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- 6 And the Broncos beat the boys from Floydada.

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

St. Mary's to hold annual BBQ April 12

Clarendon's St. Mary's Day BBQ Fundraiser will be held Sunday, April 12, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 510 E. Montgomery.

Barbecue beef and pork ribs by the plate with sides or by the pound will be available along with homemade desserts, hand-crafted items, and homemade bread.

Plates are \$20 for adults, \$10 for kids, and free for kids 12 and under.

All proceeds go towards finishing the new church building.

Celebration set for CC basketball team

A Final Four Celebration will be held to honor the Clarendon College Lady Bulldogs on Thursday, April 9, at 7 p.m. in the Bairfield Activity Center.

The event will be free to the public and will celebrate the women's basketball team's historic run to the NJCAA Division I Final Four last month.

Blood drive to be held here Tuesday

The Coffee Memorial Blood Center will hold a "Get Your Kicks on Route 66" Blood Drive on Tuesday, April 14, from 1:00 to 5:15 p.m.

The Bloodmobile will be at Lowe's Family Center. Donors will receive a free t-shirt and a ticket to Escape Mini Golf. Visit obi.org or call 877-340-8777 to schedule an appointment.

USDA announces guidance portal

The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced the creation of the USDA Guidance Portal. This interactive tool – a searchable, indexed database – contains guidance issued by the Department and its agencies.

Today's announcement delivers on Secretary Rollin's commitment to action in February's Farmer and Rancher Freedom Framework, and the Trump Administration's commitment to transparency. The Department will continually update this portal and agency websites to ensure that it reflects current operations across the 29 agencies and staff offices impacted.

The USDA Guidance Portal can be accessed here: <https://bit.ly/4dA5ttP>



A Hedley volunteer firefighter sprays water to fight a wildfire in Hall County last week.

HEDLEY VFD PHOTO

Local firefighters battle Lefty Fire

Clarendon and Hedley volunteer firefighters joined other area departments and state resources in battling the Lefty Fire in Hall County last week.

The fire started on Thursday, April 2, and was contained on Friday with more than 1,300 acres burned.

The fire started about 25 miles

west of Childress.

Officials reported that support came from Turkey VFD, Quitaque VFD, Memphis VFD, Silverton VFD, Motley County VFD, Childress FD, Clarendon VFD, Hedley VFD, Wellington VFD, and the Texas Forest Service as well as state strikeforce crews from all over Texas and as far away as Washing-

ton State.

A social media post from the Turkey Volunteer Fire Department said the forward progression of the fire was stopped Thursday night around 9 p.m. and said the forest service and strike team firefighters remained with the fire overnight. A Type 1 helicopter that was able to draft water from tanks on the

ground. Turkey, Memphis, and Silverton firefighters returned Friday with water tankers and collapsible, portable tanks. They refilled each tanker several times while the helicopter drew up 1000-2000 gallons per trip to go drop over the fire.

These crews and the helicopter were released Friday evening around 5:00.



Clarendon OAP advances

The Clarendon High School One Act Play troupe is advancing to the Area competition this week after its Bi-District performance last Thursday, April 2, in Wellington. Clarendon's performance of "The Last Lifeboat" was well liked by the judges, and CHS was one of three teams out of six to advance from the Bi-District round. CHS juniors Hunter Caison and Zane Cruse were named to the Bi-District All-Star Cast, senior Kaleb Mays was named Honorable Mention All-Star Cast, and Dahlia Neal was named an Outstanding Tech. The Area competition will be this Friday, April 10, in Sudan with CHS taking the stage at 11 a.m.

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Lions give disaster relief grants to Clarendon, H'wick FDs

The Clarendon Lions Club recently has made donations of \$1,000 each to the Clarendon and Howardwick volunteer fire departments for expenses related to the Eight Ball Fire in February.

Lions District Governor Deanna Porter worked with the Texas Lions Foundation to secure disaster relief following the wildfire, which burned more than 13,500 acres, threatened the City of Howardwick, and led to evacuations of residences in that city and near Lake Greenbelt.

The funds were quickly approved and then handed over to the Clarendon Lions Club to deter-

mine how best to disperse the money.

The club made a donation to the District 2-T1 Lions Disaster Relief Team, which brought its mobile kitchen to Howardwick on February 18 to prepare food for about 100 first responders.

Lions officials then worked with representatives of the Clarendon and Howardwick fire departments to identify expenses from the fire that could be covered by the grant funds. Clarendon had two fire trucks that needed repairs following the Eight Ball Fire, and Howardwick had tires that needed replacing after the fire.



Boss Lion Brian Barboza presents a check to Howardwick firefighter Sandy Childress, and Lion Roger Estlack presents a check to Clarendon fireman Chuck Robertson recently.

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Legislative work starts right now

Most folks think the Texas Legislature starts when the gavel drops in January. But if you've been around this process long enough, you know better. The real work – the kind that shapes what lawmakers will spend their time on – starts long before session ever begins. It starts with something called interim charges.

Interim charges are essentially a research assignment. The Speaker of the House and the Lieutenant Governor assign them to committees, telling lawmakers what to study between sessions. It's a chance to slow down, ask better questions, and really understand the issues before decisions have to be made during the short 140 days of a legislative session.

And if you want to know what's coming next for Texas, this is where you look. Because what gets studied now is what gets debated later.

In this latest round of interim charges, rural Texas is clearly part of the conversation – and that's a good thing.

But it also means now is the time to speak up.

Both the House and Senate are taking a closer look at water – how we manage it, how it's used, and how growing demands from new industry and data centers could impact local supplies.

House Committee Chairman Cody Harris suggested the Legislature may be looking at changes to the "rule of capture" – and if you're in agriculture, that's the kind of statement that ought to make you stop and pay attention.

Water is what keeps our farms running, our towns growing, and our families planted in place. And with drought and population growth putting pressure on supply, the stakes are only getting higher.

