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

Candidate forum to be held on Monday

The Donley County Republican Party will host local candidates in a forum at the Bairfield Activity Center at Clarendon College on Monday, February 16, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The public is invited, and light refreshments will be served.

Candidate filing ends February 13

Candidates for local offices have until Friday to file for a place on the ballot.

Twenty-two positions are available on seven elected boards in Donley County for citizens interested in serving in local government.

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.

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.

Visit ClarendonLive.com for an updated list of who has already filed for offices.

Elections are scheduled to be held Saturday, May 2, 2026.

Youth baseball and softball sign-ups

Clarendon youth baseball and softball sign-ups will be held Tuesdays, February 12 and 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 Visiter Cener at Mulkey Theatre.



Teran resigns as CCISD superintendent

Clarendon CISD Superintendent Rick Teran confirmed last Friday that he is resigning his position because of what he calls an "innuendo" being spread in the community.

Teran was named the full-time school superintendent in October after being hired last summer in an interim capacity.

He later took over the position of head girls' basketball coach as well.

"I can't stand the innuendo by a community member regarding my conduct around the girls," Teran told the Enterprise. "It's not true, and there was always a female coach around at the time."

Teran said he didn't need the job in Clarendon as he was already retired when he came to serve the school in an interim capacity to assist with the school's search for a fulltime superintendent.

CCISD Board President Wayne Hardin said Teran placed himself on administrative leave

Friday, and Hardin watched Teran clean out his desk and turn in his keys.

Hardin said the school board could not take action on Teran's resignation at Monday's regular meeting because the agenda wasn't worded specifically enough.

"We'll have a called meet-

ing on Thursday and accept his resignation, which will be effective at the end of the month," Hardin said. "But he's already gone."

The board will meet February 12 at 7 p.m. to accept Teran's resignation and will also discuss the findings of an investigation in closed session.



Teran



Milestone

Kenidee Hayes (fifth from the left) is surrounded by teammates after she scored her 1,000th high school career point during the Lady Broncos' 70-6 win over Memphis Friday night. The girls are headed to the bi-district title game on Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Amarillo High School. Follow Facebook.com/TheEnterprise for updates.

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Early primary voting begins Tuesday

Early voting by personal appearance in the Republican and Democratic primaries begins Tuesday, February 17, and continues through February 27 at the Donley County Courthouse Annex.

Polling hours will be from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. February 17-20. Polls will be open on February 21 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and

then on February 22 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

From February 23-27, the polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Primary Election Day will be March 3.

Republicans running contested races for office are - for treasurer: Zan Bullock, Joanea Horn, and Terri Luna; and for Commiss-

ioner Precinct 4: incumbent Dan Sawyer and Shaun O'Keefe.

Unopposed on the Republican ticket are County Judge John Howard, County Clerk Vicki Tunell, Precinct 1&2 Justice of the Peace Sarah Hatley, Precinct 3&4 Justice of the Peace Pat White, Precinct 2 Commissioner Daniel Ford, party chair Bill Word, and Sandy Childress for Precinct 1 chair.

The only local candidate on the Democratic ticket will be Eulaine McIntosh running for party chair.

Also appearing on the Republican ballot will be Word, seeking another term as county chair for the party, and Sandy Childress, who is running to be the party's Precinct 1 chair.

The fiasco downstate last year [with the flooding in the Hill Country] opened some eyes that you need to be able to communicate when something happens," Blackburn said.

The judge previously said an EOC would include a new sheriff's office, redundancies in power and communications to remain active during disasters, and workstations available for other emergency officials who would respond from outside the county.



And the winner is...

Chuck Robertson, shown here with publisher Roger Estlack, was the winner of the Enterprise's 2026 Pigskin Predictions contest Monday, taking home more than \$1,000 in gift certificates and prizes.

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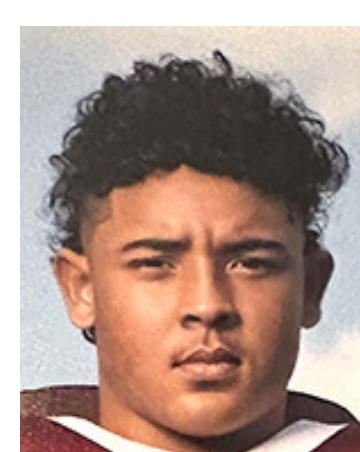
CHS alumnus dies in Armstrong wreck

A Clarendon High School graduate passed away following injuries he sustained in a two-vehicle accident in Armstrong County early Thursday morning, February 5.

Robert McGuire, age 23, of Claude was pronounced deceased on the scene.

According to the Department of Public Safety, McGuire was driving a 2004 Honda Accord and traveling west on FM 1151, while Jonathan Solis, age 27 of Hereford was eastbound in a 2024 GMC Sierra.

For an unknown reason, McGuire's vehicle left the roadway and entered the north ditch. It then reentered the roadway in a broadside skid, crossed the westbound lane, and entered the eastbound lane in the path of the GMC



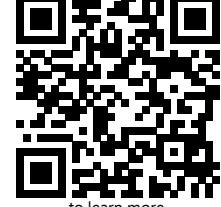
McGuire

pickup, resulting in a near head-on collision.

The crash remains under investigation.

A benefit dinner for the family will be February 21, at noon at the Donley County Activity Center.

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Liberty and the cost of revolution

"The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants."

This famous line, attributed to Thomas Jefferson, has returned to public discourse amid protests against ICE and Donald Trump.

It is not usually spoken by elected leaders, who understandably avoid revolutionary language, but it has clearly reemerged among protesters, organizers, and online commentators. I have even seen posts from some of my more liberal friends, who once rejected guns outright, now talking about arming themselves out of a perceived necessity to protect against tyranny. At the same time, these same voices accuse conservatives of hypocrisy, defending Kyle Rittenhouse's Second Amendment rights while condemning Alex Pretti's.

