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

Clarendon school bands to perform

The Clarendon school bands will perform their spring concerts May 17 at the CHS Auditorium starting at 2:00 p.m. Sixth and seventh grade bands will perform first followed by the Bronco Band. The public is invited.

TTU series to help producer planning

Texas Tech University's Ranch Management Program will launch a new lecture series this month aimed at helping agricultural producers plan for the future of their operations.

The inaugural Ranchers' Lecture Series event is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20, with presentations at noon in Lubbock and 6 p.m. in Plainview.

Shannon Ferrell, a professor of agricultural economics at Oklahoma State University, will deliver the first lecture. His presentation will focus on ranching succession, offering guidance for ranchers, farmers and other business owners preparing to transition their operations to the next generation.

The noon lecture will take place at the National Ranching Heritage Center, 3121 Fourth St., in Lubbock. The evening session is set for the Plainview Country Club, 2902 West Fourth St., in Plainview.

Organizers said the event is open to both the public and media. Attendance is free, but participants are asked to register in advance.

The lecture series is hosted by the Ranch Management Program, part of Texas Tech's Davis College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.

For more information contact Mary Moenning at mary.moenning@ttu.edu or (806) 843-8046.

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 can be accessed here: <https://bit.ly/4dA5tTP>



CCISD names May as lone finalist for super

Dr. Byron May of Pampa is the lone finalist to be the next superintendent of schools in Clarendon after action taken by the CCISD Board of Trustees Tuesday night, April 21.

Board President Wayne Hardin said out of six finalists for the position, it came down to two really good candidates, and May rose to the top.

"I think we made a really good choice," Hardin said. "We felt like he would be the best fit for the school and the community."

May told the Enterprise today that he is looking forward to coming to Clarendon after spending 22 years in the Pampa school district.

"I've been in the Panhandle my whole life," May said. "I love it here, and I love being part of a community that values hard work and family like

Clarendon."

May grew up in Fritch in a family of educators before going to college at Abilene Christian University. He started his career as a junior English teacher and coaching soccer and football. He later worked in career/technical education and also with language learners before becoming a junior high principal in 2015. Four years later he began his current position as principal of William B. Travis Elementary in Pampa.

"I've seen all aspects and learned the value of education at all levels," May said.

He and his wife, who is also an educator, have two daughters and a son-in-law. His youngest daughter will be a senior next school year and will graduate from Pampa schools.

May says he is excited for the opportunity to come to Clarendon and become part of the community. He said he gave the board an "entry plan" for starting to work here, but he says that will need to be customized as he gets to know the community.

"We need to think about what are our hopes and dreams for our kids, see where are there gaps, and start making goals," May said. "Obviously we want to see a high level of teaching and learning but it has to be tailored to the needs of the district."

After naming him as the lone finalist, CCISD must wait 21 days before formally hiring May as superintendent at a called board meeting next month.



Dr. Byron May at right with his family is the lone finalist to be the next superintendent at Clarendon CISD.



Bi-District Champions

The Clarendon Lady Broncos defeated West Texas High School in two games last week to win the Bi-District title. The ladies were set to travel to Tahoka in the Area round on Wednesday, April 29, in Floydada beginning at 6:00 p.m. with their 8-10 record on the line and a continuation of post-season play. For playoff updates, visit ClarendonLive.com or [Facebook.com/TheEnterprise](https://www.facebook.com/TheEnterprise).

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Elections set for Saturday

Voters will head to the polls Saturday, May 2, in elections for the City of Clarendon, the Hedley school board, and the Clarendon College Board of Regents.

Balloting will be held from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Donley County Courthouse Annex for the city and the college and at the Hedley ISD administration office for the Hedley school board election.

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, and Dr. Guy Ellis will be joined on the ballot by challenger George W. Hall. Incumbent Carey Wann is a write-in candidate for re-election.

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

See [Facebook.com/TheEnterprise](https://www.facebook.com/TheEnterprise) for election results.



Bound for State

Clarendon High School junior Hunter Caison earned the title of 2A-Region 1 Lincoln Douglas Debate Champion last Friday at the Regional UIL Academic Contest at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. Caison will now advance to compete at the State UIL Academic meet in Austin.

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Bed bugs bugging CCISD

Clarendon CISD officials have been battling bed bugs being brought to school for more than a month and are now using heat to scorch the little pests.

All students are being required to put backpacks, computer bags, and similar personal items in a "hot box" – an enclosed trailer outfitted with an industrial heater that raises the temperature to 130°F, which effectively eliminates any pests.

Interim Superintendent Larry Jeffers says the school has been following health department guidelines and even has exceeded the guidelines.

He also says the source of the problem is not the school.

"We're not growing bed bugs at the school and sending them home," Jeffers said. "They are coming from home to the school."

Jeffers said the bugs are treated when found and should all be dead.

According to information released by CCISD, the District first detected bed bugs the week after Spring Break on March 23 at the high school in an isolated classroom.

The room was cleaned, treated by a licensed pest management company, and traps were set.

Bed bugs were detected the week after that in an isolated theatre dressing room. The District cleared costumes and cleaned and treated the room and set traps.

A third instance was detected four weeks later in an isolated classroom. Again, the room was cleaned thoroughly, and pest management treated and set traps.

A fourth instance was detected last week in an Elementary Classroom. The District bagged all soft goods and sent them home to parents to be cleaned. The District thoroughly cleaned the classroom, and called pest management to treat and set traps through the entire elementary building.

The use of the hot box trailer began on Monday and will continue this week, Jeffers said.

Jeffers said the school has not found bugs on any student. If that were to happen, CCISD would follow the same procedures it does for case of head lice. The student

would be taken to the school nurse, who would notify the student's parents, and the school would then notify other parents of students who were in the same classroom.

