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

Lions next bingo to be held February 15

Bingo lovers will win gift cards and enjoy chili and cornbread when the Clarendon Lions Club holds its Valentine's Bingo Saturday evening, February 15.

The event will start at 5:30 p.m. at the Clarendon Lions Hall, and proceeds will go to help the club improve the kitchen facilities in the building to help better serve the community.

The building that now serves as the Lions Hall was originally moved to Clarendon following World War II after its service ended as a German POW barracks in McLean. The building has served the Lions and the community well for more than 70 years. In addition to the weekly club meetings, the Lions Hall hosts the regional office for The Bridge – Children's Advocacy Center, has been available for many community events over the years, and is often rented by families and businesses throughout the year.

Tickets for the Valentine's Bingo are \$30 each. Seating is limited so get your seat reserved early by going by the Enterprise or calling 806-662-4689.

Nominations open for chamber awards

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce has opened nominations for its annual community awards.

Nominations must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, January 31, for the following categories: Man of the Year and Woman of the Year – individuals who have made a significant contribution to the community in 2024, Saints' Roost Award – honoring an individual for a lifetime of service to the community, and the Volunteer Organization of the Year.

Honorees will be announced during the annual Awards Banquet to be held February 27 at the Bairfield Activity Center.

Nominations should specify which award the person or organization is being nominated for and a brief paragraph stating the reason for the nomination. The nominations should be no more than one page in length.

Nominations can be mailed to the Chamber of Commerce at PO Box 986, Clarendon, TX 79226; delivered to the Clarendon Visitor Center inside the Mulkey Theatre; or emailed to Chamber@ClarendonTx.com.



Downtown revitalization bid comes in low Waste Connections discussions continue; City okays road 'test strip'

Clarendon's efforts to revitalize downtown may take a giant leap forward following information presented at the City Council meeting last Thursday, January 16.

The work on the 100 block of Kearney Street was completed just over a year ago with improvements in the 200 block expected to begin this year under a new grant followed in about two years by a third round in the 300 block.

However, after opening bids for work on the 200 block of Kearney, the low bid of AAJ Concrete came in at \$300,000, which is \$200,000 less than the funds available for the project.

City Administrator Brian Barboza said \$500,000 was available for the project. Most of that money is grant funds with the city adding a match of \$98,000.

Officials with the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission and OJD Engineers told the city council it had two choices – give back \$200,000 in grant funds, would score negatively on the city's next grant application or put additional city funds with the excess grant funds and try to do the 300 block of Kearney at the same time as the 200 block. Barboza said the city would possibly need to put another \$150,000 into the project to overmatch and finish the work, but he said the city has the money in its investments.

Aldermen agreed that the city should seize the opportunity to finish downtown revitalization on Kearney Street in this upcoming work. The council voted to accept AAJ Concrete's bid, and the will solicit another bid for work in the 300 block.

The council also agreed to pursue a Texas Department of Transportation grant that could potentially pay for other sidewalk improvements downtown, specifically in front of City Hall and neighboring county-owned buildings on the east side of Sully Street.

In other city business, representatives of Waste Connections were present to discuss trash collections in the city. The parties agreed that service is improving but communications can still be improved to help resolve trash pick-up issues. City officials and Waste Connections discussed steps to better quantify missed pickups and target efforts to address those issues.

Waste Connections District Controller Joe Landon told the council that contrary to comments

made last month, his company does not want to end its relationship with Clarendon.

"We want to continue this relationship," Landon said. "If you want to go to RFP (requests for proposals) early, we're fine with that. We just want to be invited to the process."

The council voted to not take legal action against Waste Connections at this time as they continue to work together. Landon agreed problems in the past have been the fault of the company, but Alderman Eulaine McIntosh noted that it is the council that gets the "brash from the citizens" when pickups are missed.

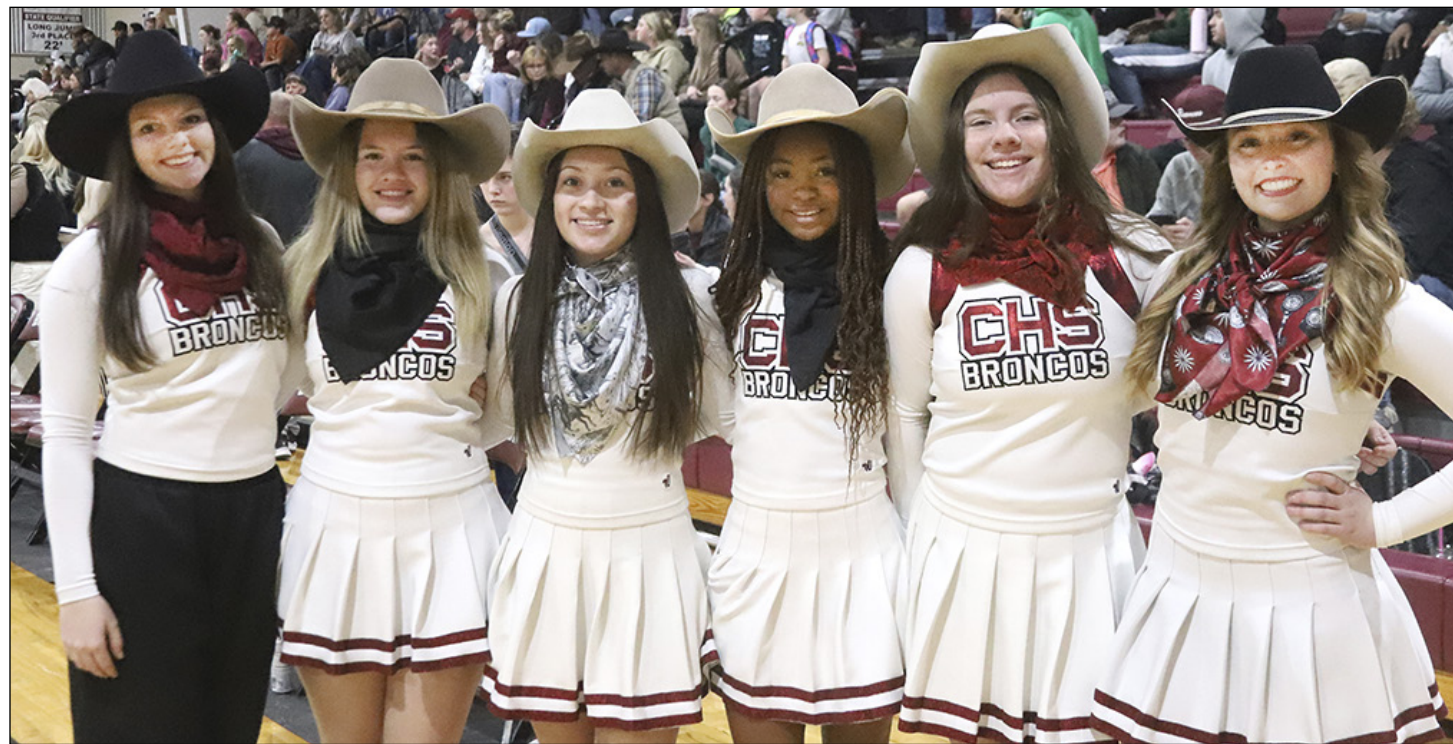
The council approved an easement request for American Electric Power for a new transmission line that will go from

Clarendon to Jericho.

