part of a door
- 36. Short-tail martens
- 37. Baltimore ballplayer
- 38. Cuddle
- 39. Gang in "The Outsiders"
- 40. Of Croatia
- 44. Body cavity
- 47.

Lady Broncos slam Highland Park

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos played hard early in the week against Wellington but fell short at 56-62. They were able to get by Highland Park with a huge win at 82-4.

The ladies played hard against the Lady Rockets and led until the final quarter of play. Too many missed shots and turnovers cost the Lady Broncos in the end and Wel-

lington was able to capitalize on them to get the win.

Kenidee Hayes played a stellar game and finished with 24 points that included going 10 for 10 from the free throw line, and Cambree Smith was three for three. Overall, the ladies converted 21 of 23 bonus shots for an impressive 91 percent. Presley Smith convert five of six, and Berkley Moore put in three of

four. The Lady Broncos' three-point shot was off from their normal percentages, with Moore putting in the only three. Moore and Kate Shaw finished with eight, and P. Smith had seven. C. Smith put in five, and Gracie Ellis and Madi Benson added two each.

The game with the Lady Hornets was a runaway for the Lady

Broncos, and Highland Park could not stop them on either ends of the court.

P. Smith had 18, C. Smith put in 14, Moore had 15, and Millie McNear finished with 10. Ellis and Benson had nine; Shaw finished with seven.

The Lady Broncos will have a bye on January 16 and host Panhandle on January 20 at 6:30 p.m.



Team Bonding

The Clarendon JV and Varsity Bronco basketball teams enjoyed team dinner provided by the Church of Christ recently.

COURTESY PHOTO / MEGHAN GRIBBLE

Bronco JV claims three of five wins this week

By Sandy Anderberg

The Bronco JV hosted Wellington and traveled to Highland Park this week, plus competed in the White Deer Tournament to earn three wins.

They Broncos suffered losses to Wellington at home and Amarillo Accelerated Christian in the tournament.

The Broncos played hard against Wellington but struggled to put a solid game together and lost 31-73. The Broncos were able to stay with them until late in the second quarter when the Rockets capitalized on several turnovers and fouls. They increased their lead by 27 points

before the final seven minutes of the game.

Dakotah Jameson did a good job but got in foul trouble early on. He finished with seven points. Tristen Ybarra led the way on the scoreboard with eight, and Rustin Wade put in six. Don'Jae Orr had five and Michael Shattuck added three.

Brance Bell hit two free throws for two points.

The Broncos took on Vega in the first round of the WD tournament and defeated them 42-35. The Broncos played solid basketball and were able to convert shots and play strong defense against the Longhorns. They got off to a great start

scoring 12 while holding their opponent to four in the opening quarter.

They increased their led to nine at the break. The Longhorns attempted a small comeback in the second half, but the Broncos were able to shut them down to get the win.

The Broncos went up against Amarillo Accelerated Christian in the next game that went into double overtime with the Broncos losing 38-39. The Broncos gave their all in the game that could have gone in their favor.

In their final game, the Broncos slid by White Deer for third place defeating them 34-31. They were able to persevere in their final game

after a tough previous game. They went toe to toe with the Bucks and never let them get an edge on the court.

The Broncos led by five going into the final quarter of regulation. AC was able to have the upper hand in the final to send the game into overtime. The first overtime ended at 34 all, which prompted another overtime, where AC was able to hit the final free throw of the game to get the win.

The Broncos will play Panhandle at home on January 20 after taking advantage of a bye on January 16. They will travel to Wheeler on January 23 beginning at 5 p.m.

Lady Bronco JV rises above Highland Park

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos junior varsity squad played a solid game against Highland Park last week on the road and earned a 52-14 win.

Earlier in the week, the ladies played solid against Wellington but could not stop them in the fourth quarter taking a 30-38 loss.

The Lady Broncos were on fire against the Lady Hornets and were able to cause several turnovers in

the game. Storming onto the court in the first quarter, the Lady Broncos built up a 19-6 lead and expanded that lead to 38 in the second while holding Highland Park to only eight points at the break.

The Lady Broncos played with determination and consistency throughout the rest of the game and defensively only gave up six more points in the game. Offensively, the ladies hit seven out of eight of their

free throws.

Eli Rodriguez led the way with 16 points, and Lakin Smith and Addy Havens put in 15 each in the win. Landry King added four and Sequoia Weatherton finished with two.

The girls kept it close in the first three quarters of play and trailed by only three points against Wellington at the break. They were able to go 11 for 18 from the bonus line for 61 percent as a team. Rodriguez

and Hodges were 100 percent from the free throw line. The ladies made some good stops against the Lady Rockets, but Wellington expanded their lead to get the 10-point win.

Laken Smith led the way with 11 points and Eli Rodriguez put in 10. Paylin Hodges added six and Addy Havens helped with four.

The Lady Broncos will take on Panhandle at home on January 20 beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Lady Colts put up good fight against Quanah

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Colts hosted Quanah last Monday night and gave a strong effort in the loss. The 7th grade team lost 13-21 and the eighth-grade team was stopped 54-5.

The 7th grade stayed tight with the Lady Indians the entire game as they were able to make up some ground before the break after slipping behind by six points. Solid hustle helped them in their attempt to take down Quanah, but ran out of time on the clock.

Preslee English put in 10 points and Marley Robinson and Marleigh Bailey each added two in the game.

The 8th grade Lady Colts stayed strong in the game but failed to convert shots into points. Quanah was successful in converting steals into points and the Lady Colts struggled to stop them.

Haven King and Adleigh Moore put two points apiece on the board and Journey Morris added one.

