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

## Jackson's office to be in Clarendon

The Office of Congressman Ronny Jackson (TX-13) has announced upcoming mobile office hours for February in Clarendon and Memphis hosted by congressional staff.

Constituents are encouraged to attend if they need assistance with a federal agency or to learn more about the office's services. Please bring all documentation if you require assistance with a federal agency case. No appointment is necessary.

The Clarendon mobile office will be next Tuesday, February 10, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Clarendon City Hall, 313 S. Sully St.

The Memphis mobile office will be Thursday, February 12, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the City Library in Memphis at 303 N. Eighth St.

## Youth baseball and softball sign-ups

Clarendon youth baseball and softball sign-ups will be held Tuesday, February 17, and Thursday, February 19, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Bronco Gym.

Minor league will be for eight- to 10-year-olds, major league will be for 11- to 12-year-olds, and senior league will be for 13- to 18-year-olds.

Ages will be based on the child's age on May 1, the teams will be playing under Cal Ripkin and Babe Ruth league rules.

A fee of \$75 per kid will be due at sign-up.

## Chamber banquet tickets now on sale

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce has tickets available for its February 26 awards banquet.

Tickets are \$30 per person and can be purchased at the Visitor Center at Mulkey Theatre.



## Moving along

Work continues this week on the replacement of the bridge between Kearney and Gorst streets on US 287 with demolition work expected to last a few more weeks before the contractor can start grading and forming the footings for Phase 3 construction. TxDOT officials now say they estimate the project will be completed by the end of October. The initial project timeline was 18 months, which would have been into the beginning of 2027. Good weather accelerated the first two phases of the job, but bad weather could just as easily reverse those gains.

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## Memphis man to be honored in Amarillo

The Texas Panhandle War Memorial in Amarillo will honor a longtime Memphis resident this weekend for his service during World War II.

The late Cleatus Lebow and the *USS Indianapolis* will be the honored in a new permanent exhibit Saturday, February 7, as part of the Memorial's "Reflections on Military Service." The dedication will begin at 1:00 p.m. in the Chapel with refreshments to follow.

Lebow was born in Happy in 1924, was drafted into World War II, and later spent 35 years with the telephone company and moved to Memphis. He passed away in 2022 at the age of 98.

The sinking of the *USS Indianapolis* during World War II was the US Navy's worst tragedy at sea. Eight hundred and eighty Sailors died, and only 317 survived, one being Cleatus Lebow.

The *Indianapolis* delivered to the US base on the island of Tinian the atomic bomb components which were ultimately used to construct the bomb dropped on Hiroshima,

Japan.

On July 30, 1945, four days after leaving Tinian, the *Indianapolis*, operating under radio silence, was hit by two Japanese torpedoes that sank the ship in 12 minutes. The Sailors spent five days and four nights in the shark-infested Pacific Ocean. No one came to look for them because it was a secret mission, and the Navy Command did not know the ship was missing.

A plane searching for enemy submarines saw something and flew closer to the water. What the

pilot saw were the Sailors' heads bobbing in the water. As the plane approached, the men began to wave. The plane radioed for help and a rescue boat later arrived. The Sailors who served aboard the *USS Indianapolis* carried the weapon that ultimately won the war, and they endured unthinkable horrors in the harrowing ordeal at sea.

In December 2018, the crew of the *Indianapolis* was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in recognition of their perseverance, bravery and service to the US.



## The Champs

Clarendon teams dominated Panhandle's two-day youth basketball tournament last week with the third and fourth grade boys placing first in the league. See more team photos on page four.

COURTESY PHOTO / CHRISLYN FARRIS

## Candidate deadline approaching Feb. 13 Several seats still unclaimed

With almost a week left in the filing period there are now 14 candidates for 22 positions coming up in this May's elections as of Tuesday afternoon.

Among those who have signed up, there is now one who isn't an incumbent.

George W. Hall has filed for the Clarendon College Board of Regents. He joins current regent, Chris Matthews, as the only candidates for three positions on the CC board.

The Donley County Hospital District Board now has a full slate of candidates after Place 7 director Lori Howard filed for re-election, joining Jan Farris – Place 4, Nikki Adams – Place 2, and Mark C. White – Place 3 in seeking re-election.

The Clarendon CISD Board of Trustees has two positions open this year, and both Chris Tucek and Mike Word have filed for re-election.

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, but still only Tom Thompson has filed for re-election.

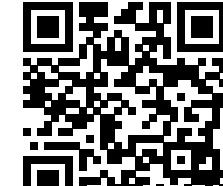
Hedley has two aldermen's positions and the mayor's seat up for election. So far, Alderman Clinton Pierce has filed to run again.

Hedley CISD has three full terms and one partial term available. Shawn Willoughby, who was appointed to fill the unexpired seat, has filed to hold it for the remainder of the term.

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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**FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE**

# Journey That Helped Win a Revolution

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.

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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**historically speaking**  
by dr. james finck

# What could possibly go wrong?

It was an afternoon when elements of Murphy's Law loomed, not in cataclysmic ways, but merely gnawing tidbits of annoyance—for both me and others—that harkened us back to lessons of a children's book, *The Little Engine That Could*. Millions of children first learned of "I-think-I-can" challenges, thanks to this little locomotive. (We who are long of tooth are likely in the "we're afraid-we-can't" stage.)

Arnold Monk, whose pen name was "Watty Piper," was the author. Maybe his goofy pen name helped the 1930 book to catch on.

It remains popular today....

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Likewise a hit is Dr. Mark Batterson's *The Best Worst Day Ever*, published in 2023 and one of his 25 books to make the New York Times Best-Seller List. He's the "lead visionary" pastor of Washington, DC's National Community Church. (Doesn't that title and church name flow well, seeming to be almost "Quakerish"?) This, too, is a book of encouragement.

