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

CCISD board hears report from sheriff

The Clarendon CISD Board of Trustees formally accepted the resignation of Superintendent Rick Teran during a called session February 12.

Teran told the Enterprise he was resigning on February 6 due to what he called "innuendo" being spread in the community related to him serving in the dual role of head girls basketball coach, all of which he said was untrue.

Trustees met in closed session for an hour and 42 minutes, and for most of that time Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn and School Resource Officer and Donley County Deputy Kelly Hill to report the findings of an investigation of the former superintendent. Federal Programs Coordinator Jen Bellar was in the closed session as well.

The contents of the sheriff's report were not made public, and Blackburn confirmed Tuesday that no criminal charges have been filed against Teran.

Teran's resignation becomes effective February 27. He has been on administrative leave with pay since February 6.

CCISD Board President Wayne Hardin said another called meeting would be held Thursday, February 19, at 7 p.m. to discuss starting the search for a new superintendent.

Youth baseball sign-ups Feb. 19

Clarendon youth baseball and softball sign-ups will be held Thursday, February 19, from 5 to 7 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.



CCISD trustees reject SB 11 prayer policy

The Clarendon CISD Board of Trustees unanimously rejected a policy that would have required a daily period for prayer and the reading of the bible or other religious texts on each campus during its regular meeting February 9.

The vote was required by Texas Senate Bill 11, which mandated that each school district board consider adopting such a policy and also outlined several provisions that would

be required in the policy.

CCISD Trustee Taylor Shelton, who is an attorney, distributed copies of the statute so the board could understand completely what it was being asked to consider.

"I fully support prayer, and our students have the right pray anytime," Shelton said. "This requires a specific period to allow prayer. We can allow anyone to participate without a signed statement, and we

have to have expressed waiver from the parents giving up their student's right to sue under the First Amendment."

Shelton called SB 11's suggested policy "a landmine," noting that civil rights groups would come after the policy and that the district does not have resources to fight it. But he especially drew attention to the waiver.

"If we have to get parents to

waive their student's Constitutional rights - which they legally cannot do, it should give us pause," Shelton said.

Trustee Jeff Robertson said he felt like the separation of church and state was vital and also said he did not know why the school would want to be bound by the requirements of the statute's proposed policy.

Board members discussed the burden of keeping up with student

permission slips as well as where such a period of prayer might be held that would be in accordance with the proposed policy. Discussion also mentioned that the policy would open the door for a wide range of types of prayers for different religions.

Board president Wayne Hardin also recalled the old saying, "As long as there are history tests, there will always be prayer in school."



Bi-District Champions

The Clarendon Lady Broncos won the Bi-District Championship 52-41 over Vega Monday night in Amarillo. The girls will play for the Area Title this Thursday, February 19, in Floydada. Game time will be 6 p.m. Follow Facebook.com/TheEnterprise for game updates and playoff details.

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Three local boards will hold May elections

Three local governments are set to hold elections this spring after the candidates' filing period closed last Friday, February 13.

The City of Clarendon, the Hedley school district, and the Clarendon College District all drew enough candidates to hold contested elections.

The City of Howardwick, the Donley County Hospital District, and the Clarendon school district only had incumbents file for re-election and are poised to cancel their spring elections. Information on candidates was not available from the City of Hedley at press time.

Clarendon will have five candidates on the ballot and one write-in candidate for three positions on the city council. Alderman Tom Thompson is running for re-election. He will be joined on the ballot by Ralph Graves, Pharabie Shadle, Brent Knowles, and Ken McIntosh.

Alderman Chris Topliff was automatically removed from office last Wednesday, February 11, when he started to file for re-election and was discovered he was not a registered voter in the city at the time of his appointment. Topliff has gotten registered now and will be a write-in candidate.

Clarendon College has four candidates for three regents positions. Incumbents Chris Matthews, Carey Wann, and Dr. Guy Ellis will be joined on the ballot by challenger George W. Hall.

Hedley CISD has four candidates for three full terms on the board of trustees. Incumbents Shauna Herbert, Tangela Copelin, and Troy Monroe will be joined on the ballot by April Pierce. Shawn Willoughby is also running to continue to serve in an unexpired term.

Write-in candidates still had until 5 p.m. February 17 to sign-up for the election as the Enterprise went to press.

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

Clarendon College spring enrollment shows growth

Clarendon College has released its spring 2026 enrollment snapshot, showing steady overall enrollment growth and continued expansion in dual credit and distance education participation across the service area.

As of the February 4, 2026, CC recorded 1,463 total enrolled stu-

dents, compared to 1,411 students at the same point in spring 2025, an increase of 52 students year over year.

Enrollment in Clarendon was 248, down from 273 last year. The Pampa center was 86 students, down from 104, and Childress was at 35

students, down from 43. The Amarillo center had 43 students, down from 65.

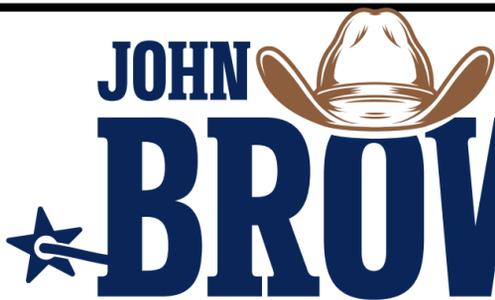
Distance Education, however, had 168 students, up from 137 last spring. Distance Education students are those taking classes strictly online.

One of the strongest areas of growth remains the CC's Dual Credit program. Spring 2026 dual credit enrollment reached 794 students, up from 707 students last spring - an increase of 87 students. This growth reflects continued collaboration with regional high schools and expanded

access to early college opportunities for students.