Desert Mountain Corporation representative Pamela Tuttle made a presentation about a proposal to rehabilitate Front Street from Jefferson to McClelland. The \$14,400 project would use new materials to mix with millings and stabilize the road and control dust while making the road resistant to water. The council approved the project as a "test strip" with the possibility of using the method on other dirt roads in towns if it is successful.

A request for \$1,000 from the Donley County Senior Citizens Center for its meal program was approved.

The council also appointed Mayor Jacob Fangman to a vacant seat on the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation Board.



Rope the Mustangs

The Bronco Cheerleaders donned cowboy hats for last Friday's game against Wheeler as Clarendon High School prepared to "Rope the Mustangs." Both the Broncos and Lady Broncos picked up victories over Wheeler. See our story on page 6.

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Howardwick candidates are first to step up

One week into the sign-up period and only the City of Howardwick has any candidates lined up to run for office this spring.

The cities of Clarendon, Hedley, and Howardwick; the Clarendon and Hedley school districts; and the Donley County Hospital District all have a total of 19 positions available this year.

Howardwick Alderman and Mayor Pro-tem Johnny Floyd has signed up to run for the vacant mayor's position, while Alderman Jada Murray has filed to run again.

Matt Moore has also filed for the other available alderman's position.

In Clarendon, the full two-year terms of Mayor Jacob Fangman and Aldermen Terri Floyd and Eulaine McIntosh are up this year along with partial terms expiring in one year held by Aldermen Ashlee Estlack and Mandy Smith.

Hedley has three aldermen's seats up this year. Those are two-year terms and are currently held by Aldermen Larry Ely, Tanya Gibson, and Jennifer Floyd.

Howardwick has the full two-

year terms of the mayor and two aldermen up this year. The mayor's seat is currently vacant, and the aldermen's positions are held by Johnny Floyd and Jada Murray.

Clarendon ISD Trustees serve three years, and the terms of Robin Ellis, Chuck Robertson, and Donny Howard are expiring this year.

Hedley ISD has two full three-year terms up this year. Those seats are held by Bruce Howard and Michael Metcalf.

The Donley County Hospital District Board of Directors has three

two-year terms up this year. Those are currently held by Rose Lemley – Place One, Jeff Robertson – Place Two, and Cindy Shelton – Place Three.

All local boards are elected at-large, but hospital board candidates must file for a specific place on the board. Candidate applications are available from the administrative offices of each entity.

Filing continues through Friday, February 14. Elections are scheduled to be held Saturday, May 3, 2025.

NRCS conservation program application deadline Jan. 24

The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) would like to remind those interested in consideration for enrollment into the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) that applications must be submitted to the local NRCS field office by Jan. 24, 2025, for the CSP Classic and CSP-Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) sign up.

The USDA increased the minimum annual payment for agricultural producers participating in CSP from \$1,500 to \$4,000 starting in fiscal year 2024.

The increase addresses challenges faced by small scale, underserved and urban producers and improves equity in the program by making participation more financially beneficial for smaller operations.

The new minimum payment is available for new and renewed CSP contracts.

CSP provides support to agricultural and forest producers to enhance their conservation practices, offering both technical and financial assistance to help them implement more comprehensive conservation strategies.

By participating in the program, producers may receive compensation for adopting additional conservation activities while maintaining their existing conservation efforts.

Examples of CSP enhancements that are suitable for being adopted by smaller scale and urban producers include: Planting multi-species cover crops; Mulching with natural materials; Establishing pollinator habitats; Soil health crop rotation; and How to Apply

NRCS accepts producer applications for its conservation pro-

grams year-round, but producers interested in CSP should apply through their local NRCS field office by Jan. 24, 2025, for consideration.

Funding is provided through a competitive process and will include an opportunity to address the unmet demand from producers who have previously sought funding.

Applications received after Jan. 24, 2025, will be considered during future CSP application sign ups.

For more information about assistance available, contact your local USDA Service Center.

Former Hedley city secretary sentenced by district court

Former Hedley city secretary Kim Gossman has accepted a plea agreement in the 100th Judicial District Court related to misappropriation of city funds in 2022.

According to the terms of the agreement filed last week in the Donley County Clerk's Office, Gossman, identified in court documents as Kimberly Sims, was placed on three years of deferred adjudication community supervision for the third degree felony of Theft by a Public Servant for an offense that occurred on July 28, 2022.

Gossman must pay a \$500 fine and \$290 in court costs and restitution to the City of Hedley in the amount of \$15,000.

If her probation is adjudicated, Sims faces up to 10 years in prison.

Gossman's resignation from her position as city secretary was accepted by the Hedley City Council on January 19, 2023, following allegations of misappropriation of funds in 2022 first uncovered by the city's auditor, city officials said at the time.

She was formally arrested and charged with Theft by a Public Servant on December 5, 2023.

District Attorney Luke Inman, along with Assistant District Attorney Harley Caudle, represented the State of Texas in the case with the honorable Judge Cornell D. Curtis presiding by appointment.

The court met by Zoom on January 9, 2025.

Also in district court, Nicholas Charles Moore accepted a plea agreement for the state jail felony charge of Driving While Intoxicated with a Child Passenger.

Moore was arrested by Donley County Sheriff's Deputy Marasco on April 25, 2022. Moore was indicted by a Donley County Grand Jury on June 13, 2022.

According to court documents filed last week, Moore received a sentence of two years in the state jail division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice probated to two years of community supervision. He must pay a fine of \$2,000, court costs of \$390, and restitution of \$60. Moore must also have a SCRAM device installed on his vehicle.



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Two coaches who left lasting impressions

Clarendon alumni lost two great men over the Christmas holidays, both of whom made a lasting impact on our community in their own way. Jack Hall and Don Beck are two guys who influenced your editor and countless others during their lifetimes.

Jack Hall was no stranger to Donley County with roots in Alanreed and a coaching career that spanned three decades. At Clarendon Junior High, Coach Hall never really got too worked up over much, but he expected discipline on the field or in PE class. He was usually happy and smiling, but still he had his paddle at the ready should you need some "encouragement."



editor's commentary by roger estlack

Coach Hall, along with Coach Kirby Hatley, did their best to teach us the fundamentals of football, basketball, and track and field. Much of that didn't really sink in for a nerd like me, which led to my stellar career as a Colt and Lady Colt manager my eighth grade year alongside Michael Morrow and Anthony Cole. I think Coach Hall appreciated my talent off the court. Lord knows I didn't have any on the court.