When lawmakers start studying water, that's the moment for rural communities to make sure they understand what that really looks like on the ground – and what it means when the state begins to take a closer look in how it's used.

The same is true for our local public schools.

Lawmakers in both chambers will be studying school finance, enrollment trends, teacher pay, and how recent changes – including school choice – will play out across the state. The House is taking a closer look at teacher shortages, while the Senate is examining academic outcomes and trends like four-day school weeks.

In rural Texas, a school is more than a building. It's part of the identity of a town. It's Friday nights, it's community pride, and it's often one of the largest employers in the county.

If decisions are coming that affect our schools, we need to be part of that conversation now – not after the fact.

Health care, EMS, and fire protection are also getting attention.

Committees are studying rural ambulance services, hospital stability, workforce shortages, and the needs of volunteer fire departments, especially in areas with wildfire risk.

If you've ever waited on an ambulance that had to come from the next town over, or watched neighbors step up to fight a fire with limited equipment, you already know why this matters.

These aren't just policy discussions. They are the systems that keep rural communities functioning.

There's also a growing focus on infrastructure – power, transmission lines, roads, and large-scale development.

Some of that growth is heading toward rural Texas. And while growth can bring opportunity, it also raises important questions about water use, land, local roads, and whether communities have a voice in what's happening around them.

That's why this stage of the process matters so much.

The interim charges are the listening stage. Lawmakers will hold hearings, take testimony, and try to understand what's working, what's not, and what needs to change.

But they can't do that well without hearing from the people who live it every day.

That means county officials, school leaders, farmers, business owners, and everyday citizens. It means rural voices showing up – or at the very least, reaching out.

Because if we don't tell our story, someone else will tell it for us.

This is also the moment to give your legislators the cover to do the right thing.

When they hear directly from the people back home – clearly, consistently, and early – it shapes how they think about an issue before the pressure of session ever begins.

So pay attention. Stay engaged. And make sure your leaders know what matters where you live.

Because by the time the Legislature gavels in next January, the groundwork will already be laid.

And in Texas, the communities that speak up early are the ones that are better heard when it counts.

Because at the end of the day, the strength of this state doesn't start in Austin.

It starts in places like ours – where people are still close enough to the work, the land, and each other to know what matters.

And that's exactly the voice Texas legislators needs to hear right now.

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texas rural reporter
by suzanne bellsnyder

Brushes with fame and fortune

On occasion, I've been in the presence of the rich and/or famous. Usually, though, I am lost among hundreds – maybe thousands – turning out for political rallies or tent shows. At one, I blathered excitedly upon winning a box of Cracker Jacks! (Better to remain silent and let others think you an idiot than to speak and remove all doubt.)

At least twice, though, I've associated with a few well-known figures away from crowds. One was a world-renowned actor, the late "Hoss" Cartwright, star of Bonanza on TV. Another is Gary Moore, a native of tiny Forsan, TX. In 40+ years, he's become well known in movie theater circles, head man for Premiere Cinemas. (Big Spring – where he owned his first theater – is where he began his career as a 12-year-old, repairing theater seats and selling concessions.) Now, he is "head man" for Premiere – one of the nation's largest independent movie chains.

He is a leader in his profession – humble to the core – without ever mounting a stage, except perhaps to change a light bulb. The chain has 245 screens, mostly in Texas....

As admitted earlier, I have usually clamored at crowded venues, trying to get a better view or seeking a less perilous place to stand.

In the cases of Cartwright and Moore, however, it was "them and me." Only recently have I admitted that our meeting was as random as it gets, attributed to either "blind hog luck" and/or a minor "perk" for public service.

There was nominal interest in the Alpine, TX, Chamber of Commerce in

1965. As a youthful educator and new in town, the presidential title was "thrust" upon me, there being no other candidates. (Veteran university teachers knew better.)....

Ha! Double ha!

Little did we know that soon, Cartwright – a graduate of Sul Ross State University – would return to Alpine to lead the homecoming parade. He'd ride on the back of a convertible, me "Ubering" him as Chamber president. I remember tilting upward as he plopped downward.

Knowing I should say something, I didn't want the question to be so innocuous that his response would be accentuated by a yawn.

"What would you do if you had life to do over?" I asked. Tears flowing, he answered, "I'd still be teaching school in West Texas."...

Some 18 years ago, Premiere Cinemas "came to Burleson," opening a 14-screen house with all the bells/whistles and state-of-the-art seats.

A few hundred people were present for the grand opening. Having worked at a drive-in theater during high school, I was fascinated by the "fancy-schmancy" concession area. For a moment, I was face-to-face with a guy who seemed to be as "at home" selling popcorn as he would be repairing an oil field pump jack or grabbing a quilt to smother a rig fire. I asked him where he grew up. He



the idle american
by don newbury

said I wouldn't know. I said I might.

He was shocked when I said, "Forsan, TX," forewarned that it is a small community in Webb County, where I've spoken several times....

I raced to my car to get one of my books, autographing it to the OWNER of the new theater. (I printed too many, so it was a small gesture.)

Then, recently – almost two decades later – as I was leaving a matinee movie, Chris Chamblee, a manager, stopped me in the lobby to introduce a man who looked vaguely familiar. Sure enough, it was the popcorn-serving – and maybe light bulb-changing – theater magnate.

