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

DCSC Christmas party to be Dec. 12

The Donley County Senior Citizens Center will host a Christmas Party on Thursday, December 12, starting at 5:30 p.m.

The center will provide ham and hot rolls, and everyone is invited to bring a side dish or dessert. Games will be played, and Santa Claus will be on site. Everyone is invited.

Howardwick to host Christmas event

The City of Howardwick will host its annual Christmas for Kids this Saturday, December 14, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at City Hall.

All Howardwick families and friends are welcome to attend the event, which provides gifts and stockings for all the children of Howardwick.

Santa Claus will be present, and snacks will be available.

Also during the event, the City of Howardwick Volunteer Fire Department will be drawing for two quarters of beef. Tickets are available by making a donation to the fire department either in person at City Hall or by calling 806-874-2222.

Christmas dinner donations needed

The volunteers who hosted the Clarendon Community Thanksgiving dinner are gearing up for another free event on Saturday, December 21.

The Clarendon Community Christmas dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Clarendon School Cafeteria. Deliveries will be made to disabled and shut-in residents by calling in advance at 806-277-0808.

Donations to support this cause can be made at Pilgrim Bank or sent to PO Box 45, Clarendon, TX 79226. Donations will also be accepted at the door.

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. Information on the program, how to connect virtually and how to provide a comment can be found at txdot.gov.



Cole Franks rides at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas this week.

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Franks riding high in Vegas at NFR

By Ted Harbin, TwisTed Rodeo

LAS VEGAS – It may not have been the biggest payday for Cole Franks' National Finals Rodeo run this week, but it may have been the biggest ride.

He rode Bailey Pro Rodeo's Little Bug for 85 points to finish in a three-way tie for sixth place in Sunday's fourth round, pocketing \$1,811. More importantly, he holds a 3.5-point advantage over the field in the all-important aggregate race with a cumulative score of 342 points.

"It ain't much, but it's something," said Franks, a three-time NFR qualifier from Clarendon, Texas. "Everything we do is for the average, especially right now. You can't really play it safe, but you can't take no for an answer."

"I just need to keep points on the board."

He has earned \$64,696 at this NFR and is eighth in the world standings with \$204,253. After posting a high-scoring ride Saturday night on one of the rankiest horses in ProRodeo, Franks found life a little

easier on Little Bug. The Round 4 horses are called "hoppers," which are the easiest to ride over this 10-day stretch. It was a day off considering he'd matched moves with an "eliminator" the night before.

"It's more of a day off, really," he said.

Franks placed in four straight nights, the best start in his three times of competing on ProRodeo's biggest stage. He has six more nights on the season to capitalize on being in Las Vegas this time of year, where the money is bigger than any

other event on the planet.

On Monday, Franks was matched with Macza Pro Rodeo's Stevie Knicks, which has been known to be part of many high-marked rides. Clayton Biglow was 90 points on the mare in 2022, and Jess Pope was 88.5 last year. Franks rode for a score of 85 but did not make the top five finishers Monday night.

Check ClarendonLive.com for more updates on Franks and other former Clarendon College cowboys riding at the NFR this week.

SH 70 accident sends three to hospital; no serious injuries

A three-vehicle accident on Saturday evening at Howardwick sent three people to the hospital but resulted in no serious injuries according to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

DPS Sgt. Cindy Barkley said an underage, non-licensed driver was northbound on SH 70 when he attempted to turn left on to Rick Husband Boulevard in front of another vehicle travelling southbound on SH 70. The ensuing collision caused the two vehicles to spin into a third vehicle stopped on get on SH 70.

The driver, who was not identified

by DPS due to his age, was issued three citations – Failure to Yield Resulting in Collision Causing Bodily Injury, Turning When Unsafe, and No Driver's License.

Barkley said three people were transported to the hospital with minor injuries.

Emergency personnel were called to the accident about 5:47 p.m., and the Rick Husband entrance to Howardwick was closed during the response. Those responding were the City of Howardwick Volunteer Fire Department, Associated Ambulance Authority, and the Texas Department of Transportation.



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Chamber draws Shields as first holiday shopper winner

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

Mary Shields was the first winner of \$100 in Chamber Christmas Cash last week.

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 this season.

Sign-ups are continuing for drawings that will be held for \$100 each Friday on December 13 and 20. To enter, shoppers will fill out an entry at local participating mer-

chants. 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, Brollier'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, Ramblin' 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 at the Clarendon Visitor Center. Shoppers can bring their receipts and receive one entry for every \$25 spent at participating merchants.

Several downtown merchants are also staying open for Late Night Shopping on Thursdays, December 12 and 19, until 8 p.m. Downtown merchants staying open late and holding sign-ups for Late Night drawings are Henson's, Stocking Ice Cream Parlor, Every Nook & Cranny, Rambling Ranch Boutique, and Saye's Flying A Tack Store.

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!



Mary Shields was the winner of \$100 in Chamber Christmas Cash during the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce's first holiday drawing last Friday. A new winner will be drawn this Friday at noon.