With the first sign of the BAD COLD SPELL loosening its grip, I ventured out. Streets were thawing, the sun shining and birds chirping. (Okay, maybe they weren't chirping, but were indeed flying about.)

I felt largely in charge, happily driving into downtown Fort Worth for an EKG necessitated by activation of my heart defibrillator a few days earlier. I exited the elevator—as usual—on the fourth floor. The receptionist checked me in, directing me to be seated until the nurse came to fetch me....

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I engaged a waiting elderly couple in conversation. Okay, they were a half-dozen years younger than me, but wonderful listeners. Some 20 minutes later, a nurse exited the elevator, questioning why I wasn't "one floor up" where EKG tests are administered. I don't think she bought my defense that "I-was-told-to-be-seated."

She laughed as she slapped on the blood pressure band. Upon finishing, she told me of calling Jeanie, our daughter who was staying with my Brenda, my wife of almost 60 years. The nurse was checking to see if I'd left home.

Thankfully, Jeanie—taking the high road instead the high wire—maintained her positive "he'll-show-up" attitude. Others might have feared that I'd wrecked my car, gotten lost or perhaps was stricken in the elevator....

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On I went to a discount grocery, half-filling my cart with \$100 worth of items. With a long line forming behind me, I fumbled through four credit cards, each of which was rejected. The cashier, a young man perhaps 20 years of age and maybe bored with it all, finally explained that the store "accepts only cash or debit cards." I had the latter, and lucked out on guessing the password. As I completed payment, I noticed that the "on-one-foot-then-the-other" folks behind me had become relaxed.

Still needing white pepper, I



**the idle american**  
by don newbury

stopped at Kroger, where a kind employee led me to the spice aisle. I picked up a few other items, and, at check-out, heard the customary "you-gotta-Kroger's-card?" question. "Yes, but not on me," I stumbled, hoping that one of three phone numbers provided would suffice. None did.

I had a "momentary miff" en route to my car, discovering that my Kroger card on my key ring. Marching back into the store to confront customer service, hopeful to recover the 95 cents my card would have justified. The nice guy said, "She gave you the discount, anyway." Then, the final foul-up. A Kroger employee raced across the parking lot to hand me the smart phone I'd left behind....

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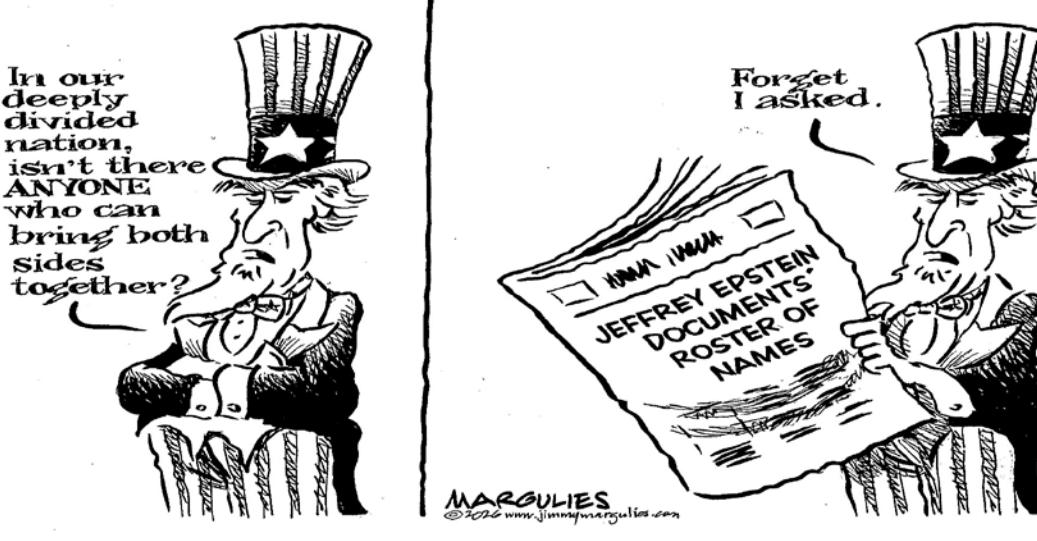
I felt lower than a fireman with his helmet on, easily walking erect under a four-clawed bathtub.

There was another puzzling annoyance on the way home. In my mind's eye was something bright, as if a spotlight was shining on a billboard. It read: "SILVER ALERT," and, in smaller letters, my license number! Such memories— including my explanation to the nurse that the defibrillation didn't shock me—even though it did its job. With a wry smile, she answered, "You'll feel it next time." I could envision my defibrillator—"juiced up" with increased voltage.

She recommended my avoiding stress. And, I am....

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## Imagine no social security benefits

By Russell Gloor,  
Association of Mature American Citizens

In 1971, the iconic song writer John Lennon penned the lyrics to his famous song "Imagine," asking us to picture a world in total peace and harmony. Although it was a call to imagine what life would be like in a utopian world, it was also, perhaps, overly optimistic given the realities of that time—realities which are largely similar today, over 5 decades later.

Nevertheless, it is always good to imagine life as it might be. And that goes both ways—we can and should always picture life in a better world, but we might also take pause, at times, to picture how life might be worse. How often have we lamented that "things could be much worse?" when confronting adversity in our daily lives? So, today I'd like to suggest that you picture what life would be like without Social Security.

First, some statistics: Social Security provides benefits to about 70 million Americans, senior citizens as well as those not yet old enough to be so designated. That's about 20 percent of the entire U.S. population. The benefits offered are financial, providing usually crucial money to those fortunate enough to be eligible. That includes those who have earned benefits by working and are old enough to claim, and others—such as minor or disabled adult children—who have not personally earned a benefit but are dependent on a parent who has. Benefits are also available for dependent spouses, ex-spouses and, sometimes, dependent parents. And let's not forget that even working Americans who become disabled often find financial relief at a younger age with the Social Security disability insurance program. Fact is,

Social Security provides a "major" source of income for a majority of senior Americans and, in most cases, those collecting say it is critical to their ability to make their financial ends meet. In a nutshell, a large majority of Social Security recipients say Social Security is critically important to their financial well-being. But what if Social Security were to go away?

