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CISD interviews candidates for superintendent

Clarendon CISD Trustees are interviewing candidates for school superintendent this week and plan to make a decision this month.

The school board met for almost two hours last Thursday, April 9, behind closed doors before voting in open session to interview six candidates. In keeping with common school board practices in Texas, the names of those candidates are withheld from the public.

According to Interim Superintendent Larry Jeffers, the board was scheduled to meet Tuesday night, April 14, as the Enterprise was going to press and will meet again on Thursday, April 16, with three candidates to be interviewed each night at 7 p.m. Jeffers said the board will narrow that number to three finalists and will hold a second round of interviews on April 20, 21, and 23.

A lone finalist is expected to be named on April 27 with a vote to hire that person on May 19.

Jeffers said the school is also working to fill the vacant athletic director position, following the resignation of Jeff Caffey on March 25. Jeffers said he has interviewed one person and has four more interviews planned.

Baseball sign-ups set for next week

The Clarendon Baseball Association will hold sign-ups for T-ball and coach pitch Monday & Thursday, April 20 and April 23, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Bronco Gym. T-ball players must be ages 5 (must be 5 by May 1) and 6 and coach pitch players must be ages 7 and 8.

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.

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>



Chance Mark Jones Roar & Run 5K participants stand in front of the Donley County Courthouse Saturday.

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Ybarra wins 2026 Jones 5K race

The weatherman was proved wrong Saturday, April 11, as Mother Nature provided the nearly perfect weather for the 14th annual Chance Mark Roar & Run 5K. Sunshine, comfortable temperatures, and just a slight breeze greeted more than 50 people at City Hall who ran or walked to raise awareness of child abuse.

For the second year, Tristen Ybarra was the overall winner of the race and the top male athlete, beating his time from last year by about two minutes at 18:57. Erica McAnear had the best woman's, crossing the finish line at 24:15.

More than 80 people registered for the event with several choosing the "sleep-in" registration option ahead of time, and others possibly wanting to avoid the thunderstorms that had been predicted for several days prior.

Complete results of this year's Chance Jones Roar & Run 5K race are as follows: Top Men's Time – T. Ybarra, 18:57; Top Women's Time – McAnear, 24:15; 10 and under – first, Cotley Watts 24:56, second, Hadley Brown 34:15, and third, Ryker Evans, 44:05; Ages 11-19 – first, T. Ybarra 18:54, second, Jaxan McAnear 20:50, and

third Kutter O'Keefe 21:51; Ages 20-29 – first, Collin Monroe 21:52, second, Desiree Marmoejo 29:18, and third, Alex Conner 29:19; Ages 30-39 – first, Brian Barboza 37:53, Emily Evans 44:09, and third Chelsea Weldie; Ages 40-49 – first, Erica McAnear 24:15, second, Leah James 29:19; and third, Andrew Brown 34:15; Ages 50-59 – first, Tanya Word 36:10, second, Courtney D'Costa 42:35, and third, Chris Childers 44:05; and Ages 60 and Up – first, Nancy Kidd 45:36, second, LaVern Pinion 46:46, and third, Shaun O'Keefe 1:02:54.

The race sponsored annually

by the Clarendon Lions Club honors the life of four-year-old Chance Mark Jones, who died from abuse in 2011.

Saturday would have been the boy's 20th birthday.

Proceeds from this year's event will help support the annual charitable activities of the Clarendon Lions Club, including eyeglasses for local school kids, Christmas food baskets for local families, scholarships, other charitable activities, and hosting the local office of The Bridge – Children's Advocacy Center to serve abused children in the 100th Judicial District.

Regulations slow down Greenbelt water project

A crowd of more than 30 people gathered in the board room of the Greenbelt Municipal and Industrial Water Authority last Tuesday, April 7, to learn more about the \$18 million project that will bring new groundwater resources online.

The required purpose for last week's public hearing was to discuss potential environmental impact of the project, but no one raised any questions about that. With the Greenbelt Reservoir hovering around seven to eight percent capacity, interest was high in finding out what the future holds for water in the authority's member cities.

Several citizens asked questions during the course of about an hour and a half, which mostly centered on how long the project is taking. The answer: Regulations and red tape make things take longer.

Greenbelt General Manager Bobbie Kidd said the project has completed one well, four test holes, and roads in the well field. The one completed well had a 36-hour test run and produced 500 gallons per minute, and officials believe that well could produce as much as 3,000 gallons per minute.

Representatives with Freese & Nichols Engineering said once the Texas Water Development Board approves plans and authorizes the bidding process for the 16-inch pipeline from the well field to the filter plant, it will probably be March 2027 before a bid can be awarded followed by several months of construction. A date of November 2027

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Paper Wings Fire

Hedley, Clarendon, and Howardwick volunteer fire departments, along with Memphis and Samnwood, responded to the Paper Wings Fire north of McKnight on Monday, April 13. Ground and air support was also received from the Texas A&M Forest Service. As of Tuesday morning, the forest service was reporting the fire had burned about 439 acres and was 75 percent contained.

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OAP stand-outs

Clarendon High School's One Act Play team did not advance, but several members did receive recognition at the Area contest last Friday in Sudan. Coulter Wortham was named Outstanding Tech, Hunter Caison was named to the All-Star Cast, and Rowdy Bebout was named Alternate All-Star Cast.

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City council discusses street paving priorities

The Clarendon City Council identified a stretch of Fourth Street as its next target for improved paving during the April 9 regular meeting and stated a desire to look at bigger paving projects in the future.

With work wrapping up on a one-block paving project on Fourth between Allen and Koogle streets, aldermen set aside a plan put forward by city engineers and said they wanted to finish Fourth Street between Koogle and Jefferson.

The plan before the council

was to focus the city's next street work on Faker, Jackson, Hawley, McClelland, and Goodnight streets between US 287 and Fourth Street, but Alderman Ashlee Estlack said the stretch of Fourth should be a higher priority and carries more traffic between the school and downtown.

"Let's finish Fourth, and then let's think bigger," she said. "Plan big and see what we can do. When I say 'big' I mean let's pave the whole town 'big,' even if we have to phase it in over 30 years."

Early voting starts Apr. 20

Early voting opens Monday, April 20, in elections for the City of Clarendon, the Hedley school board, and the Clarendon College Board of Regents.

Early balloting for the city and the college will be at the Donley County Courthouse Annex from 7:30 to 4:30 on April 20-24 and 27-28. There will be no voting on April 21 as the Annex will be closed for San Jacinto Day.

Hedley ISD early ballots can be cast at the school administration office from 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 20-24 and 27-28, and again there will be no voting on April 21.