Having bed bugs at school is extremely rare, Jeffers said, but he also said that according to the school's extermination service at least one other school in the area is dealing with the issue as well.

Bed bugs do not live on a person. They are "hitchhikers" that can be transported on clothing, backpacks, or other personal items.

As a precaution, the school district advises families: • Inspect student belongings (backpacks, jackets) periodically and frequently; • If you suspect an issue at home, wash and dry school items on high heat for at least 30 minutes; • Contact the school nurse if you have questions about your child.

Jeffers said the school continues to work closely with a licensed pest management company and applicable health authorities to monitor the situation and we will take further corrective action as needed.



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Whiskey's for drinking; Water is for fighting

Lately, no matter where I go – community events, policy meetings, conferences, or even just visiting with folks – the same topic keeps coming up. Data centers.

And we're talking about them in a way that tells you people can feel something shifting, even if they don't yet have the words to explain it.

The data center debate is forcing a conversation that has been building for years, bringing us face to face with a defining question: what our natural resources are for – and who they're meant to serve.

Texas is growing. We all know that. More people, more development, more demand. But the one thing that isn't growing with us is water. Our water resources are finite, and they're shrinking even as demand expands.

Dad and I talked about this over dinner at our favorite Mexican food place this week. For about 15 years, we've said that "someday" the state of Texas was going to come for our water. Sitting there this week, I told him – I think this is the session it starts to happen.

Because this week, the Texas Water Development Board reported that the state's water needs have reached \$174 billion in identified projects. That ought to get your attention.

This is serious business, and our state's future depends on how we respond. That reality is no longer somewhere down the road – it's pressing up against the decisions being made right now about what comes next.

Data centers are being pitched across Texas as the next wave of economic development. On paper, they check all the boxes – investment, tax base, growth.

But when you take a closer look, they don't fit the model that built rural Texas.

Oil and gas created wealth that flowed back to landowners. Agriculture ties directly to the land and sustains communities over time. Even wind energy, for all the debate around it, still carries lease structures that benefit the communities where those projects are located.

Those industries give back more than they take. This is where data centers are different. They require prime rural land, enormous amounts of water and power, and added strain on infrastructure. Once they're operational, they don't bring the kind of long-term employment base that anchors a community.

They do promise significant property tax revenue – and that matters. Rural communities need it. But it's not the same as shared value, especially when the resources being consumed are the same ones those communities rely on to survive and grow. This is where the tension is building.

Across the Panhandle and other parts of rural Texas, water systems are strained and infrastructure is aging. Sustained drought and declining aquifer levels aren't abstract – they're the reality we're living in.

Into that reality, we are introducing an industry that depends on continuous, large-scale resource use – one that will compete directly for our water. And when water gets tight, access won't be determined by need alone. It will be shaped by influence, urban priority, and who has the power to secure their share while others are left to adjust.

Too often, those decisions don't feel like they're being made with rural Texas at the center of the conversation – and that's exactly why we should be paying attention.

Texas has long prided itself on local control, stewardship of resources, and building from the ground up. But more and more, those principles feel out of alignment with the way decisions are actually playing out.

We talk about supporting rural communities, but too often the return doesn't match the long-term cost. We say we're protecting resources, yet we continue to incentivize their highest levels of consumption. We say local voices matter, but the biggest decisions are shaped far from the places that will live with the consequences.

That gap is where frustration turns into distrust.

Other states are adopting more measured approaches to data center development. Maine has paused new projects to evaluate long-term impacts, while places like Virginia and Arizona are tightening approvals and taking a harder look at water and infrastructure demands before moving forward.

Texas has begun studying data center development as part of its interim work between legislative sessions, and we can hope those discussions take an honest look at what's in front of us. Because this isn't only about data centers. It's about whether the future of this state is being built to serve the people who live here – or shaped by forces that don't. There is no margin for error and no excess to gamble with. We've got to get this right.

Water and land are the foundation of rural Texas. And once water is stretched too far or the land is overtaken by industrialization, there isn't a quick fix to restore what's been lost. The question now is whether we speak up while we still have a choice.

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texas rural reporter

by *suzanne bellsnyder*

Be careful of never saying never

Whoops! I almost used the age-old idiom about never saying never. First in print back in the 14th century, it was featured in 2020 as background music for the popular movie, *The Karate Kid*. It is familiar to the masses, and that's well and good for most of us. But not all.

Brian Janak, my friend of some 40 years, may choose a condensed version of the idiom, feeling that his circumstances warrant at least one "mulligan." He maintains that "sometimes say never" may be a more accurate claim for him, and later in the column, we'll understand why.

It's perfectly understandable why a person would be shaken to the core as he was recently – upon learning (from a half-brother he didn't know previously) – the REAL cause of his mother's death. She fell victim to her husband's alcoholic rage 57 years ago when Brian was only 19 months old....

Basically without love or direction during formative years, Brian and his half-sister – eight years older – were buddies until she fled the scene to join the army when he was 10 years old. Evicted with their dad from a shabby apartment, they once lived for 60 days in a self-storage rental, him thinking his mom had died of liver cancer. Adversity awaited at every turn. Most meals taken at home for several years were simple – ketchup on bread.

Here's where I want to introduce one of his several "never say never" claims. Remember, they are subject to change, now and later.

"I'll never eat ketchup again," was his solemn pledge for almost 50 years....

That was then, then is NOW.

Married to a woman who was a middle school classmate, he and Hanh have two children, both highly successful in their educational pursuits.

Son Nathan, now a student at the University of Southern California, already has been approved for admission to the university's masters degree program in public policy, and daughter Kyla – who graduated with a 3.7 grade point average last year from The University of Texas – is now employed by Kraft Heinz, on the fast track of the company's training program....