While molding young minds in junior high is a legacy in itself, Coach Hall left his mark in a much more permanent way after his retirement from education and his appointment as Donley County Judge in 1997. He took office just as the state was starting to care about its historic courthouses, and Donley County's temple of justice was in a sad state that's hardly even possible to imagine today. Its third-floor tower and dormers had been gone since the 1930s, its plumbing and electrical systems were below standards, it reeked of bat crap, and it was basically falling apart. Judge Jack Hall led the county as a champion of preservation and saved the 1890 courthouse.

It was not an easy task. Critics of the courthouse project have largely become fans of the Jewel of the Plains or at least become very silent. It wasn't that way in the midst of the project though when opposition was staunch and vocal. Judge Hall was undeterred. He never lost his cool in any debate. He calmly explained things and extolled the benefit of the courthouse preservation grant. "You're going to give me 85 cents, and all I have to do is put up 15 cents? I'll take that deal every day," Hall would say, simplifying the math for anyone to understand.

Several times I'd ask him if he thought the project was going to happen, without fail his response was: "I just don't see it any other way." After the Courthouse was rededicated in 2003 in all its restored glory, Hall would continue to be its biggest champion, and you could see the pride bursting forth every time he led visitors on tours of the building.

Jack Hall was a friend and a hero for Donley County. His legacy will endure as long as the 1890 Donley County Courthouse stands.

Coach Don Beck made his mark in a different way. His obituary published last week chronicles his coaching career quite well. He came to Clarendon High School in the late 1980s at the tail end of that career as an assistant coach. Former athletes can tell you more about his coaching style and probably the meaning of the quote from him that went around my senior year: "If it ain't pullin', you ain't doin' it right!"

For me and many others Coach Beck's impact came in the classroom. I loved history, but history class was something I just tolerated. It was often presented in boring textbook reading and memorization of dates and events. But my junior year was different with Coach Beck and US History. Coach Beck taught by lecture, much like a college class, but did so with a wit and insight that made history fun and entertaining.

Students of all backgrounds and learning levels knew their American history if they had Coach Beck. We were required to memorize and understand the Preamble to the US Constitution and the all-important line from the Declaration of Independence, which starts "We hold these truths to be self-evident..."

With his Texas-twang and his unique perspective, Coach Beck painted a picture or told the story in such way you'd never forget it.

Coach Beck on Cornado's expedition through what is now Donley County and the Texas Panhandle in the 1500s: "Now people, when they got here, there weren't no birds and there weren't no squirrels because there weren't no trees. All there was was a bunch of Indians running around naked hunting grasshoppers for groceries."

The accuracy of his description of the flora, fauna, and native inhabitants of the Llano Estacado notwithstanding, Coach Beck immediately gave you the image of starkness of the Staked Plains and gave you a good chuckle at the same time.

Coach Beck on Irish immigrants helping build the transcontinental railroad: "The Irish had come to America because of the Tater Famine in Ireland. Now some people call 'em taters; other people call 'em pertaters."

I could go on all day, but you get the picture. Some of Coach Beck's observations probably aren't politically correct today. But we didn't care much about that in the Reagan years.

Coach Beck would retire for good not long after our class graduated in 1989, but he kept his connections to Donley County for a long time and was a longtime subscriber to this newspaper after I purchased it in 1995. His love of history and telling it as something more than facts and figures, was an inspiration, and his students loved the man.

Rest well, gentlemen. You ran the good race here on earth and left a mark that won't soon be forgotten.

Sam Bass showed generous nature

Among the general populace Sam Bass was probably the most popular outlaw that Texas ever had. Indeed, he was like a Robin Hood to many of the people with whom he came in contact.

Although the Texas Rangers and other law enforcement officials considered Bass to be a scourge and a menace, many early Texans accorded him hero status. Countless stories are told of Bass's humanitarian deeds as well as of his daring bank and train robberies. The three stories included here will help show the humane side of this famous bandit.

On one occasion when Bass and his gang were short of grain for their horses, they stole some shelled corn from a farmer's corncrib. As the men rode back to their camp, corn dribbled from a hole in the sack, enabling the farmer to follow their trail. When he found himself approaching a camp known to be occupied by the Bass gang, the farmer prudently turned around and went back home. Nevertheless, Bass encountered the farmer a few days later and handed him a twenty dollar gold piece, explaining, "I had to have some corn in a hurry the other night."

Another time when Bass and his

men were in Stephens County, a posse was being formed to hunt for the gang, and a man named Hunt rode to the Caddo store to recruit some men for the posse. As Hunt approached the store, Sam Bass came walking out carrying a bag of provisions and asked Hunt where he was going.

"I'm going to hunt down Sam Bass," Hunt replied.

"Then you don't need to go any farther. You've found him. What are you going to do with him?"

Responding as prudently as possible, Hunt said, "Nothing, I guess."

"How many children you got?" Bass asked.

We don't know how many children Hunt claimed, but Bass turned back into the store and brought out a dozen apples, a lot of candy, and some coffee.

"Take these apples and candy to your children, and make yourself a big pot of coffee. And never tell a soul you have seen Sam Bass."



vignettes tales of the old west by george u. hubbard

It is reported that Hunt waited thirty years to tell the story.

