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Clarendon posts sales tax gains

Clarendon again saw higher sales tax revenues last week when Acting Comptroller Kelly Hancock distributed monthly sales tax revenue to local governments.

The city received \$61,562.99, which is a 7.09 percent increase over February 2025's revenue. Clarendon's calendar year-to-date sales tax revenue is now \$97,945.63, which is 0.95 percent above the same point last year.

Hedley and Howardwick were both down for the month. Hedley dropped 43.15 percent with an allocation of \$1,682.90, pulling the year-to-date figure down 23.39 percent at \$2,746.02. Howardwick dropped 14.71 percent at \$2,163.35 and was down 11.98 percent for the year-to-date at \$3,827.98.

In the unincorporated parts of Donley County, sales taxes for County Assistance District 2 brought in \$11,570.20 for the month bringing the year's total to \$17,024.08 so far. The district is in its first year of collections.

Donley County Assistance District 1 in the City of Howardwick generated \$1,580.75, which is down 14.71 percent from the same period one year ago. For the year-to-date, however, DCAD 1 is down just 0.92 percent at \$2,806.05.

Up the road in Claude, bolstered by the construction of AI datacenter, city sales tax revenues were up 71.88 percent at \$48,224.54 compared to February 2025, and the year-to-date total is up 75.27 percent at \$86,520.38. Sales tax collections by Armstrong County were up 671.71 percent at \$161,023.49 for the month compared to \$20,865.74 last February. Armstrong County is ahead 925.45 percent for the calendar year-to-date at \$309,288.31 compared to \$30,161.10 at this point last year.

The City of Memphis was up 20.95 percent at \$54,391.71 for the month and is now ahead 19.45 percent for the year at \$86,372.82.



Wildfire scorches 15k acres

Fast action saves H'wick from disaster

The combined efforts of volunteer firefighters and state resources saved lives and property in Donley County last week when a wildfire quickly consumed more than 13,500 acres of drought plagued grass and brush.

The Eight Ball Fire started Tuesday afternoon, February 17, in Armstrong County near Midway between Ashtola and Goodnight on US 287, but driven by hot, dry wind, the wildfire first threatened ranch homes and then headed straight for the community of Howardwick.

Fire Chief Jeremy Powell said the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department was paged out at 2:42 p.m. and within 15 minutes local firemen met the fire at Armstrong County Road 30 to help protect structures there. Powell said the fire got big quickly.

"The National Weather Service has a satellite fire detection system, and it usually takes a while for it to pick up a wildfire," Powell said. "This time it went off before Claude Fire Department was even rolling."

Powell said the fire went two miles before it entered Donley County and headed for Howardwick. Volunteer firemen from Howardwick and Hedley had been dispatched soon after Clarendon, and Chief Powell also quickly called for mutual aid from Groom and other Eastern Panhandle counties.

"The fire moved north and east into ranch country, threatening homes on the 3C Ranch and the Roach Ranch then headed for Howardwick," Powell said.

Powell called for state resources through the Texas A&M Forest Service about 3 p.m. and had ground assets, which has been staged in Childress, on the scene within an hour.

"We got it all quick," Powell said.

The City of Howardwick was evacuated Tuesday afternoon at 3:29 p.m. and residents were allowed to



Local and area volunteer firefighters and road graders, along with a fast response from state assets, were key to stopping the 8 Ball Fire, which threatend Howardwick and residents of Greenbelt Lake last week.

CITY OF HOWARDWICK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT PHOTOS

return at 8:35 p.m. But at 2:18 a.m. on Wednesday the Nocona Hills section of Howardwick on the west side of Carroll Creek was evacuated again along with residents on the south side of Greenbelt Lake, and by 6:15 a.m. the rest of Howardwick was evacuated as fire threatened the community. Most people were allowed to return home by 10:35 a.m., but Nocona Hills residents were not allowed back until 4 p.m.

During the evacuations, local churches, the Donley County Activity Center, and other locations

opened up for the evacuees to give them a safe place to wait, and volunteer efforts helped take care of those people as well.

Even with the mutual aid and state help, it was not a quick process to contain the massive fire which eventually stretched over 12 miles in length and was two miles wide at one point. Firefighters, along with Donley and Gray county road graders and a Howardwick road grader, worked through the night and into Wednesday to try to get the fire contained and under control.

"Some of us went a good 30

hours on the line before we pulled off," Powell said.

Air support could not join the fight during the day Tuesday due to the high winds, and the planes can't fight fire at night, Powell said. Air tankers arrived by 8:30 a.m. Wednesday to help control the blaze. Three SEATs (Single Engine Air Tankers) operating out of Childress and three VLATs (Very Large Air Tankers) operating out of Abilene began making constant round trips to dump retardant on the Eight Ball Fire.

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State, local officials seek disaster funds

Donley County Judge John Howard and Texas Governor Greg Abbott have initiated efforts to access federal disaster funds for local and area first responders following last week's 8 Ball Fire that consumed more than 13,500 acres between Goodnight and Howardwick.

Judge Howard declared a state of disaster under the county emergency management plan on Wednesday, February 18, and Gov. Abbott announced on Thursday that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has approved a request from the State of Texas for a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG).

