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

Hedley names Glover secretary

Lauren Glover has been named the new city secretary in Hedley, according to local officials there.

Glover succeeds Katy Barlow, who resigned to take another job.

Hedley will also be getting a new mayor in May after Trisha Chambless did not sign up for re-election. Alderman Aaron Hanes was the only candidate for mayor.

The city will also be canceling its spring election as there are no contested positions this year. In addition to the mayor's position, only two positions were up on the city council. Alderman Clenton Pierce will serve again, and Caylor Monroe will take Hane's seat on the council.

In other Hedley news, the council met in regular session February 19 and took action on several items. Aldermen approved installing a new public access computer in City Hall with service from AMA-TechTel, approved increasing pay for a city employee, and voted to move the city's bank accounts from Donley County State Bank to Herring Bank. The council also accepted the only bid for a property in the city from Clenton Pierce, who abstained from voting on the measure.

City okays clean-up, Kearney curb stops

The City of Clarendon will hold quarterly clean-up days beginning April 25 following the February 12 City Council meeting.

City Administrator Brian Barboza proposed the clean-up days as a way to help beautify the city at the urging of the council. Citizens would be allowed to dump trash at the Citizens Convenience Center on Front Street at no charge on the designated clean-up days as long as they present their current city utility bill.

The council also approved placing curb stops in front of the lamp posts on Kearney Street. Banner arms on the lamps in the 100 block of Kearney have been hit several times by delivery trucks or trailers parking parallel to the sidewalks.

Replacing the arms costs about \$300, and a concrete curb stop costs less than \$200. A curb stop was previously installed at the Mulkey Theatre to protect the handrailing at that location.



The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce honored several members with community awards during its annual banquet last week. Award winners were Kyler Bell - Clarendon Young Man of the Year, Robertson Funeral Directors - Business of the Year, Jericho Legacy Foundation - Volunteer Organization of the Year, Sandy Childress - Woman of the Year, Jerry Koontz - Man of the Year, Barbara Helms - Saints' Roost Award, Adrianna Villareal - Hedley Youth of the Year, and Kate Shaw - Clarendon Young Woman of the Year.

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Helms wins Sts. Roost Award Chamber names Koontz, Childress as man, woman of '25

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce recognized Barbara Helms with the 2025 Saints' Roost Award for her lifetime of service and commitment to the community during the annual Chamber Awards Banquet last Thursday, February 26.

Man of the Year honors went to Jerry Koontz, and Sandy Childress was named the Woman of the Year.

Robertson Funeral Directors was named the Business of the Year, and the Jericho Legacy Foundation was named the Volunteer Organization of the Year.

The Saints' Roost Award is the highest honor given annually by the Chamber to recognize a lifetime of volunteering and community service.

Helms was honored for her long history of helping people. In addition to helping with Bible schools and doing all she can for friends and families during times of illness or sorrow, Helms was also one of the longtime organizers of the Lelia Lake school reunions. For many years she has served First Baptist Church as its secretary, where she also coordinates meals for funerals and helps prepare food for the youth and college ministries. She tirelessly supports the Crossties Ministry downtown and has for many years helped organize the annual Depression Luncheon during the Saints' Roost Celebration. One letter of nomination called her "a relentless servant."

The Man of the Year for 2025

was Jerry Koontz. While helping his neighbor ladies take care of their yards and serving on different boards, Koontz stays out of the spotlight but does whatever he can to give back to the community that he grew up and raised a family in. He's a deacon in his church, he delivers meals on wheels, and he helps maintain the building and vehicles of the Donley County Senior Citizens Center when he's not selling 50/50 tickets to support the center. He's been a member of the local housing authority board since 2014 and served on the Donley County Appraisal Review Board as well as the senior citizens center board.

Sandy Childress was named the Woman of the Year for being a volunteer and driving force for many years in Howardwick. She has taken her job as city secretary and made it a passion, going above and beyond to make sure that her city has every opportunity it can possibly get. She even pulled off what some might say was impossible when she acquired a federal grant for street paving. She coordinates city-wide clean-ups and the city-wide garage sale and plans the annual Hoedown and community Christmas party. She maintains communications on social media, tries to find answers for her citizens, and is even a volunteer firefighter, which most recently led her to help coordinate Howardwick's response to the 8 Ball Fire that nearly devastated the city. Even then, she found some time



Chamber gift box pull winners Joy Treichel, Brandy Vargas, Travis Brollier, Monica Woodard, and Kate Shaw.

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to help make some hamburgers with the Lions Club.

The Chamber of Commerce named Robertson Funeral Directors as its Business of the Year. The firm was established as the first funeral home in the Panhandle in 1899 by P.A. Buntin, and its records include the final services rendered to many pioneers. The business went through a few owners before Delbert and Patrick Robertson acquired it in 1977 and gave it their family name. A third generation joined the firm in 2003 when Chuck Robertson followed in his father's and grandfather's footsteps. Today, the business has facilities not only in Clarendon but also in Claude, Memphis, Wheeler, Shamrock, and McLean. Robertson and all his employees are known for their compassion, their commitment to the community, and

their integrity. Every worthwhile endeavor in Donley County has had the support of this business, which at some point has touched every life in the community.

The Volunteer Organization of the Year was the Jericho Legacy Foundation, which is working hard to save the history of a Donley County community that had almost vanished. Blair and Blanca Schaffer and their friends who make up the Jericho Legacy Foundation have made it their mission to preserve the history of Jericho, which became famous - or some might say infamous - when Route 66 came through the Texas Panhandle. The Jericho Gap was known as a muddy stretch of the Mother Road where vehicles would often get mired down. The old road is gone now, along with its railroad, business. **See 'Chamber on page 4.**

City council tables action on job descriptions

The Clarendon City Council began reviewing employee job descriptions during its regular meeting February 12, but the matter was tabled after City Secretary Machiel Covey raised questions about some of her duties being changed.

Covey has been the supervisor of the office staff in City Hall, but draft job descriptions propose altering her supervisory role. Covey asked for explanation during the meeting, and Alderman Britney Sanne said employees had complained about the city secretary. Alderman Ashlee Estlack said the council had been told the work

environment in City Hall is hostile.

Covey said employees were going around her to City Administrator Brian Barboza and said one had gotten a raise after side-stepping her office. Barboza said his job was to take care of all the city employees, and Covey countered that she had been taking care of the employees for 16 years.

"I have the final say regardless," Barboza said.

Covey also brought up that council had limited her contact with the public, referring to action taken by the aldermen in November following complaints by two custom-

ers.

The council tabled discussions on the job descriptions and went into discussion of interaction between Covey and a customer in January. The issue was on the agenda to discuss in closed session, but Covey wanted the matter discussed in open session.

What followed was a long back and forth between the secretary and the council. Covey said she felt like she was being attacked and wanted the opportunity to defend herself. Mayor Jacob Fangman said the council wants to have City Hall seen in a positive light as a welcom-

ing place for the citizens.

