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

## Ag conference to be rescheduled

Due to the winter storm last weekend, the Southeast Texas Panhandle Ag Conference scheduled for January 26 in Memphis was postponed.

Donley County Extension Agent Leonard Haynes says they are trying to find a date the first week of March to reschedule.

For more information, contact the Donley County Extension Office at 806-874-2141.

## Chamber accepting award nominations

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce has opened nominations for its annual community awards.

Nominations must be received by 5 p.m. on Monday, February 2, for the following categories: Man of the Year and Woman of the Year – individuals who have made a significant contribution to the community in 2025, Saints' Roost Award – honoring an individual for a lifetime of service to the community, and the Volunteer Organization of the Year.

Nominations should specify which award the person or organization is being nominated for and a brief paragraph stating the reason for the nomination. The nominations should be no more than one page in length.

Nominations can be delivered to the Clarendon Visitor Center inside the Mulkey Theatre; emailed to [Chamber@ClarendonTx.com](mailto:Chamber@ClarendonTx.com); or submitted online at [ClarendonTx.com](http://ClarendonTx.com).

## Blood drive set for next Thursday here

Coffee Memorial Blood Center will hold a community blood drive in Clarendon on Thursday, January 29, from noon to 4 p.m. in the Bloodmobile at Lowe's Family Center. Schedule your appointment by calling 877-340-8777 or visit [obi.org](http://obi.org).



## Courthouse project may yield more benefits

A restoration project for the 1890 Donley County Courthouse may give the county more benefit than initially expected, according to Judge John Howard.

The county received a grant of about \$2.6 million last year, and the county was to provide a match of about \$458,000 to conserve some deteriorating sandstone and repair a brick wall on the building's south

face. Architects began exploring the project further last June and have been working with the contractor since that time and have determined that the work will take less money than expected.

"The grant funds will be reduced to \$1.53 million," Howard said, "and the county's match will only have to put in about \$276,000 for match."

That leaves money left over in funds that have been saved and reserved for courthouse preservation, and Howard says the county is looking at ways to do more work that what the grant could have ever covered.

"We're looking at putting some acoustical panels on the walls of the district courtroom to improve the sound," Howard said. "We want to

enlarge the jury box, and we're considering finishing off the third floor."

The judge says the county should be able to make its match and do the additional work for about \$447,000, which is more than \$10,000 less than the county would have been out originally.

The jury box has been a tight squeeze for 12 people since it was restored in 2003, and Howard says

the architect has some ideas about how to expand that.

The 2003 restoration rebuild the third floor of the building after it was razed in the 1930s, but there wasn't enough money in that project to finish the space for functional use.

"The walls are done, and there is electricity run," Howard said. "It wouldn't take much to finish that space."

## Candidates lining up for local offices

Nine candidates have signed up out of 22 positions open for elections this spring with about two weeks to go in the filing period.

The cities of Clarendon, Hedley, and Howardwick; the Clarendon and Hedley school districts; the Clarendon College District; and the Donley County Hospital District are all scheduled to have elections this May.

The Clarendon CISD Board of Trustees has two positions open. The three-year terms of Chrisi Tucek and Mike Word are expiring, and Word has filed to run again.

The Donley County Hospital District Board of Directors has four positions up this year, and all but one of the incumbents have filed to run again – Jan Farris, Place 4; Nikki Adams, Place 5; and Mark C. White, Place 6. Lori Howard, Place 7, has not yet filed as of Tuesday morning.

One of three regents up for election this year on the Clarendon College board has filed to run again. Chris Matthews is seeking re-election, and Carey Wann and Dr. Guy Ellis had not yet filed as of Tuesday morning.

The City of Howardwick has all its incumbents filed to run for re-election. Aldermen Terry Barnes, Mary Grady, and Johnny Hubbard have declared for their two-year seats on the city council.

The Clarendon City Council also has three full two-year terms up for election this year. The terms of Tom Thompson, Chris Topliff, and Chelsi Shadle are expiring. Thompson has filed for re-election, and Shadle has recently submitted a letter of resignation as her family is moving to a house outside the city limits.

Hedley has two aldermen's positions and the mayor's seat up for election. Those are two year terms and are currently held by Mayor Trisha Chambliss and Aldermen Aaron Hanes and Clinton Pierce.

Hedley CISD has three full terms and one partial term available. The full three-year terms of Troy Monroe, Shauna Herbert, and Tangela Copelin are up, and there are two years remaining on the unexpired term now held by Shawn Willoughby.

All local boards are elected at-large, but hospital board candidates must file for a specific place on the board. Candidate applications are available from the administrative offices of each entity.

Filing continues through Friday, February 13. Elections are scheduled to be held Saturday, May 2, 2026.



### Snow much fun!

Riley and Kamdyn Wright enjoy sledding following the winter storm that shut down churches, schools, and other activities after dropping as much as 10 inches of snow in some parts of Donley County. The frigid weather hit Friday evening with temperatures plunging into single digits and negative windchill factors. The snow mostly fell Saturday afternoon and well into the night. Enterprise readers submitted about a hundred photos of the winter wonderland and all the fun that was had as a result. You can see some of those pictures on page four of this week's issue, and visit [Facebook.com/TheEnterprise](http://Facebook.com/TheEnterprise) to see more.

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# State should help fund county roads

If you live in rural Texas, it will come as no surprise that county roads across the state are failing. You feel it every time you dodge a pothole, ease past slow-moving farm equipment, or watch a school bus crawl down a road that hasn't seen real maintenance in years.

