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

CISD interviews candidates for superintendent

Clarendon CISD Trustees continue interviewing candidates for school superintendent this week.

In keeping with common school board practices in Texas, the names of those candidates are withheld from the public.

The school board has narrowed its pool of candidates to three finalists and is holding 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.

Baseball sign-ups set for next week

The Clarendon Baseball Association will hold sign-ups for T-ball and coach pitch Thursday, 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.

CHS OAP to perform 'The Last Lifeboat'

The Clarendon High School One Act Play will perform "The Last Lifeboat" for the public on Monday, April 27, and Tuesday, April 28, at the CHS Auditorium. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the performance begins at 7:30 p.m.

The play advanced to the Area round of UIL competition under the direction of Tracie Boyd and features an all-star cast of local talent, several of whom were individually recognized at the district, bi-district, and area rounds of competition.

The story follows J. Bruce Ismay, the president of the White Star Line that built the *RMS Titanic*, and his personal struggles before and after the sinking of the mighty ship.

After the disaster, some people hailed him as a hero while others said he was a coward. See the play and decided for yourself.

For a complete list of performers, see the playbill on page of this week's ENTERPRISE.

"The Last Lifeboat," by Luke Yankee, is presented by Clarendon High School by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Dramatists Play Service.



Eagle projects

Life Scouts Emily Dzamko, Elaina Estlack, and Jaxon Robertson of Troops 4433 and 433 completed their Eagle Scout projects Saturday at Citizens Cemetery. Emily replaced and repaired the signage and poles in sections 1-70, and Jaxon and Ella installed poles and section markers in sections 71-99. All sections of the cemetery marked allowing families to more easily find their loved ones. The scouts will now complete reports and prepare for their review boards to complete their Eagle rank.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO

Local elections early voting underway

Early voting opened 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.



Bronco Range Team advances

The Clarendon High School range team is advancing to the state competition this week. Shown here are Shaun Childers, Brance Bell, Kyler Bell, Coulter Wortham, and Hayden Moore.

CISD PHOTO

Courthouse brick, stone repairs begin

Work began last week to restore brick and stone elements on the 1890 Donley County Courthouse.

County and state officials have known about spalling sandstone and some facing brick that was pulling away from places on the building for more than 20 years, but funding was only recently made available to deal with the issues.

Judge John Howard said a master mason with Premier Construction is working to anchor the facing brick to the structural brick. In fact, the mason is also anchoring some brick that is not moving to prevent the same damage from happening in the future.

Around the foundation of the building, spalling sandstone will be replaced or patched where possible, Howard said.

The project is costing less than originally anticipated, which will allow the county to do additional restoration work inside the building. The district court room will be acoustically analyzed and treated to make it easier to hear proceedings there, and the jury box will be enlarged. The county also plans to install a sprinkler system for fire prevention and finish out the third story office that was only roughed in back during the 2003 restoration.

Howard said the project is expected to be completed by the end of the summer

In other county news, the commissioners' court met Monday, April 13, to discuss several items and voted to improve the courthouse elevator. Howard said the county has been replacing a hydraulic hose about every five years, but commissioners have now agreed to spend a little more money now – about \$20,000 – to save money for the long term by upgrading the elevator with a hydraulic pipe lift.

Burn ban renewed by county

The Donley County Commissioners Court renewed a burn ban during their regular meeting Monday, April 13.

No significant rainfall has been received in sometime, and the threat of wildfires continues to be very real with local fire departments responding to one at least every week.

Under the commissioners' order, no outdoor burning is allowed on a day of a forecasted Fire Weather Watch or a Red Flag Warning issued from the National Weather Service in Amarillo.

Anyone engaging in outdoor burning must contact the sheriff's office prior to ignition and give the dispatcher a burn location, a contact phone number, and approximate burn time.

The persons engaging in outdoor burning needs to be present on the site of the burn until the burn is completed. Anyone engaging in any form of outdoor burning is asked to burn with extreme caution at all times.

The burn ban will stay in effect for the next 90 days.



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Thoughts as I drive across rural Texas

I spent some time on the road again this week, driving across Texas down Hwy 287 - watching the land change, passing through small towns, and thinking about the people who make this state what it is.

And somewhere between one county line and the next, three questions kept coming back to me.

First - do we matter?

Do rural communities matter to the people at the top who run Texas? Or are we mostly seen as places that produce things - fuel, food, fiber, water, wind - and not places full of people whose lives and futures deserve just as much attention?

Are we part of the vision for Texas... or are we just part of the math?

Because if we're honest, it can feel like supporting rural Texas makes for a good sound bite when it's time to talk about values and votes - but not always when it's time to make decisions that shape our future.

And that brings me to the second thing I've been thinking about - the change in the political class in Texas.

I gave a speech this week to a group of newspaper editors and discussed how elected officials have lost their independence because they have become less connected to their communities they represent.