We are bickering over human lives. Tribalism has become so entrenched that when someone is killed, we are immediately expected to take sides – to mourn or to excuse, to justify or to condemn.

When I teach my Civil War class, before we ever reach the battles, I show my students the clip of Sullivan Ballou's letter from Ken Burns' "The Civil War." It is a deeply moving letter written by a man to his wife on the eve of his death. I want my students to understand that casualty numbers are not abstractions, they are people with families. I feel the same way about modern political violence. These are real deaths, real losses. But because we have become politicized, discussion seems unavoidable.

The Second Amendment states, "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." Our Founders' intent in writing the Second Amendment was twofold, and those two purposes are represented by Rittenhouse and Pretti.

The first purpose was national defense. In a nation without a standing army, ordinary citizens were expected to form the militia in times of crisis. From this perspective, Rittenhouse's actions in 2020 can be seen as constitutionally protected. During the protests in Kenosha, Wisconsin, he joined others who claimed they were protecting businesses from destruction by mobs. In that instance, he aligned himself with law enforcement and, ultimately, was acquitted of all charges.

Pretti's situation is different, but it draws from the second purpose of the Second Amendment: resistance to tyranny. Pretti was killed by ICE agents last month in Minneapolis, Minnesota, while he was protesting the federal government's actions.

Our Founders also believed that the citizenry must remain armed so that, if the government itself became tyrannical, the people would retain the ability to resist. If Pretti believed he was resisting tyranny, then – at least in theory – his actions could be framed within that constitutional logic. Yet there is a catch.

As a thought experiment, let's assume for a moment that ICE agents and the federal government are acting tyrannically. If we overlay the present situation onto 1775, one could argue that ICE becomes the modern equivalent of the redcoats, and protesters become the modern minutemen. Under that framework, armed resistance could be seen as morally justified. But that raises a far more serious question: What does that actually mean in practice?

America is unique in that its founding document, the Declaration of Independence, is built on the principle that the people have the right to rebel against tyrannical government. It functions almost like a national self-destruct clause. Yet there is a catch that is often ignored: you only have the right to revolution if you win. Our Founders understood this clearly.

In the final sentence of the Declaration, they wrote: "And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor." This was not poetic flourish; it was literal reality. There is a reason the Founders waited more than a year after the first shots were fired before formally signing the Declaration. They knew that if they lost, their lives would be forfeit.

And speaking of those first shots, on April 18, 1775, when the minutemen we now romanticize stood up to the authority of King George III, they did so with loaded weapons, just as some now call for today. But they also understood the cost.

At Lexington and Concord, 49 American colonists were killed and 39 wounded on the very first day of fighting. Families mourned, lives were shattered, and communities were forever changed. Yet no one questioned why the soldiers shot them. They knew exactly what it meant to resist armed governmental authority.

If you show up to a gunfight with a gun, there are consequences. If you quote Jefferson, remember that his tree of liberty is refreshed with blood.

Both situations – Rittenhouse and Pretti – can be viewed through a Second Amendment lens. Both involved the right to bear arms, but the situations are not the same. I am not saying Pretti deserved to die, and I sincerely wish it had not happened. There must be an open investigation and accountability if fault is found.

While this may not apply directly to Pretti's case, the broader principle remains: using a weapon to protect property from a mob and using a weapon to resist law enforcement are fundamentally different acts.

To my friends considering arming themselves, that is still your unquestionable constitutional right and no one should stop you. Yet rights are not exercised in a vacuum or free from law and consequences. Revolution may be in America's DNA, but it comes with a brutal historical truth: it only works if you win. James Finck is a professor of American history at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma. He can be reached at james.finck@swoknews.com.



historically speaking
by dr. james fink

Sometimes we hear too much

Our sense of hearing is to be treasured. The sound of ships nearing shores, buzzers sounding at the end of victories and fireworks signaling a new year are but three examples.

There are, however, pitfalls to be endured. Sometimes we "over hear" too much, and – sadly – take off like a world-champion jockey on the fastest of steeds, but still can't hold a candle to my Uncle Mort, who utters fragments of what he thinks he hears at 200 words per minute, with gusts to 250....

A while back, he asked a grown granddaughter what she found interesting on the Internet.

"Mostly Facebook," she answered.

Later, in a domino game at the general store in the thicket, he told his buddies that he was thinking of getting a computer to "establish some cred" with the younger set. "Who knows, it might help me with communication," he added. "I might even enjoy looking at 'Face lift'!"....

Sometimes he concocts absurdities solely to gain attention, often successfully.

"I sure enjoyed lunch last Thanksgiving Day with Dallas Cowboys' owner Jerry Jones," he blathered. His buddies snapped to attention, none believing him. "No way," they concluded, but their attention was now at his disposal.

"Yep, there we were, showing up at the very same time to order hot dogs at an AT&T Stadium concession stand. Great minds, I guess, both craving some grub before watching the Cowboys

play," he claimed. "It was 'Dutch Treat,' of course." He'd hoped the multi-billionaire might reimburse him for half of what he'd shelled out for "over-priced parking," since his golf cart required just a half space....

Sometimes folks in Mort's presence ask him to tell 'em again about long-ago experiences while employed at a mental hospital. "My job was to help 'em decide what folks ought to be admitted," he lied.

Immediately he shared the account he knew they wanted to hear – for the umpteenth time.

"Well, I went out to this small town to check on a guy, and the only person handy was at the feed store, leaning back on a cane-bottomed chair, whittling away on a tree limb. Right away, he admitted knowing the feller, so I asked him if he thought the man ought to be in a mental institution."....

