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CCISD athletic director on leave

Clarendon CISD confirmed last week that an employee has been placed on administrative leave with pay after the school received a complaint regarding student safety.

Multiple confidential sources have told the ENTERPRISE the employee in question is Athletic Director Jeff Caffey, and that information seems to be common knowledge among several parents and students.

Calls to Caffey were not immediately returned Monday.

Clarendon Interim Superintendent Larry Jeffers last Thursday said an employee was placed on paid administrative leave on Tuesday, March 10, after Jeffers received a complaint involving student safety the previous evening.

Jeffers declined to identify the employee and would not confirm Caffey as the employee in question "in order to protect the integrity of the investigation."

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.

For more information, contact Lion Ashlee Estlack at ashlee.estlack@gmail.com or 806-662-4687 or Lion Roger Estlack at publisher@clarendonlive.com or 806-874-2259.



Wildfire burns 234 acres near Greenbelt

High winds and dry conditions fueled a wildfire that consumed about 234 acres on the south and west of Greenbelt Lake Sunday afternoon.

The fire destroyed six unoccupied structures, two boats, and one travel trailer, according to Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department Second Assistant Chief Chuck Robertson.

"We dodged a huge bullet, and I'm super thankful that we were all so blessed," Robertson said.

CVFD firefighters were paged out at 10:30 a.m. to a fire at the Beach Club area of Greenbelt Lake on the south-

west side of the reservoir. Seventeen firefighters responded to the blaze with 10 units, and Howardwick and Hedley firefighters responded to the blaze as well.

Robertson said he called the Texas A&M Forest Service for state resources and got an immediate response.

"I made one call, and we had boots on the ground within 45 minutes," Robertson said, adding that air support arrived within 90 minutes.

Mutual aid support also came from Wellington, Sam- norwood, Memphis, Hoover, McLean, Groom, Skelly-

town, White Deer, Wheeler, Mobeetie, and Briscoe in addition to multiple other fire departments assigned to the forest service's Strike Force. Strike Force EMS units also were staged on standby at the Associated Ambulance Authority building in Clarendon.

By 11:00 a.m., Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn issued an evacuation order for all residents south of Greenbelt Lake to US 287 between Hwy 70 and FM 3257. The Donley County Activity Center and Methodist Church in Clarendon opened for evacuees, and the

Red Cross arrived to assist with those needs.

At some point a second fire started, possibly from a downed power line, south of the original fire. Robertson said firefighters considered both fires as one incident since it threatened the same evacuated area.

The Corner Pocket Fire, named by the forest service, threatened several homes near the lake and burned through the Boy Scouts' Camp Tommie Saye, but no youth were at the camp last weekend.

"Fortunately, Greenbelt See 'Fire' on page 4.



Volunteer fireman James Gaither sprays water during the Corner Pocket Fire Sunday. HOWARDWICK FIRE DEPARTMENT PHOTO

CC women win Region V title



The 2026 NJCAA Region V Champion Lady Bulldogs.

CLARENDON COLLEGE PHOTO

The Clarendon College Lady Bulldogs used balanced scoring and a strong defensive effort to defeat Grayson College, 65-55, in the NJCAA Region 5 / Southwest District women's basketball championship game Saturday, March 14, at the Odessa College Sports Center.

The victory earned the CC women's program its first Region V championship.

With the win, the Lady Bulldogs will advance to the NJCAA D1 Women's Basketball Championship Tournament presented by

Zurich March 24-31, 2026, in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

The CC women shot 40 percent from the field and connected on 10 three-pointers while limiting Grayson to 29.4 percent shooting and just four made three-pointers to secure the regional crown.

Armanda Sindalawa led Clarendon with 20 points, hitting five of nine shots from the field, including three three-pointers, and converting all seven of her free-throw attempts. She also added six rebounds and five assists.

Nuria Muongo provided another offensive spark with 17 points, shooting five of seven from the field and two of three from beyond the arc while making all five of her free throws. Valentina Chinhama chipped in nine points, four rebounds and three assists, and Raissa Espindola Da Silva added nine points.

Grayson's Lady Vikings struggled to find their rhythm offensively, shooting just 20 of 68 from the floor and four of 24 from three-point range.

Clarendon sealed the win at the free-throw line, making 19 of 26 attempts compared with 11 of 16 for Grayson.

The Lady Bulldogs opened their sixth straight Region V tournament appearance carrying their first ever WJAC conference title on Wednesday, March 11, to take down Hill College 57-46. The CC women followed that performance up with a 67-46 win over Collin County Community College on Friday to advance to the championship game against Grayson.



One Act Advances

Clarendon High School's One Act Play performance of "The Last Lifeboat" advanced to the bi-district competition last Wednesday in Wellington. Kaleb Mays and Rowdy Bebout were named to the All Star Cast, Zane Cruse was All Star Runner-Up, Charlie Neal got Best Sound, and Hunter Caison was named Best Performer.

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Hedley, H'wick post sales tax gains

The cities of Hedley and Howardwick posted gains last week when Acting Texas Comptroller Kelly Hancock delivered March sales tax allocations.

Howardwick was up 1.01 percent compared to this time last year with an allocation of \$1,633.82, and Hedley was up 3.31 percent at \$883.85.

