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

## CVFD responds to house fires Saturday night

The Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department was kept busy Saturday evening in the midst of the celebrations downtown.

Shortly after the festivities began on the Courthouse Square, a call went out to house fire on Collinson Street at the Regina Wootten residence.

Items set on the stovetop caught fire and were discovered by the owner, who put out the fire but called 911 to make sure the fire was out and because of all the smoke in the home.

Later that evening, an electrical fire broke out in the home of the late Lucy Saye on Wood Avenue. Tim Saye discovered the blaze at the back of the house and called 911. Firemen responded quickly, and damage was contained to the immediate area where the blaze started. The house was heavily smoked but was saved from major damage.

## Santa Letters due by December 11

The Clarendon Enterprise is getting ready to send its holiday issue to Santa Claus, and the deadline to have your letter turned in is fast approaching.

All letters need to be delivered to the Enterprise office at 105 S. Kearney by 5 p.m. next Wednesday, December 11, in order to be in the holiday issue that Santa looks for every year.

Send your letter to Santa Claus, c/o The Clarendon Enterprise, PO Box 1110, Clarendon, TX 79226, or bring it straight to the office.

## TxDOT surveying transit needs

TxDOT will be holding virtual public workshops in December and January to learn more about the transit service needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities.

Access to quality transit is vital to the lives of many people across Texas, including in the Childress District area. For many, transit is their only connection to healthcare, jobs, family members and even grocery shopping.

Information on the program, how to connect virtually and how to provide a comment can be found at [txdot.gov](http://txdot.gov).



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RJ Sanny Squared performs ridden by trainer Christian Miller at the NCHA World Finals in Fort Worth.

PERFORMANCE HORSE CENTRAL PHOTO

## Ashtola horse wins world title

Ashtola, Texas, is now home to a world champion after last week's cutting horse competition in Fort Worth.

RJ Sanny Squared finished out her career by scoring 229 points in the first go at the National Cutting Horse Association World Finals on November 23 and then continued to perform over the next three rounds on November 24, 28 and 30 to secure the title.

The mare is owned by Johnny, Janet, and Shannon Cooper of Ash-

tola.

Ridden by her trainer, Christian Miller, RJ Sanny Squared combed in 105 shows this year, earning more than \$133,000.

Janet Cooper said hundreds of horses compete throughout the nation and only the top 15 make it to the NCHA's world finals. RJ Sanny Squared is seven years old and has been trained by Miller since she was two.

"She's been spectacular," Cooper said. "For us to win a world

championship is simply awesome. Now she'll be coming home in December to retire at the top."

The Cooper family has been raising cutting horses for about ten years now in Ashtola. Their Rockin' J Quarter Horses business, however, has been in operation for 30 years now.

RJ Sanny Squared not only is a world champion, but she has also been named to the Mare Hall of Fame and has a lifetime earnings of more than \$250,000.



## Christmas wishes

Russell Johnston and his mother, Skyler, visit with Santa Claus at the Donley County Courthouse last Saturday evening during the Small Town Christmas celebration.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / KARI LINDSEY

## Chamber to draw winner on Friday

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce will hold its first Small Town Christmas drawing this Friday at noon as holiday shopping promotions continue.

The third annual "Shop Small" promotion from the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce will put a grand total of \$550 in Chamber Christmas Cash in the hands of lucky winners who shop with local merchants.

Sign-ups at participating merchants began last week, for Chamber Cash drawings that will be held for \$100 each Friday on December 6, 13, and 20.

To enter, shoppers will fill out an entry at local participating merchants.

Enter as many times as you shop locally, so shop often. Entries stay in the hopper each week, so those who enter will have multiple chances of winning.

Those merchants participating are: Amanda's Country Soaps, Broken Road Liquor, Broiller's Auto Parts, Clarendon Outpost, Cornell's Country Store, Country Bloomers Flowers, Courtney D'Costa Scentsy, Every Nook & Cranny, Floatin' T, Floyd's Automotive, Henson's, Garrison's, J&W

Lumber, Lowe's Family Center, Monroe's Peach Ranch, Mulkey Theatre, Mike's Pharmacy, Rambolin' Ranch Boutique, REFZ Sports Bar & Grill, Whistle Stop, and Wicked Fast Attire.

The Chamber will also hold a bonus drawing for \$250 in Chamber Christmas Cash on December 20. Sign-up for the bonus drawing will be held starting December 2 at the Clarendon Visitor Center. Shoppers can bring their receipts and receive one entry for every \$25 spent at the participating merchants.

Several downtown merchants are also making plans to stay open

for Late Night Shopping on Thursdays, December 5, 12, and 19, until 8 p.m.

The list of participating merchants was not available at press time, but will be posted on [ClarendonLive.com](http://ClarendonLive.com) and [Facebook.com/TheEnterprise](http://Facebook.com/TheEnterprise) as soon as possible. Downtown merchants do plan to draw for prizes during those Thursday nights.

Shop at home this holiday season and remember the important role your local merchants play in keeping your community strong. Support the businesses who support your town!

## Local man sentenced to 65 years in prison

The 100th Judicial District Court heard two pleas in Donley County cases in November, resulting in prison sentences for a Clarendon man and a Longview man.

The court met in Clarendon November 19 with one contested hearing and one plea. District Attorney Luke Inman, along with Assistant District Attorney Harley Caudle, prosecuted the cases for the State of Texas, with the Honorable Judge Dale Rabe, Jr., presiding.

Brandon Jerry Don Jackson, 48, from Clarendon, was sentenced to 50 years in prison for the second-degree felony offense of failure to comply with sex offender registration, enhanced to a first-degree felony that occurred in Donley County on December 1, 2020.

Jackson was placed on probation on October 27, 2021. On August 22, the State filed its motion requesting the Court to adjudicate Jackson's probation, alleging 11 violations of his conditions of probation.