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Constitution 101

The rules about house vacancy, impeachment

Article I, Section II of the US Constitution is all about the House of Representatives. While the first three clauses attract most the attention and discuss the setup of the House, the last two clauses are equally important and deal with vacancies in the House and that body's role in impeachment.



historically speaking by dr. james fink

Clause IV reads as follows, "When vacancies happen in the Representation from any State, the Executive Authority thereof shall issue Writs of Election to fill such Vacancies." This clause is rather easy to interpret.

After Donald Trump's first term, one would think that most Americans should be more familiar with the impeachment process, but the Fifth Clause is one of the most misunderstood in the Constitution.

Until then it was understandable why people were confused with impeachment as it took 79 years to impeach the first president, Andrew Johnson, then another 130 years until we did it again with Bill Clinton.

Before it discusses impeachment, the Clause begins with, "The House of Representatives shall choose their Speaker and other Officers" This first part is also self-explanatory; the House can choose its own Speaker.

As for impeachment, the instructions are simple, "and [the House] shall have the sole Power of Impeachment." Not a lot of detail for something so important.

As a check on such a powerful tool, the impeachment process was divided into two parts: The House impeaches, and the Senate holds the trial.

We have impeached three presidents, yet we have never removed one. As a side note, remember that Richard Nixon resigned before he was impeached.

It is important to note that the Constitution does not give any rules for impeachment but leaves that to the two houses of Congress to determine.

Matters like innocent until presumed guilty or confronting witnesses do not apply. With the impeachments of Johnson and Clinton, the evidence was overwhelming; especially with Johnson, there was not even a question.

Clause V is only the first-time impeachment is mentioned in the Constitution. It will come up again in Section III when the role of the Senate is discussed.

While only the House can start impeachment proceedings, both houses have the ability to adopt resolutions censuring a government official short of impeachment.

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Clay sheriff allowed no lynchings

Cooper Wright, short and weighing only 135 pounds, was sheriff at Henrietta in Clay County. What he lacked in size, he made up in brave determination.

Joe Jessup's daughter, Kate, had given birth to her second illegitimate child, and Joe had publicly claimed after the first one was born that if it ever happened again, he would kill the new child.

The next day Wright and his four deputies went out to investigate. The weather was freezing cold. Joe Jessup and his horse were gone, but Kate was there in bed with an old horse blanket for cover, and Ma Hutchins was with her.

After what seemed to be a fruitless search, the men were about to leave when Wright noticed some newspapers pasted under the stairs to the loft that

were not as faded as the other papers being used to seal cracks in the walls. Cutting through the papers, Wright found the badly battered body of the baby.

Taking the body, Wright and his men made a small coffin and buried the child in the graveyard that night.

Joe Jessup was eventually located and put in jail, and the following night a large number of men gathered in town with one thing in mind. Four men were designated to keep Sheriff Wright out of the way office, the four men took essup.



vignettes tales of the old west by george u. hubbard

to the scene of action outside, picking up a .44 Winchester as he went.

The mob already had a rope around Jessup's neck, and twenty men were in the process of pulling him up when Wright got there.

"Turn loose, you ! You're not going to hang a man while I'm sheriff."

With Wright's Winchester pointing right at them, the men turned loose of the rope, and Jessup tumbled to the ground.

The mob had used a hangman's noose, which meant Jessup was still being choked by a knot that couldn't easily be loosened.

"Somebody give me a knife. Quick!" Wright yelled out.

They got the rope cut just in time, and after a few days under Doc Crew's care, Jessup was safely back in jail. Sheriff Cooper Wright had stood up to the mob and had prevailed.

Following a trial in Clay County, Joe Jessup was sentenced to ten years in prison. At the next election in Clay County, Cooper Wright was unopposed for sheriff. Everyone wanted him back.

George U. Hubbard is the author of The Humor & Drama of Early Texas and is a former resident of Clarendon. His book is available at fine booksellers and online.



"I DON'T GET IT... WHY WOULD ANYONE VIEW THIS GUY AS A FOLK HERO?"

Old and new routes to get to Branson

The song has been a staple in Christian hymnals for more than a century, underscoring deeply held beliefs. "The Way of the Cross Leads Home" - written in 1906 - might be in the running for Christians' national anthem if it ever came to a vote.

Until here lately, the "way" to Branson, Missouri, has not been quite so clear. Though highway routes to this Christian entertainment mecca are many - some of them picturesque - they can easily eat up the better part of a day for Texans driving there.

Eureka! Southern Airways Express now offers twice-daily flights from Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport to Harrison, Ark., just a half-hour from Branson. Round-trip airfare is around \$150, parking is free and the two-hour flight a few thousand feet aloft provides welcome "look-sees" at the colorful foliage below.

En route to this one-of-a-kind entertainment center that emphasizes God and country, one sees an exit for College of the Ozarks in Point Lookout, Missouri. It's a stop worth taking, a scant half-dozen miles from Branson, this college of some 1,500 students. The Lord is honored and patriotism is the hallmark of the appropriately nicknamed "Hard

Work University." Students earn their way to four-year degrees by working at numerous campus sites. They graduate free of debt, unlike many college graduates who face heavy pay-back commitments for several years.