Both cities are running a deficit for the calendar year-to-date in terms of sales tax collections with Howardwick down 8.46 percent at \$5,461.80 and Hedley down 22.45 percent at \$3,659.20.

The City of Clarendon dipped 5.79 percent this month after strong gains last month. The city's March allocation was \$36,830.26 compared to \$39,097.38 this time last year. Clarendon is just slightly behind now for the calendar year-to-date, off 0.98 percent at \$134,775.89.

Donley County Assistance District One, collecting sales tax in the City of Howardwick for county law enforcement, was up 7.94 percent this month at \$981.48 and is up 1.22 percent on the year-to-date at \$3,787.28.

Donley County Assistance District Two, collecting sales tax in the unincorporated areas of the county for law enforcement, received \$4,584.35 this month and is at \$21,608.43 in its first year of operation.

Along US 287, the City of Memphis was up 35.19 percent at \$33,597.80 for the month and up 23.47 percent for the year-to-date at \$97,159.05. Claude was up 82.44 percent this month at \$49,505.12 and up 77.81 percent for the year-to-date at \$136,025.50. Armstrong County was up 1,749.89 percent for the month at \$191,885.44 compared to \$10,372.77 in March 2025, and Armstrong's year-to-date figure was \$501,173.75 this month, an increase of 1,136.43 percent over \$40,533.87 at this point in 2025.

Statewide, Hancock delivered \$1.1 billion in local sales tax allocations for March, 2.1 percent more than in March 2025. These allocations are based on sales made in January by businesses that report tax monthly.



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Voucher data raises questions

When the debate over school vouchers dominated the Texas Capitol, Texans were told vouchers were the answer to failing schools. We were told they would help low-income students trapped in struggling public education systems. We were told public school families were asking for a way out. The message from Austin was clear: vouchers would give Texas families education options they desperately wanted. But the first round of data about how the program is actually being used tells a very different story.

Information obtained through a Public Information Request by the Texas Center for Voucher Transparency – a project of Our Schools Our Democracy – provides the first real look at early applications for the state's new voucher program. As of March 4, roughly 152,000 families had applied for vouchers.

At first glance, that sounds like strong demand. But when you break down the numbers, only 36,242 applications – about 24 percent – came from families currently enrolled in Texas public schools. The remaining 76 percent of applicants come from families whose children are already in private schools, are homeschooled, or have never been in public schools.

Texas public schools educate roughly 5.5 million students. That means less than one percent – about 0.7 percent – of families already in public school applied for vouchers. Less than one percent.

That raises a fair question. Vouchers were touted as the fix for public education. We were told our children were trapped in failing schools and needed a way out. But how exactly are we fixing public education with an entitlement program for families whose children are already attending private schools?

If vouchers were truly being driven by public school families desperate for alternatives, we would expect to see large numbers of students leaving the public system. So far, that simply is not happening. Instead, the early data suggests the program is largely subsidizing choices families were already making.

And this pattern is not unique to Texas. In Florida, only about 13 percent of voucher recipients previously attended public schools, and early data from Arizona shows a similar trend, with roughly one in five students coming from the public system.

For rural Texas, the reality becomes even clearer. Nearly 148 of Texas' 254 counties – about 58 percent – do not have a brick-and-mortar private school that can accept vouchers, even though taxpayers in those counties will still help fund the program.

In much of the Texas Panhandle and rural counties across the state, private schools simply do not exist. Families cannot choose an option that is not available. Instead, rural Texans need strong public schools and policymakers who are focused on improving the system that serves the vast majority of students in this state.

Texas public schools need a funding system that reflects enrollment, not attendance. Rural districts need help attracting and keeping teachers. And local school leaders need the flexibility to design programs that work for their communities. What works in Dallas ISD or Houston ISD may not work in Spearman ISD or Palestine ISD.

Public schools are not just education providers in small towns. They host football games on Friday nights, band concerts in the fall, FFA banquets in the spring, and the events that bring neighbors together.

In rural Texas, our schools are community partners and part of our identity – something you can often see reflected right on the water tower.

The reality is Texas cannot endlessly expand spending while neglecting the system it is constitutionally required to support.

When policymakers talk about diverting education dollars away from public schools to fund options many rural communities cannot even access, we have to ask the hard question: What happens to our schools if the funding leaves but the students stay? That has been the concern voiced by rural school leaders across Texas. And the early numbers suggest those concerns may not have been misplaced.

The political pitch suggested public school families were waiting in line for a chance to leave. But the numbers tell a different story. The overwhelming majority of Texas families are still choosing public schools. As we move toward the 2026 elections, rural Texans have an opportunity to reset the conversation.

Candidates will once again ask for our votes. If they want to earn the support of rural Texas, they should start by talking about kitchen-table issues like education. The job of a legislator is to solve the problems facing Texans – not to spend their time chasing culture wars or political talking points.

The future of rural communities depends on strong public schools. That is not a partisan issue. It is a practical one. If the data tells us anything, it is that Texans still depend on the public education system. And as voters head toward the next election, they should ask a simple question: Which candidates are actually serious about fixing it?

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texas rural reporter
by suzanne bellsnyder

'Hat Lady' leaves lasting impression

One could strip mental gears trying to come up with a more "fitting" name than hers. Pat Worrell laughs at the thought of many introductory variations over the decades. In recent years, many introductions have been reduced to three endearing words: "The hat lady."