Transportation may not sound exciting, but the condition of our county roads is a conversation rural Texans should be paying close attention to. These roads carry our kids to school, ranchers to their land, ambulances to emergencies, fire trucks to grass fires, and workers to the jobs that power much of the Texas economy. Yet county roads remain one of the most underfunded parts of our public infrastructure system.

As part of the Dirt Road Tour of rural Texas, I interviewed on my podcast this week Cass County Judge Travis Ransom about the challenges facing rural counties. What I learned was this: road funding has become one of the most serious issues counties face, and the state's approach to it is based on a model that has not meaningfully changed since 1954.

While the Texas Department of Transportation builds and maintains the state highway system, counties are responsible for nearly all roads outside city limits that are not state highways. In Cass County alone, that's close to 1,000 miles of road maintained on a road and bridge budget of just over \$3 million. To put that into perspective, a single quarter-mile chip seal now costs around \$40,000. At today's construction costs, counties can barely keep roads from falling apart, much less improve them.

Texas collects a 20-cent-per-gallon state motor fuels tax that generates nearly \$4 billion a year for transportation. Yet counties receive none of it. Instead, all 254 counties split about \$7.3 million from General Revenue through what's known as the Lateral Roads Fund – an amount that has effectively been frozen for 70 years.

So who pays for county roads? Mostly, rural taxpayers do. Counties rely heavily on local property taxes to fund road maintenance. In sparsely populated areas with limited commercial tax base, that simply doesn't go far enough. Equipment costs the same in Cass County as it does in Houston. Asphalt doesn't get cheaper because fewer people live nearby. The result is deferred maintenance, year after year, and roads that continue to deteriorate.

Judge Ransom is proposing a modest, practical idea he calls "A Penny for County Roads." His suggestion is that the Legislature dedicate just one penny of the existing state motor fuels tax to counties for county road work. That's five percent of the tax Texans are already paying at the pump. No new tax. No bond debt. Just a fairer allocation.

That one penny would allow counties to move out of constant crisis mode and begin planning and maintaining roads before they fail. It would also shift road funding toward a user-based model rather than relying almost entirely on property taxes – something rural Texans, who already feel the strain of rising appraisals, should care about.

Because the money would be dedicated, it would not depend on political priorities each session or compete with urban megaprojects. It would give rural Texas a stable source of funding for one of government's most basic responsibilities: safe, reliable roads.

And the safety stakes are real. About seven percent of traffic fatalities in Texas occur on narrow, aging county roads, often with drainage problems, limited shoulders, and poor visibility. These roads regularly carry heavy trucks, farm equipment, and emergency vehicles.

In many rural communities, the need is not complicated: safe pavement, proper drainage, and roads fire trucks and ambulances can actually use.

Texas has experienced historic budget surpluses. If lawmakers are serious about improving people's lives, directing more attention to counties – where government is closest to the people – would be a meaningful place to start.

What struck me most in this conversation is how practical this proposal is. Rural counties have already stretched limited dollars as far as they can. But creativity cannot substitute for structural reform.

Judge Ransom plans to take this idea to Austin and is encouraging counties across Texas to support it with formal resolutions. Rural Texans can help by raising this issue with county leaders and legislators and asking why county roads remain such a low priority in a state that depends so heavily on them.

Rural Texans show up. We vote. We fuel the state's agricultural, energy, and timber economies. We deserve infrastructure funding that reflects that contribution.

A penny for county roads will not solve everything overnight. But it would acknowledge a simple truth: rural roads matter – not just to those who live here, but to the Texas economy as a whole.

This is more than a statement about transportation; it is also about giving local governments the tools to protect their people. If Texas truly believes rural Texas matters, then county roads should reflect that.

Suzanne Bellsnyder is the publisher of the Hansford County Reporter Statesman.

# We rarely get a mulligan in life

A Wheel of Fortune contestant, one Reginald Somebody, answered matter-of-factly to host Ryan Seacrest's query about life goals.

Reginald answered soberly. "My dream is to hawk beer in every major league baseball park in America."

Sur enough, Reginald prevailed on that night's show, winning \$24,626. Stationed nearby were his mom and cousin....

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Seacrest typically controls conversational flows whether emceeing Wheel or hosting New York City's Times Square ball-drop on New Year's Eve.

He asked the winning contestant's mom, standing nearby, a simple question: "Have you ever bought a beer from your son?"

It was as if a softball "pitch" had been lobbed her way, and she hit it out of the park. "No, I don't drink beer," she answered....

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# Obituaries

## McElroy

Phyllis Marie McElroy, 82, of Clarendon passed away Friday, January 23, 2026, in Amarillo.

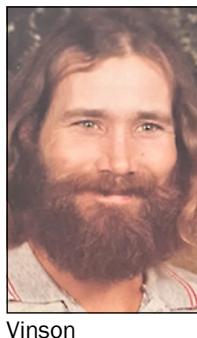


Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, January 29, 2026, in Calvary Baptist Church in Clarendon, with Rev.

Seth Shipman officiating. Burial will follow in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon.

## Vinson

Garey Dale Vinson, Sr of Clarendon was gently called home on January 25, 2026.



He passed away peacefully in his sleep, leaving this world on his own terms, just as he lived his life— with quite strength, independence and heart.

Born on December 27, 1953, in Memphis to Eva Irene Johnson and Herman Vinson, Garey spent his life rooted in Clarendon, the community he proudly called home.

Known to many as "Gopher" or "the cable man," Garey faithfully

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

Marie was born August 25, 1943, in Memphis to John and Phyllis Cross Richey. She grew up in Lelia Lake and attended school there until the school closed, after which she transferred to Clarendon, graduating from Clarendon High School. She married Charles Nat McElroy on June 9, 1961, in Clarendon.