Jackson pleaded true to the allegations and a hearing was conducted. Jackson was convicted and sentenced after the hearing to the 50-year term.

Jackson was also ordered to pay a \$2,000 fine and \$488 in court costs.

After the contested hearing, Jackson was then sentenced to 15 years in prison for another second-degree felony offense of failure to comply with sex offender registration, enhanced to a first-degree felony that occurred in Donley County on August 1, 2021.

Rabe then ordered the second sentence run consecutively to the 50-year sentence Jackson was also ordered to pay \$488 in court costs for the second case.

The court also met via the internet-based meeting app Zoom on November 21 for a second case with Inman and Caudle representing the state and Judge Rabe again presiding.

Steven Wayne Kelley, 63 from Longview, Texas, was sentenced to two years in prison for the third-degree felony offense of failure to register as a sex offender that occurred in Donley County on November 24, 2014.

Kelley was placed on probation on January 29, 2018. On July 11, 2018, the State filed its motion requesting the Court to revoke Kelley's probation, alleging six violations of his conditions of probation. Kelley pleaded true to the allegations.

Kelley was ordered to pay a \$500 fine and \$488 in court costs.

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## We all lost the fight of the year

Coming off a divisive election, the highly anticipated fight between Mike Tyson and Jake Paul could have been the perfect opportunity to unite us once again.

The event brought in young people who seem to worship anyone who can make videos on TikTok while also drawing in the older crowd who wanted to experience the nostalgia of watching the most dominant boxer of our time go to work. More than any recent fight, it had the chance of revitalizing boxing. But instead, it united the nation in agreement on one point: it was a complete bust on every level.

The business side of the fight was the only success – and those numbers are huge. It is estimated that more than 60 million people watched the fight on Netflix with another 80,000 in attendance. It was Netflix's largest live event ever, possibly setting them up for future events, and I do mean possibly. Paul is believed to have made \$40 million from the fight while Tyson raked in around \$20 million. While it's impossible to call these numbers anything but a success, they certainly came at a cost.

I wrote about boxing earlier this year, how putting football on streaming services might damage the sport the way pay-per-view impacted boxing. While boxing has continued to make big money on pay-per-view, the popularity of the sport has shrunk incredibly from its glory days. For most of the 20th century, boxing was second in popularity only to America's favorite pastime: baseball. The heavyweight champion was once the most revered position in sports. I'm a huge sports guy, yet I honestly do not know who the heavyweight champ is today. That would be unheard of in the 1920s or 1930s.

For all intents and purposes, Netflix might as well be a network. A recent survey showed that 61% of American households have Netflix which is the largest streaming service in the country. If Netflix was a network, the fight basically would be free.

I'll admit, I would not have paid for this fight, but once I saw it advertised on Netflix, I was not about to miss it. This was going to showcase the "sweet science" to a whole new level of viewers and maybe even attract more fans.

According to Planet Sport, the previous most viewed fight was between Floyd Mayweather vs. Manny Pacquiao in 2015. These are two of the greatest fighters of all time, yet they only drew 4.6 million viewers. So how can a has-been (Tyson) and a nobody in the boxing world (Paul) draw so many more sets of eyes? Simple, Netflix instead of pay-per-view.

This could have been a revolution in sports watching, but instead Netflix was not up to the task. Instead of praise of the streaming service, it has been universally condemned for the amount of frustrating buffering viewers had to endure. Fans are now worried about upcoming NFL games on Netflix and future fight promoters might look for other ways to showcase the sport.

However, what was even worse about the night was that older fans were reminded why we stopped watching in the first place, and new fans were left wondering why it was ever popular. The undercards had promise. The first fight of super middleweights, Meeraj Goyat and Whindersson Nunes, started strong. But as the fight continued, it seem like neither fighter really cared. The action reminded me of a charity exhibition where winning simply did not matter. The action got better with the welterweight bout between Mario Barrios and Abel Ramos for the WBC title. Both had knockdowns, but the fight went the distance only to end in a tie. In boxing, all a tie does is manufacture a second fight – making the fans feel used. It's a completely unsatisfied ending, but yet it only got worse.

The best fight of the night was and should have been huge for women's boxing. Super lightweights Katie Taylor defended her belt against Amanda Serrano. This fight was brutal. Those two ladies beat the tar out of each other. Yet what is most remembered are Taylor's four headbutts. Whether accidental or not, it's cheating. And when nothing was done about it, and it made boxing looked cheap. The greatest insult to the 60 million viewers watching was when the judges awarded the victory to Taylor even though everyone watched Serrano clearly beat her.

It reminded old fans why boxing is considered the most corrupt sport with a history of fixes, and told new fighters that boxing was not that much different than the World Wrestling Entertainment where the outcomes are scripted.

What could have been boxing's greatest showcase was instead a farce. The main event only proved both ideas even more.

Since the fight was first announced, I think I suffered short term memory loss. I know very little about Jake Paul, but what I do know is that he is a social media influencer and kind of a buffoon. My first thought was that "Tyson is going to kill him."

I think I had forgotten about Tyson's last few fights; they did not go well for the former "King of the Ring." What I remembered, or maybe with all going on in the world, I wanted to remember a simpler time when Tyson was the baddest man ever seen.

While the first round looked promising, it quickly brought back memories, just not the ones I wanted. Instead of my nostalgic fix of Iron Mike, I got the later Mike. The one biting off ears and crawling around the mat looking for his mouthpiece. After waiting all night, I sat through a goofy TikTok star and an aged 58-year-old ex-champ pretending to fight. It was one of the most pathetic sights boxing has ever seen.

While the two can laugh all the way to the bank, everyone else lost. Netflix lost with bad buffering. Deceived fans lost out on what should have been a good fight. My generation lost when our champion lost to a guy who got famous for making videos. Finally, boxing lost when they made the sport look like a joke instead of the sweet science it once was.