A veteran educator who spent 33 years in both classroom and principal assignments, she's always been upbeat and positive. Even her voice mail greeting befits her approach to life: "Hi, you've reached Pat. If you'd like to leave a message." ...

She is contacted often, her callers confident that their concerns will be sincerely considered and warrant responses. Pat has successfully kept retirement at bay, now having served 18 years on the Burleson ISD Board of Trustees and in numerous other community and church leadership roles.

Yep, she responds warmly to folks calling her "the hat lady," a description that fits quite well. Sickness claimed her hair several years ago, so she took to wearing hats with all outfits – formal, casual and everything in between. ...

Recently moving to a new senior living community, Pat first had to investigate closet capacities. Luckily, she learned that all – okay, at least most – of her headgear has been accommodated. Ladies "topping" themselves off with hats are far more discriminating, so proper care must be considered for storage.

After all, the old song calling for

taking off hats and throwing them in the corner probably references dunce hats, "gimme" caps and other typically male headgear. Before you ask, yes, she still buys hats. From time to time, she finds one she feels she has to have. ...

Pat personifies hope and optimism upon awakening each day. She's trusting, compassionate and helpful, always eager to do her part when Good Samaritan situations arise.

Not until speaking with her recently did it ever cross my mind that if I ever needed to address her by her formal name, it would need to be "Patricia." (She doesn't like the name "Patsy," nor accusations of being one!) During the phone conversation about her driving in for an oil change and out in a new car, I knew I'd never get by implying that she's a "patsy." (Okay, I was shaking my head, and no, we weren't on Face Time.) Surely, she wasn't a "patsy" on her car deal – one where she might have been victim of an aggressive salesperson's "senior hustle." ...

She successfully answered my questions: Were you dissatisfied with your car? Was it uncomfortable, or maybe a lemon? Were the miles creeping up? Pleasant and prepared responses



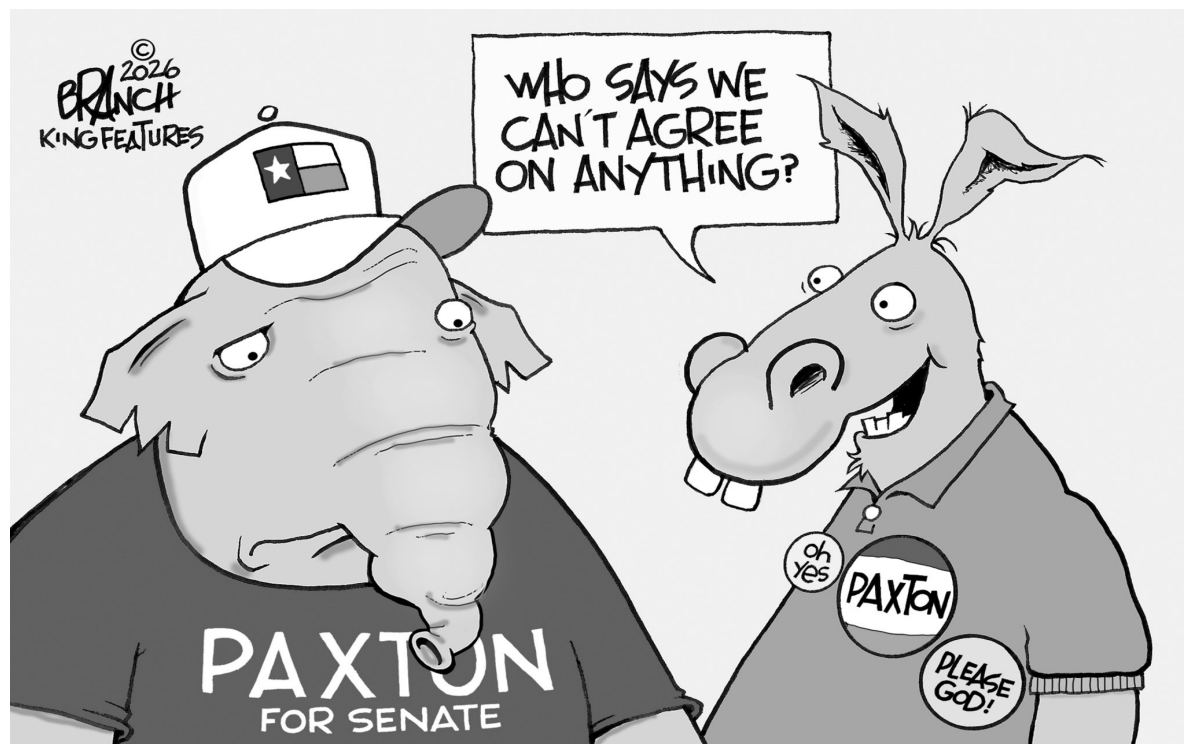
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provided proof that other friends were asking similar questions. Without taking a breath, she explained that she had taken her 2023 sedan in for its SECOND ever oil change but admitting that a 2026 showroom vehicle caught her eye.

Pat canceled the oil change request, and minutes later, drove home in the new red car, its odometer registering four miles. (Her "trade-in" had 10,400 miles, almost all on Johnson and Tarrant County roadways.) She views her transaction positively. "It even has a sunroof ('or moonroof, whichever one it is') I didn't notice until arriving home," she laughed. "I'm also saving a dollar a month on my car insurance, and I didn't have to pay for the oil change. Plus, the new car payments aren't that much more."