"This is not an easy situation for anyone," the mayor said. "It's hard for everybody. We need to find a way to resolve it and change the atmosphere."

At one point, Alderman Estlack told Covey and Barboza they needed to work out their differences for the good of the city.

"Leadership sets the tone," Estlack said.

No action was taken, but Covey and Barboza were encouraged to work together and allow the mayor to help them resolve issues between them.

CCISD names Jeffers to be interim super

Former high school principal Larry Jeffers has taken the reins of Clarendon CISD as interim superintendent following a February 19 called meeting of school trustees.

Jeffers has 46 years of experience in education with 27 of those as the principal of Clarendon High School before retiring about five years ago.



Larry Jeffers

CCISD has not had consistent top leadership since superintendent Jarod Bellar retired last summer. The first interim appointment backed out before he started. A second interim, Rick Teran, was hired in July and was named the full-time superintendent in October. He eventually added the role of head girls' basketball coach to his duties but then resigned suddenly in February due to what he called rumors and innuendos.

Jeffers said things have been "hard on the district" and said he was happy to lend a hand when he was approached by board president Wayne Hardin.

"I couldn't turn down helping the district," Jeffers said.

As interim superintendent, Jeffers says he's only in the office two days a week mostly to help with finances, paying bills, and personnel.

Jeffers said he is trying to follow a philosophy of "do no harm" and says there are "some fires to be put out in a professional manner."

Jeffers sees retention of personnel and getting certified teachers as the challenges facing the district.

"We have 14 teachers currently who are not certified," he said. "All of them are in the program [to get certified] or have temporary certifications. We became a District of Innovation several years ago, which allowed us to hire uncertified teachers as long as they were on a path to certification. But now the state says you can't hire teachers in K through five that aren't certified in math and reading."

Jeffers said rural districts have trouble attracting new certified teachers.

Financially, Jeffers believes the district is in good shape and says they are just starting to look at the budget for next year.

"I've learned that high school principal was a much easier job than superintendent," Jeffers said. "Fortunately, I have a great staff helping me, and I can call on the [Region 16] Service Center, TASB [the Texas Association of School Boards] and [former CCISD superintendent] Monty Hysinger."

TASB is also handling the search for the next fulltime superintendent, Jeffers said. The job has been posted, and applications are due April 1 and will be reviewed April 9. Interviews are then scheduled to take place starting in mid-April.

Jeffers said spring is a good time for a school to be looking for a new superintendent.

"It's a good time for many people who may be trying to rise through the ranks and for newly certified superintendents," he said. "Movement of superintendents often occur this time of year."

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Nationalism, patriotism, and identity politics

During our recent political difficulties, it has become increasingly hard to keep up with the lingo – especially the labels. For example, what's the difference between a colonialist and an imperialist? Are they different? Does it matter? Maybe not, but it's still nice to know what one is accused of being. The same thing is happening with the word nationalist today. It's being thrown around constantly, especially in connection with Christian nationalism.

It's a word I use a lot in class when we talk about things like the American Revolution. I say our revolution was not a nationalist revolution like Mexico's; nationalism is a byproduct of our revolution. The problem is that most of the class has no idea what I just said. In that light, it seems like a worthy pursuit to actually define and understand what this very loaded and often misunderstood word means. Words are important. And when words are misunderstood, so is the debate.



historically speaking by dr. james finck

When I ask students to define nationalism, I usually get a definition of patriotism. The two are similar, but they are not the same. Put simply, patriotism is loyalty; nationalism is identity. Patriotism is normally defined as love, pride, and devotion to one's country, often expressed by supporting its values, culture, and well being. This definition has become tricky lately, because it assumes we actually share values and culture. The fight over Bad Bunny's Super Bowl halftime performance suggests that may not be the case. Still, patriotism is generally understood as love of country – flying flags, celebrating athletes at the Olympics, or the ultimate form of patriotism: standing up for the nation when it is called upon to fight.

The nationalism to which I am referring in class, especially in the 18th and 19th centuries, is different. In this context, nationalism means seeing oneself as something distinct from those in the ruling class and wanting to govern oneself accordingly.

This is what happened across most of Latin America. By 1821, the people of Mexico had stopped seeing themselves as Spanish and began seeing themselves as Mexican. "Mexican" is not an ethnicity; it is a created culture and identity. First there were native peoples, then Spanish colonization, then slavery, and then the creation of political boundaries. Over time, these groups blended together into something new: people who wanted to rule themselves and therefore revolted against Spain.

This pattern applied across Latin America and was led by two great nationalist leaders, Simón Bolívar and José de San Martín. These men opposed Spanish rule and promoted a shared identity and culture. Part of what they created was patriotism: a love of one's country. But nationalism is more than love; it is identity.

Before going further, I should circle back and clarify why the American Revolution was not a nationalist revolution. If you've been following my articles over the past few months as I've been covering the events of our 250th anniversary, you may recall that the colonists began the war with England to fight for their rights as British citizens. In the process of coming together to fight, they began forming nationalism as they started seeing themselves as Americans rather than separate British colonists. Nationalism, in the American case, was a byproduct of the revolution, but not the cause.

So far, nationalism seems like a good thing – and often it is. But it also has a dark side.

Nationalism can shift from love of country into the belief that our values and beliefs are better than everyone else's. In America, this was seen in Manifest Destiny, which justified Westward Expansion and the conquest of Mexican and Native lands.

In the 20th century, nationalism continued to unite people against foreign occupation, as demonstrated in India and Vietnam. But it was also used to exclude, persecute, and destroy those seen as "other." This was most famously seen with the Nazis, but also in the Bosnian and Rwandan genocides in the 1990s, and in Nigeria today.

It is this darker version of nationalism that the left is drawing on when they label people 'Christian nationalists.' The term is meant to be loaded to connect them to fascism and Nazism. At its core, Christian nationalism grows out of the same idea embedded in patriotism, that America should have shared values and culture, historically rooted in Christian principles. Most people who follow this ideology believe America was founded on these principles. As an American historian, I don't think that claim can be easily dismissed.

Where Christian nationalism becomes dangerous is when it moves from shared values to exclusion – when it claims that other religions have no value, that true citizenship requires a Christian identity, or worse, that those who are different should be excluded or eliminated. The line is crossed when identity becomes hierarchy and belief becomes permission to exclude.

While the term is often used as an insult, especially as the left tends to label anything it disagrees with as 'fascist,' I do not think it has to be. Early Americans commonly believed our nation had a special divine mission, and American culture was undeniably shaped by Judeo-Christian principles such as human dignity, moral responsibility, justice, compassion and charity, sanctity of life, forgiveness and mercy, and the rule of law. While these principles were not always practiced equally or consistently, if one believes these principles helped make America great, it makes sense to believe they still can.

Pushing for those principles does not make someone a Nazi. As long as Christians fight for these values without excluding or vilifying those who disagree, the label does not have to be one of contempt.