Clarendon has five candidates on the ballot and one write-in candidate for three positions on

the city council. Alderman Tom Thompson is running for re-election. He will be joined on the ballot by Ralph Graves, Pharabie Shadle, Brent Knowles, and Ken McIntosh. Former alderman Chris Topliff will be a write-in candidate.

Clarendon College has four candidates for three regent positions. Incumbents Chris Matthews, Carey Wann, and Dr. Guy Ellis will be joined on the ballot by challenger George W. Hall.

Two candidates are running for an unexpired term on the Hedley school board. Incumbent Shawn Willoughby is challenged by April Pierce.

Election Day will be Saturday, May 2.



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Leave local business at local level

Texas has always had a simple philosophy about government. Austin should leave us alone and let local communities handle their own business. The state set the guardrails, but it didn't try to steer every decision. Power stayed close to the people, and that wasn't just policy – it was part of our identity.

That's why something feels different right now. And it's not one law or one headline you can point to. It's a pattern. More decisions are being made at the state level. More policies are being designed as one-size-fits-all. And increasingly, it feels like local input is being dismissed instead of embraced – replaced with an "Austin knows best" approach.

You can see it in education.

For years, the conservatives believed state would set high standards, but local schools should be governed as close to home as possible.

The system was designed for local taxation, local decision-making and local accountability. But over time, policies have moved in a different direction. More state mandates. Less flexibility. Less local control over spending and decision-making.

You can see it in how the state is approaching local government, too.

Cities and counties have long relied on local property taxes to fund the services their communities need – roads, fire and police, parks, and basic infrastructure. Now, with proposals coming out of Austin that would significantly reduce or eliminate locally controlled property tax revenue, there's growing concern about what comes next.

Eliminating local property taxes also changes how these critical needs in our communities are funded. Instead of taxes being collected and spent locally, tax dollars would be collected and distributed down from the state level.

And when that happens, local communities are left looking to the state to meet needs that were once handled at home. And in a state as large and diverse as Texas, rural communities will likely suffer, as we don't always have the population numbers or political weight to compete for those resources once control moves to Austin.

You can see it in water policy, too.

In rural Texas, where agriculture drives much of the local economy, water isn't something we can debate and move on from. It's what keeps crops growing, cattle fed, and our towns alive. For generations, Texas operated under the rule of capture – a policy rooted in the belief that landowners should have a say over the water beneath their land. Now, as lawmakers begin discussing changes to water policy while demand increases from population growth, industrial projects and large-scale development, there's a growing sense that the state will want more say over how our water resources are used, shifting control away from the people who depend on that water every day.

None of this is happening in isolation.

Across the state, there is growing interest from major industries, infrastructure projects, and outside investment. Some of that brings jobs and opportunity, and that matters. But it also brings pressure – especially on resources like water – and raises a larger question about who benefits and who bears the cost when decisions are made far from the communities they affect.

That's where the tension starts to show.

For a long time, the conservative argument in Texas was rooted in the idea that the government closest to the people works best. Lately, though, there has been a noticeable shift toward accepting more top-down decision-making, particularly when it produces positive political outcomes, but it's a different principle than the one Texas has historically stood on.

While cities are being shaped by what my friend Ben Bius calls "The Californication of Texas", rural communities haven't changed much. Folks still believe in local control. They still believe the people closest to a problem usually understand it best. When authority moves away from local communities, local influence disappears and there is a shift – often toward the people with the money and access to shape decisions from the top.

The irony is that Texas has always been quick to push back when Washington overreaches. We've said that people here understand our own needs better than the politicians and bureaucrats in Washington ever could. What's different now is that you're starting to hear a similar question asked about Austin – not loudly, but steadily: does the state still trust the people it represents?

In the end, this isn't just about education, water, or any other policy. It's about something more basic than that. It's about who decides how tax dollars are spent, how resources are managed, and what direction a community takes in the years ahead.

Every one of those decisions matter in our everyday lives. And the closer those decisions are made to the people, the easier it is to hold someone accountable when things go wrong.

That used to be the Texas way.

"Leave us alone" meant something.

The question now is whether we're replacing it with something else entirely – something that sounds a lot more like, "let us handle it."

And if that shift continues, it's worth asking how much say the people who live here will have left when it's all said and done.

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Finally whole after 50 years of lies

Accounts of folks "pulling themselves up by their boot straps" warm hearts; when such is done without boots, it's a whole 'nuther thing.

"Wholeness" was achieved in January when Brian Janak received a phone call he didn't expect from a half-brother he didn't know he had. It will take the waters of many rivers to wash away the tears resulting from that call.

I've known Brian – now a licensed Houston commercial real estate broker and graduate of Howard Payne University – since he arrived on campus in 1987, my second year in the presidency. My intent is to salute him, his faith and his values – all intact despite a childhood essentially devoid of parental love except that provided briefly by the late Rev. and Mrs. D. C. McNeal....

Thanks to them, Brian was nurtured for almost two years in their home before Rev. McNeal moved his ministry from San Antonio to the metroplex when Brian was age four. The youngster was returned to the care of his father, a victim of alcoholism whose wife allegedly died of liver cancer. This allegation was a far cry from what Brian learned recently during the fateful phone call from his half-brother. Instead, she died of a ruptured liver suffered in a drunken bout with her husband.

One of my most vivid memories dates back almost 40 years, when Rev. McNeal wound up in Brownwood to join the staff of Greater Faith Baptist Church. One day, Pastor Aaron Blake brought this new staff member by for a visit. Rev. McNeal indicated that a "little white boy" had lived with him and Mrs. McNeal in San Antonio for a couple of years in the late 1960s, but they'd lost track of him, remembering only his first name: Brian. "Was his last name

Janak?" I questioned, summoning Brian to leave football practice for a few minutes.

My office was never more awash in tears. A few months later, Rev. McNeal baptized Brian, and church attendance greatly increased that day by some three dozen of Brian's fellow students. They all wound up at our home for lunch, since the university cafeteria had closed long before Greater Faith services concluded that day....

Except for the "McNeal years," Brian was largely on his own as he faced life's bumpy roads. Susan – his half-sister, eight years older – helped as she could. Their late dad's sorrow was drowned in alcohol many times, with him typically arriving back at their apartment in the wee hours, after bars had shut down.

For a two-month period, they lived in a self-storage facility. Susan joined the Army at age 18. Brian had a paper route at age 12, also working weekends at a flea market selling stereos.

Major life influences for some 20 years were his teachers, coaches and friends, the latter sometimes leading him astray. Most of his friends dressed better; one bad decision was his failed attempt to steal two pairs of Wrangler jeans at Montgomery Wards. He spent most of a day in juvenile detention....

