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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.

Since the late 1940s, the Lions Hall has served as the club's home and has hosted several community activities along with family reunions and other private parties.

Tickets for the Valentine's Bingo are \$30. Seating is limited so sign-up early at the Enterprise or calling 806-662-4689.

### Conservation loans available from PGCD

The Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District (PGCD) has received an agricultural conservation loan from the Texas Water Development Board in the amount of \$1,000,000 to help local producers purchase center pivot sprinklers, drip irrigation systems, soil moisture probes and other water-saving equipment.

Applications are reviewed on a first come, first served basis. The current interest rate is 5.23 percent with an eight-year payback term. A loan checklist and application can be found at [www.pgcd.us/water-conservation-loans](http://www.pgcd.us/water-conservation-loans).

For questions or more information, contact Katie Hodges at the PGCD office at (806) 883-2501 or by email at [kh@pgcd.us](mailto:kh@pgcd.us).

### Chamber banquet to be held Feb. 27

Fancy masks and fun times will be in store at the 2025 Clarendon Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet Thursday, February 27, at the Bairfield Activity Center.

The awards to be given will be the Saints' Roost Award for a lifetime of service to the community and the Man and Woman of the Year, the Volunteer Organization of the Year, and Business of the Year in addition to recognitions for outstanding youth from Clarendon and Hedley.

Tickets are \$25 each and must be purchased in advance. For more information, contact the Visitor Center at 806-874-2421.



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### Bi-District Champions

The Clarendon Lady Broncos dominated the girls from Gruver Monday night at Amarillo High School to secure the 2025 Bi-District Title. The ladies will play New Home this Thursday at 6:30 at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview for the Area Championship. Top Photo: Clarendon's Kate Shaw goes up for two points Monday night in Amarillo.

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### Super Winner

Teresa Schollenbarger (left) receives more than \$1,000 in prizes from the Enterprise's Tara Allred Tuesday after she won the newspaper's annual Pigskin Predictions contest, beating out almost 40 other contestants. Thank you to everyone who entered the contest to our sponsors for making it possible.

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## Candidate deadline ends Friday

With the sign-up deadline coming up soon, it appears the City of Clarendon will be the only one out of six local governments that will be having an election this spring.

Clarendon had five people running for two positions Tuesday afternoon, while other local boards either only had enough candidates to fill the terms available or were still looking for candidates to sign up.

Clarendon has five positions available. Incumbent Aldermen Ashlee Estlack and Eulaine McIntosh are seeking re-election to two full terms and are being challenged by Jeremy Jeffers, Brittney Wolfe, and Richard Dzanko. As of Tuesday afternoon, no one had signed up to run for mayor or for either of the two unexpired terms that are also up on the council.

In Hedley, all three incumbent city aldermen have filed for re-election - Larry Ely, Tonya Gibson, and Jennifer Floyd.

Howardwick also has a full slate of candidates. 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, and Matt Moore has also filed for the other available alderman position.

Incumbents Michael Metcalf and Bruce Howard have signed up for the two positions on the Hedley CISD Board, but only incumbent Robin Ellis has filed for the three positions on the Clarendon CISD Board.

The Donley County Hospital District Board of Directors has had two of three incumbents up this year running so far. Rose Lemley - Place One and Cindy Shelton - Place Three are seeking re-election. No one has signed up for Place Two as of Tuesday.

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.

## Jackson bill exempts wildfire relief from tax

Congressman Ronny Jackson (TX-13) and Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) last week reintroduced the Wildfire Victim Tax Relief and Recovery Act. This legislation would exempt any income individuals received for fire relief from their overall tax burden, ensuring individuals and agricultural producers can focus on recovering from the wildfires that ravaged the Texas Panhandle last year.

Senator Ted Cruz sponsored a companion bill in the US Senate.

"The historic wildfires that tore through the Texas Panhandle last year have left a lasting mark on all the ranchers, families, and communities involved," Jackson said. "I'm honored to reintroduce this critical legislation and am committed to making sure those hit hardest by this catastrophic disaster can use the assistance they've received to rebuild their farms, ranches, and livelihoods, not pay the federal

government."  
"Last year, historic wildfires destroyed the Panhandle, taking the homes and livelihoods of thousands of Texans," Cruz said. "This bill will deliver much needed tax relief to support these communities in their ongoing recovery efforts. I urge my colleagues to pass this bill without delay."

Kent Bacus, Executive Director, National Cattlemen's Beef Association, said last year's wildfires highlighted the need for action.

"The Wildfire Victim Tax Relief and Recovery Act, introduced in the House and Senate, would allow taxpayers to exclude from gross income any disaster relief payments received from federally declared wildfires in Texas," Bacus said. NCBA thanks Senator Ted Cruz and Congressman Ronny Jackson for leading this measure and calls for swift congressional passage."

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# Constitution 101: Senate Qualifications

As our Founding Fathers were discussing the creation of the Senate, or upper house in Congress, they had to consider qualifications for members to hold such important positions. What they determined constitutes Article I, Section III, Clause III, of the Constitution or what is known as the Senate Qualification Clause. This clause reads, "No Person shall be a Senator who shall not have attained to the Age of thirty Years, and been nine Years a Citizen of the United States, and who shall not, when elected, be an Inhabitant of that State for which he shall be chosen."

Because of the added responsibilities of the Senate, the qualifications are increased from those of the House of Representatives. In the House, representatives only needed to be 25 years of age and live in the U.S. for seven years. Alexander Hamilton explained the difference between the two houses and why the Senate needed greater qualifications in Federalist No. 62, which reads, "The propriety of these distinctions is explained by the nature of the senatorial trust, which, requiring greater extent of information and stability of character, requires at the same time that the senator should have reached a period of life most likely to supply these advantages."

To put it simply, with age comes wisdom. We see later in Section III, the Senate has many more duties than the House including conformation of Cabinet positions and judges. Our Founders wanted more mature men to hold these positions – men who had reached the ripe, old age of 30. How many of you are suddenly feeling old?

When considering length of citizenship, our Founders considered the Senate's role in foreign policy, especially the ratification of treaties with foreign nations. They wanted to ensure senators had completely embraced American ideals and given up old connections. Again, Hamilton in Federalist No. 62 wrote, "participating immediately in transactions with foreign nations, ought to be exercised by none who are not thoroughly weaned from the prepossessions and habits incident to foreign birth and education."