Total instructional activity remains strong, with spring 2026 generating 298,975 contact hours, demonstrating sustained academic engagement across campus locations, centers, and online delivery.

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Beware the extremes in this election

Election time is here, and the liars are out in force... in your mailbox, on television, on social media. Evil permeates the air, stoking fear and anger. This primary season, voters of both parties need to cut through the hysteria and look for candidates who will truly work for what is best for Texas and America.

Ronald Reagan was – and still is – the greatest president of my lifetime. He helped shape my conservative libertarian philosophy. He promoted freedom, decried excessive government, and championed the good things that made America “a shining city on a hill.”



editor's commentary
by roger estlack

As a member of College Republicans at Texas Tech in the early 1990s, I was fortunate to get to meet and help campaign for some phenomenal leaders – Phil Gramm, Kay Bailey Hutchinson, George W. Bush, Robert Duncan, and Clarendon's own Mac Thornberry. These were true conservatives who believed in limited government and fiscal restraint, but who more importantly believed in the Constitution and all it represents.

They did not all agree on everything (the party did not require that at the time), and they would often reach across the aisle to find common ground to benefit their constituents regardless of party affiliation. They were each standard bearers of the Reagan Revolution with unblemished conservative credentials. Today, they would be called RINOs – Republicans In Name Only, and rich Christian Nationalists would do their best to destroy their reputations.

Which brings us to Rep. Ken King of Canadian. King is a Texas Panhandle native, a stand-up citizen and businessman, and a person who shares the fundamental values of this area. There have been times when I did not agree with a vote here or there that Ken King cast in the Legislature, but one thing you can be sure of – he stands for what he thinks is right and what is best for his constituents even, as my Memaw would have said, “if it hair-lips the governor.”

That gumption, that courage, that commitment to rural Texas is what keeps putting King in the crosshairs of the radicals. King has a record that aligns with Trump, Abbott, and Patrick about 97 or 98 percent of the time. But occasionally, the needs of rural Texans in the Panhandle are different from the wants and priorities of the nationalist billionaires who own our governor and lieutenant governor.

I don't agree with anyone 100 percent all the time. You don't either. I certainly don't want my state representative rubber-stamping the desires of a billionaire over our best interests. You shouldn't either.

Now, comes John Browning. I've met him a couple of times, and he seems like a decent fellow. He recognizes the importance of community newspapers, and I appreciate that. He says a lot of the right things, but then he contradicts himself sometimes. At a stop in Memphis recently he said he wants to ban tax abatements in Texas totally for any reason, and then in the next breath he talked about “local control” and how we need more local control. Well, tax abatements are approved by local officials, so which is it? Are we going to shackle local leaders or are we going to allow them to lead and be regulated by the local voters who put them in power?

Browning is also a deeply religious man. I have no problem with that... until it starts to drive state policy. As an elected official – at any level – you take an oath to uphold the Constitution, which protects everyone – Christian, Jew, Muslim, Hindu, agnostic, atheist, and everything in between. Liberty belongs to everyone.

But the biggest problem with John Browning's campaign isn't even coming from him personally, it's coming from the political action committees who support him. They are the ones who are shoving your mailbox full of postcards and flyers depicting Ken King as a radical leftist promoting transgender boogymen and now trying very hard to tie to “Muslims.” They use words like “grooming” and try to paint King as some sort of pervert. It's disgusting and offensive, and it's being done in John Browning's name.

Ken King is a good man. He stands up for what he thinks is right. He uses his influence to try to steer legislation and policy in a direction that protects or benefits rural Texas. Rural healthcare, public education, community colleges, and rural fire departments are just some of what King has fought for even when it was not a priority or was even contrary to the priorities of state leaders.

Voters need to ask themselves, “Do I want someone who will just follow the leader, or do I want someone who will stand up for me and lead? Do I want a ‘yes man’ or a statesman?” Do not be misled by the lies in the mail. Ken King is one of the few people in Austin who will fight for rural Texans, and he has the connections, the conviction, and the know-how to represent us best.

Meanwhile...

Donley County voters have some important decisions to make right here at home. Three candidates are running for treasurer, and two candidates are running for a commissioner's seat. All of those candidates are Republicans with no one running for those offices on the other side.

That's something to keep in mind when some Republicans are agitating for “closed primaries.” Currently anyone can vote in the Republican Primary or in the Democratic Primary. You can't vote in both primaries in the same election cycle, but you don't have to register as a member of either party. Rural elections are often decided in the primaries. Forty years ago, they were decided in Donley County in the Democratic Primary. Regardless, all voters should have an opportunity to decide their local representation, and that can only happen in open primaries.

Rural votes matter in primary

For many rural Texans, elections can feel like a formality. By the time November rolls around, the outcome often seems decided. But that's exactly why the primary election matters more than any other vote you will cast.

In much of rural Texas, the primary is the election of consequence. Thanks to gerrymandered districts and one-party dominance, whoever wins the primary is very likely to hold office. That means the real decision about who represents you – in Austin, in Washington, and in your own county courthouse – happens long before the general election.

And that's why rural voters must pay closer attention to what's really happening in these primaries.

Ballot Measures Are Not Laws

Let's start with ballot propositions. Primary ballot measures are often presented as if they are policy decisions. They are not. They do not create law. They do not change statute. They are party polls, designed to test messaging and manufacture consent for agendas that may already be decided.

School vouchers are a perfect example. Voters are often asked simplified, emotionally framed questions, without context or consequences. Later, those results are cited as proof that “Republicans support vouchers,” even in rural districts where voters and communities have repeatedly opposed them.