Well, that's not something we like to think about because it would negatively impact so many millions of people. Senior citizens would suffer harshly because the poverty rate for those aged 65 and over would jump from around 10 percent to nearly 40 percent. That means another

22 million people would be added to the total 36 million who already live below the U.S. poverty line. And statistically, the ones most affected would be older women, people of color, and children (about 4 million of whom receive Social Security benefits). Another 9 million or so Americans who collect Social Security Disability Insurance benefits would also be seriously affected.

What would American life be like without Social Security? As a student of U.S. history, I can imagine what it was like in the 1930s—the decade of the so-called "Great Depression." The years immediately preceding the advent of FDR's Social Security program were a time of abject poverty in the United States. Many Americans had very little money and scant resources, with men wandering from town to town to find work to provide food for their kitchen table. Many wore tattered clothing, often the only clothes they had, and minor children had to work (if they could) to help the family survive. That was the environment which gave birth to the U.S. Social Security program. And the program, funded by taxes on workers and their employers, worked well. Starting when monthly SS benefits began flowing in 1940, Social Security has continued to sustain America's seniors and their dependents for about 90 years. In other words, Social Security is an extremely effective anti-poverty program which would devastate millions if the program went away.

But what are the chances that Social Security will actually go away? You might have heard that Social Security is now having some financial difficulties—and that is true. But is it in danger of every going away completely? The answer to that is a resounding "No." Despite its current financial dilemma, Social Security will never go away completely. As long as Americans are working and contributing to the program, it will always be here to provide some benefits. But the more important question is, will Social Security be able to pay for all of its benefit obligations in the future? And the answer to that is "No, unless Congress acts soon to reform the program." You see, right now Social Security revenue (mainly income from working Americans) is less than needed to pay all benefit obligations. Social Security revenue in 2024 was about \$1.418 trillion, but SS expenses were

about \$1.485 trillion—a deficit of about \$67 billion. And that shortfall has been taken from Social Security's Trust Fund reserves in order for full benefits to be paid to everyone.

The Social Security Trust Funds have supplemented the money needed to pay full benefits since 2021, which means the reserves in the Trust Funds have gone from about \$2.9 trillion in 2020 to about \$2.7 trillion today—a trend that will result in the reserves being completely depleted in about the year 2033 (this according to the Trustees of the Social Security program). If the Trust Fund reserves are fully depleted, Social Security can only pay out in benefits what it receives in revenue, which would mean about a 23 percent cut in benefits for every Social Security recipient.

Since so many Americans rely on Social Security as a major contributor to their financial well-being, the result of a 23 percent cut to everyone's Social Security income would be devastating. It likely wouldn't make things as bad as they were in the 1930s preceding Social Security's birth, but it would nevertheless present a very serious problem which would thrust many more Americans into poverty. And that is the crux of the Social Security dilemma—cutting everyone's SS benefit to only 77 percent of what is now received would mean a return to high levels of American poverty.

But it doesn't need to happen.

Congress has been aware of this looming Social Security issue for several decades but has chosen to "kick the can down the road." Now, there is little time remaining to fix the problem. We are only a short seven years away from when the SS Trust Funds will no longer have money to supplement Social Security benefit payments. Therefore, Congress must act soon to restore this crucial program to financial solvency. And the longer it waits, the more difficult the problem will be to solve. Indeed, Congress, instead, recently exacerbated Social Security's financial dilemma by passing legislation which provided additional benefits to a segment of beneficiaries (see H.R. 82—The Social Security Fairness Act). Regardless of the merits of that recent legislation, it added about \$200 billion to Social Security's expenses over the coming decade, at a time when Congress should be seeking ways to reduce Social Security's costs.

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## Obituaries

### Layton

Dalton Wayne Layton, age 33, passed away on Friday January 23, 2026, leaving behind an immeasurable void in the hearts of those who loved him. Though his time with us was far too short, the Layton impact he made will last forever.



Born on March 14, 1992, in Dumas, Texas, Dalton was known for his ability to make everyone laugh, his soft heart and compassionate spirit, and his loyalty for the ones he loved.

Dalton loved roping with the boys, being a dad, picking on his sisters, loving on his mama, and spending time at his Grommy's. Above all, he cherished his wife, Morghin, his baby girl, Stetson, and his baby boy, Stoney, who were the center of his

### Covey completes recertification

Clarendon City Secretary Machiel Covey recently completed her second recertification as a Texas Registered Municipal Clerk by the Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program in Round Rock, January 22, 2026.

Original certification required successful completion of approximately 200 hours of individual home study over a four-course curriculum, a comprehensive examination over each of the four courses, and attendance at eight two-day professional development seminars.

Recertification requires 72 hours of classroom instruction and a selection of additional education options which may include: college-level courses, certificate from the CPM, or facilitated book discussions with independent comprehension assessments. The curriculum includes selected texts and a number of special readings and trainings on the topics of public administration,

world.

He is survived by his wife, Morghin Layton, daughter, Stetson, son and best lil' buddy, Stoney, and stepdaughters Rhylie and Rhaymie. His mother and her husband Kim and Curtis Guinn, sister and her husband Leigh Ann and Victor Portillo, sister and her husband Blayne and Aidan Lopez, Grandparents Sondra and Ronald Hatcher, Bill and Mary Jo Hodges, and Grandmother Diana Layton, along with numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Joel Layton, and grandfather, Charlie Layton. While our hearts are broken, we are grateful for every moment shared and every memory made.