There were some, especially among the immigrants like Pennsylvania delegate James Wilson, who felt a lengthy citizenship requirement would preclude qualified individuals. In all there were seven foreign-born delegates, and ones like Wilson felt their careers had been hampered because of citizenship requirements. Yet others felt the citizenship length should be even longer.

Gov. Morris, a delegate from New York stated, "Foreigners will not learn our laws & Constitution under 14 yrs. – 7 yrs must be applied to learn to be a Shoe Maker – 14 at least are necessary to learn to be an Amer. Legislator."

In the end, Hamilton, who was one of the seven foreign-born, explained, "The term of nine years appears to be a prudent mediocrity between a total exclusion of adopted citizens, whose merits and talents may claim a share in the public confidence, and an indiscriminate and hasty admission of them, which might create a channel for foreign influence on the national councils."

Finally, a senator must live in the state in which they are elected. Interestingly, with the age and Inhabitant requirement, the Constitution does not say when those requirements must be met. That would not be determined until over a century later in 1935. In that year Rush Holt defeated the incumbent Sen. Henry D. Hatfield of West Virginia. Hatfield challenged Holt's election because he was only 29 at the time of the election and would not turn 30 until July the following year. By the time the Senate rules took up the challenge, Holt had turned 30 and they upheld his election because he had not presented himself to the Senate and took his oath until his 30th birthday. With this decision, the Senate set the rule that senators must reach the age of 30 before they take their seat – not before the election. Later the same logic was applied to the inhabitant rule. A senator must live in the state before he takes his seat, not before.

Though not specifically discussed in this clause, it should be mentioned that future judicial action eliminated Congress or state legislatures' ability to add any requirement to run for the Senate. Our Framers knew this could be used to deny possible future congressmen. Federalist No. 52 stated, "Under these reasonable limitations, the door of this part of the federal government is open to merit of every description, whether native or adoptive, whether young or old, and without regard to poverty or wealth, or to any particular profession of religious faith."

While this was mostly just understood, there were a few examples of Congress imposing new requirements, mostly after the Civil War when new southern congressmen were denied their seats. However, in 1969, the Supreme Court made it official in *Powell v. McCormack*. In that case Rep. Adam Clayton Powell of New York was held in criminal contempt. After he won reelection, he was excluded from Congress on the grounds of his crime. The Court ruled that if he satisfied the requirements in Article I, then Congress could not add further requirements, including criminal records.

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**historically speaking**  
by dr. james finck

# Nelson Lee's magic watch saved his life

In 1855 just six years after the discovery of gold in California, William Aikens conceived the idea of driving a herd of mules from Texas to California to sell to the miners. "We'll make thousands," Aikens claimed. Agreeing with the proposal, Nelson Lee shouted, "Let's go!"

On a purchasing trip to New Orleans before starting on the westward journey, Lee bought a watch—a large silver watch with an alarm that rang loud and long. With twenty-five hired hands, Lee and Aikens gathered a large herd of mules and started on their journey. Each morning at 3:30, the alarm in Lee's watch announced the start of a new day, and each day's march continued until noon.

All went well on the trail until the early morning of April 3 when the party was about 350 miles northwest of Eagle Pass.

Just before 3:30 in the morning Lee awoke to terrifying screams and saw that Comanches were in camp slaughtering and scalping the men. Lee, Aikens, and two others were forced to watch the massacre while four Comanches bound their hands and feet with buffalo thongs. As the slaughter came to an end, one of the Indians picked up Lee's bedroll and found the watch. As the four fascinated Indians examined the timepiece, the 3:30 alarm suddenly sounded, and the startled Indians almost jumped out of their skins. After two minutes the alarm ran down, and the Indians, no longer afraid, wanted Lee to make it sound again.

Thinking that his life might be saved if he could convince the Indians that he was a representative of the Sun God, Lee made peculiar gestures to the sky, and with untied hands he rewound the alarm and set it off again. The four Indians were convinced.

Taking Lee and the three other survivors of the massacre to their chief, the marauding Indians were sure that the Great Spirit would reward them. The chief, Big Wolf, demanded to see the "watch ceremony," whereupon he made Lee a co-resident in his own tent. Lee received favored treatment although forced to experience the additional trauma of witnessing the torture and murder of two of his companions. The Indians guarded Lee and his watch closely, and when Aikens finally managed to escape, Lee became the only surviving hostage. In response to repeated demands of the Indians, Lee repeated the watch ceremony over and over.

Lee continued to sleep in Big Wolf's tent until another Comanche chief, Spotted Leopard, showed up and witnessed the watch ceremony. Equally fascinated, Spotted Leopard bought Lee for the princely sum of 120 horses and three horse-loads of skins. Not as hospitable as Big Wolf had been, Spotted Leopard treated Lee rather cruelly, but



**vignettes**  
tales of the old west  
by george u. hubbard

as long as Lee could perform the watch ceremony, his life was spared.

Another trade took place when Chief Rolling Thunder learned about Lee. Preferring to pray to the Sun God rather than hunt buffalo, Rolling Thunder bought Lee. Lee became a favorite of Rolling Thunder who even provided a young and pretty squaw to be Lee's wife.

Lee's sojourn with the Comanches continued for three years, although he made several attempts during that time to escape. Every attempt was thwarted, however, until Rolling Thunder became too casual while he and Lee were riding to a powwow of chiefs. While the chief was off his horse and drinking water from a pond, Lee grabbed a tomahawk, split the chief's skull, and dashed away on the chief's horse. After wandering for fifty-six days, Lee finally encountered two Mexican traders who led him to civilization.

Lee's life had been a life of adventure. He had fought in the Blackhawk War, had served in the U.S. and the Texas navies, and had been a Texas Ranger before becoming a horse and mule trader. But after his three-year ordeal as a captive of the Comanches, Lee wanted no more adventure. After recuperating in Texas, Lee retired to his native New York, and he never again ventured out of its quiet solitude. His watch had saved his life, but he had no desire to experience anything else like the trauma and danger of his three years as a captive of the Comanches.



# Here's a quarter for your thoughts

Economists have suggested for years that we'd be better served if the US Mint ceased turning out pennies – the nation's lowest denominational coin. Though some 140 billion pennies remain in circulation – many in jars, under sofa cushions, on sidewalks or playgrounds – their demise will be gradual.