These ballot measures are frequently used against rural Texans – weaponized to override local concerns and justify policy that benefits outside interests, not local schools or taxpayers.

Know what you are voting on. And just as importantly, know how your vote may be used after the fact. If a ballot measure's language is unclear to me, I vote no.

Be Wary of Fake Scorecards and Paid Labels

Another trap rural voters face is the flood of “conservative scorecards,” mailers, and digital ads telling you who the “real conservative” is.

These are not neutral sources of information.

Groups like Texas Scorecard present themselves as grassroots watchdogs, but they are funded by a small number

of wealthy donors – most notably Tim Dunn – who are also funding candidates directly through PACs such as Texas United for a Conservative Majority.



texas rural reporter
by suzanne bellsnyder

The goal is not accountability. The goal is control.

These scorecards reward loyalty to an agenda set in Austin, not effectiveness or independence on behalf of rural communities. They punish lawmakers who ask questions, represent their districts honestly, or refuse to fall in line.

That should concern every voter who believes in local control.

Endorsements Are About Power, Not Quality

High-profile endorsements can also be misleading. Endorsements from Donald Trump or Greg Abbott are not evaluations of who will best represent your district. They are signals of political alignment and leverage.

In recent cycles, we've seen blanket endorsements for Texas House members who voted for vouchers – even in rural districts where voters clearly oppose them. These endorsements are about maintaining influence and enforcing obedience, not about selecting the best candidate for your community.

Rural Texans should never outsource their judgment to politicians who do not live here, send their kids to our schools, or depend on our local economies.

The Primary Shapes Local Government, Too

Primaries aren't just about Congress or the Texas Legislature. They also decide who will serve as county commissioners, sheriffs, and other local officials who directly control roads, taxes, emergency services, land use, and infrastructure.

These races rarely get attention, but they shape daily life more than almost

anything happening in Austin or Washington. If rural voters disengage here, we lose influence where it matters most.

How to Evaluate Candidates the Right Way

My advice is simple: research candidates the same way you would research someone you are about to hire.

Look beyond slogans and endorsements. Ask: Who is funding this campaign? Is the money coming from one PAC or a handful of donors?

Do those donors live here – or do they have an agenda that benefits them elsewhere?

A practical tool for this is Transparency USA, where you can see who is contributing and how concentrated that support is. Heavy reliance on a single donor network is a red flag – especially in races claiming to be “grassroots.”

True grassroots movements don't require millions of dollars from a few wealthy individuals. They are built by people, not checkbooks.

Not All PACs Are the Same

It's also important to say this clearly: not all PACs should be viewed equally.

Ideological mega-donor PACs are very different from association PACs like the Farm Bureau, Cattle Raisers, or Realtors. Those organizations are made up of thousands of individual members, and their endorsements are typically built from the ground up, based on local relationships and district needs.

Who a PAC represents matters just as much as how much it gives.

The Choice Before Rural Texas

Rural Texans are not powerless. But we are often underestimated – and sometimes manipulated – because we're told to trust labels instead of doing our own homework.

The primary is where agendas are set, loyalty is tested, and independence is either rewarded or punished. If we want representatives who answer to us – not to Austin insiders or billionaire donors – we must vote informed, skeptical, and engaged.

Rural Texas doesn't need louder voices from elsewhere. We need leaders who still listen at home.



Story of how they met at a rodeo

The expression about an ill wind blowing no good goes back almost five centuries. Just 52 years ago, however, a true-life example occurred at what seemed to be an unlucky turn of event at a Justin, TX, rodeo.

Dr. Ronny Collins and wife Terri – both at the rodeo – met for the first time, huddling with others in a generator-lighted concession stand as arena lights darkened when a truck backed into a power pole. A Weatherford High School sophomore at the time, she rode bulls for four years, the same number that Ronny spent facing raging bulls as a rodeo clown.

His prayer in those days was to successfully distract bulls, get out of their way and help with Tarleton State University expenses. Hers was to stay atop the beasts for at least eight seconds before taking her leave....

They dated for two years before marriage, her at 19, him at 22. The couple faced life's headwinds head-on, building on the bedrock of biblical instruction – full of energy, abundant faith and Christian values.

He taught at Grandview, then Rio Vista, driving to night classes at Tarleton, where he earned two degrees. Then it was on to Stillwater, OK, for Oklahoma State University summer classes leading to his doctorate in education and a 22-year career as a school superintendent.

They lived in a well-worn mobile home for several years. He taught three years at Southwest Texas State University, then another three as San Marcos ISD vocational director. Ronny was superintendent of schools in Wellington (1989-1997), Jacksboro (1997-2003),

Snyder (2003-2008) and Mineral Wells (2008-2012)....



the idle american
by don newbury

Terri was secretary for the high school principal – taking college classes here and there whenever possible. She “piece-mealed” her higher education pilgrimage en route to a bachelor's degree at Tarleton in 2003, having attended seven higher education institutions, then serve as an elementary school teacher for nine years prior to their retirement.

Friends marvel at how Ronny and Terri balanced rigorous schedules without compromising their strong commitment to parenting.

With the biblical “train-up-a-child-in-the-way-he-should-go” guidance, they shared their mobile home with two sons in the early years....

Ronny “clowned” at rodeos until their marriage, but has remained close friends with his fellow “tricksters.” (Sudden thought: Reckon how many superintendents have doctoral degrees, been rodeo clowns and can juggle chainsaws?)

With grease paint, ballooning pants and fake noses now closeted, the retired couple still attends annual Rodeo Clown Reunions. And, he's always been interested in developing new acts, even if for his own amusement.