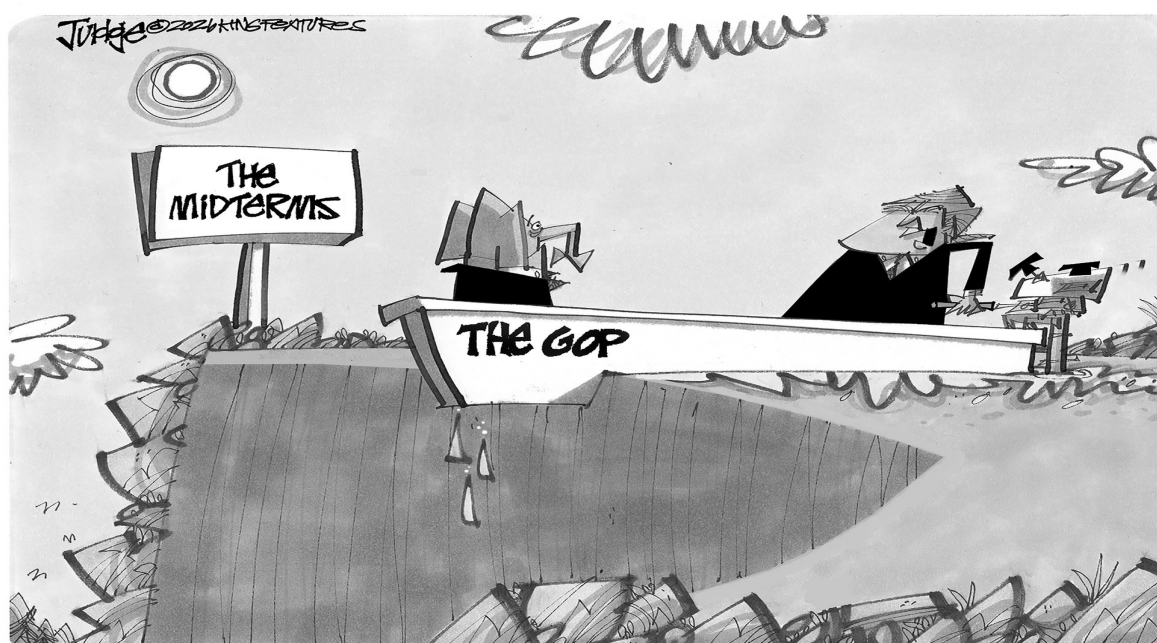
Immediately I remembered our meeting at the theater's grand opening; he recalled the book gift. Again, he was attired in jeans....

Actually, I learned years ago never to ask this question – even next of kin – if they've read my books, and surely I was possessed by a major memory lapse. I asked the fatal question. (Aside: If you put my books down, you can't pick 'em up.)

His eyes darted and face reddened. "I haven't read it yet."

"Which one did I give you?" I asked. "Remember the title? Cover color? Hardback?" He couldn't recall, but claimed it to be on the nightstand of their guest bedroom....

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Constitution 101: Commerce Clause

When studying Congress' authority and responsibilities in Section 8 of Article I of our Constitution, one of the shortest clauses has become one of the most complicated and litigated in American history.

Clause III, known as the Commerce Clause, gives Congress the power "To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes." For such a short sentence, it has caused a lot of debate.

First things first, before the rest of the clause can be understood, the Supreme Court had to define "commerce." While the word might suggest simply buying and selling goods, Chief Justice John Marshall gave it a much broader meaning in *Gibbons v. Ogden* (1824).

The dispute arose when New York granted Aaron Ogden an exclusive license to operate steamboats in its waters, effectively giving him a monopoly. Thomas Gibbons, however, operated a competing steamboat route between New York and New Jersey under a federal license issued by Congress.

Part of Ogden's argument was that he simply transported people and goods, which he claimed did not fall under "commerce" since he was not buying or selling. Marshall disagreed. He broadly defined commerce as all commercial interaction between states, including the movement or navigation of people or goods across state lines.

Marshall still saw commerce in a narrow scope and later cases supported him that manufacturing was not always commerce. In *Kidd v. Pearson* (1888), Iowa outlawed the manufacturing of alcohol, but J.S. Kidd argued the state did not have that power under the Commerce Clause. The Court disagreed, holding that manufacturing happens before commerce begins and is therefore under state control, not federal authority. The Court reaffirmed this idea in *Carter*

v. Carter Coal Co. (1936), ruling that mining was also a local activity outside federal reach.

Later, however, in the 20th century there was a major shift that changed the meaning of commerce. In *NLRB v. Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp.* (1937), the Court upheld a federal law protecting workers' rights to unionize. It ruled that even though manufacturing is a local activity, it can be regulated by Congress if it has a "substantial effect" on interstate commerce. Because labor disputes at a large steel company could disrupt the national flow of goods, Congress had the authority to regulate them.

Similar cases followed. In *Mulford v. Smith* (1939), the Court ruled that even though farming is a local activity, it can be regulated when it is part of a broader system that substantially affects interstate commerce. In *Sunshine Anthracite Coal Co. v. Adkins* (1940), the Court upheld federal regulation of coal due to its connection to interstate commerce. In *American Medical Association v. United States* (1943), the Court went even further, ruling that the activities of a nonprofit health organization could still count as interstate commerce because they were part of trade and could affect the national market.

So, although early Supreme Court decisions applied Congress' commerce power narrowly – excluding areas like manufacturing, mining, insurance, and certain services – the Court later expanded its interpretation. By the mid-20th century, it recognized a wide range of activities as interstate commerce, including news transmission, insurance, and even local activities closely connected to interstate movement. Today,

"commerce" under our Constitution encompasses the movement of people, goods, services, and information across state lines, as well as related communications and transactions forming part of an integrated national economy.

As for "regulate ... among the several States," this also was defined in *Gibbons v. Ogden*. In that case, Ogden had a monopoly granted by the State of New York while Gibbons received his license from Congress, creating a direct conflict between state and federal authority over interstate activity. Chief Justice Marshall declared that the Constitution gives Congress – not the states – the power to regulate interstate commerce, so Gibbons' federal license overruled New York's monopoly.

While Marshall explained that Congress could regulate commerce between states, but not activities that happen entirely within one state and don't affect others, this understanding also changed over time just like the definition of commerce. In *Swift & Co. v. United States* (1905), the Court held that Congress could regulate local business activities if they are part of a larger "stream of commerce" that crosses state lines. Even though some steps (like meat processing) occurred within one state, they were part of a continuous interstate system. Because of this, federal antitrust laws could apply, further expanding Congress' power.