Howard along with local fire chiefs and other first responder personnel will meet February 25 to start working through how to apply for relief.

"Texas continues to work around the clock to provide all necessary resources to those affected by the 8 Ball Fire," said Governor Abbott.

"With this FEMA grant, our brave wildfire response teams will be further equipped to manage and contain fires in the Panhandle. I thank the Trump Administration and FEMA for swiftly approving this funding and thank our heroic emergency personnel for their efforts to protect their fellow Texans."

The approval of a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) makes the State of Texas eligible for 75 percent reimbursement from the federal government for costs associated with fighting the wildfire. These grants are available to states and local jurisdictions for the mitigation, management, and control of fires that threaten such destruction as would constitute a major disaster.

"This will allow our fire departments and other local and area agencies to apply for 75 percent reimbursement for expenses related to the fire," Howard said. "Expenses for medicine for injured livestock might also be covered."

The judge said it will take a while to handle all the paperwork for the emergency funds, noting that preparation for an event like this and for disaster relief starts years ahead of time with a proper emergency management plan, which the county has.

The Texas State Emergency Operations Center remains activated at Level II (Escalated Response) and state emergency response resources remain deployed by the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) at the Governor's direction to support local wildfire response efforts across the state.

GOP voters to decide local races Tuesday

Republican and Democratic voters are getting ready to go to the polls next Tuesday, March 3, to select their candidates for the November General Election.

Early voting through February 27 at the Donley County Courthouse Annex from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. this week.

The Donley County Clerk's Office said Tuesday afternoon that 234 votes have been cast locally between the two primaries.

Polling next Tuesday will also be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Republicans in Precincts 101, 201, 301, and 401 will cast ballots in the Donley County Courthouse, and Precinct 303 Republican voting will be at the Hedley Baptist Church.

Democrats in Precincts 101, 201, 301, and 401 will vote in the Courthouse Annex, and Precinct 303 Democrats will vote at the Hedley Lions Den.

Republicans running contested races for local offices are - for treasurer: Zan Bullock, Joanea Horn, and Terri Luna; and for Commissioner Precinct 4: incumbent Dan

Sawyer and Shaun O'Keefe.

Unopposed on the Republican ticket are County Judge John Howard, County Clerk Vicky Tunnell, 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.

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

1 chair.

Also of local interest on the Republican ticket is the race for state representative for District 88 with incumbent Ken King of Canadian facing a challenge from John Browning of Plainview.

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

Local election results will be available next Tuesday evening on ClarendonLive.com and Facebook.com/TheEnterprise.

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Hawkeye and the birth of the American myth

This year, as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of America, let's not forget other important events that shaped our nation, not politically, but culturally.

Two hundred years ago this week, one of the most important novels in American literature was published: *The Last of the Mohicans* by James Fenimore Cooper. This novel helped create one of our most enduring and uniquely American genres.

While English writers in America go as far back as John Smith in Jamestown, a truly American literary style did not emerge until the early 19th century. Before that, several novels were written, most famously *Charlotte Temple* by Susanna Rowson (1791), *The Coquette* by Hannah Webster Foster (1798), and *Edgar Huntly* by Charles Brockden Brown (1801). Though notable in their time, these works lacked a distinctively American voice; they could have just as easily been written in England, and they largely reflected European literary styles. For me, the first truly American writer is Washington Irving.

Irving was one of the first full-time professional authors in the United States, and he created a uniquely American voice, largely through his choice of setting. His two most important works are *The Sketch Book of Geoffrey Crayon, Gent.* (1819) and *Tales of a Traveller* (1824), both collections of short stories. Six stories stand out for their influence: Rip Van Winkle, The Legend of Sleepy Hollow, Traits of Indian Character, Philip of Pokanoket, The Devil and Tom Walker, and Wolfert Webber (Golden Dreams). While these tales are set in America, more specifically they occur on the boundary between civilization and wilderness, a place where people encounter the unknown, the supernatural, and must explain the bump in the night. By 1819, such wilderness no longer existed in Europe, making these stories distinctly American.

While Irving set the stage for American frontier fiction, it was Cooper's *The Last of the Mohicans* that truly shaped American culture. Though there are several changes from the book, the 1992 movie adaptation remains one of my personal favorites. Cooper's novel created one of America's most iconic genres: the Western. The other uniquely American literary genre, the rags-to-riches story, wouldn't be popularized until later by Horatio Alger, Jr., in his Ragged Dick series, beginning in 1868.

The Western is arguably the most American of genres. Rooted in the only nation with a vast west, a land of unknown wilderness ripe for adventure and legend, most Westerns follow a familiar formula: a man rides into a small Western town, rugged yet with a heart of gold, strong yet principled, capable of violence when necessary but guided by a moral code. He sees injustice and stands against it, often against overwhelming odds, before riding off into the sunset.

In the novels and movies that followed, this hero became the cowboy, self-reliant, capable of living off the land, often solitary with only a companion or two, embodying rugged individualism — a cornerstone of American identity.

Before Roy Rogers or John Wayne, there was Natty Bumppo, also called La Longue Carabine ("Long Rifle") by his Native American brethren, or simply Hawkeye. Though white, he was raised by Native Americans and embodies the strengths of both cultures. Hawkeye is an expert marksman and tracker, deeply knowledgeable about nature and survival. Honest, brave, and moral, he mediates between European settlers and Native Americans.