A celebration of life was held on Friday, January 30, 2026, in the First Baptist Church in Clarendon. Burial followed in Childress Cemetery in Childress..

Forever loved. Deeply missed. Never forgotten.

"Give heaven some hell"

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

### Clarendon Chamber of Commerce presents

Clarendon Chamber of Commerce presents election law, budgeting and finance, municipal law, and personnel management.

The Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program, located at the University of North Texas, Denton, Texas, is a university-level professional education program for city clerks and city secretaries in Texas.

The program is the third oldest of forty-seven programs around the world. The Certification Program is recognized and endorsed by Section 22.074 of the Local Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated.

To date, 1,212 individuals have earned their Texas Registered Municipal Clerk designation. Texas Registered Municipal Clerks are recognized for their achievements and contributions to effective, efficient local government by their mayors, city administrators, city councils, and the citizens of their communities.

### PGCD announces 2026 scholarship

Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District's (PGCD) goal for our annual scholarship program is to encourage students to learn about groundwater – where it comes from, why it matters, and how we can protect it. By supporting students who care about our water future, we hope to build greater awareness of the need for conservation and responsible use of this essential resource.

This year, the application process will look a little different than in years past. Instead of submitting a written essay, applicants will be challenged to create a short Public Service Announcement (PSA) story reel titled: "Conserving Water For Future Generations".

Students are encouraged to use creativity, storytelling, and real-world water conservation ideas to educate and inspire others about the importance of protecting groundwater resources for the future.

For scholarship guidelines and an example story reel, visit our website at [www.pgcd.us/pgcd-scholarship](http://www.pgcd.us/pgcd-scholarship).

### Retired teachers hold January meeting

The bi-monthly meeting of the Donley County Retired School Personnel Association met on Tuesday, January 27, in the Senior Citizens Center at 1:00 p.m.

There were seven members present. The meeting was called to order by President Carlton Turvaville. Eddie Hankins led the invocation, and San Thompson led the group in the pledge to the flag.

Carlton then read a humorous inspirational. A discussion of scholarships for graduating seniors followed.

The spring conference will be on March 25 at the Region 16 Service Center in Amarillo. The group voted to make two gift baskets of useful items to be given as door prizes at the end of the conference meeting.

Members are asked to bring their basket items to the next meeting on March 23. The guest speaker at this meeting will be Dr. Pratt.

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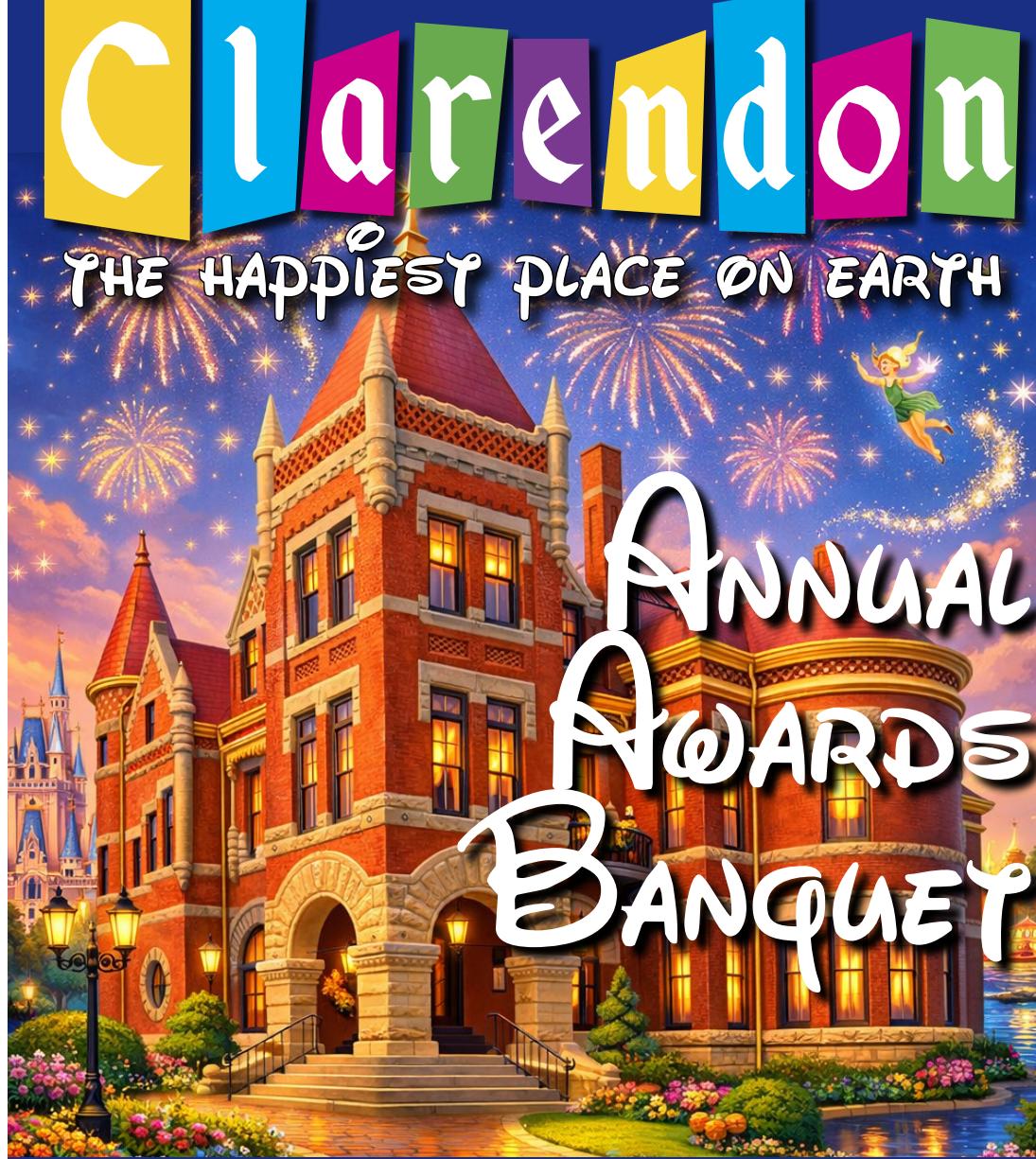
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**February 8**  
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**February 13**  
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**February 13**  
Broncos v Panhandle • 6:00 p.m. • Away