Marie worked as a caregiver for many years prior to her retirement. She was a longtime resident of Claude before moving back to Clarendon several years ago. She loved antiques and worked alongside her sister at Poor Boy's Antiques in Clarendon. She had a wonderful Christmas collection and greatly enjoyed spend-

ing time with and helping raise her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a faithful member of Calvary Baptist Church in Clarendon.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her son, Wade McElroy; and her sisters, Bobbie, Jackie, and Dorothy.

She is survived by her husband, Nat McElroy of Canyon; her sons, Bryan McElroy and wife Carla of Canyon, Mitch McElroy and wife Aidee of Canyon, and Steven McElroy and wife Tori of Lubbock; her brother, Truman Richey and wife Nina of San Angelo; her sister in law, Gaynell Pool of Groom; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be sent to Calvary Baptist Church.

served his community for many years, providing dependable cable service and a friendly face people trusted. After retirement, he spent some of his happiest days surrounded by family living with his daughter Jaimie and son-in-law Steven, in a home filled with grandchildren, laughter, and memories that will last a lifetime.

Garey loved life's simple joys: early morning coffee, loud music, long back roads, and a cold beer. He was a good man with a big heart, who loved his family deeply and held his grandchildren especially close.

He is survived by his children, David Andrew Vinson, Jaimie Vinson, Gabby Lockeby, and Jessica Perales; his sister Ava Ontiveros; his brothers, Bobby Vinson, Eddie Vinson; and his nine grandchildren; and many loved family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Eva Irene Johnson and Herman Vinson; his brother Herman Wayne Vinson; a sister Barbara Bobbit; and his son Garey Dale Vinson Jr.

Garey's favorite saying "who turned the screw?", will forever bring smiles and warm memories to those who knew him a small reminder of his humor and the love he shared so freely. His smile, laugh and happy spirit shined through him and to those around him.

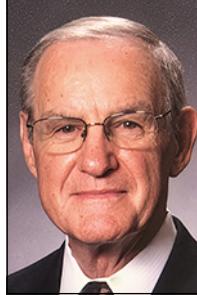
He will be deeply missed, forever loved and always remembered.

Memorial services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, January 30, 2026, in Robertson Funeral Directors Saints' Roost Chapel in Clarendon.

Cremation and arrangements are under the care of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

## King

Roy Lynn King, born August 14, 1932, in Wellington to James Luther Lawrence King and Lula Lois Hall-King, passed peacefully at home on January 19, 2026, at the age of 93.



Roy was preceded in death by his siblings Lloyd King, Jimmy King, Jerrye Smith, and Danny King. For more than twenty years, he made his home on the Meers farm south of Pampa—a place he loved and where he found peace.

He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Dorothy Louise Meers of Pampa; daughters and sons-in-law Eulaine and Ken McIntosh, and Michelle and Dave Beech; grandchildren Tap, Wiley, and Mariah McIntosh; and sixteen nieces and nephews from the King and Meers families.

Affectionately known as "The Hugging Preacher," Roy was known for his warmth, kindness, and ability to make people feel welcomed and safe. He graduated from Brite College of the Bible at Texas Christian University in 1958 and served as a minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) across Texas, Arizona, Missouri, Mississippi, and California. Even in retirement, he continued serving through interim ministry and pulpit supply, including

First Presbyterian, Pampa and First Presbyterian in Clarendon.

Roy was deeply committed to camps, retreats, and spiritual formation and played a role in the beginnings of Ekklesia Global. He will be remembered for his compassion, wit, humility, and lifelong devotion to people and faith.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, January 31, at 2:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Pampa, Texas, followed by a graveside service at Fairview Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may go to one of the following: Good Samaritan Christian Services, 409 N. Ward, Pampa, Texas 79065; Ekklesia Global—Healing Religious Trauma and Building Beloved Community: <https://ekklesialove.com/donate/>; and Ministerial Relief and Assistance, Pension Fund of the Christian Church: [https://pensionfund.my.site.com/giving/dn8n\\_SiteDonation](https://pensionfund.my.site.com/giving/dn8n_SiteDonation).

## New World screwworm migrates closer to TX border

By Freda Ross

Texas News Service

Texas ranchers and those in the cattle industry are on high alert as more cases of New World screwworm infestations are reported close to the Texas-Mexico border.

The parasitic blowflies attack and kill livestock, horses, dogs, cats and even humans. The Head of the Department of Entomology at Texas A&M University, Prof. Phillip Kaufman, said the New World screwworm is different than a regular blowfly.

"The female fly is laying their eggs only on living animals, and their offspring then eat living animal tissues," said Kaufman. "People think of it as, the animals are being eaten alive, and they really are."

Kaufman said animals can die

in five to six days from an infection.

Eleven cases have been reported about 200 miles from the Texas-Mexico border since the end of December. It can spread to other areas when infected animals are transported.

The New World screwworm was prevalent in the U.S. in the 1950s and 60s. If it's detected in the United States, travel restrictions will likely be put in place to contain it.

Kaufman said ranchers should closely monitor their livestock for symptoms.

"If it's cattle or sheep, they will go off—it's called going off their feed—where they won't come up to the feed bunk, or they stand by themselves because they're not feeling well," said Kaufman. "But if it's up on the head, the animal may be shaking."

ing its head, scratching at its head quite a bit. It's a painful wound."

He said ranchers should have an established relationship with a local veterinarian and report any suspicious wounds or infestations immediately.

Kaufman said treatment for the animal includes cleaning the wound and applying disinfectant and insecticide. Sterile male flies are then air-dropped in the infected area to prevent spreading.