So, while the Commerce Clause is a short clause, it is one of the most important because it defines the balance of power between the federal government and the states and shapes how the national economy is regulated. It also demonstrates the growth of federal authority that picked up during the Progressive movement and into the New Deal.

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Cause and effect

Hedley Junior High science students conducted experiments recently to simulate human impact on the environment.

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Kinzlee Paris runs the 400 meters last week during the White Deer meet.

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Owl Maddex Gay throws the shot put at the White Deer meet last week.

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Hedley track post several personal-best at White Deer

Hedley Junior High and High School athletes turned in a series of personal-best performances and podium finishes at district track meets held April 1 and 2 in White Deer.

At the junior high meet Thursday, Hedley's girls were led by Nayeli Rodriguez, who claimed the district title in the 2400 meters with a time of 10 minutes, 24.88 seconds. Rodriguez also added a fourth-place finish in the 400 meters (1:15.24).

Ehmjey Valles recorded personal-best times in both of her events, placing 16th in the 200 meters (42.16) and 15th in the 400 meters (1:39.12).

Kinzlee Paris also set a personal record in the 400 meters, finishing 12th in 1:27.21, and competed in the 800 and 1200.

On the boys' side, Jose Mar-

tiniez posted a third-place finish in the discus with a personal-best throw of 81 feet, 3 inches. He also set a personal best in the 800 meters (2:38.88) to place fifth, while adding eighth in the 100 meters (14.64), ninth in the 400 (1:16.12) and 11th in the shot put (24-3½).

Paul Berry added another podium finish for Hedley, taking third in the 2400 meters with a personal-best time of 10:34.00, while also competing in the 800 and 1200. Jose Paita placed fifth in the 2400 (12:05.12).

Maddex Gay contributed several personal-best efforts, including a tie for sixth in the triple jump (27-11½), 12th in the shot put (23-8½) and seventh in the discus (72-5). He also finished 10th in the 400 (1:16.52) and eighth in the 800 (3:00.44).

Lucas Booth recorded a personal-best throw of 48-10½ in the discus to place 15th and was 15th in the shot put (23-3).

At the high school meet Wednesday, Hedley's Josue Prieto highlighted the boys' results with a third-place finish in the discus at 115-8, while placing ninth in the shot put (35-8½).

Damien Alston competed in three running events, finishing 21st in the 400 meters (1:07.87), 26th in the 200 (29.65) and 13th in the 800 (2:38.96).

For the Lady Owls, Abbi Hood placed 10th in the triple jump (24-5½), 12th in the 800 meters (3:40.65) and 19th in the 400 (1:42.65).

Hedley athletes combined for multiple top-five finishes and a host of personal records across both meets.



the lion's tale
by roger estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting April 7, 2026, with Boss Lion Brian Barboza ringing the bell.

We had seven Lions present, two attending virtually, and Sweetheart Millie McAnear present this week.

The Chance Mark Jones Roar & Run 5K is coming up this Saturday, April 11, and plans were discussed for volunteer positions needed. The club is expecting a good crowd again and reminds everyone this is a "rain or shine" event. If it gets rained out, the club will be happy to have sponsored the rain. Volunteers will start getting ready at 7:30 a.m., and the race starts at 8:30.

Coffee Memorial's Route 66 will be held April 14 at Lowe's Family Center in the Bloodmobile from 1:00 to 5:15 p.m.

Also, elections will be held this month (maybe next week!), so members are advised to attend to know what they might get nominated for.

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



HHS tennis

Hedley High School tennis players competed March 26 in advance of Monday's district tennis meet. They faced great competition, and Abbi Hood had a hard fought battle that went into an extra set to determine the overall winner.

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NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE TARIFF FILING

Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) on March 30, 2026, its Petition requesting approval of its proposed Military Base Surcharge Tariff.

Texas Public Utility Regulatory Act (PURA) § 36.354, provides that each electric utility in an area where implementation of full customer choice is not available or the Commission has delayed the implementation of full customer choice in accordance with PURA § 39.103 shall discount charges for electric service provided to a military base. PURA § 36.354(b) establishes the discount to be provided to military installations as a 20 percent reduction of the base commercial rate that the electric utility would otherwise charge the military installation.

PURA § 36.354(c) provides that the electric utility may assess a surcharge to all its retail customers to recover the difference in revenue between the revenues from the discounted rate for military bases and the base commercial rate. SWEPCO's Tariff Sheet No. IV-16 provides the Military Base Adjustment Factor per billing kWh for its retail customers in Texas as reflected below:

MONTHLY FACTOR

Major Rate Classes	\$/kWh
Residential	\$0.0000914
Commercial & Small Industrial	\$0.0000678
Industrial / Large Lighting and Power	\$0.0000242
Municipal	\$0.0000668
Outdoor Lighting	\$0.0001486

SWEPCO has requested that the tariff become effective with the first billing cycle of June 2026. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon this proceeding must notify the Commission within 21 days of SWEPCO's filing of the Petition. A request to intervene or for further information should reference Tariff Control No. 59587 and be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (800) 735-2988. The Company can be contacted at 428 Travis Street, Shreveport, LA 71101, or by calling (888) 216-3523 during normal business hours.