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An uncle with bats in the belfry

My Uncle Mort sometimes has "bats in his belfry." Fact is, he's heard such second, third and fourth-hand opinions so many times that he's begun research about these flying mammals. Now, he swells with pride when he hears the description, believing that he and bats are both grossly misunderstood....

The expression – first appearing in a Newark, NJ, newspaper in 1900 – suggested that belfry-bound bats dart about rapidly, even when trying to navigate enclosed spaces.

Nothing in those early days suggested that "belfry bats" – albeit acting erratically – had anything in common with "regular bats" – or even with some preachers – but the possibility gained traction.

Anyway, if Mort had hit the brake there, his mind – floppidity with "bat facts" – might have saved him from flailing about in the tall weeds of yet another doomed-to-failure "project." (As we know, most of his "get rich quick" schemes turn to clabber.)....

He started thinking about how the poor things have become demonized – playing secondary roles in horror movies – and too often labeled as "blood suckers."

Scientists believe there may be as many as 1,500 bat species, all of 'em emulating Good Samaritans on a daily basis. For example, they dine on mosquitoes.

Further, he learned that only three species suck blood, and none of them – even the most disoriented – have ever been spotted on this continent. Most are in and around Central America....

Bats in Texas have big "hang outs" around Austin and Mason. Though he can't prove it, he wonders if they are attracted to both politicians AND jars. "Perhaps we could import some of those blood-suckers to Austin," he cackled.



the idle american by don newbury

"Maybe they haven't felt welcomed most places," Mort opines. "Lots of my friends go to great lengths to construct houses to attract our annual migration of purple martins, and several other bird species that come our way, but nobody I know is building bat houses."

Now you are getting ahead of me! Yep, Mort is planning to mass produce what he believes will be revolutionary "bat houses," with world-wide distribution projected....

"They won't be as big as belfries," Mort admitted. "But I intend to drill large holes on all sides, giving bats targets, no matter which direction they're coming from. I think they'll find these to be good places to hang out." He wants to do his part to help bats, what with many species on the decline, some edging toward extinction.

Mort also recommends that churches build bigger belfries, maybe with padding. Another option might be for churches to avoid engaging pastors about whom mental acuity and bats are mentioned in the same sentence. He thinks congregations should seek pastors with "horse sense" or "stable thinking"....

Before leaving this topic, the announcement of a \$45 million budget shortfall at the University of North Texas is a hair-raiser. Bookstore sales of UNT bat, bird or gingerbread houses won't square the budget.

With grant lists shortening and enrollment dwindling at some other schools, similar announcements will be forthcoming.

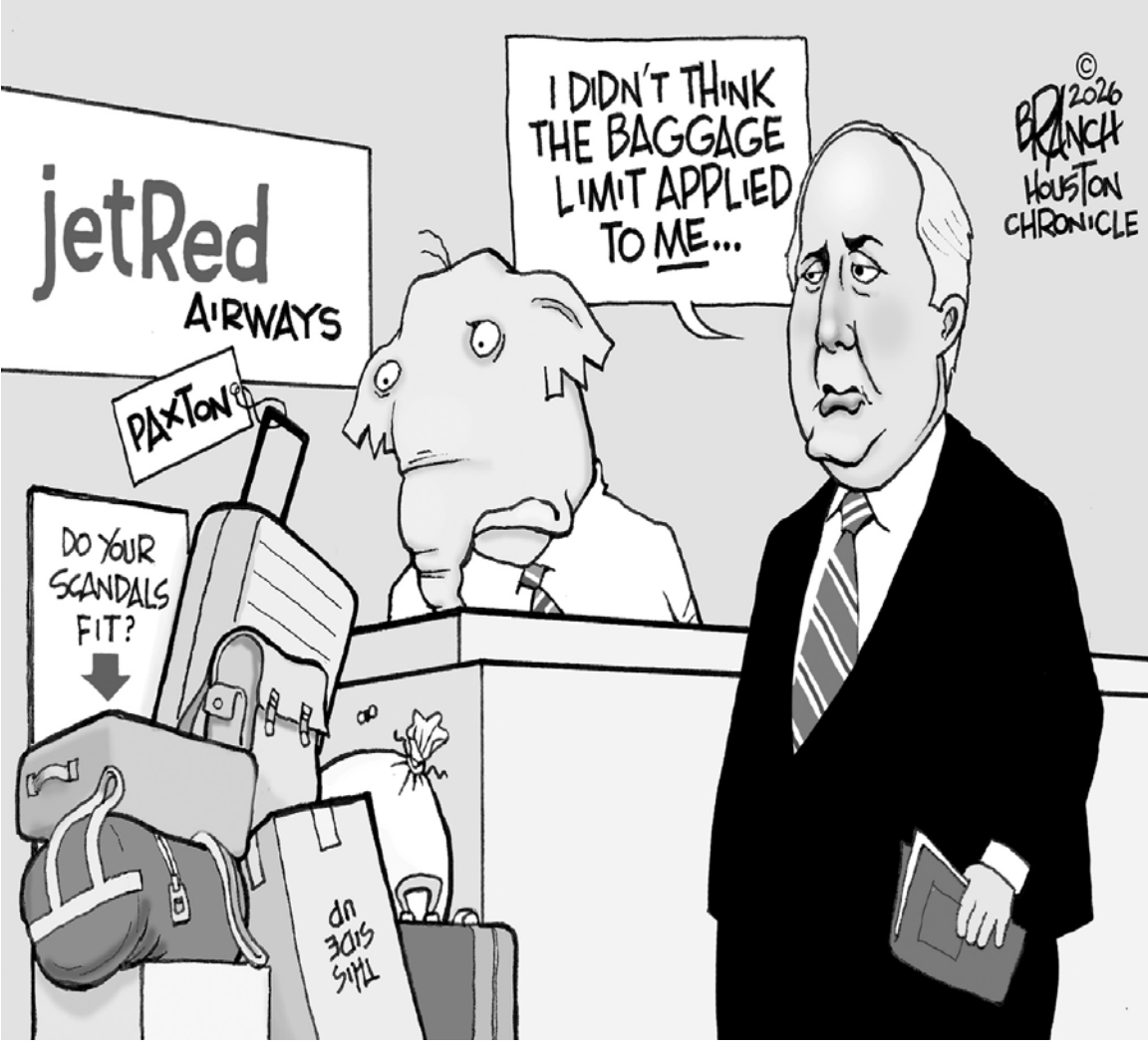
Maybe some of the "deep pockets" handing out big NIL checks to star athletes (name/identification/likeness) will float some dollars toward the listing mother ships....

Coming to mind is the story of a tiny college in financial straits many moons ago. Hours before the trustees' year-end meeting, the president and his staff were looking for pennies under sofa cushions.

They – along with the governing body – knew that finishing the year "in the black" was improbable, if not impossible. The educators "high-fived," however, upon arrival at the last ledger line. They'd finished the year "in the black," but by coins, not greenbacks. "Get the budget printed, and make sure to use black ink," the president joked, jumping to conclusions – his favorite exercise. With brows furrowed even deeper than usual, the financial guy doused the celebration quicker than five-alarm fire fighters.