At age 60, he learned to juggle chainsaws “with them ‘arunnin’.” Still “fully-limbed,” he admits to practicing the juggling act only when Terri was out

of earshot....

Their sons have come a long way by all standards. They were outstanding academically and athletically, both playing football at Jacksboro High School and Howard Payne University.

Dr. Brad Collins is now a Midlothian chiropractor, and wife Kandace, a Grandview dentist. Dr. Todd Collins and wife Amy live in Waco and he commutes daily to his Groesbeck dental practice. She homeschools their three children, and last fall, Todd coached a homeschoolers' undefeated football team whose 16-0 record won state.

Now living near Grandview, Ronny and Terri are deeply involved in the lives of their sons and families, and stay busy with church, school and community events....

Many retired school superintendents aren't steady enough to open a jelly jar, much less juggle chainsaws. Terri remains 100 percent supportive, even if she hears chainsaws buzzing.

Ronny – still sporting a warm smile that any clown and the rest of us should strive to emulate – has put aside professional pursuits, as has Terri. They now are busy at “grandparenting,” him with a camera aimed at grandchildren and her with a welcoming lap for the “grands” – Brad's Carter, Codi and Kenna, and Todd's Tred, Cy and Adelyn.

In the fence row of life, Dr. Ronny and Terri Collins are corner posts, committed to carrying more than their share of the load....

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

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February 19
Lady Broncos v New Home • 6:00 p.m. • Floydada

February 20 & 21
Mulkey Theatre • I Can Only Imagine 2 • 7:30 p.m.

February 22
Mulkey Theatre • I Can Only Imagine 2 • 2:00 p.m.

February 26
Chamber Annual Awards Banquet • 6:00 p.m. • Bairfield Activity Center. • Tickets \$30 • 806-874-2421.

Menus

February 23 - 27

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, whole wheat roll, banana pudding, iced tea/2% milk.
Tues: Chicken enchilada, pinto beans, garden salad, chocolate cupcake, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Mushroom steak, baked potatoes, green beans, fruit cup, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Sliced ham, buttered carrots, black eyed peas, whole wheat roll, peach crisp, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Chili dog on a bun, baked beans, cucumbers & onions, oatmeal raisin cookie, iced tea/2% milk

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Enchilada casserole, pinto beans, Spanish rice, garden salad, sopapilla cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Tues: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll, banana pudding, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Chicken fried steak w/ country gravy, broccoli, mashed potatoes, whole wheat roll, fruit crisp, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Beef tips & noodles, broccoli & cauliflower, whole wheat roll, chocolate cupcakes, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Bacon cheeseburger on whole wheat bun, potato wedges, sugar cookies, iced tea/2% milk

Clarendon CISD
Breakfast
Mon: Breakfast pizza, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Tues: French toast, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Wed: Breakfast sandwich, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Thu: Pancake wrap, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Fri: Cinnamon roll, sausage roll, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Pizza, carrots, green beans, dessert, fruit, milk.
Tues: Quesadilla, salsa, beans, cucumbers, apricots, ice cream cup, fruit, milk.
Wed: Crispy chicken sandwich, veggie cup, salad, fruit, milk.
Thu: Tex Mex stack, broccoli, corn, fruit, milk.
Fri: Corn dogs, potatoes, tomato cup, fruit, milk.

Hedley ISD
Breakfast
Mon: Waffles, bacon, orange, fruit juice, milk.
Tues: Donut, sausage, apple, fruit juice, milk.
Wed: Breakfast burrito, hash-browns, fruit juice, milk.
Thu: Morning griddle, banana, fruit juice, milk.
Fri: No School

Lunch
Mon: Popcorn chicken, fries, Texas toast, tomato cup, fruit cup, milk.
Tues: Meatball or chicken parmesan sub, beans, carrots, cinnamon apples, sherbet, milk.
Wed: Fish sticks, roll, potato rounds, green beans, apple, cookie, milk.
Thu: Chicken alfredo, breadstick, salad, okra, peaches, milk.
Fri: No School

Jackson bill would protect livestock industry from New World screwworm

Congressman Ronny Jackson (TX-13) last week introduced the Safeguarding America's Food Economy and Controlling Agricultural Threats to Livestock and Enterprises Act or the Safe Cattle Act.

This bill will establish a Memorandum of Understanding between the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Department of the Interior (DOI) to carry out, and coordinate on, activities to prevent, control, and eradicate New World screwworm in wildlife species on federal lands. Representatives Don Davis (D-NC), Harriet Hageman (R-WY), and Darren Soto (D-FL) are co-leading this bill in the House.

"The Safe Cattle Act is a critical step in fortifying the Federal government's response against the devastating threat of the New World screwworm, which puts over \$11 billion in economic value from Texas' livestock and wildlife industries at immediate risk," said Rep. Ronny Jackson. "By ensuring the USDA and DOI are operating in lockstep, we are building on the proactive investments of the Trump administration to combat this parasite and prevent its spread before it destroys our rural communities."

"The import of New World screwworm is a serious threat to America's livestock, wildlife, and food supply, and we cannot afford a fragmented federal response," said Rep. Harriet Hageman. "The Safe Cattle Act requires real coordination between the Departments of Agriculture and of the Interior, so outbreaks are detected early, contained quickly,

and stopped before they devastate producers and rural communities. This bill protects our wildlife and the agricultural backbone of this country before a crisis hits."

"The devastation resulting from the New World screwworm south of the Darién Gap must not be repeated in eastern North Carolina or across the United States," said Rep. Don Davis. "Our producers and ranchers need proactive monitoring and interagency coordination to stop the screwworm before it threatens livestock, our food supply, and local economies."