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Community Calendar

- April 10**
Clarendon Broncos Baseball v Locknew • 4:00 p.m. • Home
- April 10 & 11**
Mulkey Theatre • The Super Mario Galaxy Movie • 7:30 p.m.
- April 11**
Chance Mark Jones Roar & Run 5K • 8:30 a.m. • Donley County Court House • Register online or at The Clarendon Visitor Center
- April 12**
Mulkey Theatre • The Super Mario Galaxy Movie • 2:00 p.m.
- April 14**
Clarendon Broncos Baseball v Memphis • 4:30 p.m. • Home
- April 14**
Clarendon Lady Broncos Softball v Floydada • 5:00 p.m. • Home
- April 17**
Clarendon Broncos Baseball v Floydada • 5:00 p.m. • Away
- April 21**
Clarendon Broncos Baseball v Wellington • 4:00 p.m. • Home

Menus

April 13 - 17
Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Steak fingers, gravy, red skin potatoes, black-eyed peas, hot rolls, chocolate cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Tues: Stuffed baked potato, shredded beef, steamed broccoli, hot roll, pineapple cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Goulash (beef, tomato, macaroni, cheese), mixed greens, cornbread, coconut cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Chicken fajitas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, garden salad, sopapilla cheesecake, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Beef tips and noodles, broccoli & cauliflower, hot roll, chocolate cup cake, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Pork chops, black-eyed peas, turnip greens, cornbread, sliced peaches, iced tea/2% milk.
Tues: Pot roast, gravy, potatoes, onions, carrots, green beans, whole wheat roll, fruit cobbler, 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 cucumber & onion salad, cornbread, sliced peaches, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Chicken strips, gravy, potato wedges, garden salad, whole wheat roll, brownie, iced tea/2% milk

Clarendon CISD
Breakfast
Mon: Pancakes, bacon, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Tues: Breakfast burrito, hash-browns, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Wed: Waffles, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Thu: Stuffed bagel, cheese stick, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Fri: Donut, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Steak fingers, gravy, roll, green beans, corn, fruit, milk.
Tues: Walking taco, beans, veggie cup, dessert, fruit, milk.
Wed: Calzone, broccoli, marinara sauce, fruit, milk.
Thu: Boneless chicken wings, chips, celery, carrots, sherbet, fruit, milk.
Fri: Drumstick, biscuit, salad, sweet potatoes, fruit, milk.

Hedley ISD
Breakfast
Mon: Pancakes, bacon, grapes, fruit juice, milk.
Tues: Donut, sausage, orange, fruit juice, milk.
Wed: Breakfast burrito, hash-browns, apple, fruit juice, milk.
Thu: Monte Cristo, banana, fruit juice, milk.
Fri: No School

Lunch
Mon: Pizza, broccoli, marinara, apple, milk.
Tues: Frito pie, tomato cup, peaches, churro, milk.
Wed: Nachos Grande, carrots, okra, orange sherbet, milk.
Thu: Popcorn chicken, biscuit, jelly, emoji fries, green beans, apple cause, milk.
Fri: No School



Pinwheels for Protection

Members of the Clarendon Lions Club and The Bridge – Children’s Advocacy Center placed pinwheels in front of the Lions Hall to commemorate April as Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention month.

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Tax time means fun time at country club

He Says – I don’t think I have to remind anyone that April 15 is the deadline for filing tax returns! But this Saturday, April 11, is the 4th Annual IRS Invitational Golf Tournament at Clarendon Country Club. It’s a fun day of goofy golf meant to take your mind off the important “stuff” in life and give away more of your hard-earned money. Do you ever putt while being handcuffed to your partner? Have you ever teed off with a marshmallow instead of a golf ball? There is something different to overcome on nearly every hole.

She Says – I love it! Nobody complains about having to be weighed in or their blood pressure taken. There are IRS Auditors on the course to assess penalties or offer refunds for poor or excellent playing...even for wearing the right or wrong college tee shirt!

He Says – Because this year’s tournament weekend falls on the same weekend as golf’s famous Masters Tournament, we didn’t want people to get confused about which

tournament they were playing in, so we added “NOT the Masters” to the tournament name. She Says – This year’s proceeds will be shared with our county volunteer fire departments. He Says – With this awful fire season, we’re lucky to have our homes in Howard-wick, much less a golf course! We are so grateful for those volunteers!

She Says – I heard the committee is adding green jackets for the winners. That’s a nice touch. It looks like a chili cook-off for the Frito pie snacks. You and Judy Bland and Redell Johnston are going head-to-head with your best chili recipes. You know, I’m glad to see your excitement about the tournament. It’s kept your mind off last Monday’s

visit to the accountant.

He Says – Don’t remind me. But speaking of Income Tax, do you remember refusing to sign ours?

She Says – Yes...and you still could go to prison for that!

He Says – Let me explain to our reading friends: We file jointly on the long form and that means you list all deductibles you are allowed—home insurance, doctor and hospital bills, etc... If they total a certain amount. One year back in the ‘70s we were a bit short of the total needed to claim medical bills, so, I simply added the \$220 bill from our vet. I went to Mary to have her sign but told her not to read it. Guess what? She read it. She refused to sign it. For several minutes I did a long burn; then I signed it for her!

She Says – Now I’ll need a ride to Huntsville.

April 11 – Chance Mark Jones Roar & Run 5K

April 11 – IRS Invitational Golf Tournament “It’s NOT the Masters” CCC



he says, she says

by richard & mary green

TWC network connects students with employers

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) has announced the launch of the new and improved TexasInternNetwork.com. This free, modernized platform is Texas’ one-stop shop for internships. With a faster, simplified registration process and improved search features, the site is ready to help solve staffing needs and jumpstart students’ careers for the summer internship season.

“For Texas employers, the Texas Intern Network opens a direct pipeline to motivated students who are seeking meaningful careers with upward mobility,” said TWC Chairman Joe Esparza. “This new website is a powerful tool for employers to recruit and train their future workforce with the workforce readiness and technical skills that will boost their business and drive their bottom line.”

TexasInternNetwork.com also offers new, AI-powered tools to prepare students for every stage of the hiring process.

These tools offer resume and cover letter assistance and interview coaching opportunities.

To prepare for the hiring process, students can refine their interview skills through AI feedback, expert-led video lessons, practice scenarios, and a realistic interview simulator.

“Texas Intern Network connects students with paid internships that allow them to develop essential skills, explore diverse career paths, and ultimately contribute to a stronger, more competitive Texas economy,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Alberto Treviño III. “Paid internships ensure opportunities are available to all students, regardless of their economic background, and are an investment in the future of our Texas workforce.”