But more and more, we're seeing candidates who are recruited, backed, and funded - sometimes by people far removed from the communities they're running to represent.

So it's fair to ask - is that part of why people feel disconnected from government right now?

When leadership isn't rooted in real communities, it's harder to govern in a way that reflects them.

Local newspapers.

You may be reading this in your local newspaper right now.

In a world where information moves fast and not always based in truth, local newspapers are still one of the few places where the goal is simple: get it right, because it matters here.

Local editors don't just cover a community - they live in it. They see the same streets, know the same people, and understand the weight of getting a story wrong.

That matters more than ever.

And so do you - the readers who still pick up a paper, who still want to know what's really going on, who still believe that local communities are worth paying attention to.

Because they are.

Rural Texas isn't just a backdrop. It isn't just a resource. And it isn't just a voting bloc.

We are people. We are families. We are communities that have shaped this state for generations.

The question is whether we're going to keep insisting that Texas leadership see it that way too.

And from where I was sitting this week - somewhere between here and the next town over - I'd say that conversation is just getting started.

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texas rural reporter by suzanne bellsnyder

America misses Will and Johnny

They are missed, these two men who didn't try to make us love each other, but at the very least, made us tolerant of each other during their professional lives.

Their body language, smiles and observations were worthy of taking to the bank, or at least taking note of. (I'm writing of two "late greats"--Will Rogers and Johnny Carson.

Too bad these American heroes likely never met, Rogers having been born in Oklahoma's Indian Territory in 1879, and Carson in Corning, Iowa, three dozen years later.

Masters of easing tensions, they would have welcomed the company of my Uncle Mort, still "vertical and ventilating" in his second century on the planet.

would have held its own conversationally, whatever the topic.

My uncle called me a day or two ago, eager to share a dream, one that he deemed to have both "religious and political" tones....

Say what? Mort, ready to roll out the details, said that in his dream, he was clad in a turban that dripped of cheap jewelry.

"I tapped the envelope against my forehead, hoping that the words I spewed out would 'fit' the question posed in the envelope." Mort paused, slowly saying, "from here to eternity."

I smiled, thinking of the many times my uncle had recited famous lines attributed to Rogers and Carson. (And, there are many; I've taken to doing the same thing.)

He's told me often about how Rogers responded to introductions suggesting that he was "from Claremore, OK."

"I hate to start out the evening correcting our emcee," he'd say. "Really I'm not from Claremore; I was born out



the idle american by don newbury

of Claremore at a community called Oologah." He'd grin, his eyes sparkling to the delight of every audience.

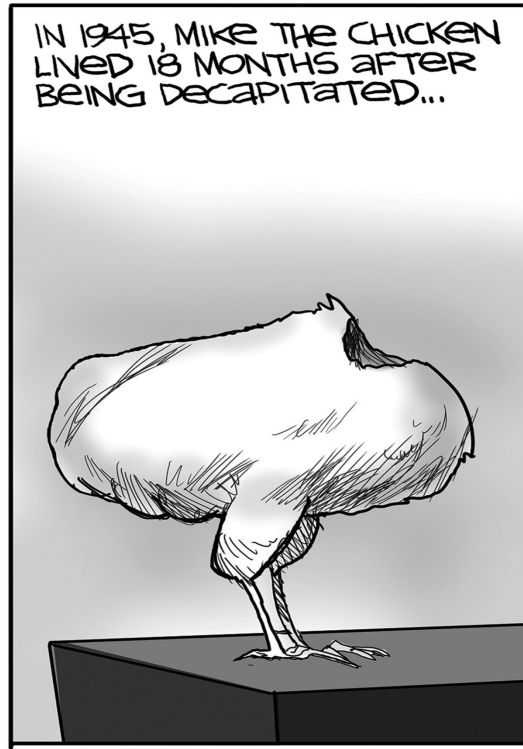
"Truth to tell, I wasn't born in downtown Oologah; my birthplace was out of Oologah." He'd pause yet again, setting the audience up for the punch line....

"To be technically correct, I was actually born at the crossroads village of Wedlock, or a few miles out. I guess it would be safe to say that I was born out of Wedlock."

Rogers died in an Alaskan plane crash with pilot friend Wiley Post in 1935, at age 56. Carson, whose Tonight Show spanned 30 years, retired in 1992, his final show seen by some 50,000,000 viewers.

They made the world a better place. I, and millions of others, loved them. I think I'll stop now to look up some more of their wonderful quotes.

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Evolution of US election integrity

With all the legislation about voter integrity, it seems worthwhile to look at voting practices over the years to see how past generations tackled the issue of fair elections.

What we find is that both voting technology and the systems used to ensure election integrity have evolved significantly. From public voice voting to modern electronic systems, each stage of development reflects efforts to improve accuracy, accessibility, and fairness while preventing fraud such as double voting.