"Sterile male flies will mate with the wild female flies and essentially trick that fly into thinking that it's laying viable eggs," said Kaufman, "when in fact it's laying unfertilized eggs."

Previous screwworm outbreaks have been effectively contained using this strategy.

The Clarendon Lions Club had its regular Tuesday noon meeting January 27, 2026, with Boss Lion Brian Barboza ringing the bell.

We had five members brave the cold and the snow, three attending virtually, and two guests this week. Matthew and Monroe Newhouse were the guest of Lion Anndria Newhouse.

Plans were discussed for the upcoming Valentine's Bingo on February 13. Tickets are \$40 per person and include the chili supper and 20 bingo cards. Sign-up at the Enterprise or by calling 806-662-4689.

Lion Anndria encouraged everyone to donate blood at the blood drive this Thursday from noon to 4 p.m. at the Bloodmobile in Lowe's parking lot. The area is critically low on blood supply right now. The club plans to welcome District Governor Deanna Porter next week.

There being no further business, we were adjourned.

## SUDOKU

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### Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

ANSWER:

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

### Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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

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## ★ ¿Qué Pasa?

Community Calendar

**January 30**

Broncos v Wellington • 8:00 p.m. • Away

Lady Broncos v Wellington • 6:30 p.m. • Away

**January 30 & 31**

Mulkey Theatre • The Housemaid • 7:30 p.m.

**February 1**

Mulkey Theatre • The Housemaid • 7:30 p.m.

**February 3**

Broncos v Highland Park • 8:00 p.m. • Home

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

**February 6 & 7**

Mulkey Theatre • Avatar: Fire and Ash • 7:30 p.m.

**February 8**

Mulkey Theatre • Avatar: Fire and Ash • 7:30 p.m.

## ★ Menus

**February 2 - 6**

## Donley County Senior Citizens

Mon: Pork chops/loin, black-eyed peas, turnip greens, cornbread, sliced peaches, iced tea/2% milk.

Tues: Chicken strips, gravy, macaroni &amp; cheese, baked beans, whole wheat roll, coconut cake, iced tea/2% milk.

Wed: Pot roast, gravy, potatoes, onions, carrots, green beans, whole wheat roll, fruit cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.

Thurs: BBQ beef on a bun, tater tots, coleslaw, chocolate chip cookies, apricots, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Steak fingers, gravy, red skin potatoes, black-eyed peas, hot rolls, chocolate cake, iced tea/2% milk

## Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Pollock sticks, Brussels sprouts, French fries, hushpuppies, fruit cocktail, sugar cookies, iced tea/2% milk.

Tues: Beef stew, garden salad, cornbread, fruit cup, iced tea/2% milk.

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

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

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

## Clarendon CISD

## Breakfast

Mon: Waffles, bacon, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Tues: Breakfast combo, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

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

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

Fri: Cinnamon roll, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

## Lunch

Mon: Pig in a blanket, potatoes, tomato cup, fruit, milk.

Tues: Tex Mex stack, beans, carrots, salsa, sherbet, fruit, milk.

Wed: Sloppy Joe sandwich, garden salad, green beans, fruit, milk.

Thurs: Popcorn chicken, roll, salad, green beans, dessert, fruit, milk.

Fri: Fish sticks, potatoes, okra, roll, fruit, milk.

## Hedley ISD

## Breakfast

Mon: Cinnamon roll, bacon, apple, fruit juice, milk.

Tues: Pancake wrap, yogurt, orange, fruit juice, milk.

Wed: Breakfast pizza, hash-browns, fruit juice, milk.

Thurs: Dutch waffle, sausage, banana, fruit juice, milk.

Fri: No School

## Lunch

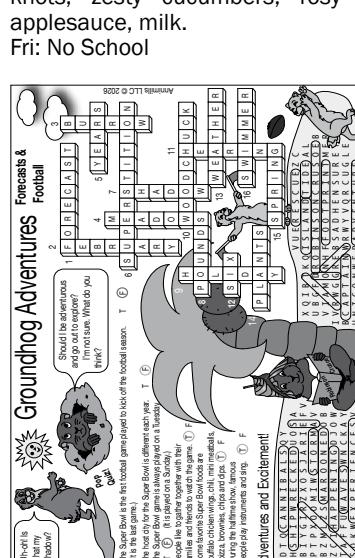
Mon: Asian bowl, egg roll, carrots, celery, orange, milk.

Tues: Hamburger, chips, sweet potato fries, broccoli, fruit cup, milk.

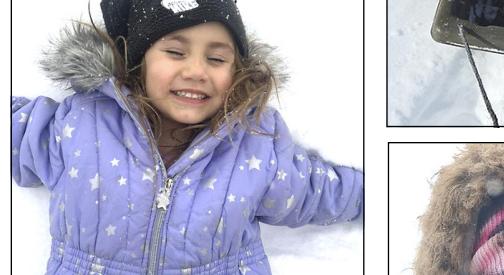
Wed: Tacos, beans, salsa, apple, pudding, milk.

Thurs: BBQ baked potato, garlic knots, zesty cucumbers, rosy applesauce, milk.

Fri: No School



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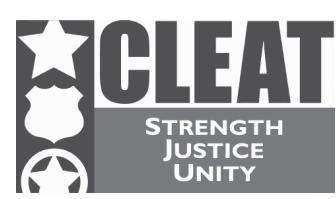
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# TTU Honors College among top 50 in US

Texas Tech was ranked No. 30 in the College Transitions rankings, placing the university third among universities from Texas and also third among Big 12 Conference schools.