Uh Oh! The "Heinz" part of the company has the lion's share of ketchup sales worldwide, and Kyla, currently immersed in mayonnaise research, likely will later delve into ketchup's contents.

Fearing that his denigration of ketchup might become known, Brian has altered his views on it, and now he's working hard to develop an appreciation that was disrupted a long time ago when ketchup was bread's only companion for too many meals.

Now, he splashes ketchup on most dishes. After all, he wants to make his daughter proud!...



the idle american

by *don newbury*

To keep ketchup "front and center," he's likely to unpack some old lines about it. One short poem by the late Richard Armour reads: "Shake it, shake it, ketchup bottle. None will come, and then a lot'll."

And how about this challenge? Let us all strive to be like green tomatoes. As long as we're green, we grow. It's when we think that we're ripe that we start to get rotten.

Clearly, he's serious about changing his views of "never say never," now believing that a 180-degree pivot is in order.

Though he's put aside his former dislike for ketchup, he's still making strong pledges. Now knowing the impact of alcoholism that rocked all of the lives of his family, he says that alcohol will never again cross his lips.

Never formerly more than a social drinker, Brian is a wonderful citizen, husband and father, totally committed to his Christian faith. He runs deep. I believe that he'll embrace ketchup – and forego using alcohol in all forms – for the rest of the way. He does have a request for his final meal – a simple sandwich, with Heinz ketchup, of course.... (Notes of both Janak columns written in April are available via email, newbury@speakerdoc.com, some 20,000 words. No charge and no release of email addresses.)...

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"YES, OUR HANDS ARE UP... BUT THEY AREN'T VERY HIGH."

Big stick diplomacy then and now

What began as promising negotiations between the United States and Iran earlier this month ended in an impasse.

Following a massive U.S. bombing campaign against Iran that began in February, both sides agreed to a two-week ceasefire starting on April 8 to pursue a diplomatic resolution. On April 11, 2026, U.S. Vice President JD Vance, Special Envoy Steve Witkoff, and Jared Kushner arrived in Islamabad for peace talks with Iranian officials.

The Iranian delegation presented a 10-point plan aimed at resolving the conflict. Key proposals included ending hostilities not only in Iran but also in Iraq, Lebanon, and Yemen; reopening the Strait of Hormuz; lifting sanctions on Iran; releasing frozen Iranian assets; and committing to forgo the pursuit of nuclear weapons. While President Trump did not accept these proposals outright, he described them as a workable starting point for negotiations.

Despite this initial optimism, the talks concluded without an agreement. Major obstacles for the American side included demands for the complete dismantling of Iran's nuclear enrichment facilities, the removal of all highly enriched uranium, and an end to Iran's support for regional proxy groups such as Hamas and Hezbollah.

This is not the first time a critical negotiation involving American interests has stalled. In some ways, the situation echoes an earlier diplomatic challenge, particularly one faced by Theodore Roosevelt, a president who had many similar personality traits as President Trump.

In 1903, a central objective of U.S. foreign policy was the construction of a canal in Central America to provide the Navy with easier access between the Atlantic Ocean and Pacific Ocean. Initially, the United States considered

building the canal through Nicaragua.

However, when a French company — the New Panama Canal Company — offered to sell its project in the Colombian province of Panama, the U.S. quickly shifted its focus. Because Panama was still part of Colombia, the United States needed to negotiate a lease for the land.

To that end, Secretary of State John Hay negotiated with Colombia's representative, Tomás Herrán. The proposed agreement, later known as the Hay-Herrán Treaty, offered Colombia \$10 million upfront and annual payments of \$250,000 for a 99-year lease on a six-mile-wide canal zone. The U.S. Senate ratified the treaty on March 17, 1903.

However, the Colombian Senate was far less willing to approve the agreement. Colombian officials were wary of American power and uneasy about granting such a long lease with extensive autonomy. They were also frustrated by what they perceived as an unfair financial arrangement. While the U.S. planned to pay the French company \$40 million, Colombia itself was only receiving \$10 million.

Colombia attempted to delay ratification until the French company's lease expired the following year, at which point the land would revert fully to Colombian control, potentially allowing them to negotiate a better deal.

The plan backfired for two reasons. First, the Americans refused to pay more, causing the Colombian Senate to reject the new lease deal. Secondly,

T.R. did not like being told no.

Frustrated by Colombia's refusal, Roosevelt shifted strategy. He signaled support for a Panamanian independence movement led by Dr. Manuel Amador Guerrero. During Guerrero's visit to the United States in 1903, he received both political backing and financial assistance through the departing French company.

When the Colombian Navy moved to suppress the Panamanian rebellion, it was blocked by the USS Nashville, deployed by Roosevelt under the pretext of protecting American lives and interests. Roosevelt also quickly recognized Panamanian independence. With U.S. support, Panama successfully declared independence. The new Panamanian government, led by Guerrero, promptly approved a canal treaty with the United States under essentially the same terms previously offered to Colombia.

Both Roosevelt and Trump have shown a preference for "big stick" diplomacy in negotiations. In Roosevelt's case, the strategy proved effective; the United States built and controlled the Panama Canal until it was transferred back to Panama during the Carter administration.

In the case of Trump and Iran, however, the outcome remains uncertain. Trump has ordered a blockade of the Strait of Hormuz and may continue the bombing campaign. Unlike Colombia in 1903, Iran is led by a government driven more by ideology than concern for its citizens, and it remains unclear whether pressure alone will produce a diplomatic breakthrough.

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Excellence Award

Each year, the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program provides awards and recognition for various individuals and groups that provide support to the 4-H program. Robin Ellis was nominated by Donley 4-H and was selected as a winner in District 1. She was surprised with the announcement at the district horse judging contest where her teams won many medals. She will also be honored at the State 4-H Roundup in June. This well-deserved recognition highlights her outstanding volunteer service and dedication to the youth of Donley County for more than 20 years. Robin's passion, leadership, and commitment truly embody the spirit of volunteerism. Congratulations to Robin Ellis on being selected for the 2026 Salute to Excellence Award.