In the very beginning, when America was in its infancy, voting was done publicly, simply by declaring your vote aloud in a public area like the courthouse steps.

When the nation was still small in population, you would vote in your town or neighborhood, and your friends would vouch for you to guarantee you lived in the area.

Another important aspect of early voting was that only men who owned property or were not beholden to anyone else for their livelihood, were allowed to vote.

Obviously, under the voice-voting system, it was possible for employers to pressure their employees into supporting certain candidates.

As the population grew and voting rights expanded to all white men, a better way to track votes became necessary, leading to the use of paper ballots. Most of the time, ballots were not officially provided, so voters often submitted names on any scrap of paper they could find.

Paper ballots, however, were still susceptible to fraud and error since they were counted by hand. There were always stories of ballot box stuffing or counters simply throwing a bunch out.

The real change came in the decades after the Civil War with the introduction of the Australian ballot system. Under this system, each state printed an official ballot listing candidates to mark.

It's important to remember that states - not the federal government - are responsible for running elections, so there wasn't a singular moment when all states adopted the Australian system.

While this system reduced pressure on voters, it did not eliminate fraud or the possibility of human error in hand counting. It also had the effect of dropping the voting percentage from the 80s to the 40s.

To reduce human error, speed up the process, and combat fraud, mechanical voting machines were introduced, such as the Acme machine, which used a tabulator to count votes and compare the number of ballots cast to the number of voters.

The next major advancement came



historically speaking by dr. james finck

with punch card voting systems in the 1960s. Voters punched holes in a card to indicate their choices, and machines tabulated the results electronically.

In Oklahoma, we began using a system in the 1990s that combines hand-marked paper ballots with optical scan tabulators. Today, all 77 counties use the eScan A/T, an optical scan voting device manufactured by Hart InterCivic.

To help cut down on fraud, Oklahoma voters must first register and show proof that they live in their voting precinct. On Election Day, you must present a valid ID, and your name is crossed off the registration rolls to prevent double voting.

James Finck is a professor of American history at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma. He can be reached at james.finck@swoknews.com. This article first appeared in the Lawton Constitution.



"Well, THAT explains a lot."



Day of Service

Clarendon College students and employees disassemble American flags last Wednesday as part of CC's Community Service Day. The volunteers removed the union from the flag and then separated the stripes. Afterwards the pieces can be disposed of by burning in a solemn fire. CC volunteers also participated in service projects last Wednesday at the Crossties Ministry, the Burton Memorial Library, the Saints Roost Museum, and the Donley County Senior Citizens Center and cleaned up a stretch of SH 70 and along the railroad from Sonic to Lowe's Family Center. Volunteer efforts were also completed by CC students in satellite locations at Childress, Pampa, and Amarillo.

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Obituaries
Rattan

Johnnie Rex Rattan, 83, of Lubbock, TX, formerly of Clarendon passed away Wednesday, April 15, 2026, in Lubbock.

Memorial services will be held at Robertson Saints Roost Chapel in Clarendon on Friday, April 24, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.



Rattan

Services are under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Johnnie was born on March 13, 1943, in Clarendon to M.L. and Roeda (Hollowell) Rattan. He was

raised in Clarendon and graduated from Clarendon High School. He went on to study at Clarendon College and West Texas University, coming just a few credits shy of earning his bachelor's degree. His studies were cut short when he married and began working for Woolco Department Store, a career that prompted several relocations for him and his family as he progressed professionally.

In 1982, Johnny returned to Clarendon, where he worked for Green's Dry Goods before opening his own Donut Stop location. Johnny had a deep love for wrestling, traveling, and taking road trips with his family—especially during the years when his four daughters were young. He was a gifted writer who enjoyed composing poetry and was also a talented artist who spent time sketching.

Johnny had been a resident of Lubbock for the past eleven years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Dennis Rattan; and his sister, Sybil Rattan.

He is survived by his four daughters, D'Lynn Thompson and husband Carol of Rockdale, Texas; Kim Grady and husband Ron of Amarillo; Becky Hoggard and husband Bill of Hedley; and Susan Anderson and husband Ryan of Amarillo. He is also survived by his brother, Ricky Rattan of Clarendon; his sisters, Bernese Moreland of Arkansas and Annese Bennett of Porter, Oklahoma; nine grandchildren, Sarah Hart, Andy Cochran, Tiffany Ismael, Kierston Thomas, McKaelie Collier, Brandon Thomas, Suvanna Anderson, Nataly Anderson, and Rachel Anderson; ten great-grandchildren; niece, Charlotte Paul; and his good friend, Marty Compton.

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the lion's tale
by roger estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting April 21, 2026, with Boss Lion Brian Barboza ringing the bell.

We had nine members present, two attending virtually, and two guests this week – Ella Estlack, guest of Lion Roger Estlack, and Mollie Swafford of The Bridge – Children's Advocacy Center, who presented our program

Mollie gave a detailed overview of the purpose of The Bridge to advocate for child victims of abuse. The Bridge's primary purpose is to offer a centralized method for a child to tell their story without having to repeat it – and relive their trauma – for multiple agencies.