I can only highlight the remarkable achievements of one of the finest graduates I've known during my 40 years in higher education. His story amazes, and



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by *don newbury*

his friendship is highly valued.

Also underscored is the value of Christian higher education, and to convey my ongoing conviction about the importance of intercollegiate sports. (It is noted that Brian, an outstanding HPU quarterback, received grants but no athletic aid. At the end of four years, his accumulated debt was only \$2,400, paid off before entering graduate school at Tarleton State University months later.)

His life should be a model for anyone lacking hope. Now, he and his wife, Hanh, who was a middle school classmate, have two great children – daughter Kyla, a chemical engineering graduate of The University of Texas now employed by Kraft Heinz, and son Nathan, a junior at the University of Southern California who already is accepted into the university's Masters Program of Public Policy. (During most of his teen years, Nathan starred in Nickelodeon's popular children's TV show, All That.)

Perhaps Brian's choice of the words "feeling whole" upon learning what really happened to his mother make sense, ending the lie he had believed for more than 50 years.

Now 58, he has a keen memory of hardships, such as making many ketchup sandwiches before he was ten years old.

Finally, he knows the unvarnished truth. One reaction from this tragic story is his resolve to never drink alcohol in any form again....(Additional unedited details of this column will be emailed upon request. My email address below.)

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When space united a divided nation

Stop me if you've heard this one. In the months after a very contentious election, our nation seems more divided than at any time since the decade before the Civil War.

The new Republican president is under constant attack for his beliefs. Cultural wars are tearing communities apart, with fights over gender roles and race dominating the national conversation. We are engaged in a war that was growing more unpopular by the day. A major political figure has been assassinated just months before, fueling blame and anger.

And in the midst of all this, American astronauts are flying farther into space than ever before, orbiting the Moon.

While it sounds like I'm talking about today, this all took place in 1968, one of the most important and controversial years in American history. There is one major difference between 1968 and today: their space-flight brought the nation together in a way that feels almost impossible now.

1968 was a turbulent year. It began as badly as any could, with the Viet Cong launching a massive offensive that shocked the United States and turned public opinion against the Vietnam War. In what became known as the Tet Offensive, North Vietnamese forces struck dozens of cities, including the capital of Saigon. The president insisted we were winning and had the enemy where we wanted them, but few believed him. Even Walter Cronkite called the war "mired in stalemate" and questioned whether victory was possible.

In February, riots broke out at South Carolina State University as Black students protested segregation at the town's only bowling alley. Three protesters were killed and 27 more wounded. Nine officers were tried and acquitted in connection with the use of force. The following month, around 15,000 Latino high school students in Los Angeles walked out of class to demand better educational opportunities.

Also in March, Minnesota Sen. Eugene McCarthy, an outspoken critic of the war, shocked the political world by defeating incumbent President Lyndon Johnson in the New Hampshire primary. Sensing weakness, Robert F. Kennedy entered the race after previously saying he would not challenge Johnson. Realizing he had little chance of reelection, Johnson withdrew from the race.

On April 4, while in Memphis supporting a sanitation workers' strike, Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel. Over the next week, riots erupted in more than 100 cities, leaving 39 people dead, more than 2,600 injured, and 21,000 arrested.

Later that month, students at Columbia University took over five campus buildings and briefly held a dean hostage. After authorities regained control, more than 700 people were arrested, and more than 100 were injured, including students, faculty, and police officers.

In June, Robert F. Kennedy, fresh off a victory in the California primary, was assassinated. His killer, Sirhan Sirhan, cited Kennedy's support for Israel over Palestinians as motivation.

In August, chaos erupted at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, where police and National Guardsmen clashed with antiwar demonstrators, using tear gas and force. Inside the convention, the party fractured as Vice President Hubert Humphrey, who supported continuing the war, secured the nomination.

In September, women gathered in Atlantic City to burn their bras and protested the Miss America Pageant which they saw the pageant as demeaning to women.

In October, at the Summer Olympics in Mexico City, American athletes Tommie Smith and John Carlos raised gloved fists during the national anthem after winning the gold and bronze medals in the 200-meter race, protesting racial injustice.

On Nov. 5, Richard Nixon narrowly defeated Humphrey, winning the presidency by just 0.7% of the popular vote.

Then, on Dec. 21, Apollo 8 launched, becoming the first manned spacecraft to orbit the Moon and return safely to Earth. On Christmas Eve, one billion people – about a quarter of the world's population – tuned in as astronauts Frank Borman, Jim Lovell, and Bill Anders read from the Book of Gen-



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esis, ending with: "Good night, good luck, a Merry Christmas, and God bless all of you – all of you on the good Earth."

Americans of all backgrounds, race, religion, politics, held their collective breath as the capsule disappeared behind the Moon, losing contact. Forty-seven minutes later, when communication was restored, the nation exhaled together. For all the bickering, violence, and pain, we stood united – if only for a moment – at the end of that difficult year.

I was excited to hear that more than 10 million people watched the Artemis II launch. It has been 54 years since we last went to the Moon, and this time the crew will go even farther on a longer mission. I had hoped it might echo 1968 and bring us together, even briefly, around this shared achievement.

So far, it hasn't had quite the same effect. The launch was exciting, but there hasn't been that defining unifying moment – aside from maybe a few space plumber memes. It seems that even a good meme can't bridge our divides. Maybe we're simply less awed than we once were, or perhaps we've grown used to seeing images like the iconic Earthrise photo from 1968. Or maybe, in a world of 30-second TikTok videos, a 10-day mission is just too long to hold our attention.

Whatever the reason, I'm still excited. I'm old enough to remember the thrill of space shuttle launches. I was 12 when I stayed home from school "sick" only to be devastated watching the Challenger explode. Maybe that's part of the difference. Maybe you have to remember that these missions are still dangerous. This flight will reenter Earth's atmosphere faster than any before. That's not just impressive – it's frightening. And it makes the astronauts incredibly brave.

Even with everything going on around us, I hope this mission can still bring us a little joy, a little nostalgia, and maybe – just for a moment – help us set aside our differences and marvel together at what we're witnessing one more time.

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Obituaries

Martinez

Michael "Miky" Martinez, 40, of Clarendon formerly of Memphis passed away on Thursday, April 9, 2026, in Amarillo surrounded by those who loved him most.



Martinez

Funeral services were held April 14, 2026, at First Baptist Church of Memphis with Rev. Lance Wood and Shannon Moreland officiating. Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery in Memphis.

Arrangements are under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Memphis.