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Donley County 4-H Horse Judging teams completed at the District 1 contest.

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4-H members advance to state

Seventeen 4-H members competed in the District 1 Horse Judging contest with both senior members advancing to State 4-H Roundup in June.

MaryJo Dushay was the winner of the contest with Gracie Ellis close behind in second place.

In the Intermediate division, Kassie Askew took the top honors with Paisley Jones winning second place and Emma Howard in ninth place. As a team, the trio brought home the championship.

In the Junior division, the team of Elliott Robertson, Weslynn Shields, Addie Snure and Lainey Hanks placed second while the team of Foster Koetting, Kasie Shields, Madilynn Oliver and Kinze Zongker placed third.

Shaylee Hall, Alix Roberts, Landree Martinez and Clarah Lewis finished in fourth place.

Individuals in the junior top ten were Addie 3rd, Foster 6th, Madilynn 7th and Lainey 10th.

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Kassie Askew placed first, Paisley Jones took second, and Emma Howard placed ninth at the District 1 Horse Judging contest in the Intermediate division.

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MaryJo Dushay placed first and Gracie Ellis placed second at the District 1 Horse Judging contest in the Senior division.

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4-H archers compete in district

Donley 4-H members competed in the district archery match with Rose Ybarra winning the junior Barebow division. Her score of 223 was the highest score among all age groups in the Barebow competition, including the seniors. Addie Snure placed tenth in the junior division and Ava Barlow placed tenth in the intermediate division. In the Compound Unaided competition, Kutter O'Keefe was second place winner in the senior division while Hope Ybarra and Presley Lockhart competed in the junior division.

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May 1 & 2
 Mulkey Theatre • The Devil Wears Prada 2 • 7:30 p.m.

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Menus

Donley County Senior Citizens
 Mon: Chili dog, bun, baked beans, marinated cucumbers & onions, cookie, iced tea/2% milk.
 Tues: Stroganoff, black-eyed peas, spinach, roll, strawberry shortcake, iced tea/2% milk.
 Wed: Spaghetti/meat sauce, garden salad, garlic toast, brownie, iced tea/2% milk.
 Thurs: Chicken alfredo, broccoli & cauliflower, garden salad, garlic breadstick, lemon cake, iced tea/2% milk.
 Fri: Pollock, Brussel sprouts, French fries, hushpuppies, fruit cocktail, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens
 Mon: Mexican pile on, tortilla chips, pinto beans, Spanish rice, garden salad, sliced peaches, iced tea/2% milk.
 Tues: Stuffed baked potatoes, shredded beef, steamed broccoli, whole wheat roll, pineapple cake, iced tea/2%
 Wed: Chicken fried steak w/ country gravy, broccoli, mashed potatoes, whole wheat roll, fruit crisp, iced tea/2% milk.
 Thurs: Smothered steak, butter carrots, broccoli & cauliflower, roll, cake, iced tea/2% milk.
 Fri: Chicken strips, gravy, potato wedges, garden salad, roll, brownie, iced tea/2% milk

Clarendon CISD
 Breakfast
 Mon: No School
 Tues: Sausage kolache, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
 Wed: Cheese omelet, toast, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
 Thu: Breakfast pizza, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
 Fri: French toast sticks, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch
 Mon: No School
 Tues: Chili cheese totchos, Cornbread, veggie cup, fruit, milk.
 Wed: Pulled pork sliders, corn, cucumbers, dessert, fruit, milk.
 Thu: Pizza baked pasta, breadstick, tomato cup, broccoli, fruit, milk.
 Fri: Fish, mac & cheese, carrots, squash, fruit, milk.

Hedley ISD
 Breakfast
 Mon: Muffin, yogurt, fruit juice, milk.
 Tues: Pancake wrap, fruit juice, milk.
 Wed: Breakfast pizza, fruit juice, milk.
 Thu: Sausage kolache, yogurt, fruit juice, milk.
 Fri: No School

Lunch
 Mon: Cheeseburger, fries, cucumbers, applesauce, cookie, milk.
 Tues: Chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, carrots, celery, grapes, milk.
 Wed: Pizza, tomatoes, salad, pears, milk.
 Thu: Quesadilla, beans, garden salad, salsa, oranges, milk.
 Fri: No School

senior happenings

We are having a ball at the Donley County Senior Citizen's Center!

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Mark your calendars for our annual Senior Thang on June 13 at 5 p.m. There will be a baked potato bar, a hand-stitched quilt from the Golden Needles Club to be given away, Bucket raffles and the awesome 50/50 raffle for cash! More details coming soon.

Retired teachers to meet in May

The bi-monthly meeting of the Donley County Retired School Personnel Association will be held on Monday, May 4, at 12:30 in the Senior Citizens building.

The program will consist of selecting the 2026 high school recipient for the Donley County Retired School Personnel Association scholarship. Following this selection, the group will vote for new chapter officers.



Having a ball!
 Local seniors enjoy all kinds of games and activities at the Donley County Senior Citizens Center in Clarendon. For more information, check out the new Senior Happenings column in this week's Enterprise.

Birds of a feather flock in the 'Wick

He Says – Mary and I have been feeding birds since 1989. We started to feed them while living in Borger, then Red River and next, Lake Texoma – Okie side. Now we watch and feed them in the 'Wick!

We were not sure how many we might spot in the 'Wick when we moved here, but we spotted a surprising total of 41 different species the first year! (I write down what type I see and when I see it.)