As if delivering a vote to break a tie on a serious school board matter, she admits that her story is crafted as a prelude to April Fool's Day. She does have a bright red car, and she really went to the dealership to get an oil change. BUT – the red car still belongs to the dealership. She's chosen the "leasing route" for the past several cars, and her three-year commitment was at hand, etc, etc. Story shortened, it was something like getting a new hat. Red has always been her favorite color. ...

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Historical look at Iran's crossroads

Watching the news unfold about the attack on Iran, I find myself both excited and confused.

What confuses me is the recent talk from several commentators about returning Iran to the constitutional monarchy that existed before the 1979 Islamic Revolution. One so-called "expert" even claimed that Iranians enjoyed the pre-revolutionary government and would welcome the return of Reza Pahlavi as a new shah. I do believe many Iranians desire democracy, but I have strong reservations about the authoritarian model that existed under the shah. Rather, I believe they long for something closer to the democratic system they attempted to build in the early 1950s.

Iran's political history is long and complex, but for the sake of this discussion, the modern turning point begins with the Persian Constitutional Revolution of 1906. During that movement, merchants, religious leaders (ulama), and intellectuals revolted against the Qajar shah to demand greater representation and less British influence. The result was the 1906 Constitution, which created a constitutional monarchy with an elected parliament (the Majlis). It emphasized separation of powers while also preserving a role for religious authorities to ensure that Islamic law was respected. It was an early attempt to balance representative government with Iran's religious and cultural identity.

Another major shift came in 1925, when Reza Khan seized power, deposed the Qajar dynasty, and crowned himself Reza Shah Pahlavi, inaugurating the Pahlavi dynasty. He modernized and secularized Iran, but he did so in an authoritarian and highly centralized manner. To many in the West, secularization appears synonymous with progress since Western governments largely moved in that direction. But in Iran, forced secularization alienated significant portions of society. Policies such as banning the veil or restricting traditional religious dress like the turban were not seen as liberation, but as coercion. Forcing women to wear the veil is wrong; forbidding it is equally wrong. Both deny personal freedom.

In 1941, during World War II, British and Soviet forces invaded Iran, suspicious of Reza Shah's perceived sympathies toward Nazi Germany. Under pressure, he abdicated in favor of his son, Mohammad Reza

Pahlavi. With the younger shah on the throne, parliament seized the opportunity to expand its authority.

In 1951, Mohammad Mosaddegh was elected prime minister. A nationalist and a genuine champion of the people, he sought to reduce the shah to a ceremonial role, as envisioned in the constitution. Against the shah's wishes, Mosaddegh enacted democratic reforms and, most notably, nationalized Iran's oil industry, ending British control. For decades, Britain had profited enormously from Iranian oil while many Iranians remained in poverty.

In 1952, Mosaddegh demanded the authority to appoint his own minister of war, a power he believed the constitution granted to the prime minister, but which had traditionally been exercised by the shah. Control of that position meant control of the army's loyalty. The shah dismissed Mosaddegh, triggering massive public protests. Fearing for his throne, the shah reinstated him and granted his demands, effectively reducing himself to the figurehead Mosaddegh had envisioned. During this turbulent period, the shah temporarily left Iran, reportedly for medical reasons.

While many Iranians celebrated their expanded freedoms, Britain was outraged by the loss of its oil interests. After failing to secure a favorable ruling at the International Court of Justice and gaining little traction at the United Nations, British leaders turned to the United States. Convinced by the British that Mosaddegh posed a communist threat, President Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles supported a covert operation that removed Mosaddegh and restored the shah to full authority.

With a firm Western backing, Mohammad Reza Shah consolidated power and established a far more repressive regime. His secret police, SAVAK, became notorious for surveillance, imprisonment, and torture of political opponents.

In the 1960s, the shah launched the White Revolution, a sweeping reform pro-

gram that included land redistribution and expanded rights for women. While some reforms had positive effects, political freedoms remained tightly restricted, and religious leaders felt increasingly marginalized. This resentment contributed directly to the 1979 Islamic Revolution and the subsequent hostage crisis. Many revolutionaries believed they were preventing another foreign-backed betrayal of Iranian self-determination.

Now, in 2026, Iran once again stands at a precipice. If the Iranian people somehow are able to overthrow the current regime and establish a constitutional system, what will it look like? Some have proposed restoring a constitutional monarchy under Reza Pahlavi, son of the late shah, who has lived in the United States for decades. Recently, he has spoken publicly about supporting revolutionary change while insisting he does not seek power. Still, it is fair to question whether returning to the family associated with the 1953 coup and subsequent repression risks repeating the mistakes of the past.

One final thought: if Iran succeeds in forming a new government, Americans should not expect it to mirror our own system. A durable Iranian democracy will not look exactly like a Western liberal model, nor should it. If a new constitution swings too far toward rigid secularism and ignores the religious and cultural foundations of Iranian society, it will likely struggle. Trading one extreme for the other will not help. It must protect religious freedom and cultural identity while ensuring political rights and accountability.