The new site marks a significant step in the statewide Texas Intern Network campaign. This is a collaborative effort to promote paid internships in Texas. It involves all three Tri-Agency partners TWC, the Texas Education Agency, and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

“The Texas Intern Network is an innovative tool that connects our

state’s next generation of workers with employers, fostering a pipeline of skilled employees who are ready to meet the evolving needs of Texas industries,” said TWC Commissioner Representing the Public Brent Connett. “This is one of many ways TWC is helping to cultivate the talent necessary to keep our economy competitive and ensure Texas remains the nation’s jobs leader.”

TexasInternNetwork.com connects interns and Texas employers across the state through virtual and in-person Conference Series events, as well as a digital LinkedIn networking platform. These conferences provide interns with valuable networking opportunities and resources for career advancement. The next will be on April 23 at Austin Community College’s Highland Campus. This event coincides with National Internship Awareness Month, which is recognized every April.

Students and employers are encouraged to visit TexasInternNetwork.com to start connecting today.

Distracted driving a leading cause in Texas crashes

Whatever’s on the phone, it can’t be as important as what’s in front of you on the road. Pay attention behind the wheel – it can save a life.

Unfortunately, drivers sometimes forget their fellow Texans and drive distracted. The Estelle family in Tarrant County knows all too well how losing focus can lead to a deadly crash.

“The hardest thing a mother has to do is look at her children in coffins,” said Dee Davila-Estelle.

Davila-Estelle and husband Kevin Estelle were driving home with their family when a distracted driver on their phone hit them at 70 mph. Two of their three children died in the tragic—but preventable—crash. The family is working with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to remind everyone to focus on the road and drive like a Texan: kind, courteous and safe.

Distracted driving was the second-most common factor in Texas traffic crashes last year, contributing to more than 86,000. No matter how

tempting it may be to reply to a text or scroll social media while driving, nothing is more important than your life and the lives of everyone else on the road.

Anything that takes your eyes off the road can be distracted driving, including changing a song, adjusting navigation or eating.

“When you’re behind the wheel, you should be completely focused on just one thing: driving,” said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. “Road hazards and obstacles require quick thinking and reaction time, and just a few seconds can be the difference between life and death. I promise that text message or bite of food can wait.”

April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month and TxDOT is reminding Texans to always stay focused on the road when driving. The agency is reaching out through commercials, billboards and a mobile exhibit featuring a driving simulator that brings the dangers of distracted driving to life.

The goal is to educate Texans

not only on the dangers of distracted driving, but also on distracted driving laws. When it comes to texting behind the wheel, Texas law is clear: Anyone caught reading, writing or sending a text while driving faces a fine of up to \$200.

Avoid distractions with these simple steps: Stay focused – Keep both hands on the wheel and your eyes on the road. Stash your phone – Put your phone out of reach while driving. Use your phone’s settings to block texts or calls until you arrive at your destination. Pull over – If you must send a message, make a call or do anything else that might distract you, come to a complete stop in a safe place first.

Talk. Text. Crash. is an important part of TxDOT’s Drive Like a Texan: Kind. Courteous. Safe. initiative. Drive like a Texan is about embracing the pride, camaraderie and responsibility of being a Texan on the road. By making thoughtful choices, we can all help keep each other safe. Learn more at Drive-LikeATexan.com.

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Here’s How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Zoo time

Pre-kindergarten students from Hedley took a field trip to the Amarillo Zoo last week to learn about different animals.

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Donley County Judge John Howard (left) receives an honor from Lubbock County Judge Curtis Parrish from the Texas Association of Counties.

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TAC honors Judge Howard

Donley County Judge John Howard has been named a Fellow of the Texas Judicial Academy by the Texas Association of Counties (TAC). The honor recognizes county judges who go beyond the state's minimum education requirements and show dedication to judicial excellence.

Judge Howard was among several county judges inducted as Fellows during the academy's 2026 Spring Judicial Education Session, held March 25-27 in Lubbock.

The event celebrates judges who are dedicated to continued learning and professional development.

The Texas Judicial Academy is a partnership of TAC and the Texas Tech University School of Law, overseen by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. County judges in the program learn from higher court judges, law professors, experts from the Texas College of Probate Judges and the National Judicial College, and other legal professionals. The initiative ensures that county judges from across Texas have access to high-quality training and resources.

The Texas Association of Counties unites, supports and provides services to Texas counties to help them deliver more effective services to their local communities.

DPS Increases Enforcement for Annual Distracted Driving Campaign

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) will increase patrols beginning this weekend to ensure drivers stay focused and avoid distractions. From April 6 through April 13, the Texas Highway Patrol (THP) will conduct its annual Distracted Driving traffic enforcement campaign – looking for drivers who are texting, failing to Move Over or Slow down or are otherwise distracted behind the wheel.

THP will increase enforcement as part of Operation CARE (Crash Awareness and Reduction Effort), which runs nationwide from April 7 through April 14. Last year, during DPS' 2025 Distracted Driving enforcement efforts, more than 79,201 citations and warnings were issued, including over 5,100 speeding violations; 335 seat belt and child seat violations; 1,849 violations for driving without insurance; and 345 felony and fugitive arrests.

To comply with Move Over or Slow Down, Texas law states that a driver must either: Vacate the lane closest to the applicable vehicles stopped on the side of the road (if the road has multiple lanes traveling in the same direction) or Slow down to 20 mph below the speed limit. (If the speed limit is below 25 mph, the driver must slow down to 5 mph). Violations of the law result in a misdemeanor that is punishable by a fine of up to \$1,250. Subsequent offenses can increase fines, and if the offense results in bodily injury, the penalty

can be up to a state jail felony.

DPS offers the following safety tips:

Eliminate distractions while driving, including the use of mobile devices. Texas law prohibits the use of portable wireless devices to read, write or send an electronic message unless the vehicle is stopped. If you're using a navigation device or app, have a passenger operate it so you can keep your eyes on the road.