Statistically, one in six kids in the Panhandle area will be a victim of abuse every year. The perpetrators are not strangers, they are people your family knows and trusts. Mollie said abusers pull in families as part of their grooming of victims. In the last fiscal year, The Bridge served 14 kids from Donley County. Statistically, there may be as many as 101 local kids who have suffered abuse in the last year.

Mollie also encouraged everyone to keep tabs on their kids and says if they are playing Roblox online, get them off immediately. An area youth was recently almost abducted after a predator made contact with them through Roblox, and she says the controls aren't strong enough to keep that from happening.

Lions were reminded about the upcoming Jack King Classic in Herford in May, and elections will be held next week for club officers.

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

State offering tax holiday for emergency supplies April 25-27

Acting Texas Comptroller Kelly Hancock reminds Texans they can purchase certain items tax free during the state's Emergency Preparation Supplies Sales Tax Holiday, which begins at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, April 25, and ends at midnight on Monday, April 27.

"From hailstorms to hurricanes, Texans know the importance of being prepared when bad weather hits," Hancock said. "This sales tax holiday provides a great opportunity to stock up on supplies and save a little money while you're at it."

The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts estimates shoppers will save about \$2.4 million in state and local sales taxes during the tax holiday, which was approved by the Texas Legislature in 2015.

There's no limit on the number of qualifying items you can purchase. These include: household batteries, fuel containers and flashlights priced less than \$75; hurricane shutters and emergency ladders priced less than \$300; and portable generators priced less than \$3,000.

For purchases made online, note that delivery, shipping, handling and transportation charges are part of the sales price. If the emergency preparation supply being purchased is taxable, the delivery charge is also taxable.

Consider these charges when determining whether an item can be purchased tax free during the holiday.

For example, if you purchase a portable generator online for \$2,999 with a \$50 delivery charge, the total sales price is \$3,049. Because the total sales price of the portable generator is more than \$3,000, tax is due on the \$3,049 sales price.

Purchases that do not qualify include: batteries for automobiles, boats and other motorized vehicles; camping stoves and camping supplies; chainsaws; plywood; extension ladders and stepladders; and tents.

A complete list of emergency preparation supplies that may be purchased tax free can be found on the Comptroller's website.

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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

(AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)

To the registered voters of Donley County, Texas:

(A los votantes registrados Donley County, Texas):

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 2, 2026 for voting in a general election to elect three (3) Regents for Clarendon College District to 6-year terms expiring in 2032.

(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales siados 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 periodos 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.)

Location of Election Day Polling Places Include Name of Building and Address (Ubicación de las casillas electorales el Día de Elección) (Incluir Nombre del Edificio y Dirección)	Precinct Number(s) (Número de precinto)
County Clerk's Office, Donley County Courthouse Annex 220 W. 4th Street, Clarendon, Texas	

For early voting, a voter may vote at any of the locations listed below:
(Para Votación Adelantada, los votantes podrán votar en cualquiera de las ubicaciones nombradas abajo.)

Locations for Early Voting Polling Places Include Name of Building and Address (Ubicación de las casillas electorales de votación adelantada) (Incluir Nombre del Edificio y Dirección)	Days and Hours of Operation Días y Horas Hábiles
County Clerk's Office, Donley County Courthouse Annex 220 W. 4th Street, Clarendon, Texas	7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. April 20 - April 28, 2026

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletas de votación adelantada por correo deberán enviarse a:)

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(Name of Early Voting Clerk)
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Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on: Monday, April 20, 2026
(Las solicitudes para boletas de votación adelantada por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el: 20-Abril-2026)

Issued this the 14th day of April, 2026
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[s] James T. Shelton
Signature of Presiding Officer (Firma del Oficial que Preside)

¿Qué Pasa?

Community Calendar

April 24
Clarendon Broncos Baseball v Quannah • 4:00 p.m. • Home

April 24 & 25
Mulkey Theatre • Reminders of Him • 7:30 p.m.

April 26
Mulkey Theatre • Reminders of Him-Movie • 2:00 p.m.

Menus

April 27 - May 1

Donley County Senior Citizens

Mon: Sliced ham, buttered carrots, black-eyed peas, whole wheat roll, cherry/pineapple crisp, iced tea/2% milk.

Tues: Chicken pot pie, peas & carrots, garden salad, strawberry short cake, iced tea/2% milk.

Wed: Po roast, gravy, potatoes, onions, carrots, green beans, whole wheat roll, plum cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.

Thurs: Enchilada casserole, garden salad, pinto beans, Spanish rice, cheesecake, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Goulash, mixed greens, cornbread, coconut cake, iced tea/2% milk.