Named C of O president in 2022, Dr. Brad Johnson envisioned an additional symbol to enhance the institution's spiritual and patriotic values. It already had The Missouri Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Now, the giant cross erected last year reminds students and visitors of Christ upon entering or leaving the campus.

I have written about Branson many times, but somehow was never previously present for the much-heralded "Christmas in Branson." Though "late to the party," I recently was "wowed" by a community emblazoned by lights and Christmas décor, and a bevy of shows "glitized up" with festive costumes, Christmas music and creative dancers.

During a whirlwind 46-hour visit, I attended seven shows, including the Sight and Sound Theater's "Miracle of Christmas." This is Branson's "crown jewel" where all 2,200 seats often are



the idle american by don newbury

taken for productions that dazzle with Broadway quality and are always Christ-centered. "David" opens March 8, 2025.

Other shows included The Duttons, The Hughes Brothers, Pierce Arrow (featuring a world-class baritone and a Guinness Book of Records holder for the lowest bass voice), Doug Gabriel, A Tribute to ABBA and "Hot Rods and High Heels." They, too, sparkled....

Branson is a "family place" on both sides of the flood lights. Central to its "warp and woof" are shows dominated by multiple family members, including three generations of Duttons and their across-the-street neighbors, the Hughes Brothers. They even "borrow" each other's grandbabies for manger scenes.

Doug Gabriel has been "at it" for decades, playing a stringed instrument his dad made from a car muffler. He calls it a "muff-tar."

This account barely touches the garment's hem of Branson. Experiencing it - coupled with a visit to C of O - never grows old, at Christmas and throughout the year....

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.



Annette Osburn won first place in the ugly sweater contest during the Small Town Christmas celebration.

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Lisa Heald placed second in the ugly sweater contest last Saturday.

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Linda Pankey received third place in the ugly sweat contest during the Small Town Christmas festivities.

COURTESY PHOTO

CCISD Trustees approve trust deeds

The Clarendon CISD Board of Trustees met November 11 with a short agenda. Administrative reports were heard from Athletic Director Aaron Wampler, Elementary Principal Cynthia Bessent, CJH Principal Jenifer Pigg, CHS Principal Moffett, Elementary Counselor Erin Shaw, Guidance Counselor Jenee Ashbrook, Federal Programs Director Jen Bellar, and Superintendent Jarod Bellar. Trustees approved a motion

authorizing the waiver for the Notice Concerning the Summer Nutrition Program letter, and the board also voted to approve the trust deeds for Trust Property in the City of Howardwick as presented. An amendment to the stipend schedule was approved as presented. Following an eight-minute closed session, the board reconvened in open session and adopted resolutions authorizing certain individuals to possess firearms under Board Policy.



First place in the gingerbread house contest was Danyale Naylor.



Second place in the gingerbread house contest was Tobias Truex.



Third place in the gingerbread house contest was Emery Truex.

Arts Club holds December meeting

By Lauren Austin

Les Beaux Arts Club held its December meeting at the First Baptist Church on Friday, December 6. The meeting was called to order by President Chrisi Tucek, and she then led us in prayer.

The hostesses were Haley Shelton, Lauren Austin, Shandy Pearson and Shaylie Duncan.

After enjoying a delicious lunch, Eulaine McIntosh gave a very insightful presentation over the history of the Nutcracker.

Minutes were read and approved, New Business was discussed, and we were adjourned.

Our next meeting will be on Friday, January 3.



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting December 10, 2024, with Boss Lion Richard Green in charge.

We had 15 members present, two members attending virtually, Sweetheart Lauren Cenicerros, and three guests this week – Rita Gehman, guest of Lion Eric Gehman; Elaina Estlack, guest of Lion Benjamin Estlack; and John Molder, who presented our program.

Mr. Molder is a Navy veteran who served on submarines, including the USS Skate, in the Pacific and Arctic Oceans. Following his naval service, he returned home to Clarendon in 1991 and went to work for the city. He became the Public Works Director in 2018 following the death of City Superintendent Jim Roberts. He discussed the many public works improvement projects he has been involved with from water line replacements to lift stations to street pavings to the aquatic center to downtown revitalization. He said the job of a city employee is often thankless because there is a lot of work done that no one ever sees to keep the city running. Club members expressed their appreciation to Mr. Molder for his service both in the Navy and to the city.

Plans were discussed for delivering toys to Clarendon and Hedley schools this Friday and for delivering food baskets next week. Sweetheart Lauren updated the club on canned food drive efforts at the public school.

Lion Larry Capranica said the African Children's Choir will be at Community Fellowship Church on December 29 at 11 a.m.

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

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

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2	8	5	6	7	3	8	9	1
4	1	9	8	3	5	6	7	2
1	2	9	8	3	5	6	4	7
7	4	8	9	6	1	3	5	2
6	3	2	5	8	9	4	7	1
8	6	9	4	2	1	7	5	6
5	7	1	3	4	6	2	8	9

ANSWER:

Clarendon Community Christmas Dinner

FREE TO THE PUBLIC!