We have five types of woodpeckers. My favorite, the red headed woodpecker just arrived at our feeder on April 25. Of course, hummingbirds are super little guys, and we've seen three varieties of them. There are blue jays everywhere by now, and we play a fun game with them – they love peanuts in the shell so we toss out a handful and watch them battle for them.

She Says – Remember when we would take sandwiches and binoculars over to Sandy Beach and eagle watch? We saw bald eagles, golden eagles and ospreys all at Greenbelt.

He Says – Yeah, we need to do that again. I guess I'll make the sandwiches since you've quit cooking.

Holy cow! Mary, as we sit here talking about birds, look at the big feeder! There is a huge wild turkey, totally in charge of the area. This is great!

She Says – Oh, wow! There's two down there now. I wish I could get a picture of you and the turkeys to show Susie Langford, you know her nickname for you is Turkeybutt! And look! Here is one of the neighborhood red-headed vultures swooping down! Don't go outside right now, I think he is looking for one of us.

He Says – (Ignoring Mary.) My grandmother had a big collection of bird figurines. You don't see that



he says, she says
 by richard & mary green

Fertilizer price surge squeezes Texas producers

Texas producers are facing a sharp rise in fertilizer costs this spring, adding pressure to already tight margins as global instability continues to ripple through agricultural markets.

Fertilizer prices, which remained relatively steady early in the year, began climbing in March amid escalating conflict in the Middle East and rising energy prices, said Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economists.

"Fertilizer is a global commodity, so when disruptions occur anywhere, prices tend to rise everywhere," said Mark Welch, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension grain economist and professor in the Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Department of Agricultural Economics.

Nitrogen fertilizers, which are critical for commodity crops like cotton, corn, sorghum, wheat and rice, have seen some of the largest gains.

Anhydrous ammonia prices rose from about \$840 per ton in late January to roughly \$1,100 per ton in early April, significantly increasing per-acre costs for producers, Welch said.

Other products have followed similar trends. Urea prices have increased about 48% since the beginning of the year, while prices for urea ammonium nitrate solutions are up more than 30%.

"These are significant increases, especially when commodity prices are flat or declining," said Luis Ribera, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension economist and professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics. "That creates a real squeeze on profitability."

Fertilizer production is closely tied to natural gas, making prices highly sensitive to energy markets.

Rising oil and gas prices, combined with supply disruptions and

transportation uncertainty, have pushed fertilizer costs higher despite strong domestic production.

"We're more self-sufficient than we used to be, but we're still tied to global markets," Ribera said.

The impact of rising fertilizer prices could vary depending on when producers secured inputs, Welch said.

In South and Central Texas, many producers had already locked in fertilizer purchases before the latest price increases.

However, producers in later-planting regions, such as Texas' High Plains, may still be exposed to higher costs, Welch said.

"If inputs were purchased early, some producers may have avoided the worst of the increases," Welch said. "But those still buying are facing much higher prices."

Unlike crop prices, fertilizer costs offer limited risk management options.

"Producers are price takers when it comes to inputs," Ribera said. "There's very little they can do to hedge against these increases."

Economists do not expect fertilizer prices to decline quickly, even if geopolitical tensions ease.

"Prices aren't likely to fall overnight," Welch said. "There are longer-term impacts that will keep costs elevated."

That uncertainty is raising concerns for the 2027 crop year, when producers may face even higher input costs from the outset. With rising input costs and uncertain crop prices, many producers are expected to face tighter margins, and potentially increased borrowing and delayed investments.

"Most producers are not at a break-even point under these cost-versus-crop price conditions," Ribera said. "That means more debt or using savings to get through the season."

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Last words

J. Bruce Ismay, portrayed by Hunter Caison (right), seeks the approval of his father, Thomas Ismay, portrayed by Rowdy Bebout, in the Clarendon High School performance of *The Last Lifeboat*.

Pantex breaks ground on new facility

Pantex recently began construction on a new building that will provide around 14,000-square-feet of modern office space for its workforce.

The Flexible Support Facility II incorporates new technologies, allows for efficient travel to and from common job-sites, and is designed to house teams that often collaborate on complex projects.

"This new office building will allow us to bring these vital teams together under one roof where they can collaborate using the most up-to-date technologies possible and can efficiently travel to areas of the plant where their expertise is needed," PanTeXas Deterrence President and General Manager Kelly Beierschmitt said.



PanTeXas Deterrence, LLC President and General Manager Kelly Beierschmitt addresses the crowd during the Flexible Support Facility groundbreaking.

PHOTO BY ADAM BAKER

new facilities bring together specific tasks that were spread across multiple buildings. Other facilities, like this one, bring together people who will work better and provide a better product by being co-located," he added.

The Flexible Support Facility II follows a commercial construction approach to allow for cost savings and accelerated construction, with a projected completion date in mid-2028.

"This facility is one example of how we are modernizing Pantex, in this case by using the same ENERGY STAR design used at the

Nevada National Security Site," said Pantex Field Office Manager Jason Armstrong. "Sharing standard, scalable building designs across Nuclear Security Enterprise sites means we can ultimately reduce design costs and accelerate construction of office buildings like this and other non-nuclear facilities."

Pantex will soon open the High Explosives Science and Engineering Facility and break ground on the High Explosive Synthesis, Formulation, and Production Facility, further solidifying Pantex as NNSA's High Explosives Center of Excellence for Manufacturing.



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting April 28, 2026, with Boss Lion Brian Barboza and his stylish new look in command.

We had nine members present in person this week. An ad hoc nominating committee was formed over hamburgers, and the following slate officers was put forward for the next Lions year – President Eric Gehman, First Vice President Mary Green, Second Vice President / Service Chair Anndria Newhouse, Third Vice President Chritina Brady, Secretary/Treasurer Roger Estlack, Lion Tamer Chris Reuter, Tail Twister / Membership Chair Landon "L Jefe" Lambert, Communications / SK Chair Ashlee Estlack, and Song Leader Larry Capranica.