Hawkeye is accompanied by Uncas, his adopted Mohican brother and heroic romantic figure, and Chingachgook, his adopted father, representing wisdom, tradition, and cultural continuity.

Set during the French and Indian War (1754–1763), the novel portrays a frontier where warfare has shifted from traditional European tactics to guerrilla-style combat, where European rules of engagement and honor no longer apply. Hawkeye and his companions rescue the daughters of Colonel Munro, Cora and Alice, and agree to escort them to their father through dangerous territory. Though they have no loyalty to the British, they agree to escort the daughters out of a sense of duty and personal moral code.

In this way, Hawkeye and his companions are the forerunners of the modern cowboy hero. Their courage, independence, frontier skills and moral integrity set in the wilderness make *The Last of the Mohicans* the first great Western, setting the stage for a distinctly American literary and cultural tradition.

Newly elected New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani pledged to "replace the frugidity of rugged individualism with the warmth of collectivism." Maybe we need Hawkeye more than ever to remind the next generation of the independence, moral courage, and personal responsibility that once defined the American character.

While many of the books from this era have faded from public memory, perhaps now is the time to revive them.

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historically speaking
by dr. james finck

An Aggie who really done good

He's likely been a "forward thinker" since "diaper days" some 80 years ago.

Glenn Dromgoole — my friend of almost 60 years — probably can trace his "can do" spirit back to pre-school tricycle races.

A proud graduate of Sour Lake High School and Texas A&M University, this distinguished journalist, editor, author and entrepreneur has "set the pace" on many of "life's highways." (He hates it when quotation marks are "over used," so let's dismiss his prejudice "forthwith," and maybe "backwith," too.)

I dare not compare my feeble efforts to his; such would be a water hose-versus-Niagara Falls hydrological "mismatch." (Perhaps it's his "kicked-up" dust that sets off my allergies — the ones I blame even now — for my paucity of writing awards. Instead, I whimper, pleading for "slack cutting," since I "ain't" got no awards. A shelf reserved long ago for trophies remains barren, gathering dust, some of it his....

Glenn's name is mentioned with the likes of Texas authors J. Frank Dobie, Larry McMurtry, John Graves, Elmer Kelton and A.C. Green — all deceased. He's still "kickin'," always on the "look-out" for his "next book."

This is the opinion of readers "applauding" his 35 books, numerous booklets, hundreds of columns and now, "haikus." ("Haikus" — a term stolen from the Japanese — have 17 syllables in three lines, with a 5-7-5 word pattern.) He's also in the Texas Literature Hall of Fame and recipient of the A. C. Green West

Texas Festival Literary Award.

(Okay, go ahead and admit it. You've rarely seen the words "literary" and "Aggie" in the same sentence.)....

In 1965-66, he was editor of Texas A&M's Battalion newspaper, a fierce defender of press freedom. He'd have fought for academic freedom, too, if it had been challenged.

It's probably well that he's not editor now. Had current academic freedom "brouhahas" at Texas A&M University and the University of Texas occurred back then, "picketers" would have gotten "pink slips," and Dromgoole "sent packing."....

Now age 81, he wrote 80 Thoughts at 80 last year, including such items as: "Way back when, I thought 80 sounded pretty old. Still does.... There are so many things I can't do at 80 that I couldn't do at 40, either.... But I can, still rant, about, commas, that, are in the wrong, place.... In dog years, I would be at least 400...but dead a long time ago.... My first first car was a Chevy Corvair 'unsafe at any speed' — probably because I was driving it.... My great-great-great-great uncle, USA Representative George Dromgoole, in 1845 offered a motion (and very long speech) in Congress to annex Texas. He also killed a man in a duel (not about Texas)."

Hit him up for a copy at the Texas



the idle american
by don newbury

Star Trading Company in Abilene, a store that he and wife Carol have operated for 21 years. (She's there most all of the time, and he, when "spir-it-stricken.")....

Since I'll be 90 next year, I may write a 90 Thoughts at 90 booklet, even if it's not as "slap-happy" as Glenn's....

Here goes:
First, I'd practice buttoning my shirts from bottom to top. Thus, there'd a better chance of buttons and button-holes coming out even.

I've got 18 months to think of the other 89 "thoughts." Why don't you make your own list, hopefully with some of them instructive?....

Why should we be surprised that Glenn would do well? At both Sour Lake and Texas A&M, he made straight A's! (His teachers claimed, however, that his B's were a little crooked.)

I close with one of Glenn's recent haikus from Spirit of Abilene, a weekly online publication edited by Loretta Fulton. She also is a retiree of the Abilene Reporter News, where Glenn was editor.

Here goes Glenn's haiku "thingie," with the correct number of syllables. On first count, I thought it to be one syllable short, but I've always been "mathematically challenged."...

Smile and say thank you —
So much to be thankful for —
Each day is a gift!....

