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

## City, TCG to address code enforcement

The City of Clarendon announced Monday it has contracted with Texas Communities Group, LLC (TCG) in an effort to address abandoned properties and code enforcement in the community.

TCG is a municipal services company that will focus on Code Enforcement with the goal of removing dilapidated and hazardous properties and potential fire hazards.

"TCG and the City will work in partnership with the citizens of Clarendon to promote and maintain a safe and desirable living and working environment," City Administrator Brian Barboza said. "We help maintain and improve the quality of the community by enforcing laws and codes targeted to solve specific problems within the community. We will enforce codes through vacant & dilapidated structures, rubbish and debris, weeds, and junk vehicles. Our goal is to work with the property owner to solve the problem."

The City and TCG ask for assistance and support as they begin Codes Enforcement and invite questions. For information, contact TCG at 806-839-2724 or email info@texascg.com.

## 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.



# City council members grill trash service rep

Garbage collection was high on the agenda of the Clarendon City Council during its regular meeting last Thursday, December 12, as aldermen again grilled Waste Connections about its performance in the city.

The private waste collection service has been the subject of several complaints by citizens for several months. Things seemed to be improving when the council met in November; but after tapering off, the number of missed Dumpster complaints has started going up again, city officials said.

Waste Connections representative Christian Rios told the council the company has had "some hic-

ups the last couple of weeks" and said Waste Connections was willing to refund \$3,000 to the city for its missed collections. The company claims a 95 percent collection rate.

"That's an insult," Alderman Eulaine McIntosh said, regarding the \$3,000 offer.

Alderman Ashlee Estlack agreed with McIntosh and pushed back against the company's collections claim.

"There's no way we're at 95 or more percent collections," Estlack said.

Alderman Tommy Hill said his trash had not been picked up in three and a half weeks and suggested a Waste Connections supervisor come

ride with the local driver for a week to see what's happening.

"His truck gets full, and he has to leave town," Hill said. "You think it's bad now; you wait till Christmas gets here."

Rios said he would have a supervisor ride with the driver and would have two trucks last Friday and Saturday to try to get caught up and would have two trucks run through the holidays.

Estlack and McIntosh also continued to push Rios on compensating the city for services that were paid for but not received.

City Administrator Brian Barboza brought up needing Waste Connections to allow the city to go out

early for proposals for trash service. The contract with Waste Connections restricts how soon the city can solicit proposals before the end of the term next September, unless the company gives its permission.

"We're not going to renew," Barboza said.

To which Rios responded, "We're not going to rebid."

In other city business, the council took no action on a request for a transmission line easement on the north side of town. Aldermen wanted to make sure any affected residents will be properly notified first. This item will be discussed again next month.

The employee handbook was

amended in two motions – first regarding overtime pay during emergencies in accordance with FEMA guidelines, and second to allow incentive pay for employees, which is something the city will consider in fiscal year 2026.

The city's Hotel Occupancy Tax ordinance was amended to clarify its language regarding short-term rentals. The council agreed last month that the ordinance already covered bed and breakfast establishments and lodging listed on online platforms such as AirBnB and VRBO. The new language is an updated version.

The board discussed the status. See 'City Council' on page 8.



Cole Franks riding Coffee Breaking News at the NFR in Vegas last week.

PRCA PHOTO / CLICK THOMPSON

# Franks wraps up another good NFR

By Ted Harbin, TwisTed Rodeo

LAS VEGAS – Looking at the final numbers, Cole Franks had a fantastic run at the National Finals Rodeo.

He led the aggregate standings most of the way, only to be surpassed on the final night by world champion Dean Thompson, but Franks still produced at a high rate over the 10-day championship. He finished second in the average, worth more than \$70,000, and placed seven times, earning \$156,340 in Las Vegas.

"It was really good on paper,"

said Franks, a three-time NFR qualifier from Clarendon. "A couple more points here and there would have been great; about one and a half points would have been great."

He rode 10 horses for a cumulative score of 853.5 points, a half point behind Thompson. That extra he had hoped for would have earned Franks the coveted average championship and another \$16,000. Still, he finished the campaign sixth in the world standings with \$295,896.

"It was a good week, but that title would have been the cherry on top," Franks said.

He wrapped his 2024 campaign with an 87-point ride in Frontier Rodeo's Breaking News, which earned him a tie for sixth place with Jess Pope. Each man earned \$2,717 for that.

In fact, it's serving as motivation for him to build toward next season. His plan is to return to the bright lights of Las Vegas and contend for the world championship. His immediate goal, though, is to finally win a round.

Through 30 nights of competing at the NFR, he has yet to win a round, which also means he collects

the lion's share of the money on that night. Round winners are also celebrated at the South Point Hotel and Casino for a nightly presentation and receive a Montana Silversmiths buckle for the honor.