Saturday, December 21, 2024 Serving from 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Clarendon School Cafeteria

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Community Calendar

- December 13**
Lady Broncos v Panhandle • 6:00 p.m. • Home
- December 13**
Owls & Lady Owls v Claude • 6:00 & 7:30 p.m. • Home
- December 13, 14, & 15**
Broncos @Childress Tournament • TBA • Childress
- December 13 & 14**
The Best Christmas Pageant Ever • 7:30 p.m. • Mulkey Theater
- December 15**
The Best Christmas Pageant Ever • 2:00 p.m. • Mulkey Theater
- December 20 & 21**
Mufasa: The Lion King • 7:30 p.m. • Mulkey Theater
- December 22**
Mufasa: The Lion King • 2:00 p.m. • Mulkey Theater
- January 11**
Donley County Junior Livestock Show & Sale. Donley County Activity Center. Call for details, 806-874-2141.

Menus

- December 16 - 20**
Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Oven fried chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, whole wheat roll, gravy, cherry & pineapple crisp, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Smothered steak & gravy, buttered carrots, broccoli & cauliflower, whole wheat roll, lemon cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Enchilada casserole, tossed salad, pinto beans, Spanish rice, churro, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Turkey, dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, whole wheat roll, pumpkin pie, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Sliced ham, ranch potatoes, green beans, melon, iced tea/2% milk.

- Hedley Senior Citizens**
Mon: Cheesy ham & hashbrown casserole, California blend vegetables, mandarin orange gelatin, whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Loaded baked potato, broccoli, cinnamon applesauce, chocolate crinkle cookies, whole wheat biscuit, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Chicken fried steak, country gravy, cheesy mashed potatoes, spinach & mushrooms, apple cranberry crisp, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Beef pot roast w/gravy, baked potato, broccoli & cheese sauce, brown rice, homemade sugar cookies, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Chicken strips w/country gravy, steak fries, mixed green salad, fruit parfait, rice Krispie treat, iced tea/2% milk.

- Clarendon CISD**
Breakfast
Mon: Pancakes, bacon, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Tues: Breakfast combo, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Wed: Breakfast sandwich, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Thu: Breakfast cookie, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Fri: Donut, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

- Lunch
Mon: Country fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, okra, roll, strawberries, fruit, milk.
Tues: Chicken fajitas, beans, carrots, salsa, hot cinnamon apples, sherbet, fruit, milk.
Wed: Chicken alfredo, breadstick, salad, green beans, peaches, milk.
Thu: Popcorn chicken, roll, corn, broccoli salad, apples, dessert, fruit, milk.
Fri: Potato bowls, roll, tomato cup, fruit, milk.

- Hedley ISD**
Breakfast
Mon: Sausage kolache, bananas, fruit juice, milk.
Tues: Cheese omelet, toast, peaches, fruit juice, milk.
Wed: French toast, sausage, pears, fruit juice, milk.
Thu: Breakfast pizza, mixed fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Fri: No School

- Lunch
Mon: Meat & cheese chalupas, beans, corn, salsa, orange, milk.
Tues: Chili cheese totchos, veggie cup, strawberries & bananas, milk.
Wed: X-treme burritos, corn, cucumbers, rosy applesauce, cookie, milk.
Thu: Peanut butter & jelly, carrots, celery, animal, apple, milk.
Fri: No School



Best in the State

Clarendon City Secretary Machiel Covey and City Clerk Kim Cooper (standing left end middle row) and Memphis City Secretary Cindy Woodard (seated left) pose with other Panhandle Chapter members at a recent meeting of the Texas Municipal Clerks Association, where the Panhandle chapter was honored.

COURTESY PHOTO

TMCA holds annual banquet in South Padre

The municipal clerks of the Texas Panhandle have been recognized for their outstanding performance this year by the Texas Municipal Clerks Association (TMCA).

The announcement was made at the annual TMCA banquet held in South Padre Island at the end of October. The award is bestowed by the TMCA president each year and the Panhandle Chapter was selected for the honor by President Lee Woodward, City Secretary/PIO, City of La Porte.

"The Panhandle Chapter members impressed me so much with their support of each other," Woodward said. "These clerks share many concerns and challenges common to the sizes of their entities and the geographic and demographic factors for their part of the state. They work together to seek solutions, encourage professional development, and share

best practices."

The Panhandle Chapter is led by President Cindy Woodard, City Secretary of Memphis; and Clarendon City Secretary Machiel Covey and City Clerk Kim Cooper are also members of the group.

In 1952, the Association of City Clerks and Secretaries of Texas was formed to promote the improvement and professionalism of the Texas municipal clerk. TMCA, or the Texas Municipal Clerks Association, as we know it today, was incorporated with the Texas Secretary of State's office in the summer of 1986.

The Texas Municipal Clerks Association, Inc., and the Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program are dedicated to promoting the municipal clerk profession by providing an educational and professional development program and networking opportunities for municipal clerks.