The Lady Colts will take on Panhandle on January 19 at home at 5:00 p.m.

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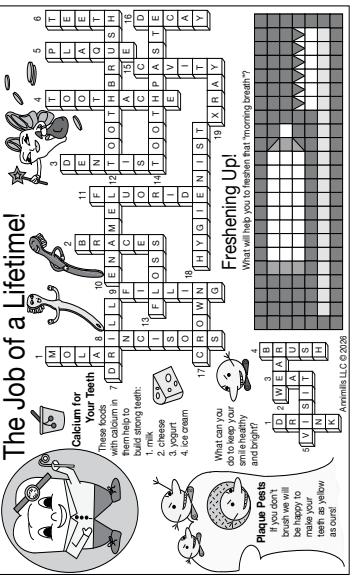
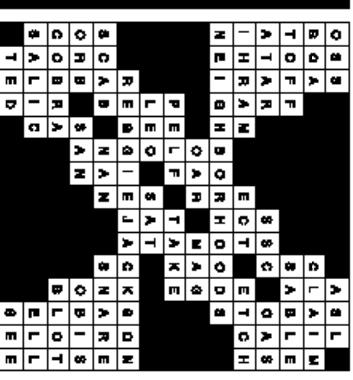
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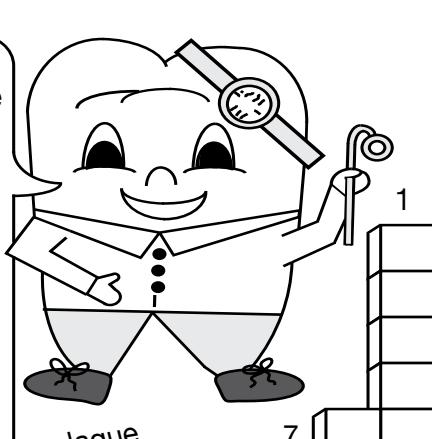
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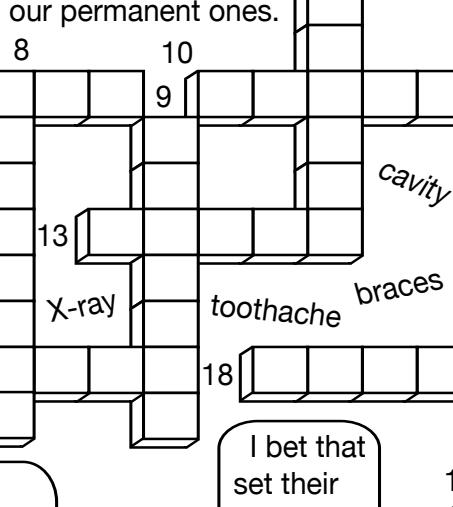


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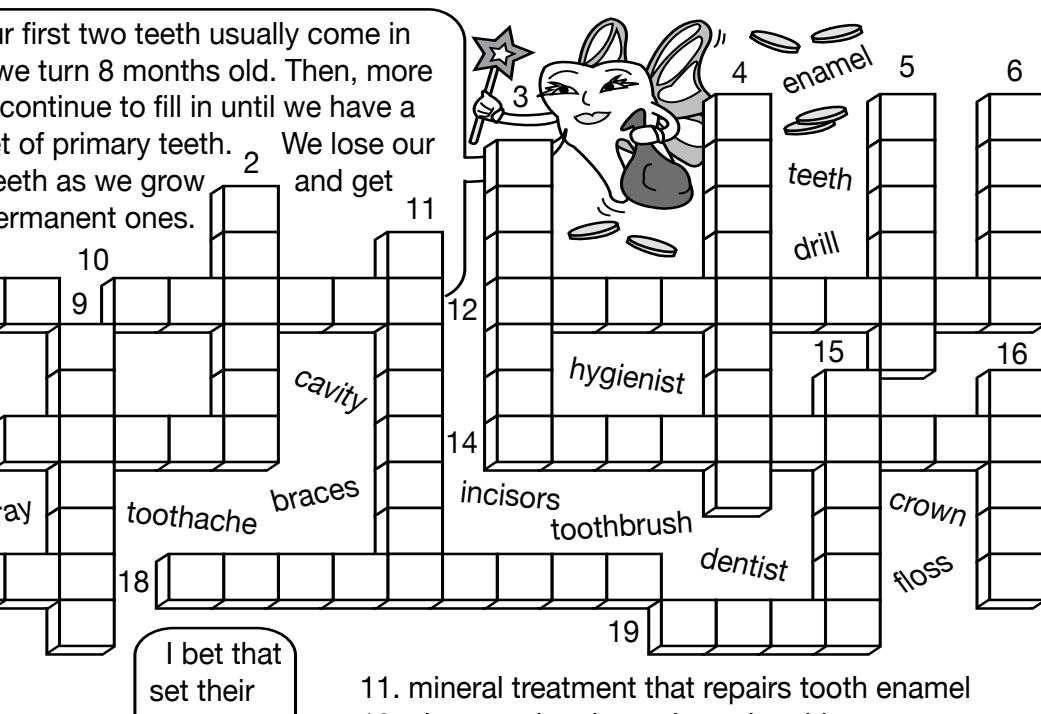
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- waxed, silky string used to clean between teeth
- gel or paste used with toothbrush to clean teeth
- little hole in a tooth (due to bacteria)
- “eating away” of teeth by acids, causes a cavity
- the part of the tooth seen inside the mouth
- person who cleans and checks teeth
- a way for the dentist to take a picture inside the teeth, even behind the gums



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