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

Early deadlines set for next Enterprise

Early deadlines have been set for next week's Enterprise due to an early press time for spring break.

All ads, news, and photos need to be submitted to the office by 4 p.m. this Friday, March 13.

Next week's edition will be distributed on Tuesday, March 17, and the Enterprise office will be closed March 18, 19, and 20.

TxDOT reports north 1260 bridge open

The Texas Department of Transportation Childress District office reports this week that the new bridges on FM 1260 are coming along with one bridge now open.

The north bridge is open to traffic, and contractors are just working on dirt work on the slopes and cleaning-up.

The FM 1260 south bridge is still under construction with crews working on the base. It is expected to be open to traffic by the end of the month.

Lions Club Jones 5K to be April 11

The 14th annual Chance Mark Jones Roar & Run 5K will be held April 11 at 8:30 a.m., and registration opens this week.

Those who register for the event by March 26 will be guaranteed to receive the commemorative T-shirt for the event. Late registrations will remain open through the day of the event.

The Clarendon Lions Club is hosting the event again in memory of the late Chance Mark Jones to raise awareness of Child Abuse. Jones passed away in January 2011 as a result of abuse.

Those registering can run or walk the 5K, which is about 3.1 miles, or people can also choose the "Sleep In" option, registering as a donation, getting the T-shirt, but sitting out the event at home.

Registration is \$30 per person and can be done in person at the Clarendon Visitor Center inside Mulkey Theatre or at the Enterprise. Online registration is available at ClarendonTX.com starting March 12.

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Hot spot

Workers with AAJ Concrete were busy working on handrailing in the 300 block of South Kearney Street Monday morning as downtown revitalization work continues. The completion date for the project has been pushed to May with the city still waiting for the delivery of lamp posts for the 300 block.

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City council discusses North Ward park

The Clarendon City Council discussed the status and possible development of the North Ward park during its February 12 meeting.

The park at the intersection of Jefferson and Rosenfield is not owned by the city but features playground equipment that was installed by volunteer efforts several years ago. Other volunteer efforts have been staged through the years to clean and improve the location.

Alderman Brittny Sanne cir-

culated a petition recently, which showed citizen support for making the location an official city park, and she began asking taxing entities to give up their claim to the property to let the city take it over. The county and school did so, and the topic of the tax property was on the February 12 city agenda.

At the meeting, Alderman Ashlee Estlack raised concerns that the park question had gotten so far along without the council first discussing the matter as to whether

aldermen wanted to pursue a new park project.

"You can discuss it tonight," Sanne said.

Estlack said she felt like the city had not been able to properly take care of Prospect Park at Sixth and Kearney, noting the vandalism the park has suffered in the last year and the lack of adequate lighting despite the council asking that it be addressed.

Alderman Tom Thompson agreed with Estlack that the city

needed to take care of the existing park before taking on a new project.

Both Thompson and Estlack agreed they were not opposed to developing the North Ward property and voted with Sanne to approve the tax deed to acquire the property, but they said the city needs to develop a comprehensive parks plan before going any further with the project.

The city council will again discuss park improvements at its next regular meeting on Thursday, February 12.



Steady progress

Contractors work Monday setting forms for the deck to be poured next week on the US 287 bridge project in Clarendon. Right of way drainage work also continues. TxDOT expects the project will be complete by the end of July or first part of August if the weather holds.

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Sawyer, Luna win GOP races

Terri Luna and Commissioner Dan Sawyer were the winners in Donley County's 2026 Republican Primary last Tuesday night, March 3.

Luna won the party's nomination for county treasurer with 420 votes

compared to 193 for Zan Bullock and 51 for Joaene Horn. Luna faces no opposition in the November election and will succeed Treasurer Wanda Smith, who is retiring when her term ends this year.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Dan Sawyer won re-election to his position, fending off a challenge from Shaun O'Keefe, 79-51.

Other local Republicans were all incumbents and were unopposed yesterday, including 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.

In the local Democratic Primary, Eulaine McIntosh was unopposed on the ballot for county Democratic chair.

In the hard fought race for State Representative in House District 88, incumbent Ken King was the choice for Donley County Republicans with 401 votes compared to 270 for challenger John Browning. King beat Browning 12,142 to 10,398 district-wide to win the party's nomination. He will face Democrat nominee Heather Wallace in November.



Luna



Sawyer

Jackson touts local victories in Farm Bill

Congressman Ronny Jackson (TX-13) last week championed Texas' agriculture priorities during the House Committee on Agriculture's markup of the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026 — commonly known as the Farm Bill.

The 2026 Farm Bill ensures agriculture producers have the tools necessary to face the challenges of the modern agricultural industry.

"As the Representative for the number one agriculture district in Texas, I know firsthand that an updated Farm Bill is long overdue," said Rep. Ronny Jackson. "Our farmers and ranchers in TX-13 work tirelessly to feed and fuel this nation, and they deserve policies that provide them the certainty needed to remain in operation for generations to come. I'm proud to have secured key wins for our district and for the agriculture industry as a whole, and

I look forward to getting this Farm Bill across the finish line and signed into law."

Jackson worked to include provisions that:

Updates and modernizes USDA farm loan limits to reflect real-world land values and rising input costs, increasing Guaranteed Operating Loans to \$3 million and Guaranteed Ownership Loans to \$3.5 million;

Allows distressed guaranteed loans to be refinanced into direct loans, helping family farmers and ranchers navigate high-interest-rate environments and volatile commodity markets while maintaining operational stability

Streamlines experience requirements for beginning farmers and ranchers to expand access to credit for new agricultural producers;

Establishes a pre-approval pilot program for ownership and operation. **See 'Jackson' on page 8.**



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Rural frustration is real – and it is growing in Texas

For the first time since 2008, Democrats outvoted Republicans by roughly 500,000 votes during early voting in the Texas primary. That signals something important: enthusiasm and energy inside the Democratic Party are rising.

At the same time, I fear something else is happening. Energy inside the Republican coalition – particularly in Rural Texas – is softening.