The 1230+ members of TMCA heartily congratulate the Panhandle Chapter for its excellent example and dedication to their peers and the citizens of Texas.

The Panhandle Chapter has 30 members from across the region and meets bi-monthly in Amarillo. The group has guest speakers from the Comptroller's Office, Attorney General's office, County Attorney's office, TABC, and many other agencies that speak on subjects that relate to municipal clerks' duties. Most of Panhandle Chapter members are certified through the University of North Texas program for municipal clerks and are Texas Registered Municipal Clerks.

TMCA members are recognized by and issued a number from the Texas State Legislature. This certification is the equivalent of a bachelor's degree, and they must recertify every five years.

Marketer program introduces revised programming model

To further enhance producer profitability through improved marketing and management skills, the Master Marketing Program of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service has developed a revised model for its programming in 2025.

Master Marketer provides high-quality educational programming and support activities designed to help producers evaluate the marketing tools, pricing and risk management strategies they might employ to best benefit their operations.

The program covers a broad range of crop and livestock commodities.

"The educational opportunities and market information provided by the Master Marketer educational system have become an even more critical resource for Texas producers in understanding and dealing with changing market dynamics," said Mark Welch, Ph.D. professor in the Texas A&M Department of Agricultural Economics and AgriLife Extension economist for grain marketing based in Bryan-College Station.

Welch said the economic environment for U.S. agriculture continues to be impacted by high input costs, declining and volatile commodity prices, production risk and tight profit margins.

"Risk in this turbulent climate highlights the need for better and more timely market information with which the producer can make crucial operational decisions," Welch said.

Welch said for 2025 the program will introduce a revised model

of Master Marketer programming, which will include two-day marketing plan workshops held at various locations around the state. This will broaden the reach of the program and provide relevant risk management education to more producers in preparation for the upcoming cropping season.

Welch and fellow project investigators John Robinson, Ph.D., professor and AgriLife Extension specialist for cotton marketing, and Emmy Kiphen, AgriLife Extension program specialist, both in the Department of Agricultural Economics, will collaborate with AgriLife Extension district economist throughout the state in planning the details of each new Master Marketer event.

"The same primary topics as past Master Marketer programs will be provided in a more condensed form, with links to auxiliary resources like webinars and recorded presentations based on the interests of the participants," Welch said.

The first of these Master Marketer Marketing Plan Workshops for 2025 will be conducted in Amarillo. Planning is underway for workshops in Lubbock, San Angelo and Waco. In this new format, Master Marketer can be repeated in the same region on an annual basis rather than the five-to-seven-year rotation under the old system.

"Master Marketer is critical to the profitability of farmers," said Lindsey Bowers, a grain merchandiser with United Agricultural

Cooperative Inc., El Campo. "Most farmers truly love farming but don't enjoy marketing their crops, and Master Marketer provides the resources to make marketing less intimidating and more about risk management."

Bowers said the program also equips producers with the vocabulary to more deeply understand market commentary and discussions with brokers and merchandisers, plus gives them the confidence to engage in and, if needed, challenge what they are being told about market conditions.

From 1996 to 2023, there have been 1,662 graduates from 33 Master Marketer workshops at 14 locations. The program consistently receives high marks for quality of speakers and presentations and for self-assessment of knowledge gained.

The most recent 2½ year post-survey of graduates shows a continued positive economic benefit of the Master Marketer program — participants report an average increase to farm revenue of \$35,000 per year.

The Master Marketer program has been supported by major commodity and farm advocacy groups across the state, including the Texas State Support Committee, Cotton Inc., Texas Corn Producers Board, Texas Wheat Producers Board, Texas Grain Sorghum Producers Board and Texas Farm Bureau.

"These alliances have provided a foundation for the longstanding success of the Master Marketer program," Welch said.

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Controlling infectious disease between wildlife, livestock

Texas A&M AgriLife-led research looks at the nexus of wildlife and livestock for solutions to zoonotic disease - by Kay Ledbetter

The H5N1 bird flu - widespread in wild birds worldwide and the cause of outbreaks in poultry, US dairy cows and even several recent human cases among agricultural workers - is a prime example of mixed species disease transmission occurring where wildlife and livestock interact.

Sapna Chitlapilly Dass, Ph.D., assistant professor in microbial ecology and microbiome interactions, Department of Animal Science, is studying the ongoing threat of emerging pathogens that can necessitate prompt deployment of medical countermeasures for life-saving interventions.

And Dass, a Texas A&M AgriLife researcher in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, wants to nip it in the bud, so to speak.

She wants to address the potential of disease transmission at the rangeland level rather than waiting until it reaches the SARS-CoV-2 virus level in the human population. She worked extensively on solving problems with COVID-19 in the supply chain.

"Dairy cattle are not a known host for avian influenza, so that was quite a shocker when it jumped species," she said. "Disease transmission is inevitable, and we will see more with unusual hosts getting this disease. So, we should take care of what we can fix before it can become human-to-human transmission."