Having vigorously protected himself in the nominating committee election of nominees by acclamation, there were several seconds, and the motion carried.

The Jack King Classic Golf Tournament will be held in Herford on May 8 to raise funds for the Texas Lions Camp for disabled and diabetic children. To register or for more information, call 806-676-7940.

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

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- Purchase
- British news organization
- Midway between northeast and east
- Language specialist group
- Fancy automobile
- Small loop or series of loops
- Exploiter
- Don't know when yet
- Group of languages
- One who's finished
- After B
- Angled
- A place to adopt pets
- Swiss river
- Young boy
- Unexciting
- American comedian Vidale
- Peyton's little brother
- Corporate higher-up
- "All in the Family" star
- Strike something forcefully
- Up in the air (abbr.)
- Clay earth pigments
- Means to record brain activity
- Small constellation
- Embraces
- Brief description
- Exclude
- White (French)
- Insect
- A major division of geological time
- Soviet Socialist Republic

CLUES DOWN

- Type of whale
- In tune
- A citizen of Yemen
- Actress Ling
- One who supports
- Circus performer
- Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
- Quantitative fact
- Utah city
- Where a golfer begins
- Attendant
- The ancient Egyptian sun god
- Book of Chronicles (abbr.)
- Benedictine monk
- Not turbulent
- Car mechanics group
- Buffer used in chemistry
- Fall heavily
- Pie ___ mode
- The Brits love it
- Children's TV channel (abbr.)
- Jacksonville footballer
- Helps little firms
- ___ and behold
- A way to resemble
- Fingers
- Excessive indulgences
- You might be an "empty" one
- "How the West Was Won" writer
- European river
- They begin the alphabet
- The body's messenger



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Lady Broncos claim Bi-District Championship

By Sandy Anderberg

Fifteen runs separated the Lady Broncos from the ladies from West Texas High in a best two-out-of-three matchup in the Bi-District round last week. Clarendon earned the first game win at home at 14-9 and stole the win on the road at 12-2. No game three was needed.

Freshman Laken Smith was on the mound in the opening game and did a good job despite allowing several walks early in the game. Smith had a great field behind her and they were able to control most of their hits.

At the plate is where the Lady Broncos shined. The WT pitcher was strong and threw several pitches in the strike zone, but the Lady Broncos took advantage of each pitch. Smith earned the first two-run homerun way over the fence in left field, and Clarendon was able to close out the inning with three runs to zero for WT.

The West Texas ladies were able to fight back and tie the game in the third inning. But the strength

of the Lady Bronco offense was too much and they were able to pound the ball to retake the lead. Elliot Frausto followed Smith's lead and picked on the left fielder once again sending it over the fence for another two-run homerun.

But the ladies were not finished and added six more runs to the scoreboard before the final pitch was thrown. The ended with 14 hits and only one error in the game.

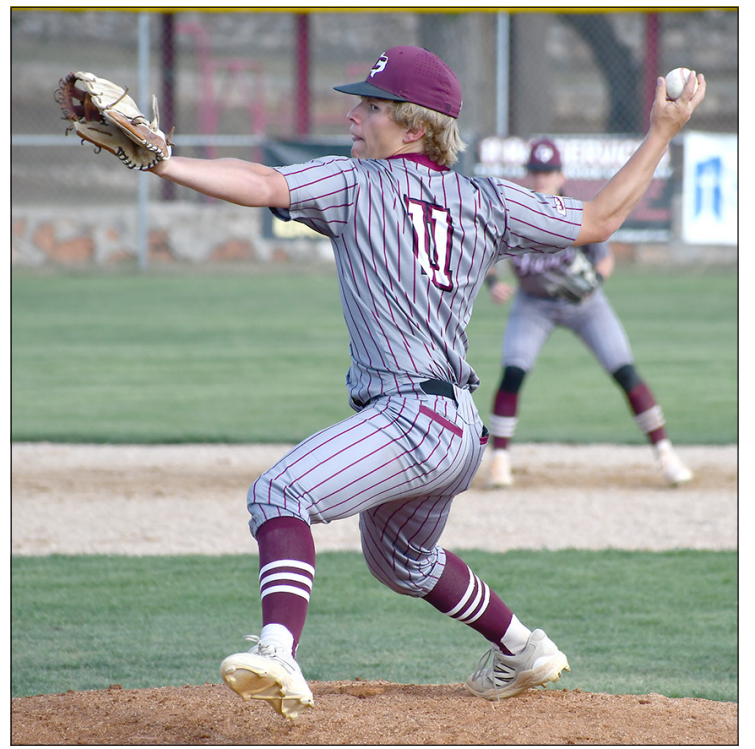
Riding high on their first game win, the Lady Broncos were determined to continue their streak and took down WT on their field 12-2. The Lady Broncos scored four runs in the first, two in the second, and four in the third to take a commanding lead in the game and series. WT mustered two runs in their last at-bat, and Clarendon put the icing on the cake by adding two more runs to the scoreboard. No other stats were available.

The Lady Broncos will take on Tahoka in the Area round on Wednesday, April 29, in Floydada beginning at 6:00 p.m.



Lady Bronco Josie Murillo pitches last week against West Texas High.

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Bronco Parker Haynes pitches for the Broncos last Tuesday at home against Wellington.

COURTESY PHOTO / AL ELAM

Broncos grab two big wins

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon Broncos are getting down to business as they prepare for their Bi-District game with West Texas on April 30 and May 2 at Caprock in Amarillo. Games times are 5:30 p.m. on the April 30 and 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. Game three will follow game two if needed.