**February 17**  
Broncos v Wheeler • 6:00 p.m. • Home

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## Menus

**February 9 - 13**

**Donley County Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Cheeseburgers, potato wedges, melon or fresh fruit, sugar cookie iced, iced tea/2% milk.

Tues: Stuffed baked potato, shredded pork, steamed broccoli, hot roll, pineapple cake, iced tea/2% milk.

Wed: BBQ chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll, fruit cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.

Thurs: Pork roast, English peas, buttered carrots, whole wheat roll, banana pudding, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Chicken fajitas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, garden salad, sopapilla cheesecake, iced tea/2% milk

**Hedley Senior Citizens**  
Mon: BBQ chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll, fruit cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.

Tues: Baked tilapia, baked potato, peas & carrots, hushpuppies, fruit cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.

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

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

Fri: Bacon cheeseburger on whole wheat bun, potato wedges, fruit, sugar cookie, iced tea/2% milk

**Clarendon CISD**  
Breakfast

Mon: Sausage kolache, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Tues: Cheese omelet, toast, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

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

Thu: Breakfast pizza, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Fri: Dutch waffles, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch

Mon: Pulled pork slider, corn, cucumbers, dessert, fruit, milk.

Tues: Chicken & waffles, veggie cup, potatoes, fruit, milk.

Wed: Chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, carrots, squash, fruit, milk.

Thu: Cheeseburger, chips, tomato cup, broccoli, fruit, milk.

Fri: Meat & cheese chalupa, beans, salad, pudding cup, fruit, milk.

**Hedley ISD**

Breakfast

Mon: Pancakes, bacon, orange, fruit juice, milk.

Tues: Donut holes, sausage, apple, fruit juice, milk.

Wed: Waffles, yogurt, hashbrowns, fruit juice, milk.

Thu: Sunrise sandwich, banana, fruit juice, milk.

Fri: No School

Lunch

Mon: Steak fingers, gravy, roll, green beans, corn, peaches, milk.

Tues: Boneless wings, chips, celery, mixed fruit, sherbet, milk.

Wed: Lasagna roll-ups, breadstick, broccoli, marinara, fruit cup, milk.

Thu: Frito pie, beans, tomato cup, apple, churro, milk.

Fri: No School

## Private water well screenings set for Feb. 9-10 in Briscoe, Hall counties

By Leslie Lee, AgriLife Extension

The Texas Well Owner Network, TWON, will host a private water well screening for Briscoe County and Hall County residents on Feb. 9-10 in Silverton and Memphis.

Joel Pigg, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service program specialist and TWON coordinator, Texas A&M Department of Soil and Crop Sciences, Bryan-College Station, said the Texas Well Owner Network program is for residents who depend on household wells for their water needs.

"The TWON program was established to help well owners become familiar with Texas groundwater resources, septic system maintenance, well maintenance and construction, and water quality and treatment," Pigg said. "It allows them to learn more about how to improve and protect their community water resources."

There is a \$15 cost per sample.

Water samples will be screened for

contaminants, including total coliform bacteria, E. coli, nitrate-nitrogen and salinity.

Water samples can be dropped off on Feb. 9 from 8:30-11 a.m. at the following locations: AgriLife Extension office in Briscoe County, 415 Main St., Silverton. AgriLife Extension office in Hall County, 101 S. Ninth St., Memphis.

The results and educational meeting for both counties will be held from 11 a.m. to noon on Feb. 10 at the Silverton Downtown Association Community Center, 507 Commerce St., Silverton.

Attendees are asked to follow these instructions to collect their well water sample:

**Texas drought, shifting markets shape 2026 views**

Texas row crop producers are heading into planting season amid early weather uncertainty, shifting price relationships in major commodities, and ongoing economic pressure from high input costs, according to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economists.

While timely rains supported strong cotton yields in 2025, the upcoming season is beginning under La Niña conditions that have kept much of Texas warm and dry since the fall. The pattern is expected to fade by March, but dryness could persist into key planting periods across the state's staggered cotton calendar, said John Robinson, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension cotton economist in the Texas A&M Department of Agricultural Economics.

Robinson said that contrasts sharply with last year's wetter-than-normal conditions and raises the likelihood of lower production and more volatile pricing through the spring and early summer.

Even if weather-driven rallies appear, Robinson said they rarely hold through harvest, leaving growers exposed to timing risk in a market that exports 85 to 90 percent of US cotton and responds quickly to global demand signals.

The state's cotton sector also continues to feel a cost squeeze, with input costs outpacing gains in market prices and tightening margins across Texas row-crop operations.

Even though the US only accounts for just over six percent of the world's wheat production, it accounts for about 11 of global wheat exports. A smaller U.S. winter wheat crop could lend upward price support, Welch said.

However, geopolitical outcomes could sharply alter that landscape. For instance, an end to the war in Ukraine could drive wheat prices lower, Welch said.

Taken together, Robinson and Welch expect continued weather uncertainty in the Lone Star State, competitive acreage decisions in the Midwest, and international influences in soybeans and wheat markets to define early 2026 as growers weigh planting choices.

Empty the contents of a new bottle of water, 12-20 ounces, and fill it with a water sample from your private water well.