For many years, Rural Texas has been the core of the Republican majority. We are conservative by nature. We believe in local control. We support our public schools. We believe government should be small, accountable, and fiscally restrained. We value character and stewardship. We value solving problems that affect our communities.

And many rural Republicans, like myself, are starting to feel politically homeless.

The problem isn't that we've suddenly become liberal – let's be real. It's that the party we've supported for three decades has shifted in ways that don't always reflect rural priorities.

For years, Democrats were weak and disorganized in Texas. After losing the statewide majority in 1998, they never fully rebuilt, and they have struggled with internal rifts of their own. As a result, Republicans have dominated state politics, facing little serious competition – and at times governing with a sense of complacency rather than urgency around solving the problems that matter most to Texans.

Instead of asking, "What do our rural communities need?" the question instead was, "How do we win the next culture battle?"

Outrage politics generates headlines. It drives fundraising emails. It lights up social media.

But it doesn't fix water systems. It doesn't stabilize rural hospitals. It doesn't strengthen volunteer fire departments or EMS services. It doesn't lower insurance premiums or meaningfully address rising property taxes. And it doesn't provide certainty for the public schools that anchor our small towns.

Rural Texans are pragmatic. We will talk politics at the coffee shop or parts store, but at the end of the day, we want roads paved, water flowing, schools open, and emergency services funded.

We want lawmakers focused on fundamentals. Instead, it feels as if a focus on extremist positions – driven by national movements or internal party pressure – has begun to crowd out our kitchen-table concerns.

We can see that strategy at work today. Governor Abbott is running ads in rural Texas featuring national Democratic figures, including Vice President Kamala Harris, Congresswoman Jasmine Crockett, and New York City Mayor-elect Zohran Mamdani. The goal is to motivate rural voters by drawing sharp contrasts with national Democrats.

The goal is to drive up turnout. But motivating through outrage is not the same as governing through solutions.

We've seen how powerful rural turnout can be. In 2018, rural Texas was widely credited with providing the margin that delivered Senator Ted Cruz a narrow victory over Beto O'Rourke.

Rural voters showed up – and the outcome reflected it.

That proves rural Texas matters. We are often the margin. But margins cannot be assumed.

Party loyalty tests that favor urban interests, lobbyists, and major donors have created splits within the party. Rural lawmakers who defended local priorities during the voucher debate were targeted rather than supported. County, city, and school leaders are being demonized while Austin works to centralize control and redirect funding.

That goes against what many of us believe conservatism means.

You cannot argue in favor of limited government while consolidating power in Austin.

You cannot champion fiscal responsibility and defer the maintenance of rural infrastructure.

You cannot claim to defend local communities while dismissing the people elected to represent them.

This is where frustration grows.

Rural voters are not asking for extremism. We are asking for representation.

We are asking for leaders who understand that a water crisis in a small town is not theoretical. That a rural hospital closure can mean a 45-minute ambulance ride. That volunteer fire departments rely on neighbors who leave work to respond. That public schools are often the largest employer in the county.

Rural Texas needs champions – not loyalty tests or soundbites.

This week's primary election results will set the November battlefield. The early primary numbers suggest Texas Democrats are motivated to vote.

If rural Republicans feel unheard long enough, there are only a few possible outcomes: they stay home, or they vote for candidates – of either party – who address the issues we care about.

That is not a threat. It is a political reality.

Rural Texas is a constituency, and we are paying attention. The question is no longer whether we will show up. The question is – who will earn our vote?

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texas rural reporter

by suzanne bellsnyder

Pity USPS workers during election

My Uncle Mort is committed to establishing a "Go Fund Me" campaign for postal workers of America, retroactive to whenever early voting began.

He suggests joint beneficiaries – directing one-half of the proceeds to whichever "save the trees" group is standing tallest – and the other half to US mail carriers.

Why, you may (or may not) ask?....

Political candidates plead for we, the people, to elect them to public office. If we do, they promise to join – or be on the ground floor to establish credibility for that ages-old "promise" of being "from the government and here to help us.

That's what political candidates claim, using all means of communication, particularly printing presses operating 24/7. Thus we are barraged with often-tainted information about how wonderful they are, and how fouled-up, banged-up and bought-up are the "low-lifers" opposing them.

We grow weary of such, admitting that there are exceptions to politicians' "dog and pony shows," but not enough of them....

"During election season, if I don't empty my mailbox daily, the second day's mail won't fit in," Mort fumes.

Among his concerns are whether the US Postal Service will replace his mail box when contents become too heavy. Further, he isn't sure how long postal mail carriers will be able to walk routes, drooping more each day.

Mort – toiling in cotton fields during his youth "from can 'til can't – pulled out his old cotton sack recently, putting it to good use once more. Shaking

out the dust of many years, he's stuffing all of the campaign literature that comes in the mail....

The contents won't ever see the cotton scales, however. Butcher scales

will be needed instead, since he intends to weigh materials from each candidate, then cast his vote for the ones whose campaign literature weighs the least.

This is his plan for all elections, local, state and national.

Hey, Mort may be on to something....

He says he never expected to hear so many ugly comments, so he's hoping the candidates with the "lightest" printed material will also be the "heaviest" in civility. However, he shakes his head, wondering if this might be too much to expect. (Remember when "civility" was viewed as being central to most candidates?)

"When I was coming along, candidates 'said a few words' if asked, and their printed material was usually confined to business cards showing their names and precious little more. Usually, the additional words were something like 'your vote and support are appreciated'."

Well, that was then and this is now....

Coming to mind is the old joke about a newspaper editor in a small town where a "low life" was running for the



the idle american

by don newbury

state legislature. He claimed the candidate wasn't even capable of being dog catcher.

Furious, the politico demanded a retraction.

"I erred last week in suggesting that 'Joe Blow' lacks credentials to be dog catcher. He does, but he's not running for dog catcher. He's running for the state legislature."....