"It's going to take me 31 rounds, the first round next year I'm getting that," he said. "I've got five days before I'm off to my next one, so I just want to keep it rolling."

If he had the chance, Franks would get on 10 more bucking horses in a row. He'll have to wait until next December, and he has a plan to make everything happen.

# Ely wins second drawing for holiday Chamber Cash

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce named its second holiday winner Friday and will hold its third and final Small Town Christmas drawing along with a \$250 bonus drawing this Friday at noon.

Karon Ely was the second 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 the drawing that will be held for \$100 this Friday, December 20. To enter, shoppers will fill out an entry at local participating merchants. 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, Brolier'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 Thursday, December 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!



Karon Ely was the winner of \$100 in Chamber Christmas Cash during the second holiday drawing last Friday. She invested her winnings in Small Town Christmas sweatshirts. A new winner will be drawn this Friday at noon.

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Scots-Irish influence on US culture

During my travels this summer I made my way across Ireland and Scotland and fell in love with the beauty and the rich history of these countries.



historically speaking
by dr. james finck

There is something enchanting, almost romantic, about these nations. I'm sure that for Americans' part, some songs are in Gaelic, while most today are in English.

While the Irish songs are better known than the Scottish ones, attending the Military Tattoo in Edinburgh Castle and hearing 100 bagpipes, including pipers from the U.S. Navy and the Citadel, come out the main gate playing "Scotland the Brave" still gives me chills just remembering it.

As I said I think the reason we are so drawn to the folk songs from Ireland and Scotland are because they are so rich and old, but also because they are in English.

During America's Colonial period and in the years after the revolution, there were several important immigrant groups that populated our shores.

Eventually this group left Ireland and came to the British North American Colonies bringing with them their music, stories, and clan lifestyles.

In these back country hollers of Kentucky, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and down into Georgia, they kept to themselves. They are the backbone of America, fiercely loyal to family, distrustful of authority, and gun-toting patriots.

From the 18th century until the 1920s, the Scots-Irish had some of the best-preserved traditional culture in America. The outside world had not been able to infiltrate the back country hollers.

While country music today has mostly abandoned its roots, when I hear the poetry of a song like Zach Bryan's "Something in the Orange," I am reminded of old Irish ballads, or the capitating melody of "Wagon Wheel" by Old Crow Medicine Show.

Sheriff tricks outlaws to surrender

If you can catch them without shooting at them, your own chances of survival are greatly improved. In the East Texas town of Woodville, Sheriff George Enloe was a master at using ruses and disguises to apprehend law-breakers during his tenure as sheriff of Tyler County from 1888 to 1898.

Sam Feagin, who had just killed a man, sent word to Sheriff Enloe that if the sheriff was thinking of trying to arrest him, the sheriff should bring his "burying clothes."

Jumping out just as Feagin was passing by, Enloe got the drop on Feagin and brought him back to Woodville. After serving a short time in jail, Feagin and a fellow prisoner named Ezell succeeded in escaping.

Approaching the house, Enloe suddenly found himself facing two guns that were pointing at him. Instantly he began

to yell, "Close in on 'em boys!

Close in there." In the confusion that occurred as the two criminals tried to see who might be coming at them from the rear, Enloe managed to cover them, handcuff them, and return them to jail.

On another occasion, a Mr. Weatherford who had killed two men at a sawmill below Warren, headed for the Louisiana border, but Enloe got to the Sabine ferry first.

Soon another man, who Enloe recognized to be Weatherford, approached from behind him moving toward the ferry. Appearing as just another cattleman, Enloe let the man catch up with him.