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



May God help the fish down below

Sam Houston, Statesman, politician, soldier, and general patriot, also had his dark side. Although gifted with wisdom, oratory, and persuasiveness, this hero of Texas in its formative years was not given to outward displays of religion or spirituality. So when he met and courted Margaret Moffette Lea, to whom religion was vital, the irresistible force met the immovable object. For many years it was quite a contest as to which one was the more irresistible and which was the less immovable.

Houston, who in earlier years had lived with the Cherokee Indians and who had had an Indian wife, met Margaret in May 1839 in Mobile, Alabama. The forty-six-year-old Houston had come to Mobile to discuss real estate with Margaret's mother who was looking for investment opportunities in Texas.

Although Houston's visit was for business purposes, he spent enough time with Margaret to propose to her before leaving Mobile. Nancy, Margaret's mother, opposed the union of her daughter to a man so much older than Margaret and so steeped in the ways of the world. But when it appeared that the marriage would take place anyway, Nancy sat down with Houston and read him Biblical passages that she thought he should know.

Because of an urgent need to return home, Houston tried to persuade Margaret to come to Texas with him and be married there, but she would not agree to a wedding anywhere but in her hometown of Marion, Alabama. So on May 7, 1840, Houston arrived in Marion by stagecoach, and the couple were married two days later. When asked why she had chosen a man such as Sam Houston, Margaret said, "He had won my heart." Even so, she was intent on reforming Houston's hard drinking habits and on making him one of God's disciples.

Following the wedding, the couple

traveled to Texas where Margaret spent the rest of her life. Although the marriage, Margaret continually tried to persuade Sam to spend less time in which produced eight children, can be termed successful, Mar-

home. Margaret finally succeeded in reforming her husband of his drinking, but she never succeeded in weaning him away from politics. Preferring to remain in the background, Margaret endured many lonely days and weeks. Yet the two were devoted to one another.

Primarily because of Houston's political activities, he and his family resided in several locations such as Austin, Galveston, Independence, and Huntsville. Everywhere they went, Margaret associated herself with the Baptist church, but although she urged Sam to attend church meetings with her, he was not a churchgoer. Nor was he inclined to submit to baptism despite Margaret's continual urging that he needed to save his soul. In his mind baptism was for full believers, and Sam had too many questions and negative opinions about organized religion.

At Independence, Margaret became one of the organizers of the new Concord Baptist Church, and there her desires for her husband's baptism were finally realized. On the occasion of a series of revival meetings, Dr. George W. Baines, a prominent Baptist minister, approached the Houston home on horseback, and Margaret, determined that this was the time, stopped Baines with the plea that he talk to her husband.

"He has the greatest confidence in your knowledge of such things," she told him.



vignettes
tales of the old west
by george u. hubbard

The next morning Houston and Baines rode into Brenham together and discussed religion along the way. Sam was particularly troubled about a passage in Corinthians to the effect that church members who partook of communion unworthily would "seal their damnation forever." He had no desire to make such a "sad and awful mistake." Baines explained that the passage referred, not to those who are trying to live righteously, but to those who succumbed to feasting and drinking to satisfy animal yearnings and thereby mocked holy symbols. Sam thought the matter over, accepted Baines explanation, then announced to Margaret that he was ready to be baptized.

The baptism ceremony was arranged and scheduled to be performed in a special baptistry carved out of limestone in the shape of a coffin in the bed of Kontz Creek, north of Independence. But when the party arrived there on the appointed day, they found that some mischievous boys had filled the baptistry with mud and tree limbs. The party had to move to Little Rocky Creek where the local minister, Dr. Rufus Burleson, performed the ceremony by immersing Houston in the creek's cold waters on November 19, 1854.

It is reported that shortly after the baptism, Burleson commented to Houston: "Well General, all your sins have been washed away."

"If that be the case," Houston replied, "God help the fish down below."

On his deathbed on July 26, 1863, Houston's last words were said to be: "Texas... Margaret—Margaret." Margaret, who was in poor health much of her later life, died of yellow fever four years later in Independence.

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Mon: Chicken spaghetti, broccoli, garlic toast, iced tea/2% milk.
Tues: Pulled pork sandwich, French fries, coleslaw, cantaloupe, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Goulash, mixed greens, cornbread, coconut cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Beef stroganoff, black eyed peas, spinach, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Steak fingers/gravy, red skin potatoes, black-eyed peas, hot rolls, chocolate cake, iced tea/2% milk

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Beef stew, cornbread, fruit crisp, iced tea/2% milk.
Tues: Pollock sticks, brussels sprouts, French fries, hushpuppies, fruit cocktail, sugar cookies, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Chicken fried steak, gravy, broccoli, mashed potatoes, fruit crisp, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Smothered steak, buttered carrots, broccoli & cauliflower, whole wheat roll, lemon cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Chicken strips, gravy, potato wedges, garden salad, roll, brownie, iced tea/2% milk

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Breakfast
Mon: Pancakes, bacon, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Tues: Breakfast sandwich, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Wed: Breakfast pizza, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Thu: Breakfast cookie, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Fri: Donut, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Country pot pie, tomato cup, fruit, milk.
Tues: Chicken fajitas, beans, carrots, salsa, sherbet, fruit, milk.
Wed: Sloppy Joe, salad, mixed vegetables, peaches, fruit, milk.
Thu: Ranchero wrap, corn, broccoli, salad, dessert, fruit, milk.
Fri: Cheeseburger, potatoes, salad, fruit, milk.