With cost-cutting the order of the day, why should we mint coins that cost three cents each to make?

Hoarders – I am told – are combing through garage sales, seeking piggy banks – long considered depositories for pennies – anticipating their becoming collectors' items. A clue is that at such sales, prices for piggy banks now are negotiated upwards....

The penny – introduced in 1793 – became "Lincolnesque" when "Honest Abe's" likeness was struck thereon in 1909, the 100th anniversary of his birth.

It's a sad prospect, really, but pennies don't buy much anymore. You'll need a pocketful to buy McDonald's coffee, and at Starbucks, take a wheelbarrow.

"Penny" will remain a cute girls' name, but it won't buy anyone else's thoughts that are now going for a quarter or more, and sometimes even price-less....

I – and likely a few million others – have stopped in our tracks for decades to claim grounded pennies. General disregard for their meager value – coupled with the exertion of bending over – have lessened the practice.

It's been several years since I've picked one up. Should I be tempted by a quarter, however, I may stick a wad of chewing gum on my cane for, uh "bend-

less retrieval."

If anyone is watching, I may use store-bought "stick-um"....

Pennies, long romanticized, have mobilized folks to embark on noble causes, promoting "one for all and all for one" projects.

Glenn Dromgoole, who spent more than 30 years in newspapering – mostly as editor of the Abilene Reporter News – is a recognized author, now having penned 35 books. This friend of almost 60 years wrote *The Power of a Penny* back in 1999.

His 35 books – several on best-seller lists – can't be put down once picked up, unlike mine, which can't be picked up when put down....

Years ago at an overnight East Texas speaking engagement, someone broke my car window, I assumed to access the case of books on the back seat.

He or she opened the case, took one copy and tossed it on the sidewalk near my motel room door.

Now that's a discerning reader right there....

One great "penny story" has been shared for decades in Snyder, TX, where a fidgety youngster attended church regularly.

Every Sunday, his mom refused to let him join the "march to the penny jar" at the altar.

That's where children – largely



**the idle american**  
by don newbury

pre-schoolers – dropped pennies for missionaries on Sundays nearest their birthdays....

The youngster was barely three years old when he first noticed the practice. Several months away from his fourth birthday, he squirmed each Sunday to participate, his eligibility be hanged.

Finally, his fourth birthday Sunday arrived, and his mother set him free to take his four pennies to the altar.

Racing forward, he rang the rafters with an unlikely and "unchurchy" expression: "Hi yo, Silver, here I come!"....

Had Dromgoole come across the Snyder story when he wrote about pennies, I'm sure he would have "scooped" me. But this one time, I am first, as far as I know.

The *Power of a Penny*, by the way, is still available, prominently displayed at the Texas Star Trading Company in Abilene. Multiple copies sold last year, and it'll likely continue to be offered for years to come.

After all, Dromgoole and his wife, Carol, have run the business for 20 years and still accept coins – even buckets of pennies – as legal tender. If Glenn is minding the store, he'll offer a plethora of thoughts at no charge. Come to think of it, he may offer you a penny or two for yours....

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](mailto:newbury@speakerdoc.com). Website: [www.speakerdoc.com](http://www.speakerdoc.com).

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Taylor Ehlert goes for the ball against White Deer last week.

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Takoda Edwards gets by a White Deer defender during last week's Hedley varsity game.

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Hedley Cheerleader Javier Valles catches some air during last week's game with White Deer.

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- February 13**  
Broncos Powerlifting @ Childress • 4:00 p.m.
- February 14**  
Valentine's Day
- February 15**  
Clarendon Lions Club Valentine's Bingo • Lions Hall • 5:30 p.m.
- February 17**  
Presidents' Day
- February 17**  
Broncos Baseball v Sanford-Fritch • 4:30 p.m.
- February 20**  
Broncos Powerlifting @ Childress • 4:00 p.m.
- February 27**  
Clarendon Chamber Banquet Bairfield Activity Center • 6:00 p.m..

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**Menus**  
Feb. 17 - 21

**Donley County Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Baked chicken & dumplings, peas & carrots, garden salad, strawberry shortcake, iced tea/2% milk.  
Tues: Chicken fried steak w/ country gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, whole wheat roll, cherry/pineapple crisp, iced tea/2% milk.  
Wed: Beef stew, garden salad, cornbread, fruit cup, iced tea/2% milk.  
Thurs: Sweet & sour chicken, long grain rice, stir fry veggies/peas, whole wheat roll, chocolate pudding w/whipped topping, iced tea/2% milk.  
Fri: Polish sausage, cabbage, mashed potatoes, whole wheat roll, black forest parfait, iced tea/2% milk.

**Hedley Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Ham & beans, oven roasted parmesan potatoes, seasoned greens, fruit salad, ginger molasses cookies, cornbread, iced tea/2% milk.  
Tues: Cheesy ham & hashbrown casserole, buttered peas & carrots, black forest cake, whole wheat buttermilk biscuits, iced tea/2% milk.  
Wed: Chicken fried steak w/ country gravy, cowboy mashed potatoes, California blend vegetables, oatmeal cookies, whole wheat buttermilk biscuits, iced tea/2% milk.  
Thurs: Beef pot roast w/gravy, baked potato, spinach & mushrooms, fruit cobbler, whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.  
Fri: Beef, bean, & cheese burrito, tortilla chips, mixed greens salad, strawberries & peaches, Mexican brownie, iced tea/2% milk.

**Clarendon CISD**  
Breakfast  
Mon: No School  
Tues: Dutch waffles, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.  
Wed: Biscuit, gravy, scrambled eggs, bacon, fruit, fruit juice, milk.  
Thu: Pancake wrap, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk.  
Fri: Cinnamon roll, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch  
Mon: No School  
Tues: Quesadilla, salsa, beans, cucumbers, ice cream cup, fruit, milk.  
Wed: Crispy chicken sandwich, veggie cup, salad, fruit, milk.  
Thu: Breaded pork chop, gravy, roll. Broccoli, corn, fruit, milk.  
Fri: Pizza, carrots, green beans, dessert, fruit, milk.