Take the sample from the spigot/hose bib nearest the wellhead. If a water hose is present, remove it and take the water directly from the spigot/hose bib.

If an inside faucet is used, remove the faucet aerator before making the collection. Rinse and dry the exterior of the faucet to prevent contamination of the water sample.

If possible, wipe with a Clorox-type towelette or paper towel dampened with a light bleach solution to kill any bacteria present on the faucet. Allow the cleaning solution to dry before collecting the sample.

Turn the water on full force and let it run for 2 minutes or until the pump starts running.

Reduce the water flow to a small stream, then take the sample.

The sample should be collected within 24 hours of submission to ensure accurate results.

It is best to collect the sample on the day it is submitted. Keep the sample cool and transport it to the drop-off location in an ice chest as soon as possible after collection.

"We encourage you to bring samples from all wells on your property," Pigg said. "Also, many participants who have water treatment equipment take samples before and after the treatment to make sure the equipment is functioning properly."

Each sample should be labeled with both its name and the well from which it came.

It is essential for those submit-

ting samples to attend the follow-up meeting to receive results, learn corrective measures for identified problems and improve their understanding of private well management, Pigg said.

Pigg said the presence of E. coli bacteria in water indicates that waste from humans or warm-blooded animals may have contaminated the water. Water contaminated with E. coli is more likely to also contain pathogens that can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea or other symptoms.

The presence of nitrate-nitrogen in well water is also a concern. Nitrate-nitrogen levels of 10 parts per million is considered unsafe for human consumption, he said.

"Nitrate levels above 10 parts per million can disrupt the ability of blood to carry oxygen throughout the body, resulting in a condition called methemoglobinemia," Pigg said. "Infants less than 6 months of age and young livestock are most susceptible to this."

Salinity, as measured by total dissolved solids, will also be determined for each sample, he said. Water with high levels may leave deposits and have a salty taste. Using water with high levels for irrigation may damage soil or plants.

For more information on the screenings, contact Pigg at 979-321-5946 or j-pigg@tamu.edu.

The screenings are presented by AgriLife Extension and Texas Water Resources Institute, TWRI.

Funding for TWON is through a Clean Water Act nonpoint source grant provided by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and the EPA.



The third grade Clarendon boys team came in eighth in the Panhandle tournament.

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Clarendon's second grade girls placed second place in the Panhandle tournament last week.

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Clarendon fifth and sixth grade boys' team placed fifth in the Panhandle tournament last week.

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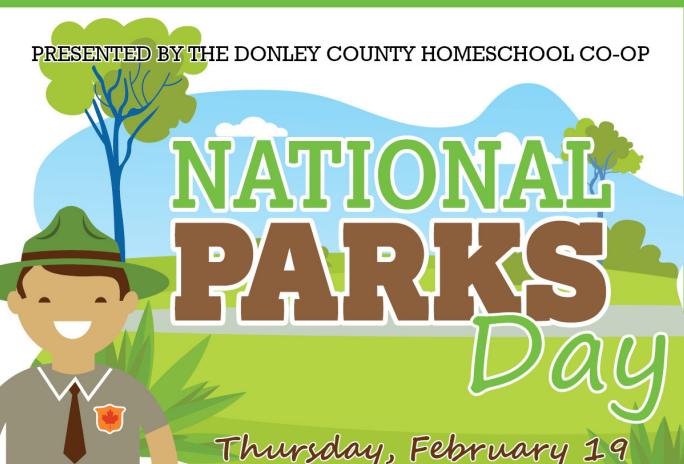
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## Regional blood shortage persists

Although the winter storm has moved out of the region, lingering ice, snow and sustained below-freezing temperatures continue to create hazardous travel conditions, resulting in ongoing challenges for health-care systems and the local blood supply.

Since the winter weather began, 86 community blood drives have been canceled, resulting in the loss of more than 1,600 expected blood donations.

With schools and universities remaining closed and donation opportunities still limited, Our Blood Institute is now missing an estimated 700 blood donations each day in educational drives alone.

These ongoing conditions are already impacting patient care. Our Blood Institute at Coffee Memorial

Blood Center is experiencing significant shortages of platelets and O-negative blood, both of which are critical for trauma care, cancer treatments and emergency surgeries.

Earlier this month, Our Blood Institute at Coffee Memorial Blood Center declared an emergency blood shortage as inventories fell to critically low levels. Thanks to donors who answered the call, donation levels began to improve and helped stabilize the blood supply. However, the prolonged effects of this winter weather have quickly erased that progress, thrusting the blood supply back into an emergency shortage once again.

Unlike a typical winter event where communities rebound within a day or two, many side roads and neighborhoods remain unsafe to live in the home. Interest continues to accrue at five percent per year on unpaid taxes. You may obtain a deferral affidavit at the appraisal district.

Appraisals Notices – Taxpayers typically receive a notice of appraised value from the appraisal district in the spring. The notice should be reviewed carefully; it contains important information about the property record. Once notices are mailed, the updated information is available at <http://www.donleycad.org>. The city, county, school districts and other local taxing units will use the appraisal district's value to set property taxes for the coming year.

Protesting Property Appraisal Values – Property owners who disagree with the appraisal district's appraisal of their property for local taxes or for any other action that adversely affects them may protest their property value to the Donley Appraisal Review Board (ARB).

The normal deadline to file a protest is May 15.

Property Taxpayer Remedies – This comptroller publication explains in detail how to protest a property appraisal, what issues the county appraisal review board (ARB) can consider, and what to expect during a protest hearing.

The publication also discusses the options of taking a taxpayer's case to the district court, the State Office of Administrative Hearings, or binding arbitration if the taxpayer is dissatisfied with the outcome of the ARB hearing. You can find it at [comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/](http://comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/).