Dass is leading a research initiative dedicated to identifying pathogens, monitoring transmission pathways, and implementing rapid responses to address the potential danger posed by unidentified pathogens that could lead to severe epidemics.

The project, "A systems approach to understanding wildlife-farm animal-environmental drivers of zoonotic disease transmission in the food supply chain," is funded by a \$3.03 million US Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service grant.

Out of the 400 recorded instances of emerging infectious diseases since 1940, Dass said bacterial pathogens constitute 54 percent, viral or prion pathogens 25 percent, protozoa 11 percent, fungi 6 percent, and parasitic worms 3 percent.

Despite their lower frequency, RNA viruses, such as those responsible for HIV, influenza H1N1 and H5N1, SARS-CoV-2, Lassa virus, Ebola virus and MERS-CoV have caused the most devastating recent emergence events.

"Human intersection with ecosystems, which is driven by urban expansion, along with the proximity of agricultural lands to wildlife habitats and the extending range of wildlife reservoirs collectively amplify the occurrence of zoonotic diseases," Dass said.

This research project employs SARS-CoV-2 as a model virus to study spillover events from white-tailed deer to livestock, examine mechanisms of virus persistence in

the environment, and assess their potential impact on human health.

"We want to determine what we can do before a disease reaches the point of vaccinating humans; fix the root cause," she said. "The root cause is the wildlife and livestock intermingling. If we can take care of that, we can prevent overwhelming the healthcare system, which took a beating during the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic."

The project allows both wildlife and livestock to be put in a controlled environment to see whether the transmission happens. It is a lengthy procedure, but the USDA's National Animal Disease Center in Ames, Iowa, has done a phenomenal job of cohabiting the animals so "we can get real-world disease transmission results," Dass said.

"With our systems approach, we can look at environmental maintenance of the virus, using our Biosafety Level 3 facility at the Global Health Research Complex," she said. "For example, what occurs in a water trough or elsewhere when both livestock and wildlife drink water from the same source on the rangeland?"

Dass said this complex research requires collaboration between scientists from different specialties working together - people in animal disease, veterinary biosciences, wildlife and genomics.

"Infectious disease transmission is expected to happen," Dass said. "But we'll find out if and how it can be controlled by limiting exposure."

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9. Brainstem part
13. Town in New York state
14. Little (Spanish)
15. Continent
16. Retch
17. Short-billed rails
18. Small period of time (abbr.)
19. Confused
21. A team needs one
22. Woman in ancient times
23. Republican Party
24. Spanish be
25. "The Godfather" character Johnny
28. Not around
29. City in Zambia
31. A type of beginning
33. Numb
36. Gurus
38. Small, gray-headed crow
39. Vehicle type
41. Disorders
44. One point east of southeast
45. Indian soldier
46. Tree type
48. Midway between south and southeast
49. It cools your home
51. Corn comes on it
52. Ship's deck
54. A way to bake
56. Improvised
60. Butterfly genus
61. Baseball fields have them
62. Designated space
63. Discharge
64. Two of something
65. Once more
66. Part of your face
67. Tax collector
68. Cassia tree

CLUES DOWN

- 1. One-time Aaron Rodgers target
2. Wings
3. Overly studious person
4. They protect your valuables
5. The Volunteer State
6. Non-hydraulic cement
7. Horse mackerel
8. Jackson and Diddley are two
9. Splendid displays
10. Mountain in NE Greece
11. A daughter or your brother or sister
12. German surname
14. Having more than one husband at a time
17. Romanian city
20. Energy
21. Makes less hot
23. Gas diffusion electrode
25. Former CIA
26. Set an example for others
27. Support of a particular person
29. One from the Big Apple
30. Mountain range
32. Violate the sanctity of something
34. Supervises flying
35. Talks
37. Persian male given name
40. Born of
42. Forcibly take one's possessions
43. Discounts
47. Knockouts
49. Posh Colorado destination
50. Form of therapy
52. British rock band
53. Type of virus (abbr.)
55. The U. of Miami mascot is one
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Lady Broncos runners-up at Naz Tourney

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon Lady Broncos had a great tournament in Nazareth last week and came within only three points of the championship. They swept through one 3A and two 4A schools before succumbing to 4A Lubbock Cooper Liberty 36-38 in the Championship round.

The Lady Broncos blew through Shallowater in the opening round defeating them 52-44. Clarendon jumped out to the early advantage against the Lady Mustangs, but they completed the third quarter only leading by one point. Determination gave them an edge in the fourth to take the win.

Kashlyn Conkin and Tandie Cummins finished in double figures with 11 and 10 respectively with Cummins hitting all six of her free throws and Conkin putting in three three-pointers in the game. Kate Shaw added nine points from her inside position, and Kenidee Hayes added seven. Kennadie Cummins had five, Hayden Elam and Cambree Smith had four each, and Presley Smith helped with two.

The second round the Lady Broncos went up against 4A Herford and earned the 44-32 win. The ladies shot 65 percent from the bonus line with Hayes hitting all six of her free shots and nailing two big shots from the arc.