"I'm proud to co-sponsor the Safe Cattle Act to strengthen coordination between the US Department of Agriculture and the US Department of the Interior to prevent, control, and ultimately eradicate the New World screwworm on our federal lands," said Rep. Darren Soto. "Osceola County is home to one of the largest cattle herd in the country. Protecting wildlife and non-livestock species from this destructive parasite is critical to preserving biodiversity, safeguarding ecosystems, and preventing broader economic and agricultural harm."

Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, Carl Ray Polk Jr., President: "New World screwworm poses a real threat not just to cattle, but to the wildlife that can spread it. With no viable treatment options for wildlife, surveillance is our first line of defense. The Safe Cattle ACT ensures wildlife are properly included in disease monitoring efforts on US soil, protecting our cattle herd as we plan for a

potential outbreak that could devastate our nation's economy."

Texas Cattle Feeders Association, Laphé LaRoe, Chairman: "Texas Cattle Feeders Association appreciates Rep. Jackson's efforts to encourage cooperation and coordination between the Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Interior in our fight against the New World Screwworm. The screwworm doesn't care about geopolitical boundaries or agencies' jurisdictions, and neither does wildlife. This bill will help remove administrative barriers and allow animal health officials to implement preventative measures and respond to threats on federally owned and managed lands."

Texas Farm Bureau, Russell Boening, President: "Texas Farm Bureau supports the 'SAFE Cattle Act' authored by Congressman Ronny Jackson. Protecting animal health requires addressing the role wildlife can play in spreading serious diseases like New World screwworm. With few options to respond once wildlife are affected, strong surveillance and coordination are essential. We thank Congressman Jackson for introducing this legislation and urge Congress to advance it to help protect our cattle herd and national food security."

Comprehensive list of stakeholders supporting:

American Farm Bureau Federation, Texas Farm Bureau, Texas Cattle Feeders Association, Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, and the Texas Wildlife Association.

Jackson announces art competition

The Office of Congressman Ronny Jackson (TX-13) is now accepting submissions for the 2026 Congressional Art Competition. All high school students in Texas' 13th Congressional District are invited to participate. The winning artwork will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol for one year, showcasing the talent and pride of Texas on a national stage.

Students must submit original artwork and a typed entry form to Rep. Jackson's Amarillo, Wichita Falls, or Denton office between Monday, March 2, 2026 and Thursday, April 2, 2026, at 5:00 PM CT. Submissions can be mailed or dropped off at the Amarillo or Wichita Falls offices between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Drop-off at the Denton office is by appointment only.

Teachers and Students should carefully review the competition rules and regulations on Rep. Jackson's website. For any questions, please contact Jennifer Hodges, Art Competition Coordinator, at Jennifer.Hodges@mail.house.gov.

This year's theme is America 250, celebrating 250 years of Amer-

ican freedom, liberty, and the spirit that built our nation. Artwork must be two-dimensional, original in concept and execution, and must not exceed 26 inches high, 26 inches wide, and 4 inches deep. The winning piece must be framed before being sent to the U.S. Capitol and must continue to meet size and weight guidelines.

Accepted Mediums: Paintings: oil, acrylic, watercolor; Drawings: colored pencil, pencil, ink, marker, pastels, charcoal (charcoal and pastels should be fixed); Collages: must be two-dimensional; Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints; Mixed Media: use of more than two mediums, such as pencil, ink, watercolor; Computer-Generated Art; and Photographs.

Each entry must be original in concept, design, and execution and may not violate US copyright laws. Any entry that has been copied from an existing photo or image (including a painting, graphic, or advertisement) that was created by someone other than the student is a violation of the competition rules and will not be accepted.

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Obituaries

Davis

June Davis, 85, of Clarendon passed away Sunday, February 15, 2026, in Amarillo.

Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 19, 2026, at Community Fellowship Church in Clarendon with Rev. Larry Capranica officiating. Burial will follow in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon.



Davis

Viewing will be held Wednesday at the funeral home beginning at 12:00 p.m., with family receiving friends for visitation from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

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

June was born on June 1, 1940, in Rush Springs, Oklahoma, to Alton C. and Gracie Dale Reeves Seymour. She married Loy "Red" Davis on February 1, 1969, in Plainview. They were married just two weeks shy of 55 years.

Red and June moved their family to Clarendon in 1977, where they made their home for the past 47 years. June dedicated many years of her life to nursing as a Registered Nurse. She served as Director of Nursing for the former Medical Center Nursing Home and also taught nursing at Clarendon College, where her students achieved the highest pass ratio on their testing. She took great pride in her profession and in the success of her students.

In her spare time, June enjoyed gardening and quilting. She was a faithful member of Community Fellowship Church in Clarendon. Above all, June deeply cherished her family. She loved spending time with her children and her many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren, who were the joy of her life.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Red in 2024; three sons, Jackie Davis, Barry Curry, and Kelly Curry; two brothers, Alton Seymour, Jr. and Leslie Dale Seymour; a sister, Geneva Maxine Seymour; granddaughter, Tabitha Curry; and son-in-law, Ike O'Neal.

June is survived by two sons, Todd Curry and Tommy Davis, both of Clarendon; two daughters, Sonja O'Neal of Clarendon and Cindy Gayle and husband, Charlie, of Houston; brother, Michael Strickland of Lubbock; 15 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Khiva Shriners, 305 SE 5th Ave, Amarillo, TX 79105.

Campbell

Gary Lynn Campbell, 81, of Erwin, Tennessee, formerly of Clarendon passed away Monday, February 9, 2026, in Erwin.