Notice of Availability of Electronic Communication – Chief appraisers and ARBs may communicate electronically through email or other media with property owners or their designated representatives. Written agreements are required for notices and other documents to be delivered electronically instead of mailing.

To learn more, visit <http://www.donleycad.org>. Information is also available on the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division's website at [comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/](http://comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/). The Donley Appraisal District can be reached by phone at 806-874-2744.

Homestead Exemptions – A homestead is generally defined as the home and land used as the owner's principal residence on January 1 of the tax year. A homestead exemption reduces the appraised value of the homestead and, as a result, lowers property taxes. Applications are submitted to the appraisal district office.

Productivity Appraisal –

Property owners who use land for agricultural purposes or wildlife management can be granted property tax relief on their land. You can file an application that may result in

**the lion's tale**  
by roger estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club had its regular Tuesday noon meeting February 3, 2026, with Boss Lion Brian Barboza in charge.

We had 10 Lions present, one attending virtually, and five guests this week. In addition to District Governor Deanna Porter, we were joined by her guests, Cody Castello, Sarah Smith, and Mona Oney. We also had Ella Estlack, guest of Lion Roger Estlack.

DG Deanna updated us on district events as well as upcoming district service projects. She learned more about the activities of our club and also presented several service awards to our members for their years of membership. Those recognized were Lions Jim Shelton – 40 years, Roger Estlack – 30 years, Steve Hall – 20 years, David Dockery – 10 years, Renee Mott – 15 years, and Landon Lamber – 10 years.

Plans were reviewed for the upcoming Lions Valentines Bingo on February 13. Tickets are still available at the Enterprise for \$40.



### Lions' Service

Lions District 2T-1 Governor Deanna Porter (second from the left) stands with Clarendon Lions Roger Estlack, Steve Hall, and Larry Capranica Tuesday after honoring them for their years of service to Lionism. Estlack received a 30-year chevron, Hall got his 20-year chevron, and Capranica was presented a 15-year chevron. See this week's Lion's Tale for other local recognitions from the district governor.

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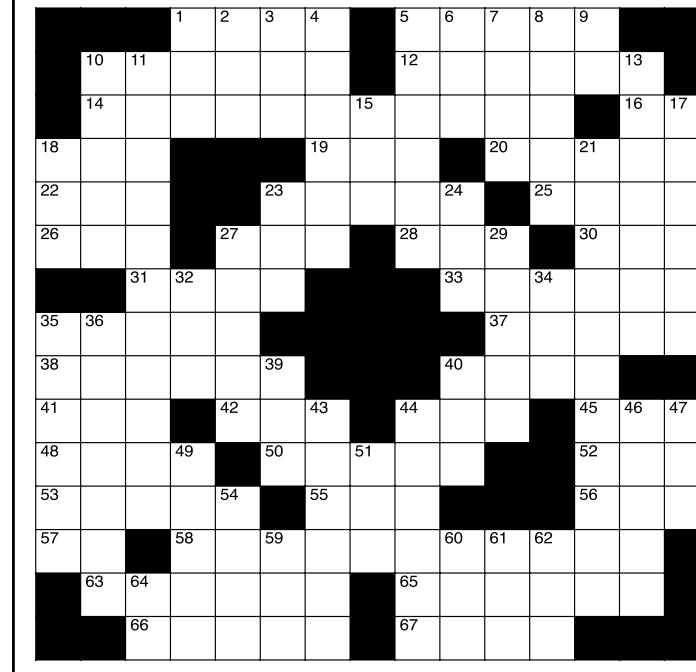
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### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Native American group of N. California
- 2. Geological times (Brit. sp.)
- 10. Tool to remove
- 12. Rods
- 14. One who renews
- 16. They precede C
- 18. Chatter incessantly
- 19. \_\_ King Cole, musician
- 20. Insect parts
- 21. One from Utah
- 23. The world of the dead
- 25. Singer Redding
- 26. NBA legend Nelson
- 27. Indicates wrongly
- 28. Unhappy
- 30. Anger
- 31. Dark brown
- 33. Some are in kitchens
- 35. Made a mistake
- 37. Damp
- 38. Type of fuel
- 40. Actor Damon
- 41. What thespians do
- 42. One's mother
- 44. Disallow
- 45. Swiss river
- 48. A banana has one
- 50. Philippines lake and volcano are two
- 52. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- 53. Agave
- 55. Journalist Tarbell
- 56. One-time tech giant
- 57. Indicates upon
- 58. Intestinal bacteria
- 63. Loose sheaths around the spinal cord
- 65. It goes with nook
- 66. A fashion
- 67. Very eager to hear or see

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Witch
- 2. Utilize
- 3. Writing utensil
- 4. Where rockers go to work
- 5. Subsides
- 6. Consume
- 7. Greek mythological figures
- 8. California mountain town
- 9. Tin
- 10. Muse of lyric and love poetry
- 11. Animates anew
- 13. Humorous criticisms
- 15. Cool!
- 17. Worst
- 18. Wet dirt
- 21. Designed to be useful
- 23. Hebrew unit of liquid capacity
- 24. High schoolers' test
- 27. Computer device
- 29. Indian territory \_\_ and Du
- 32. A place to sleep
- 34. AI tool
- 35. Pass or go by
- 36. Indicates a purchase
- 39. A digital tape recording of sound
- 40. More (Spanish)
- 43. Disfigured
- 44. White (Spanish)
- 46. Church building
- 47. Georgia rockers
- 49. Type of surgery
- 51. Much \_\_ about nothing
- 54. Make by braiding
- 59. Local area network
- 60. Unit of work or energy
- 61. Member of indigenous people of Thailand
- 62. Liquefied natural gas
- 64. Distance to top



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## Lady Broncos slam Lady Rockets

By Sandy Anderberg

Avenging an earlier loss to the Wellington Lady Rockets, the Lady Broncos entered the gym with a win in mind last week. They totally owned the Wellington team and defeated them 48-31.

