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5 Ag producers are invited to a conference in Lubbock.

6 And the Lady Broncos rout Wheeler but drop one to Panhandle.

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

Courthouse project may yield more benefits

A restoration project for the 1890 Donley County Courthouse may give the county more benefit than was 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 say 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."

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; or submitted online at 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.



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 to see more.

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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 Chrsi 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 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 Chambless 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 Tangelia 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.

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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.



texas rural reporter
by suzanne bellsnyder

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."

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

Seacrest typically controls conversational flows whether emceeding 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....

We should be ecstatic if allowed mulligans, but sadly, we rarely get second chances. Most questions are like ships that have sailed, no turning back. Instead, we settle for lousy responses, the kind poorly-framed queries deserve.

Bill Cosby – a popular comedian during much of his career before moral doomed by moral issues – began as host on ABC's radio show, "You Bet Your Life," in 1947; later, it was on TV.

One night he nearly lost it while interviewing an older lady from "North, South Carolina." Cosby dived right in, caught up in the seemingly unhinged response. It's a long-time favorite on YouTube....

A well-known West Texas educator, who shall remain nameless, would like to have a mulligan for a faux pas committed a few years ago.

He is a former distinguished elected political figure who worked with several other well-known politicos deserving "The Honorable" in front of their names. (There are, of course, even fewer now....)

Anyways, one registration day, he was attempting to assist a student, one whose figure was no longer girlish. Examining the transcript to help plan her schedule, he posed what he thought to be an innocent question: "How far along are you?" referring to her educational journey. She misunderstood, sharply answering, "I am NOT pregnant." The teacher so wished for a do-over....

Another political figure, Harry S. Truman, 33rd President of the United States, was as to-the-point as any chief executive of any country.

He said what he meant, and he meant what he said. While not verifiable, it is believed that he told this story on himself many times.

One day, visiting a dairy farm, he warned Bess not to step in the cow manure. Their hostess, already nervous, wondered why Bess hadn't trained her hubby to say "fertilizer" instead. Bess answered quickly, "It's taken me years to get him to say 'manure'.".....

Some "snafus" occur in private



the idle american
by don newbury

settings but often passed along by spouses who don't know better. This one is admitted by a friend, Julie Prunty. She and her husband, Brend, a roofing company sales manager, live at Lake Granbury, where their grandchildren are always welcome for games and boat rides.

Julie is a long-time x-ray technologist who still serves part-time at Cook Children's Hospital in Fort Worth. Recently, her intent was to write a \$135 check to compensate a cleaning lady. However, a "floating decimal point" went awry. She wrote the check for \$1.35. The worker helped Julie to move the decimal a couple of digits to the right.... Brent is happy to share the story with anyone who'll listen. Julie, however, was "semi-horrified," countering that during their 28-year marriage, he's always looked for humor. And, she's accustomed to bearing the brunt of it....

You'd think I'd have known better. A half-century ago during my 14-year tenure as "flack" for Tarrant County College, I addressed a conference of some 100 college/university presidents.

"If a bomb hit this banquet hall today, it would set education forward by at least a hundred years."

I never dreamed at the time that I would one day join them, doing my part to impede educational progress. During about 17 years in two presidencies, I'm sure I did more than my share of impeding....

Dr. and Mrs. Newbury, married for almost 60 years, reside in the Metroplex. Speaking inquiries, newbury@speakerdoc.com, phone 817-692-5625.



Impossible journey help win a war

In the history of great events, there are usually hundreds of smaller moments that make them possible. While those moments are critical at the time, they are often lost to history. Such is the case with the American Revolution, which we are commemorating this year. One of those overlooked events occurred this week 250 years ago, and it can be argued that it did more to liberate Boston from British control than almost anything else.

David McCullough describes this episode in his epic masterpiece "1776," a book I highly recommend to anyone interested in this pivotal year.

When my students and I discussed the book after reading it for class, they concluded that the thesis was "George Washington was a stud." While I made them expand that idea into something more academic, they were not entirely wrong. None of the revolution would have been possible without Washington. Yet, as great as he was, he needed help.

Fortunately, Washington was an excellent judge of character and was usually correct in his assessments. One man he brought into his inner circle, who became a lifelong friend and trusted advisor, was Henry Knox. It was Knox who was assigned this truly herculean task.

Since the battles of Lexington and Concord in April 1775, little had changed for the ragtag force of makeshift soldiers surrounding Boston. On that fateful day, colonial militias had followed the redcoats back to Boston (then a peninsula) and laid siege to the town. Since then, Washington's army had been unable to dislodge the British. Knox was not the first to suggest using the captured cannons from Fort Ticonderoga. The problem was never desire; it was logistics. How could more than 60 tons of artillery be transported over 300 miles of rough terrain from the fort to Boston? Unlike others, Knox had a plan.