Move Over or Slow Down for police, fire, EMS, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) vehicles and tow trucks stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated. Show the same courtesy to fellow drivers who are stopped on the side of the road. So far in 2026, there have been more than 5,007 Move Over, Slow Down violations.

Don't drink and drive. Make alternate plans if you consume alcohol.

Buckle up everyone in the vehicle – it's the law.

Slow down, especially in bad weather, heavy traffic, unfamiliar areas or construction zones.

Drive defensively, as holiday travel can present additional challenges.

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CLUES ACROSS

- Health care pros
- A person inhabiting Benin
- One thousand cubic feet (abbr.)
- Split pulses
- Frozen water
- Small constellation
- Perennial mountain rice
- Pick up
- Japanese historical period
- Suggesting the horror of death and decay
- Unattached
- Fishing port in SE France
- Products for dogs
- One point south of southeast
- Having the skill or resources to do something
- Involve oneself deeply
- Immobile
- __ pai dong: Hong Kong food stall
- Move quickly on foot
- Gathered
- A way through
- Another name for Thor
- Sharp dueling sword
- The supreme commander of a fleet
- Seasoned sausages
- Path
- Christian hermit
- Ancient region of Asia Minor
- Where wrestlers go to work
- Roman statesman
- Explosive
- Licensed for Wall Street
- Where golfers start
- Grow old
- Autonomic nervous system
- No seats available

CLUES DOWN

- A legally binding command
- General feeling of discomfort
- Dribble
- Soft touch
- South American plant
- Clouds of gas and dust in space
- Warm-blooded vertebrates
- Lines created by folding
- Strong belief
- Senior officer
- Adult
- Joint entrance examination in India
- Passports and drivers' licenses are two
- Those who go against an accepted authority
- One point east of northeast
- Journalist Tarbell
- One's mother (British)
- Nowhere to be found
- A way to save for old age
- Fall behind
- Midway between northeast and east
- The work of a sailor
- Mark with striae
- Energy, style and enthusiasm
- Sticky situation
- Monetary units of Spain
- Three-banded armadillo
- Chooses
- More disreputable
- Defensive nuclear weapon
- "The Partridge Family" actress Susan
- Livestock owners assn. in Spain
- Duplicating machine (abbr.)
- OJ trial judge
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Broncos stay strong in win over Floydada

By Sandy Anderberg

The Bronco baseball team snuck up from behind against the Floydada Whirlwinds last week to earn a 9-7 win. The Broncos trailed by six runs half way through the game after the Whirlwinds added runs in the first three innings.

Staying calm until the bottom of the sixth, the Broncos let their bats go and racked up nine runs taking the two-run lead in the game. The Broncos were able to take advantage of a base-on-balls and a Whirlwind error to get the runs going. Shaun Childers went two for four on the day posting two RBIs, and Hudson Howard and Klay Wilkins knocked down two hits each in the Broncos' rally.

Overall, the Broncos stole six bases and turned one double play in the win.

Hayden Moore was on the mound for the Broncos and allowed nine hits and six runs over the first three innings with three walks. Braylon Rice came in as relief in the fourth.

Later in the week, the Broncos hosted the Wellington Rockets and fell short at 4-7. Gaines was on the mound giving up six hits and seven runs for just over two innings. Gaines struck out two hitters and walked zero. Rice took over the duties in the third.

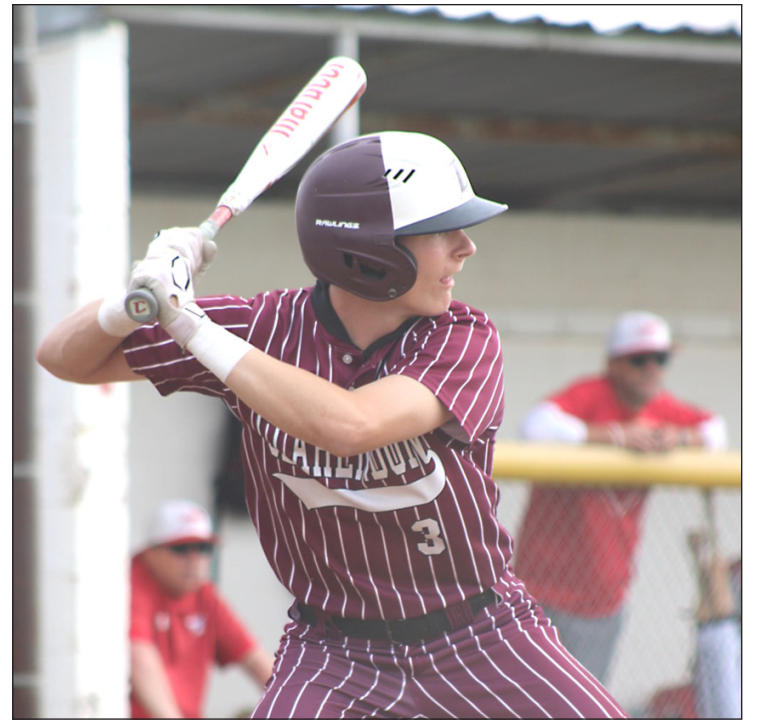
On the offensive side, once again Childers had two runs batted in, and Aiden Burnam, Howard and Moore each had one hit for the Broncos.

The Broncos will take on Lockney at home April 10 and travel to Memphis April 14.



Bronco Brentley Gains pitches last week against Wellington.

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Braylon Rice bats for the Broncos last week in Wellington.

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Lady Broncos show off at White Deer

By Sandy Anderberg

Competing in White Deer this past week, the Lady Broncos had a stellar day on the track. They were able to claim the championship with 129 points over several other teams.

Standout runner and senior Madi Benson ran well and earned first in the 800m and the 1600m runs. Benson's time in the 800m was 2:26 and she ran a 5:40.64 in the 1600m. Along with Benson, Brilynn Bruce won the 200m race with a time of 26.90.