Groaning, he blurted, "Sir, that won't be possible. We're out of ink, and if we buy any, it'll need to be red."....

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Next decade will shape Texas' future

Change has always been part of Texas' story.

From frontier settlements and family farms to growing cities and modern industry, each generation has faced its own turning points. Texans have never stood still for long.

March 2, 2026, marks 190 years since Texas declared its independence. That milestone, though, is more than a date on the calendar. It begins the 10-year countdown to our bicentennial in 2036 and signals a critical decade that will shape our state's success over the next century.

By 2036, Texas' population could exceed 35 million. More children will enter our schools even as our senior population grows. Communities large and small will continue to add jobs and industries, but they will also face rising demand for water, housing, health care and workforce development.

The question is not whether Texas will change.

It is whether we will anticipate and prepare for that change.

Ten years ago, as Texas approached its 180th anniversary, civic leader Tom Luce asked a simple question: What do we want our third century to look like?

That question led to the creation of Texas 2036, a nonprofit, nonpartisan public policy organization dedicated to improving the lives and opportunities

of all Texans. The goal was straightforward: bring trusted data and practical policy solutions to the conversation so leaders can prepare for growth and change rather than react to problems after they arise.

Today, Texas is home to 31.7 million people and a \$2.8 trillion economy. Nearly one in 10 Americans lives here. Families and businesses continue to choose Texas because they see opportunity.

But growth alone does not guarantee opportunity.

It depends on preparation and action.

Will students in rural districts, urban centers and fast-growing suburbs alike graduate ready for college or a career?

Will young Texans gain the skills needed for jobs shaped by artificial intelligence and new technologies?

Will families be able to find affordable health coverage?

Will communities secure the water, energy and other infrastructure needed to support continued expansion?

Over the past decade, Texans have

taken important steps. Voters and lawmakers committed more than \$22 billion to strengthen water infrastructure and increase water supplies. Community college funding was reformed to better align with workforce opportunities. More than four million Texans are now enrolled in Affordable Care Act marketplace plans after policy changes made coverage more accessible.

Those efforts show what is possible when Texans look ahead, rely on data-informed assessments, and act early. Today's third through seventh graders will enter the workforce around our bicentennial. Will Texas offer the opportunities, and will our students be prepared to seize them? Will Texas be the home of the industries of the future?

The question posed 10 years ago still stands.

What do we want Texas' third century to be known for?

The answer will not be determined by chance. It will be shaped by the decisions we make in our communities, in our schools, in our businesses and in our government.

The countdown to 2036 has begun. The bicentennial must not be just a celebration of where we have been, but where we are poised to go. That future is ours to shape.

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Obituaries

Bode

Barbara Jean Bode of Alanreed passed from this life into eternity on January 28, 2026, her 87th birthday, with her children by her side.



Bode

Barbara's early years were spent on the family farm in Bula, Texas, where she was doted on by her parents, grandparents, and a host of aunts and uncles. At the age of five, she was put on a train alone to travel across the country to join her parents, Dee and "Millie" Baxter, after they moved to California to take jobs with Douglas Aircraft during the heyday of East Los Angeles.

Barbara attended Savanna School and later Anaheim High School. There she met Peggy Bode, along with Peggy's sister Betty and brother Hank. The friendships formed during those years led her to spend much cherished time with the entire Bode family.

Peggy later introduced Barbara to her brother Dick while he was home on a weekend leave from the Air Force. It wasn't long before he

won her heart, and they were married on June 13, 1958. They shared 62 years devoted to each other.

Barbara and Dick had three children and made their home in California before spending several years in Oklahoma and Mississippi. She had always enjoyed time with her aunt and uncle at the ranch in Alanreed, from cherished childhood visits to family vacations with her children. By the grace of God, they purchased the ranch and moved to Texas.

After her children graduated from high school, Barbara took classes at Clarendon College. A life-long lover of art, she discovered a true talent. She became a wonderful artist, and prints of her work hang in countless businesses and homes across the panhandle.

Barbara also enjoyed several years operating an antiques and collectibles shop located on historic Route 66 in McLean, where she met people from all walks of life.

Gentle but resilient, Barbara was as hardy as a wildflower, her roots planted firmly in Texas soil. As tough as the land itself, she was quick to grab a gun and take care of a rattlesnake when necessary. She lived on the ranch for more than 50 years, choosing to remain there after Dick preceded her in death in 2020. She spent the last years of her life contentedly living there on her own. She was also preceded in death

by her parents, Dee and Mildred Baxter; her brothers, Richard Baxter and Dennis Baxter; two brothers-in-law; and one sister-in-law.

She is survived by her children: Margie Braidfoot of Panhandle; Dirk Bode of Amarillo; and Don Bode and wife Michele of Amarillo. She is also survived by her grandsons, Ben Braidfoot of Panhandle and Bo Braidfoot and wife Lynda of Cibolo; and her great-granddaughter, Emma Melber of Cibolo. Additional survivors include her sister, DeEllen Baxter of Ashland, Oregon; six sisters-in-law and five brothers-in-law; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends; and her devoted dog, Blue.

Barbara was truly grateful for the McLean Grief Group, which provided weekly comfort and friendship.

Visitation will be held Friday, March 6, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Robertson Funeral Directors, 100 Fourth Street in McLean. Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 7, at McLean Methodist Church, 219 Gray Street in McLean. Burial will follow at the Bode Family Cemetery on the D-B Ranch in Alanreed.

Memorial donations may be made to the McLean Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 212, McLean, TX 79057 or to the Grief Group in care of McLean Methodist Church, P.O. Box 125, McLean, TX 79057

DPS urges public to use app to report suspicious activity

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is reminding Texans of the iWatchTexas program – a critical resource anyone can use to report suspicious activity or behavior in their schools and communities. Using iWatchTexas, everyone can take an active role in keeping our state safe.

The iWatchTexas program allows Texans to report any suspicious activities or behaviors that may indicate criminal, terroristic, or school safety-related threats.

The public can report behaviors via the mobile app, online at www.iwatchtx.org or by calling 1-844-643-2251. A report typically takes less than five minutes, and once submitted, each report is reviewed by

law enforcement analysts. All reports are confidential. Providing contact information, which is optional, will allow for follow-up questions.

Often, preparations for crimes, terrorist attacks and threats to school safety may be seen by someone but not reported. When in doubt, DPS encourages everyone to speak up.

Here are some examples of behaviors and activities to report: Comments about killing or harming someone. Strangers asking questions about building security features and procedures. A social media post about a possible school attack.

A social media account encouraging and posting about acts of vandalism, sabotage or arson. People requesting sensitive information,

such as blueprints, security plans or VIP travel schedules, without a need to know.