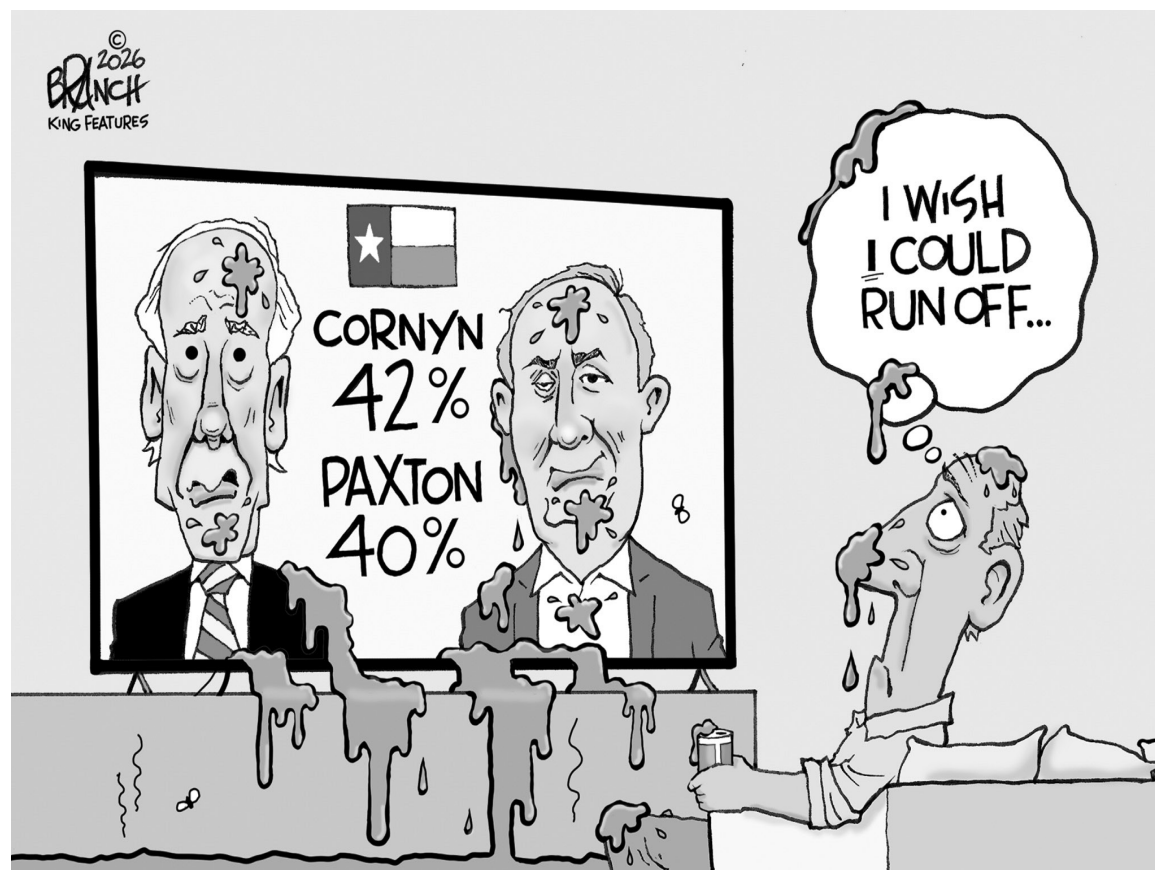
The Idle American, now in its 24th year of publication, has been greatly honored.

Of the 1,178 columns penned to date, one recently appeared on page one, above the fold. It must have been a "slow news month" for the London Lobo. In its March edition, Editor/Publisher Brian Jeter led off with my column about the chainsaw-juggling retired rodeo clown – then school superintendent – and his bride of "pert-near" 50 years.

This may be Texas' only monthly newspaper publication, then distributed free at certain points in and around Kimble County. (I don't think it "makes no nevermind" to Brian that if he published less than monthly, the LL becomes an almanac.)

The publication runs front and back on 8.5"x11" copy paper. In it are reminders of community events, one in the March issue providing a "heads-up" that tire, appliance and electronics recycling day is scheduled on Saturday morning, April 11. Now that's all around town for all around service....

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The Constitution's borrowing clause

When our Founders drafted the Constitution, they envisioned three branches of government with equal strength, balanced by a system of checks and balances. Yet they clearly leaned toward strengthening Congress.

Article I, Section 8, which outlines the powers of Congress, is, by far, the longest and most detailed section of the Constitution. As discussed last month, Congress was given the sole authority to collect taxes and spend public funds. Recently, the Supreme Court relied on this taxing power in overturning President Trump's tariffs.

The very next provision, Clause 2, appears simple at first glance, as it's the shortest. But what fun would that be?

Article I, Section 8, Clause 2 reads: "[The Congress shall have Power] To borrow Money on the credit of the United States."

At face value, this seems straightforward. However, to understand the Borrowing Clause, we must first understand what "money" meant to the Founders.

In colonial America, money meant "hard money," gold and silver coin. Only hard money was considered truly stable and reliable. Yet emergencies – especially wars – often required more funds than hard currency could provide. During the Revolutionary War, both the Continental Congress and the states printed paper currency to pay soldiers and fund the war effort. This paper currency, often called "soft money," was not backed by gold or silver. Its primary value came from the fact that it could be used to pay taxes, which gave it legitimacy and allowed it to circulate in commerce.

Typically, once the government collected this paper money through taxes, it was destroyed to remove it from circula-

tion and restore reliance on hard money. The fear then, and now, was increasing the money supply led to depreciation and inflation. After the Revolution, inflation severely weakened our young nation's economy.

This created a deep divide. Debtors often appreciated inflation because it made loans easier to repay. Creditors, however, strongly opposed paper money. If they loaned hard money but were forced to accept depreciated paper currency at face value, they effectively lost wealth. As a result, paper money became one of the most contentious political issues in the decades following independence.

The Convention deliberately preserved the borrowing power. This allowed the new nation to borrow from foreign governments and to issue interest-bearing bonds to finance emergencies. These bonds were not intended to circulate as currency; taxes could not be paid with them. They were instruments of debt, not money.