This is the first time Texas Tech has appeared in the College Transitions rankings. In the spring of 2025, the Honors College appeared at No. 17 in the Road2College ranking of Honors Colleges, and this past fall was recognized as one of 11 Honors Colleges featured as a national example by Forbes magazine.

"The Texas Tech Honors College aims to be the premier destination for Honors pedagogy, research and mentorship," said Jill Hernandez, dean of the Honors College.

"The recent national recognition of the work of Honors faculty, staff and students describes what we have always known about Texas Tech: we are a singular as a Research institution for our collaborative care for students, our ability to integrate them into unique experiences they cannot receive anywhere else, and our dedication to developing top

scholars into ethical and thought leaders."

College Transitions brings together a team of college admissions consultants, researchers and former admissions officers to provide data-driven services that help students identify schools that provide the best fit, maximize admissions prospects and help get the most out of the college investment.

Texas Tech's Honors College was praised for its small, discussion-based class size, dedicated faculty, priority registration, personalized advising and seminars that foster critical thinking and leadership. Texas Tech was noted for emphasizing research, global learning, interdisciplinary exploration and for providing access to competitive scholarships and unique experiential opportunities.

The ranking praised Texas Tech's strategic alignment with high-growth sectors and contributions to the booming economy through such companies as Dell Technologies, ExxonMobil, Microsoft and Oracle, among others.

## Extension plans Master Marketer program in Lubbock March 4

Area ag producers are invited to attend a Master Marketer program in Lubbock March 4-5 hosted by the AgriLife Extension Service.

Shaped by unpredictable markets, shifting policies and volatile weather, Texas agriculture has long relied on the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service's Master Marketer Program to help producers steady their footing.

For nearly 30 years, the intensive statewide educational program has equipped farmers and ranchers with the skills to make informed marketing and risk management decisions that improve profitability, strengthen rural economies and build resilience across the Lone Star State.

Since its first session in 1996, the Master Marketer Program has trained more than 1,600 producers across 14 locations statewide, from Amarillo to Abilene and Waco to Weslaco.

The program's blend of classroom instruction and practical exercises helps producers manage risk, plan and make confident marketing decisions, said Mark Welch, Ph.D., professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics, AgriLife Extension economist for grain marketing

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"She has been to every country in Europe and has skied the Alps in France and Switzerland," Edes says. "I highly recommend her!"

Shankles is a graduate of Texas Tech University and now lives in Dallas. Her impressive connections and insider knowledge ensure that your journey will be nothing short of extraordinary.

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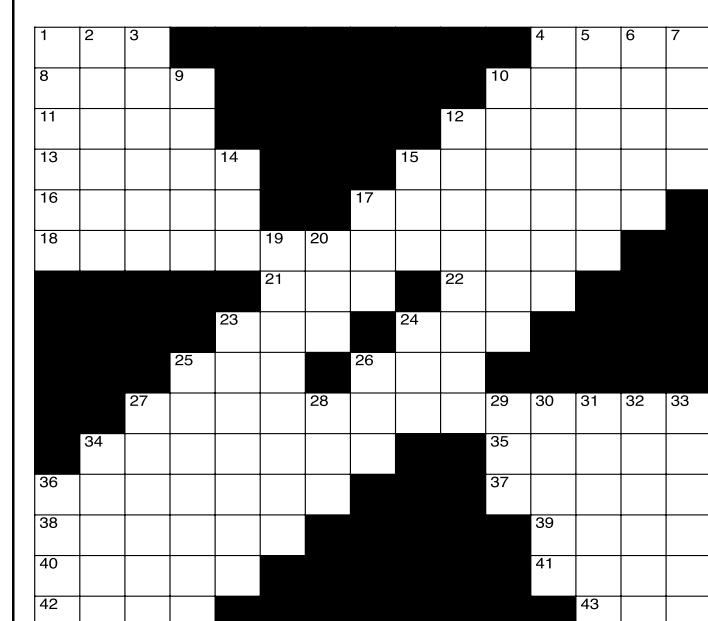
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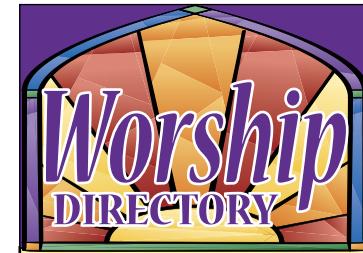


### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Racket sport pros
- 2. Make tea
- 8. City South of Moscow
- 10. Spanish bullfighting term
- 11. Egg-shaped
- 12. Could not remember
- 13. French modernist painter
- 15. Persons
- 16. Painful intestinal obstruction
- 17. Professions
- 18. Is up to the task
- 21. Wood or metal bolt
- 22. Tax collector
- 23. A way to save for the future
- 24. Georgia rockers
- 25. Midway between north and northeast
- 26. High schoolers' test
- 27. Does not accept responsibility
- 34. One who prepares
- 35. Gout-indicative deposits
- 36. Place to play games
- 37. Book of Genesis character
- 38. Cleans oneself
- 39. Unloaded for money
- 40. Genus of flowering plants
- 41. Take a puff
- 42. Congressmen
- 43. God of battle in Scandinavian mythology

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Type of bomb
- 2. South Pacific islands
- 3. Celestial body
- 4. Negotiates
- 5. Consider in a specified way
- 6. Type of group in organic chemistry
- 7. Buddhist monasteries
- 9. Inhabitant of Bering Sea island
- 10. Body part
- 12. Milestone birthday
- 14. Thyroid-stimulating hormone
- 15. More (Spanish)
- 17. Chicago ballplayer
- 19. Leaves a place
- 20. Cannot be found
- 23. One's internal body parts
- 24. Tell on
- 25. North American peoples of southwest
- 26. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 27. Extract used for jams and jellies
- 28. Greek goddess of the dawn
- 29. Old English letter
- 30. A way to exaggerate
- 31. Get up and leave
- 32. "Boardwalk Empire" character
- 33. More generous
- 34. Hanging cloth used as a blind
- 36. Ancient Greek sophist



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Madi Benson drives to the basket last week against Panhandle.