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historically speaking by dr. james finck

## A couple of plain, good ol' people

They are a lovable couple – Dr. Chris Liebrum and his wife, Cindy – known for quickly-triggered smiles, positive attitudes, deep faith and commitment to close-knit families.

Married for 52 years, they have reached highest peaks and navigated life's storms – shortening them when possible – confident of a safe arrival on the other side. They're the kind of folks whose company is treasured.

Cindy has earned "life of the party" status, laughing – even cackling – all the way, sometimes way out on limbs. Comparatively, Chris is content in the shade of trees, maybe planting something to bloom later. In short, they personify the expression heard during long ago cattle drives: "They'll do to ride the river with."...

They're proud of their sons, Cory and Clay, their daughters-in-law and their four grandchildren. Chris and Cindy, who met as students at Howard Payne University, carve out "family time" admirably. This was difficult to accomplish during Chris's schedule-packed professional years of denominational leadership.

Even with their mid-70s now at hand, they press on, barely slowed in "semi-retirement." Chris works parttime for his alma mater, and still preaches often on Sundays throughout Texas.

They are beloved by everyone, even friends with other religious beliefs or political leanings. I deeply value their friendship, these thoughtful, caring Christians. He is studied, his words carefully chosen when serious topics are broached. Cindy can be serious, too, but most friends can't remember the

last time she was. She's always "at the ready" to snap pictures. Fact is, the camera strap marks formerly marking the back of her neck are slowly disappearing. Now, she values her smartphone, handy not only for "yakking" but also for photography. Grandchildren are favorite targets, as are much else that moves, or – for that matter – stands still....



the idle american by don newbury

I joke with them endlessly, sometimes even jabbing a bit, and they jab back, particularly Cindy. She's a joyful soul, but probably would be a lousy poker player.

Chris, with quiet reserve and contemplation, can steer around most workaday challenges, two of which will be addressed in this column. To most people, they'll fit in the "minutia box," probably even at the very bottom.

Neither is mentioned critically, and typically broached jokingly. He can't pronounce "New Braunfels," and he's colorblind. (I don't intend to joke about his visual condition, but he does.)....

First things first. Like television newsmen who never knew they'd need to pronounce "Uvalde" often until the shootings there, Chris never thought he'd need to pronounce – or try to pronounce – "New Braunfels" on a regular basis.

Not so fast! HPU has a branch campus there, so he's often involved in

discussions that include the community's name. In the past, he's been able to "mumble through it," or simply go ahead and pronounce it "New Braunsfel" or "New Braunsfels," like many others do. I have tried endlessly to help him conquer this slight pronunciation flaw, but so far have been unsuccessful. It's his "blind spot," so to speak, similar to my failure to understand the difference in "imply" and "infer."

Trying to do so makes my hair hurt....

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Now, let's jump into his world which often isn't "black and white," but various other shades and hues, most of which he has learned to live with.

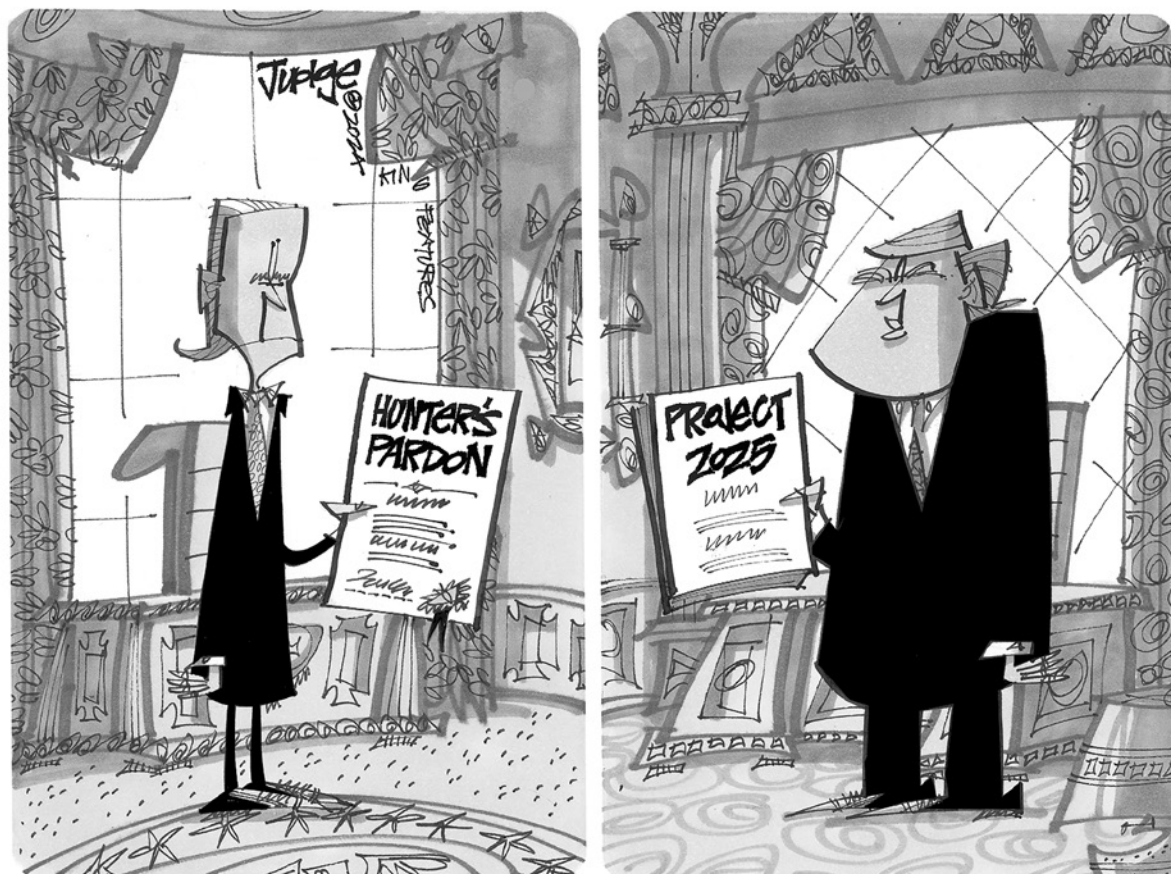
He and Cindy are theater-go'ers, treasuring attendance at live productions like "Wicked," a Broadway hit that opened in 2003. They've seen it at least a half-dozen times on various stages, most recently at Dallas Summer Musicals. At intermission, he heard a lady seated behind him mention the green-colored witch, Elphaba. Puzzled, he turned to Cindy, expressing that he'd never realized the witch's greenish hue.