The issue resurfaced again during the Civil War. In 1862, Congress passed the Legal Tender Acts to help finance the war. The acts authorized paper currency known as "greenbacks," which were declared legal tender for the payment of debts. Notably, Secretary of the Treasury Salmon P. Chase opposed the measure at the time, fearing its economic consequences. Nevertheless, Congress proceeded, believing the wartime emergency justified the action.

In 1870, the controversy reached

the Supreme Court in Hepburn v. Griswold. In that case, Mrs. Hepburn attempted to repay a pre-existing debt using greenbacks. Henry Griswold refused to accept them, arguing that the paper currency was worth less than gold and that Congress lacked constitutional authority to make such notes legal tender for prior debts. Ironically, Chase, now serving as Chief Justice, authored the Court's opinion. He ruled that making paper notes legal tender for pre-existing debts was unconstitutional. Chase relied heavily on the historical record, particularly the removal of the phrase "and emit bills," as evidence that the Framers did not intend to grant Congress the power to issue paper money.

Yet the story did not end there. Just one year later, in Knox v. Lee (1871), the Supreme Court reversed itself. After Congress expanded the Court from seven to nine justices, allowing new appointments to shift the balance, the Court upheld the Legal Tender Acts, reasoning that Congress' powers to borrow money, regulate the value of currency, and enact laws "necessary and proper" to carry out its powers included the authority to issue paper money as legal tender. Thus, what appeared to be the simplest clause in Article I, Section 8, became the foundation for one of the most significant constitutional battles over economic power. The Borrowing Clause, stripped of the words "and emit bills," did not prevent Congress from eventually exercising that very power – but it took a constitutional crisis, a civil war, and a divided Supreme Court to settle the question.

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

Menus

March 16 - 20
Hedley Senior Citizens
Donley County Senior Citizens
 Mon: Cheeseburgers, potato wedges, melon or fresh fruit, suage cookie, iced tea/2% milk.
 Tues: Pork roast, gravy, pinto beans, macaroni & tomatoes, cornbread, peanut butter cookie, iced tea/2% milk.
 Wed: Chicken fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, whole wheat roll, cherry/pineapple crisp, whipped topping, iced tea/2% milk.
 Thurs: Sweet & sour chicken, long grained rice, stir fry veggies, peas, whole wheat roll, chocolate pudding w/whipped topping, iced tea/2% milk.
 Fri: Chicken strips, gravy, macaroni & cheese, baked beans, whole wheat roll, coconut cake, iced tea/2% milk.

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

Owls earn district honors

Two Hedley High School Owls have been recognized with All-District honors for their accomplishments during the 2025-2026 basketball season. Payton Inman was named the 2025-2026 Offensive Player of the Year, and Josue Prieto 2025-2026 1st Team All-District. Congratulations to these outstanding Hedley athletes.

Owls, Lady Owls earn medals at Groom Relays

The Hedley Owls and Lady Owls opened their high school track season March 6 at the Groom Relays, posting several personal-best performances and bringing home multiple medals. Payton Inman led the Hedley boys with a strong all-around showing, earning four top-six finishes. Inman won the high jump with a personal-best clearance of five feet and placed second in the 800 meters with a season-best time of two minutes, 31.28 seconds. He also finished fourth in the long jump with a personal-best leap of 17' 6½" and fourth in the 100 meters with a personal-best time of 11.66 seconds. Inman added a sixth-place finish in the 400 meters with a season-best 1:04.58. Josue Prieto captured a first-place finish in the discus with a personal-best throw of 107' 5" inches. He also placed fourth in the shot put with a personal-best mark of 35' 8½". Damien Alston posted a personal-best time of 2:51.10 in the 800 meters to place fourth and also recorded a personal-best 1:09.12 in the 400 meters, finishing 11th.

For the Lady Owls, Abbi Hood recorded two personal-best performances. Hood finished 10th in the 400 meters with a time of 1:39.84 and placed sixth in the discus with a throw of 54 feet, 2 inches.

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Giving credit where it's due in H'wick

Giving credit where it's due in H'wick He Says – This seems to be the time of year for awards and honors, and I want to take this opportunity to recognize the leadership of Clarendon Country Club. For the past three years, Robert Brewster and his wife Shannon have done an outstanding job in working toward making the Club a true social gathering place in the Howardwick-Clarendon communities.

As President of the Board, Robert has overseen improvements to the course, equipment updates, and clubhouse refurbishments. Shannon has helped create and worked with the Event Committee that oversees the beautifully redecorated social areas, upstairs and downstairs. They have spent uncountable hours of personal time, and money, toward making the place something the ever-growing membership can be proud of. Don't you agree? She Says – Yes, I totally agree about recognizing the Brewsters, but you are really brown-nosing here

because they didn't file the witness statements against you when you threw me out of the cart. He says, she says – by richard & mary green Moving on. Our Clarendon friends are asking about the many Howardwick water leak notices that are popping up on Facebook lately. Most of them are due to the laying of the underground fiber-optic cable by Amarillo's AmaTechTel. When you see that bright orange netting, you know there is digging nearby. This is a very good thing for Howardwick, and it will be very exciting if it works out as cheap and efficient as they promise! Red River Water Authority and their man Raul have done a great job fixing the leaks and getting the water back up. Don't you think? She Says – Don't get me started about Red River Water. But yes,



he says, she says

– by richard & mary green

considering we were told the water plan infrastructure in the 'Wick was put in place over a drunk weekend over 60 years ago – yes, they do a pretty good job getting back online. Remember it was called Sherwood Shores at that time. Coincidentally, there is an incorporated community named Sherwood Shores on Lake Texoma, and they are also customers of Red River Water Authority. Small World.

He Says – How about those apricot trees? What do you think will happen weather wise this Spring?

She Says – This crazy year! Weather is a toss-up. I think we need a community Rain Dance with music from the Eagle 100.09 and BYOB and lawn chairs at the park.