Herford put together a solid second quarter of play that put the Lady Broncos behind by four points. An outstanding final quarter of play on both ends of the court gave the ladies the win as they were able to make crucial stops in the game. Along with Hayes, Conkin added nine points, and Shaw was able to convert eight points.

Seminole was the Lady Broncos' third draw and they were able to get by the 4A team 41-38. Once again, the Lady Broncos' aggressive play allowed them to capitalize on mistakes made by the Lady Indians hold the lead after the first quarter ended at 11-11. The ladies did a great job of containing their opponent on both ends of the court. Despite only shooting three free throws in the game, the Lady Broncos played fundamental basketball to get the victory. Conkin put in nine, and Hayes had seven.

Facing off against Lubbock Cooper Liberty in the final game of the tournament proved to be a good test for the ladies as they were able to hold their own until taking the two-point loss in the end.

They did a great job of defending the Lady Patriots keeping the game within reach. Free throws made a big difference in the loss as the Lady Broncos converted seven of twelve, and the Lady Pats made 14 of 21.

Hayes put in 18 points to lead the ladies on the scoreboard that included one three-pointer and hitting five of six from the free throw line. Elam played solid with seven points and Conkin added five.

Earlier in the week, the Lady Broncos won over Abernathy 52-39 on the road. They were able to grab the early momentum and keep the pressure on until the buzzer. Conkin and Hayes finished in double figures with 14 and 11 respectively, and P. Smith and Shaw added nine each. T. Cummins and Elam had three each, Conkin and Berkley Moore had two each, while Madi Benson finished with one.

The Lady Broncos will host Panhandle in their District opener December 13 and travel to Wheeler December 17. They will host Quanah on December 20 with all games beginning at 6:30 p.m.



Bronco Mason Sims lays in two last week against Abernathy.

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Bronco Keleb Bolin goes up for a jump shot last week during the Nazareth Tournament.

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Lady Bronco Kate Shaw goes up for two last week at the Nazareth Tournament.

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Lady Bronco Madi Benson looks for an open shot last week at the Nazareth Tournament.

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Kinslee Hatley



Addy Havens

Lady Bronco JV rolls past Abernathy

The Lady Bronco junior varsity has started their season on the right track and earned another win at Abernathy last week. They are currently 6-1 on the season after the 50-23 win over the Lady Antelopes.

Cambree Smith was on fire putting in 23 points to lead all scorers that included two three-pointers and nailing 75 percent of her free shots. As a team, the Lady Broncos only shot 17 percent from the bonus line, but were able to add points to the board as a team.

Great defensive hustle against the Lady Lopes allowed them to get steals and cause turnovers in the win. Offensively, the scoring was spread over six out of seven players.

Addy Havens followed Smith with nine points in the game and Kinslee Hatley added eight. Jayla Woodard put in six, and Sequoia Weatherthorn and Kinley McClelland had two each.

The Lady Broncos will open their District season against Panhandle at home on Friday, December 13 and travel to Wheeler on December 17 with both games at 5 p.m. They will play Quanah at home on December 20 all beginning at 4:00 p.m.

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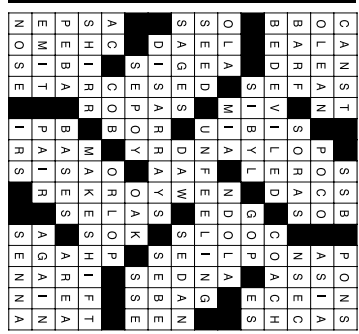
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Holiday Fun & Feasts

I have such a busy schedule for the holidays. This week I made little doughnuts and honey-covered puffs to take to my classmate's Hanukkah celebration. Next week, one of our teachers is going to tell us about the holiday season of Kwanzaa and some of his traditions. Then, I'm going to help Forest and Glade decorate their home with greens for Christmas. Chatter will bake cookies, breads and a Bûche de Noël - a delicious Christmas log cake - and I'll help! What are you and your family doing to celebrate the holidays?

I've been very good this year.

Dear Santa, I've been good all year long!

I'm so tired!

Read the clues to fill in the crossword with holiday fun:

1. Festival of Lights, an 8-day Jewish holiday, honoring the Maccabees' victory over their enemies and the miracle of a small amount of oil that kept burning for 8 days in their temple.
2. Jewish families use this to arrange candles.
3. Families find their recipes for sugared jelly doughnuts, honey-covered puffs and these delicious potato pancakes.
4. Las _____ is a celebration in Mexico for 9 days before Christmas. People act out the journey of Joseph and Mary trying to find shelter.
5. Families make these special treats from a corn dough and a spicy pork or beef filling, all wrapped in corn husks for cooking.
6. Families set up these scenes in their homes: a stable for shelter, the figure of the Christ child in the center with Joseph and Mary looking on, three kings (the Magi), angels, shepherds and townspeople, and some animals.
7. Christian holiday celebrating the birth of Jesus.
8. On Christmas Eve, delivers gifts to good children; fills their stockings too!
9. Families _____ their houses, mantels and halls with lights, greens and a tree.
10. A 7-day festival celebrated by African-Americans; a time to think about their lives and families; how they can help to create strong communities.
11. People decorate, set a nice table for a dinner, light _____ and give gifts.
12. Peanut soup, sweet potatoes, rice or chicken dishes are made for a _____.