Chris is doubly careful at traffic lights, too. "I try to go with the flow," he says. "And I've learned that the shortest measurement of time is that brief moment between the light turning green and the horn honking behind me.

Remember, I told you their faults are few....

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Dr. Newbury, longtime university president, continues to speak and write. The Idle American, begun in 2003, is one of the nation's longest-running syndicated humor columns. Contact: 817-447-3872. Email: [newbury@speakerdoc.com](mailto:newbury@speakerdoc.com). Website: [www.speakerdoc.com](http://www.speakerdoc.com).



DISAPPOINTED HE BROKE HIS PROMISE...

AND HOPING HE'LL BREAK SOME OF HIS.

## Support nutrition for older Texans

By the Texas Dept. of Health & Human Services

A healthy diet is an important part of aging and living well. However, according to the Nutrition and Aging Resource Center, one in two older adults in the United States are at risk for malnutrition.

Malnutrition is a serious condition that happens when your diet doesn't contain the right amount of nutrients. One of the leading risk factors for malnutrition is food insecurity. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 13.5 percent of families in the U.S. were food insecure at some time during 2023.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture divides food insecurity into two classes:

Low food insecurity is when the quality and variety of food is reduced. Very low food insecurity is when households have multiple occasions of skipping

meals because they couldn't afford enough food.

Aging service providers and professionals working with older adults can help reduce malnutrition and food insecurity by understanding risk factors, knowing the signs and symptoms in the aging population, and connecting those identified as at risk with community-based resources and services.

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) Exercise Prevents aims to raise awareness among providers, professionals and caregivers on the prevalence of malnutrition and food insecurity in older adults. Download Exercise Prevents campaign materials by visiting the Aging Well Resources Order Form and choosing "Nutritional Health" under "Select a Category."

HHSC provides additional resources to support older Texans with healthy aging: The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) assists people with buying the food they need for good health. Learn more by visiting [yourtexasbenefits.com](http://yourtexasbenefits.com).

Area Agencies on Aging provide older adults, their families and caregivers with nutrition services, including home and congregate meals as well as evidence-based fitness programs. To connect with the nearest agency, call 800-252-9240.

Aging and Disability Resource Centers are part of the Texas No Wrong Door system and help streamline access to long-term services and support for the whole family. To learn more, call 855-937-2372.

## Good things ahead with Pres. Trump

November 5th Election – Now we can see the benefit of Donald Trump being elected to become our president on January 20.

Trump is a leader. When the world leaders travel to see Trump in his Florida home before he is president, you know good things will happen for We the People.

Many thanks for all the good Americans who voted for him in this last election.

Tom Stauder, Clarendon



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# Obituaries

## Chamberlain

William Rhode Chamberlain, 80, of Clarendon, died Monday, December 2, 2024 in Amarillo.

Services will be 10:00 a.m. Friday, December 6, 2024, in the Clarendon Methodist Church in Clarendon with Rev. Chris Downer, officiating. Burial with Masonic Rites will follow in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon.

Viewing will be Thursday at the funeral home.

Arrangements are by Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Will was born February 1, 1944, in Clarendon, to William Park and Norma Rhode Chamberlain. He married the love of his life, Brenda Lane on November 28, 1963 in Turkey, Texas. Will had been a lifetime resident of Clarendon where he served as a Donley County Commissioner for over 20 years. He also worked as an insurance adjuster for TAC. Will was a fearless cowboy, and ranching was a livelihood always tending to his cows and horses with pride. When he worked for the Lewis Ranch, he posed for infamous artist Kenneth Wyatt, where Kenneth used him in several of his artworks.

Will was a 50-year mason and a member of Clarendon Masonic Lodge #700, AF & AM, where he was a Scottish Rite mason. His hobbies included hunting and telling stories. He was a member of the First Methodist Church in Clarendon.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Betsy Ellerbrook; and two granddaughters, Kyla and Kayla Cooper.

Survivors include his wife, Brenda Chamberlain of Clarendon; his daughters, Shalane Wesley and her spouse, Jim Barlow of Jasper, and Sheri Cooper and husband Roy of Lubbock; his son, Lowell Ellerbrook and wife Kristen of Wichita Falls; a sister, Evelyn Shaw and husband Jim of Alanreed; 5 grandchildren, Brooks Wesley, Haley Wesley, Logan Cooper, David Ellerbrook, and Silas Ellerbrook; and several nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

The family request memorials be sent to the Shriners Children's Hospital or the Clarendon Methodist Church in Clarendon.

## Mooring

Ernestine "Tena" Mooring, 96, of Tyler, Texas died Saturday, November 30, 2024, in Tyler, Texas.

Graveside services will be 2:00 p.m. Friday, December 6, 2024, in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon with Rev. Chris Ford, officiating.

Viewing will be held Friday at the funeral home with family receiving friends for visitation from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. prior to the service.

Arrangements are by Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Mrs. Mooring was born June 7, 1928, in Bellevue, Texas to Joseph Earnest and Kate Marie Johnson White. She married Bonnie Joe Mooring on January 8, 1948, in Lelia Lake. She was a school teacher for 37 years where she taught in Amarillo and Clarendon prior to her retirement. She had been a resident of Clarendon for 30 years, then a longtime resident of Amarillo, before moving to Tyler 13 years ago.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband in 1982; a son, Larry Joe Mooring; her brothers, Wilcey White, Billy White, and Boyd White; two sisters, Margaret Hansard and Louella Myers.