Campbell

Services were held Wednesday, February 18, 2026, in Robertson Funeral Directors Saints' Roost Chapel in Clarendon with burial in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon. Arrangements are under the care of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Gary was born November 18, 1944, in Amarillo to Hazel Beatrice and Thomas Jefferson "Buster" Campbell, Jr. He was raised in Clarendon and graduated from Clarendon High School, forming lifelong friendships and deep roots in the community he would always consider home.

On November 9, 1973, he married the love of his life, Bonnie Maxine Ellerbrook. Together they

built a life grounded in devotion to family, resilience, and shared adventure. Gary's work in hazardous waste contracting with the Environmental Protection Agency took him across the country, including time spent working on the Love Canal project. His career led him to live in New Jersey for five years before returning to Texas, where he resided in Houston. Later, he and Bonnie moved to Tennessee, where he eventually retired.

After retirement, Gary and Bonnie returned to Clarendon, where they spent 15 meaningful years. During that time, Gary gave back generously to the community, working alongside the City of Clarendon to assist with the development of new water infrastructure. He volunteered countless hours to see the project through, reflecting his strong work ethic and commitment to improving the place he loved. Following Bonnie's passing in 2022, Gary moved back to Tennessee.

Gary had a curious and creative spirit. He enjoyed glass blowing, brewing his own beer, and playing cards with family and friends. He especially loved being on the water, spending cherished time on his boat. A devoted football fan, he loyally supported the Houston Oilers—later the Tennessee Titans—often joking that the Oilers followed him to Tennessee, making his allegiance an easy one.

Above all, Gary loved his family. He was a man who chose to see the bright side of life and carried that outlook with him in both good times and difficult seasons. He deeply loved his wife, his children, and the many grandchildren and great-grandchildren who brought him joy and pride.

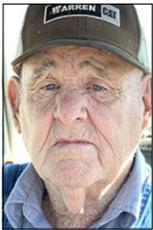
He was preceded in death by his parents and by his beloved wife, Bonnie, in 2022.

He is survived by his children, Terry Ellerbrook and wife Martha of Lubbock, Texas; and Bobby Ellerbrook and wife Barbara of Clarendon, Texas, Kim Campbell of Jonesborough, Tennessee, and Chris Campbell and wife Missy of Hendersonville, Tennessee; his brothers, Pete Campbell and wife Becky of Farmersville, Texas, and Jeff Campbell and wife Mona of Delores, Colorado; 13 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Gary's life was marked by dedication, generosity, and love—a legacy that will continue through the family and community he cherished.

Wood

Bobby Wayne Wood was born at home, the baby of the family by ten years, youngest of four siblings on September 30, 1931, in Carson County Texas. Bobby attended the one room Lark Schoolhouse until the 6th grade. He then rode a Greyhound bus seven miles daily to Groom to finish his schooling, graduating in 1950.



Wood

He was active in both 4-H and FFA while in school and was able to exhibit his Hereford cattle at various shows. He was also so proud when he was awarded a scholarship from the State Fair of Texas and was able to show his prized Hereford steer in Dallas. Never being a stranger to hard work, Bobby operated a variety of farm equipment in his early teens working for his uncles and cousins. His love for the land and Hereford cattle continued as he was able to start farming on his own after graduation. Purchasing land in Lark, he raised his registered Hereford breed, while growing wheat, milo, cane hay, and corn. He began operating a bulldozer in his teen years digging irrigation slush pit wells for a company in the Panhandle.

In 1961, he met the love of his life, Mary Joan Myers, of Lockney, and they were married four months later on September 29, 1961, in Bushland, Texas. They made their home in Lark, Texas, where Mary was his "right-hand woman", assisting him

in the farming/ranching operations. After their daughter Kellye Mae was born in 1963, Bobby started hiring others to help him. Four years later, they welcomed their son, Kevin Wayne, and that completed their family of four. Bobby and Mary cultivated many friendships during their 63 years of marriage. He especially enjoyed having people over so he could tell stories and share Mary's good cooking, sometimes even getting in a game or two of "42". He had a gift for remembering names, dates, events, stories, and jokes and loved to share these with anyone who would lend an ear. Bobby loved his family and was always happy to share stories of his kids, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. He was happiest on Sundays when they were all together sitting with him at church, which he rarely ever missed.

There were many things that Bobby enjoyed from a good freezer of homemade ice cream, fried catfish, fatty bread, and bacon snacks, just to name a few. He also loved listening to and attending Southern Gospel music concerts. This love of gospel music began at an early age and continued throughout his life, although when asked if he played a musical instrument like his father and brothers, he replied, "No, I can't even play the radio." He was even planning to attend a Gaither Vocal Band concert in Longview in March of this year with his family who also share his love of gospel music. His greatest love was the love he had for his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, whom he began following as a teenager. He served the Lord faithfully with an unwavering, steadfast faith. It was very clear to anyone who was around Bobby that he loved his Lord, attending church, and Gospel music.

In July of 2022, he and Mary moved from the Texas Panhandle, where they had lived all their lives, to the Tyler Texas area to live with their daughter, Kellye and son-in-law, Alan Jackson. Anyone who knew Bobby at this time was well aware that he did not want to leave his roots and move down to that "country where there are too many trees, and all you can see is straight up!" He also knew that he and Mary were no longer able to live alone, and that moving to East Texas was the best thing for them to do. After only a short time, he and Mary were led to Landmark Baptist Church where they were welcomed and treated like family. They grew to love Bro. Mark and Julie Trammel as their own children. Besides the undying love of his family, this church family helped carry Bobby through the last 16 months since Mary's passing. On February 14, 2026, Bobby Wayne Wood went Home to that mansion where he was greeted by his Sweetheart and his Savior. "In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I'm going to prepare a place for you." John 14:2.