Hedley ISD
Breakfast
Mon: Cinnamon roll, bacon, apple, fruit juice, milk.
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Fri: No School

Lunch
Mon: Enchiladas, beans, salad, salsa, strawberries, milk.
Tues: Chicken strips, macaroni & cheese, carrots, grapes, milk.
Wed: Pizza baked pasta, breadstick, tomato cup, broccoli, fruit cup, milk.
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Fri: No School

Extension Service providing missing livestock assistance

Anyone who is missing livestock following this week's Panhandle wildfires in the Panhandle area can call the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service office at 806-373-0713 to report them.

After thousands of acres have burned this week in multiple wildfire events across the region, livestock owners have begun assessing damage and locating animals.

AgriLife Extension is working in partnership with the Texas Division of Emergency Management and local county officials. To monitor wildfire conditions across the state, visit the Texas A&M Forest Service wildfire incident viewer for active and recently contained wildfires.

Reporting losses: The Individual State of Texas Assessment Tool, iSTAT, is offered by the Texas Division of Emergency Management. The tool assists emergency management officials in assessing damages through iSTAT damage surveys. These help state officials identify resource needs and connect affected Texans with available resources.

Additional wildfire resources are available at texashelp.tamu.edu and disaster.texas.gov.



Park Rangers

Students in the Donley County Homeschool Co-op presented National Parks Day at the Burton Memorial Library last Thursday, February 19. Each student took on the role of a park ranger and told visitors all about the wonders of their chosen national park.

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Veterans Love Quilt

The Golden Needles Quilting Club honored Bobbie Jean Havens with a "Veteran Quilt of Love" recently. Bobbie was a sergeant in the United States Marine Corps from September 22, 1994, to July 2002. She was in Parris Island, South Carolina, and at the Marine Corps Air Station in Futenma, Okinawa, Japan. She finished at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center in Twentynine Palms, California. The club appreciates Bobbie's service. Shown here are Dortha Reynolds, Francis Smith, Bobbie Havens, Annis Stavenhagen, Louella Slater, and Gay Cole.

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Obituaries

Upton

Mary Helen McKee Upton, also known as 'Ms. Mary' passed peacefully from this earth with loved ones by her side in Pampa, Texas on Thursday, February 19, 2026, at the age of 85 years, 2 months, 2 weeks, and 3 days. She was born on December 2, 1940, in Hedley to Daddy Roy & Ruby McKee. She was the youngest of 7 children.

Mary Helen married the love of her life, J.C. Upton, on February 15, 1958, in Hedley. They were blessed with four children, Cindy Horton, Debbie Arnold, Tim Upton and Casey Upton. She was the loving grandmother to 18 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild as well as the aunt to numerous nieces and nephews. Mary Helen & J.C. lived happily together for well over 50 years in Hedley, Amarillo and Memphis,

Texas. Ms. Mary was loved by all she ever met. Her quick and friendly smile warmed everyone's hearts. No one was ever considered to be a stranger in her home because once she met you, she considered you to be her friend. She was a grocery store clerk for United Supermarkets and Fiesta Foods in Amarillo and then Davis Thriftway in Memphis, retiring from there in the early 2000's.

She had a servant's heart and a willing spirit to help anyone in need. She loved all babies and would always make a beeline for them when in her presence. She had many people in her family, but she also had a special way of making non-family and friends feel like they were her family too. She had a wonderful way of making you feel loved, welcomed and right at home around her. She was an ornery one though, even once racing the local sheriff in Hedley while growing up. She enjoyed cooking for others, especially her homemade brownies. She enjoyed supporting her grandkids at their activities and attending their graduations. She enjoyed joking and telling stories. Mary Helen will be missed for the rest of our lives until we see her again one day in heaven.

She was a member of First Baptist Church in Memphis, and she loved serving the community through the church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, J.C. Upton; her daughter, Debbie Arnold; her son, Tim Upton; her granddaughter, Britney Rodriguez; her grandson, T.J. Upton; both of her parents, Daddy Roy & Ruby McKee; 5 older siblings, Leota Linder, Sue Weatherly, Betty Jo Hedgecoke, Bill McKee & LeRoy McKee.

She is survived by her daughter Cindy Horton of Amarillo; her son Casey Upton and wife, Cindy of Pampa; her many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchild; her sister, Mattie Lou Nivens-Brumley of Memphis; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and loved ones as well as dear friends and neighbors.

Her service was held on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at First Baptist Church in Memphis with Bro. Brady Montgomery of Paducah officiating. She was laid to rest next to her late husband at Fairview Cemetery in Memphis.

Family requests any donations to be made to BSA Hospice of the Southwest.



Runners up

Clarendon 4th Grade and Clarendon 5th girls basketball teams grade placed 2nd in the Shamrock Tournament last weekend.

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A tanker plane dumps fire retardant on the Eight Ball Fire last Wednesday.

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Wildfire: State reforms aided response time

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Powell said "Eight Ball" was a name given to the fire apparently at random.

"I think they just pull it out of a hat; it doesn't mean anything," he said. "If we had named it, we probably would have called it the Midway Fire or the Goodnight Rest Area Fire."