She is survived by son, Gary Mooring and wife Kathy of Williamsburg, Virginia; her daughter, Pam Garrett and husband Jerry of Bullard, Texas; her sisters, Betty Franklin of Colorado and Winnie Bivins of Olney; 9 grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren; 2 great great grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

The family request memorials be sent to Citizens Cemetery Association or Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.



Chamberlain



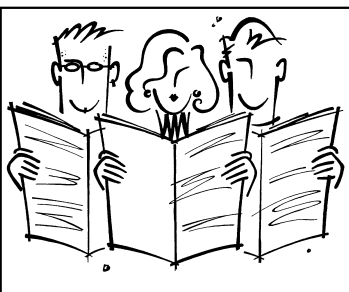
## Top Scavengers

Small Town Christmas Scavenger Hunt winners were (top photo) first place, The Burrow Clan; second place, the Reindeer Rebels; third place, Team Rudolph; and fourth place, Little Ones. The Reindeer Rebels were also awarded a special "The Most Fun Bunch" award for their enthusiasm in the hunt.

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- Community Calendar**  
**December 5, 6, & 7**  
 Broncos & Lady Broncos @ Nazareth Tournament • TBA • Nazareth
- December 6 & 7**  
 Moana 2 • 7:30 p.m. • Mulkey Theater
- December 7**  
 Saints' Roost Museum Christmas Party. Food, Live Music, and Dancing. Visit SaintsRoostMuseum.com.
- December 10**  
 Broncos @ Vega • 6:30 p.m. • Home
- December 10**  
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- January 11**  
 Donley County Junior Livestock Show & Sale. Donley County Activity Center. Call for details, 806-874-2141.
- December 13**  
 Lady Broncos @ Panhandle • 6:00 p.m. • Home

# Menus

**December 9 - 13**  
**Donley County Senior Citizens**  
 Mon: Beef teriyaki, Chinese fried rice, Asian vegetables, egg rolls, lime cottage cheese salad, iced tea/2% milk.  
 Tue: Ham & beans, mixed greens, brown rice, cornbread, banana pudding, iced tea/2% milk.  
 Wed: chicken fried steak, country gravy, herb mashed potatoes, California blend vegetables, oatmeal cookies, whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.  
 Thurs: Pot roast w/gravy, roasted carrots, potatoes, & onions, brown rice, angel food cake w/ fruit, whole wheat buttermilk biscuits, iced tea/2% milk.  
 Fri: Bacon cheeseburger on whole wheat bun, seasoned tater tots, carrot & raisin salad, no bake cookies, iced tea/2% milk.

**Hedley Senior Citizens**  
 Mon: Polish sausage, cabbage, mashed potatoes, whole wheat roll, black forest parfait, iced tea/2% milk.  
 Tue: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, whole wheat roll, apple crisp, iced tea/2% milk.  
 Wed: Roast, gravy, baked potatoes, spinach, whole wheat roll, banana pudding, iced tea/2% milk.  
 Thurs: Mushroom steak, baked potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll, mandarin oranges, iced tea/2% milk.  
 Fri: Beef stew, garden salad, cornbread, peach crisp, iced tea/2% milk.

**Clarendon CISD**  
**Breakfast**  
 Mon: Breakfast pizza, fruit, fruit juice, milk.  
 Tues: French toast, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.  
 Wed: Power breakfast, biscuit, gravy, eggs, bacon, fruit, fruit juice, milk.  
 Thu: Pancake wrap, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk.  
 Fri: Cinnamon roll, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

**Lunch**  
 Mon: Corn dog, potatoes, tomato cup, fruit, milk.  
 Tues: Nacho Grande, salsa, beans, cucumbers, apricots, ice cream, fruit, milk.  
 Wed: Crispy chicken sandwich, veggie cup, salad, fruity gelatin, fruit, milk.  
 Thu: Tex-mex stack, broccoli, corn, oranges, fruit, milk.  
 Fri: Cheeseburger, macaroni, roll, carrots, green beans, dessert, fruit, milk.

**Hedley ISD**  
**Breakfast**  
 Mon: Pancakes, bacon, bananas, fruit juice, milk.  
 Tues: Croissant ham & cheese, orange, fruit juice, milk.  
 Wed: Donut holes, sausage, fruit juice, milk.  
 Thu: Maple pancake & sausage sandwich, fruit juice, milk.  
 Fri: Breakfast bagel, mixed fruit, fruit juice, milk.

**Lunch**  
 Mon: Country fried steak, gravy, roll, potatoes, okra, strawberries, milk.  
 Tues: Tex-mex stack, beans, carrots, salsa, hot cinnamon apples, sherbet, milk.  
 Wed: Potato bowl, roll, tomato cup, snowball salad, milk.  
 Thu: Popcorn chicken, roll, corn, broccoli salad, apples, milk.  
 Fri: Pizza, garden salad, green beans, peaches, milk.



Clarendon College alumnus Brody Wells will be one of several CC cowboys to compete at the National Finals Rodeo this week. COURTESY PHOTO

# Wells digs deep for his first NFR

POWELL, Wyo. — While atypical for most rodeo cowboys, Clarendon College alumnus Brody Wells didn't actually grow up competing in the sport.

Make no bones about it: He was still a cowboy. Raised in the Bighorn Basin near Powell in the northern Wyoming, he grew up in the elements. He and his family hunted, and he spent countless hours horseback in the mountains. As he aged, he started doing some day work for outfits and spent a summer working at the Pitchfork Cow Camp.

Being a rodeo cowboy came to him in his teens, but he didn't actually enter youth or high school rodeos. The son of a former bareback rider and bull rider, he made a 30-minute drive and tried his hand at the Cody (Wyoming) Nite Rodeo, a summertime tradition in that neck of the woods.