The Broncos are hitting on all cylinders as they made quick work of both Wellington and Quanah last week.

Klay Wilkins hit the winning walk-off single against the Sky-rockets which score Braylon Rice to break the deadlock of 3-3 for the 4-3 win. Wilkins was two for three on the day and joined his teammates for the celebration as they won four of their last five games to improve their record to 10-10. Brentley Gaines was on the mound and allowed three hits and three runs while striking out six hitters.

Offensively, the Broncos were patient at the plate and came alive in the final inning putting three runs on the board before Wilkins knocked down the game-winning single that scored Rice. The Broncos earned seven walks in the game with Kreed Robinson and Hudson Howard grabbing two walks each.

The Broncos showed their patience at the plate against a strong Quanah team in their second game of the week and posted zero runs until dominating in the fifth inning to earn nine runs and get the 14-6 win over the Indians. The Broncos' nine runs came on only three hits in that inning.

Rice was on the mound for the Broncos and gave up six hits and three runs in the game. Rice pitched just under six innings and struck out three hitters and walked three.

Aiden Burnam, Rice, and Robinson had two hits each on the day, and Burnam and Shaun Childers had two walks each.

Benson and Havens prepare for regionals

By Sandy Anderberg

Clarendon High School's Madi Benson and Addy Havens competed in a Regional Qualifiers meet last week in Canyon as they prepare to run in the regional meet to be held in Canyon on the WTAMU campus.

Benson and Havens have been solid runners all season long and are not new to the extended track season. Benson has more than one state appearance and Havens' successes have begun to rack up as well. Both runners have a great shot at moving on from the regional meet in their events. The warm-up meet gave them the opportunity to run against bigger schools and they did well.

Benson finished fifth in the 800m run with a time of 2:20.88 which was just behind the first-place finisher from Canyon with a time of 2:09.95. She also ran the 1600m run and crossed the line in a time of 5:37.73. Havens did well in the 3200m run finishing fourth with a time of 13:53.35 which was only two minutes off of the winning time.

The regional meet will be held May 1-2 in Canyon.



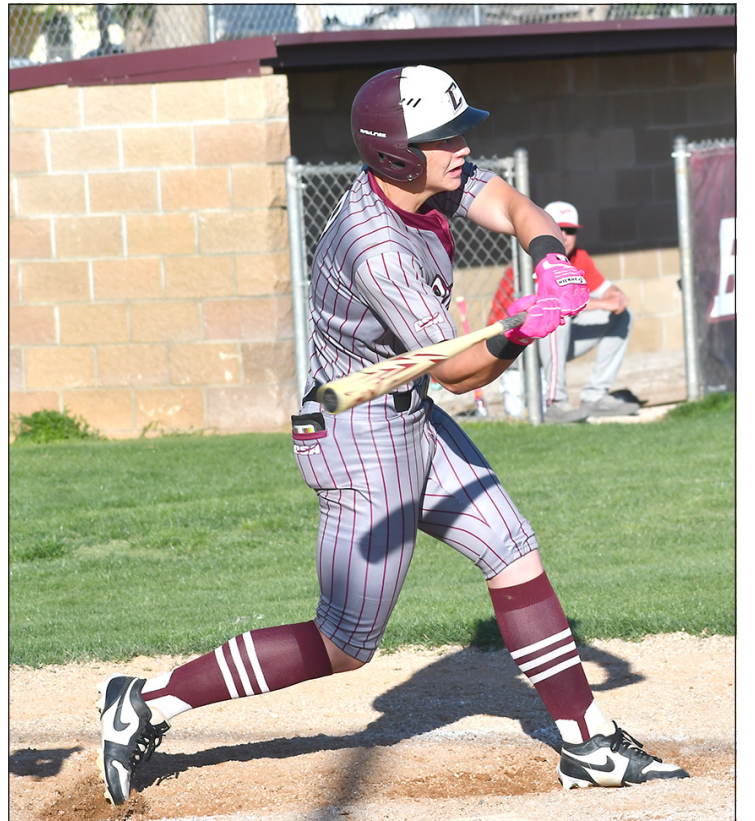
Lady Bronco Presley Smith snags a ball in the outfield against West Texas.

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Lady Bronco Elliot Frausto throws one in from the infield last week against West Texas.

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Bronco Klay Wilkins bats for the Broncos last week against Wellington.

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CLARENDON

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Scope of Work: Cleaning services shall include, but are not limited to, routine janitorial services for offices, restrooms, common areas, and other designated spaces within City Hall. Detailed specifications may be obtained from City Hall during regular business hours.

Submission Deadline: Sealed bids must be received no later than 3:00 p.m. on May 21, 2026. Submission Location: City of Clarendon 313 South Sully Clarendon, Texas 79226

Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud shortly after the deadline. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities or irregularities in the bidding process.

For additional information or to obtain bid specifications, please contact: Brian Barboza, City Administrator 806-874-3438

SEALED BID NOTICE SALE OF SURPLUS FIRE HYDRANTS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Clarendon, Texas will receive sealed bids for the purchase of surplus fire hydrants, in accordance with applicable provisions of the Texas Local Government Code.

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To schedule an inspection, contact: Brian Barboza, City Administrator, 806-874-3438

BID SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS
 Sealed bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked: "SEALED BID - SURPLUS FIRE HYDRANTS" Bids must be delivered to: City of Clarendon Attn: Brian Barboza 313 South Sully/ P.O. Box 1089

Clarendon, Texas 79226 Bids must be received no later than May 19, 2026 at 2:00 PM. Late bids will not be considered. Bid Opening will be opened immediately following bid closing.

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Obituaries

Sanders-Lindsey

Helen Marie Sanders-Lindsey (Granny Helen), age 89, of Hedley passed away on April 24, 2026, in Hedley, surrounded by her family.