March 21 –Chris Wilson Poker Run

March 28 – Six Man Skins Game CCC

April 1 – Little Red Hen Opens

April 5 – HVFD Annual Egg Hunt & Pancake Breakfast

April 11 – IRS Invitational CCC

Analysis: Primary results may signal change in politics

By Freda Ross, Texas News Service

Texas Republicans will return to the polls in May to select their candidate to run for the US Senate.

Incumbent Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, did not receive enough votes in Tuesday's primary to beat Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton.

Cal Jillson, professor of political science at Southern Methodist University, said Cornyn represents the old-school Republican Party.

"The Bush wing has faded and the MAGA wing of the party is in the saddle, so the question is whether Cornyn can survive this," Jillson explained. "Because Paxton is seen as more of a knife fighter who will toe the Republican line and follow

Donald Trump and the MAGA base of the party."

President Donald Trump has not endorsed either candidate. The runoff election is slated for May 26.

The winner of the contest will square off against State Representative James Talarico.

A record number of Democrats participated in the primary, outpacing Republicans. Jillson pointed out it increases the chances Democrats have a chance of winning a Senate seat in Texas.

"Republicans have a lot of work to do to build enthusiasm for their candidates and for the positions of their party on basic economic issues, affordability issues and now, on use

of force overseas," Jillson outlined. "Because a lot of Republicans traditionally were for no more foreign wars."

The last time a Democrat won a US Senate seat in the Lone Star State was in 1988. The president was in Texas last week. Jillson noted it could be a sign Republicans are worried.

"It's not a good story for the Republicans, who traditionally have many, many more voters vote in their primary than the Democrats do in theirs," Jillson observed. "That switched around this time, and it suggests an excited Democratic Party and a little bit of a bewildered Republican Party."

DPS Increases Enforcement for Spring Break and St. Patrick's Day

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) will increase patrols on roads beginning this weekend to ensure safe driving this spring break and St. Patrick's Day.

March 9-17, the Texas Highway Patrol (THP) will conduct its annual Spring Break and St. Patrick's Day traffic enforcement campaign – looking for people who are speeding, not wearing their seat belts, driving while intoxicated or committing other traffic violations.

"These are heavy traffic times as people get out to celebrate, but safety must always come first," said Texas Highway Patrol Chief Bryan Rippee. "Our Troopers will be highly visible across the state, focused on preventing impaired driving, speeding and other dangerous behaviors that put lives at risk. We want everyone to enjoy their time with family and friends — and make it home safely."

THP will increase enforcement as part of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Operation CARE (Crash Awareness and Reduction Effort), which runs nationwide from March 9-17. Operation CARE is a North American traffic enforcement effort that aims to boost officer presence on interstates and highways across the United States and Canada during specific

high-crash periods. By collecting and reporting traffic enforcement data from law enforcement agencies throughout North America, CARE helps raise awareness about efforts to reduce fatal and serious injury crashes.

Last year, during DPS' 2025 Spring Break and St. Patrick's Day enforcement efforts, there were more than 93,232 citations and warnings issued.

This included over 6,425 speeding violations; 516 seat belt and child seat violations; 2,483 violations for driving without insurance; and 552 felony and fugitive arrests.

DPS reminds drivers to always drive sober, obey posted speed limits, buckle up and eliminate distractions behind the wheel. Increased enforcement will continue statewide throughout the campaign period, with Troopers working to reduce crashes and save lives on Texas roads. Texans are encouraged to plan ahead, designate a sober driver and make responsible choices to help ensure a safe spring break and holiday for all.

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 A celebration of life for Bobby Wood will be held on Saturday, March 14 at 11:00 a.m. at Calvary Baptist Church in Clarendon.

Wood was born September 30, 1931, in Carson County and passed away on February 14, 2026. A celebration of life was previously held on February 22 in Tyler, Texas. Wood's complete obituary was previously published and can be read on ClarendonLive.com.

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The 2026 WJAC Champion Lady Bulldogs.

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CC women claim first conference title

The Clarendon College Women's Basketball was crowned WJAC Champions Thursday, February 26, after a 68-60 win in the Dawg House over #23 Howard College.

The conference championship is the first in program history for the Lady Bulldogs. Head Coach Mark James understands the significance of the championship but says he and his team are not satisfied just yet.

"We celebrated Thursday night a little bit for sure," James said. "Cutting down the nets was a special

moment that none of us will forget but we turned the page the next morning".

James pointed out winning the WJAC Championship was a goal set by the team at the beginning of the year but it isn't the only goal they have.

"We truly believed we could win the conference, but we knew it would take a one game at a time mentality. Sure, that's a cliché and every coach says it, but this group bought into that philosophy from day one and our goal every day is to

go 1-0. Our next goal is to go 1-0 on Monday."

The team met that goal on March 2 when the #11 ranked Lady Bulldogs traveled to Odessa College and came home with a 68-56 victory. The CC women closed out the regular season portion of the schedule Thursday, March 5, at home with a 38-58 loss to #14 South Plains College.

Clarendon will play Hill College in Odessa this Wednesday, March 11, at 7 p.m. in the NJCAA Region V Quarterfinals.

CC athletes earn academic honors

Clarendon College has announced that 124 student-athletes have been recognized by the Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJAC) for their outstanding academic achievements during the fall 2025 semester.

The WJAC Academic All-Conference Team recognizes student-athletes who demonstrate excellence in the classroom while competing at the collegiate level. Student-athletes who earn an overall semester GPA between 3.65 and 4.0 are recognized as WJAC Academic All-Conference 1st Team recipients. Those who earn an overall semester GPA between 3.25 and 3.64 are recognized as WJAC Academic All-Conference 2nd Team recipients.

During the Fall 2025 semester, 95 Clarendon College student-athletes were named to the WJAC Academic All-Conference 1st Team, while 29 student-athletes earned 2nd Team honors, bringing the total

number of honorees to 124 Bulldogs.