Miky was born November 6, 1985, in Raymondville, Texas, to Sylvia Sommers and Frank Martinez.

Miky grew up spending time with his brothers and cousins, where sports were a big part of his life and many of his best memories were made. Those years helped shape his competitive spirit and love for the game. He was proud to be a Memphis High School Cyclone and would tell anyone who would listen that he was the best Cyclone to ever go through there.

Miky married Jennifer Wiggins on December 15, 2012, but he always made sure people knew that had really been together for 22 years. He was the proud and devoted dad to his three girls, Adlee, Landree, and Kodee. Being their dad was his greatest accomplishment, and he loved them more than anything.

He loved playing golf every chance he got and was a dedicated Texas Longhorns fan who got completely fired up cheering them on. Whether he was watching a game or out on the golf course, he brought energy, excitement, and plenty of opinions.

Miky dedicated a huge part of his life to Driver. He truly loved his job and the people he worked with. He took pride in what he did, and according to him, he was the best truck driver and heavy equipment operator out there. His work meant a lot to him, and he gave it everything he had.

Miky had a strong personality and kept everyone on their toes, but the people closest to him knew how big his heart truly was. He fought cancer with everything he had until the very end. Even though his illness was short, he showed how strong and courageous he was.

Miky will be deeply missed by his wife, Jennifer, his daughters Adlee, Landree and Kodee of the home, his parents Sylvia and John Sommers of Sherman, Texas, Frank and Maria Luisa Martinez of Raymondville, Texas, his siblings, Joey Salinas wife Josie, Artie Martinez wife Brittany, PJ Martinez wife Angela, Yesenia Martinez, Yanessa Martinez, Yonni Martinez, and Yoel Martinez, numerous nieces and nephews and countless family members and friends who loved him dearly.

Truitt

JoAnne Montgomery Truitt gently entered The Peaceable Kingdom on November 24, 2025, overlooking the banks of the majestic Guadalupe River, New Braunfels, Texas. We celebrate her beautiful life, gracious heart and rich, enduring legacy.



Truitt

There are some people who have the Sun inside them. JoAnne had an internal being that shed light on everyone in her life, and it felt like the Sun. Her presence brightened our lives with unconditional love; her

inner peace warmed us with calm. We are filled with grace that the best of JoAnne lives on in each of us.

On May 1, 1935, JoAnne was delivered by a doctor who arrived at the family farmhouse by horseback in Lesley, Hall County, Texas, a small farming community founded by her Montgomery ancestors. She lived the fullest life gifted to her, waking up and exclaiming with joy each day: "This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!"

JoAnne's long professional career soared, because she always remembered who she was and where she came from. She wrote about her earliest memories, which served as the foundation for the rest of her life: "I was the oldest of three children. My brother and I came along in the mid 1930's during the Great Depression. We lived on a farm homesteaded by my Grandfather. We experienced the dust bowl days. Life was hard, and there was little money to buy necessities, much less books, magazines or newspapers. Our weekly ritual of driving 29 miles to town was both a treat and a necessity. We were treated with visits to the library, where we browsed for just the right book to take home and enjoy. My sister arrived along with electricity and running water in the early 1940's."

JoAnne shared: "Knowing and loving Texas libraries is a passion. Our Mom taught us the joys and privileges of education. Her love of reading and learning was contagious. My Dad influenced us to work hard and lead the way at school and on the farm."

JoAnne graduated from Clarendon High School, and then Clarendon Junior College where she was valedictorian and met the "dashing and handsome Darrell Truitt", the nephew of the President of Clarendon Junior College. Darrell aptly called JoAnne "Sunshine", and the two married and went on to complete their Bachelor's Degrees at West Texas State University.

Darrell joined the Army as a commissioned officer and was stationed in Fort Ord, Monterey, California, where JoAnne joined him; she was a devoted military spouse. Their first daughter, Terri Lynne, was born there in 1959. Darrell was next stationed to Korea as a Green Beret Army Officer; upon his return, the couple was stationed to Fort Benning, Georgia, where their second daughter, Tanya Layne, was born in 1962.

JoAnne went on to complete her Master's Degree in Education at West Texas State University, Professional All Level Library Media Specialist Degree at Texas Women's University and Administrative Supervisor Certification at Texas Tech University.

JoAnne embarked on a life-long, dynamic and fruitful career in education and library science. She believed that libraries "are literally that place that contains the fountain of knowledge and wisdom." JoAnne began as a reading clinician and school librarian at River Road Independent School District in Amarillo, Texas. She was then elevated to the Director of Libraries for Amarillo Independent School District. JoAnne next took the helm as Director of Libraries for Dallas Independent School District, where she led the Technology 2000 Project automating and networking all 200 libraries of Dallas schools. She served as the President of the 8000 member Texas Library Association, which represents school, public, academic and specialty libraries across the state, the largest professional association in the State of Texas and one of the largest in the nation. She served a six-year term on the Council of the Texas State Library. Later, JoAnne served as a Library Media Consultant for the Texas Library Connection with the Texas Education Agency, traveling the State of Texas and training librarians on the state-wide technology network of 5500 schools. For decades, JoAnne served in leadership roles in dozens of education and library professional organizations. JoAnne tire-

lessly presented numerous speeches and programs for conferences, civic organizations, parent groups and public libraries, and she has been published extensively.

While excelling in her professional career, JoAnne also made time to serve others lovingly, living her life defined by purpose in the service of others. JoAnne served as Deacon and Elder of First Presbyterian Church Amarillo, on the Presbyterian Church Peacemaking Task Force, Chairman of Amarillo Association of Congregations, librarian of Austin's First Baptist Church, board member for Multiple Sclerosis, chairman of Amarillo Community Disaster Assistance, family selection committee for Habitat for Humanity; and she worked for the American Red Cross, United Way, American Heart Association, Meals on Wheels, Amarillo Opportunity House, and many more charitable and philanthropic organizations.

In her long professional career and her extraordinary public service, JoAnne inspired countless others: "While we are all a part of something greater than we are—both good and bad—we have the power to effect change in our organizations and communities both now and in the future. We can make a profound difference when we play our personal and professional roles with passion and energy."

JoAnne's magnetic spirit engaged everyone she met her entire life, and she never met a stranger. JoAnne held a deep belief in the inherent goodness of people. JoAnne wrote "One of the greatest joys in life is a warm friendship that lasts through the years." And indeed, JoAnne was blessed with so many cherished and close friendships throughout her life. JoAnne was steadfastly devoted to her family and friends and loved them passionately and unconditionally. And, oh how she loved to have fun with her loved ones! JoAnne loved theatre, movies, reading, dancing, traveling worldwide, shopping, dining, her Spurs championship basketball team and lunching with her Red Hat Society of Wimberley.