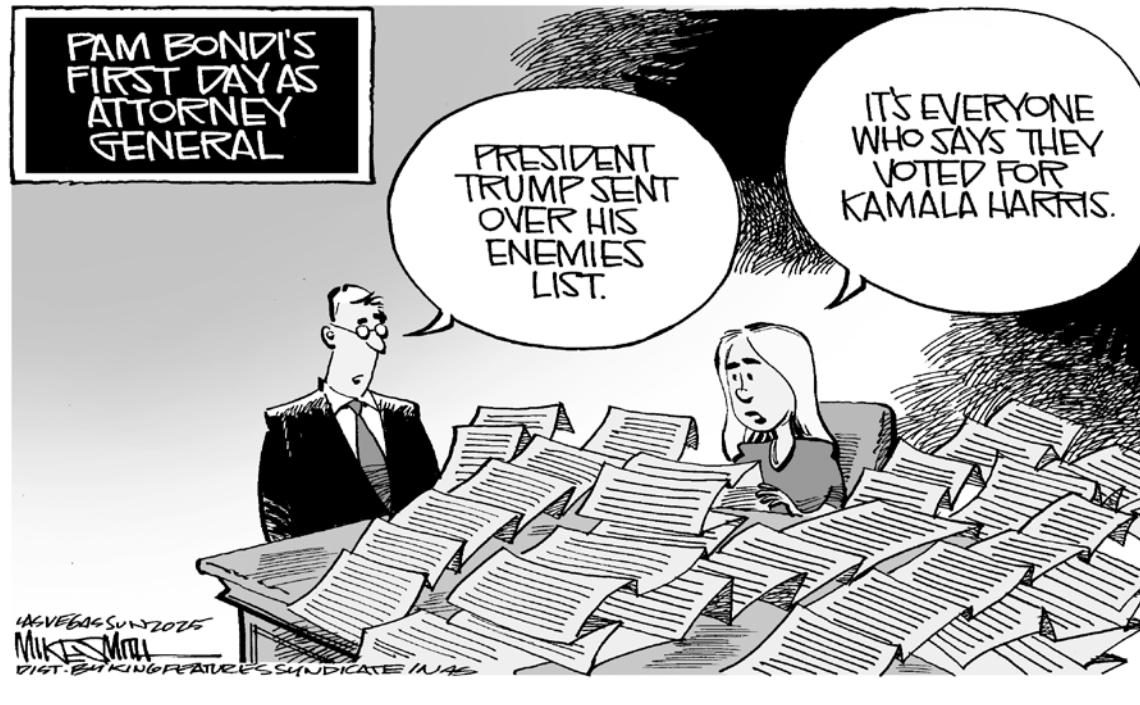
In the spring of 1878, just before he was killed in Round Rock, Sam Bass bought a new suit of clothes at a dry-goods store in Kaufman. Accepting Sam's payment, the store clerk, Chuck Porter, opened the safe to deposit the money. Sam's eyes naturally gravitated to the open safe and the large sum of money inside.

"Son," he commented, "that is a good deal of money." Kaufman did not have a bank at that time, and because Mr. Cates, the storeowner, was sick, Porter explained that the money was collecting in the safe until it could be taken to a bank at Terrell.

Bass merely advised Porter not to let anyone else see how much money was in the safe, and then he rode away.

When Bass was killed in Round Rock a few months later in July, he was wearing a suit of clothes purchased from the Cates dry-goods store in Kaufman.

George U. Hubbard is an author and former resident of Clarendon. His book, *The Humor & Drama of Early Texas*, is available at fine booksellers everywhere.



Not a typical New Year's promise piece

Relax. This is NOT going to be another one of those "promise pieces" about helpful resolutions that might elevate life for me in 2025. I leave that to others. In fact, were I to make a New Year's resolution, it would be the determination to avoid making annual resolutions in the future.

My aged Uncle Mort also sneers at the many absurdities committed by millions of people each year. Most resolutions are broken quickly, the majority before the arrival of January 31....

"I'll follow my usual protocol, committing to maintain an exercise regimen for yet another year," he claimed.

Regrettably, I failed to change the subject, so he rambled on about muscle development in his fingers, wrist and arm. Unthinkingly, I then asked him why he's limiting attention to a small part of his body.

"Glad you asked, Nephew," he chortled. "Merely lifting my cup of coffee every morning requires 14 muscles in these appendages. So, if I want to double my exercise, I have a second cup of coffee. Then, if there's a cup left in the pot for the afternoon, I may even have three exercise sessions."....

Good measure, pressed down, Mort and I are blessed by our occasional phone conversations, and we do have much in common.

For example, we both hope for the best in conversations with others, but often grow weary of hearing about what most folks are falsely promising. At this time of year, we yawn at boasts made

by a few folks who reach the top of their resolution ladder and the wails of others stumbling in efforts to reach the second rung.

Ending his comments, Mort said he doesn't want others to think that his exercise is limited to lifting coffee cups. "I never jog, but get full-body exercise serving as a pallbearer for my friends who jog."....

A segue is welcome, so let's change the subject. How about considering the ups and downs of the coaching carousel?

The most prominent these days is the search owner Jerry Jones has mounted to find the Cowboys' tenth coach during his almost 40 years of ownership. He's likely to milk the media cow dry, and speculation is wild, ranging from the sublime to the ridiculous. My only observation is that fans who are most vocal about his insistence to remain general manager could just as well spend their time whistling toward the fiercest wind ever blown in from the north....

Metropol observations of fans from Ohio State University for the NCAA semi-final game against the University of Texas at AT&T Stadium included high marks for their friendly comportment.

Cynics, however, say that their friendliness came easy for them, since they seemed certain that they were going



the idle american by don newbury

to take the measure of UT. (Though the Longhorns had a chance to tie or go ahead toward game's end, even UT fans generally agree that the Buckeyes deserved to win.)

Laughing among themselves that schools, government offices and several other entities shut down during what they considered mild winter weather, the Ohioans even offered to drive UT fans to and from the game. (I don't know the stats about how many such offers were actually made, or how many accepted.)....

I do wish to make one observation to begin the new year, and that's my appreciation for Texas Monthly, a magazine like none other. Featuring great writing, it artfully combines current news topics with you're-not-going-to-believe-stories of both the unusual and unknown.

At this writing, I'll deal with the latter, admitting that had I learned in time, I would have been sure to glance skyward at least once during the two recent weeks to see a new comet discovered in April of 2024. Called Comet ATLAS (C/2024 G3), it'll surely miss my gaze when it next appears.

Texas Monthly claims that it is visible to the naked eye every 80,000 years....

Dr. Newbury, longtime university president, continues to speak and write. The Idle American, begun in 2003, is one of the longest-running syndicated columns. Contact: 817-447-3872. Email: newbury@speakerdoc.com. Website: www.speakerdoc.com.

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Obituaries

Bonacci

In loving memory of Betty Speed Bonacci who passed on January 12, 2025. She passed at home and was surrounded by family when she left us to be with our Lord and Savior.



Bonacci

Anyone who knew Mom, Nana, Grandma 'Nacci, or Betty knew her family was very important to her. One of her favorite things was to

cook and host big family dinners. She was our family glue. She was loved and we were blessed to have her on this earth for 90 years.

Betty was the daughter of Ed & Bertie Speed. Betty is survived by her son, Don White and wife Liz, her daughter Carol Bonacci Sandusky and husband Norman and her grandchildren Chooch & Megan White, Norman & Brandy Sandusky, Brandi & Mark Lamzik, Jennifer Sandusky, James White, Travis White, Leidy & Remberto Jaramillo, Maryury Abonia, and her great grandchildren Xander White, Sydney White, Dylan Sandusky, Miguel Jaramillo, Will Sandusky, Juan Jaramillo, Victoria Jaramillo and Renata Abonia.

A graveside service will be held

in Clarendon at Citizen's Cemetery on Friday, January 24, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.