Laken Smith had a solid day as well and finished third in the 100m dash with a time of 13.96. Smith also jumped 16' in the long jump for second place and finished second in the triple jump with a leap of 32'1 1/2".

Addy Havens ran the 1600m in a time of 6:01.64 for fourth place and ran the 3200m in a time of

12:59.90 for third. Lexi Phillips ran the 3200m in a time of 14:23.37 and was eighth in the 1600m at 6:32.56. Paylin Hodges ran the 100m race in a time of 15.12 and threw the discus 55'2 1/2" for 14th place and Sequoia Weatheron was able to place 13th in the 200m with a time of 32.59. Emmarie Holland placed fifth in the 400m run with a time of 1:09.08 and fourth in the 800m at 2:48.46.

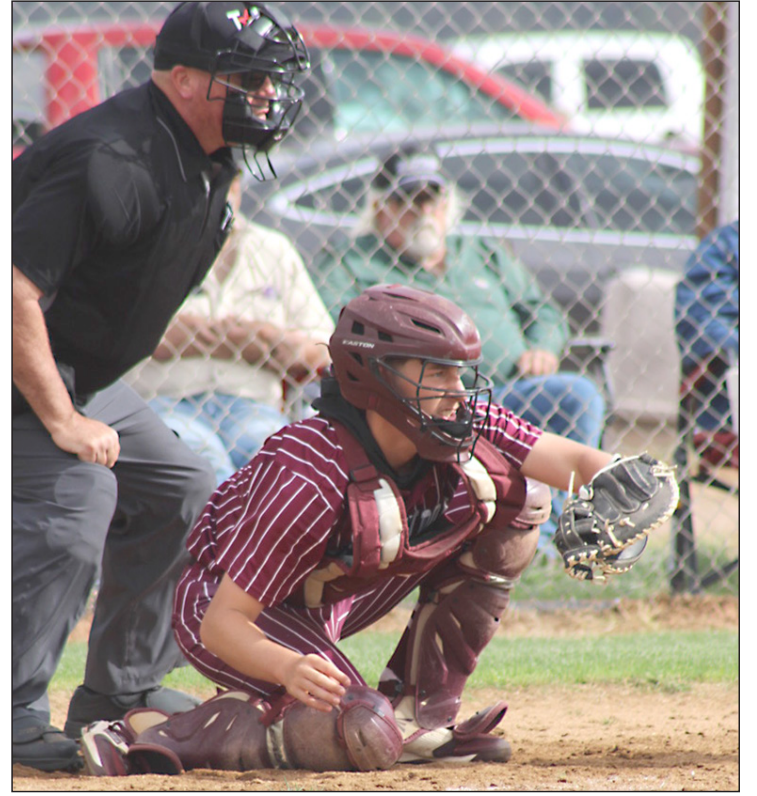
The Lady Broncos were able to seal the championship by winning three relays. They took first in the 400m relay with a time of 52.03, the 800m relay at 1:54.94, and the mile relay at a time of 4:27.81. Running the 400m and 800m relays were Elliot Frausto, Smith, Weatheron and Bruce. Frausto, Holland, Havens and Benson were members of the mile relay.

The Lady Broncos will compete in the district meet on April 9.



Bronco Hayden Moore tries to get an out at Wellington on Friday.

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Dakota Jameson catches for the Broncos on Friday against Wellington.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / SHAUNA SALINAS

Broncos participate in White Deer meet

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon Broncos did a solid job at the White Deer track meet bringing home several first-place finishes.

The Bronco relays took first in the 400 and the 800m relays with time of 43.90 and 1:32.12. Members of the 400m relay were Kaleb Mays, Michael Randall, Brice Wagner, and Don'Jae Orr. Creed Robinson, Wagner, Orr, and Mays ran the 800m relay. The Bronco mile relay finished seventh with a time of 4:10.87.

Orr was the winner of the 100m race with a time of 11.28, and Randall was sixth with a 12.09. Braxton Gribble ran the 100 finishing with a 13.06 for 17th place. Mays ran the 200m well and took first with a time of 23.38, and Wagner was second with a 23.50. Robinson was ninth at 25.44 in the 200m. Dakotah Jameson was seventh in the 400m with a time of 57.97, and Easton Caffey was ninth in that race at 58.43. Jaden Guerra was 12th in the 800m run. Tristen Ybarra did a good job in the long-distance runs with second-place finishes in both events. Ybarra's time in the 1600m run with a time of 5:06.87 and 11:09.72 in the 3200m.

Wagner won the long jump with a leap of 20'10 1/2" and Orr was second with a distance of 19'6 1/2". Paxton English placed eighth in the triple jump with a distance on his best jump at 34'7 3/4" and Nolan Burrow threw the discus 97'7" for eighth place.

The Broncos will travel to Panhandle April 9 for the district track meet.

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Addy Havens shows her gilt in San Angelo placing 4th.

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Hudson Howard placed 4th with his AOL steer at Houston

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Kate Shaw placed 4th in San Angelo with her heifer.

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Parker Haynes placed 8th with his Simbrah steer in Houston.

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Local youth earn awards at big shows

Donley County 4-H members have been busy showing at the major stock shows across Texas, and hard work paid off for several members.

Hudson Howard, Parker Haynes, and Trigg Harper all started the season showing at Ft. Worth. In San Angelo, Kase and Kinze Zongker, Addie Snure, Addy Havens, and Kate Shaw showed with Kate placing fourth with her heifer, and Addy showed the 4th place overall gilt.

Showing in San Antonio were Shaylee Hall, Cutter Ashbrook, Hunter Wann, Hudson, and Parker with his fourth place Simbrah steer.

Showing in Houston were Jase Conway, Cutter, Trigg, Kate with her sixth place heifer, Parker with his eighth place Simbrah steer, and Hudson with his fourth place AOL steer. Addy Havens finished off her season in Austin.

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