With the help of air support and at least 14 neighboring volunteer fire departments, Powell said the fire was in "pretty good shape by noon Wednesday."

"We had stopped the forward motion, but we still had volunteers on the scene until Wednesday night," he said. "Thursday it was mostly Clarendon and Howardwick units on the job, and Friday everything was pretty good with the state resources keeping an eye on it."

No cause has been determined for the fire.

In addition to numerous Panhandle area volunteer departments, the state resources included Texas Forest Service personnel as well as firemen and EMS from several communities near the Metroplex.

"We distributed the workload with our own assistant chiefs and Howardwick to coordinate efforts," Powell said. "Neighboring departments usually bring their chiefs who are guys that can take care of situations. We [the volunteer forces] use our equipment in the rough country while the state resources protect structures from the fire."

One shed in Howardwick was the only structure lost in Donley County, and Powell said the only

other structure claimed by the fire was an old homestead that was already falling down in Armstrong County. Livestock fatalities he thinks numbered less than 30 and were mostly in Armstrong County.

Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn praised those who were on the frontline of the battle, saying the volunteer departments and road hands "worked a miracle."

Howardwick City Secretary and volunteer firefighter Sandy Childress said her community is forever grateful for all the support given to their citizens and the fire department. She also praised Donley County Dispatcher Deanna Phillips and the other dispatchers for helping coordinate emergency response efforts.

"They worked hand in glove with us and a whole bunch of other agencies," Childress said. "All you can do is tell people how much you love them and thank the public for their prayers and food and donations. I also want to thank my mayor - Johnny Floyd - who never left my side through it all."

The Texas Legislature led by State Rep. Ken King of Canadian spent part of its last session working to improve resources for rural fire departments and speed up the response time of state assets. The purpose was to prevent disastrous losses like what occurred when the Smokehouse Creek Fire consumed more than a million acres in the northeastern Panhandle in 2024.

Powell said those changes worked.

"They [Rep. King and the Leg-

islature] have done a good job cutting the red tape," Powell said. "We got a ton of help fast. It was massive. It was quite evident that they have improved things."

"What we had before was a constant red tape. I had to go through all these hoops to get help. They cut all that out."

Powell said the state now prioritizes things better now, especially when a wildfire starts moving into a community.

"They didn't hesitate," Powell said, "and Ken King called me when it was over last week to see how it all went."

Powell also praised the Panhandle neighboring fire departments who came to help.

"We are blessed to have the best neighbors, and we could not have done it without them," he said.

Those departments included: Groom Fire Department, Hoover Fire Department, Pampa Fire Department, Skellytown Fire Department, Lefors Fire Department, McLean Fire Department, Mobeetie Fire Department, Briscoe Fire Department, Allison Fire Department, Wheeler Fire Department, Samnorwood Fire Department, Wellington Fire Department, Memphis Fire Department, and Armstrong County Fire Department.

In addition to mutual aid from the Panhandle, more than 25 fire departments from across the state responded as part of the state's task force to help battle the fire with help coming from the areas of Dallas, Lubbock, San Angelo, and Odessa.



Lions feed firefighters

The District 2-T1 Lions Disaster relief team, assisted by Clarendon Lions Club members and volunteers from Clarendon College and Howardwick, prepared about 100 hamburgers for first responders at the 8 Ball Fire last Wednesday, February 18, in Howardwick.

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King visits Lady Bulldogs

State Rep. Ken King visited the Clarendon College Lady Bulldogs basketball team last week during a dinner with the CC Board of Regents. The Lady Bulldogs are ranked 11th in the nation, and King said he's proud of Clarendon College and proud to see the Texas Panhandle on a national stage.

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Jackson visits Clarendon College

US Rep. Ronny Jackson (center) visits with Donley County Judge John Howard (left) and Commissioner Dan Sawyer last Wednesday, February 18, during a campaign stop at Clarendon College. Jackson met with students from the CC Ranch & Feedlot Operations program and answered a wide range of questions from students as well as from local officials.

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

ANSWER:

Lady Broncos experience highs and lows

By Sandy Anderberg

The 2026 Lady Broncos' post-season ended when they met up with New Home in a hard-fought battle at Floydada last week.

The match-up was the Area round of the playoffs and came just three days after the Lady Broncos annihilated the Vega Lady Longhorns in at Amarillo High School to earn the Bi-District trophy.

The Lady Broncos defeated the Lady 'Horns 52-37 in a well-executed game on both ends of the court. Clarendon was on their game as they hit four three-pointers in the win and converted 12 of 18 shots from the bonus line. They held a 10-point lead at the break and came out on fire to finish the second half.

Senior Kate Shaw was dynamite

under the basket and accomplished moves that left Vega defenseless. Shaw finished with 16 points that included converting free-throws at 50%. Fellow seniors Gracie Ellis and Kenidee Hayes added 10 points each with Ellis nailing two threes and Hayes hitting all eight of her bonus points. Madi Benson and Presley Smith added seven apiece and Berkley Moore helped with two.