A celebration of her life will be held at Moore's Southlawn Chapel, 9350 E 51st St. Tulsa, Oklahoma on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

A virtual service for friends/family can watch live or see the recording later on Mom's obituary page at www.moorefuneral.com. The service should go live just before 5:00 p.m., Wednesday 22, 2025. Following the service, the service video will be uploaded to the website.

Betty was an amazing lady, she had a heart of gold and she will be missed so very much.

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ANSWER:



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting January 21, 2025, with Boss Lion Pro-Temp Brian Barboza in charge. We had seven members present, Sweetheart Lauren Ceniceros, and one guest Rita Gehman, guest of Lion Eric Gehman.

The club received updates about Mid-Winter Conference coming up in Amarillo on January 24-25 and the Valentine Bingo in February. Lion John Howard gave an update about the County, and Lion Brian Barboza gave an update about the City.



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3rd Grade: Bennett Chesser, Clarah Lewis, Cutter Gaither, Kinze Zongker, Kody Christopher, Madilynn Oliver, Mia Jaramillo, Rebekah Bains, Shaylee Hall
4th Grade: Addeley Snure, Cutter Ashbrook, Eliseo Olivias, Elliott Robertson, Logan Blanchard, Presley Lockhart, Strattan Burton
5th Grade: Asa Bains, Jase Conway, Jax Vanden Boogaard, Jensyn Lewis, Kensler Roberts
6th Grade: Cotton Halsey
7th Grade: Kassie Askew, Emma Christopher, Kennedy Gaither, Kase Zongker
8th Grade: Brance Bell, Charlie Neal
9th Grade: David Caudle, Madison Green, Kennedy Halsey, Addison Havens, Justus Meaneer, Josie Murillo, Flint Pittman, Makynna Williams
10th Grade: Hunter Caison, Shaun Childers, Zane Cruse, Kortni Davis, Elaina Estlack, Kendon Hanes, Kinslee Hatley, Parker Haynes, Marelli Mercado Vazquez, Hayden Moore, Dahlia Neal, Zakary Roberts
11th Grade: Rowdy Bebout, Tyler Bell, Madilyn Benson, Ayden Bordonaro, Shelby Christopher, Kashlyn Conkin, Ranger Drenth, Gracie Ellis, Elliot Frausto, Kenidee Hayes, Kaleb Mays, Millie Meaneer, Berkeley Moore, Sarah Shaw, Presley Smith
12th Grade: Joshua Allred, John Anderson, Lauren Ceniceros, Emily Clark, Shelbi Coles, Kennadie Cummins, Tandie Cummins, Hayden Elam, Hunter Emerson, Benjamin Estlack, Daniel Estlack, Grant Haynes, Riley Jantz, Zackery Lockhart-Mckinney, Mariana Mercado Vazquez, Maloree Wann, Bryce Williams, Chelsea Wright

'AB' Honor Roll

1st Grade: Daegan Hall, Darren Sternadel, Ian Word, Isabelle Hudson, Liam Wright, Maggie Ashbrook, Merce Arnold-Farmer, Miles Word, Owen King, River Smith, Sofia Blanchard, Tex Naylor, Wylie Kirby
2nd Grade: August Moffett, Axaylah Jaramillo, Braxton Henson, Hunter Williams, James Shelton, Josefina Alvey, Madalyn Roberson, Penelope Roberson, Tate Chase, Zuri Roark
3rd Grade: Alix Roberts, Carson Shields, Cohen Farris, Danlin Avila, Jett Hodge, Juliet Guerra, Landree Martinez, Omari Butler
4th Grade: Baylee Jones, Ian Weatherread, Weslynn Shields, Zachary Taylor
5th Grade: Brogan Baccus
6th Grade: Braxton Bruce, Kreedence Gaither, Jovanni Guerra, Hudson Thomas, Adlee Martinez Hazeley McClelland, Norah Stoy, Cameron Taylor, Alexis Underwood, Hunter Wann, Kimberly Williams
7th Grade: Kassie Askew, Linley Hogle, Tyler Smith
8th Grade: Brance Bell, Jaden Guerra, Charlie Neal, Rustin Wade
9th Grade: Markeal Anderson, Hadley Bebout, Madden Emerson, Jesslyn Guerra, Hudson Howard, Dakotah Jameson, Alexis Jantz, Landry King, Christian Matinez, Kelel Morrow, Kagan Robinson, Eliana Rodriguez, Sequoia Weather-ton, Skylar Williams, Tristen Ybarra
10th Grade: Kaitin Ehler, George Howard, Aiden Morris, Jayla Woodard
11th Grade: Joshua Blais, Dakota Bond, Mary Jo Dushay, Alexis Phillips, Megan Weatherread

12th Grade: Kaleb Bolin, James Coles, Ian Grant, Koltyn Shields, Erin Wagner, Gracie Wilkins

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6th Grade: Marleigh Bailey, Ajax Caudle, Kreedence Gaither, Raiden Hanna, Cameron Taylor, Alexis Underwood, Hunter Wann
7th Grade: Kassie Askew, Teagan Chesser, Jacob Curry, Kennadi Gaither, Rylan Taylor
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¿Qué Pasa? Community Calendar

January 23
Broncos Powerlifting @ Childress • 4:00 p.m.

January 24
Broncos & Lady Broncos v Wellington • Home • 6:30 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.

January 24
Hedley Owls & Lady Owls v Shamrock • Away • 6:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

January 24 & 25
Homestead • 7:30 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

January 26
Homestead • 2:00 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

January 30
Lady Broncos Powerlifting @ Childress • 4:00 p.m.

Menus Jan. 27 - 31

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Spaghetti/meatballs, garden salad, garlic toast, sliced peaches w/whipped cream, iced tea/2% milk.
Tues: Chicken teriyaki, long grain rice, stir fry veggies, whole wheat roll, butter cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Salisbury steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll, apple cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: King ranch chicken, ranch style beans, garden salad, tortilla, churros, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Pulled pork sandwiches, hoagie roll, French fries, coleslaw, melon, peanut butter, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Asian sweet chili pork, egg rolls, Chinese fried rice, ginger carrots, mandarin oranges, homemade sugar cookies, iced tea/2% milk.
Tues: Hamburger stew, brown rice, cucumber & onion salad, banana pudding cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Chicken fried steak w/ country gravy, cowboy mashed potatoes, California blend vegetables, buttered rice, apple crisp, whole wheat buttermilk biscuits, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Beef pot roast w/brown gravy, roasted carrots, potatoes, & onions, brown rice, monster cookies, whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Bacon cheeseburger on whole wheat bun, sweet potato fries, broccoli & raisin salad, strawberries & bananas w/ whipped topping, no bake cookies, iced tea/2% milk.