Tues: BBQ beef on a bun, tater tots, coleslaw, chocolate chip cookies, apricots, iced tea/2% milk.

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

Thurs: Beef stew, garden salad, cornbread, fruit crisp, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Pulled pork sandwich, hoagie roll, French fries, coleslaw, cantaloupe, iced tea/2% milk

Clarendon CISD

Breakfast
Mon: Waffles, bacon, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Tues: Breakfast combo, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

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

Thu: Breakfast cookie, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Fri: Donut, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Pig in a blanket, potatoes, tomatoes, fruit, milk.
Tues: chicken fajitas, beans, carrots, salsa, sherbet, fruit, milk.
Wed: Chicken alfredo, breadstick, salad, California blend vegetables, fruit, milk.
Thu: Popcorn chicken, roll, corn, broccoli, salad, dessert, fruit, milk.
Fri: Fish sticks, potatoes, green beans, roll, fruit, milk.

Hedley ISD

Breakfast
Mon: Waffles, bacon, grapes, fruit juice, milk.
Tues: Sweet roll, yogurt, orange, fruit juice, milk.
Wed: Scrambled eggs, hash-browns, biscuit, bacon, apple, fruit juice, milk.
Thu: Donut, sausage, banana, fruit juice, milk.
Fri: No School

Lunch
Mon: French bread pizza, salad, cucumbers, fruit cup, milk.
Tues: Chicken sandwich, beans, carrots, cinnamon apples, sherbet, milk.
Wed: Chicken Alfredo, garlic knot, salad, green beans, peaches, milk.
Thu: Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, breadstick, tomato cup, applesauce, cookie, milk.
Fri: No School

IRS tournament brings fun to the 'Wick

He Says – “They” say that the older you get the faster the days go by, and man! This week in the ‘Wick was a blur!

She Says – Well, Dusty and Nikki came down from Denver for a literal whirlwind visit that we enjoyed, then YOU managed to book yourself three Amarillo doctor appointments in the same day which was exhausting, then we had the Howardwick City Council meeting, delivered meals and hosted a golf tournament! As Lilli Von Shtupp sang in Blazing Saddles, “I’m tired!”

He Says – I know, me, too. I thought it was very efficient to get those appointments out of the way. You know, we need to watch that movie again! It’s one of my favorites!

She Says – From the Town Hall meeting we learned some really good news. This May we will have two (2) Junk Removal Days with roll-off dumpsters to help people get rid of non-household items that are junking up the properties out here. It’s very specifically for “non-household” items, not construction materials, used furniture, or tires. I saw a picture on Facebook where someone in Clarendon had dumped railroad ties in a residential dumpster. That’s beyond inconsiderate!

He Says – Is that why you set my golf clubs out by the grill? She Says – No. I needed your putter for the tournament in case we couldn’t use Sherol’s naughty putter.

He Says – Well, she came through with it and we had a great 4th Annual IRS Invitational (Not the Masters!) Congrats to Michael Thompson and Gavin Word for outstanding play and walking away with the 1st Place trophies AND the Masters green jackets!

She Says – You know, your brother pointed out that it’s really not an “invitational” tournament when we advertise for players. It’s actually an “Open.” Snark.



Kip Green and Diego Lopez compete in the Inch Worm Challenge during the 4th Annual IRS Invitational.

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He Says – We had 24 teams play this goofy golf game where they had to tee off using marshmallows instead of balls, participate in team building exercise, putt handcuffed to their partner and other stupid stuff. I laughed at Judy and Don Bland trying to hit their drives wearing a Fire Department regulation coat. Those suckers are heavy!

She Says – The winning time in the Inchworm Team Building exercise was 23.14 seconds--a course record!

He Says – It’s nice that we could share the proceeds with the county Volunteer Fire Departments. We are all so grateful for the work they do on our behalf! This could not have been pulled off without the help of our family and friends running the challenges on the course. Allison and Whitney blew me away with the casino they created! Briar and Miracle handcuffed people like they had a lot of experience doing so. Colten and Brian really earned their stripes with the duck pond while Kip and Diego mastered the Inch Worm

Challenge. Of course, my right-hand man, Greg, helped oversee the entire project!

She Says – I’ve got to thank the real professional in the bunch, Fay, for using her nursing skills in taking the blood pressures and weight of the players.

That’s a thankless job. For the first time some players questioned why their weight and blood pressure was relevant to the tournament. It’s none of their business “why!”

He Says – I’m going to put my golf clubs back in the car before you sell them in the Howardwick City Wide Yard Sale – May 16. That’s a fun day to go around and see what people are selling and then coming home to see the “stuff” you can’t let go! She Says – The firefighters are serving lunch from 11:00 till done that day, so at least I might get to have a meal out!