**Hedley ISD**  
Breakfast  
Mon: No School  
Tues: Croissant ham & cheese, orange, fruit juice, milk.  
Wed: Donut holes, sausage, fruit juice, milk.  
Thu: Maple pancake & sausage sandwich, fruit juice, milk.  
Fri: Breakfast bagel, mixed fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch  
Mon: No School  
Tues: Tex-Mex, beans, carrots, salsa, hot cinnamon apples, sherbet, milk.  
Wed: Potato bowl, roll, tomato cup, snowball salad, milk.  
Thu: Popcorn chicken, roll, corn, broccoli salad, apples, milk.  
Fri: Pizza, garden salad, green beans, peaches, milk.



**Senior night**  
Javier Valles, Malorie Collins, Kyler Booth, and Billy Curry during Hedleys senior night last week.

**Blood center issues urgent appeal**

A severe blood shortage is impacting the community, and Coffee Memorial Blood Center needs your help. Recent illness outbreaks have removed the ill and their caregivers from the donor pool. Preemptive school closures and corporate and institutional drive cancellations are piling up due to impending severe weather.

Work from home precautions have removed donors from their routine habits of giving blood. The net result is thousands of lost blood donation appointments. As a result, CMBC's ability to maintain a stable blood supply is critically strained. With a storm approaching, we are suffering disruptions at a time when the blood safety net is already weakened. Immediate community support is essential to support vital medical care.

Compounding this challenge, blood centers nationwide are struggling. Typically, in times of emergency, other blood centers could be relied on to help each other with the blood supply. However, with widespread illness and technical disruptions affecting one of the largest blood centers in the US, many other centers had to divert their reserve, sharable supplies to assist, leaving the national blood inventory severely drained. Without this safety buffer, we must rely on our local community to ensure patients receive the lifesaving blood they desperately need on an every-day-without-fail basis, not just achieving collections success measured by week-to-week or monthly averages.

"The situation is dire," said Dr. John Armitage, president and CEO of Coffee Memorial Blood Center. "It's like discovering your pantry is empty just when you need to prepare a meal—except the stores are closed, and the shelves are bare. We must act now to replenish the supply before things become a lot worse than a missed lunch or dinner."

The urgency is further intensified by one of the most severe flu seasons in 15 years. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), "one indicator of flu activity is the percentage of doctor's office visits driven by flu-like symptoms. Two weeks ago, that number was clearly higher than the peak of any winter flu season since 2009-2010, when a swine flu epidemic hit the nation." This widespread illness has directly impacted donor turnout for many weeks now, making blood donations more critical than ever.

Blood donations are essential for cancer patients, trauma victims, burn survivors, mothers giving birth and others facing life-threatening conditions. Right now, demand is high while donations are declining, leaving hospitals with dangerously low supplies. Every donation can mean the difference between life and death.

We urge all eligible donors to make an appointment today. Your donation is a direct lifeline for those in need. Visit [www.obl.org/appeal](http://www.obl.org/appeal) to schedule your lifesaving donation now.

Anyone who is healthy and 16 years old\* or older can give blood. Donation typically takes only about an hour, and one donation saves up to three lives. Appointments to donate can be made online at [obl.org](http://obl.org) or by calling 877-340-8777. Walk-ins are also welcome.

**Jackson bill to boost Sheppard air base**

Representative Ronny Jackson (TX-13) last week introduced the Advancing Innovation and Maintenance through Headquarters for Instruction, Growth, and High-Tech Training Act, or the AIM HIGH Act.

This legislation would require the United States Air Force to establish a Technical Training Center of Excellence to drive technical training innovation and establish the highest standard of excellence for the next generation of airmen.

Due to Sheppard Air Force Base's incomparable technical training expertise, it should be well-positioned for designation as the Center of Excellence, establishing it as the leading hub for cutting-edge training and innovation now and in the future. Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) has introduced a companion bill in the U.S. Senate.

"Sheppard Air Force Base is vital to the continued success of Texas' Thirteenth Congressional District and the national security of our great nation," said Rep. Ronny Jackson. "As a Member of the House Armed Services Committee, advocating for Sheppard's growth has been one of my top priorities. This legislation aims to elevate critical support functions within our military. By establishing a Technical Training Center of Excellence, we will create new opportunities for the next generation of airmen while ensuring our Air Force remains at the forefront of technical training innovation. I'm proud to work alongside my friend, Senator Cruz, in advocating for this crucial initiative and will continue to push for its inclusion in this year's National Defense Authorization Act."

"America's military strength depends on the skill and readiness of our servicemembers. Providing them with the best training centers and equipment is of the utmost importance," said Sen. Ted Cruz. "The AIM HIGH Act will establish Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas, as the nation's center of excellence for cutting-edge technological education, ensuring the U.S. Air Force remains the world's most advanced and capable fighting force."

**Comptroller observes National Unclaimed Property Day**

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar joined other unclaimed property administrators to celebrate the fourth annual national Unclaimed Property Day, Feb. 1.

"I am proud to have returned more than \$3 billion to Texans since becoming Comptroller, including a record \$422 million last fiscal year," Hegar said. "These achievements are a testament to the hardworking folks in our Unclaimed Property Division. We are committed to finding new and innovative ways to improve efficiency and reunite more money with Texans in every corner of our great state. The money belongs to the people, and I encourage everyone to visit [ClaimItTexas.gov](http://ClaimItTexas.gov) to see if the state is holding some of their unclaimed property."

According to the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators, 1 in 7 people in the United States have unclaimed property. Unclaimed property includes things such as forgotten utility deposits or other refunds, insurance proceeds, payroll checks, cashier's checks, dividends, mineral royalties, dormant bank accounts and abandoned safe-deposit box contents. Businesses generally turn property over to the unclaimed property program after it has been considered dormant for one to five years.

The Comptroller's office has returned more than \$4 billion in unclaimed property to its owners since Texas' unclaimed property program began in 1962. The state is currently holding more than \$9 billion in cash and other valuables through the program.

There is generally no statute of limitations for unclaimed property the state holds, which means there's no time limit for owners to file a claim — they can do so at any time.

For more information, or to search for unclaimed property visit the Comptroller's unclaimed property website, [ClaimItTexas.gov](http://ClaimItTexas.gov). Texans are also encouraged to check [MissingMoney.com](http://MissingMoney.com) to search for property that may belong to them in other states.

**CCISD board meets**

The Clarendon CISD Board of Trustees met January 13 in regular session.