Clarendon CISD

Breakfast
Mon: Breakfast pizza, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Tues: Breakfast combo, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Wed: Breakfast pizza, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Thu: Breakfast cookie, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Fri: Breakfast burrito, hash-brown, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Country fried steak, gravy, roll, potatoes, okra, strawberries, fruit, milk.
Tues: Chicken fajitas, beans, carrots, salsa, hot cinnamon apples, sherbet, milk.
Wed: Chicken alfredo, breadstick, salad, green beans, peaches, milk.
Thu: Popcorn chicken, roll, corn, broccoli salad, apple slices, dessert, fruit, milk.
Fri: Pig in a blanket, potatoes, 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: Croissant ham & cheese, peaches, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Meat & cheese chalupas, beans, corn, salsa, orange, milk.
Tues: Chili cheese tochos, veggie cup, roll, strawberries & bananas, milk.
Wed: X-treme burritos, corn, cucumbers, rosy applesauce, cookie, milk.
Thu: Hamburger, chips, tomato cup, garden salad, pears, milk.
Fri: Pizza, carrots, squash, grapes, milk.

Appraisal district has updated property tax information

Updated property tax information has been compiled by the Donley Appraisal District and is available

now to assist taxpayers. This property tax information is current and covers a wide range of topics, such

as taxpayer remedies, exemptions, and appraisals, and has information for select groups, such as disabled veterans and those age 65 or older.

“Whether you are a homeowner, business owner, disabled veteran or other property owner, it’s important to know your rights concerning property tax laws,” said Paula Lowrie, Chief Appraiser of the Donley Appraisal District. “Contact us with your questions and we’ll provide you the most complete, accurate and up-to-date information available to assist you.”

• **Property Tax Exemptions for Disabled Veterans** – The law provides partial exemptions for any property owned by disabled veterans or surviving spouses and surviving children of deceased disabled veterans. Another partial exemption is for homesteads donated to disabled veterans by charitable organizations at no cost or not more than 50 percent of the good faith estimate of the homestead’s market value to the disabled veterans and their surviving spouses. The exemption amount is determined according to percentage of service-connected disability. The law also provides a 100 percent homestead exemption for 100 percent disabled veterans and their surviving spouses and surviving spouses of U.S. armed service members killed in the line of duty.

• **Homestead Exemptions** – A homestead is generally defined as the home and land used as the owner’s principal residence on January 1 of the tax year. A homestead exemption reduces the appraised value of the homestead and, as a result, lowers property taxes. Applications are submitted to the appraisal district office.

• **Productivity Appraisal** – Property owners who use land for agricultural purposes or wildlife management can be granted property tax relief on their land. You can file an application that may result in

a lower appraisal of the land based on production, versus market value.

• **Property Tax Exemptions** – Non-profit organizations that meet statutory requirements may seek property tax exemptions and must apply at the appraisal district by a specific date. Businesses that receive tax abatements granted by taxing units; ship inventory out of Texas that may be eligible for the freeport exemption; store certain goods in transit in warehouses that are moved within 175 days; construct, install or acquire pollution control property; own and operate energy storage systems; convert landfill-generated gas; or store offshore drilling equipment while not in use may also be eligible for statutory exemptions.

• **Rendering Taxable Property** – If a business owns tangible personal property that is used to produce income, the business must file a rendition with the appraisal district by April 15. Personal property includes inventory and equipment used by a business. Owners do not have to render exempt property such as church property or an agriculture producer’s equipment used for farming. Failure to render results in a penalty being applied to the tax bill.

• **Residence Homestead Tax Deferral** – Texas homeowners may postpone paying the currently delinquent property taxes due on the appreciating value of their homes by filing a tax deferral affidavit at their local county appraisal district. This tax relief allows homeowners to pay the property taxes on 105 percent of the preceding year’s appraised value of their homestead, plus the taxes on any new improvements to the homestead. The remaining taxes are postponed, but not canceled, with interest accruing at eight percent per year.

• **Property Tax Deferral for Persons Aged 65 or Older or Disabled or Disabled Veteran Homeowners** – Texans aged 65 or older or disabled, as defined by law, or who qualify for a disabled veteran exemption may postpone paying current and delinquent property taxes on their homes by signing a tax deferral affidavit. Once the affidavit is on file, taxes are deferred, but not canceled, as long as the owner continues to own and

live in the home. Interest continues to accrue at five percent per year on unpaid taxes. You may obtain a deferral affidavit at the appraisal district.

• **Appraisal Notices** – Taxpayers typically receive a notice of appraised value from the appraisal district in the spring. The notice should be reviewed carefully; it contains important information about the property record. Once notices are mailed, the updated information is available at <http://www.donleycad.org>. The city, county, school districts and other local taxing units will use the appraisal district’s value to set property taxes for the coming year.

• **Protesting Property Appraisal Values** – Property owners who disagree with the appraisal district’s appraisal of their property for local taxes or for any other action that adversely affects them may protest their property value to the Donley Appraisal Review Board (ARB). The normal deadline to file a protest is May 15.

• **Property Taxpayer Remedies** – This comptroller publication explains in detail how to protest a property appraisal, what issues the county appraisal review board (ARB) can consider, and what to expect during a protest hearing. The publication also discusses the options of taking a taxpayer’s case to the district court, the State Office of Administrative Hearings, or binding arbitration if the taxpayer is dissatisfied with the outcome of the ARB hearing. You can find it at comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/.

• **Notice of Availability of Electronic Communication** – Chief appraisers and ARBs may communicate electronically through email or other media with property owners or their designated representatives. Written agreements are required for notices and other documents to be delivered electronically instead of mailing.

To learn more, visit <http://www.donleycad.org>. Information is also available on the Comptroller’s Property Tax Assistance Division’s website at comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/. The Donley Appraisal District can be reached by phone at 806-874-2744.

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Taylee Ehlert dribbles the ball for the Lady Owls last week against Groom. COURTESY PHOTO



Paeton Glover shoots for the Owls last week. COURTESY PHOTO

Lady Bronco JV splits games last week

The Lady Bronco junior varsity rolled Wheeler at home last week at 47-13 and were narrowly defeated by Panhandle 31-40.

The ladies were strong against the Lady Mustangs and had three players finish in double figures. They were able to run their offense as they had planned and worked the floor on the defensive end. They were able to shut down everything Wheeler tried and capitalize on turnovers.

Cambree Smith put in 15 points with two three-pointers and three of four from the bonus line, and Kinslee Hatley added one three-pointer to her 11-point total. Jayla Woodard had two big shots as well and finished the night with 10 points. Addy Havens had a good night with eight that included 100 percent from the bonus line, and Sequoia Weatherthorn added two.

The Lady Broncos fell short against the Panhandle Pantherettes on the road on Tuesday night. They struggled to find their rhythm in the first half of play and allowed their opponent to get an 11-point lead on them at the break. They were able to make up some ground in the final quarter of play, but time got away from them.