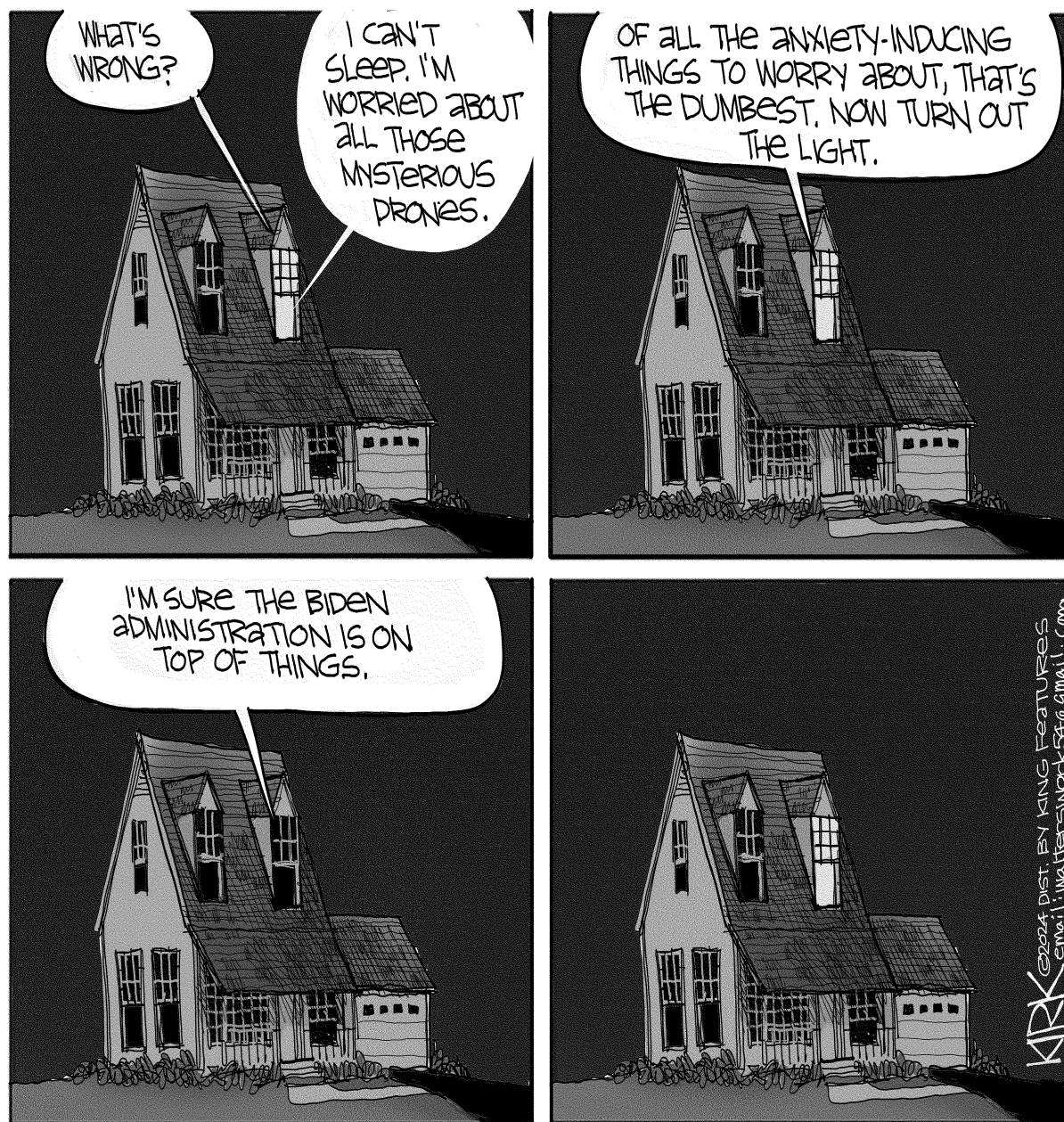
vignettes
tales of the old west
by george u. hubbard

Mob violence and lynchings were common in those days, and Enloe had to use all his wits to prevent the lynching of one of his prisoners.

Not knowing that the prisoner had been moved, the mob arrived at Enloe's home and demanded the keys to the jail. Nannie Enloe, George's small and dainty wife, defied the mob and threw the keys into a churn of buttermilk.

In several other incidents, Sheriff George Enloe either fooled the law-breakers or persuaded them, through reasoning, to surrender.

George U. Hubbard is the author of The Humor & Drama of Early Texas and is a former resident of Clarendon.



Friday the 13th brings up superstitions

I have never been a superstitious person - not until the recent Friday the Thirteenth.

Truth is, I've chuckled at others who won't walk under ladders, change routes when black cats crossed their trails or wear the same unwashed "lucky" garments to extend sports victory strings.

Sad memories of my mid-morning calamity remain tender. But, tears dried, I am looking for an old telephone book. I'm thinking its yellow pages might list an organization for superstitious people. I'll join ASAP....

The day started well. I'd scored a 99 on the CPAP mask that my cardiologist said might extend my life. For the first three weeks, scores were in the 70s and 80s (much like my college transcript).

Having taken on kitchen duties a while back, I decided to concoct a festive smoothie for my wife and me.

Truth to tell, it would give me a chance to use my Blendtec blender, an appliance purchased at an estate auction earlier this year for a mere \$80.

Let me start at the beginning. For the super special smoothie, I tossed in more-than-called-for ingredients, doubling the recipe of chia and flax seeds,

even if toothpicks would be required later. I used "globs" of premium yogurt and pure vanilla extract.

Then, I spotted a half bowl of Cool Whip with an expiration date in the previous week. Just as I was "globbing" a tablespoon of whipped cream into the blender, the phone rang.