The game with the New Home Leopards started out strong for the Lady Broncos, who led until the final quarter of play. After a 7-7 tie after one quarter, the Lady Broncos turned up the pressure in the second eight minutes and held a seven-point lead at halftime. Five three-pointers made a big difference for the Lady Broncos in the third quarter of play

to give them a three-point lead over the Lady Leps. But the momentum turned to New Home's favor early in the fourth quarter as they ripped six unanswered points against the Lady Broncos. They ladies never gave up, but had to foul with just minutes left on the clock with a four-point difference in the scores. New Home hit five key free-throws earning the seven-point win at 50-57.

Three Lady Broncos finished in double figures with Hayes putting in 14. Shaw added 12 and Moore put in 11. Ellis finished with eight and Benson added three.

It was a great season for the ladies as they faced injuries and adversity. They stayed strong all season long and never gave up. The seniors will be missed next season.



Lady Bronco Kate Shaw fights to get a shot up last week against New Home in the Area round of the playoffs.

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Broncos defeat Mustangs at home last week

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon Broncos finished their season at home with a big win over Wheeler last week.

A slow scoring game for the Broncos preceded an offensive explosion that allowed the Broncos to rebound and take the game back in their hands.

Down 27-35 at the break, the Broncos stormed back to tie the game at 41 all and set the stage for their victory in the final eight minutes. The maroon and white sent a message to the Mustangs that they would not be defeated.

Coach Isaac Semans lit a fire under his players and they answered the call while outscoring the Mustangs to get the nine-point win before the buzzer sounded. Michael Randall led the way with 18, and freshman Paxton English was on fire with 15. English went two for two from the bonus line and hit three big shots from the arc.

Fellow freshman Braxton Gribble turned in a good performance with 14 points, and Kreed Robinson, Heston Seay, and Tyler Cavanaugh each added three points to the win.

The junior varsity Broncos

played hard against the Mustangs but fell short in the final quarter by the score of 24-36.

The Broncos trailed by one after the first seven minutes but came on strong in the second to overtake the lead at 19-15.

A slow-shooting second half along with turnovers hindered the Broncos as they struggled to find a rhythm. Dakotah Jameson took the lead with nine points that included two three-pointers and Braxton Bruce, Rustin Wade, and Trysten Ybarra added five points each in the loss.

Bronco powerlifters busy with season meets

By Sandy Anderberg

The Bronco powerlifters are in the middle of their season and have produced good results in their weight groups. The powerlifting meets are being held in Clarendon at the Old Gym.

Easton Caffey is lifting at the 132-pound weight class and recently lifted a total weight of 695 pounds. Caffey posted 265 pounds in the squat, 170 pounds in the bench

press, and 260 pounds in the dead lift. Brice Wagner had a lift total of 1,015 pounds in the 165-weight class with lifts of 385 pounds in the squat, 225 pounds in the bench press, and 405 pounds in the dead lift. Aiden Burnam also lifted in the 165-pound weight class with a squat of 275 pounds, bench press of 155, and had 270-pound dead lift for 700 pounds in total.

Zak Roberts and Nolan Burrow

lifted in the 275-pound weight class. Roberts had lifts of 500 pounds in the squat, 275 in the bench press, and 425 pounds in the dead lift for a total of 1,200 pounds. Burrow had a lift total of 1,065 pounds with individual lifts of 395, 270, and 400 pounds. Quannah won the meet with the Broncos finishing second and Memphis third.

The Broncos will lift again on Thursday.



Lady Bronco Berkley Moore charges past the Lady Leps defense last week in Floydada.

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Cavanaugh wins first in Memphis golf tournament

By Sandy Anderberg

Clarendon High School's Tyler Cavanaugh turned in a stellar round of golf at the Memphis Tournament last week.

Cavanaugh turned in scores of 39 on the front nine and 37 on the back for a total of 76 which helped lead the Broncos to a second-place finish behind Childress.

Ronan Howard and Heston Seay did a good job finishing with an 84 and 85, respectively. Hagen Newman recorded a 99, and Dakotah Jameson turned in a score of 102 for the 18 holes.

Brice Wagner led the Clarendon 'B' team with a round of 102, and Josh Holt turned in a score of 104. Rustin Wade and Madden Emerson recorded a 118 on each of their score cards.

Lady Broncos Kortni Davis, Kinslee Hatley, and Avorie Lindsay finished with rounds of 100, 113, and 123, respectively.

All of the golfers will participate in the tournament at the Palo Duro Course in Canyon March 2-3.

Lady Bronco lifters continue season

By Sandy Anderberg

Several Lady Broncos are competing in powerlifting this season with improving results. Skylar Williams competed in the 198-pound class and lifted a total of 530 pounds. Williams squatted 225 pounds, bench pressed 95 pounds, and dead-lifted 210 pounds.

Jesslyn Guerra lifted in 165-pound class with lifts of 215, 90, and 215 pounds for a total of 520 pounds. Makynna Williams also did a good job in the 165 class with lifts of 155 pounds in the squat, 115 pounds in the bench press, and 185 pounds in the dead lift for a total of 45 pounds.

Josie Murillo lifted in the 123-pound class and finished with a lift total of 400 pounds. She posted a 160-pound squat, bench pressed 70 pounds and dead lifted 170 pounds.

The Lady Broncos will lift again on Thursday.