"Maury Tate runs the Cody Nite Rodeo, and he asked me how serious I was about bronc riding, because he could tell I'd get on anything and didn't care," said Wells, 23, a first-time National Finals Rodeo qualifier from Powell. "I'd get stood up on my head and pull dirt out of my ears, then I'd go get on another one. I guess I was just tough."

That grit and determination was bound for something, but he wasn't sure where it was going. Tate also organizes rodeo schools in collaboration with his nightly rodeo, and that provides the rising stars with the opportunity to learn from some of the greatest cowboys to have ever played the game.

Bret Franks is one of those instructors. He's a three-time National Finals Rodeo qualifier in saddle bronc riding and has coached intercollegiate teams to four national championships.

"I got to meet Bret in Cody," Wells said of Franks, who owns two of those titles while coaching at Clarendon College. "We were out getting on the bucking machine one day in Cody, and Bret was showing me some stuff to help me. He says, 'You come down to school for me, you'll be a bad cat, Brody Wells.'"

Wells moved to Texas that next fall, and in a short time, he was part of the 2021 Clarendon men's team that won the national title. A year later, he transferred to Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas, to work toward his four-year degree and was part another men's championship program.

"My coaches were pretty big for me," he said. "Bret helped me actually get the fundamentals right and pointed me in the right direction. I definitely learned how to ride broncs good at Clarendon, and then

just rolled on. At Tarleton, (seventime NFR qualifier) Isaac Diaz was the assistant coach, the roughstock coach, and he helped me in a lot of ways, too.

"My buddy, Cash Wilson, and I lived at Isaac's house for a little bit before we got a house in Stephenville, so being around a veteran like Isaac was great. He has rodeoed a long time, and we learned how to enter and what it takes to rodeo for a living. Being around a good guy like that really helped us both."

With that type of tutelage, Wells started his career as a professional bronc buster along with Wilson and another talented hand, Australian Damian Brennan. All began their careers in 2022, with Brennan winning the coveted Resistol Saddle Bronc Riding Rookie of the Year honor; Wells finished third in that race and 35th in the world standings. Wilson was the fifth-best rookie that year.

Heading into this year's NFR, Brennan leads the pack with \$280,000 in earnings; Wells is 12th with \$135,803. While that deficit seems overwhelming, the championship features a \$12.5 million purse with go-round winners earning nearly \$34,000 for each of the 10 December nights. A huge payday awaits those that are most consistent.

"I'm just excited to get down there and get my feet wet," said Wells, who credits part of his success to his sponsors, Cinch, Pitchfork Ranch, Double J Quarter Horses, Wyoming Tourism, Serratelli Hat Co., Miles City Bucking Horse Sale and Pace-setters Hot Shot Service. "We've got outstanding horses selected there, so it's going to be great to get on 10 good ones. I'm excited about that and getting to go with Damian. He's had an outstanding year and set a season-earnings record. It's been a lot of fun."

Wells was raised by his folks, Ed, who owns a trucking company, and Lora, a bookkeeper. His sister, Maesyn, is an artist, and all will be part of his posse once he arrives in Sin City.

"Making the NFR means a lot because of all the hard work I've put in over the years," he said. "When you get your first bronc saddle, the goal is to get to the NFR. It also means a lot to all the people that have helped me and the support I have from my parents and my sister, my grandpa, all my family, all my friends and all the community."

The 10-day championship is a big deal. Cowboys and cowgirls travel tens of thousands of miles a year chasing their rodeo dreams, and only the top 15 on the money list in each event at the end of the regular

season earn the right to play on the sport's biggest stage. It's a dream come true for some, a stepping stone for others. The ultimate prize is the Montana Silversmiths gold buckle awarded to the world champions when the NFR concludes.

Wells has snagged some key opportunities in advancing to rodeo's Super Bowl. He finished his first two years ranked in the 30s as far as his place in the standings. The key to a great season was staying healthy, staying on the road and riding consistently.

"I think being able to rodeo all year made the difference," he said. "I knew I definitely rode good enough to make the finals. I only went to 40 rodeos last year and had to head home mid-summer and took the rest of the year off with having an injury. I believed I could do it."

"I had wins from the beginning all the way to the end, but you have to just keep your momentum rolling and keep your mental game focused: Eyes in front, not looking around, not worrying about what other people are doing and just focusing on getting to the rodeos and handling business."

Repetition pays off. When he arrived in Clarendon, he quickly realized what it takes to excel riding broncs. Franks made sure there were plenty of quality horses for the cowboys to ride and continued to stress the fundamentals of the game. When they weren't at a college rodeo, they were in the practice arena or working on a spur board, a training device that hones the basics.

"Bret always had a bunch of good broncs standing there for us to get on; we'd get on twice a week, and sometimes we'd get on three times a week," Wells said. "We'd just get on broncs and get on broncs, so just getting numbers underneath you when you're young is big. That's what I needed anyways. You're around good guys, getting on good broncs, hanging out with your buddies and competing in college rodeos in the Southwest Region, which I think is definitely the most competitive region."

"The competition's way higher, and when you go to a rodeo, you've still got to ride good to make the short round. I think the Southwest Region produces your best guys the majority of the time."

Good competition breeds excellence. Wells learned that when he started wrestling as a youngster, and he's continuing it riding broncs on the biggest stages of rodeo. His dedication and talent are showing as he heads off to battle with the best bucking horses rodeo has to offer.