Purchasing supplies that could be used to make bombs or weapons or purchasing uniforms without having the proper credentials. Taking photographs or videos of security features, such as cameras or checkpoints.

The iWatchTexas app is available at no cost to iPhone users on the Apple App Store (iWatchTexas) and for Android users on Google Play (iWatchTexas). Texans are urged to download the app now.

The iWatchTexas program is not designed to report emergencies. If a situation requires an emergency response, call 911.

High demand dwindles hay supplies as dry weather persists

Dry conditions prevail across Texas, and rainfall outlooks are raising concerns about hay supplies and grazing in the near term and production potential this coming season, according to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service experts.

Vanessa Corriher Olson, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension forage specialist and professor, Department of Soil and Crop Sciences, Overton, said livestock producers continue to deplete hay supplies and the verdict is still out on warm-season haying prospects.

"Folks likely have supplies left over from last year, however the quality might be questionable," Corriher Olson said. "We are currently dry with some parts of the state in a drought, so things don't look very promising now. Looking at the long-range forecast, it appears we should expect above-normal temperatures and below-normal rainfall."

Beyond drought, an invasive pest found in South Texas pastures – the pasture mealy bug – is raising concerns among hay producers.

"If it spreads, it could be devastating to a lot of forage and hay producers," she said.

Though 2025 was a bumper hay crop for most, that initial surplus has proven to be a salvation for drought-plagued regions of the state. Some AgriLife Extension agent reports in drier areas of the state indicate tightening hay supplies, while other areas remain well stocked.

Round bale pricing varies from \$75-\$85 on average for Texas, according to a recent U.S. Department of Agriculture Texas Direct Hay Report. Premium round bales were between \$110-\$145.

"We still have a surplus of hay from the major hay providers," said Shane McLellan, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent, McLennan County. "Most livestock people have dipped fairly deep into their hay supplies, but I know there's a lot of hay left over and prices are reduced drastically. We just made so much hay last summer that it's expected to carry over into next year."

McLellan said the Central Texas region is 8 inches below normal rainfall since September. Lines of recent moisture helped some but were not enough to significantly improve early spring grazing outlooks and pasture recovery.

"We did receive 0.6 to 0.7 of an inch over much of our area," he said. "That helped a lot as pastures are trying to green up and there is available moisture for planting. As you get into Bell County they are in better shape, moisture-wise, and the same as you go east."

He said McLennan and Limestone counties "are kind of on the edge of the drier area as you head east."

"We need a multi-inch rain to break this cycle of dry weather," he said.

Looking ahead, Caperton said supplies are likely to tighten further.

"The weather outlook isn't strong so we're expecting hay supplies and new cuttings to be low," he said. "We hope the pattern changes, but it's not being encouraging so far."

New AgriLife Research engineer focuses on sustainable

Peiyang Li, Ph.D., is the new Texas A&M AgriLife Research livestock air quality and agricultural engineer at the Texas A&M AgriLife High Plains Research and Extension Center in Canyon and assistant professor in the Texas A&M Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering.

In his new position, Li will conduct laboratory and field studies on the measurement, mitigation and modeling of airborne emissions, manure management and utilization, and value-added processing and utilization of co-products from agricultural production.

"I look forward to collaborating with multidisciplinary faculty teams, including animal scientists, nutritionists, soil scientists and fellow engineers, to conduct solution-oriented research that supports farmers and ranchers," he said.

Li's research priority is to make livestock systems more sustainable through new technology and man-

agement practices.

He wants to increase manure utilization and management through value-added processing of agricultural products, such as biochar, and collaborate with fellow researchers to make it happen.

Li seeks to advance the mechanistic understanding of feedyard emissions, which are an important component of sustainable livestock production.

He is particularly interested in the underlying processes driving these emissions and in developing engineering-based technologies to mitigate them.

Because the High Plains livestock industry faces limited resource constraints, including limited locally grown feed and water availability, his research will also focus on strategies to improve resource efficiency.

He plans to engage with farmers and ranchers and listen to their feedback to determine how best to meet their priorities, as well as collabo-

rate with producer organizations. Working previously with swine and poultry systems, Li said he expects to be able to apply the engineering expertise gained there to the beef and dairy industries.

"My research will look at developing technologies that will help producers be more efficient, along with management practices that will work with their operations," Li said, adding that he will also explore new tools to track animal behaviors and monitor animal welfare to improve overall management.

Li earned two bachelor's degrees, one in biological systems engineering and one in environmental science, as well as a master's and a doctorate in agricultural and biosystems engineering, all from Iowa State University.

He is a member of multiple professional societies, including the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers and the Water Environment Federation.

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4th Grade: Rebekah Bains, Bennett Fields, Shaylee Hall, Clarah Lewis
6th Grade: Jax Vanden Boogaard
7th Grade: Cotton Halsey
8th Grade: Kassie Askew, Kennadi Gaither, Kase Zongker
9th Grade: Brance Bell, Brilynn Bruce, Easton Caffey, Paxton English, Brentley Gaines, Braxton Gribble, Paylin Hodges, Joshua Holt, Avorie Lindsay, Rustin Wade
10th Grade: Madden Emerson, Madison Green, Dakotah Jameson, Flint Pittman, Makynna Williams, Tristen Ybarra, David Caudle, Jesslyn Guerra, Kennedy Halsey, Addison Havens, Hudson Howard, Landry King, Justus McAnear, Josie Murillo, Hagen Newman
11th Grade: Kendon Hanes, Summer Martinez, Hunter Caison, Zane Cruse, Kortni Davis, Elaina Estlack, Kinslee Hatley, Parker Haynes, George Howard, Marelli Mercado-Vazquez, Dahlia Neal
12th Grade: Rowdy Bebout, Joshua Blais, Kylee Bell, Madilyn Benson, Ayden Bordonaro, Shelby Christopher, Ranger Drenth, Maryjo Kushay, Graice Ellis, Elliot Frausto, Kenidee Hayes, Emmarie Holland, Kaleb Mays, Millie McAnear, Berkeley Moore, Alexis Phillips, Heston Seay, Sarah Shaw, Presley Smith