Following approval of the minutes and financials, administrative reports were presented by Elementary Principal Cynthia Bessent, CJH Principal Jenifer Pigg, Elementary Counselor Erin Shaw, Guidance Counselor Jenae Ashbrook, and Superintendent Jarod Bellar.

Prior to the regular meeting, the board met in special session, all present enjoyed a meal prepared by Christi Benson and served by her students in honor of Board Appreciation Month.

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# Obituaries

## Springer

Don Carroll Springer, 88, of Memphis went to be with the Lord on Thursday, February 6, 2025, in Childress.

Services will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, February 15, 2025, in the First Baptist Church in Memphis with Rev. Daniel Downey and Ronnie Shoffner, officiating. Burial will follow in Rowe Cemetery in Hedley, Texas.

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

Arrangements are under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Memphis.

Don was born September 30, 1936, in Hall County to George Ross and Julia May Alexander Springer. Don grew up in Hedley and attended school in Hedley. He married Letha Mae Moss in 1956, and she preceded him in death in 1974. He later married Patsy Reed in 1977 and she preceded him in death in 1991. Don married Sondie Collins in 1993 and she preceded him in death in 2021. Don was a farmer and rancher most of his life which was also his hobby. Don also worked as a funeral assistant for the Memphis Funeral Home for over 22 years where he provided professional, compassionate, and graciously cared for countless families throughout the years working for Cox, SCI, Hughs, Peppers, and most recently Robertson's. Don favorite pastime was quail hunting. Don believed in always serving others and giving back which he did through countless organizations through the years. He was a member of the Memphis Lions Club and a former member of the Hedley Lions Club. He also served on the ASCS Donley County board, Board of Directors of the Security State Bank in Hedley, and the Hedley school board. Don was a faithful member of First Baptist Church in Memphis where he served as a Deacon, Sunday School director, and served on many committees in the Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his wives.

He is survived by his son, Rick Springer and wife Carla of Childress; his daughters, LaMoss Lambert of Memphis and Robin Clouse

and husband Chris of Houston; his sister in law, Debbie Collins of Childress; 7 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family request memorials be sent to Rowe Cemetery Association / PO Box 213 / Hedley, TX 79237.

Sign the online guestbook at [www.robertsonfuneral.com](http://www.robertsonfuneral.com)

## Morrow

Dr. Joe Wayne Morrow passed on to his heavenly home peacefully on February 1, 2025, at the age of 72 in Nashville, Tennessee. A devoted husband, father, physician, and friend, Joe's life was defined by service-to his family, his patients, his faith, and his country.

Born on January 3, 1953, in Clarendon, Joe was the son of the late Ira Kenneth and Jeanne Marie Morrow. He grew up surrounded by a loving extended family, just blocks away from his grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. His early years were filled with adventure alongside his two brothers, Danny and John Earl, and he often recalled his time farming and hauling hay with John before pursuing his lifelong passion for medicine.

Joe began his medical career as a hospital corpsman in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam era, serving in the ICU at Charleston Naval Air Station Hospital in South Carolina. Following his service, he attended Texas Tech University and earned his BS in Chemistry from West Texas A&M University before obtaining his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from the University of North Texas Health Science Center in Fort Worth. Board-certified in Family Practice and Sports Medicine, he built a distinguished career spanning over 35 years, caring for countless patients in his private clinics and alongside partners. His skill in relieving back and neck pain was well known among his peers, and he was a respected leader in medical politics, serving on the Board of Directors for the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association.

In 1992, Joe married the joy of his life, Betty, and together they built a life centered on faith, family, and service. He was a devoted father to his sons, Joe, Nick, Jonathon, and William. He cherished attending

their athletic events, cheering on Joe's Clarendon Broncos, Nick's Tascosa Rebels, Jon's Southlake Royals, and also, of course, the Dallas Cowboys, and Tennessee Titans! His heart for ministry led him to support organizations such as Operation Blessing and People That Care, and he and Betty often opened their home to host Gateway life groups.

Joe had a larger-than-life presence-standing 6'5" with an athletic build, he was always ready for a challenge, whether it was a game of chess or a spontaneous skateboard contest. He was an avid reader and writer, a natural storyteller, and a mentor who encouraged young people to pursue their dreams. His love for the outdoors was evident in his passion for fishing, hunting, and traveling, and he never missed an opportunity to celebrate holidays with family and friends.

In his final years, Joe was a beloved resident of the Tennessee State Veterans Home in Murfreesboro, where he formed meaningful connections with the staff and fellow residents. His family extends their deepest gratitude to the dedicated medical teams at Vanderbuilt University Medical Center, Tennessee State Veterans Home, VA Medical Centers in Nashville & Murfreesboro, Ascension St. Thomas Hospitals in Murfreesboro and Nashville, Select Specialty Hospital, and Alive Hospice for their caring spirit and dependable excellence.

The family also wishes to extend their sincere gratitude to the Williamson County Veterans Service Office in Franklin, Tenn., for such great communication and consistent support over the last 3 years as well as The Fisher House for their great mission and kindness.

He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Betty, and his children: Joe Morrow (Tessa) of Claude; Nick Morrow (Bryna) of Fort Worth; Jonathon Cunningham (Kristen) of Fort Worth; and William Morrow of Fort Worth. He is also survived by his brothers, Danny Morrow (Terri) of Dallas, John Earl Morrow (Tammy) of Clarendon, and a host of grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

A celebration of Dr. Morrow's life will be held at Gateway Church in Southlake, Texas, on Tuesday, February 18 at 11:00 a.m., followed by a ceremony at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery at 3:15 p.m. to honor his military service.

He will be laid to rest in a private ceremony with his family in Clarendon.



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"It's an incredible honor to receive the 2024 Soteria Award," said Daniel Silva. "At Vision Computer Services, trust is the foundation of everything we do. This recognition is a testament to our team's dedication to empowering businesses with innovative technology and unparalleled customer service."

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Kennadie Cummins looks for an open player during the bi-district championship game Monday night.



Hayden Elam looks to the basket during the Lady Broncos' game with Gruver Monday night.

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## Lady Broncos grab Bi-District title

By Sandy Anderberg

The three-ball showed up big for the Lady Broncos in their 46-24 win over Gruver at Amarillo High Tuesday night with five huge shots from Kashlyn Conkin, Hayden Elam, Kennadie Cummins, and Tandie Cummins. Just as impressive was the inside work of Kate Shaw who poured in 16 points against a physical Gruver team.