Knox was an unlikely hero and military innovator, having virtually no formal military experience. He had been raised in the book trade and, in 1771 at the age of 21, opened his own bookstore in Boston. Though not formally educated, he possessed an intense curiosity and taught himself engineering and military science through reading. When Boston fell under siege in 1775, Knox

and his wife slipped out of the city where he joined the militia. His engineering knowledge proved invaluable in constructing defenses as well as commanding artillery during the fighting at Bunker Hill. Before long, his talents caught Washington's attention, and Knox was brought into the general's inner circle.

historically speaking
by dr. james finck

Armed with a plan, Knox, now just 25 years old, was tasked with retrieving the guns, a mission far more daunting than he anticipated. The first stage involved sailing the artillery south down Lake George, then hauling it overland to Albany, crossing the Hudson River multiple times along the way. From Albany, the route ran east toward Boston. On Dec. 5, 1775, Knox departed Fort Ticonderoga with 58 pieces of artillery, mostly 12- and 18-pound cannons. He also transported a massive 24-pound cannon weighing roughly 5,000 pounds, along with several mortar guns weighing more than a ton each.

Winter was essential to the plan. Once on land, the guns could be hauled by sled over snow, which was far easier than dragging wagons over poor roads. However, this also meant dealing with a partially frozen lake. Early on, a barge carrying artillery got severely struck a rock. Later it started taking in water and nearly sank. For a time, Knox feared the entire expedition was lost, but the crew managed to bail out enough water to reach shore safely.

After transferring the guns to sleds, Knox wrote to Washington describing the ordeal: "It is not easy to conceive the difficulties we have had in getting them over the lake owing to the advanced season of the year and contrary winds... three days ago it was very uncertain whether we could have gotten them over until next spring, but now, please God, they shall go..." I have made forty-two exceeding strong sleds and have provided eighty yoke of oxen to drag them as far as Springfield... I hope in sixteen

or seventeen days to be able to present to your Excellency a noble train of artillery."

The journey south to Albany proved far more difficult, and far longer, than Knox expected. The greatest challenge was crossing the Hudson River on four separate occasions. The ice was often not thick enough to support the enormous weight of the cannons, a fear that proved justified. Each sled team carried an axe so the animals could be cut free if the sled broke through the ice. Near Albany, one sleigh did crack through, but local townspeople rushed to help with ropes and horses, successfully recovering the gun.

Snow, which began falling on Christmas Day, was both a blessing and a curse. While it aided the sleds, nearly two feet of snow made travel slow and exhausting. As days turned into weeks, Knox was forced to find fresh men and draft animals, further delaying progress. What he had optimistically estimated as a 17-day journey stretched into nearly two months.

Finally, on Jan. 25, 1776, Knox arrived in Boston without losing a single gun. This little-known achievement may have been one of the most difficult and least appreciated feats of the entire war.

On the night of March 4, Washington ordered Dorchester Heights cleared and the artillery hauled to the top. When the British awoke the next morning to see heavy cannon aimed down at them, they realized their position was untenable. Within days, they evacuated the city. Thanks to Knox, Washington captured Boston without firing a shot.

Although the Continental Army would fight for seven more years, the victory at Boston was a turning point. Just as important, Washington had found a man he could depend on. Knox would go on to command the Continental Army's artillery and later serve as Washington's Secretary of War.

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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.



McElroy

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.

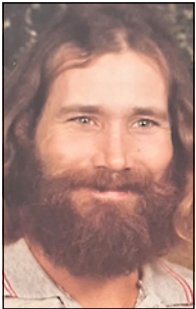
The family requests memorials be sent to Calvary Baptist Church.

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



Vinson

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, Jerry 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.



King

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 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://ekklezialove.com/donate/>; and Ministerial Relief and Assistance, Pension Fund of the Christian Church: 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. Philip 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 shak-

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 lion's tale

by roger estlack

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

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

Level: Intermediate

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!

9	1	8	6	7	4	8	5	2
7	4	2	9	8	9	6	1	
8	2	6	8	9	1	4	7	8
1	6	7	4	2	8	8	9	5
8	7	9	8	9	8	7	1	2
2	8	9	9	1	6	7	4	9
6	7	8	8	4	2	9	1	4
4	9	2	1	8	6	8	7	3
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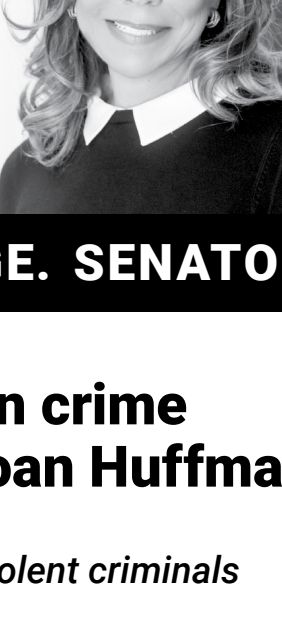
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TTU Honors College among top 50 in US

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

and director of the program.