Smith put in 15 and Woodard finished with 14. Smith put in one three-pointer and shot 66 percent from the free throw line, while Woodard had two big shot and went an impressive six for six for the bonus.

Havens added two points to the scoreboard for the Lady Broncos.

They will play Wellington at home on January 24 and go to Highland Park January 28 and play at 4:00 p.m.

Colts play in Childress Tournament

The Clarendon Colts participated in the Childress Basketball tournament and took on Iowa Park in the first round and only lost by three points at 37-40.

Things began slow for the Colts in the first half of play, but they turned things around after the break. They were able to put up a strong defense to hold their opponent off the scoreboard.

Offensively, the Colts stepped up their game and began to put points on the board but it was not enough to get the win.

Tyler Smith led the way with 12 and Brance Bell had eight. Brentley Gaines finished with seven, Jacquan Weatherthorn put in six, and Braxton Gribble had four.

Things were much better for the Colts in the second round against Haskell and they got the big win at 45-24. They were able to play as a

team and executed their offense to allow several players to put points on the board. Their defense was solid and they were able to keep control of their opponent's offensive attack.

Smith put in nine points to lead the Colts and Gribble and Bell helped with seven points each. Gaines and Weatherthorn finished with six, and Rustin Wade and Wyatt Devenney added four apiece.

Earlier in the week, the Colts traveled to Boys Ranch and turned up the heat to get the 54-29 win.

They were able to take the early lead and never look back. They handed Boys Ranch way more than they could handle in the win. Weatherthorn led the way with 17 and Gribble added 11. Bell put in eight and Paxton English helped with six. Wade put in four and Smith had two.

They will play at Wheeler on January 27 at 5:00 p.m.

Club members work on quilt

By Gay Cole

The Golden Needles Quilting Club met January 16 at the Donley County Senior Citizens Center and worked on a patriotic quilt.

Those in attendance were Dortha Reynolds, Allene Leathers, Frances Smith, Louella Slater, Annis Stavenhagen, and Gay Cole.

The club's next meeting will be on February 20 at 9 a.m. at the senior center. The club invites you to join them for visiting, quilting, and lunch. We would love to have you!

Bronco JV falls to Panhandle

The Bronco junior varsity played hard against the Panhandle Panthers last week but came up short at 19-54.

Panhandle was strong on both sides of the court and out sized the Broncos. A slow start hindered the Broncos as they fell behind early and struggled to catch up.

The Broncos stayed in the fight, and Hudson Howard was able to drop two three-pointers while the team shot 5 50 percent from the free throw line.

Howard finished with eight, and Bryce Wagner and Aiden Morris put in four each. Dakota Bond finished with two, and Ronan Howard added one.

The Broncos will play Wellington at home on Friday, January 24, at 5:00 p.m. and travel to Highland Park on January 28.

Lady Colts fall short in Childress

The Lady Colts went up against Childress in the Cats' home tournament opening round and were defeated 9-52. No results were available for this game.

They took on Panhandle in the second round and lost 8-47. The Lady Colts got off to a slow start against the Pantherettes and fell behind early. They continued to play hard but could not get anything to fall. Panhandle was able to get the points they needed of offense and make stops on defense.

The scoring was spread out between four girls who each put in two points. Journey Morris was perfect at the bonus line for two, and Gaither, Hagel, and Bruce also helped.

The Lady Colts will Wheeler at home on January 27 beginning at 5:00 p.m.

CC teams compete during break

Clarendon College's meats and livestock judging teams stayed busy during the semester break with 19 students participating.

The Meats Team attended the Southwest Invitational and was awarded first place out of seven colleges. Barbara Martin was High Individual, and Brady Hoffman was Second High Individual.

At the National Western Stock Show the Meats Team was fourth out of 12 teams. Barbara Martin was named seventh High Individual, and Brady Hoffman was named 10th High Individual.

The Livestock Team attended the Cattlemen's Beef Congress and was fifth out of 22 teams in Sheep and Goats. At the National Western Stock Show the carload team was eighth out of 30 teams.

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- Expression of blame
- Vast ocean
- Comedienne Gastereyer
- Multiply
- Meat from a pig (French)
- Related
- Rocker Stewart
- Surprise completely
- Loon
- Canister
- Large, deep-bodied fish
- Takes forcefully
- Oil cartel
- Palmer and Hepburn are two
- More than one
- Places down purposefully
- Pitching statistic
- Type of sword
- Witnesses
- Body part
- Mixes slowly
- Satisfy
- Strong belief
- One's physique (slang)
- More frightening
- Soup cracker
- Teaches
- One who carries something
58. Actor Sean
- Changes

CLUES DOWN

- Aires, city
- Coarse grass
- Type of gene
- Door handle
- Competition
- Muslim ruler title
- Hunting expeditions
- Large mollusk
- Bind securely
- Former U.S. presidential candidate
- 2-point plays in football
- Breezed through
- Type setting
- Felt for
- Codified rules
- Small dome
- Chevrotain
- Male reproductive gland
- Controversial beliefs
- Z Z Z
- One who confines another
- Bishop
- Garlands
- Bird that flies by the coast
- Optical device
- Greek goddess of discord
- Some are "Rolling"
- Formerly (archaic)
- Thrust a knife into
- German river
- Atomic #26
- Make a grotesque face
- Primordial matter of the universe
- Chinese philosophical principle



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WED.: 7 P.M.

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Broncos stay solid in win over Wheeler

By Sandy Anderberg
The Broncos were able to squeeze out Wheeler at home last Friday defeating them 62-48.

A solid start allowed the Broncos to gain the momentum they needed to put points on the board and stay ahead of the Mustangs. The Broncos were able to grab a good lead in the first half of play and out play Wheeler the entire game.

Clarendon was able to take an 11-point lead at the break thanks to four huge three-pointers from Caleb Herbert and then turn it into a 21-point lead in a solid third quarter. Michael Randall and Mason Sims were able to put eight and seven points respectively on the board in the third eight minutes to make a big statement to their mustangs. Randall hit two big shots from the arc, and Sims was strong inside.

Defensively, the Broncos were hitting on all cylinders as they had 12 steals and four blocks in the game. Overall, the Broncos had 38 rebounds in the game with Sims grabbing 13 to add to his 16 points for a double-double.

Randall also put in 16 points, and Herbert finished with 15 that included four three-pointers and hitting half of his free throws. Kaleb Bolin helped with eight, Colton Caudle had four, and John Weather-ton hit one three in the game. Tyler Bell had one rebound and one steal in the win.

Things did not go the Broncos' way against Panhandle last week, and they were narrowly defeated at 32-41. The Broncos played hard but could not get anything to fall. They never gave up and stayed in the fight.