It was my brother, Fred, beginning with seasonal greetings to introduce a 10-minute conversation about our infirmities. (He, too, is now in his 80s.) I returned to the kitchen, giving no thought to gravity laws.

During the first eight seconds, the smoothie--gushing like a worn-out fire-plug--coated the counter to the breakfast table 15 feet away.



the idle american
by don newbury

power cord with a yardstick.

One petite cup of the precious drink remained in the jar. I strained it, fearful of ingesting a plastic chard. Tears drained into the cup from which I sipped reverently, as if participating in Holy Communion.

My defense mechanism took over. Why couldn't Blendtec use metal jars? Why did my brother call at 10 a.m., knowing that he might rouse me from my slumber?

I asked Fred to refrain from calling next Christmas; he could send a card instead. But, there's a silver lining! I found a like-new replacement jar on eBay for just \$80, the LAST ONE, delivered free!

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.



**Sounds of Christmas**

Clarendon Elementary students performed their annual Christmas concert on Monday night.

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**December 20 & 21**  
Mufasa: The Lion King • 7:30 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

**December 22**  
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**December 26, 27, & 28**  
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**January 11**  
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## Menus

### December 23 - 27 Donley County Senior Citizens

Mon: Chicken strips, gravy, potato wedges, garden salad, whole wheat roll, brownie, iced tea/2% milk.

Tue: Lasagna, Brussel sprouts, garden salad, garlic bread stick, chocolate pudding, iced tea/2% milk

Wed: Closed

Thurs: Closed

Fri: Chili cheese dog on a bun, baked beans, marinated cucumber & onions, oatmeal raisin cookie, iced tea/2% milk.

### Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Beans, beef, & cheese burritos, tortilla chips, mixed green salad, apricots, chocolate pudding parfait, iced tea/2% milk.

Tue: Closed

Wed: Closed

Thurs: Pot roast w/gravy, roasted carrots, potatoes, onions, brown rice, cranberry fluff, whole wheat biscuit, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Cold cup sandwich, sweet potato fries, mixed green salad, ambrosia, iced tea/2% milk

### Jackson moves to stop UNRWA funding

US Rep. Ronny Jackson (TX-13) last week sent a letter to House and Senate leadership urging the prohibition of funding for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) in any upcoming fiscal year 2025 appropriations bill.

Jackson's office says this action addresses UNRWA's repeated hostility toward Israel and its appeasement of terrorist organizations such as Hamas.

"UNRWA, which had numerous employees participate in the horrific October 7th attack on Israel, is more interested in fueling terror and supporting Hamas than it is in helping innocent civilians," Jackson said. "The United States cannot be subsidizing an entity that unapologetically supports terrorist organizations like Hamas and works to destroy Israel. Our greatest ally in the Middle East took action against UNRWA, and the United States must stand with Israel at this decisive moment by taking similar action. America must lead with principle and strength, and I thank my colleagues for their support in working to ensure that our taxpayer dollars are not supporting corrupt, terror-supporting organizations like UNRWA."

Jackson's letter is supported by the Jewish Institute for National Security of America (JINSA).

Co-signers include Representatives Randy Weber (TX-14), Warren Davidson (OH-08), Keith Self (TX-03), Diana Harshbarger (TN-01), Tom Tiffany (WI-07), Dan Meuser (PA-09), Joe Wilson (SC-02), and Tom Kean Jr. (NJ-07).



### Masonic Milestone

Members of Clarendon Lodge #700, A.F. & A.M., stand with Billy Jack Land at his home Sunday after they recognized him for 70 years as a Mason. B.J. is a Past Master of the Lodge and has served many roles in the community during his lifetime, including service as chief of the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department, and former Clarendon Lion, and later as a member of the Clarendon City Council. Shown here are Russell Estlack, Land, Worshipful Master Jarrod McDaniel, and Jim Owens.

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## New Poll: Texas Voters Back Key Legislative Solutions to Pressing Challenges

Texas 2036 last week released the results of the 8th Texas Voter Poll, revealing a strong appetite for legislative solutions to pressing challenges like water security, education, electric grid reliability, health care costs and housing affordability.

Despite lingering concerns about the future, a majority of voters remain optimistic about Texas' potential to address these issues head-on, demonstrating Texas voters' desire for practical, future-oriented solutions.

**Water Supply:** A vast majority (85 percent) of voters are concerned that the state could face future water shortages. Notably, 85 percent of voters also support the state making strategic long-term investments in reliable water infrastructure. And 68 percent favor the Texas Legislature dedicating \$1 billion annually to the Texas Water Fund, which was created last year.

**Electric Grid Reliability:** A majority of voters (53 percent) say they lack confidence in the reliability of the state's electric grid. To help meet the increased demand for electricity, 59 percent support a proposal for a \$5 billion investment of state funds to double the size of the Texas Energy Fund, which supports building new natural gas power plants.