The Lady Broncos have played great ball all season long with very few losses and Tuesday night's game was no different. Offensively, the Lady Broncos worked the ball around finding the open player and the hoop. Their movement on the floor is stellar and their ability to see the open player is spot on. They were able to gain the upper hand early in the first quarter and never look back. They doubled up on the Lady Hounds at halftime and were able

to keep up the momentum down the stretch. The ladies did not get to the free throw line a lot, but hit five of six shots with Kenidee Hayes hitting at 75 percent. Gruver went nine for nine at the free throw line.

Joining Shaw on the leaderboard was Hayden Elam who played a great game on both ends of the court and finished with nine points. Kashlyn Conkin nailed two three's and had eight and Kenidee Hayes put in five. Tandie and Kennadie Cummins added three each and Madi Benson put in two.

Head Coach Corey Conkin and assistant Kasey Bell have the Lady Broncos where they want them to be and the Bi-District win will give them the edge going into the Area round. "We are so proud of the girls and their defensive effort last night," Conkin said. Led by a trio of seniors and joined by six juniors, the

Lady Broncos are connected physically and mentally like a well-oiled machine. They can penetrate the middle or whip the ball back outside for the three. They are solid on defense and utilize the press to their advantage with their quickness and stamina. According to Conkin, that defensive effort made a big difference in the win over Gruver. "Holding a team to 23 points is a testament to their work ethic and the high caliber of defense they play! (This is the) first stepping stone, in what we hope is many big wins in store for this team."

The number 11 ranked Lady Broncos will play for the Area round Championship in Plainview at Wayland Baptist University Thursday, February 13 against a solid New Home team that is ranked right behind the Lady Broncos at number 12. Tip-off is at 6:30pm.

## Broncos' let the win slip away against the Panthers

By Sandy Anderberg

The Broncos took on the Panhandle Panthers at home last Friday night and gave them a run for their money. It was the second time the teams met this year, with the Panthers taking both wins.

The Broncos were in control of the game until the end of the third quarter when mistakes got the best of them. Panhandle went on to win the match-up 55-47 in a closer game than the score revealed.

The Broncos led by one point

after the first eight minutes, but turned it into five in a hard-fought first half. The Panthers came out with the edge after the break and 16 points to only 11 for the Broncos. Free throws were the difference in the game as the Panthers converted 15 of 18 and the Broncos made four of 11.

Panhandle also hit four big shots from the arc and the Broncos were off their three-point game finishing with only one.

Mason Sims was strong inside

once again and put in 18 points. He posted two of four from the bonus line. Michael Randall finished with 15 points and Kaleb Bolin added seven that included the lone three-pointer from the Broncos. John Weatheron converted of two from the free throw line and finished with five points, and Colton Caudle added four points in the game.

Despite the Broncos fought hard and never gave up and are preparing for post-season play which will begin next week.

## Bronco JV fall to Panhandle, 15-59

The Bronco junior varsity had their hands full at home against the Panthers last week and were defeated 12-59.

The Broncos played hard, but struggled to get passed Panhandle's full-court press that went on for most of the game. In past games, the Broncos have been able to use their speed and rebounding to get the upper edge on their opponents, but the Panther team was bigger and hindered their

offensive attack.

A slow shooting third quarter put the Broncos at a disadvantage and they struggled to recover the deficit.

Dakotah Jameson led the way with six, and Markael Anderson, Kendon Hanes, and Hunter Caison put in two points each. The Bronco junior varsity had a good season overall and will be strong again next season.

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## Colts finish strong against Memphis

Both Colt teams ended their season with a bang as they completely handled the Cyclones at home last Monday night. The seventh-grade team bested their opponent 55-5 and the eighth grade Colts blasted the Cyclones 81-8.

Memphis never put up a fight in either game and the quickness of both Colt teams quickly shut down everything they tried. Seventh-grader Wyatt Devenney was on fire and finished with 21 points that included two three-pointers and converting one of two free shots. Colton Henson played strong as well and pumped in 15 points in the match-up with one huge three-pointer.

Working solid inside, Kase Zongker helped with eight points and Teagan Chesser had the three-ball working in his team's favor with two big shots for six points. Trigg Harper helped with five points that included a three as well.

The eighth-grade Colts were unstoppable against the Cyclones and totally controlled every aspect of the game. They were able to put up 26 points in the second quarter after posting 20 in the first. Their defense was able to hold them to only four first half points and four second half points.

Brentley Gaines hit several big shots and finished with 26 points with two three-pointers. Braxton Gribble added three big shots and 24 points overall. Jacquan Weatheron joined the two with double figures with 11 points.

Paxton English and Tyler Smith added eight each and Rustin Wade and Brance Bell put in two points each.

Overall, both Colt teams had a great season and improved greatly.