Reflecting on her life, JoAnne wrote "Were we destined to make a difference in the world? I believe we all did through our families, our professions, our communities and the church. Our beliefs and values painted a portrait of our real self, then and now." What a colorful and stunning masterpiece of life JoAnne painted!

For the last 10 years of JoAnne's exceptional life, she bravely endured Lewy Body Dementia (LBD). LBD never defined her life, but it certainly illuminated JoAnne's courage and character. LBD is a combination of Parkinson's disease and dementia, which has no cure and is fatal. JoAnne was cognizant of her illness and accepted it with bravery and grace, and, as is true to her nature, even with humor. She generously agreed early on that her illness could be shared with others so that she could shine a light on and bring awareness to LBD, advance research for cures, and help other patients with LBD coming after her. To the amazement of her doctors, JoAnne was a high functioning LBD patient for many years and remained active with a remarkable quality of life. With no hesitation, JoAnne generously gave her doctors permission to publish medical journal articles about her case and use it as a teaching tool in medical schools. JoAnne's case is now taught in medical schools in courses focusing on major neurocognitive disorders, particularly about the protective effects that JoAnne's extraordinary education and her family support had on her aging and dementia. Her doctor cited JoAnne's thoughtfulness of everyone else and her unselfish contributions recognizing the importance of researching LBD, calling her "an incredible woman!" "Her work with me has influenced many doctors, psychologists, pharmacists and nurses who are just entering practice now." JoAnne's unselfish commitment to further advancements in LBD knowledge has and

will impact LBD patients and will live on as her final generous legacy.

JoAnne's daughters lovingly nicknamed her "Jonana". True to her promise at the early stage of her illness, she never once forgot who her daughters were, she was always "In There", and she exuded love and light with her gracious heart, beautiful smile, loving eyes, humor and unwavering gratitude, even in the depths of LBD. Jonana was simply the most extraordinary, loving and devoted mother on the planet. We will continue to sense her support and feel her guidance as we move forward, knowing that the power of Jonana's love is eternal. Gracious to the end, the last beautiful word Jonana spoke was "Thanks" ... an enduring gift to her daughter Terri.

Jonana's last chapter cannot be written, because the sunshine that is now her cherished memory will never be extinguished, and our conversation with her continues forevermore. We wish our beloved soulmate Jonana enduring peace in her eternal Peaceable Kingdom surrounded by all her loved ones, knowing, always, that her vibrant life and her immense love will be forever etched in our hearts. Jonana's soul resides in our souls, and she is alive in us always, now as ever before.

Jonana, you are light, sunshine and energy floating all around and in us. You stand on a mountain top. You take our breath away. Shalom, beloved Jonana.

JoAnne was preceded in their journeys to The Peaceable Kingdom by her father William Smith Montgomery, the last of the true Texas cowboys who taught her to be a leader, her mother Roberta Fay Montgomery, who inspired her thirst of knowledge and the written word, Darrell Warren Truitt, the love of her life and father of her daughters, her beloved brother Grady "Bub" Montgomery, and her cherished little sister Sherry Noel Semrad. JoAnne is survived by her devoted daughters, Terri Lynne Truitt and Tanya Layne Truitt Puroff, grandchildren, Leah and Nicholas, great grandchildren Jordan and Remington, great, great grandchildren Blakleigh and Blaine, and her therapy grand dogs, Kasbah and Mojo.

JoAnne's last phase of life was attended to and made comfortable and meaningful by her caring and outstanding physicians, Dr. Lucy Wilkening and Dr. Jerry Castilleja, and her long-time, devoted caregiver, Ofelia Pina, to all of whom we share our grateful thanks.

JoAnne's rich life and legacy will be celebrated beginning at noon on April 26, 2026 at her home with daughter Terri Truitt on the banks of the Guadalupe River in New Braunfels, and at 11:00 am on May 1, 2026 at Arena of Life Cowboy Church in Clarendon, Texas (formerly the First Presbyterian Church, of which her grandparents were founding members). Finally, on her first heavenly birthday, May 1, 2026, at the time when nature reawakens, JoAnne will go back home to her roots, her childhood home, the land upon which she labored as a girl hoeing weeds out of the grand cotton fields with her bonnet on to protect her from the harsh Texas sun, lovingly made by her Granny. JoAnne will return to her family's homestead, where she was taught to lead the adult "hands" by her Father, and where she learned to love the written word and life-long learning from her brilliant Mother. JoAnne will be one with the wild and majestic lands bordering on the Prairie Dog Fork of the Red River flowing out of Palo Duro Canyon with the most glorious sunsets on the planet. Then, JoAnne will be home. Shalom, Shalom. Perfect Peace.

For additional details or information, you may reach out to either of her daughters at tpuroff@yahoo.com or lawchicatz@yahoo.com.

JoAnne's daughters request that gift memorials honoring JoAnne's beautiful life and legacy be donated to the Lewy Body Dementia Association at lbda.org, to further important research into the causes, prevention and possible cures for Lewy Body Dementia.

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Hedley Independent School District, Texas (Distrito Escolar Independiente de Hedley, Texas)
May 2, 2026 (2 de mayo de 2026)
Official Ballot (Boleta Oficial)

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Vote for the candidate of your choice by darkening in the oval (●) provided to the left of the candidate.
(NOTA DE INSTRUCCIÓN:
Vote por el candidato de su preferencia llenando completamente el espacio ovalado (●) a la izquierda del candidato.)

Hedley Independent School District
(Distrito Escolar Independiente de Hedley)

Trustee (Fideicomisario)
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○ April Pierce

○ Shawn Willoughby

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| <p>1. Greek cupbearer of the Gods</p> <p>2. Ancient Syrian city</p> <p>3. Small Eurasian deer (pl.)</p> <p>4. Range of mountains</p> <p>5. One thousand cubic feet (abbr.)</p> <p>6. Spoke</p> <p>7. City in Georgia</p> <p>8. Theatrical</p> <p>9. CNN's founder</p> <p>10. Icelandic poems</p> <p>11. Bjorn __, tennis player</p> <p>12. Bowfin genus</p> <p>13. One point north of northeast</p> <p>21. Political divisions in ancient Greece</p> <p>23. Electroencephalograph</p> <p>25. Cool!</p> <p>26. Male parent</p> <p>27. Where some gymnasts work</p> <p>28. Capital of Vietnam</p> <p>29. Sailboats</p> <p>32. Shelter (Scottish)</p> <p>33. Completed</p> | <p>34. Discharge</p> <p>36. Arrest</p> <p>37. Partner to cheese</p> <p>38. Coffee receptacle</p> <p>40. Stagnate</p> <p>41. Satisfies</p> <p>43. Snakelike fish</p> <p>44. Consume food</p> <p>46. Type of school</p> <p>47. Erase</p> <p>49. Inform</p> <p>50. Girl's given name</p> <p>51. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation</p> <p>52. Every one of two or more things</p> <p>53. Northern India city</p> <p>54. Seventeenth stars in a constellation</p> <p>57. Weapon</p> <p>58. Amounts of time</p> <p>59. Isodor __, American Nobel physicist</p> <p>61. Soviet Socialist Republic</p> <p>62. Witness</p> |
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¿Qué Pasa?