Choosing his words carefully, the whittler sat up, pocketed his knife, cleared his throat and got a plug of "chawing tobacco" handy to use when his recitation ended.

"As long as he's out, I don't think they'll lock him up," he opined. Pausing for a few seconds, he added, "But if they ever lock him up, I doubt that they'd ever let him out."

There are times such as this when

even instant replay wouldn't help....

My friend, Colleen Mink, is in theater management, having served Premiere Cinemas for several years at the multiplex theater in our town.

A "do everything" employee – whose duties are many, probably spilling onto a second page in small-spaced type – thinks she's seen and heard just about everything during her two decades in the field.

Recently, she added to her "you-won't-believe-this" list....

It was a Monday, when senior adults are admitted for six bucks, early 'till late. A petite lady, perhaps in her 80s, purchased a ticket, pointing out that this was her first visit to a "picture show" in this century. Then, she walked around the lobby, pausing in front of an electronic sign that has colorful business ads flipping every dozen seconds or so.

Wendy's ad promotes \$6, \$8 and \$10 hamburger specials. She waited a couple of more minutes to see it again.

Then, she approached Colleen saying, "I think I'll have a \$6 Wendy's burger, with no onions."

Poor Colleen. It was hers to carefully explain to the patron that movie theaters rarely sell hamburgers. "Truth to tell, I'd like one, too," she said under her breath. (Thankfully, she didn't have to add that Premiere doesn't sell chewing gum, either)....

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Obituaries

Smith

Lige Everett Smith, 77, of Clarendon passed away Wednesday, February 4, 2026, in Amarillo.



Smith

Memorial services will be 1:00 p.m. Saturday, February 14, 2026, in Robertson Funeral Directors Saints' Roost Chapel in Clarendon.

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

Lige Everett Smith was born in Wayne, Oklahoma in 1948 to Johnie P. and Jean Smith. He was an only child but grew up with his beloved double cousins. He spent his childhood working alongside his parents in Oklahoma and California and later settled back in Wayne where he graduated high school. He was an excellent athlete, especially in baseball, basketball, and track. He joined the Marine Reserves after high school and served many years stateside.

He met Martha Willis while she was working with her mother at The Donut fishing barge on Lake Texoma. They got married in 1972 and stayed married until her death in January 2026. They had three sons: Daniel Gene, Charles Ray Preston, and Jacob Dean. He was a strong protector and provider and loved the outdoors.

He was an exceptional hunter and fisherman and took great pride in having a large garden for many

years. He loved his dachshunds and gambling in the casinos. He loved going to Las Vegas with his son Charlie and the Oklahoma casinos with his friends Bill and Joe. He was a big fan of Jeopardy! and frequently lost to his son Danny. His son Jacob passed 32 years ago and he never was the same man again. He had a terrific sense of humor and loved his wife and sons above all else.

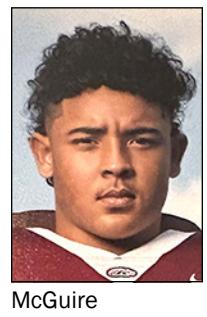
McGuire

Robert Blake "Squeeky" McGuire, III, 23, of Claude formerly of Clarendon passed away Thursday, February 5, 2026 in Armstrong County.

Family Directed Memorial Service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, February 13, 2026, in the Clarendon Church of Christ.

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

Squeeky Gaines was born April 10, 2002, in Amarillo to Angie Gaines and Robert McGuire Jr. He was raised by Angie Maria Gaines



and Danny Eugene Gaines, whom he was proud to recognize as his father.

He earned his nickname from the squeaky sound he made as a baby. He loved sports, especially football, and remained loyal to the New England Patriots throughout his life.

A graduate of Clarendon High School's Class of 2021, Squeeky was known for his humor, clownish antics, and stubbornness in debate.

He was survived by his mother, Angie Gaines; his wife, Emilee Martin; his children, Emersyn Rae and Danny Knox; his brother, Marquis McGuire; his sister, Kendall Frost; and his nieces and nephews Dakota Frost, Julie Roberts, and Macien Donald.

His closest friends included Antwan Bassett, Aaron Roys, Qua (Jaquavion Brown), Ethan Babcock, and many others.

Fishing was one of his favorite pastimes, though he never caught anything better than a perch. Greenbelt Lake claimed many of his lures over the years.

In 2024, he attended Clarendon College, where he earned his CDL license and proudly pursued his dream of truck driving.

He met his wife, Emilee Martin, while playing football for Clarendon against Plains, Texas. They began talking in the summer of 2020 and started dating during their senior year in 2021.

On January 16, 2023, he became a father to his daughter, Emersyn (ET), whom he loved chasing and playing with. His son, Danny, was born November 29, 2025, and he was proud to have a son, often tickling him.

Squeeky owned an American Bully named Zeus, a breed he had always dreamed of having, and was a member of the Church Alive Amarillo community.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents Ana Maria Collins and Gilbert Knox Collins Sr.; Billy Ruth Gaines and Hotshot; Robert Blake McGuire Sr. and Lamerylis McGuire; Robert Blake McGuire Jr.; his father, Danny Eugene Gaines; and his uncles Gilbert Knox Collins Jr., Gary Dean Collins, Gil Collins, and Richard Gaines.

He is survived by his mother, Angie Gaines; his wife, Emilee Martin; his children, Emersyn Rae and Danny Knox; his brother, Marquis McGuire; his sister, Kendall Frost; and his nieces and nephews Dakota Frost, Julie Roberts, and Macien Donald.