This is not the West, and it does not have to be. When I was in grad school my Middle East professor always said the most significant scripture in the Bible to understand the difference between Christianity and Islamic world view is "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's." In Islam, there is no such concept. Iran must be allowed to develop its own form of constitutional democracy, one that reflects its history, faith, and political experience. Only then will it have a real chance to endure. James Finck is a professor of American history at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma. He can be reached at james.finck@swoknews.com. This article first appeared in the Lawton Constitution.

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Obituaries

Moreman

Freddie Jo Moreman, 89, formerly of Clarendon passed away Saturday, November 29, 2025, in Southlake, Texas.

Memorial graveside service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, March 21, 2026, in Rowe Cemetery in Hedley with Chris Ford, officiating. Family will receive friends for visitation after the service at 2:00 p.m. at First Methodist Church in Clarendon.

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

Freddie Jo was born February 17, 1936, to Fred and Edith Pierce Carter. She graduated from Sunray High School and West Texas State University. As a devoted wife of over 60 years, this woman followed her husband Jack faithfully to wherever his job might take them. This provided her with teaching jobs in Panhandle, Fort Hood-Kileen, Crowley, and finally Clarendon. This woman's philosophy is "to bloom where you're planted" and bloomed she has! While her children were young, she was involved as an adult leader of the 4H Club and a supporter of many of her children's activities.

The First United Methodist Church in Clarendon was a big

part of her life. For many years, she taught Sunday school, helped with the youth program, served as president of the women's circle, and served on various church committees. She was actively involved in The Walk to Emmaus for many years. Dear to her heart was the Kairos Prison Ministry. Many prisoners' hearts have been shown God's love through her many hours of hard work as a "Kitchen Angel".

After 28 years as an elementary teacher, this hardworking woman decided to become even more involved in Clarendon. She may have retired from teaching, but not from life. She delivered meals for Donley County Senior Citizens for several years, she was an exercise leader at the library, a Republican Party election judge, and was an active member of the Donley County Retired Teachers' Association. She also served as President of the Friends of the Library and President of the Les Beaux Art Club. She was very instrumental in starting and hosting the first annual Arts Festival in Clarendon. One of her passions was also her work with the Saints' Roost Museum, where she spent countless hours updating and rearranging items for display.

She is preceded in death by her parents; and her husband of 60 plus years, Jack Moreman in 2022.

She is survived by her son, Phillip Moreman; her daughter, Melody Sanderson and her husband Brent Sanderson; 3 grandchildren and their spouses Megan Baldock and her husband Hayden, Matt Sanderson and his wife Chandler, Mallory Hennessy and her husband Brandon. She had 6 great grandchildren, Rory Baldock, Sutton Baldock, Adrinna

Sanderson, Witt Sanderson, Lincoln Hennessy, Oliver Hennessy.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Saints Roost Museum, PO Box 781, Clarendon, TX 79226 or the Clarendon Methodist Church, PO Box 157, Clarendon, TX 79226.

Heim

Dana Estlack Heim passed away peacefully on March 12, 2026, at the age of 77.

Born on October 14, 1948, in Memphis to Alfred Daniel Estlack and Alma Allene Estlack (Hutto) and raised in Clarendon; she lived a life centered on family, love, and kindness. She enjoyed music from an early age, becoming the Drum Major at Clarendon High School where she was also a twirler. She loved going to concerts and enjoyed all types of music from country to Texas blues. She loved to read, especially in a tree in her youth. She loved fine cuisine, traveling and driving fast. She loved watching animals in nature and "birdsong" was one of her favorite things to wake up to. Her love for poetry was inspired by her Papa.

She missed dancing as much as breathing. She loved nature, despite being allergic to it. Bikers, cowboys, CEO's...she was fearless! She lived and travelled coast to coast, Hawaii and Europe. A West Texas rose pulled up by her bootstraps and

experienced some of the wonders that she had read about while resting in a tree. She was proud that her children were her friends when they grew up.

She was a devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother whose greatest joy came from spending time with her family. Her warmth, strength, and caring spirit touched the lives of everyone who knew her.

She is survived by her three children Dean Cearley (Paula) of Amarillo, Texas, Angela Thorne (Jason) of Cypress, Texas and Aaron Shea of Amarillo, Texas, five grandchildren Haleigh Burns (Nick) of Amarillo, Texas, McKenzie McFadden (Dustin) of Olton, Texas, Bodey Cearley of Amarillo, Texas, Emma Thorne of Cypress, Texas and Chloe Llanez (Brandon) of Galveston, Texas, and nine great grandchildren all of whom were deeply loved and cherished. She is also survived by her two sisters, Patsy Sammons of Lubbock, Texas, and Barbara Brock of Isleton, California, as well as numerous nieces and nephews who held a special place in her heart.

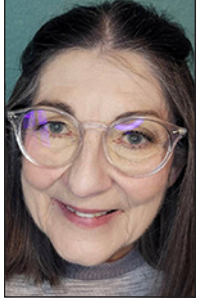
She was preceded in death by those loved ones who welcomed her into eternal rest.

Her legacy of love, compassion, and devotion to family will live on through the many lives she touched. She will be dearly missed and forever remembered by her family and friends.

The family asks that she be remembered not with sorrow alone, but with the love and kindness she shared throughout her life. The family also suggests in lieu of flowers that a donation be made to the local ASPCA.