Community Calendar

April 17
Clarendon Broncos Baseball v Floy-
dada • 5:00 p.m. • Away

April 17 & 18
Mulkey Theatre • Reminders of Him
• 7:30 p.m.

April 19
Mulkey Theatre • Reminders of Him-
Movie • 2:00 p.m.

April 21
Clarendon Broncos Baseball v Wel-
lington • 4:00 p.m. • Home

Menus

April 20 - 24

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Pork chops/loin, black-
eyed peas, turnip greens, corn-
bread, sliced peaches, iced
tea/2% milk.

Tues: King ranch chicken, ranch
style beans, garden salad, tor-
tilla, black forest parfait, iced
tea/2% milk.

Wed: Chicken fried steak,
mashed potatoes, gravy, broc-
coli, whole wheat roll, cheery/
pineapple crisp, iced tea/2%
milk.

Thurs: Salisbury steak, gravy,
mashed potatoes, green beans,
whole wheat roll, banana pud-
ding, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Pollock, Brussel sprouts,
French fries, hushpuppies, fruit
cocktail, sugar cookie, iced
tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Beef tips & noodles, broc-
coli & cauliflower, whole wheat
roll, cupcakes, iced tea/2% milk.

Tues: Chicken & dressing, gravy,
peas, squash, whole wheat roll,
pumpkin pie, iced tea/2%
milk.

Wed: Chicken fried steak w/
country gravy, broccoli, mashed
potatoes, whole wheat roll, fruit
crisp, iced tea/2% milk.

Thurs: Pollock sticks, Brussel
sprouts, French fries, hushpup-
pies, fruit, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Bacon cheeseburger on
whole wheat bun, potato wedges,
fruit, iced tea/2% milk

Clarendon CISD

Breakfast
Mon: Breakfast pizza, fruit, fruit
juice, milk.

Tues: French toast sticks, sau-
sage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Wed: Breakfast sandwich, fruit,
fruit juice, milk.

Thu: Pancake wrap, yogurt, fruit,
fruit juice, milk.

Fri: Cheesy toast, sausage, fruit,
fruit juice, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Pizza, carrots, green beans,
fruit, milk.

Tues: Nachos Grande, salsa,
beans, cucumbers, ice cream
cup, fruit, milk.

Wed: Crispy chicken sandwich,
veggie cup, salad, fruit, milk.

Thu: Soft taco, broccoli, corn,
fruit, milk.

Fri: Cheeseburger, potatoes,
tomato cup, fruit, milk.

Hedley ISD

Breakfast
Mon: Breakfast pizza, grapes,
fruit juice, milk.

Tues: French toast, sausage,
apple, fruit juice, milk.

Wed: Morning griddle, hash-
browns, fruit juice, milk.

Thu: Pancake wrap, yogurt,
banana, fruit juice, milk.

Fri: No School

Lunch
Mon: BBQ ribs, Texas toast, broc-
coli, corn, fruit cup, milk.

Tues: Chicken quesadilla, salsa,
beans, cucumbers, orange, ice
cream, milk.

Wed: Cheeseburger, macaroni,
roll, tomato cup, greens beans,
grapes, brownie, milk.

Thu: Corn dog, fries, carrots,
applesauce, milk.

Fri: No School



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting April 14 with Boss Lion Brian Barboza in charge.

Lion Landon "L Jefe" Lambert took charge of the video broadcast for members who could not attend and said the meeting was "life changing" and that Lion Larry Capranica's opening prayer had some people "levitating in their seats."

The Boss Lion - and winner of the 30 to 39 age division at Saturday's 5K - updated the club on the Chance Mark Jones 5K results and reported on upcoming district events. He also reminded members of the annual club election happening this month.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to spread joy and Lionism throughout our fair county.



Training day

Hedley and Clarendon volunteer firefighters joined other area fire departments at the 3rd Annual Sweetwater Creek Area Fire Control School in Mobeetie this past weekend. The TEEC classes offered included Ropes & Knots, Mobile Water Supply, SCBA/PPE, Forcible Entry, Advanced Hose Handling, and Rope Rescue courses.

HVFD PHOTO

It's snake season in the 'Wick

He Says – YIKES! SNAKE! Yes, Virginia, it is snake season. Our neighbors, Gary and Fay, well, actually just Gary, eliminated a five-foot Diamondback in their side yard a few nights ago. Yes, at night!

He was having internet trouble and went to check on the cables and Mr. Diamondback hissed, "Check your modem first, Dummy!" So, Gary took an old, rusted shovel to him.

She Says – Well, Fay is an important part of the story because she screamed bloody murder when he went back in the house and told her what he had done, AND she put it on Facebook to alert the community!

He Says – Yes, and when Heidi Phelps saw it on Facebook, she called Fay and asked if she could have it! Arg! She and Steve picked the bagged snake up within minutes and took it home to skin and maybe fry. Heidi said there was not much meat on the old boy, but he had seven (7) rattlers!

She Says – I know they are out there (snakes), but hearing about this

makes me truly more alert to where I step when outside. Do not start with "There are some good snakes out there," a snake is a snake!

He Says – Mary is not afraid of snakes, she is TERRIFIED of them! As a kid, I hunted snakes out in the hills of the Canadian River. I even had a snake snare.

There are good snakes that keep the rat and mouse population down. Kim Cooper has a picture of a six-foot Coachwhip snake visiting her property.

She Says – Shudders. I have a book of stories about my snake experiences. Somewhere in this world there is a deadly snake that was given my name and he is looking for me! My sister just sent me pictures of the annual Rattlesnake Hunt in Waurika, Oklahoma. The streets were filled



he says, she says

by richard & mary green

US Postal Service recommends new prices for July

The US Postal Service last week filed notice with the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) of mailing services price changes to take effect on July 12. The new rates include a four-cent increase in the price of a First-Class Mail Forever stamp from 78 cents to 82 cents.