“The program was born out of a major shift in U.S. farm policy,” Welch said. “When the Freedom to Farm Act of the mid-1990s ushered in a more market-driven environment, producers needed new tools to navigate that change. This program grew from that need, and it’s continued evolving ever since, to keep pace with Texas agriculture.”

Master Marketer graduates manage thousands of acres of cropland and livestock operations across Texas, collectively representing millions in agricultural output. The program’s network continues to exchange ideas, mentor new participants and share best practices to sustain rural communities and operations.

Each regional session draws on local expertise and production challenges. At workshops, producers learn from AgriLife Extension experts about budgets and break-evens, farm policy, weather and climate risk, livestock and grain outlooks and financial planning.

Registration for the Lubbock event is online at <https://agri-liferegister.tamu.edu/ereg/newreg.php?eventid=864550&>

Shankles offers international travel planning

Folks thinking of traveling abroad may find the task of planning such a vacation daunting, but Clarendon’s Melvin Edes says he knows someone who can help them out.

Jordan Shankles, Edes’ granddaughter, is a travel concierge with Purdy Vacations, and she has a wealth of experience in international travel and a knack for finding the best spots to visit.

“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.

To learn more about how Shankles can help make your travel dreams a reality, see her ad in this week’s edition, find her on Facebook, call her at 214-870-4134, or email her at getawaygaltx@gmail.com.

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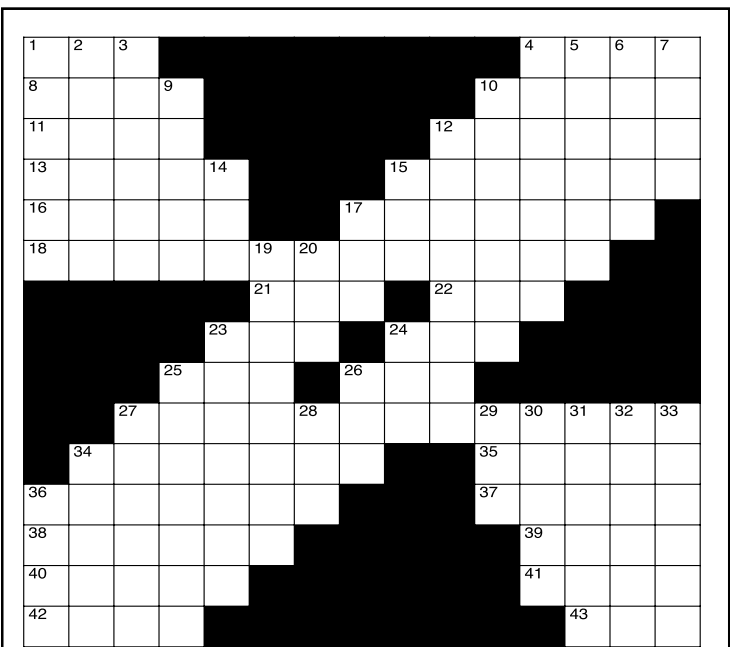
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1. Racket sport pros
4. Make tea
8. City South of Moscow
10. Spanish bullfighting term
11. Egg-shaped
12. Could not remember
13. French modernist painter
15. Persons
16. Painful intestinal obstruction
17. Professions
18. Is up to the task
21. Wood 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 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 McAnear, 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-

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

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

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.

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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 Weatherton 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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 for more information.

HOWARDWICK

NOTICE OF SEALED BIDS

The City of Howardwick will be accepting sealed
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 Sealed bids must be turned into City Hall by
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 ardwick, Texas 79226. The highest bidders will be
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 you are the highest bidder you will need two sepa-
 rate 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 disquali-
 fied 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 Secre-
 tary along with a list of properties or you can go