Graveside services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 2, 2026, at Rowe Cemetery in Hedley with Rev. Ronnie Lambert officiating. The family will be receiving friends for visitation on Friday, May 1, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Robertson Funeral Directors in Clarendon.

Arrangements are under the loving care of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon

Helen was born at home on December 14, 1936, in Hedley to Sam and Flora Parker-Sanders. She was the fourth of ten children; nine girls and one boy.

Helen grew up in Hedley and attended Hedley School. On November 21, 1953, she married the love of her life, Frank Lindsey Jr. They had four children, Linda Mae, Brenda Ann, Bobby Frank, and Jeanie Marie. Their life was one of devotion and hard work, sharing 41 loving years of marriage, before Frank's passing in 1995.

Helen had a true servant's heart. Her career of preparing meals with loving hands was a testament of her love of the Lord. She nourished the students at the Hedley School cafeteria with food and unconditional love and created meals with genuine joy for seniors at the Hedley Senior Citizen's. Her part-time work at Bailey's convenience store and the Monroe Peach Ranch, also, reflected a lifelong dedication to serving her neighbors and sharing her love for children.

Granny Helen will be remembered for her unwavering dedication to her family and her community. Her love for others was shown through food, and she took pride in insisting that anyone entering her home be fed well. Her culinary specialties were pecan pie, peanut butter cookies, and the most delicious hamburgers in the county. Even after she was unable to cook, she made sure everyone had a honey bun and a Dr. Pepper before leaving her home.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank; her infant daughter, Brenda; her parents; her son-in-law, Tex Naylor; her sisters Lillian Fowler, Oretta Potts, Joyce Woodard, Jean Rice, Sammie Housden, and Betty McGuire.

She is survived by children, Linda Naylor of Clarendon; Bobby Lindsey and wife Kari of Hedley; Jeanie Stewart and husband Gary of Hedley; her sisters Tobythia Wiggins of Wheeler, Delores Simpson Corpus Christi, her baby brother, Tracey Sanders of Eastland. She is also survived by her grandchildren,

who were her pride and joy, Jared Naylor and wife Kati, Jindy Mock and husband Kyle, Katie Gomez and husband Travis, Ethan Naylor and wife Danyale, Kyle Lindsey and wife Amanda, Kallie Lindsey and her fiancé Derrick Pierson. She is also survived by nine great grandchildren, whom she never passed up an opportunity to spoil, and numerous loving nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Christ Kids in Clarendon at PO Box 45, Clarendon, TX 79226.

As Granny Helen would say "God Ride with you and protect you."

James

Julie L. "Hutto" James, 71, of Amarillo passed away on Monday, April 20, 2026. Funeral services were held on Saturday, April 25, 2026, in the Kormerstone Directors Chapel with Rev. Charles Davenport officiating. Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery under the care of Kormerstone Funeral Directors of Tulia.

Julie was born on September 26, 1954, in Tulia, Texas, to Hansford and Joan (Horseman) Hutto. A proud graduate of Tulia High School in 1973, Julie's life was marked by love, compassion, and a strong commitment to family and community.

On May 26, 1973, she married her devoted husband, Buddy James, in the First Baptist Church in Tulia, beginning a lifelong partnership filled with love and shared memories. Julie pursued her passion for caregiving by earning her nursing degree as an LVN from Clarendon College. For over 20 years, she dedicated herself to caring for the elderly at Moore Assisted Living, where her kindness and gentle spirit touched many lives.

Julie cherished family time, especially their vacations spent fishing, exploring the mountains, and enjoying the beach. Her love for flowers was well known—she delighted in nurturing their home garden, lovingly urging Buddy to plant and water each bloom.

A faithful member of the First Baptist Church in Amarillo, Julie's warmth and faith were a guiding light to her family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Hansford and Joan Hutto; her son, Wade James and her brother, Terry Hutto.

She is survived by her husband, Buddy James; her daughter, Stacey James and her brother Gary Hutto.

Memorials may be made to the: Texas Panhandle Nurse Honor Guard, P.O. Box 50082, 8301 W. Amarillo Blvd., Amarillo, Texas 79159.

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Groundwater district issues summer forecast

By Corey Clay, PGCD Meteorologist

The end of 2025 saw very warm conditions with December's average monthly high of 63°F, far above the normal of 52°F. After a normal January, this record warmth continued into February and March with March recording an average high temperature of 77°F, the normal being 64°F. In fact, our daily average temperature does not even reach 77°F until May 4.

Also, during the month of March, a historic heat wave impacted the area with 98°F degrees recorded on the 21st, breaking the all-time high for the month. Then, a few days later, on the 26th, Amarillo was just one degree shy of the triple digit mark after peaking at 99°F, shattering the previous daily record of 88°F. What is equally impressive is that Amarillo saw a low of 18°F on the 16th with highs in the 90s a few days later.

Unfortunately, this warmth also came with a dry period, with December, February, and March all seeing below normal precipitation, which can be attributed to the weak La Nina.

La Nina is expected to transition into the El Nino phase of ENSO by this summer. The Climate Prediction Center has this transition at a 61 percent chance and a 1:4 chance of becoming very strong as we head into the fall and winter months.

El Nino tends to shift the jet stream farther south, bringing wet and cool conditions for the winter. As far as the summer is concerned, ENSO impacts are less notable. For the upcoming months (April-June), the Climate Prediction Center has the Panhandle with a 50-60% chance of above normal temperatures and a slight chance of below normal precipitation.

This is unwelcome news as much of the area is in a severe drought.

Fortunately, there may be an end in sight with the expected El Nino later this year.

April 1 marked the start of the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District's 26th year of its precipitation enhancement program. For more information about the program, visit our website at www.pgcd.us/precipitation-enhancement.