The proposed adjustments, approved by the governors of the Postal Service, would raise mailing services product prices approximately 4.8 percent. If favorably reviewed by the Commission, the price changes would include increases in Periodicals postage paid by newspapers and other print media of more than six percent for in-county mailings and more than

nine percent for out-of-county mailings.

The additional-ounce price for single-piece letters will remain at 29 cents. The Postal Service is also seeking price adjustments for other First-Class Mail products, Periodicals, USPS Marketing Mail, Package Services and selected Special Services products.

In the midst of the severe financial crisis facing the Postal Service and continued rising operational costs, the Postal Service is using all available tools, including available regulatory pricing authority, to ensure we can continue to fulfill our universal service obligation and serve the American public. The

Postal Service generally receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations. Notwithstanding the adjustment, the Postal Service's mailing prices remain among the most affordable in the world.

The PRC will review the changes before they are scheduled to take effect. The complete Postal Service price filing, with prices for all products, can be found on the commission's website under the Daily Listings section. The Mailing Services filing is Docket No. R2026-1. The price tables are also available on the Postal Service's Postal Explorer at pe.usps.com/PriceChange/Index.



Greenbelt Municipal and Industrial Water Authority held a public meeting last week to discuss the North Groundwater Well Field and Supply Water Line Project.

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Greenbelt: Continued from page one.

was mentioned as when the pipeline could be completed.

Kidd said groundwater from existing wells is providing about 50 percent of Greenbelt's current supply. He also said the lake is at a similar level to this time last year and said that if it can catch some rain like it did in 2025, the water supply should be sufficient for another year.

Kidd said eight people at the water development board have to sign off on each step of the project, they all work from home, and all work on their own timeline.

Another factor that has delayed the project is the transition between the Biden and Trump administra-

tions. President Trump changed some of the rules the Biden administration had in place; and Kidd said while the new rules were better, it meant that Texas had to change its rules.

"We lost six months because of that," Kidd said, and the project also had to be re-bid.

Jennifer Foster with State Sen. Charles Perry's office in Childress said the senator is staying on top of the situation and has been in constant contact with the water development board.

Some good news that was announced at the meeting was that the authority that day was approved

to split off the electric transmission line work from other portions of the project. That will allow Greenbelt Electric to get to work soon and keep progress going on the project while other portions await approval.

Greenbelt Board Chairman Phillip Self told the crowd that the board understands everyone's frustration with how long the project is taking.

"No one is happy," Self said. "Freese & Nichols isn't happy. We're not happy. But we're doing the best we can. When you're spending someone else's money, they get to make the rules."

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Level: Intermediate

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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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ANSWER:



On to Area

Elliot Frusto hands off the baton to Laken Smith in the 800m relay at last weeks District Track Meet

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Emmarie Holland, Brilynn Bruce, Madi Benson, and Don'Jae Orr all ran at the District Track Meet last week in Panhandle.

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Broncos advance to Area meet

By Sandy Anderberg

The Bronco sprint relay turned in a time of 43.97 to out run the field in the team's 400m at the district track meet held at Panhandle last week.

The relay won with a time of 43.97 and was run by Kaleb Mays, Michael Randall, Bryce Wagner, and Don'Jae Orr. The foursome will be headed to the Area meet in Panhandle April 17.

Long distance runner Trysten Ybarra was the district champion in the 3200m run with a time of 11:23.03 and second in the 1600m run at 5:15.67 which was just behind the first-place time of 5:13.80.

Orr was fourth in the 100m

at 11.33 and Mays was third in the 200m with a time of 22.93. Wagner was fourth in that same race with a time of 23.03. Wagner and Orr will also compete in the long jump finishing third and fourth with jumps of 20'5 3/4" and 20'4 1/2".

Those placing but not advancing was Randall with a fifth-place finish at 11.36 in the 100m, and jumped 5'8" for fifth in the high jump. Paxton English was sixth in the high jump at 5'8" and was 8th in the triple jump at 33'10 1/4". The 800m relay was fifth with a time of 1:38.60 and was run by Kreed Robinson, Wagner, Orr, and Mays.

The junior varsity competed as well and Markael Anderson was

first in the 100m at 12.23. Anderson was on the 800m relay team that finished second with a time of 1:40.22 along with Michael Shattuck, Braxton Gribble, and Caleb Herbert. Dakotah Jameson was first in the 110m hurdles at 20.73 and Shattuck was fourth at 16'3 1/2" in the long jump. Brentley Gaines was sixth in that even with a 15'3" jump. Jaden Guerra was third in the 800m at 2:36.60 and Aiden Burnam was eighth at 2:49.75. Easton Caffey was third in the 400m at 58.71 and Jameson was 6th at 1:01.34. Shattuck finished eighth in the 200m at 26.26 and Klay Wilkins and Parker Hanes was fifth and seventh respectively with times of 12.71 and 13.02.

Lady Broncos head to the Area track meet

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos did an outstanding job at the District track meet in Panhandle last week. Madi Benson, the Lady Bronco stand-out runner will return to the Area meet again this year.

Benson took first in the 800m, second in the 1600m, and ran the anchor in the mile relay for third place. Freshman Laken Smith was named the district champion in the triple jump and ran a leg in both the sprint relay and 800m relay.

All three relays will compete in the area meet with top finishes against the other 2A district schools. The sprint relay finished third at 52.85 just four seconds behind first

place. The relay was run by Elliot Frausto, Smith, Sequoia Weatheron, and Brilynn Bruce. That same four girls placed fourth in the 800m relay and will appear at the area meet as well. Their time was 1:56.96. The mile relay finished third at 4:31.18 and was run by Frausto, Holland, Havens, and Benson.

Benson's time of 2:26.21 put her at the top of the leaders in the 800m and her time in the 1600m for second was only 11 seconds off the pace.

Havens was strong in both the 1600m finishing in fourth at 6:05.50 and the 3200m for second place with a time of 13:11.91 which was only 10 seconds behind the first-place

finisher. Bruce will also be competing in the 200m dash where she was second with a time of 25.95, and Holland was third in the 400m and the 800m with times of 1:07.75 and 2:37.97 respectively.

Smith was seventh in the 100m dash with a time of 13.46 and fifth in the long jump with a leap of 10'7 1/4". Lexi Phillips did a solid job in the 1600m and 3200m with times of 6:26.34 and 14:25.34.

Paylin Hodges competed for the Lady Bronco junior varsity and was fifth in the 100m at 15.65 and seventh in the 200m with a time of 34.58.

The Area meet will be held at in Panhandle April 17.