'AB' Honor Roll

1st Grade: Ryker Evans, Edward Harris, Jamie Ryan, Zaiden Walker, Krisha Bhakta, Keyara Butler, Miles Decker, Madilynn Herndon, Hudson Miller, Harry Teak, Raegan Weldie
2nd Grade: Tex Naylor, Sadie Shields, Bryer Smith, Darren Sternadel, Kaylee Taylor, Brantley White, Maggie Ashbrook, Jayton Hodge, Owen King, Miles Word, J'Cole Stewart
3rd Grade: Stetson Duncan, Randilynn Harris, Braxton Henson, Penelope Roberson, James Shelton, Hope Ybarra, Josefina Alvey, Weston Burrow, Tate Chase, Zuri Roark, Rose Stone
4th Grade: Kody Christopher, Madilynn Oliver, Kinze Zongker, Danlin Avila, Omari Butler, Bennett Chester, Juliet Guerra, Cutter Gaither, Eidyann Whetstone
5th Grade: Strattan Burton, Presley Lockhart, Addelay Snure, Elliott Robertson
6th Grade: Brogan Baccus, Asa Bains, Huntley Billingsley, Jace Conway, Will Douglas, August Pearson, Slaid Pittman, Jase Ritchie, Kensler Roberts, Lincoln Smith
7th Grade: - Ajax Caudle, Emma Howard, Thomas Hudson, Henry Robinson, Zayden Shadle, Kinsleigh Thomas
8th Grade: - Oakley Billingsley, Laityn Hanks, Trigg Harper
9th Grade: Jaden Guerra, Nevaeh Jaramillo, Charles Neal, Jacob Poeling, Laken Smith
10th Grade: Hadley Bebout, Aiden Burnam, Allison Ware, Sequoia Weather-ton, Markeal Anderson, Kagan Robinson,

Skylar Williams
11th Grade: Brye Foster, Amy King, Brice Wagner, Jayla Woodard, Shaun Childers, Braylon Rice, Cambree Smith
12th Grade: Tanner Cavanaugh, Don'jae Orr, Nolan Burrow, Tyler Cavanaugh, Shane Hagood

Perfect Attendance
Elementary: Alix Roberts, Avynlee Harris, Brody Blanchard, Brooklyn Hudson, Caden Meeks, Cutter Gaither, Declan Traylor, Edward Harris, Graham Fields, Hayley Hudson, Hesten Taylor, Ian Weatherread, Ian Word, Isabelle Hudson, Jaelyn Owens, Jakayden Weather-ton, Josh Robinson, Kelton Herndon, Keyara Butler, Kody Christopher, Landree Martinez, Lily Dubose, Madilynn Herndon, Maggie Ashbrook, Miles Word, Owen King, Peyton Warren, Randilynn Harris, Strattan Burton, Tex Naylor, Viktor Benton, Waylon Walker, Will Robertson, Wylie Kirby, Xzaimian Gary, Zachary Taylor, Zaiden Walker, Zuri Roark
6th Grade: Memory Arnold-Farmer, Jase Conway, Camree Dean, Will Douglas, Corbin Farris, Quaid Newman, Jase Ritchie, Hunter Shields
7th Grade: Ajax Caudle, Emma Howard, Thomas Hudson, Jaron Lock-bey, Maezie Roberson, Cyrus Shoushtari Sabti, Norah Stoy, Cameron Taylor
8th Grade: Jacob Curry
9th Grade: Brance Bell
11th Grade: Amy King, Braylon Rice
12th Grade: Joshua Blais, Kaleb Mays

We salute these kids for striving to be the best in our schools. Congratulations and keep studying!

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¿Qué Pasa?

Community Calendar
March 5, 6, & 7
 Clarendon Lady Broncos Softball @ Randall Tournament • TBA • Away

March 6 & 7
 Mulkey Theatre • Hoppers • 7:30 p.m.

March 8
 Mulkey Theatre • Hoppers • 2:00 p.m.

March 10
 Clarendon Broncos Baseball v Dalton • 4:30 p.m. • Home

March 13 & 14
 Mulkey Theatre • Hoppers • 7:30 p.m.

March 15
 Mulkey Theatre • Hoppers • 2:00 p.m.

March 17
 Clarendon Lady Broncos Softball v Quana • 5:00 p.m. • Home

March 24
 Clarendon Broncos Baseball v Lockney • 5:00 p.m. • Home

Menus

March 2 - 6
Hedley Senior Citizens
 Mon: Mexican pile on, tortilla chips, pinto beans, Spanish rice, garden salad, sliced peaches, iced tea/2% milk.
 Tues: Stuffed baked potatoes, shredded beef, steamed broccoli, whole wheat roll, pineapple cake, iced tea/2% milk.
 Wed: Chicken fried steak, country gravy, broccoli, mashed potatoes, whole wheat roll, fruit crisp, iced tea/2% milk.
 Thurs: King ranch chicken, ranch style beans, garden salad, tortillas, black forest parfait, iced tea/2% milk.
 Fri: Bacon cheeseburger on whole wheat bun, potato wedges, fruit, sugar cookie, iced tea/2% milk

Clarendon CISD
 Breakfast
 Mon: Sausage kolache, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
 Tues: Pancake wrap, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
 Wed: Biscuit, gravy, eggs, bacon, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
 Thu: Breakfast sandwich, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
 Fri: Dutch waffle, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch
 Mon: Pulled pork sliders, corn, cucumbers, dessert, fruit, milk.
 Tues: Chili cheese tochos, biscuit, veggie cup, fruit, milk.
 Wed: Chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, carrots, squash, fruit, milk.
 Thu: Cheeseburger, chips, tomato cup, broccoli, fruit, milk.
 Fri: Meat & cheese chalupa, beans, salad, salsa, pudding, fruit, milk.

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

Lunch
 Mon: Steak fingers, gravy, roll, mashed potatoes, green beans, peaches, milk.
 Tues: Frito pie, beans, tomato cup, apple, churro, milk.
 Wed: Fiesta bowl, carrots, okra, grapes, sherbet, milk.
 Thu: Pizza, broccoli, sweet potato fries, fruit cup, milk.
 Fri: No School

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H'wick City Secretary honored by Chamber

HE SAYS – First, we want to congratulate our City Secretary, Sandy Childress on being named Woman of the Year at the annual Clarendon Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet! As Ashlee Estlack read a list of reasons why Sandy was such a good choice, I was saying to myself, “True, True, True.” Howardwick is blessed to have this blue-haired dynamo working for US, the residents of this unique community.

SHE SAYS – I was searching for a word to describe what Sandy is to our community and settled on “plasma.” Not the blood stuff, but the fourth state of matter in nature – high energy natural phenomenon like the sun/stars, lightning and auroras! Yep, that’s Sandy, and Howardwick loves her.

HE SAYS – My favorite moment of the night was watching Sandy walk to the front when her name was called. She had this “I can’t believe

this is happening” face and her friends and acquaintances were standing and cheering with joy and happiness for her.



he says, she says
 by richard & mary green

The whole night was really special. The food from REFZ and Great Western Dining was excellent. Sharlene Boldanaro made her monster punch, and then there was the table decorating contest. It must have been an impossible task to pick the best theme decorated table. Several of us want to suggest the Chamber have two categories in the future: Best Theme Decorated Table and Most Unique Decorated Table. My favorite was the Saints’ Roost Museum table with paper towel and toilet

paper tubes and plastic fruit trays to make a castle!

I need to add – a theme costume contest would add a lot of fun. The ones who wore them last night added a lot of fun to the evening!

SHE SAYS – Richard and I sat there, watching the crowd of people and marveled that six years ago we knew only two people in Howardwick and Clarendon combined, and today we know many, many of you and are lucky to call many of you friends. How great is that? Well, life moves on.