Moreman



Heim

USDA, Army engineers fighting NWS

The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) and US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) today announced a construction contract with Mortenson Construction to build a new sterile fly production facility at Moore Air Base in Edinburg, Texas. This facility is a key component in Secretary Rollins' sweeping 5-prong strategy (PDF, 1005 KB) to fight New World Screwworm (NWS), as it will expand USDA's domestic response capacity, bolstering protection for U.S. livestock, wildlife, and public health.

USACE is partnering with USDA and will provide oversight for the contract, design, engineering, and construction of the facility.

"The Army Corps of Engineers is an essential partner in bringing this facility to life and further highlights the Trump Administration's government wide effort to fight the New World Screwworm threat in Mexico," said U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins. "The Army Corps is the best in the business and their engineering expertise and proven track record in delivering complex projects will help ensure we can build a modern, resilient facility that protects American agriculture from invasive pests for decades to come. This first of its kind facility on U.S. soil will ensure we are not reliant on other countries for sterile flies."

"For more than 250 years, USACE has helped secure America by engineering solutions to our nation's toughest challenges. We are proud to be partnering with USDA in the construction of the Sterile Fly Facility, a critical investment in our nation's future agricultural, public

and economic health. Combining our engineering expertise with USDA's mission expertise brings us one step closer to alleviating this biological threat," said Lt. Gen. William H. "Butch" Graham, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers commanding general.

A sterile fly production facility is a specialized biosecure complex where New World Screwworm flies are raised and sterilized using irradiation and then released into targeted areas. Female New World Screwworm flies only mate once in their lives, so if they mate with a sterile male, they lay unfertilized eggs that don't hatch. This method, known as the Sterile Insect Technique, has been a cornerstone of proven screwworm eradication efforts for decades and is recognized worldwide as a highly effective, environmentally responsible approach to insect control. Sterile Insect Technique, when paired with surveillance, animal movement restrictions, and education and outreach, is a proven and effective tool for controlling and eradicating New World Screwworm.

USDA currently produces about 100 million sterile flies per week at the COPEG facility in Panama and disperses them within and just north of affected areas in Mexico. In addition to the COPEG facility in Panama, USDA invested \$21 million to support Mexico's renovation of an existing fruit fly facility in Metapa, which will double NWS production capacity once complete. With ongoing support from APHIS technical experts, Mexico anticipates sterile fly production will begin at this facility in summer 2026. The new facility at Moore Air Base will be the only U.S.-based sterile fly production

facility and will work in tandem with facilities in Panama and Mexico to help eradicate the pest and protect American agriculture.

USDA and USACE will break ground on this new facility later this spring, after initial planning and development meetings with the new contractor. By November 2027, the production facility at Moore Air Base is expected to reach its initial goal of producing 100 million sterile flies per week. After that, construction will continue at the facility to increase production with the long-term goal of producing 300 million sterile flies per week.

The New World Screwworm is a parasitic fly whose larvae feed on warm blooded animals, causing severe animal health impacts and significant economic losses if not controlled.

The United States eliminated the pest in 1966 and has maintained that freedom through the ongoing sterile fly program and international partnerships.

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For more information about NWS and USDA's efforts, visit Screwworm.gov.

Abbott, TWC Launch Streamlined State Of Texas Application

Governor Greg Abbott has announced that the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) has launched a streamlined State of Texas Application on WorkInTexas.com. The updated application simplifies the hiring process to help attract new talent to state jobs and is part of a broader state effort to reduce red tape and burdensome regulations in government.

"As the No.1 state for new jobs in the country, we must make finding a job easier," said Governor Abbott. "This modernized application process implemented by the Texas Workforce Commission will ensure that Texans have every opportu-

nity to find a good, high-paying job. By making state government more responsive and more efficient, Texans will be more prosperous than ever before."

"The streamlined State of Texas Application offers Texans a direct link to rewarding careers and connects the state government to a wider pool of talent," said TWC Chairman Joe Esparza. "TWC is here to help Texans find opportunities to prosper, and this updated application reflects our commitment to that mission."

The new state application offers a quick, two-step process that aligns with private sector hiring practices. Job seekers can now submit appli-

cations for state jobs after simply uploading their resumes and completing a brief questionnaire on WorkInTexas.com.

This change saves time, ensures a seamless user experience, and opens the door to a larger pool of qualified applicants.

The modernized state application is part of a broader effort led by the Texas Regulatory Efficiency Office to make government more efficient. Texans seeking career opportunities in state government are encouraged to visit WorkInTexas.com. Start your journey to a rewarding career in public service today.