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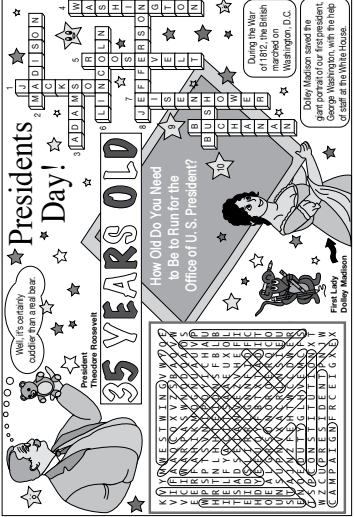
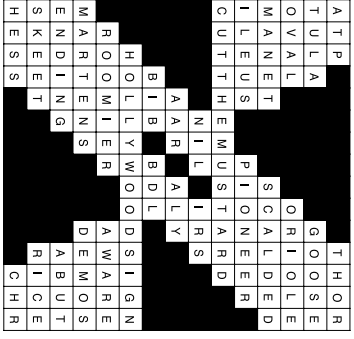
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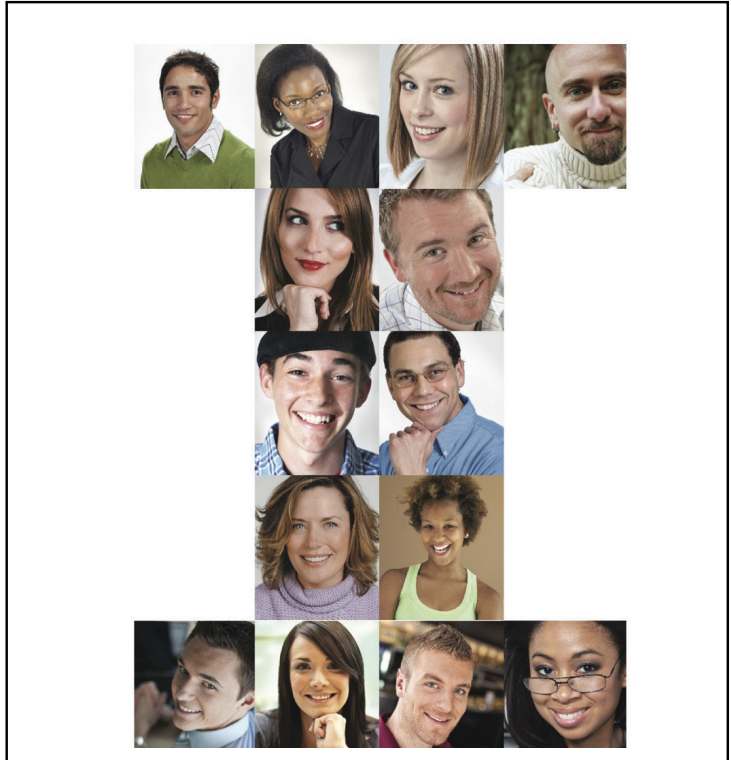
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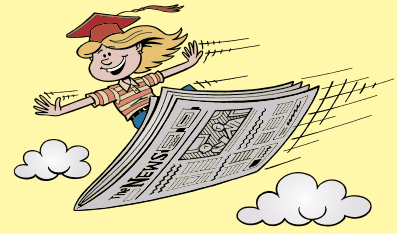
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Who was the first president of our country? Why *George Washington*, of course! *Abraham Lincoln* was our 16th president. How much do you know about the presidents? **Read each clue below and fill in the crossword with the last names of each president:**

1. During the American Revolution, as a child in South Carolina, this president was taken prisoner by the British. He was wounded by a sabre (sword) cut from a British officer when he refused to clean the officer's boots.

2. This president's wife, Dolley, saved a portrait of George Washington before the British attacked the city of Washington and burned the White House.

3. While this man was president, the government made Washington D.C. its new home. He and his wife were the first to live in the White House.

4. As a young soldier in battle, our nation's first president escaped uninjured even though his uniform had bullet holes in it and two horses were shot out from under him.

5. This president loved the outdoors. He even lived as a cowboy for a while. The much-loved toy, the teddy bear, is named after him.

6. This lawyer was known as "Honest Abe." When he was president, he declared that the slaves were to be freed.

7. This 5-star Army general was first president to travel in a nuclear-powered submarine.

8. This president drafted the Declaration of Independence. He felt strongly about each person's rights and freedoms.

9. This president never married. He invited his niece to the White House to be his hostess.

10. This Governor of Texas became president eight years after his father left the presidency. He owns a ranch where there are cows, dogs and cats.

Can you fill in the blanks to spell the names of these 4 U.S. presidents?

1. \_\_ osep\_\_ \_\_ iden  
2. \_\_ onald J. \_\_ rump  
3. \_\_ arack \_\_ bama  
4. \_\_ eorge W. \_\_ ush

During the War of 1812, the British marched on Washington, D.C. They burned the White House, and other buildings. They were only there about one day.

Dolley Madison saved the giant portrait of our first president, George Washington, with the help of staff at the White House.

Fill in the blanks to spell the names of these U.S. First Ladies?

1. Melania \_\_ rum\_\_  
2. \_\_ leonor \_\_ oosevelt

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## Texas beef herd grows slightly amid record prices

By Adam Russell

The Texas beef cattle herd grew slightly since January 2024, but the overall U.S. herd remains near its lowest numbers since 1961.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service experts expect several factors to continue working against a rebuild of the Texas beef cattle herd. The latest U.S. Department of Agriculture beef cattle inventory survey showed the U.S. herd had shrunk another 0.6 percent to 27.68 million head.

Texas' beef cattle herd grew by 60,000 head to 4.02 million over last year, according to the USDA report.

The historically strong beef cattle market, high input costs and longer-term concerns about drought have stymied a herd rebuild, said Jason Cleere, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension statewide beef cattle specialist, and David Anderson, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension livestock and food product economist, both in Bryan-College Station.

Anderson, professor in the Texas A&M Department of Agricultural Economics, said 400-500-pound calves averaged \$3.89 per pound in the Southern Plains market that includes North Texas and Oklahoma. That weight class of calf sold for \$3.29 per pound at the same time last year.

"That's outrageously high," he said. "But the lower cattle numbers mean the pressure is going to be on higher calf prices."

Cleere, associate professor in the Texas A&M Department of Animal Science, said even the salvage values for older cows and bulls is at record highs.

"From a rancher perspective, it's great to see a 2,000-pound bull selling as a packer for \$2,500-\$3,000," he said. "So, if salvage values and demand is so high, it's just another snapshot of how unprecedented the cattle market is."

Despite the unprecedented market, Cleere said producers are finding it more challenging to find profits due to higher input costs. Everything in ranching costs more than the previous price surge following the 2011 drought.

Cleere said inflation-adjusted prices for a 550-pound calf are lower than in 2013-2014 when ranchers were realizing better margins.

"Ranchers need these record-high prices because it costs more to raise that same 550-pound calf," he said.

Optimism among Texas ranchers is brimming, especially in areas of the state east of Interstate 35 historically known for forage and beef cattle production. Price outlooks are good, and consistent rainfall have set the stage for a strong spring green-up and flush of cool-season forages.

The flush of cool-season forages like ryegrass and legumes can pack pounds on spring calves and help cows recover for breeding, Cleere said.

Despite the good market and moisture outlooks, Cleere said Texas ranchers have not yet held back heifers above replacement percentages in ways that indicate a herd rebuild.

"The weather has been encouraging, and some ranchers may be thinking about keeping more heifers, but that has to hold," he said. "Ranchers have good memories, and they may be thinking about the next drought."