Clarendon Country Club is looking for Pro Shop attendant. Call Theresa at 806-654-2993.

The Little Red Hen hopes to open for breakfast in the ‘Wick by April 1.

Howardwick VFD Annual Egg Hunt & Pancake Breakfast April 5. The IRS Invitational Golf Tournament, Clarendon CC on April 11

Cruz bill aims to protect abuse survivors

US Sens. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) has joined colleagues to introduce the Terminating Restrictive Enforcement of Youth Settlements (TREY’S Law).

The bill voids non-disclosure agreements that would silence survivors of child sexual abuse. The bill is named in honor of Trey Carlock, a beloved citizen of Dallas, Texas, who was silenced by an NDA after enduring a retraumatizing civil litigation process against Kanakuk Ministries. He ultimately died by suicide at age 28.

Cruz was joined in this effort by Sens. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Katie Britt (R-Ala.), Peter Welch (D-Vt.), Eric Schmitt (R-Mo.), and Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.).

“No child who has endured sexual abuse should be forced to carry that horror in silence,” Sen. Cruz said. “Non-disclosure agreements are too often used to protect abusers, with incalculable and catastrophic consequences for their victims. We owe it to Trey to ensure that victims have the right to speak about their experiences and that contracts are not used to silence survivors. I’m grateful to my colleagues for joining me in introducing this bipartisan bill, and I’m committed to seeing it advanced expeditiously.”

Sen. Gillibrand said For too long, nondisclosure agreements have

been used to silence survivors of child sexual abuse and shield perpetrators from accountability.

“TREY’S Law would void predatory nondisclosure agreements that prevent the victims of sexual abuse as minors from speaking about their experiences,” Gillibrand said. “Survivors deserve the right to tell their stories and hold abusers accountable. I am proud to lead this critical legislation and look forward to getting it across the finish line.”

This legislation is supported by the American Association for Justice, Prevent Together – The National Coalition to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation, Protect Our Children, National Children’s Alliance, Tim Tebow Foundation, Unsilenced, Joyful Heart Foundation Children’s Justice Campaign – Enough Abuse, Zero Abuse Project, Children’s Advocacy Centers of Texas, and Rights4Girls.

Trey’s Law prevents the use of non-disclosure agreements (NDAs) to silence survivors of child sexual abuse and trafficking.

The bill makes any NDA provision unenforceable if it prohibits or restricts someone from disclosing the sexual abuse of a minor or facts related to that abuse.

Importantly, this protection applies regardless of when the NDA was signed, whether before a dispute

arose or as part of a civil settlement agreement.

The bill is named in honor of Trey Carlock, a beloved citizen of Dallas, Texas, who was silenced by such an NDA, retraumatized by a civil litigation process against Kanakuk Ministries, and ultimately committed suicide at age 28. The process was related to crimes committed by Pete Newman, a former director of a Kanakuk Ministries camp for ages 6 to 11 who was convicted of sexual abuse, and who groomed and sexually abused Trey and others.

Trey was required to file civil litigation by the age of 23, due to Texas’s civil statute of limitations for child sexual abuse cases at the time his abuse, which became known through a 2009 criminal investigation. Kanakuk’s settlements with “John Does” like Trey included restrictive NDAs, which silenced victims and concealed what and when Kanakuk knew about abuses.

Before he died by suicide Trey told a therapist, “They will always control me, and I’ll never be free.” His story has sparked a movement of others coming forward about institutional abuse, and survivors continue advocating for NDA reform to prevent victims of childhood sexual abuse or trafficking from being silenced.

Chamber: Banquet honors local volunteers

Continued from page one

nesses, school, and even a landing strip. But the Foundation has put Jericho back on the map with star parties, camping, metal detecting, a 5K, and more. All just in time to mark Donley County a stopping point for celebrations this year to mark the centennial of Route 66.

The Chamber also recognized outstanding youth from Clarendon and Hedley, which are selected by the faculties of Clarendon and Hedley high schools.

The Youth of the Year from Hedley was Adrianna Villareal. She has been involved with basketball, cross country, cheer, NHS, FFA and yearbook during her years at Hedley ISD. Her hobbies include reading and hanging out with friends. After graduation she plans to attend Clarendon College and obtain her CNA license. Eventually, she’d like to settle down in the Lubbock area and own a house and a lot of animals.

The Youth Woman of the Year from Clarendon was Kate Shaw. She is involved in athletics, FFA, UIL Academics, Student Council, and NHS. She is Clarendon FFA Chapter President and previously served as Greenbelt District Reporter and Chapter Reporter. She earned her Lone Star Degree in 2025.

Her speaking accomplishments include multiple district championships and area qualifications in Prepared Public Speaking and Soil Stewardship. She has earned District 2-2A First Team All-District honors in basketball along with Academic All-District recognition, CHS Defensive Player of the Year, and District 2-2A Co-Newcomer of the Year. She has also qualified for regionals in track and contributed to a district championship cross country team.

She has also been involved in

service projects through both school and community organization projects. She has supported and been involved in numerous community initiatives including Project Angel Tree, Project Sharing Tree, Shoes for Success, Snack Pak 4 Kids, and Hillside Summer Serve the City. She has volunteered with Clarendon Senior Citizens and served during class reunions and homecoming events.

Kyler Bell was named the Young Man of the Year from Clarendon. He is also an active student who participates in school athletics including football, basketball and track. He currently serves as President of his Senior Class and is a member of both the National Honor Society and Student Council.

He is also a member of the FFA, serving as Treasure and as a group leader for his Range and Pasture team, which advanced to the State Contest last year. In addition, he has been involved in Donley Co. 4-h for ten years, holding an office each year and currently serving as First Vice President.

He is very active in his church, where he helps lead singing, prayers, classes and enjoys volunteering with Vacation Bible School during the summer. He recognizes that many people have supported him throughout his life, and as a result, he has developed a strong servant’s heart. He is passionate about giving back to the community and participates in Angel Tree donations, snack Pak for kids, canned food and clothing drives, donations to children homes, senior citizens fundraisers, and the courthouse lighting.

This past summer, he came up with an idea that became reality with the help of his dad, brother and a couple of more volunteers: installing hand railing at Bronco Stadium to

make it safer for people getting up and down to watch games.

The Chamber also presented a memorial to the family of the late Chris Wilson, who had served as a faithful member of the Chamber Board since 2023 before his untimely passing in December.

This year’s Chamber banquet followed a Disney theme with many in attendance wearing costumes related to Disney characters or dressing as tourists to Disneyland. REFZ Sports Bar & Grill provided the food for the reception, and the banquet was catered by Great Western Dining. A total of 190 people attended the event, which was held in the Bairfield Activity Center. Entertainment for the evening was provided by the band “The Martinis” of Amarillo.

Other winners Thursday night included 50/50 winner Sandy Childress and Box Pull winners Joy Treichel, Brandy Vargas, Travis Brollier, Monica Woodard, and Kate Shaw. Herring Bank was named as having the Best Dressed Table.