Clarendon College is especially proud that every athletic program achieved an overall team GPA above 3.0, demonstrating a strong commitment to academic success across all teams.

"I am incredibly proud of our student-athletes for the dedication they show both in competition and in the classroom," said CC President Texas D. Buckhaults. "Their achievements reflect the hard work of our students, coaches, and faculty who work together to ensure that academic success remains a top priority. These recognitions demonstrate the strength of the Bulldog spirit and our commitment to preparing students for success both during their time at Clarendon College and beyond."

CC leadership also praised the efforts of coaches and staff who continue to emphasize the importance of academic performance alongside

athletic competition.

Fall 2025 WJAC Academic All-Conference breakdown by program: Women's Rodeo: 1st Team – eight, 2nd Team – one; Men's Rodeo: 1st Team – 17, 2nd Team – three; Volleyball: 1st Team – 15, 2nd Team – three; Men's Basketball: 1st Team – nine, 2nd Team – seven; Women's Basketball: 1st Team – 17, 2nd Team – two; Baseball: 1st Team – 23, 2nd Team – 10; and Softball: 1st Team – six, 2nd Team – three.

Clarendon College remains committed to fostering an environment where student-athletes excel academically, athletically, and personally. These achievements highlight the dedication of Bulldog student-athletes and the continued emphasis placed on academic success within Clarendon College athletics.

For more information about Clarendon College, visit www.clarendoncollege.edu.

Experts expect shift in chicken prices

Chicken prices have dipped slightly on the heels of increased broiler production, but Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service experts expect output to slow and prices to climb.

David Anderson, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension economist and professor, Texas A&M Department of Agricultural Economics, said high beef prices and trends for more protein in American diets are helping poultry demand.

US broiler production jumped from 46.5 billion pounds in 2024 to 47.5 billion pounds in 2025 and is projected to reach 47.6 billion pounds this year, as it has already increased 3.5 percent since Jan. 1. However, prices have been lower overall compared to last year, and Anderson believes that could trigger a slowdown in production.

Wholesale boneless, skinless chicken breasts spiked near \$2.77 per pound in mid-2025 before sliding to \$1.16 per pound by year's end, Anderson said. However, the January Consumer Price Index showed retail chicken breasts were higher – \$4.17 per pound compared to \$3.97 per pound this time last year. Legs were 5 cents lower per pound – \$1.74 compared to \$1.79 last year.

"Chicken remains a value relative to beef and continues to experience strong demand on the grocery and restaurant side," Anderson said. "Chicken continues to benefit from creative products and ideas to expand its market share among proteins."

But he said potential production disruptions could complicate supply/demand factors even more, and lower supplies could signal higher

prices are ahead.

On the production side, lower feed and energy costs and technological efficiencies have helped profitability but growers and the industry remain concerned about highly pathogenic avian influenza, or HPAI, said Greg Archer, Ph.D., associate professor and AgriLife Extension poultry specialist in the Department of Poultry Science.

Farms are placing a high priority on biosecurity but concern about broader potential impacts of HPAI, also known as bird flu, will remain until summer, he said. A single broiler farm in East Texas experienced an outbreak earlier this year.

Archer said the primary concern is not isolated broiler farms, but laying facilities that provide fertilized eggs for broiler hatcheries.

Broiler farms can recover relatively quickly, while breeder flocks can take more than a year, and the losses ripple throughout the production chain and to prices at grocery stores.

"The industry is really pushing biosecurity to stay on top of the disease," he said. "It's a concern that isn't going away, so the focus is limiting its impact on production."

Bird nutrition and health also continue to be a focus as production moves away from antibiotics, Archer said. Industry has been quick to adopt research related to probiotics and prebiotics in feed and continues to investigate how nutrition can improve flock health.

Egg fertility in breeder flocks remains a lingering concern for the industry. Fertility rates, or chick hatchability, hover around 75 percent – nine of every dozen eggs

produce viable chicks – but a 2025 Texas A&M AgriLife Extension study showed fertility rates could reach 60 percent by 2050.

The US poultry industry produced more than 9 billion broilers last year, which means 12 billion eggs were needed to meet capacity. It would require 15 billion eggs to hatch 9 billion viable broiler chicks if fertility rates continue to fall.

"Fertility rates have been an issue, and avian influenza outbreaks are a threat that compounds the potential impact in a way that consumers would notice," Archer said.

Anderson expects production to slow compared to the first quarter of 2026. Just like higher prices last year led to increased production, lower prices will influence output. Demand will weigh on the various chicken cuts differently.

Anderson said broiler weights have trended higher in recent years to meet the broader demand for white meat that consumers prefer. But a significant amount of broiler chickens is being grown to meet specifications for restaurant chains, especially in recent years, as wings and sandwiches became staples on menus.

Broader consumer demand, including seasonal spikes, continues to influence prices on certain cuts like breasts and wings that are limited by chicken biology, he said.

"I expect to see some contraction, and that typically means prices will go higher," he said. "It will be interesting to see how beef, pork and other proteins trend as we get closer to grilling season, but it's safe to say chicken will remain a value option in relation to beef."

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Blockchain-based entity
4. A woolen cap of Scottish origin
7. Painted with glue
12. Legendary crooner
15. Structure made with strips of wood
16. Tropical fruits
18. Commercial
19. Comedienne Gastereyer
20. The Ocean State
21. Ancient Scot
24. Basics
27. Stated propositions
30. Scottish island group
31. Expression of annoyance
33. Large tree
34. Engine additive
35. Conspiracy
37. Drunkard
39. Someone who is morally reprehensible
41. Ancient Syrian city
42. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
44. Carry (slang)
47. Sweet potato
48. European river
49. The Golden State
50. Windy City ballplayer
52. New Testament
53. Possess spiritually
56. A treeless grassy plain
61. Popular historical novel
63. In a law-abiding way
64. A place to sleep
65. Criticize