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Broncos slam Indians, 18-4

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon Broncos got off to a stellar start racking up eight runs in the first inning from the plate in Quanah last week. The offensively strong team defeated the Quanah Indians 18-4.

Clarendon dominated from the first pitch and never looked back. Braylon Rice's double and Shaun Childers' RBI sent a message in the Broncos' first at bat. In the fifth, Hayden Moore slammed a pitch to the fence and turned the bases for a home run.

Overall, the Broncos were strong at the plate and took advantage of pitches in the strike zone. As a team, the Broncos connected for several hits in the game that kept the Indians chasing down balls. Rice, Moore, and Brance Bell ran the bases well and collected two stolen bases each while Klay Wilkins and Hudson Howard grabbed one each.

With Howard and Kreed Robinson on the mound, the Bronco defense exploded with strike-outs and put-outs in the five-inning game. The Indians managed some hits but could not get passed the Broncos' solid defense.

The Broncos faced off against Lockney on April 10 and took the win by three at 8-5 in the seventh. Lockney held the early lead until the Broncos tied it up after four. After allowing one more run in the fifth, the Broncos roared back in the final inning to get the win.

The Bronco pitchers struggled from the mound initially with Wilkins allowing three walks and a single before giving up the reins to Parker Haynes who came in to finish the inning with a strikeout and throwing a runner out at home. Haynes put out three of the first four hitters in the second, third, and fourth innings to give the Broncos the boost they needed.

Offensively, the Broncos were able to reach base on two walks and one error in the sixth with Aiden Burnam, Rice, and Gaines putting hits in play to take the lead and get the win. They were able to hold Lockney scoreless in their final at-bat.

The Broncos will travel to Floydada on April 17 and take on Wellington at home on April 21. They will play Quanah again in their last regular season game on April 24.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

COLLINGSWORTH COUNTY

THE COLLINGSWORTH COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION Team will conduct a public meeting at the Collingsworth County Courthouse located at 800 West Ave, Wellington, TX on Thursday, April 23, 2026, at 10:30 am. This plan incorporates mitigation actions intended to minimize the impacts of certain natural hazards on the residents of the county. The meeting is open to the public and members of the community are encouraged to attend. We especially encourage participation from groups that may be disproportionately affected by hazards, including but not limited to low-income families, elderly individuals, people with disabilities, and minority communities. Your insights and experiences are crucial for shaping a plan that effectively addresses the needs of all residents. For questions or comments, please contact Abby Sanders with the PRPC at 806-372-3381.

CLARENDON

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The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the CITY OF CLARENDON TX650001 that the drinking water being supplied to customers had exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for total trihalomethanes. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has established the MCL for total trihalomethanes to be 0.080 milligrams per liter (mg/L) based on locational running annual average (LRAA), and has determined that it is a health concern at levels above the MCL. Analysis of drinking water in your community for total trihalomethanes indicates a compliance value in quarter one 2026 of 0.085 mg/L for DBP2-02. Trihalomethanes are a group of volatile organic compounds that are formed when chlorine, added to the water during the treatment process for disinfection, reacts with naturally-occurring organic matter in the water. Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidney, or central nervous system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

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Students are "going green" to help keep the environment clean. To save paper, our homework assignments now come in daily emails. Everyone has learned what items can be recycled, and they put these into bins. Read my clues to fill in my puzzle with things kids can do to help!

1. use _____, sandwich boxes, thermoses and reusable water/sports bottles
2. sort bottles and cans into bins for _____
3. turn off all _____ and electronics when not using
4. use both sides of _____ (may make into notepads)
5. _____ school uniforms, gym clothes for others to use
6. read and do _____ on computers
7. create a _____ where students can pin up and share their ideas for recycling
8. _____, bike, take a bus or carpool with others
9. have a swap at school to _____ things that you are done with for "new" stuff
10. use items for a new or _____ purpose - old school clothes cut for art projects, a box made into a game you invent (some call this "repurposing")

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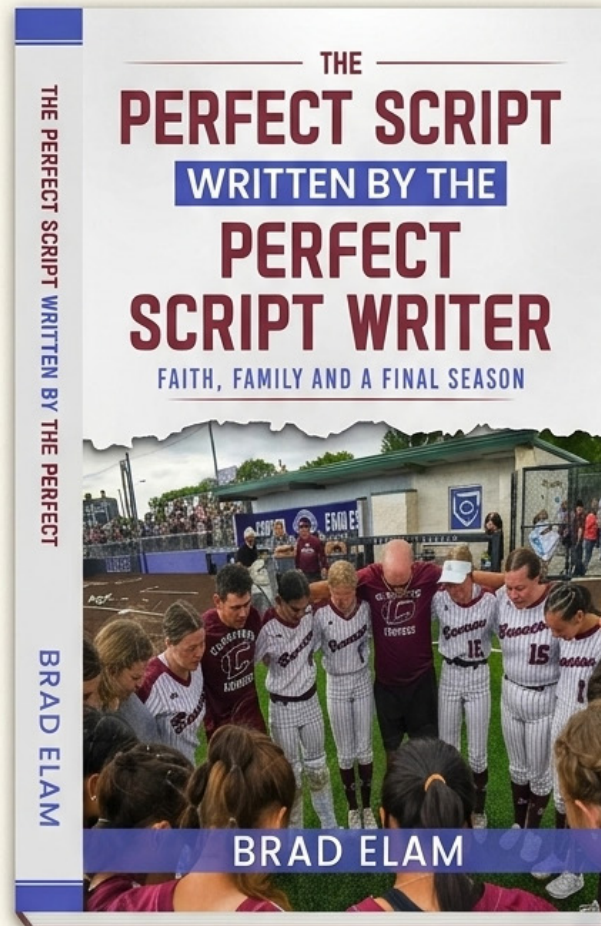
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(AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)

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(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 5-Mayo-2026 para votar en la Elección General para elegir tres (3) Regentes para el Distrito de Clarendon College a períodos de 6 años que expiran en 2032.)

On Election Day, voters must vote in their precinct where registered to vote.
(El Día de Elección, los votantes deberán votar en su precinto donde están inscritos para votar.)

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NINTH GRADE: Brance Bell, Brilynn Bruce, Paxton English, Braxton Gribble.
TENTH GRADE: David Caudle, Madden Emerson, Madison Green, Kennedy Halsey, Addison Havens.

**Clarendon Junior High
A HONOR ROLL**

SIXTH GRADE: Asa Bains, Jax Vanden Boogaard.
SEVENTH GRADE: Cotton Halsey, Henry Robertson.
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**Clarendon High School
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