Tables were sponsored by the Aqua Maid; City of Howardwick; City of Clarendon; Clarendon College; The Clarendon Enterprise; Donley County Senior Citizens; Herring Bank; Liberty Electric, Plumbing, HVAC & Construction; Pilgrim Bank; and Saints’ Roost Museum.

This year’s corporate sponsors were Best Western Red River Inn, Brollier’s Auto Parts, Budweiser, The Clarendon Enterprise, Country Bloomers Flowers & Gifts, Greenbelt Electric Cooperative, Greenbelt Municipal & Industrial Water Authority, REFZ Sports Bar & Grill, Republic Services, Robertson Funeral Directors, and Sully Suds Laundry Mat.

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Scenes from the Chamber Banquet



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the lion's tale by roger estlack

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

We had eight members present, five attending virtually, and three guests this week – Lions Larisa Talamantez, Chris Talamantez, and Brenda Meyer from the Darrouzett Lions Club.

Lions Larisa and Brenda are our district coordinators for the Lions Club International Foundation, and Larisa presented our program for today.

LCIF provides charitable grants all over the world, providing more than \$1.3 billion since its inception in 1968. Locally, LCIF has provided about \$260,000 in disaster and community development project funding in the Texas Panhandle in last three years. During that time local members, area Lions Clubs, and District 2-T1 contributed about \$47,000 to LCIF.

Lion Brenda said a grant application has been filled out following last month's Eight Ball Fire, but the District must complete an existing grant in Sunray before the new application can be considered.

One hundred percent of donations to LCIF go to charitable grants. All administrative fees of the foundation are covered by the dues of member Lions. To make a donation, visit LCIF.org.

Lion Roger Estlack said in addition to LCIF, the Texas Lions Foundation also helps award grants within the state, and the Clarendon Lions Club has received a TLF grant following the Eight Ball Fire. Those funds will go to help the Howardwick and Clarendon fire departments with expenses related to the fire and also assist with the expenses of the Lions District Disaster Relief Trailer, which fed first responders during the fire.

There being no further business, we were adjourned to spread Lionism and good cheer throughout our fair county.

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CLUES ACROSS

- Unit of dry measure
- One who defies authority
- Social media giant
- Render holy
- "Much ___ about nothing"
- Computer manufacturer
- Creed
- Immoral act
- Mountain pass
- Winged nut
- Don't know when yet
- Elected officials
- Corrupt tendencies
- Popular adult beverage
- Made a mistake
- Morally correct
- Type of whale
- Portable conical tent
- Native people of the Congo
- More (Spanish)
- Classroom implements
- Cognizant of
- One who tells
- Free from bondage
- Thick piece of something
- Containing two adjacent nitrogen atoms
- Removed from the record
- Legendary singer Turner
- Broke up the earth
- Hunting expedition
- Contributes
- Unit of work or energy
- Wreckage on the sea bed
- Affirmative! (slang)
- Witness
- Scrape (Archaic)

CLUES DOWN

- "___ and flows"
- Humble request for help
- A position of leadership
- Continent
- Adherent of a particular religion
- Things that can be eaten
- Self-governing Netherlands territory
- Long-tailed crow
- Repeated
- Bluish greens
- Humanities
- Someone who serves in the armed forces
- Labor (Spanish)
- Zero
- Shared by involving three parties
- Queens ballplayer
- Consumed
- Rest here please
- Men's fashion accessory
- American time
- Sound unit
- They ___
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Places to play video games
- A sudden attack of illness
- When you hope to arrive
- Charges
- Actress Seyfried
- A tributary of the Ohio River
- Omit when speaking
- Armored fish
- Remain
- From a distance
- Adventure story
- Geological times
- Eat dinner

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Lady Broncos play in Floydada Tournament

By Sandy Anderberg
The Lady Broncos are deep into their tournament season and had a good tournament at Floydada last week.
The ladies posted three wins and two losses over the three-day event.

They were able to take down the number one ranked Floydada Lady Winds at 8-4 for the highlight of the tournament and defeat Hale Center by three runs at 6-3. They eased by Palo Duro at 9-4.

The two losses the Lady Broncos incurred were from Childress at 2-6 and Lamesa 3-15. "Laken Smith hit a deep center field homerun to bring in three runs against Floydada," Coach Roy Davis said. "And Eli Rodriguez had two big hits against Palo Duro. We played great in this tournament and had a few RBIs from several players."

The Lady Broncos will participate in another tournament March 5-7 at Randall High.

Broncos finish second at HP golf tournament

By Sandy Anderberg
The Bronco golf team finished second at the Highland Park golf tournament following Wellington who took first in the 20-team tournament.

Heston Seay played well and was third as an individual with an eighteen-hole score of 73. The winner of the tourney turned in a score of 65. Tyler Cavanaugh was able to put together a good round of golf finishing with a 76 for fourth place.

Helping the team with the third-place finish was Hagen Newman with a 90 for 30th, Ronan Howard 46th place with a 96, and Dakotah Jameson in 51st with a 101. Rustin Wade shot a 104, Madden Emerson had a 116, and Josh Holt finished with a 122.

The Lady Bronco varsity squad finished in fifth place in their division with Berkley Moore leading Clarendon with a score of 100. Kortni Davis turned in a 119, Kinslee Hatley scored a 120, and Avorie Lindsey had a 137.

The Broncos golf team will play in Canadian, and the Lady Broncos will travel to Childress next week.



Regional champs

Millie McAnear and Gracie Ellis were named regional champions with their spotlight on projects board at the Regional Convention in Abilene. They will compete at state in Dallas in April.

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Kortni Davis, Kinslee Hatley, and Emmarie Holland won people's choice with their board about self-care at the regional convention in Abilene.

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CLARENDON

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE for Greenbelt Municipal and Industrial Water Authority's North Groundwater Well Field and Supply Water Line Project
 A public meeting is being held on April 7, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Greenbelt Municipal and Industrial Water Treatment Plant, at 461 O State Highway 70, Clarendon, Texas 79226 to discuss the Greenbelt Municipal and Industrial Water Authority (GMIWA) proposed groundwater well field and supply water line project. This project involves construction of three groundwater wells and the construction of a distribution line to the existing water treatment plant (4610 State Highway 70, Clarendon, Texas 79226). One of the purposes of this meeting is to discuss the potential environmental impacts of the project. The total estimated cost of the project is \$17,900,000. The estimated monthly bill for a typical resident is currently \$65/month. A user rate increase will not be required to finance this project. An Environmental Information Docu-

PUBLIC NOTICE

ment for the project has been prepared which will be available for public review at the Greenbelt Municipal and Industrial Water Treatment Plant, at 461 O State Highway 70, Clarendon, Texas 79226 during workdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. for 30 days following the date of this notice. Written comments on the proposed project may be sent to GMIWA at P.O. Box 665, Clarendon, Texas 79226 or to the Texas Water Development Board.

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