**High School and Workforce Readiness:** A majority of voters (61 percent) believe that Texas high school students are not graduating prepared for the workforce or future economy. A resounding 91 percent agree that high school students should have access to workforce training or credential programs that provide a certification that allows them to graduate ready to compete

for good-paying jobs.

**Health Care Costs and Transparency:** Texas voters are worried about cost and transparency. More than seven in 10 voters say they are paying more for health care than they did five years ago. In addition, 87 percent expressed concerns that large investment companies called private equity firms have purchased ownership stakes in doctor's offices and hospitals. Three-fourths (75 percent) of voters agree that the Texas state government should more actively regulate health care mergers to ensure the market remains sufficiently competitive.

**Housing Affordability:** Texans are ready for creative solutions to increase the availability and affordability of housing. A strong majority (84 percent) agree that homeowners should have the right to build additional housing, such as garage apartments or tiny homes, on their own property.

**Child Care:** Close to three in four, or 74 percent, of voters express concern about the availability of affordable child care in Texas.

When respondents are asked to prioritize a list of potential investments that the state government could make in child care, 62 percent select improving the quality of care and education delivered at child care providers as their first or second choice.

This year, 85 percent of voters said they were at least somewhat concerned about the future of Texas. While this reflects a large majority of Texas voters, their overall levels of concern are down seven points from August 2023. Despite these concerns, a majority of Texas voters

remain optimistic about the state's economy, and 59 percent said they felt either the same or more optimistic about the state's future after this year's presidential election.

Seventy-one percent of Texas voters believe students using state funds for educational expenses, including tuition at private schools, should take tests similar to those in public schools to ensure learning outcomes can be compared and evaluated.

Texans don't want to wait too long before providing help to students falling behind in math: 79 percent of voters favor requiring schools to notify parents as early as kindergarten if their child is not performing at grade level in math.

Texas voters tell us the maximum indoor temperature in Texas prisons should be 78°F, on average. Just 8 percent of Texas voters believe that the maximum temperature should exceed 85 degrees, with 83 percent supporting a maximum temperature below 85 degrees.

Texas voters are split on how AI should shape state government. While 47 percent prioritize restricting its use due to safety and privacy concerns, others see potential. Nearly a quarter (24 percent) of voters believe AI could make government services more efficient, reducing waste and cutting through bureaucracy.

The 8th Texas 2036 Voter Poll, conducted by Baseline & Associates, surveyed 1,001 respondents between November 16-20, 2024. It has a margin of error of ±3.1 percent.

Visit [www.texas2036.org/](http://www.texas2036.org/) poll for detailed results, including topline and crosstabs.

## Drivers urged to move over, slow down for tow trucks

If you see tow trucks and other emergency vehicles stopped on the side of the road with their emergency lights activated, do you know what to do?

Texas law requires drivers to slow down at least 20 miles per hour under the posted speed limit or, if able, to change lanes when they're passing a first responder stopped on the roadside.

Large numbers of travelers are expected on Texas roads during the Christmas and New Year's holidays and chances are, they may break down, get involved in crashes or be stopped by law enforcement. Pay attention to what's happening around you and be prepared to react quickly.

TDLR regulates tow truck companies and tow truck drivers, driver education and driving safety courses,

and motorcycle safety courses, and as always, the agency asks all drivers to please slow down or move over when you see emergency vehicles stopped on the side of the road.

Tow truck drivers work hard every day to help people who are stranded on the side of the road. And, like everyone else, they are anxious to return home safely each night. Holiday memories are made when family gathers. Please do your part to make that happen for all.

Safety tips for driving this holiday season:

Slow down and pay attention to what you're doing. If you get tired, pull over in a safe spot and walk around to re-energize.

Don't drink and drive, even a little bit.

Designate a (sober) driver.

Stay off the mobile phone – this includes texting. Designate a "copilot" to oversee the phone while you're driving so you can concentrate on the task at hand.

Buckle up – all occupants of the vehicle, every trip – no matter how short. Most traffic crashes happen close to home. Traveling by motorcycle? Wear a helmet.

Stay weather-aware. If it's snowy or icy, you'll need to slow down significantly so you don't slide on unexpected icy spots. If it's raining heavily, turn around and don't drown if water is running across the road. Only two feet of rushing water can sweep away a vehicle. Leave plenty of time to get to your destination. Roadways are likely to be crowded. Drive friendly – the Texas way!

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Local emergency personnel responded to a two-vehicle accident at US 287 and Taylor in front of Lowe's Family Center last Thursday afternoon. Authorities on the scene said the white SUV driving by Phyllis Morency of Clarendon pulled out in front of a pickup pulling a travel trailer. No serious injuries were reported.