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Paylin Hodges runs by a Panhandle Pantherette during last week's game in the Bronco Gym.



Bronco Michael Randall gets the jump ball last week at home against Panhandle.

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Hunter Caison goes up for two last week against the Panthers.

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## Lady Bronco JV stung by Panhandle

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Bronco junior varsity played tough against the Panhandle Pantherettes at home last week but were defeated 16-53.

A slow-shooting second quarter put the ladies behind going into the break and they were not able to recover the deficit.

Addy Havens and Laken Smith have been solid all season and put in five points each in the game. Sequoia Weatherston hit a three-pointer and Eli Rodriguez added three as well.

The Lady Broncos will play in Wellington January 30 and host Highland Park February 3 beginning at 4:00 p.m.

## Lady Colts struggle against Panhandle

By Sandy Anderberg

Both Clarendon Junior High Lady Colt teams struggled against Panhandle at home last week. The seventh-grade team lost 5-43 and the eighth-grade team took a hard loss at 7-43.

The Pantherettes were strong in both games and the Lady Colts struggled to find a rhythm offensively. The Panhandle defense caused the Lady Colts to turn over the ball and they were able to capitalize on the errors.

Despite Panhandle's strong play, the ladies never gave up and worked hard to on the floor. In the seventh-grade game, Brooklyn Parham put in three points, and Preslee English added two. Journey Morris scored three points in the eighth-grade game, and Adleigh Moore and Emma Howard added two each.

The Lady Colts will take on Memphis at home Monday, February 2, beginning at 5:00 p.m. and travel to Quanah February 9.

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## Lady Broncos rout Wheeler

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos played solid against the Wheeler Lady Mustangs last week and were in control throughout to get a huge district win at 53-20.

Kenidee Hayes led the way with 17 points that included three three-pointers, and Kate Shaw added 11 total points and was perfect from the bonus line hitting both free throws she attempted.

Overall, the Lady Broncos finished with three three-pointers and converted nine of ten free throws.

The ladies totally dominated Wheeler and held them to only three points in the first half of play while taking a 27-point lead into the locker room. The Lady Mustangs were never able to grab any momentum in the game as it all belonged to Clarendon.

Presley Smith and Berkley Moore added eight points each, and Gracie Ellis put in three. Madi Benson, Millie McNear, and Laken Smith helped with two points each.

Earlier in the week, the Lady Broncos hosted Panhandle and fell 38-52. Clarendon struggled to get anything going offensively in the game and were plagued by turnovers and missed shots. The ladies never gave up and were able to start a small comeback in the final eight minutes, however time was their enemy and they took the loss.

Shaw led with 12 and Hayes added 11. Moore put in nine, P. Smith put in four, and Benson had two.

The Lady Broncos will travel to Wellington January 30 and take on Highland Park at home on February 3 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

## Broncos succumb to Panhandle

By Sandy Anderberg

The Broncos hosted Panhandle last week and played hard in their 30-64 loss to the Panthers.

The Broncos jumped out on fire and racked up a three-point lead after one quarter at 8-5. But a cold second eight minutes proved to be messy for the Broncos as they struggled on both ends of the court.

The Panthers were able to out-

## Bronco JV fall to Panhandle

By Sandy Anderberg

The Bronco junior varsity played with grit but could not stop the Panthers in their 22-94 loss at home last week.

The Broncos struggled to get past the strong defense posted by Panhandle who caused the Broncos to turn the ball over several times. The Panthers were able to capitalize on the Broncos' mistakes turning

score the Broncos 19-3 to take a 13-point lead at the break. Panhandle was able to use the momentum to take them to a victory.

Overall, the Broncos three three-pointers and converted free throws at only 42 percent.

Michael Randall led with 17 points and Heston Seay added four. Brentley Gaines helped with three, and Paxton English added two.

## Bronco JV fall to Panhandle

By Sandy Anderberg

them into points. Despite the loss, the Broncos stayed strong and never let down.

Dakotah Jameson put in eight points and Hunter Caison added five. Brance Bell helped with four and Rustin Wade knocked down a three.

The Broncos will play in Wellington January 30 and take on Highland Park February 3 at home beginning at 5:00 p.m.

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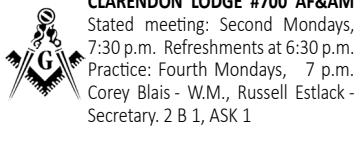
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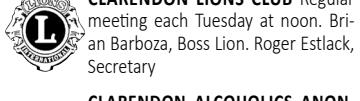
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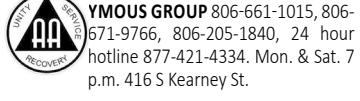
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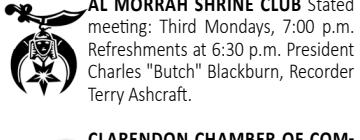
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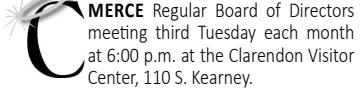
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CLARENDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Regular Board of Directors meeting third Tuesday each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Clarendon Visitor Center, 110 S. Kearney.