CLUES DOWN

1. Impression in a surface
2. Computer language
3. Relating to the ear
4. Occupant
5. Member of Great Plains people
6. Social media firm
7. Digital audiotape
8. Midway between east and southeast
9. Chronic, progressive disease
10. Chinese lute
11. Not wet
12. Moves wings up and down
13. Communication devices
14. Swiss river
17. Female sibling
22. Receive
23. Relating to a type
24. General's assistant (abbr.)
25. Steep bank
26. Taxi driver
28. Moves into without difficulty
29. Bicycle manufacturer
32. Traditional rhythmic pattern
36. Fugitives are on it
38. Bitter-tasting organic substance
40. Die
43. Matched
44. Literary genre __-fi
45. Cannot
46. Pounded
51. British rock group
54. Debt relief order
55. 2006 NL Cy Young winner
56. Green vegetable
57. Tough outer skin of fruit
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Lady Broncos compete in Pantex Relays

By Sandy Anderberg
Track season has begun and the Lady Broncos proved they were a force to be reckoned with. The ladies finished fourth as a team at the Pantex Relays in White Deer last weekend and had four first-place finishes.

Brilynn Bruce got things started in the 200-meter dash taking the top spot at 28.74, and Emmarie Holland was fourth in the 400m race with a time of 1:10.13.

Senior track standout put the icing on the cake with two first-place finishes in the 400m and 1600m races. Benson is no stranger to the winner's circle and gave the Lady Broncos a big boost in the team standings with her wins. Benson's time in 800m was 2:32.05 and 5:56.11 in the 1600m. Holland was third in the 800m with a time of 2:48.97.

Laken Smith out-jumped the competition with a leap of 16'3 1/2" in the long jump to claim the gold and was second in the triple jump of 32'8" that was just a little short of the first-place distance of 24'5".

Broncos clobber Boise City in Stinnett tourney

By Sandy Anderberg
With Braylon Rice on the mound, the Clarendon Bronco baseball team dominated in their 18-0 win over Boise City last weekend.

The Broncos did not waste time getting things going as they came to the plate with all the momentum.

The Broncos were able to rack up eight runs quickly thanks a great offensive plan. Hudson Howard knocked down a big double and Rice threw down a clutch single enhancing their hold on the momentum of the game.

In Bronco style, the hitters went two runs better in the second inning putting 10 more runs on the board. Creed Robinson laid down a double and Brentley Gaines did a good job running the bases to help increase their lead.

On the mound, Rice posted five strike outs in the game and had good backup in the field. Shaun Childers partnered with Gaines to make big outs in the field and Howard owned home plate on offense with two doubles and a walk.

Overall, the Broncos racked up seven hits and four walks in the game that was over in three innings.

The Broncos will continue regular season play on Thursday through Saturday at the Floydada tournament with game times TBD. Their next home game will be March 27 against Memphis at 4:00.

Lady Broncos play to third-place finish at PDC

By Sandy Anderberg
The Lady Bronco golf team faced a few tough teams on the Palo Dura golf course last week but did a good job of staying consistent. They finished third behind Canyon and Caprock with a team score of 416, just ahead of other bigger schools. No results were available for the Bronco players.

Gracie Ellis and Berkley Moore turned in two good scores of 98 each, and Kinslee Hatley finished with a 104 for the 18 holes. Kortni Davis turned in a score of 116, and Avorie Lindsey had a score of 139.

The Lady Broncos will have one more tournament before their District tournament on March 23 in Canyon at PDC.



Bronco Band scores high

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CLARENDON LIONS CLUB Regular meeting each Tuesday at noon. Brian Barboza, Boss Lion. Roger Estlack, Secretary

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CLARENDON

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MEMPHIS ISD PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE
 A Public Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Memphis ISD will be held March 26, 2026, beginning at 5:45 PM in the MISD Band Hall at 1501 High St. Memphis, TX. 79245.
 Topic: State Compensatory Program Annual Evaluation Report.

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A. Public Comments on State of District Report for 2024-25 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) data.

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CLARENDON

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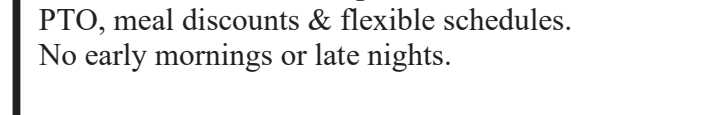
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 Ireland:
 1. lost millions of people in the 1800s (who died or moved) due to _____ or lack of food.
 2. is an _____
 3. has beautiful green lands - its nickname is the _____ Isle.
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 1. is the patron saint of _____
 2. at the age of 16 was taken to Ireland as a _____
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 Where does the leprechaun go when spring rains make the ground soggy?
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 What do fiddlers play?
 Music to My Ears!
 Where does the leprechaun go when spring rains make the ground soggy?
 I have traveled to Ireland to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day! I came here to swim around the Emerald Isle to try to spot a leprechaun. I haven't seen one yet. Do you see one on this page? After you spot him read my clues to fill in the mini puzzles.
 I'm going to eat my share of corned beef and cabbage!
 Old Irish folklore and stories tell us that the leprechaun has a pot o' gold hidden. It is said to be almost impossible to find a leprechaun as he does not care for human company. If you do spot one, make sure that you keep an eye on the leprechaun while you trick him into showing you his treasure. If you do not, he'll disappear!
 Use the alphabet code to fill in the blanks:
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Enrollment open for farmer bridge payments

US Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins has announced the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) is opening the enrollment period for the Farmer Bridge Assistance (FBA) program, providing \$11 billion in one-time bridge payments to row crop producers in response to temporary trade market disruptions and increased production costs. The FBA enrollment period is now open and closes April 17, 2026.

"Improving the farm economy is our top priority at USDA, and we have simplified and streamlined the application process for the bridge program to ensure producers get the financial assistance they need as quickly as possible as we're kicking off the spring planting season. President Trump continues to put farmers first. If our farmers are not economically able to continue their operations, then we will not be able to feed ourselves in this country," said Secretary Brooke Rollins. "Producers who want to further expedite their payment, can apply online through the program website and could receive a payment in their bank account as early as February 28, 2026. Putting Farmers First means providing economic relief now while the Trump Administration continues opening new markets and strengthening the farm safety net."