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**Travel with or without pets?**

Walking into your room to find a curled-up dog or cat resting within your opened suitcase can be heart-wrenching, to say the least. With the winter chill sweeping in, a holiday trip may be on the horizon, leading owners to consider whether they should invite their furry friends to join in on the fun.

Dr. Christine Rutter, a clinical associate professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, delves into the debate on whether owners should bring pets along for holiday vacations — and the travel stress that inevitably comes with the journey.

The desire to introduce your dog or cat to the extended family may be great, but it's more important to prioritize what is best for your pet's comfort and overall well-being.

Pets accompanying their owners on holiday trips should feel safe and not as if they are being uprooted from the normal routines that bring them comfort and security. Each animal's personality is different, so owners should gauge their pet's comfort with travel before embarking on a big trip.

"Some pets are extremely anxious in new environments and won't settle down, won't eat or eliminate on a leash, or will bark at every noise or new animals in their environment," Rutter said. "Other pets are very chill about traveling, love a car ride, and are perfectly happy in new environments; this usually happens because owners have done 'practice trips' with the pet to let them know

that changing environments is OK."

It's also important to consider whether the people and other animals at the destination will be comfortable with a new dog or cat in their midst.

"Travel can be stressful for everyone, including your pet," Rutter said. "Pets can also pick up on the stress of their owners."

According to Rutter, family members who aren't expecting to have guest pets, or don't have pets themselves, may have food items either under a holiday tree or within pets' "stealing range" that can lead to a trip to the emergency room.

To mediate this stress, Rutter suggests that owners be prepared and aware of all of the stipulations that travel with pets may entail, including knowing requirements for bringing animals across state and country lines.

Rules for how pets can travel internationally vary. Owners who wait until the last minute or skip steps will likely be unable to travel internationally with their pets.

"With international travel, some countries may require sequential blood testing for infectious diseases or a quarantine period, and some may ban the importation of some types of animals, so it's vital to start preparing for international travel at least six months in advance," Rutter said.

In addition, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has also recently put in place several pet-travel mandates to help prevent the spread of rabies between dogs in the U.S.

Researching rules and regulations in advance is not only important for taking pets to other countries but also for bringing them back home at the end of the trip.

But even within the United States, there are often rules for traveling with pets.

"Domestic travel across state lines requires a special veterinarian-issued health certificate," Rutter said. "Enforcement of this requirement is usually lax for domestic pets, but an airline or state law enforcement officer can elect to enforce it at any time."

For owners who ultimately choose not to travel with pets, pet sitting and boarding are great options for making sure your furry friend does not feel forgotten.

"For me, personally, I do like to travel with my pets, but the cost and difficulty of the process makes international travel with them unappealing," Rutter said. "I find a good in-home pet sitter or boarding kennel that I trust and leave my dogs in a familiar environment, which gives them fewer new stresses at a time."

Surprising the in-laws with a tail-wagging friend at the family holiday has the potential of bringing abounding laughs and joy, as long as the environment and any hosting pets are "guest pet safe" and all of the people involved are happy and comfortable with the extra visitors. If you are unsure of which decision to make, contact your veterinarian to discuss which option best suits the specific emotional and physical needs of your furry companion.

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**CLUES ACROSS**

- Miller beer variety
- Member of people inhabiting Bering Sea islands
- Stomach
- Investment vehicle
- Fictional soccer coach Ted
- Irregular in botanical parlance
- Cease standing
- "American Horror Story" actress
- Grow milk teeth
- Plant parts
- Snow house
- Most contemptuous
- Note to repay
- Old English
- Wings
- Financial institutions
- Parks and Lopez are two
- Mr. T's "The A-Team" character
- Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- Give off
- Semitic alphabet letter
- Farm state
- Actress Sarandon
- Back parts
- Zoroastrian concept of holy fire
- Touchdown
- One point north of due east
- Refurbishes
- Silver and Dogg are two
- Former Tigers catcher Alex
- Type of envelope
- Seriously considered
- Unhappy
- Past (archaic)
- Asian wild dog
- Old English letter
- Young domestic sheep
- Football players need to gain them
- Witness

**CLUES DOWN**

- Dormant Peruvian volcano
- Norwegian composer
- Indicates location
- Pubs
- Unable to walk easily
- Electronic warfare-support measures
- World leader
- Midsection
- Jewish calendar month
- Urological condition
- A small quantity of anything
- Mountain Time
- Affirmative
- Word element meaning ear
- Carried away
- Short-billed rails
- Newborn child
- Sword
- Groups of people
- Prickly, scrambling shrubs
- Become less intense
- Polishes
- Indicates position
- Songs sung to one's beloved
- The 12th letter of the Greek alphabet
- Insects
- Israeli politician
- Pre-digital
- Roaming
- Ambience
- Brew
- Late
- Make ecstatically happy
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- Blend
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- Self
- Exclamation of satisfaction
- Hill or rocky peak



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### Broncos take down Vega

By Sandy Anderberg

The Broncos played solid and defeated Vega 35-32 at home last week after a physical ball game. Kaleb Bolin and Michael Randall finished with 11 points to lead the way.