May 9 - Junk Removal Day #1
May 16 – Howardwick Town Wide Yard Sale and Fireman’s Lunch
May 23 – Junk Removal Day #2



Prieto advances

Hedley High School athlete Josue Prieto advanced to regionals in shot put and discus last week. He will compete next May 1-2 at South Plains College in Levelland.

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HHS Entomology

The Hedley Entomology Team competed at Texas Tech University this past weekend. This was the first entomology team for Hedley. They were sixth at area and missed going to state by one place. They have a dedication and determination to get better every day which will serve them well in the future.

HHS PHOTO



HHS Vet Science Team

The Hedley Vet Science team placed 15th out of 48 teams at area last week. This is the first ever Vet Science team at Hedley. They improved their score at every contest they competed in. They ended their season with their highest team score.

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On the move

Pearson Construction employees Nick Shadle, Nathan Shadle, and Joshua Booth worked move the bell tower of St. Mary's Catholic Church to a location closer to the new sanctuary this week. The is historic bell dates back to the church's founding 1892.

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Inductees

Makynna Williams, Presley Smith, Flint Pittman, and Kennedy Halsey were inducted in to the CHS National Honor Society on Monday.

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Advancing

Clarendon High School UIL members pictured here advanced to the Regional meet this Friday in Canyon.

COURTESY PHOTO / AL ELAM

Mandatory reading list one step closer to being used in Texas classrooms

By Freda Ross, Texas News Service

Texas educators are reacting after the State Board of Education gave preliminary approval to a mandatory school reading list created by the Texas Education Agency. Books on the list will be taught in classrooms from kindergarten through the 12th grade starting in 2030.

Kelsey Kling, government relations specialists and policy analyst for the Texas American Federation of Teachers, said the list takes control away from local school districts and teachers.

"Having any sort of state-mandated reading list really goes against what we know teachers value in their classrooms," Kling said, "and what

we think communities value about being able to conduct the education of the children in their community."

The TEA says it used suggestions from roughly 5,700 teachers to create the list of approximately 200 titles. A final vote on the list is scheduled for June.

This is the first time a mandatory reading list has been created for teachers. Kling said educators and community members are concerned that the list lacks diversity, underrepresents women and contains several Biblical passages, including "David and Goliath" and the "Parable of the Prodigal Son."

"You certainly butt up against our separation of church and state

concerns, parents' rights to direct the religious instruction of their students, the inclusivity to learn about the other rich religious traditions that have guided the formation of this country," Kling said.

Kling said information from books on the list will be included on standardized tests and the books will be housed in school libraries.

"This is a real constriction, a real narrowing of what is considered good literature and what students will even have access to in our schools," Kling said. "And I think that's something that should be deeply troubling to every parent, regardless of how you feel about any specific title."

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CLUES ACROSS

- Egyptian bull-god
- Romanian monetary unit
- Will Ferrell holiday film
- "It Ain't Half Hot Mum" actor
- Error-related negativity
- Volcanic crater
- Boston Herald columnist Margery
- True market value
- Italian term for exchange rate
- Informal loan clubs
- Men's fashion accessory
- Children's craft supply
- Extra benefits
- In an early way
- A judge has one
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Tractor unit
- Defunct supercomputer developer
- Promotional materials
- A forgetful state
- One who beheads
- Photographers
- Small, rich sponge cake
- Clergy's vestment
- Expressed pleasure
- Abba __, Israeli politician
- Zero
- Ancient Greek word for "earless"
- Nigerian governmental area
- Mild expression of surprise
- Places to hang things
- Keyboard key
- Make a mistake
- One-time president of Republic of Korea

CLUES DOWN

- Bridge building degree
- Expression of sorrow or pity
- Large, stocky lizard
- Romanian river
- Communication
- Stoats
- Showcases
- Bird of prey
- King of Thebes
- Cleaving tool
- Large African antelope
- Three are particularly notable
- Meet one's needs
- C. European river
- Dictator
- Indicates how much out of 100 (abbr.)
- The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
- Consume food
- Woman (French)
- Scrape a surface
- Green vegetable
- Pacific Standard Time
- Capital of Brazilian city
- Paddle
- Cause to become insane
- Drier and flakier
- Mimic
- ESPN personality Kimes
- One who moves slowly
- Secret political clique
- Behind the stern of a ship
- Supernatural force
- Sanctuary
- Swiss river
- Grayish white
- Engrave by coating
- North Carolina university
- Midway between south and southeast



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Lady Broncos finish second in district play

By Sandy Anderberg
The Lady Broncos have had a good year and finished their regular season in second place in the district race just behind the Floydada Lady Winds.

They will begin the playoffs with a best two of three against West Texas on April 23 and 24. The first game will be played at home at 5:00 p.m. with the second game being played at Stinnett, also at 5 p.m. If a third game is needed, it will be played 30 minutes after the end of the second game in Stinnett.

Stats and other details of the Floydada game were not available from the school by press time.