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- Bar bills
- Recipe measurement (abbr.)
- Swiss river
- Czech Republic capital
- "Officially known as"
- A French abbot
- Having a strong sharp smell or taste
- Local area network
- Data transmission speed measure
- Embarrass
- When you hope to get there
- This (Spanish)
- Gives up
- Churchgoer
- Current
- Slang for gun
- Small drum
- Vanished union bigwig
- Rocker's tool of the trade
- Dearth
- 2024 Olympics host
- Excess blood in the vessels
- Afrikaans
- Agreement between provider and customer
- Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- Ancient Syrian city
- Witch
- Celebrations
- Long period of time
- A team's best pitcher
- Current unit
- One-time aerospace company
- French/Belgian river
- Swedish rock group

### CLUES DOWN

- Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
- Genus of clams
- Remark
- Actor LaBeouf
- Ohio town
- Olympic sport
- Cure
- Behave in a way that belittles
- Shares a boundary with
- Give advice
- Promotional materials
- Assist or encourage, usually in some wrongdoing
- "Agatha All Along" actress Kathryn
- Small piece
- King of Camelot
- Parts per thousand (abbr.)
- Small Milky Way constellation
- One who challenges authority (abbr.)
- Equal (prefix)
- Shawl
- S. American wood sorrel relative
- The end
- Supervises interstate commerce
- Yes vote
- Officer of high rank
- Church office
- Tire pressure measurement
- From a distance
- Photographs
- Industrial process
- Nobel Prize-winning physicist
- Map out
- Mammary gland part of female mammal
- Honorable title (Turkish)
- Spongelike cake leavened with yeast
- Speak incessantly
- Poetry term
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### Broncos drop game to Valley

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon Broncos traveled to Turkey to take on the Valley Patriots before the Thanksgiving break and fell short at 23-57.

The Broncos struggled out of the gate against the Patriots and could never find a rhythm on either end of the court. Senior Mason Sims worked hard inside and finished with 10 points to lead the Broncos on the scoreboard and fellow senior Kaleb Bolin put in six.

The Patriots were able to play tough defense that caused the Broncos to make mistakes, but the Broncos never gave up and stay in the game.

Kyler Bell finished with a three-pointer, and Kreed Robinson and John Weatheron helped with two points each.

The Broncos will participate in the Nazareth Tournament December 5-7 with times to be determined.

### Lady Broncos clobber Valley

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Bronco varsity destroyed the Lady Patriots on the road defeating them 61-27. Three players finished in double figures and the team hit six three-pointers in the game. Great hustle and solid offense gave them the momentum they needed to earn the big win.

The ladies jumped in early and were able to out-hustle their opponent and open a huge lead in the first half of play. Defensively, the ladies held the Lady Pats to only 14 first-half points. They made a great defensive effort and stepped up big on offense to get the win. The Lady

Broncos converted eight of fourteen free throws as a team.

Presley Smith led all scorers with 17 points and shot 50% from the bonus line. Kashlyn Conkin's four three-pointers and two for two from the free throw line gave her 14, and Tandie Cummins finished with 10. Berkley Moore had a good night and turned in nine points, while Gracie Ellis put in five, and Kennadie Cummins added four.

The Lady Broncos will compete in the Nazareth Tournament December 5-7 before starting district play December 13 against Panhandle at home at 6:30 p.m.

### Lady Bronco JV pound Valley

The Clarendon Lady Broncos did a great job against the Valley Lady Patriots defeating them 56-6. Cambree Smith finished with 28 points that included four three-pointers and hitting both of her free throws.

The Lady Broncos jumped out to an early lead and used aggressive defense to hold their opponent to only five points the first half. Their good defense allowed them to run away with the game offensively getting easy points and scoring 29 points in the opening half.

Things continued going the Lady Broncos' way as they were able to derail the Lady Pats. Overall, the ladies hit five three-pointers and converted their free throws at 75% as a team.

Addy Havens followed Smith with 11 points and Kinslee Hatley had seven. Jayla Woodard put in six, and Kinley McClelland and Sequoia Weatheron helped with two each.

The Lady Broncos will play Seminole at Littlefield December 10 and begin district play against Panhandle at home December 13.

### Colts split games with Wheeler

The Clarendon Colts took on Wheeler last week and brought home one win and one loss. The Colt A team defeated the Wheeler Colts 39-27 and the B team lost 15-27.

The Colt B team got off to a slow start only scoring seven points in the first half of play. But they were able to rally back in the last two quarters to close the gap. Time slipped away from the Colts who played hard to get back in the game. Wyatt Devenney led the Colts with seven points and Kase Zongker put in four. Colton Henson and Teagan Chesser finished with two each.

The Colt A team did a great job of handling the pressure and outlasted the Wheeler Colts by 12 points. They were able to hit seven shots from the arc that made a big difference in the win. Solid defense allowed the Colts to convert steals and turnovers into points. Braxton Gribble put in 12 points that included three three-pointers to lead the way and Tyler Smith added two big three's and finished with 11, while Brentley followed suit with two threes for six points. Paxton English and Jaquan Weatheron each helped with four, and Brance Bell had one.

The Lady Colts also played at Wheeler and struggled offensively. Journey Morris had the only two points in the game in the fourth quarter and Wheeler won going away.

The Colts will take on Wellington at home December 9 and the Lady Colts will be on the road. The games will begin at 5 p.m.



### Community Thanksgiving

The 2024 Community Thanksgiving served 375 meals this year, a new record for the event. About 160 of those meals were delivered, and the rest were served in the Clarendon School Cafeteria with a team of volunteers doing all the work again. Thanks to everyone who helped make this great service a reality.

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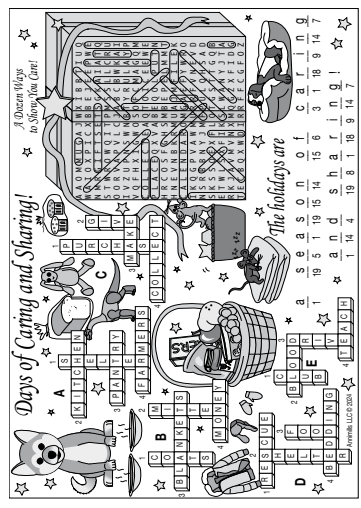
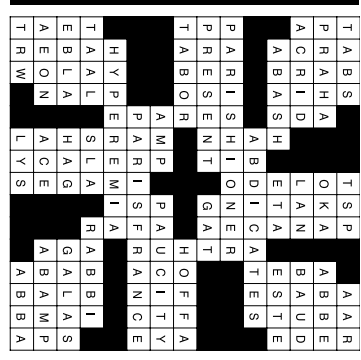
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**  
Clarendon CISD will hold a public meeting to discuss the financial rating received from the state's Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST). The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. December 9, 2024 in the Clarendon CISD Administration and Technology Building located at 416 South Allen Street, Clarendon, Texas. Clarendon CISD received a FIRST rating of A= Superior Achievement.