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Community Calendar

- March 20 & 21**
Mulkey Theatre • Project Hail Mary • 7:30 p.m.
- March 22**
Mulkey Theatre • Project Hail Mary • 2:00 p.m.
- March 20**
Clarendon Lady Broncos Softball v Lockney • 5:00 p.m. • Away
- March 24**
Clarendon Broncos Baseball v Lockney • 5:00 p.m. • Away
- March 24**
Clarendon Lady Broncos Softball v Memphis • 5:00 p.m. • Home
- March 27**
Clarendon Broncos Baseball v Memphis • 4:00 p.m. • Home
- April 11**
Chance Mark Jones Roar & Run 5K • 8:30 a.m. • Donley County Court House • Register online or at The Clarendon Visitor Center

Menus

March 23 - 27

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Chicken alfredo, broccoli & cauliflower, garden salad, garlic breadstick, lemon cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Tues: Roast/gravy, baked potatoes, spinach, whole wheat roll, banana pudding, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Lasagna, Brussel sprouts, garden salad, garlic breadstick, chocolate pudding w/whipped topping, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Sliced ham, ranch potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll, coconut cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Pollack, Brussels sprouts, French fries, hushpuppies, fruit cocktail, sugar cookie, iced tea/2% milk

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

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

Lunch
Mon: Pizza, carrots, green beans, dessert, fruit, milk.
Tues: Nachos Grande, salsa, beans, cucumbers, ice cream, fruit, milk.
Wed: Spaghetti bowl, breadstick, veggie cup, salad, fruit, milk.
Thu: Tex Mex stack, broccoli, corn, fruit, milk.
Fri: Corn dog, potatoes, tomato cup, fruit, milk.

Hedley ISD
Breakfast
Mon: French toast, sausage, apple, fruit juice, milk.
Tues: Scrambled eggs, biscuit, gravy, bacon, hashbrowns, fruit juice, milk.
Wed: Pancake wrap, yogurt, mixed fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Thu: Breakfast pizza, banana, fruit juice, milk.
Fri: No School

Lunch
Mon: Pizza pocket, broccoli, okra, applesauce, milk.
Tues: Quesadilla, beans, corn, mixed fruit, ice cream, milk.
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Child Abuse Awareness

Mayor Jacob Fangman declared April to be Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness Month in the City of Clarendon during last week's city meeting. Shown here are CASA volunteer and City Secretary Machiel Covey, Nita Williamson of CASA of the High Plains, and Mayor Fangman.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO

New country club officers installed at H'wick

He Said – Did you know that if you are a member of Clarendon Country Club, you are automatically a stockholder? They just don't issue actual stock. Huh. Members need to come to the yearly stockholders' meeting and hopefully add some good input.

She Said – I give you lots of input; you just don't listen.

He Said – Anyway, Robert Brewster presided over his last meeting as President of the Club and new Board members, Carla Carter and Luke Austin were elected. Then the newly filled Board elected officers for the coming year and elected as President was...gasp...a woman! What is next? A woman in the White House?

She Said – You better watch it; you're treading in deep water with no legs!

He Said – No, just joking. Theresa Shelton is our new President,

and she is going to be great! She took the reins for the regular meeting and showed remarkable leadership skills.

She Said – Well, the monthly

Howardwick City Council meeting was no less interesting as Councilman Johnny Hubbard had a whole list of items for discussion.

We learned that while the trash bins could be covered, it's much more economical to leave them open because the garbage can be compressed and the units will hold more! And plans are in the works to help make the town safer from fire danger by working to keep the perimeter areas free of combustibles.

He Said – Yeah, that's great.

he says, she says

by richard & mary green



Top Photo: Fire crews battle the Corner Pocket Fire west of Kincaid Park Sunday. Bottom Photo: Howardwick and Mobeetie crews work to refill fire trucks after a separate fire in Howardwick's Saints' Roost Addition.

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Fire: Continued from page one.

had done a prescribed burn several weeks ago along Kelly Creek, and the fire burned from the scout camp into that previously burned area," Robertson said.

Later in the afternoon, a third fire erupted in Howardwick's Saints' Roost Addition, also from a downed power pole, but Mobeetie firetrucks were on the road to return home and were able to respond immediately and extinguish that blaze without much damage.

The Corner Pocket Fire was largely contained and controlled late Sunday afternoon despite wind-speeds around 60 miles per hour, and local firefighters returned home about 5:30 p.m. The evacuation order was also lifted about that time. Texas Forest Service Strike

Force members stayed on the scene to control hot spots and remained active Monday with helicopters dropping water on hot spots.

Fire Chief Jeremy Powell was on vacation during Sunday's wildfire, but Robertson credited the chief for making plans before he left town.

"I'm thankful for Jeremy Powell's leadership," Robertson said. "He got all the information together for us assistant chiefs that we needed to be prepared in case something like this happened."

Sunday's fire is a reminder of the ongoing wildfire danger in Donley County and the surrounding territory. People are urged to use extreme caution and should make plans to be able to act quickly in the event of an evacuation order.

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CHS athletes receive all-district honors

By Sandy Anderberg

The 2025-26 Lady Bronco basketball team was very successful, not only on the court, but also in the classroom and were awarded for their effort.

Named to the Lady Bronco All-Academic District team was Madi Benson, Kate Shaw, Gracie Ellis, Berkley Moore, Milly McAnear, Kenidee, Hayes, and Lexi Phillips. These ladies are a well-rounded team and most have been together since junior high.

Hayes was strong on both ends of the court, and her talent was

acknowledged by everyone who watched her play while earning the respect of the other District coaches who named her as the District Defensive MVP. Smith and Shaw were also named to the All-District Team.

Benson, Ellis, and Moore were recognized with Honorable Mentions.

On the Bronco side, Tyler Bell was named to the All-State Academic Team and was awarded a District Honorable Mention. Not only was Bell's excellence in the classroom noted, his dedication and determination as a leader of the team

was well known. Despite an injury in football that took him out of basketball and other sports, Bell remained dedicated to the Bronco team.