Bolin put in 14 to lead the team on the scoreboard, Randall and Sims had eight each, and Caudle put in five.

The Broncos will take on Wellington at home on Friday and will play at Highland Park on January 28 beginning at 8:00 p.m.



Caleb Herbert goes up for a jump shot last week at home. ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ROGER ESTLACK



Kaleb Bolin looks for a pass last week against the Mustangs. ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ROGER ESTLACK



Hayden Elam dribbles towards the goal last week against Wheeler. ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ROGER ESTLACK



Kennadie Cummins fights for a shot last week at home against Wheeler. ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ROGER ESTLACK

Lady Broncos rout Wheeler

By Sandy Anderberg
The Lady Broncos had no problem on the court against the Wheeler Lady Mustangs and took an 84-20 win at home last Friday night.

From the tip-off, the Lady Broncos had the game under control and scored at will against the Lady Mustangs. Their aggressive defense stand allowed them to create several turnovers and score big points on their steals. Wheeler was never in the game due to the Lady Broncos' strong play on both ends of the court.

Kashlyn Conkin led all scorers and pumped in six three-pointers to finish with 20, and Kate Shaw's hard work in the paint paid off with 14 points and two out of three bonus points. Kenidee Hayes played well and posted 13 points and Kennadie Cummins came in with 10 and was 100 percent from the free throw line.

Madi Benson and Berkley Moore helped with seven points each, Tandie Cummins had five, and Hayden Elam and Gracie Ellis added four apiece.

Earlier in the week, the Lady Broncos took on number two ranked Panhandle and were defeated 26-53. Things did not go the way the ladies wanted and shots would not fall. The Pantherettes did everything right and held the Lady Broncos at bay. Shaw led the way with 14 that included one from the arc, and 75 percent from the free throw line. Hayes and Elam had five each and T. Cummins put in two.

The Lady Broncos are nearing the end of regular season play and will play Wellington at home January 24. They will travel to Highland Park January 28 with games beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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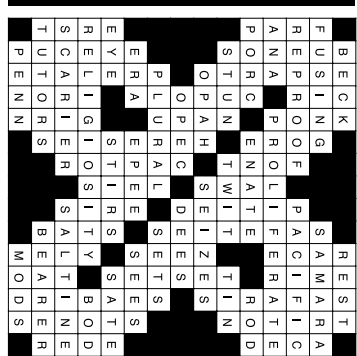
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PUBLIC NOTICE
The City of Howardwick will be accepting sealed bids for all current properties being held in trust by all taxing entities for Howardwick and City owned lots starting, Monday, February 24, 2025. Sealed bids must be turned into City Hall by 12:00pm, Thursday, March 13, 2025.

Bidding will be open to current residents and property owners in Howardwick, Texas. No bid will be accepted if the bidder owes delinquent taxes in Howardwick or Donley County, owes any unpaid fines or fees to the City of Howardwick and/or Donley County or owns property in the City of Howardwick that is subject to existing penalties for codes enforcement.

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Please place bid for each property in separate sealed envelope. No money will be due at the time of placing your bid(s). On the front of the envelope(s) put your name and property parcel number you are bidding on. Submit bid to Howardwick City Hall, 245 Rick Husband Blvd, Howardwick, Texas 79226. The highest bidders will be notified by 4pm on Thursday, March 13, 2025. If you are the highest bidder you will need two separate money orders or cashiers checks, \$150.00 fee made out to TCG will be due for the deed recording and the amount of the bid made out to the The City of Howardwick. You will have 6 days to provide payment. If payment is not received by March 19, 2025 at 4 pm you will be disqualified from obtaining the property in this cycle and will not be eligible to bid in the next round. You may request a bid form from the City Secretary along with a list of properties or you can go to the city website at cityofhowardwick.com. A map showing each property available is posted at City Hall. We recommend you check zoning for properties you are considering. The participating governmental entities reserve the right to reject or accept any bid for any reason.

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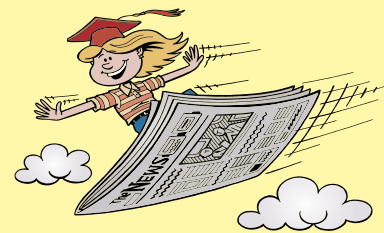
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Celebrating the Chinese New Year!

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The Chinese calendar has 12 animals, each standing for one year. This year is the year of the water snake. Read about people born in the year of the snake below, then fill in the puzzle:

A person born in the year of the snake:

- has a lot of knowledge, is very _____
- is loving and warm toward family
- doesn't like much noise, enjoys _____
- likes to _____ hard and expects good pay
- is _____, moves smoothly and beautifully
- doesn't share much about himself with others
- likes to be organized, makes _____
- likes to have lots of nice _____
- _____ things through, thoughtful
- can _____ staffs at work well
- knows from tales that a _____ in the house is good luck and the family will never be hungry
- doesn't like other people to be successful

Chinese New Year Celebration

The Year of the Snake

The Chinese New Year celebration is also known as "Spring Festival" in China. It will last for fifteen days. The seventh day is everyone's birthday — everyone celebrates turning one year older at the same time! The last day is marked by the Lantern Festival. People have fun making lanterns, then they hang them or carry them into the street where they may watch "dragons" dancing in parades.

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- Monkey (2016, 2028)
- Rooster (2017, 2029)
- Dog (2018, 2030)
- Pig or Boar (2007, 2019)
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- Tiger (2010, 2022)
- Rabbit (2011, 2023)
- Dragon (2012, 2024)

Veterans Land Board's increase home loan amount to \$806,500

Texas Land Commissioner and Veterans Land Board (VLB) Chairwoman Dawn Buckingham, M.D. has announced that the VLB has approved an increase for the VLB home loan amount from \$766,550 to \$806,500.

"Working to expand opportunities and support for Texans Veterans continues to be one of my priorities as VLB Chairwoman," said Commissioner Buckingham. "Purchasing a home is part of the American Dream, and being able to help our Veterans fulfill their dreams of homeownership while building strong families and reinforcing bonds with the communities they have so courageously served is just part of our mission. The VLB is honored to continue assisting Veterans through their home-buying journey, from qualifying to closing."

All qualifying Veterans will continue to receive a competitive interest rate and Veterans with a Vet-

erans Affairs (VA) service-connected disability rating of 30 percent or greater still qualify for a discounted interest rate.

Eligible Texas Veterans and Military Members can now apply for VA, Federal Housing Administration (FHA) or conventional financing using the Veterans Housing Assistance Program (VHAP) and a VLB participating lender.

Veterans who utilize VA-backed home-buying benefits along with VLB's home loan program may be eligible for a home loan with no down-payment and no private mortgage insurance (PMI). VHAP can be used to purchase a single-family attached or detached home, townhome, or condominium. Veterans can also use VHAP more than once.

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