The two teams battled early in the game and only one point separated the teams. But the Broncos played a strong offense in the second eight minutes to take a big lead into the break. Despite falling back somewhat after halftime, the Broncos were able to maintain the lead and finish the game for the win.

Mason Sims put in nine points and hit three of four free throws, and Caleb Herbert helped with four points. Bolin put in three three-pointers and Randall added one.

The Broncos played in the Childress Tournament over the weekend and struggled to find a rhythm. They went winless in the tourney but had some high spots against the teams.

They took on the host team in the first round and lost to the Cats 27-67. The Broncos struggled to get anything going offensively in the game. Bolin and Herbert finished with 10 points each and had five rebounds together.

They took on Amarillo High JV in the next round and lost 15-54 and Holliday in the third round. They played hard against Holliday and narrowly lost 50-54. Sims had 18 points and five rebounds in the game and Randall had 15 points with seven rebounds. Bolin finished with 11 points, two assists, and a steal in the game.

The Broncos had another close game with Vernon in the final round and lost 33-36. Sims had a double-double with 13 points and 11 rebounds and Randall helped with five points and 11 rebounds.

The Broncos will open district play against Quanah at home on Friday, December 20, at 8:00 p.m. and will participate in the Lubbock Caprock Tournament over the holidays.



Bronco Mason Sims fights the Vega defense to go up for a basket.

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Bronco Caleb Herbert dribbles to the basket last week against Vega.

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### Lady Broncos drop District opener to Panhandle

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos opened their district season at home against number two ranked Panhandle and were narrowly defeated 42-50.

The Lady Broncos played solid in the first eight minutes and led the Pantherettes by four points. Junior Kashlyn Conkin poured in nine points in the opening quarter that included two three-pointers and hit

three of five free throws to lead the team to the early advantage. However, Panhandle was able to close the gap before the break taking the momentum into the locker room.

The Pantherettes were able to shut down the Lady Broncos' outside game only allowing them two-pointers from there on out. Junior Kate Shaw stepped up from here inside position and add to the scoreboard,

but it was not enough to get the win.

Shaw and Conkin led the way with 11 points each and Kennadie Cummins added eight. Kenidee Hayes had four, and Berkley Moore, Tandie Cummins, and Hayden Elam finished with two points each.

The ladies will host Quanah December 20 at 6:30 and will play in the Wildcat Classic in Littlefield over the holidays.

### Colts play hard against Wellington

The eighth grade Clarendon Colt team made a great stand against the Wellington Rockets but finished with a 28-59 loss.

The game was fairly even in the first quarter of play with the Colts only trailing by two but struggled in the second quarter to put points on the board.

Wellington was able to grab turnovers and convert them into points.

Tyler Smith was able to finish with 11 points in the game and Brentley Gaines hit two three-pointers for six total points. Jaquan Weatherthon and Braxton Gribble put in four each and Paxton English finished with three.

The Colt B team did a great job but were defeated by the Rockets in the last ticks of the clock. The team

trailed for three quarters of play but came alive in the final quarter of play to hold the Rockets to only one fourth quarter point. The Colts played aggressive to work their way back into the game and were able to run a good offense and play solid defense all of the way to the buzzer. The Colts struggled at the free throw line and had a few missed inside shots that could have changed the outcome of the game.

Wyatt Devenney put in six points and Colton Henson added five. Rustin Wade helped with four and Kase Zongker finished with two.

The Colts will continue their schedule after the break on January 6 at home against Quanah beginning at 5:00 p.m.

There were no results for the Lady Colts last week.

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### Lady Bronco JV falls to the Pantherettes

The Lady Bronco junior varsity played hard against Panhandle but came up short in the 30-56 loss.

They played a great first half and stood toe to toe with the Pantherettes. Cambree Smith was solid and hit five of six free throws in the opening quarter of play. Smith went on to put in 15 points to lead the Lady Broncos.

Panhandle took control on both ends of the court and made stops against the Lady Broncos not allowing them to gain any ground offensively.

Addy Havens and Kinslee Hatley had four points each, Jayla Woodard put in three, and Millie McAnear and Sequoia Weatherthon helped with two each.

The Lady Broncos will take on Quanah at home on December 20 at 4:00 p.m. before the Christmas break.