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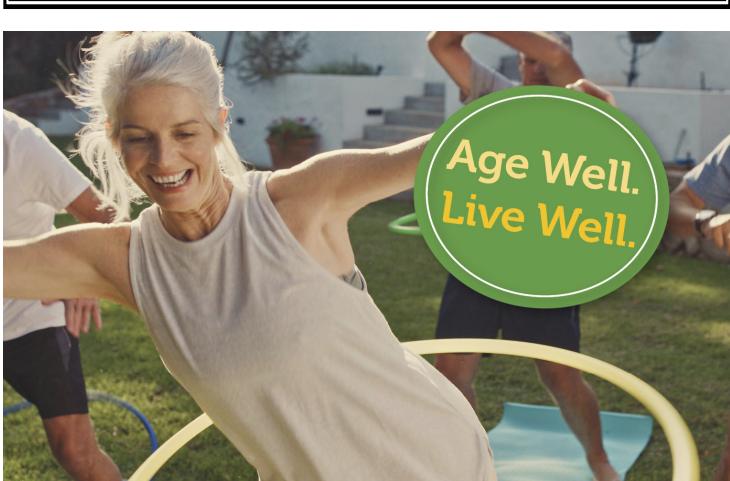
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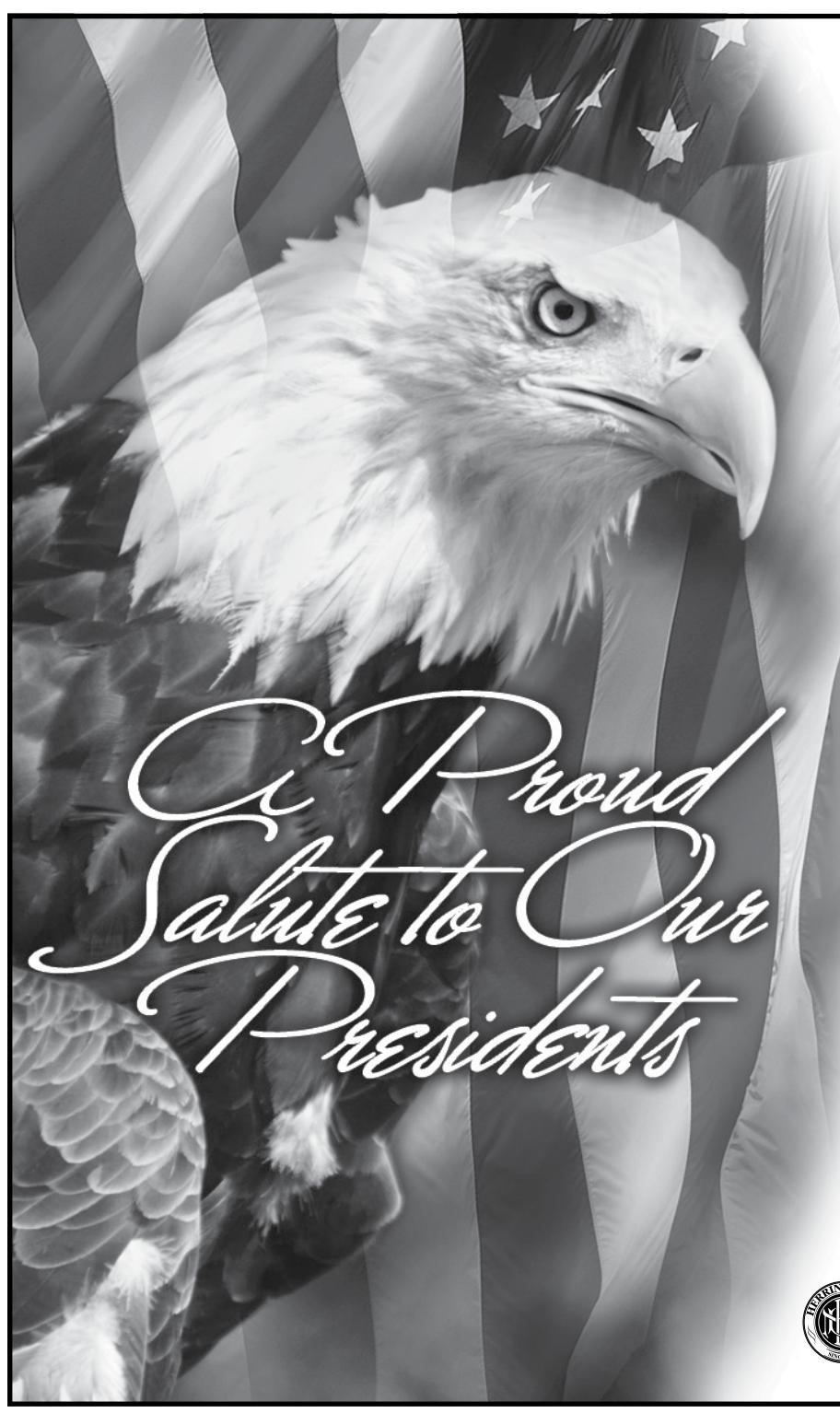
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February 13

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February 13

Broncos v Panhandle • 6:00 p.m. • Away

February 13 & 14

Mulkey Theatre • Send Help • 7:30 p.m.

February 15

Mulkey Theatre • Send Help • 2:00 p.m.

February 17

Broncos v Wheeler • 6:00 p.m. • Home

February 26

Chamber Annual Awards Banquet • 6:00 p.m. • Fairfield Activity Center. • Tickets \$30 • 806-874-2421

Menus

February 16 - 20

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Chicken pot pie, peas & carrots, garden salad, strawberry shortcake, iced tea/2% milk.
Tues: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, whole wheat roll, cherry/pineapple crisp, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Pile-on, tortilla chips, pinto beans, Spanish rice, garden salad, sliced peaches w/whipped topping, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Ham & pinto beans, sweet potatoes, cucumber & onions, cornbread, sliced pears, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Baked tilapia, baked potatoes, peas & carrots, hushpuppies, fruit cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.
Sat: Pile-on, tortilla chips, pinto beans, Spanish rice, garden salad, sliced peaches w/whipped topping, iced tea/2% milk.
Sun: Ham & pinto beans, sweet potatoes, marinated cucumbers & onions, salad, cornbread, sliced pears, iced tea/2% milk.
Mon: Pork chops, black eyed peas, turnip greens, cornbread, sliced peaches, iced tea/2% milk.