These bridge payments are authorized under the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act and are administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA).

Bridge payments are intended in part to aid farmers until historic investments from the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA), including reference prices which are set to increase between 10-21 percent for major covered commodities and will reach eligible farmers after Oct. 1, 2026.

Pre-filled applications will be available online to producers with a Login.gov account who timely filed their 2025 crop acreage report for eligible commodities. Producers who have a Login.gov account can access and submit their pre-filled application from fsa.usda.gov/fba. Additionally, producers can also request their pre-filled FBA application from their FSA county office.

April 17, 2026, is the deadline to submit completed FBA applications. Producers can complete FBA applications online or submit to their FSA county office.

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account for government. Producers can use one account and password for secure, private access to participating government agencies, including FSA.

To apply for FBA online, producers can start by visiting fsa.usda.gov/fba to create their Login.gov account. Producers who have an existing Login.gov account, can work with FSA using their existing account.

With a secure Login.gov account, producers can be amongst the first to apply for FBA allowing them to view, certify, and submit their application as well as track their application and payment status.

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The following commodities are eligible for FBA: Barley, Chickpeas, Corn, Cotton, Lentils, Oats, Peanuts, Peas, Rice, Sorghum, Soybeans, Wheat, Canola, Crambe, Flax, Mustard, Rapeseed, Safflower, Sesame, and Sunflower.

All intended uses for FBA eligible commodities are eligible excluding grazing, experimental, green manure, left standing, or cover crops. Initial acres, double crop acres, and subsequently planted acres, are eligible. Prevent plant acres are not eligible.

Crop insurance linkage is not required; however, USDA strongly urges producers to take advantage of the new risk management tools provided for in OBBBA to best protect against future price risk and volatility.

In December, USDA released the payment rates by commodity.

FBA payment rates are based on 2025 planted acres, Economic Research Service cost of production, and the World Agriculture Supply and Demand Estimate Report.

On Feb. 13, Secretary Rollins announced the Assistance for Specialty Crop Farmers (ASCF) program which provides a one-time bridge payment to help address market disruptions, elevated input costs, persistent inflation, and market losses from foreign competitors engaging in unfair trade practices that impede exports. Specialty crop producers have until March 13, 2026, to report 2025 acres to USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA).

More information on FBA and ASCF is available online at fsa.usda.gov/fba. Producers can also contact their local FSA county office.

Jackson: Farm Bill includes money for rural water projects, stronger farm credit system

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ing loans to streamline producer's access to capital;

Strengthens the Farm Credit System and expands partnership flexibility with community lenders to finance essential rural facilities, including health care, childcare, and emergency services infrastructure;

Integrates precision agriculture technologies into Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), expanding cost-share support for water conservation, irrigation efficiency, and innovative soil health practices;

and Maintains the statutory 50 percent livestock allocation within EQIP, ensuring cattle producers in

the Texas Panhandle remain prioritized under working lands conservation programs.

In terms of Rural Development, the act invests in rural water and wastewater infrastructure through zero- and low-interest loans, principal forgiveness for distressed systems, emergency assistance grants, and codification of the Circuit Rider Program; and reauthorizes and strengthens rural broadband programs, raises minimum speed standards, prioritizes truly unserved areas, and limits overbuilding to ensure responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars while expanding high-speed connectivity across rural America

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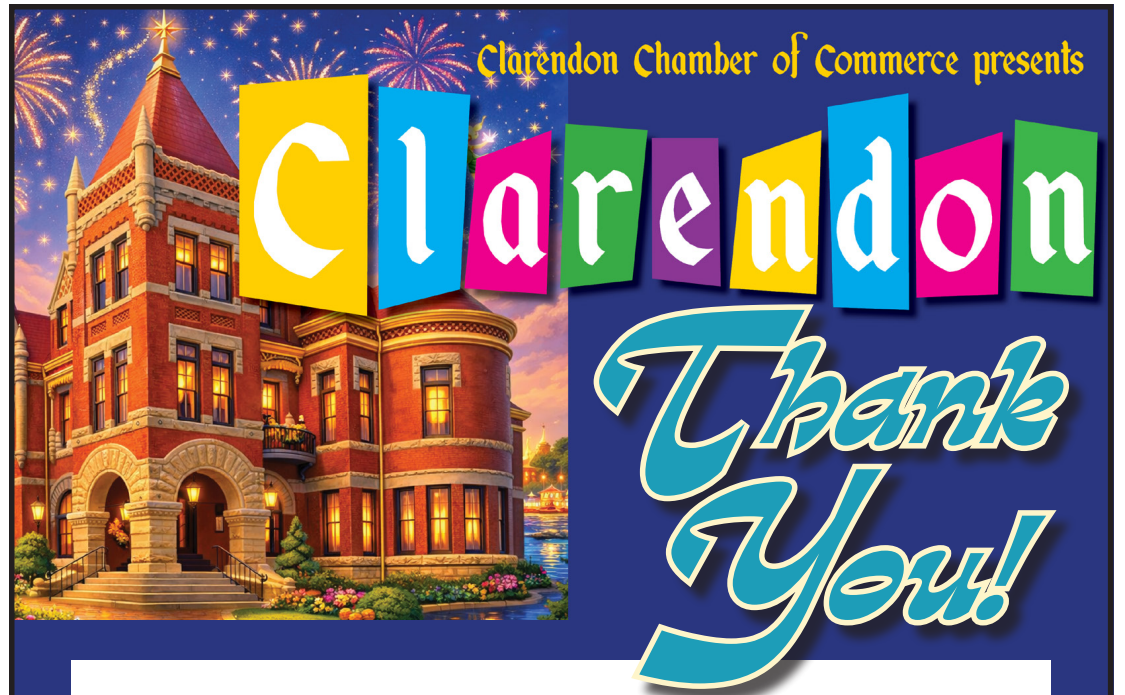
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