Those left to cherish his memories are his daughter, Kellye Jackson (Alan); son, Kevin Wood (Jennifer). Endeared as "Bobby Do" to his four grandchildren: Kaci Bailey (Mitchel), Kolton Wood (Rebekah), Kyndal Dixon (Wade), and Kaleb Wood; and eight great-grandchildren: Micah, Karter, Andy, and Jeffrey Bailey; Knox and Katherine Wood; Hank and Annie Dixon; along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and countless friends.

Bobby was preceded in death by his wife Mary of 63 years, his parents, Douglas and Amanda Wood, his brothers Bill Wood, Raymon Wood, and sister Ruth Wood, and his grandparents.

Celebration of Life service is planned for Sunday, February 22, 2026, at Landmark Baptist Church in Tyler, Texas with visitation at 3:00 p.m. followed by the service at 4:00 p.m.

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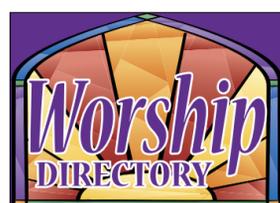
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1. Cut quickly
 5. A way to state clearly
 11. River in NE Scotland
 14. Expansive
 15. Lacking social polish
 16. Amount of time
 17. Frame
 19. Automobile
 20. Toadstools
 21. High school dances
 22. Utilize
 23. Experimented with
 25. One-sided
 27. Acquisitive
 31. Potted plants
 34. Everyone has one
 35. Kalahari Desert lake
 38. Unidentified flying object
 39. People 65 and over
 41. Small amount
 42. Daughter of Acrisius
 44. Ornamental box
 45. Government agents
 46. Uncertain
 49. A cotton fabric with a satiny finish
 51. Treeless plains
 55. One's sense of self-importance
 56. Consumer advocate
 60. Type of lounge
 61. Body part
 62. Can be persuaded
 64. Woman (French)
 65. Ready and willing to be taught
 66. Arab ruler title
 67. Unhappy
 68. Gradually went away
 69. Able to think clearly

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1. Brushed
 2. Small water spirit (Germ.)
 3. Heroes
 4. Monetary units
 5. Some don't want to share theirs
 6. Free-swimming invertebrate
 7. Litigates
 8. Outer
 9. Parallelograms
 10. Uneasy feelings
 11. Cross
 12. A way to remove
 13. Pages can be dog-__
 18. Ukrainian city
 24. A citizen of Denmark
 26. Month
 28. Hindu queens
 29. Group of chemicals
 30. Rider of Rohan
 31. Wet dirt
 32. Southwestern Russia city
 33. Observed
 36. Angry
 37. Drivers' licenses
 39. Musical composition
 40. Auction
 43. They __
 45. Women
 47. Be filled with love for
 48. Thick-soled sock
 49. Appears
 50. Old World lizard
 52. The leading performer
 53. Protein
 54. "Gunga Din" script writer
 57. Art __ around 1920
 58. __ bylon, children's author
 59. Abnormal breathing
 63. A place to rest



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Lady Bronco Presley Smith lays in two Monday night at Amarillo High against Vega.

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Lady Bronco Berkley Moore fights the Lady Horns defense to get to the basket.

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Broncos fall to Panhandle

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon Broncos went up against a tough Panhandle team last week on the road taking a 22-73 loss to the Panthers.

The Panthers came out strong and held a 28-10 lead at the break. The Broncos did all they could do but were missing four players because of personal reasons. Heston Seay and Tanner Cavanaugh were the lone upper classmen on the court among several underclassmen. However, just like all season long, the boys played with grit and determination. Brance Bell stepped up from the junior varsity and did a great job filling in for Aiden Morris under the basket finishing with four points.

Freshman Braxton Gribble led the way with eight points that included two three-pointers, and Seay put in four. Paxton English hit one three and Morris put in two. Kreed Robinson hit one of two free throws to finish with one point.

The Broncos junior varsity took on Panhandle before the varsity took the floor and were defeated, 79-19.

The Broncos had a slow start making costly turnovers to give the Panthers the momentum they needed to control the game. The Broncos never gave up and tried hard to get back into the game. Tristen Ybarra led the way with seven points and Don'Jae Orr put in five. Rustin Wade posted three, and Shaun Childers and Hunter Caison had two each.

Colts sting the Indians last week

By Sandy Anderberg

Both Clarendon Colt teams snagged wins last week in their last game of the season. The B team won 32-24, and the A team defeated Quanah 59-14.

The B team game remained a two-point game though three quarters of play with the Indians holding tight to their two-point lead. But the Colts turned up the heat on both ends of the court and retook the lead while never looking back. The Colts hit only four of fifteen free throws but were able to outscore Quanah by eight points with solid play and determination to get the win.

Chris Carey did well and put in 10 points for the Colts. Zayden Shadle helped with nine, and Braxton Bruce finished with six. Henry Robertson had four, and Jaron Lockeby put in three.

The A team was working all aspects of the game in their huge end of the season game. Three players finished in double figures and the entire team showed an abundance of growth over the season. They matured greatly as individuals and were able to gel together as a team with everyone doing their jobs.

Kase Zongker, who plays post for the Colts, was on his game inside and put in 14 total points. A huge three-pointer was included in Zongker's point total and was a confidence booster to the team. Daren Smith did a great job on both ends of the court finished with 12, and Jaquan Weatheron was hot as he put in 11 points that included going two for two from the bonus line and hitting a big three from the arc.

Colton Madsen and Tyler Smith both helped with eight points each. Teagan Chesser connected on a three, and Trigg Harper added two.