### Bronco JV falls short to the Longhorns

The Bronco junior varsity played hard against the Vega Longhorns and lost 24-32.

The Broncos had the lead after one quarter but fell back by one point at the break.

The Longhorns converted eight of thirteen free throws, which was better than the Broncos, who only shot four total bonus shots and made three. Vega held onto the momentum and hit crucial shots when they needed them, and the clock was working against a Bronco comeback.

Kreed Robinson finished with 11 points and made all three free throws. Hudson Howard and Aiden Morris had four each, Trysten Ybarra put in one three-pointer, and Dakota Bond put in two.

The Broncos will play Friday night against Quanah at home December 20 at 5:00 p.m. and resume their schedule after the holidays.

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### CCISD Trustees met Dec. 9

The Clarendon CISD Board of Trustees heard a report on the fiscal year 2024 audit during their meeting December 9, 2024.

Following a public hearing on the School Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) report, Richard Blankenship of Johnson and Sheldon, P.C., presented an audit report for the year ending August 31, 2024. The board voted in favor of accepting the report as presented.

Administrative reports were presented by Athletic Director Aaron Wampler, Elementary Principal Cynthia Bessent, CJH Principal Jenifer Pigg, CHS Principal John Moffett, Elementary Counselor Erin Shaw, Guidance Counselor Jenae Ashbrook, Federal Programs Director Jen Bellar, and Superintendent Jarod Bellar.

The board reviewed and acknowledged the HB3 Board Goals for Early Childhood and College, Career, and Military Readiness.

The board also reviewed and acknowledged the District Improvement Plan for 2024-2025.

The 2025-2026 West Texas Food Service Co-op (WTFSC) Interlocal Agreement was approved as presented.

Trustees also voted to upgrade the campus door security using the State Safety Grant Funding as presented.



Lady Owl Adrianna Villareal looks for an open pass against Claude.

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Lady Owl Taylee Ehlert looks for a shot against Claude.

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### City Council:

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of easements for sewer line work at the former Family Dollar location. A new business plans to open in that location in the new year, but the sewer line work must be completed first.

The board voted in favor of reappointing Roger Estlack and Chuck Robertson to the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation Board. Alderman Estlack abstained from the vote.

Aldermen discussed possible credit card processing and food vending machines or concessions for the aquatic center next season but agreed more information is needed.

Alderman also began looking at possible streets to consider for improvements in the coming year. A map was prepared by Public Works Director John Molder, but no action was taken.



Owl Kyler Booth looks for a pass against Claude last week.

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### Enterprise sets 2024 schedule for holidays

The Clarendon Enterprise will publish its annual Santa Letters section next week, and the paper will be distributed on Monday, December 23. The January 2 edition of the paper will be our annual Year In Review edition.

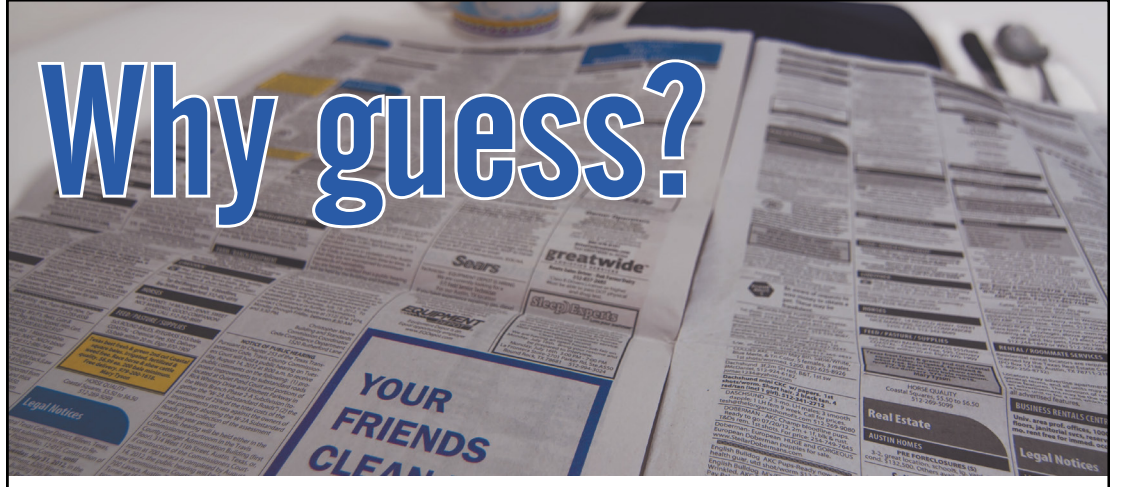
Our office will be closed for the holidays from December 23 through January 3 to allow our staff to spend time with our families.

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Owl Payton Inman looks to get past the Claude defense.

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