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

Clarendon CISD

Breakfast
Mon: Pancakes, bacon, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Tues: Breakfast sandwich, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Wed: Waffles, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Thu: Stuffed bagel, cheese stick, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Fri: Donut, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Steak fingers, gravy, roll, green beans, corn, fruit, milk.
Tues: Walking taco, beans, veggie cup, dessert, fruit, milk.
Wed: Pizza pocket, broccoli, marinara sauce, fruit, milk.
Thu: Boneless chicken wings, chips, celery, sherbet, fruit, milk.
Fri: Drumstick, biscuits, salad, sweet potatoes, fruit, milk.

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Mon: French toast, sausage, apple, fruit juice, milk.
Tues: Cinnamon roll, sausage, orange, fruit juice, milk.
Wed: Pancake wrap, yogurt, mixed fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Thu: Breakfast pizza, banana, fruit juice, milk.
Fri: No School

Lunch
Mon: French bread pizza, carrots, green beans, orange, cupcakes, milk.
Tues: Nachos Grande, beans, salsa, zesty cucumbers, apricots, ice cream, milk.
Wed: Pork rib, roll, broccoli, corn, orange, milk.
Thu: Corn dog, potato wedges, tomato cup, fruit cup, milk.
Fri: No School

Goodnight Historic Site offers free events

The Charles and Mary Ann Goodnight Ranch State Historic Site will offer several free spring break events March 10-14 in Goodnight.

Activities will include a Bison One Stop Shop on March 10, Make Your Own Pioneer Rag Rug on March 11, Frontier Remedies on March 12, Cattle Branding and Make Butter the Pioneer Way on March 13, and Cattle Branding and Rag Rug making on March 14.

Call 806-205-3154 for times and more information.

CC recognizes Fall graduates

Clarendon College has recognized students who successfully completed their degree and certificate requirements during the Fall 2025 semester.

Fall 2025 graduates earned associate degrees and certificates across a variety of academic and technical programs, marking an important milestone in their educational journeys.

These accomplishments reflect dedication, perseverance, and a commitment to academic and personal growth.

Clarendon College graduates represent a diverse group of stu-

dents, including traditional students, dual credit participants, adult learners, and those balancing coursework with work and family responsibilities.

Each graduate's achievement reflects not only individual determination, but also the support of faculty, staff, family members, and the broader campus community.

"Graduation is a moment to celebrate both achievement and opportunity," said college officials. "We are proud of our Fall 2025 graduates and look forward to seeing the positive impact they will make in their careers, communities, and continued

education."

Clarendon College congratulates all Fall 2025 graduates and wishes them continued success as they take the next steps toward their future goals.

Graduating from Clarendon were Esteban Carreon, Ranger Jade Drenth, Jaythan Joseph Green, Kenzie Mae Harred, Kenzie Mae Harred, Colton G. Haywood, Berkley Beth Moore, Kyler Rene Robinson, and Sandrea Renee Smith.

Other Donley County students graduating were Brady Montgomery of Hedley and Madison Grace Broussard of Howardwick.

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CC names students to honor rolls

Clarendon College has recognized students who earned placement on the Fall 2025 Dean's and President's Lists, honoring strong academic performance and dedication to academic success.

The Dean's List recognizes students who completed 12 semester credit hours during the Fall 2025 semester and earned a semester grade point average between 3.6 and 3.99.

This achievement reflects a high level of academic commitment and consistent excellence in the classroom.

The President's List honors students who demonstrated exceptional dedication to their studies by completing 12 or more semester credit hours and earning a perfect 4.0 grade point average for the semester. This distinction represents the highest level of academic achievement at Clarendon College.

Students named to the honors lists have demonstrated perseverance, discipline, and a strong work ethic while balancing the demands of college coursework. Their success is a testament to their determination as well as the support provided by

Clarendon College faculty and staff.

Clarendon students making the Dean's List were Jonathan Brooks Blevins, Ayden Joseph Bordonaro, Jordan Deandre Herndon, and Dahlia Alise Neal.

Clarendon students making the President's List were

Jaythan Joseph Green, Ranger Jade Drenth, Kenzie Mae Harred, Millie Marie McAnear, Colton G. Haywood, Warren T. Mays, Gracie Joe Shadle, Elaina JoLee Estlack, Elliot Belle Frausto, Kenidee Jade Hayes, Berkley Beth Moore, and Gracie R. Ellis.

Graves receives invitation to the Dream All-American

In the spring semester of 2025, former Clarendon resident Jackson Graves received his second invitation to the Dream All-American Bowl where he was given the opportunity to play with seniors from across the United States.

Contestants for this bowl are either nominated by a college coach from a summer camp, or a scout from Dream All-American may also nominate a player based on performance noticed at a summer camp. The game took place on January 3rd, 2026, at the AT&T Stadium in Arlington. Jackson's position was Tight End; he scored two touchdowns, and the final score was 35 to 7.

This was the sixth year of the Dream All-American bowl, and it's partnered with IMG Academy and Recruit Nation. This year, there were 38 states represented in the bowl - four teams that included two underclassmen teams playing each other and two senior teams playing each other. All together, there were close to 180 total players.

The CEO and Founder, Shannon Riley, first created the platform, Dream Scouting Network, back in 2016, and in just a few years, it expanded regionally, then



Jackson Graves

ally. Shannon Riley first got the idea because he wanted to help the kids in his home state of Delaware gain exposure and get recruited, which resulted in him naming it the "Dream" All-American Bowl.