The Lady Broncos dominated from the tip off gaining a five-point lead after the first eight minutes. Despite very physical game play, the Lady Broncos never lost focus in the job they faced. Wellington sent them to the free throw line and the ladies responded hitting seven of eight bonus shots. Berkley Moore and Kenidee Hayes were perfect from the line each hitting both of their shots and Kate Shaw was three

of four. Shaw was the strength inside for the Lady Broncos and Hayes held the upper-hand from the arc hitting three huge three-pointers. Moore knocked down too big shots as well.

Defensively, the Lady Broncos played with fury creating several turnovers and causing rushed shots by the Lady Rockets. They did a great job underneath the basket and grabbed several rebounds while holding off their opponents.

Hayes led all scorers with 17 points and Shaw put in 11. Moore added eight, and Presley Smith had five. Madi Benson put in four and Gracie Ellis helped with three.

Earlier in the week, the Lady Broncos whipped Quanah at home

53-17. The Lady Indians never were a threat as they stayed in single digits on the scoreboard until the final eight minutes of play. The Lady Broncos stayed solid throughout and breezed to the win led by Hayes who put in 16 that included four three-pointers and two for two at the bonus line. Moore hit two big shots to help and finished with eight and Smith and Shaw added eight each. Benson and Millie McAnear added four and Laken Smith, who has stepped up from junior varsity helped with two.

The Lady Broncos will finish their regular season schedule February 10 at Memphis beginning at 6:30 and then prepare for post-season play.



Lady Colt Kreedence Gaither goes for a jump shot last week against Memphis. COURTESY PHOTO / AL ELAM



Preslee English shoots for the Lady Colts last week at home. COURTESY PHOTO / AL ELAM

## Broncos dominate Quanah at home

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon Broncos gained a big district win in an intense game with the Quanah Indians at home last week. The Broncos put together four solid quarters of basketball in their 69-64 win.

Michael Butler finished with 25 points and 11 rebounds for another double-double, and Braxton Gribble put in 14 points with two rebounds and two assists in a game to lead the Broncos to the hard-fought game.

Overall, the Broncos grabbed 28 rebounds, 21 assists, eight steals, and four blocked shots. They were able to hit 70 percent of their two pointers, but only connected on seven of 24 three-pointers in the game. However, the Broncos shot lights out on free throws and converted at 83 percent.

The game was tight throughout with Clarendon holding a three-point lead after one quarter of play. The Indians were able to bounce back before the break to take a one-point

lead into the locker room. In a great comeback style, the Broncos were able to rally in the fourth period to outscore the Indians 22 to 11 to get the win.

Also scoring was, Brentley Gaines with eight, Caleb Herbert with seven, Aiden Morris with five, Heston Seay added four, Tyler Cavanaugh hit a big three, and Kreed Robinson helped with two free throws.

The Broncos continued their tough schedule as they traveled to Wellington looking to get revenge on an earlier loss to the Skyrockets competing in a very heated game. Despite playing hard, the Broncos fell to Wellington 52 to 67.

The Rockets had a very productive first half of play as they lead 40-18 at the break. The Broncos struggled to execute offensively against a strong defense. The Broncos were able to regroup and came on strong in the second half of play determined to come back to get the win. They were able to gain the

momentum and put points on the board while shutting down Wellington's attack. But the clock was not on their side, and the Broncos ran out of time late in the fourth quarter and the Rockets earned the win.

Butler put in 24 points and had nine rebounds and two blocks to lead the way for the Broncos. Gribble put in eight points and had four assists, while Seay had seven points and grabbed six rebounds in the game. The team collected 29 rebounds and had 16 assists. The team struggled at the free throw line only hitting seven of 23 shots.

It proved to not be the Broncos' night at the line. Also scoring was Herbert with six points, Gaines and Morris with four each and Cavanaugh with three.

The Broncos will play at Memphis February 6 and travel to Panhandle February 13. They will finish their district schedule at home against Wheeler February 17 all beginning at 8:00 p.m.



Lady Colt Adleigh Moore takes a shot last week at home against Memphis. COURTESY PHOTO / AL ELAM



Lady Colt Journee Morris goes straight to the basket against the Cyclones. COURTESY PHOTO / AL ELAM

## Bronco JV defeated by Wellington

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon Broncos junior varsity played a tough game but succumbed to the Wellington Rockets 17-61 on the road.

The Broncos started out slowly and struggled to gain any traction against a strong Rocket team. They were able to make some good moves against their opponent and played the final seven minutes to a four-to-four tie, showing the determination they held. The Broncos put in three of six free throws in the game.

Hunter Caison led the way with four and Tristen Ybarra and Rustin Wade each knocked down three pointers to finish with three points each. Dakotah Jameson also had three that included a two-pointer and a free shot and Brance Bell helped with two.

The Broncos will travel to Memphis February 6 and go to Panhandle February 13 before hosting Wheeler on February 17 all beginning at 5:00 p.m.

## Lady Bronco JV fall short at Wellington

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Bronco junior varsity gave their all in their matchup with the Lady Rockets in the Wellington gym last week. The Lady Rockets won that game at 27-13.

A slow-shooting second quarter caused the Lady Broncos fell behind and could never catch up. They trailed by 15 points at the break but reclaimed some ground in the second half of play. Eli Rodriguez was on fire and put in nine points in the game that included one three-pointer and Addy Havens hustled throughout and put in four points.

The Lady Broncos will finish their season February 6 in Memphis at 4:00 p.m.

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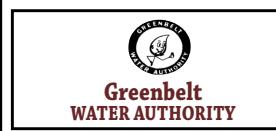
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