Two Bronco relay teams advance to Regional meet

By Sandy Anderberg
The Broncos made a good showing at the Area track meet held last week and will compete in the regional meet in Canyon on the WTAMU campus May 1 and 2.

The 400m relay claimed second place with a time of 44.09, just narrowly missing the top time of 43.83. Kaleb Mays, Mike Randall, Brice Wagner, and Don'Jae Orr made up the quick-footed team.

Joining them will be those running the 800m relay that finished third overall with a time of 1:31.97 and was run by Caleb Herbert, Dakota Jameson, Wagner, and Mays. Orr also will advance in the 100m dash with his third-place finish at 11.54. The first paced runner ran the 100m in a time of 11.02.

Wagner was sixth in the 200m at 23.43 and Mays was eighth at 29.17. Tristen Ybarra, who has run well all season, finished seventh in the 1600m at 5:20.18 and fifth in the 3200m with a time of 11:32.27. Orr was seventh in the long jump with a leap of 19'2 1/4", and Wagner was eighth in that event with a distance of 19'2".

Seniors Ellis, Seay compete in regional golf tournament

By Sandy Anderberg
Clarendon seniors Gracie Ellis and Heston Seay recently competed in the regional golf tournament Palo Duro Creek Golf Course in Canyon.

Ellis finished 20th out of 88 golfers for the two-day event, and Seay was 22nd out of 96 golfers. Ellis turned in a 102 on the first day that included one birdie and finished with a 90 on the second day posting seven pars.

Seay shot a total of 86 on the first day with two birdies and bettered his score on the second day with an 82 that included another two birdies on the day. Both golfers had a good season and continually posted good scores in each tournament



Bronco Braylon Rice tries to avoid an out last week at home against the Skyrockets.

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Broncos' big fifth inning sends them to the winner's circle

By Sandy Anderberg

The Bronco baseball team took on Memphis last week and earned a two-point win at 12-10 in seven innings. The team connected on 12 hits in the game after a slow-hitting first inning.

With freshman Brentley Gaines on the mound, the Cyclones did not score until the third inning. However, their big inning came in the fifth when they scored seven runs with Gaines still on the mound. Coach Aaron Smith put Hayden Moore on the mound to begin the sixth and Braylon Rice in the seventh to stop the Cyclones at the plate. They were able to put two more runs on the board before the Broncos got another chance on offense.

The seventh inning turned out to be golden for the Broncos as they were able to take advantage of the last at-bat. The opposing pitcher gave away three base-on-balls to load the bases before Parker Hanes hit a sacrifice fly to begin the winning rally. Moore and Kreed Robinson added doubles to secure the Bronco win.

Overall, the Broncos had 12 hits, six walks, and eight strike-outs. Robinson had six hits and a stolen base and Gaines knocked down five hits and two stolen bases. Shaun Childers added three hits and one stolen base, while Hanes, Moore, Aiden Burnam, and Hudson Howard each earned a hit.

Later in the week, the Bron-

cos met up against the Floydada Whirlwinds and failed to put runs on the board losing 4-18. Robinson slammed a triple and Rice added a double, but the Broncos could only get one run home in the first and another two runs in the third. Floydada held a 6-3 advantage after three innings with Rice on the mound. Hanes came into the game as relief in the fourth.

Robinson hit a triple and two more hits, and Rice had a double and two singles. Klay Wilkins got his bat going in the fifth with a double to the outfield, and Gaines had a single and a stolen base.

The Broncos will play Quanah at home on Friday, at 4:00 p.m. to finish their regular season play.



Bronco Kreed Robinson tries to get a Wellington player out Monday.

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Two Lady Bronco Runners Advance

Lady Bronco runners advance
By Sandy Anderberg

Clarendon senior speedster Madi Benson keeps on winning races in her final season as a Clarendon Lady Bronco. Benson totally dominated the 800m and the 1600m races at the Area track meet and became the top runner in both events. She will advance to the regional meet to be held on the WTAMU campus in Canyon on May 1 and 2.

Benson, who has been running strong since her debut in high school track, has qualified every year in the running events. This year she blasted the field in the 800m with a time of 2:24.04 which was three seconds ahead of the field. Her time of 5:46.83 in the 1600m run was impressive and a good distance ahead of the second-place time of 5:54.83.

Joining Benson at the regional meet will be up and comer Addy Havens, who has been solid in both cross-country and track. Havens fin-

ished third in the 3200m race and earned the right to advance. She ran the race in a time of 13:15.09 was not far off the first-pace of 12:49.55. Havens also ran fifth in the 1600-meter crossing the finish line in a time 6:23.64.

Brilynn Bruce qualified in the 200m dash with a solid time of 26.21, just under a minute behind the top qualifier.