Jackson, grandson of Ralph and Sharon Graves, is a senior at Wheeler High School. He is grateful and blessed to be sponsored in the Dream All-American Bowl by: Huddleston Sales Inc., Vest Ranch, RS Graves, Linda Calcote & Randy Garner, and Top of Texas Outfitters.

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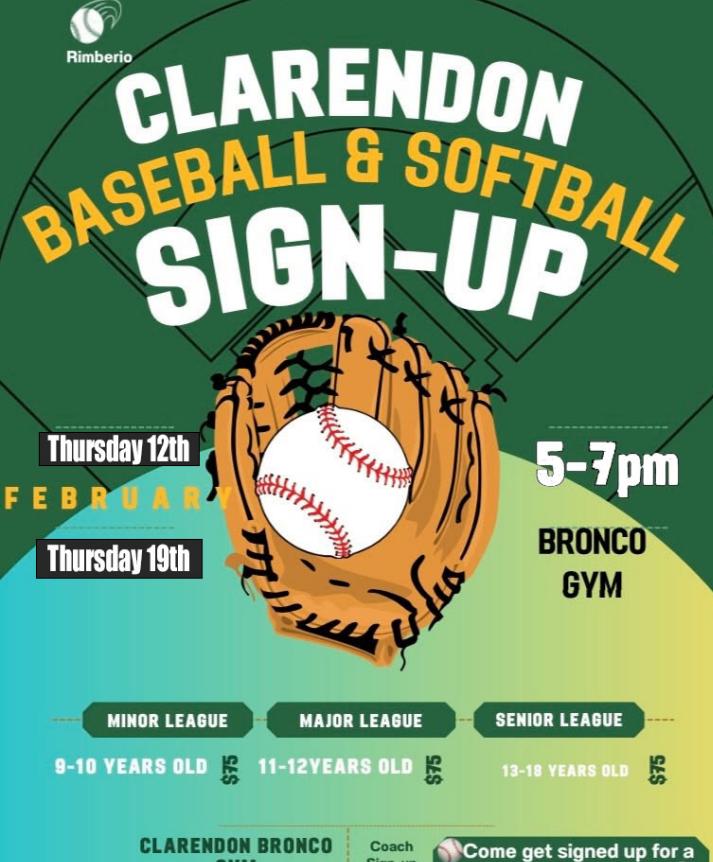
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Bronco Zak Roberts squats 475 pounds last Thursday in Clarendon against Memphis and Quanah.

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Lady Colts play hard against Memphis

By Sandy Anderberg

The eighth-grade Lady Colts never gave up in their three-point win over the Lady Whirlwinds at home last week. Their hard-played fourth quarter paid off big to earn the 22-19 win.

Trailing by three at the break, the Lady Colts would not quit and did a great job of staying patient. They did a good job of sticking to the game plan and striking at just the right moment.

Howard added three. Emma Christopher and Adleigh Moore added two each to round out the scoring.

The seventh-grade Lady Colts played with a lot of heart but fell to the Lady Whirlwinds at 9-51.

The Memphis team was strong on both ends of the court and used their quickness to get steals. They were able to capitalize on those turnovers and put points on the board.

Preslee English scored all of the Lady Colts' points in the game.

Colts play hard in Childress Tournament

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon Colt eighth grade team did a great job at the Childress Tournament going up against bigger classed teams.

They were able to close out Vernon 41-35 with a great effort against a good team. The Colts used a second-quarter surge to gain the upper hand in the game. They were able to outscore their opponent in the final quarter of play to seal the win.

Darren Smith was unstoppable with 22 points, and Colton Henson added nine. Jaquan Weatherton put in four, and Colton Madsen and Kase Zongker added two each.

The Colts narrowly dropped the next game to Haskell at 24-27. Both teams played hard and the game went down to the wire.

Tyler Smith put in 14 points

while Zongker added four. D. Smith finished with three, and Madsen helped with two.

The Colts took on the host team in the next game and they defeated the Bobcats 42-22. The Colts held the momentum throughout and never faltered on either end of the court.

The 20-point win was well earned as the Colts played hard offensively and on defense.

D. Smith put in 13 and T. Smith added 10. J. Weatherton finished with nine, and Henson ended with five. Madsen and Carey each added two, and Braxton Bruce had one.

The Colts played Memphis earlier in the week and both the seventh and eighth grade teams earned big wins over the Whirlwinds.

The seventh-grade team worked hard and were determined in

their 35-14 win. They were in control of the game and their opponent as they capitalized on missed shots and turnovers. Memphis struggled to get anything going against the Colts.

Bruce led with 12, and Jaron had nine. Henry Robertson put in seven, and Zayden Shadle added five. Chris Carey helped with two.

The eighth grade followed in the seventh grades tracks and earned a big 61-11 win. Everything went right for the Colts as they were able to execute their offense to perfection and stayed solid on the defensive end. Three Colts finished in double figures with T. Smith putting in 18 and Henson and Weatherton adding 13 and 11 respectively. D. Smith helped with seven, Zongker had six, Madsen finished with five and Teagan Chesser put in two.