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

TXCDBG Samnorwood Volunteer Fire Depart- ment Building Project

TXCDBG Project No. CDV23-0353
 Collingsworth County, Texas will receive sealed
 bids for TXCDBG Samnorwood Volunteer Fire De-
 partment Building Project No. CDV23-0353 until
 3:00 p.m. on February 17, 2026, at Collingsworth
 County, 800 W. Ave., Rm. 1 Fl. 2, Wellington, Tex-
 as 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. 80' x 80' Building and associated appurte-
 nances
 Bid Documents, including Drawings and Techni-
 cal Specifications are on file at:
 J. Shehan Engineering, P.C. 307 21st Street, Can-
 yon, Texas 79015, telephone 806.557.4090
 800W. Ave, Rm. 1, Fl. 2, (Collingsworth County
 Courthouse) Wellington, Texas 79095-3036, tele-
 phone 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 ob-
 tained. The deposit will be refunded if the docu-
 ments and drawings are returned in good con-
 dition 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 sub-
 mitted with each bid [for those contracts that ex-
 ceed \$100,000]. A certified check or bank draft
 payable to Collingsworth County, Texas or nego-
 tiable 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 Tex-
 as Department of Agriculture Office of Rural Af-
 fairs and contained in the contract documents,
 must be paid on this project. In addition, the suc-
 cessful bidder must ensure that employees and
 applicants for employment are not discriminated
 against because of race, color, religion, sex, sex-
 ual identity, gender identity, or national origin.
 All contractors/subcontractors that are de-
 barred, suspended or otherwise excluded from
 or ineligible for participation on federal assis-
 tance 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 informalities
 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 bid-
 der's qualifications prior to the contract award.
 COLLINGSWORTH COUNTY, TEXAS

CHILDRESS

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The Board of Trustees of Childress ISD is request-
 ing qualifications for an architect and/or engi-
 neer ("A/E") to provide professional services for
 constructing, renovating, improving and equip-
 ping various school facilities. Services needed
 include facility assessment, programming, cost
 estimating, planning and designing, and ad-
 ministration of the construction and improve-
 ments 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 re-
 sponse 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 pos-
 session of the school district by the deadline

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shall result in the response not being considered.
 The selection of an A/E shall be in accordance
 with Texas Government Code §2254.004.
 WAIVER OF CLAIMS: BY TENDERING A RESPONSE
 TO THE RFQ, THE A/E ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT
 HAS READ AND FULLY UNDERSTANDS "THE RE-
 QUIREMENTS FOR SUBMITTING A RESPONSE
 AND THE PROCESS USED BY THE DISTRICT FOR
 SELECTING THE MOST HIGHLY QUALIFIED A/E.
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 IN RESPONSE TO THIS REQ.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Childress Independent School District

Childress ISD is soliciting Competitive Sealed Pro-
 posals for:
 RFP# 2025-01A.1, Show Animal and Meeting Fa-
 cility (AKA, Childress Agriculture Facility)
 Request for Proposals will be received in the of-
 fice of District Administration Building, 308
 3rd Street NW, Childress, Texas, until 2:00 p.m.,
 Thursday, February 17, 2026. Any
 proposals received after the deadline will be re-
 turned to the sender unopened.
 Proposal documents and related documents may
 be examined and acquired with deposit
 (\$50.00); however, electronic files can be provid-
 ed from the Architect also, beginning Monday,
 January 26, 2026.
 BGR Architects, Inc.
 2118 34th Street
 Lubbock, Texas 79411-1734
 (806) 747-3881
 Childress ISD reserves the right to reject any or
 all proposals and to waive all formalities.

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POLL WORKERS ARE NEEDED for the upcom-
 ing election, starting Feb. 17-March 3, 2026. Ap-
 plicants must be a registered voter of the county.
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How does he do this? Well, legend holds that when a groundhog pokes out of his hole, if the sun is shining, he will see his shadow, be frightened and dive back into his burrow to wait out six more weeks of winter. But, if he sees clouds when he comes out of his hole, he will not be afraid, will venture out – and we will know that spring is near!

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle:

- On February 2nd, Phil, the famous groundhog (and other groundhogs in other places) will be watched for his weather – a "prediction" about what kind of weather to expect
- the second month of the year
- a tunnel dug underground
- groundhogs can be found in the woods, fields and
- a groundhog usually lives to be 6 to 8 _____ old
- belief in magic, luck and chance
- the dark area formed when light is blocked
- a groundhog usually weighs about 12 _____
- the groundhog is the only animal with its own national

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Forecasts & Football

Should I be adventurous and go out to explore? I'm not sure. What do you think?

1. swimmer 2. six 3. hearing 4. spring 5. shadow 6. woodchuck 7. forecast 8. holiday 9. burrow 10. February 11. years 12. weather 13. pounds 14. meadows 15. superstition 16. plants

10. another name for a groundhog is _____
 11. a groundhog can see very well, and has excellent _____
 12. number of weeks winter will continue if Phil is "frightened" by his shadow _____
 13. hot, cold, rain, wind, etc. What it looks and feels like outside! _____
 14. a groundhog is an herbivore, which means it only eats _____
 15. season of warmer weather following winter _____
 16. a groundhog is an excellent _____

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 4852, Blk 191 Lot 16, 1006 Belton St., Well-
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