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 Call 806.874.2259 to have your regular club or organization meeting listed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLARENDON

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CHILDRESS

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS: MATERIALS TESTING SERVICES

Qualifications will be received for Materials Testing Services for Childress ISD for a new agriculture facility. Please submit qualifications to Childress ISD, Mr. Mark Dykes Superintendent, 308 Third St. Childress, Texas 79201. Qualifications will be received at the Childress ISD District Office until 2:00 p.m. March 10, 2026.

THE CITY OF CHILDRESS IS ACCEPTING sealed bids for city-owned vehicles, heavy and miscellaneous equipment listed below:

- 1993 ELGIN FORD STREET SWEEPER E185D
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- BOBCAT SKIDSTEER 508620930

MISC BIN
 Available for inspection at the City of Childress Maintenance Barn, 1700 Ave B SW, Childress, Texas 79201

Bids must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. March 6th, 2026. Bids shall be completed on Bid Form (available in person or by email), sealed in an envelope marked "Response to RFB - City Vehicles". Bids will be opened and read publicly 9:00 a.m. March 9th, 2026, in Council Chambers, Childress City Hall, 315 Commerce St. Childress, Texas 79201.

Additional information and full specifications may be obtained by the City of Childress Assistant Public Works Director: Johnny Cunningham, 315 Commerce St. Childress, Texas 79201 by phoning 940-447-3981 or by emailing jccunningham@childresstexas.gov

Bids may be mailed, emailed, or hand delivered to City Hall at the following address:
 Response to RFB-City Vehicles
 Attn: Kevin Hodges khodges@childresstexas.gov
 315 Commerce St.
 PO Box 1087
 Childress, TX 79201

Failure to have a bid in the possession of the City by the above deadline shall result in the bid not being considered.
 The City Childress reserves the right to reject any and all bids/proposals, award parts of the proposal and to waive any irregularities or informalities in the submission of as may be deemed in the City's best interest. The City of Childress intends to award a single contract deemed to be the best value for the City in response to this solicitation.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

HALL COUNTY

Ends: March 6th, 2026 4:00 p.m.
 Open and Read: March 9th, 2026 9:00 a.m.
 Bid Award Consideration: March 9th, 2026 6:00 p.m.

THE HALL COUNTY HAZARD Mitigation Team

will conduct a public meeting at the Memphis Public Library located at 303 S. 8th St., Memphis, TX on Thursday, March 5, 2026, at 1:00pm. 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.

HELP WANTED

HEDLEY

THE CITY OF HEDLEY IS NOW ACCEPTING applications for a City Manager. Application available at City Hall 109 Main Street. The City of Hedley is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

CLARENDON

CLARENDON CISD IS HIRING FOR a full-time Transportation Director. Please visit www.clarendonisd.net for more details. Applications can be picked up from the CISD Administration Office or printed from the Clarendon ISD website (support staff application), and completed applications can be returned to the CISD Administration Office. Fingerprinting and the clearance of the nationwide criminal history check are required. If you have any questions, please call 310-720-7220, Monday-Friday, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.

WELLINGTON

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

COLLINGSWORTH GENERAL HOSPITAL in Wellington, Texas, is now accepting applications for a full-time RN. Benefits include: state rate + % experience, night/weekend differential, paid CEU, and health, dental, vision insurance and 401K. Contact Bryce Dillman, HR Director, at 806-447-2521 ext. 348 if you have any questions or complete an application online at www.collingsworthgeneral.net.

HELP WANTED

PART-TIME AND FULL-TIME DISPATCHER/JAILER positions open at Collingsworth County Sheriff's Office. Applicants must be 18 years or older and have a high school diploma or GED. PART-TIME pay is \$19.24/hour. FULL-TIME benefits include \$40,000 salary, health and life insurance, retirement, paid training and vacation days. Contact Jail Administrator Joyce Hamby for an application, 806-447-2588, or come by 810 Belton. (TFN)

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FOR RENT

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THE MEMPHIS HOUSING AUTHORITY has apartments for rent. One-, two- and three-bedroom units are available at this time. Interested persons should visit the Housing Authority office at 216 South 6th St. to pick up an application. For more information, call 806-205-6303, fax 806-205-6318 or email director@memphishousing.com.

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African and American Folktales

In America, we are lucky to have folktales from around the world. As people come here to live, they bring stories that have been heard and shared before. These stories tell about life and nature. African Americans have a wealth of folklore from Africa to share with their families and others. Some also share stories from their history as free or enslaved people in America. Most people living in slavery were not taught to read or write, so they told tales of Africa as well as stories of life here. Many of these stories have been collected and written down. The tales in children's story books are beautifully illustrated for all to enjoy. Ask a librarian for help in finding some of these folktales. You will be glad you did!

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.

A cat may be sneaky.
 A dog may be too trusting and get tricked.

Which animals may be used to stand for these traits?

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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Scenes from the 8 Ball Fire



Firefighters from about 40 agencies in the Panhandle and across Texas responded to the 8 Ball Fire last week between Goodnight and Howardwick. The blaze consumed more than 13,500 acres and endangered rural homes as well as residences in the City of Howardwick and at Greenbelt Lake. The fire was brought largely under control by Wednesday afternoon and was declared 100 percent contained on Saturday.

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