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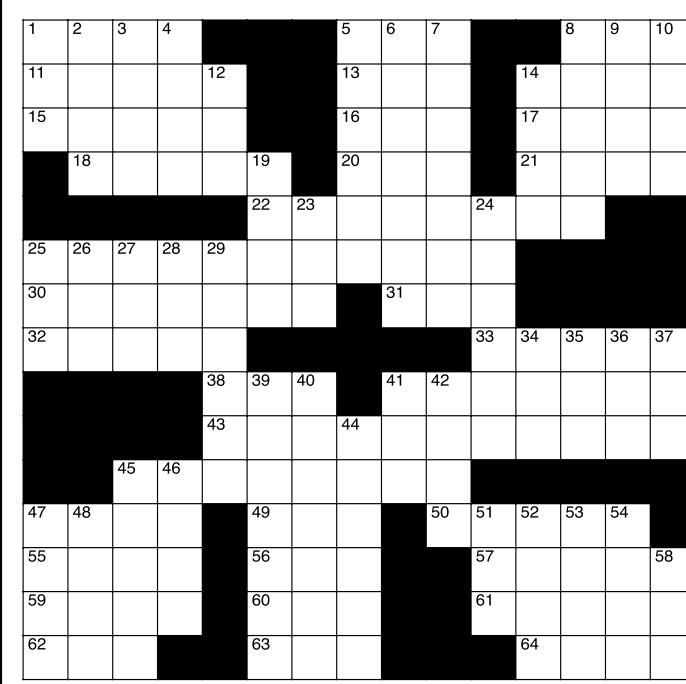
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- 17. Israeli city
- 18. Restaurants
- 20. 2,000 lbs.
- 21. Grandmother
- 22. North, South and Central
- 25. In an early way
- 30. Foes
- 31. Social networking platform
- 32. Early term for basketball player
- 33. Another name for sesame plant
- 38. Disallow
- 41. Provide greater detail
- 43. Inaccessible
- 45. Evoke emotions
- 47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- 49. Celtic punk rockers
- 50. A fencing sword
- 55. Actor Idris
- 56. Affirmative (slang)
- 57. Afflicted in mind or body
- 59. One point north of northeast
- 60. Born of
- 61. Social media hand gesture
- 62. Hong Kong food stall — pai dong
- 63. Opposite of beginning
- 64. Email function

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Sign language
- 2. Fashionable
- 3. Borough in Helsinki
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- 5. More quickly
- 6. An idea accepted as a demonstrable truth
- 7. Shrewdly
- 8. Rooney and Kate are two
- 9. Mediterranean port
- 10. Benedictine monk
- 12. Midway between south and southeast
- 14. Town in Galilee
- 19. Satisfy
- 23. Mice genus
- 24. Brass instrument
- 25. Chest muscle (slang)
- 26. Transmits genetic information from DNA
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- 29. Short route aircraft
- 34. Pitching statistic
- 35. Pointed end of a pen
- 36. Popular sports league
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- 39. Inoffensive
- 40. Yellowish cotton cloth
- 41. Feline
- 42. Does not tell the truth
- 44. Seduced
- 45. Spiritual leader
- 46. Abba —, Israeli politician
- 47. Repair
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Broncos swat the Hornets

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon Broncos put together four solid quarters of play and defeated Highland Park 68-48 at home last week. However, on Friday, the Broncos came up short against the Cyclones at Memphis at 47-49.

The Broncos played with determination in both games with post-season play in mind and they were able to outlast Highland Park. The Broncos used a big-scoring second quarter to gain a 12-point lead over the Hornets at the break and were able to hold that momentum going into the final half of play. HP was unable to slow the Broncos down before time expired.

Michael Randall led all scorers with 23 points. Braxton Gribble pumped in 14 and Brentley Gaines finished with 12. Randall also racked up 18 rebounds for another double-double and went three of six from the bonus line. Gribble and Gaines dominated from the arc with four and three three-pointers respectively. Overall, the team pumped in eight threes and hit 10 of 17 free

throws.

Tyler Cavanaugh put in nine and went two for two from the free throw line and Heston Seay helped with five points and seven rebounds. Kreed Robinson, Caleb Herbert added two points each, and Aiden Morris hit one of two bonus points.

The Broncos were hoping their win over the Hornets would be the propeller to a win over the Cyclones, but they were unable to make a final shot to win or extend the game. The Broncos played hard but were unable to get the win.

Gaines had a big game and put in 15 points that included five three-pointers. Seay added eight and Tyler Cavanaugh put in seven. Gribble had six, Randall finished with five, Herbert helped with four, and Robinson added two. The Broncos only shot 42 percent from the bonus line, which made a big difference in the outcome.

The Broncos travel to Panhandle February 13 and finish their season at home on February 17 against Wheeler at 6:00 p.m.



Bronco Brentley Gaines gets around the Cyclone defense Friday night in Memphis.

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Lady Bronco Gracie Ellis goes up for a shot against Memphis last Friday.

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Bronco Heston Seay looks for an open teammate last week in Memphis.

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Lady Bronco Kate Shaw goes in for a layup last week at Memphis.

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Lady Broncos gain two big wins

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos spent little time running the gamut on Highland Park and Memphis to close out their regular season last week and secure a spot in post-season play.

The Lady Broncos clobbered the Lady Hornets at 70-6 and breezed by the Lady Cyclones at 74-14.

Neither game was ever contested by their opponents as they were able to execute their offense at will while able to make stops and cause turnovers. They were able to capitalize on those turnovers and missed shots to closed out both games.

Highland Park never gave the ladies any competition on either end of the court and struggled against the Lady Broncos' offensive attack. The Lady Bronco strong defense frustrated the Lady Hornets as they were

not able to climb into double digits until the third quarter of play.

Presley Smith ended with 15

points and Kenidee Hayes and Kate Shaw put in 12 apiece. Laken Smith and Millie McAnear each had eight, Gracie Ellis put in seven, and Madi Benson added six.

Four players finished in double figures in the game against Memphis with P. Smith leading the way with 19 points. G. Ellis, Hayes, and L. Smith turned in 13 points each and Shaw and McAnear helped with eight and four points respectively. The ladies dropped in nine big shots from the arc and made three of four bonus shots in the game.