Cleere said many ranchers may also remember how drastically the beef cattle market dropped in 2016 after a rapid herd rebuild. Ranchers paid top dollar for replacement heifers with the expectation that prices would remain high or go higher. But prices fell, which meant losses at sale barns for the subsequent calves produced by those high-cost heifers.

After the 2012 drought, prices

for a 400-500-pound feeder steer peaked at \$3.17 per pound in May 2015, Anderson said. By December 2015 those steers brought \$1.97 per pound.

That cautious approach, higher input costs and long-term weather outlook for more drought for Texas will likely mean the state never reaches its previous herd numbers again, Cleere said. Land-use changes and fragmentation due to population growth are also taking ranches, forage production, pastures and rangeland out of Texas' beef cattle production system.

"You see it, even in rural areas, so the reality is, if you look back 10 years, we're not going to see those same cow/calf numbers that we once did," he said. "The only thing that would change that is if inputs like fertilizer were dirt cheap so ranchers could ramp up their stocking rates."

Despite the challenges, Cleere said Texas cattle ranchers should have good opportunities the next few years. He expects strong price trends to continue and recommends ranchers look for ways to reduce costs and increase profits.

Cleere said it could mean selling calves earlier or later depending on market prices and quality forage availability and/or focusing on cows' post calving body condition. Smart, timely investments in nutritional supplements or fertilizer applications can provide long-term benefits for operations.

"In this business we oftentimes say optimizing production is the better strategy than maximizing production, but there are times in the cycle where maximizing potential may be the better strategy," he said. "So, planning for next year's calf crop by taking care of your productive cows' nutrition, and helping ease that breed-back could reap big rewards."





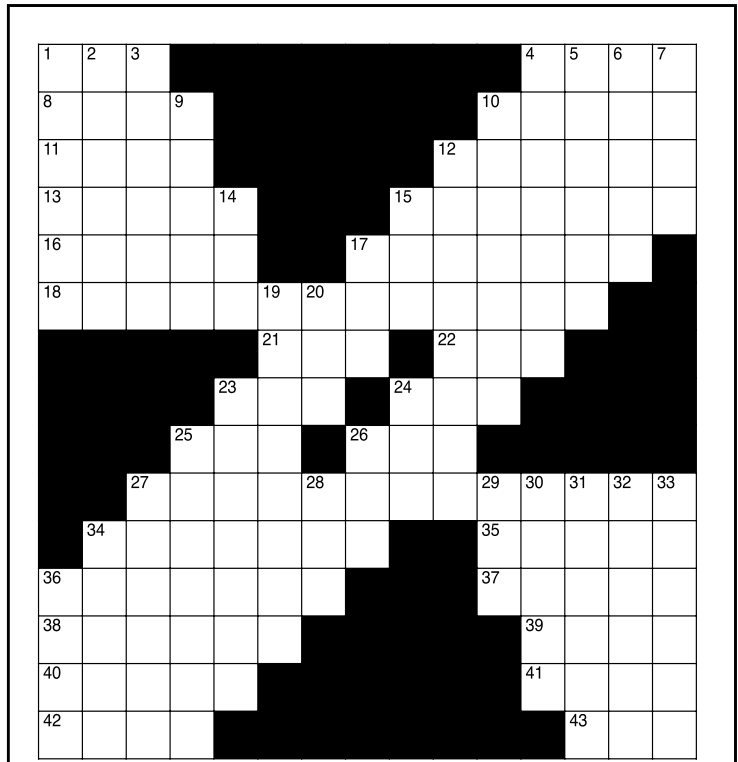
The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting February 11, 2025, with Boss Lion Richard Green in command.

We had eleven Lions present, three attending virtually, Sweetheart Lauren Ceniceros, two guests of Lion Anndria Newhouse, one guest of Lion Eric Gehman and Dr. Larry Wiginton, who presented our program.

Plans were discussed about the Valentine's Bingo set for Saturday, February 15, 2025. Lion Anndria Newhouse request additional Lions to help with passing out cards and help set up. The Chamber is having the annual Chamber Banquet set for February 27th, and Lion Roger Estlack discussed that the Senior Class is accepting donations to help with project graduation and asked the club if they would be willing to donate this year with Sweetheart Lauren Ceniceros and Lion Ben Estlack being seniors this year. Motion made by Lion Larry Capranica to approve \$100 to the Senior Class, seconded by Lion Landon "L Jefe" Lambert.

Dr. Larry Wiginton is a Chemistry Instructor at Clarendon College and gave a presentation on his background and history about early settlement in Donley and Hall counties with added details about how Clarendon settled and how Memphis became the county seat in Hall County. His knowledge and background continued with the early settlement of Clarendon College and lastly how Texas Technological College (Texas Tech) was once considered to be located in Memphis before Lubbock was selected.

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

### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Racquet sport group (abbr.)
- 4. Norse god of thunder
- 8. Russian industrial city
- 10. What's good for the \_\_\_
- 11. Round-ish shape
- 12. Baltimore MLBer
- 13. French modernist painter
- 15. Burned with water
- 16. Intestinal issue
- 17. Take the lead
- 18. Prove oneself worthy
- 21. None
- 22. Tax collector
- 23. Swiss river
- 24. Gymnast Raisman
- 25. Baby's dining accessory
- 26. Canadian beer distributor
- 27. Iconic American tourist destination
- 34. More expansive
- 35. Alert
- 36. Popular boots Doc \_\_\_
- 37. Showings
- 38. Conclusion
- 39. Share a common boundary
- 40. Shooting sport
- 41. Popular side dish
- 42. Global energy firm
- 43. Chronicles (abbr.)

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Type of bomb
- 2. Polynesian island country
- 3. Heavenly body
- 4. Hard workers
- 5. Covered
- 6. Johns Hopkins Hospital founder
- 7. Plant of the grass family
- 9. Island person of the Bering Sea
- 10. Storehouse
- 12. Scarlet-flowered desert shrub
- 14. A pituitary hormone
- 15. Female sibling
- 17. Monetary unit of Afghanistan
- 19. Empowering
- 20. Space station
- 23. Disorder
- 24. State of fuss
- 25. Footwear for babies
- 26. Nuclear reactor (abbr.)
- 27. Doves
- 28. Affirmative
- 29. Male parent
- 30. Utter obscenities
- 31. Type of verse
- 32. Unpleasant person
- 33. One who settles down
- 34. Founder of source-based history
- 36. A way to snarl

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