Lady Bronco Gracie Ellis goes in for a shot against Vega on Monday.

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Lady Bronco Kate Shaw goes in strong for two Monday night against the Lady Horns.

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Lady Bronco Madi Benson goes up for the jump shot Monday night against Vega.

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WELLINGTON
THE COLLINGSWORTH COUNTY HAZARD Mitigation Team will conduct a public meeting at the Collingsworth County Courthouse located at 800 West Ave, Wellington, TX on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at 10:30 am. This plan incorporates mitigation actions intended to minimize the impacts of certain natural hazards on the residents of the county. The meeting is open to the public and members of the community are encouraged to attend. We especially encourage participation from groups that may be disproportionately affected by hazards, including but not limited to low-income families, elderly individuals, people with disabilities, and minority communities. Your insights and experiences are crucial for shaping a plan that effectively addresses the needs of all residents. For questions or comments, please contact Abby Sanders with the PRPC at 806-372-3381.

WELLINGTON

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Many parents and grandparents tell folktales to the children in their family. Storytellers spin them for listeners of all ages. A folktale may have:

1. _____ solved
2. _____ of things that are hard to understand
3. _____ for an unkind person
4. _____ learned
5. a _____ for a good person
6. _____ who can overcome anything
7. _____ spells
8. _____ animals

Folktales often use animals to make a point. The animals are used to show what people are like or how they behave.

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A cat may be sneaky.
 A dog may be too trusting and get tricked.
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1. stubborn, fearful
2. misleading, gets others to do what he wants
3. timid, loyal
4. playful, clever
5. wise, brave
6. tricky, greedy, lazy
7. proud, cruel
8. sneaky, clever
9. honorable, swift
10. patient, plotting

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Hedley Owl Takoda Edwards looks for an open teammate last week against Groom.

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Hedley Owl Payton Inman looks for a pass last week at home against Groom.

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Jackson introduces bill to upgrade defense technologies

Congressman Ronny Jackson (TX-13) last week introduced the United States-Israel Framework for Upgraded Technologies, Unified Research, and Enhanced Security (FUTURES) Act of 2026.

This bill would strengthen the US-Israel alliance and establish a United States-Israel Defense Technology Cooperation Initiative to accelerate the development and deployment of next-generation defense technologies, ensuring that investments in collaborative technologies deliver an operational edge to America's servicemembers. Representative Don Davis (NC-01) is co-leading this legislation in the House, and Senator Ted Budd (R-NC) and Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) are introducing companion legislation in the Senate.

"This legislation secures America's competitive edge in defense technology and reinforces our alliance with Israel, our greatest partner in the Middle East, to deter evolving global threats," said Rep. Ronny Jackson.

"Under President Trump's leadership, we are ensuring the technological supremacy of our military and delivering the unmatched capabilities our warfighters need to dominate the battlefield and protect the American people."

"By establishing the United States-Israel Defense Technology Cooperation Initiative, we are fortifying a vital partnership, accelerating joint development, and transforming

groundbreaking research into operational capabilities," said Rep. Don Davis. "As emerging threats like unmanned systems and electronic warfare evolve, technical cooperation stands as a critical pillar in preparing our servicemembers for the challenges of tomorrow."

"This bipartisan initiative will enable long-term collaboration on shared security goals between the United States and our vital democratic ally Israel," said Senator Gillibrand. "We must strengthen our military and technological capabilities to counter continued and future threats in the region."

Foundation for Defense of Democracies Action, Tyler Stapleton, Senior Director of Government Relations: "The United States and Israel benefit enormously from each other's defense technologies and manufacturing efficiencies. Israel innovates and fields defense systems with rapid deployments out of necessity, given the layered and immediate threats it faces. The United States-Israel Futures Act builds on decades of successful collaboration by improving cooperation across the public, private, and academic sectors to swiftly develop, test, and field defense technologies that will help safeguard US service members and provide Israel with the means to combat a diverse set of threats from foreign adversarial states and terror groups. FDD Action strongly supports the bipartisan United States-Israel Futures Act."

CCISD renews administrators

The Clarendon CISD Board of Trustees renewed administrative contracts when it met in regular session February 9, 2026.

After meeting in closed session for more than an hour, the board returned to open session and later approved extending administrator contracts for two years through the 2027-2028 school year for the following personnel: Erin Shaw, Campus Principal; Jenifer Pigg, Campus Principal; Jeff Caffey, Athletic Director; Jenae Ashbrook, Counselor; Aimee Lyles, Counselor; and Jen Bellar, Federal Programs.

The board also approved a motion to offer a teaching contract to Evie Wright for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year.

Also at the February 9 meeting, a Facilities Use Fee Structure was presented but was tabled by the board. Robin Ellis said she did not see why it was needed since the school has not had one in the past, and other board members agreed the proposal needed more work and should wait until a fulltime superintendent is hired.

A public hearing was held on the 2024-2025 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR).

Board President Wayne Hardin presented the yearly update on school board training with the following hours reported: Wayne Hardin – eight hours, Robin Ellis – eight hours, Mike Word – eight hours, Chrisi Tucek – eight hours, Taylor Shelton – six hours, Donny Howard – seven hours, and Jeff Robertson – 9.25 hours.

A motion was approved to relinquish the rights to tax property as presented.

A general election was called for May 3 for the purpose of electing two board members.

Christopher, Carreon make CC President's List

Tamra Dawn Christopher and Esteban Carreon were among students to be recognized by Clarendon College on the Fall 2025 President's Lists, honoring strong academic performance and dedication to academic success.

Last week's publication of the list of local students receiving the honor mistakenly left off Christopher and Carreon, and the publisher regrets the oversight.

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.

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