**Meeting Listings: \$8.50/mo.**  
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### CLARENDON

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## LEGAL NOTICES

### CHILDRESS COUNTY

#### NOTICE OF SEALED BIDS

Childress County Appraisal District is accepting sealed bids on several properties that did not sell at previous Sheriff sales. The list will be available in our office at 1710 Avenue F NW. Bids will be accepted until 12:00 p.m. on Feb. 6, 2026. Contact the appraisal district office at 940-937-6062 for more information.

### HOWARDWICK

#### NOTICE OF SEALED BIDS

The City of Howardwick will be accepting sealed bids for all current properties being held in trust by all taxing entities for Howardwick and City owned lots starting, Monday, February 23, 2026. Sealed bids must be turned into City Hall by 12:00 pm, Thursday, March 12, 2026.

Bidding will be open to current residents and property owners in Howardwick, Texas. No bid will be accepted if the bidder owes delinquent taxes in Howardwick or Donley County, owes any unpaid fines or fees to the City of Howardwick and/or Donley County or owns property in the City of Howardwick that is subject to existing penalties for codes enforcement.

Minimum bids for each property are listed and are provided upon request.

All property you purchase is sold "As Is, Where Is, and Without Warranty, expressed or implied, as to the condition of the property, title, or use to which the property may be put and restricted to the property described in the legal description obtained by the entities through foreclosure."

Please place bid for each property in separate sealed envelope. No money will be due at the time of placing your bid(s). On the front of the envelope(s) put your name and property parcel number you are bidding on. Submit bid to Howardwick City Hall, 245 Rick Husband Blvd, Howardwick, Texas 79226. The highest bidders will be notified by 4pm on Thursday, March 12, 2026. If you are the highest bidder you will need two separate money orders or cashiers checks, \$150.00 fee made out to TCG will be due for the deed recording and the amount of the bid made out to the The City of Howardwick. You will have 6 days to provide payment. If payment is not received by March 18, 2026 at 4 pm you will be disqualified from obtaining the property in this cycle and will not be eligible to bid in the next round.

You may request a bid form from the City Secretary along with a list of properties or you can go

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## HELP WANTED

to the city website at cityofhowardwick.com. A map showing each property available is posted at City Hall. We recommend you check zoning for properties you are considering.

The participating governmental entities reserve the right to reject or accept any bid for any reason.

### SAMNORWOOD

#### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

#### TXCDBG Sammornorwood Volunteer Fire Department Building Project

TXCDBG Project No. CDV23-0353

Collingsworth County, Texas will receive sealed bids for TXCDBG Sammornorwood Volunteer Fire Department Building Project No. CDV23-0353 until 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at Collingsworth County, 800 W. Ave., Rm. 1 Fl. 2, Wellington, Texas 79095-3036. The bids should be addressed to Honorable Scot Martindale, Collingsworth County Judge. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at Collingsworth County, 800 W. Ave., Rm. 1 Fl. 2, Wellington, Texas 79095-3036.

Bids are invited for work as follows:

1. 8' x 8' Building and associated appurtenances

Bid Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications are on file at:

J. Shehan Engineering, P.C. 307 21st Street, Canyon, Texas 79015, telephone 806-557-4090

800W. Ave., Rm 1, Fl 2, (Collingsworth County Courthouse) Wellington, Texas 79095-3036, telephone 806-447-5408

Copies of the Bid/Contract Documents may be obtained by depositing \$75.00 with J Shehan Engineering, P.C. for each set of documents obtained. The deposit will be refunded if the documents and drawings are returned in good condition within 10 days following the bid opening. If prospective bidders would like to receive PDF files of the bid/contract documents instead of hard copy, these will be provided without charge or deposit.

A bid bond in the amount of 5 percent of the bid issued by an acceptable surety shall be submitted with each bid for those contracts that exceed \$100,000. A certified check or bank draft payable to Collingsworth County, Texas or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (as par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon and Related Acts) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Agriculture Office of Rural Affairs and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual identity, gender identity, or national origin.

All contractors/subcontractors that are debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation on federal assistance programs may not undertake any activity in part or in full under this project.

Collingsworth County, Texas reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informality in the bidding. Bids may be held by Collingsworth County, Texas for a period not to exceed 30 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidder's qualifications prior to the contract award.

**COLLINGSWORTH COUNTY, TEXAS**

### CHILDRESS

#### REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The Board of Trustees of Childress ISD is requesting qualifications for an architect and/or engineer ("A/E") to provide professional services for constructing, renovating, improving and equipping various school facilities. Services needed include facility assessment, programming, cost estimating, planning and designing, and administration of the construction and improvements to school buildings/facilities (the "2026 Bond Program Projects"). Qualifications will be accepted until 3:00 pm on February 19, 2026 (the "deadline"). Interested parties may request an information packet and questionnaire from Mark Dykes, Superintendent, at (940) 937-2501 or mark.dykes@childressisd.net or download from the District's website at www.childressisd.net. Please enclose one (1) original and two (2) copies and a USB drive with your completed response annotated as follows:

2026 BOND PROGRAM PROJECTS

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER SERVICES

RFQ #2026-01

All responses are due no later than the above noted deadline at: Childress ISD

ATTN: Mark Dykes, Superintendent

Mailing Address: PO Box 179, Childress, TX 79201

Or, Physical Address for Hand Delivery: 308 Third St., Childress, TX 79201

Failure to have a response physically in the possession of the school district by the deadline

### POLL WORKERS ARE NEEDED

for the upcoming election, starting Feb. 17-March 3, 2026. Applicants must be a registered voter of the county. Pay is \$12/hour, with flexible schedules and paid training. Contact Jennifer, 806-204-2181, for information on applying.