Receiving District honors was Michael Randall who was named as the District Defensive player of the year along with his All-District honors. Freshman Braxton Gribble was also named to the All-District team for his work on the court and fellow freshman Brentley Gaines was named Newcomer of the year.

Congratulations to all our CHS athletes for their excellence. The seniors will be missed.

Seay shoots an 83 in Childress Golf Meet

By Sandy Anderberg

The Broncos and Lady Broncos headed to Stoney Ridge in Childress last week to sharpen up their golf game as they prepare for District golf.

Senior Heston Seay turned in a score of 83 for the 18-hole course to top the Bronco field. Lady Bronco Gracie Ellis finished with a 93 on the

same course.

The Bronco team finished fifth out of nine teams, and Seay's 83 tied for sixth place as an individual.

Ellis finished seventh as an individual.

Joining Seay on the team was Tyler Cavanaugh with an 84, Hagen Newman with a 96, Dakota Jameson with a 97, and Ronan

Howard with a 99.

Berkley Moore turned in a 100 for the 18 holes and Kortni Davis finished with a 101. Kinslee Hatley turned in a 105 and Avorie Lindsey competed the round with a 124.

The Broncos and Lady Broncos will play March 23-24 in the District Tournament in Palo Duro in Canyon and Stoney Ridge in Childress.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

MEMPHIS

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.

A. State Compensatory Program Annual Evaluation report.

MEMPHIS ISD PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

A Public Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Memphis ISD will be held March 26, 2026, beginning at 5:50 PM in the MISD Band Hall at 1501 High St. Memphis, TX. 79245.
 Topic: State of District Report for 2024-25 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) data.

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, Greenbelt Mini Storage, which is located at 415 N 7th in Memphis, will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien. Sale will start at 8:00 a.m., on Monday, March 30, 2026. Property will be sold to highest bidder for cash. Seller reserves the right to not accept any bid and to withdraw property from sale. Property must be removed immediately, and space cleaned. TENANT NAME as shown on rental agreement: Kristy Wilks (Unit M01), Memphis, Texas 79095. Household items.

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HALL COUNTY

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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 Document 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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 7. Pisces and Aries are the signs
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March
 In like a lion, out like a lamb!
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Movie time

Clarendon Junior High UIL students were rewarded with a trip to the Mulkey Theatre Friday to see Hoppers.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO

Hedley athletes earn medals at Miami meet on March 13

Athletes from Hedley High School and Hedley Junior High turned in several strong performances and personal-best marks at the Miami track meet on March 13.

Jose Prieto led the Owls in the field events, placing second in both the shot put and discus. Prieto threw the shot 35'4" for second place and recorded a personal-best mark of 107'9" in the discus, also finishing second. He also competed in the 400-meter run, placing 11th in one minute, 15.26 seconds.

Payton Inman delivered multiple top finishes for Hedley. Inman placed fourth in the 100 meters with a time of 12.11 seconds and fourth in the 800 meters in 2:28.26. He added a sixth-place finish in the 200 meters with a personal-best time of 25.88 seconds, finished fifth in the high jump with a personal-best leap of 5'2", and took seventh in the long jump at 17'2½".

Damien Alston recorded a personal-best time of 28.30 seconds in the 200 meters to place ninth and finished ninth in the 400 meters in 1:08.80. He also competed in the 800 meters. Brady Goodwin placed 10th in the 400 meters with a time of 1:11.76 and also competed in the shot put and discus.

On the girls side, Abbi Hood competed in several events for the Lady Owls. Hood placed sixth in the 800 meters with a personal-best time of 3:44.22 and finished 11th in the 400 meters in 1:32.22. She also placed seventh in both the long jump (11'9½") and triple jump (24'2½") and competed in the high jump.

Hedley Junior High athletes also competed in Miami on March

13, battling strong winds and the absence of one runner due to illness but still earning several awards.

Jose Martinez had an outstanding meet for the junior high boys, winning the 800 meters in 2:48.00 and the discus with a throw of 81'1". He also placed second in the 400 meters in 1:08.73 and third in the 100 meters in 13.39 seconds.

Jeremiah Shelley captured two distance titles, winning the 1,200 meters in 4:26.44 and the 2,400 meters in 9:24.00. He also finished fourth in the 400 meters in 1:13.82 and competed in the long jump.

Maddex Gay placed second in the triple jump with a leap of 27'11½", fourth in the 800 meters in 3:00.00 and sixth in the 400 meters with a personal-best time of 1:14.72. Lucas Booth placed fifth in the shot put with a personal-best throw of 25'11".

Paul Berry finished fourth in the 2,400 meters with a personal-best time of 10:53.62, while Jose Paita posted personal-best times in both the 1,200 meters (5:13.07) and 2,400 meters (11:23.88), placing sixth in both races.

For the junior high girls, Nayeli Rodriguez turned in one of the top performances of the meet. Rodriguez won the 800 meters in a personal-best 2:59.00 and also captured first place in the 2,400 meters in 10:26.44. She added a third-place finish in the 400 meters in 1:15.00 and set a personal best in the long jump at 10'5" to place eighth.

Kinlee Paris placed third in the 1,200 meters with a personal-best time of 5:35.88 and finished 11th in the 400 meters in 1:33.00.

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