The Lady Broncos will face Vega Monday at 6:30 at Amarillo High School for the bi-district title. Follow us at Facebook.com/TheEnterprise for updates.

Bronco JV outlasts HP

By Sandy Anderberg

The Bronco junior varsity stayed strong and focused in their 33-21 win over Highland Park at home last week. They were able to jump out early and set the tempo in the win.

The Broncos set the pace early on and never allowed the Hornets to catch up. Their strong defense caused turnovers that they were able to take advantage of to put points on the board.

Brance Bell executed the jump shot well and led with nine points. Dakotah Jameson and Rustin Wade racked up seven points each, while Hunter Caison added five. Tristen Ybarra had three, and Don'Jae Orr added two.

The Broncos took on Memphis last Friday night and fought hard for the win. No score or stats were provided as of press time.

Lady Bronco JV strong-arm the Hornets

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Bronco junior varsity had no problem putting together four solid quarters of play against the Highland Park Lady Hornets at home last week to earn a 53-13 win.

Steady play on the offensive end and great hustle on the defensive side gave the ladies the edge they needed to dominate HP. They were able to defend the basket from the Lady Hornets' shot choices and grab several rebounds on the missed shots. The Lady Broncos played stronger on both ends as the game went on to the final buzzer.

Eli Rodriguez made shot after shot and finished with 16 points that included hitting 50 percent of her free shots. Addy Havens, and Landry King each nailed a three-pointer to finish with 13 points each. Sequoia Weatherston connected on two big shots and added eight, and Paylin Hicks hit a big shot for three.

The ladies also defeated the Lady Cyclones on Friday in Memphis but no information was available.

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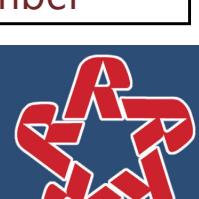
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CC coach earns 250th career win

Clarendon College announced last week Athletic Director and Head Women's Basketball Coach Mark James has achieved a remarkable career milestone-his 250th career win.

The victory not only highlights his consistency and excellence as a coach but also underscores his profound impact on the student-athletes he mentors and the culture he has built within the program.

Coach James, now in his tenth season at Clarendon College, has long been recognized for his player-first approach, relentless work ethic, and commitment to developing well-rounded student-athletes. Under his leadership, the Lady Bulldogs have become known for their grit, disciplined style of play, and strong academic standing.

"This accomplishment is special, but it's really a reflection of the incredible young women I've had the privilege to coach," said Coach Mark James. "Every win represents their dedication, their trust in the process, and the pride they take in representing Clarendon College. I'm

grateful to our staff, our administration, and this community for believing in what we're building here."

Clarendon President Tex Buckhaults praised Coach James not only for his coaching success but also for the integrity and stability he brings to the program. "Coach James is the kind of leader every college hopes to have," they said. "He pushes his athletes to be the best version of themselves on and off the court. Reaching 250 wins is an extraordinary milestone and a testament to the culture of excellence he has created."

Players also expressed excitement about their coach's achievement. Sophomore post Zainab Olalekan shared, "Coach James believes in us even on days we don't believe in ourselves. He challenges us, supports us, and genuinely cares about our goals. Being part of his 250th win is something I'll always remember."

Throughout his career, Coach James has prioritized academic achievement, personal development, and community engagement alongside athletic success. Many of his



Mark James

former players have continued their basketball careers at four-year universities, while others credit him for shaping their leadership skills and personal growth.

As the Lady Bulldogs continue their season (7-0 conference) and (22-1 overall), the program is ranked number one in the NJCAA Region 5 Texas Top 1 O poll for February 3, 2026. The next home game is February 9, with tip-off at 5:45pm against Frank Phillips College.

Texas beef herd signals higher prices ahead

The latest U.S. Department of Agriculture cattle inventory report delivered another clear signal that the U.S. beef herd has yet to turn the corner, and Texas remains central to the story, said Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service experts.

Nationally, the number of beef cows dropped just over 1 percent, a sharper decline than many market analysts expected, said David Anderson, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension economist in the Texas A&M Department of Agricultural Economics.

In Texas, the nation's largest beef-producing state, cow numbers dipped by about 30,000 head, but producers held back 50,000 more heifers – an 8 percent increase in replacements that could signal the early stages of a slow rebuild, Anderson said.

He said strong calf prices and historically tight cattle supplies continue to shape producer decisions about growing their herds.

"That suggests we're bottoming out – holding a few more replacements for future growth," Anderson said. "But there's nothing here that suggests rapid growth."

A slower rebuild and tighter cattle supplies will continue to ripple from cow-calf operations to feedlots

and packers, all the way to grocery stores, Anderson said.

The rebuild process appears far more measured than past post-drought recoveries, said Jason Cleere, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist in the Texas A&M Department of Animal Science.

Heifer retention ratios are trending upward across many regions of the state, yet high prices are causing some ranchers to weigh short-term returns against long-term herd growth.

Bred-heifer values reaching \$4,000-\$5,000 have created an incentive for producers to sell rather than hold on to calves, he said.

"There's pressure to just sell them and take advantage of the market and then worry about rebuilding next year," he said. "Many producers also remember the last rebuild – how fast it went and how fast prices plummeted afterward. They're just a touch more cautious this time around."

Texas' long-term cattle capacity has also been thinned by rapid urban expansion, land fragmentation, and the conversion of quality pasture into solar and other non-agricultural uses. Those losses, Cleere said, translate directly into fewer cows in the state.

Margins should remain strong for cow-calf producers, potentially even better than last year, supported by lower feed costs and sustained demand, Anderson said. But the year's outlook for Texas will hinge heavily on how the drought evolves.

"You don't see a lot of market reaction to the January report, but it's one that tends to place an anchor for where things are, and that has a longer-term effect on prices," Anderson said.

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