### WELLINGTON

COLLINGSWORTH GENERAL HOSPITAL is now accepting applications for a Part-Time Medical Laboratory Technician or a Lab Medical Technologist. Please contact Bryce Dillman, HR Director, at 806-447-2521 or edillman@cghtx.com. Applications are available online at www.cghtx.com.

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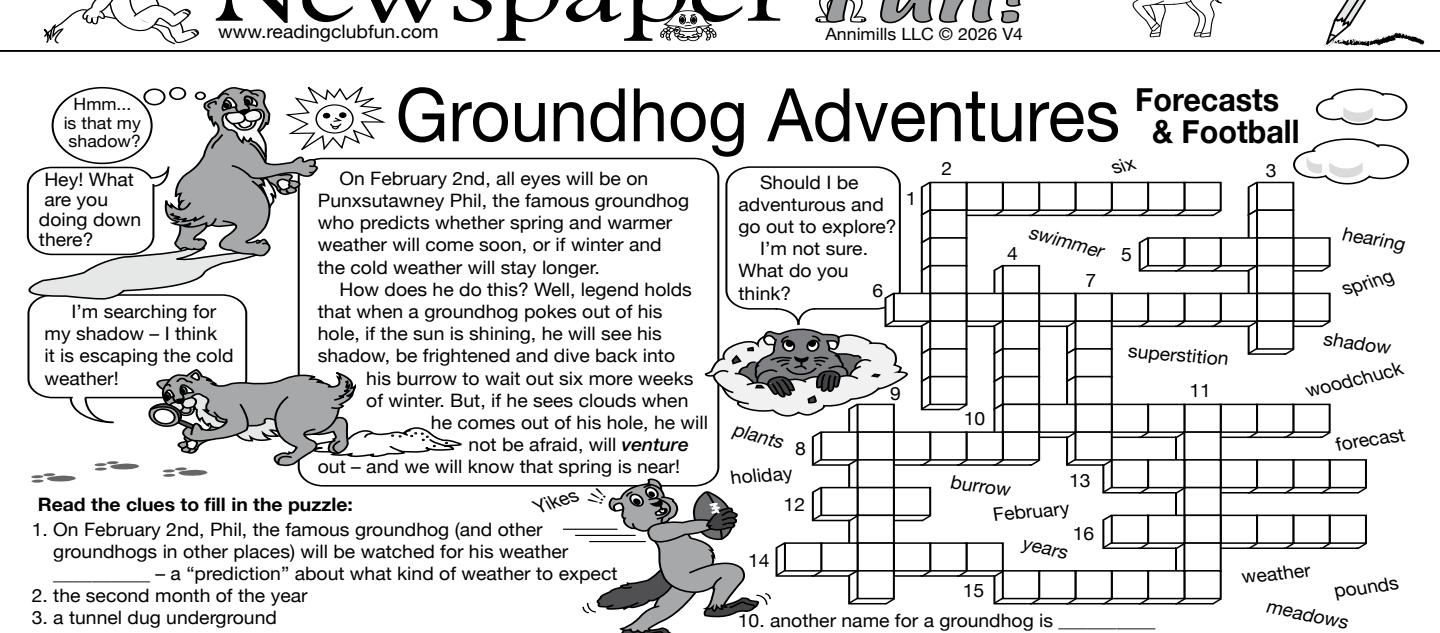
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### REAL ESTATE

### WELLINGTON

**SEARCHING FOR OWNERS TO BUY LOT:** Collingsworth County Appraisal District PID 4852, Blk 191 Lot 16, 1006 Belton St., Wellington, TX 79095. Owner on record: Woods Estates, C/O B.L. Woodruff, P.O. Box 668, Kilgore TX 75663-0668. Contact Elsa Thompson, 830-428-8476.

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**BEST WESTERN PLUS RED RIVER INN** in Clarendon, TX is taking applications for a Housekeeping Attendant. The ideal candidate will be dependable and have a positive attitude. Starting pay is \$12 per hour. Raises (up to \$15 per hour) will be based on performance and reliability. Uniforms provided. Paid vacation. Pool and fitness center privileges. Pleasant environment. The hours are generally 8am to 3pm five days a week including most weekends. Please apply in person.

**BEST WESTERN PLUS RED RIVER INN** is taking applications for a FRONT DESK AGENT. The ideal candidate will be friendly and enjoy meeting people from all over the world while earning \$12 - \$16 per hour. Raises based on performance. Uniforms provided. Pool and fitness center privileges included. Paid vacation. Positive and pleasant working environment. The hours will be 3pm - 11pm Saturday-Wednesday. Must be dependable and have transportation. No phone calls. Please apply in person.

**CITY OF CLARENDON** IS ACCEPTING applications for (12) twelve Lifeguards (Seasonal/Part-Time). Applicants must have a valid government issued identification card and be able to pass a drug/alcohol screen. Successful candidates must pass American Red Cross Lifeguard Training and First Aid, American Red Cross CPR for the Professional Rescuer Certification, American Red Cross AED Essentials, American Red Cross Oxygen Administration for the Professional Rescuer, American Red Cross Bloodborne Pathogens Training and Food Handling Certification. Training reimbursement will be at the end of season. Pay is \$12.00/hour. Must have completed 10th grade and be a minimum of 16 years old. Applications and a full job description are available at City Hall, 313 S. Sully, Clarendon, Texas 79226. Applications will be accepted until 12:00 noon on March 5, 2026. The City of Clarendon is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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