Clues:
Hanukkah: 4, 10, 11, 12
Nativity: 6, 7, 8
Posadas: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
menorah: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
tamales: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
candles: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
latkes: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Kwanzaa: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
Christmas: 9, 10, 11, 12
feast: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

Obituaries

Hall
 David Jack Hall, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and mentor, passed away peacefully on December 10, 2024, surrounded by his cherished family.



Hall

Memorial Graveside services will be Saturday, December 14, at 10:00 a.m. at Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon with Tommy Shields, officiating. Cremation Arrangements are under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors.

Jack was born on August 13, 1938, in Alanreed, Texas, to Marvin and Rose Hall. He graduated from McLean High School and went on to earn a bachelor's degree from West Texas State University. He built a remarkable life centered on family, faith, and service. A member of the Church of Christ at The Colonies in Amarillo, Jack lived a life guided by his unwavering principles and love for others.

Jack married the love of his life, Audrey Hall, and together, over 49 years, they built a family rooted in love, faith, and togetherness. He is survived by his devoted wife, Audrey; his children, Brett Hall and wife Sonya of Miami, Texas; Stephanie Graham of Amarillo; Stacy Dalton and husband John of Austin; David Hall and wife Heather of Pampa; and Caitlan Thornberry and husband Chase of Amarillo. Jack is also survived by three loving sisters: Jeannie Adams of Alanreed, Beth Sharp of Clarendon, and Kay Hallum of Amarillo, and many nieces and nephews whom he loved.

Jack loved his family more than anything and found immense joy in the lives of his grandchildren: Dylan and Chase Hall, Shealee Carlisle and husband Heath, Emily Gray and husband Dalton, Graham Dalton,

Cambree Dyer, Jack and Grady Hall, and Charlie, Luke, and Hattie Thornberry. His love extended to his great-grandchildren: Tripp, Kannon, and Brayson Carlisle, who brought him endless pride and delight.

Jack began his career in 1961 as a teacher and coach in Clarendon, where he taught history, coached junior high athletics, and taught driver's education. Known affectionately as "Coach Hall," he became a mentor to countless students, shaping lives with his wisdom and encouragement. Even years after his retirement in 1997, former students continued to greet him with admiration and respect.

After retiring from teaching, Jack embarked on a new chapter of service as Donley County Judge. Appointed in 1997 and later elected to the position, he served with dedication, integrity, and a deep commitment to his community until 2014. As Judge, Jack worked tirelessly to ensure that Donley County remained a strong, vibrant place to live and work. One of his proudest accomplishments was leading the restoration project for the Donley County Courthouse, a historic landmark that stands as a testament to his dedication to preserving the county's heritage. Known for his fairness and compassion, Jack was a trusted leader who always put the needs of the county's citizens first.

In retirement, Jack and Audrey moved to Amarillo, where he cherished time with his growing family, reflecting on a life well-lived. Jack was a man of faith, humility, and unwavering love for those closest to him. His presence brought warmth, wisdom, and humor to every gathering, and his legacy will forever live on in the hearts of his loved ones.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to:

Donley County Historical Committee, c/o Donley County Treasurer, PO Box 825, Clarendon TX, 79226

Moss

Sarah Ann Moss, 85, of Clarendon formerly of Memphis died Monday, December 9, 2024, in Amarillo.

Services will be 1:00 p.m. Friday, December 13, 2024, in the Calvary Baptist Church in Clarendon with Rev. Seth Shipman and Rev. Daniel Downey, officiating. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery in Memphis, Texas.

Viewing will be held Thursday at the funeral home with family receiving friends for visitation from 4:00-6:00 p.m.



Moss

Arrangements are by Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Sarah was born March 18, 1939, in Memphis to Glen and Marie Gilreath Stargel. She married James Moss on May 19, 1954, in Paducah. She had been a resident of Memphis most of her life before moving to Clarendon a few years ago. She worked at Hedley ISD as a custodian for many years. While working at the Hedley school, she deeply loved all the kids, teachers, and staff. Sarah was always the first to be a caregiver for anyone that needed help, enjoyed taking care of people, which both brought her the greatest joy. She enjoyed ceramics, but she also loved farming and ranching with her parents as well as her husband throughout the years. Sarah deeply loved her dogs, her kids, grandkids, and great grandkids. Sarah was a longtime member of First Baptist Church in Memphis and was attending Calvary Baptist Church in Clarendon.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband in 2019; a brother, Roddy Stargel; and a great granddaughter, Ellie Grace Jeffers.

She is survived by her daughters, Debra Walton and husband Jack of Dumas and Jamie Jeffers and husband Larry of Clarendon; 6 grandchildren, Drew, Aaron, Jeremy, Lauren, Chance, and Evans; and 12 great grandchildren.

The family request memorials be sent to Mother Against Drunk Driving or the Calvary Baptist Church in Clarendon.

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