Also competing, but not advancing: Emmarie Holland seventh in the 400m, 5th in the 800m, and sixth in the mile relay. At 4:30.71. The other members of the mile relay are Elliot Frausto, Havens, and Benson. The 800m relay was sixth with a time of 1:53.36 and members of the relay are Frausto, Laken Smith, Sequoia Weatherton and Bruce. The sprint relay was run by Frausto, Smith, Weatherton, and Bruce. The four-some finished in a time of 51.79 for fifth place. Smith also competed in the long jump finishing in sixth place with a distance of 32'11".

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PUBLIC NOTICE

HALL COUNTY

THE HALL COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT will be having a General Election on May 2nd, 2026. The Hospital District has 3 vacant seats available. The applicants seeking office are: Daena Santos, Marvin Hill, Kim Burnett, Lacy Glover, Brad Monzingo and Tori Minick. Early voting will take place at the Hall County Annex, 101 S 9th St., Memphis, Texas, on April 20th-24th and 27th and 28th from 8 AM to 5 PM. Election Day will be at your respective locations on May 2nd from 7 AM to 7 PM. If voting by mail, please send to 101 S 9th St., Memphis, Texas 79245 (ATTN: Hall County Clerk).

CLARENDON

MANDATORY LANGUAGE FOR A MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL VIOLATION

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 The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has notified the CITY OF CLARENDON PWS 0650001 public water system 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 a 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 co-unity for total trihalomethanes indicates a compliance value in; 1Q2026 of .085 mg/L for 702 COTTAGE, CLARENDON (DBP-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 systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer. You do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you. We are taking the following actions to address this issue: (TTHM) We are working with Greenbelt MIW A to try and insure that the sample contractor is not sampling during a chlorine conversion. Please share this information with all people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (i.e., people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail If you have questions regarding this matter, you may contact: Water System Official: John Moldor or Brian Barboza Area Code+ phone number: 806-874-3438

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Read the clues to fill in the puzzle with fun community activities:

- Draw and color pictures or _____ and hang them around your community.
- Dress up as your favorite story character and go to a storytelling time at the library or join in a _____ on the street.
- _____ in the park with other families. Join in soccer exercises or fly kites.
- Listen to and _____ to the music of a mariachi band.
- Try _____ cutting, origami, cookie dough art or arts and crafts set up by your school or library.
- Enjoy snacks: apples, cookies, _____, ice cream.
- Go to a children's _____ or fair and try a new activity and a new food.
- Visit your _____ and take out books that are bilingual (written in two languages - English and Spanish).
- Work with your family to be in a menu _____ contest or other event (hint: think food).
- Hang banners, write _____, put on plays that show what's great about being a kid.
- Watch a _____ show such as "La Cucaracha" (The Cockroach).
- Have a blast with family and friends making a _____ and then breaking it.
- Hear Hispanic _____ read their books aloud.
- Have a Cascarones festival. Learn about their _____ and traditions (confetti-filled eggshells).
- Organize a huge children's tag sale. Give the _____ to a children's organization.

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The Donley County junior horse judging team of Kassie Askew, Paisley Jones, Emma Howard, Elliott Robertson, Clarah Lewis, Foster Koetting, Weslynn and Kasie Shields, Shaylee Hall, Lainey Hanks, Madilyn Oliver, Kinze Zongker, Addie Snure, Alix Roberts and Landree Martines came in second place at the Clarendon College Invitational.

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Landree Martinez, Madilyn Oliver, and Eden Sims competed in the Duds to Dazzel contest at the Clarendon College Invitational.

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Remmi Burton competed in the district Fashion Show and placed third.

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Donley County 4-H does well in spring contests

Donley 4-H members have been busy, picking up honors at spring contests.

The junior horse judging team of Kassie Askew, Paisley Jones, Emma Howard, Elliott Robertson, Clarah Lewis, Foster Koetting, Weslynn and Kasie Shields, Shaylee Hall, Lainey Hanks, Madilyn Oliver, Kinze Zongker, Addie Snure, Alix Roberts and Landree Martines place second overall at the Clarendon College Invitational. They will compete at district contest April 23.

The Fashion & Interior Design project members competed at the Duds to Dazzle contest and those who participated were Foster Koetting, Shaylee Hall and Remmi Burton on team one and team two members were Landree Martinez, Madilyn Oliver and Eden Sims.

Remmi Burton also competed in the district Fashion Show and placed third with her construction project.

Competing in the district livestock judging contest were juniors Kinze Zongker and Cutter Ashbrook while Jase Conway, Hunter Wann, Kensler Roberts and Slaid Pittman competed in the intermediate division.

Emily McCurdy competed in the Talent Showcase with her piano solo and won first place and will advance to State 4-H Roundup in June.



Foster Koetting, Shaylee Hall and Remmi Burton contest at the Clarendon College Invitational.

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Jase Conway, Hunter Wann, Kensler Roberts and Slaid Pittman competed in the district livestock judging contest in the intermediate division.

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Kinze Zongker and Cutter Ashbrook competed in the district livestock judging contest in the juniors division.

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