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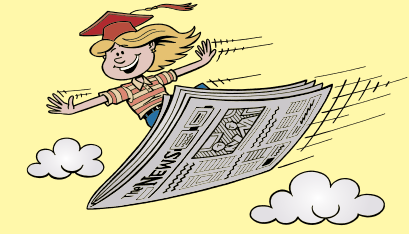
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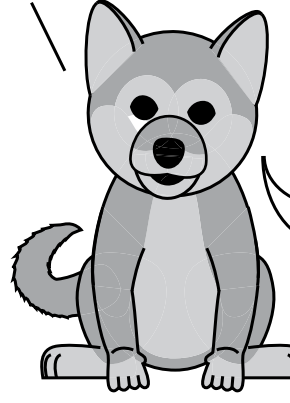


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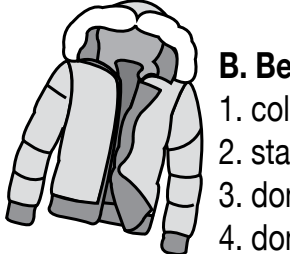
## Days of Caring and Sharing!

December is a month with many holidays. People may celebrate Hanukkah, Christmas or Kwanzaa. New Year's Eve, the very last night of the year, may be celebrated by everyone! This is a good time of year to show good will toward other people. It is a time when people reach out to help someone or to greet others with "Happy Holidays!"

December 21st is the first day of winter, the coldest season for many. Some families must stretch their budgets to pay for heating, food, health appointments and, often, holiday gifts. Read the clues to find out ways that people are helping others in their communities. **Fill in the crossword puzzles.**

### A. Fight Hunger

- cook for a \_\_\_\_\_
- help at a soup \_\_\_\_\_
- collect cans for the food \_\_\_\_\_
- donate produce that you buy from your local \_\_\_\_\_ market



### B. Beat the Cold

- collect \_\_\_\_\_ and sweaters
- start a \_\_\_\_\_ tree
- donate \_\_\_\_\_ and quilts
- donate \_\_\_\_\_ to a fuel fund

**Crossword Puzzle Clues:**

1. shelter  
2. kitchen  
3. farmers  
4. pantry  
1. blankets  
2. coats  
3. money  
4. mitten

### C. Bring Joy to Children

- \_\_\_\_\_ a toy to put in a "new toy drop box"
- \_\_\_\_\_ away used toys to charity
- \_\_\_\_\_ a child's toy or jewelry to donate
- \_\_\_\_\_ new toys to bring to a Children's Home

**Crossword Puzzle Clues:**

1. food  
2. rescue  
3. shelter  
4. bedding

### D. Care for Animals

- donate to an animal \_\_\_\_\_ center
- visit the \_\_\_\_\_ after the holidays
- give pet \_\_\_\_\_ to a shelter
- donate pet \_\_\_\_\_ and blankets



### E. Help with Good Health

- start a jogging/biking \_\_\_\_\_
- donate \_\_\_\_\_ to the Red Cross
- \_\_\_\_\_ someone to an appointment
- \_\_\_\_\_ a free exercise or dance class

**Crossword Puzzle Clues:**

1. collect  
2. purchase  
3. give  
1. blood  
2. drive  
3. teach  
4. club

# Small Town Christmas big success

Small Town Christmas was a huge success last Saturday, November 30, with big crowds turning out for activities downtown and supporting local merchants on Small Business Saturday.

Event organizer Denise Bertrand said she has received many compliments and “only three complaints,” and she considers that a success.

“We were planning to meet in January to decide if we want to do it again next year,” Bertrand said, “but now we’re meeting in January just to talk about what to improve.”

More food vendors will be one thing to add, she said, but other than

that, most activities seemed to be successful.

At the courthouse, Lions served 300 cups of hot chocolate, and Santa handed out about 150 stocking gifts to kids, with the line to see the Jolly Old Elf stretching out to the street.

Over on Kearney Street, Santa’s Play House proved to be a big hit with the youngsters, and several people commented on how nice it was to have holiday music playing up and down the main street.

Vendor booths were set up in the parking area between the Cross-ties Ministry Center and the Masonic Lodge Hall, with some booths also set up in the lodge dining room.

A scavenger hunt earlier in the evening drew six teams with first place going to the Burrow Clan, second place going to the Reindeer Rebels, Team Rudolph taking third place, and Little Ones clenching fourth place. A total of \$540 in Chamber Cash was given out in that contest, sponsored by Jacob Fangman, Floyd’s Automotive, Every Nook & Cranny, Vape Time, and Broken Road Liquor Store.

Clarendon Family Medicine and Clarendon Dental Associates sponsored the Ugly Christmas Sweater and Gingerbread House competitions with \$450 in Chamber Cash. Ugly Sweater winners were

Annette Osburn, first; Lisa Heald, second; and Linda Pankey, third. Gingerbread House winners were Danyale Naylor, first; Tobias Truex, second; and Emery Truex, third.

Also last weekend, a benefit movie at the Mulkey Theatre collected \$790 in donations for the Donley County Community Fund during a special presentation of “How the Grinch Stole Christmas.”

Bertrand’s committee was also successful in drawing in new community volunteers and overall improved the appearance of downtown with workdays dedicated to cleaning windows, especially on vacant storefronts.

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