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

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.

For questions or more information, contact Katie Hodges at the PGCD office at (806) 883-2501 or by email at 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.

Wildfire publication to help landowners

A new online publication released by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service aims at helping landowners take preventive measures to mitigate the impact of wildfires.

Wildfire: Preparing the Ranch is an online educational resource. The resource is designed to equip Texas agricultural producers with educational information and tools to prepare for wildfires.

The publication draws on the expertise of AgriLife Extension specialists, the agency's Disaster Assessment and Recovery agents, and the Texas A&M Forest Service – all part of The Texas A&M University System."

Read the publication here: <https://bit.ly/4h8HocH>



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City, Clarendon CISD to hold May elections

Voters in the City of Clarendon and the Clarendon Consolidated Independent School District will go to the polls this May to select representatives for the city council and school board while four other local governments will cancel their elections.

City voters will have five positions to decide. Mayor Jacob Fangman filed for re-election and faces no opposition. Aldermen Ashlee Estlack and Eulaine McIntosh are

seeking re-election to two full terms on the board and are challenged by Richard Dzamko, Jeremy Jeffers, and Brittney Wolfe. Also, three people are running for two unexpired terms on the City Council – Ralph Graves, Chelsi Shadle, and Thomas Thompson. Aldermen Terri Floyd and Mandy Smith did not sign up for re-election.

Four people are seeking three seats on the Clarendon CISD Board of Trustees. Incumbents Robin Ellis

and Donny Howard will be joined on the ballot by Jeff Robertson and Ginnee Siefkas. Trustee Chuck Robertson did not seek re-election.

All four other local governments had just enough candidates sign up to run as there were positions available. Those entities will cancel their elections.

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 filed to run again, and Matt Moore also filed for the other available alderman's 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 had two of three incumbents signing up again: Rose Lemley – Place One and Cindy Shelton – Place Three. Place Two Director Jeff Robertson is running for school board, and Corey Gaither has filed to take his hospital board seat.

Elections will be held Saturday, May 3, 2025.



Area Champions

Classmates from Clarendon High School stand with the Lady Broncos (top photo) last Thursday after they secured the Area Championship by defeating New Home in Plainview. The ladies were scheduled to play Roscoe in Floydada Tuesday as the Enterprise went to press. See ClarendonLive.com or [Facebook.com/TheEnterprise](https://www.facebook.com/TheEnterprise) for results. Bottom Photo: Kenidee Hayes looks to the goal against New Home.

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Aldermen move ahead on sidewalk grant project

The Clarendon City Council approved several action items last Thursday, February 12, to move downtown revitalization along in the 200 block of S. Kearney.

The project will install new sidewalks and streetlighting like was done last year in the 100 block.

With the grant funds approved and a bid accepted, the council took care of several housekeeping items to meet the requirements of the grant.

Aldermen voted to approve amending the city's interlocal agreement with the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) for administrative services related to the grant, to approve a resolution designating local signatories for the grant, to adopt a resolution related to civil rights as required by the grant, and also to approve a second interlocal agreement with PRPC. All of those motions were approved with four aldermen in favor and Alderman Mandy Smith abstaining on each. A proclamation designating April as Fair Housing Month in the city, also required by the grant, was approved unanimously.

In other business, Denise Foster presented the city's audit for fiscal year 2024, which had no discoveries and was approved unanimously.

The council discussed an upcoming Request For Proposals for solid waste services and possible changes to the RFP. No action was taken.

Aldermen also discussed street improvements for 2025 and approved paving and curbing Fourth Street between Koogle to Allen streets, leading to the football stadium with an estimated cost of \$150,000.

The council approved renewing the city's agreement with the City of Pampa for Animal Control services. Clarendon utilizes Pampa for some euthanasia services and also for some pet adoption services.

No action was taken on amending the ordinance governing Gaming Devices.

In public comment, Ralph Graves addressed the council on several matters.

Clarendon sales tax allocation shows growth

The City of Clarendon posted its second highest ever February sales tax allocation when Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar distributed funds last week.

Clarendon's allocation of \$57,485.82 was 11.03 percent above the same period last year. That amount brings the city's calendar

year-to-date total to \$97,021.30, an increase of 7.52 percent compared to this point in 2024.

The City of Hedley's allocation of \$2,960.62 this month was an increase of 68.60 percent from last February, and that city is now up 50.20 percent for the year-to-date at \$3,835.05.

Howardwick was also up for the month with an allocation of \$2,536.68, an increase of 37.09 percent. The lakeside city's year-to-date figure there is now up 39.43 percent at \$4,349.21.

Donley County Assistance District 1, levied in the City of Howardwick, took in \$1,699.19 for the

month and is now at \$2,832.09 for the calendar year.

Memphis' sales tax allocation was \$44,969.04 for the month, up 8.38 percent; and Turkey was up 14.45 percent at \$10,615.48. Claude was up 69.95 percent at \$28,056.73.

Statewide, Comptroller Hegar distributed \$1.5 billion in local sales

tax allocations for February, 9.4 percent more than in February 2024.

February allocations are based on sales that were made in December by businesses that report tax monthly; October, November and December sales by quarterly filers; and 2024 sales by businesses that report tax annually.

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Pardoning proves power of presidency

December 2024 and January 2025 may possibly go down in history as one of the most politically significant moments in recent history. In December then-President Joe Biden broke a record by issuing pardons or commuted sentences of more than 1,500 people. Several of his pardons were preemptive ones for family members and other politicians. Biden's most controversial pardon was for his son Hunter, which Biden promised during the campaign that he would not do.

Then, in December alone, Biden signed 13 executive orders on his way out of office. Once President Trump was inaugurated, Trump pardoned around 1,500 people who were involved in the Jan. 6 riots and signed more than 45 executive orders.

Personally, I question the constitutionality of many of these executive orders; many of these should fall under the authority of Congress. I also have ethical questions about Biden's pardons. As for the Trump ones, I do agree with some but do feel that the leaders and those who were violent or destructive should be punished for their actions.

The difference between the executive orders and the pardons are that the former are constitutionally questionable while the latter, while I disagree with many of them, all fall within the scope of the president's rights. Even more, historically speaking, Trump pardoning those accused of insurrection were not the first a president has done so. You may be surprised to see who the first president was.

First, as always, the Constitution. Article II, Section 2, Clause 1 reads, "The President... shall have Power to grant Reprieves and Pardons for Offences against the United States, except in Cases of Impeachment." As I have discussed several times in this column, the Constitution can be extremely vague, and this clause has raised countless questions over the years. One question that was never answered during Trump's first term was if self-pardoning was allowed. The Supreme Court never made a ruling on that situation as Trump did not try it. However, for many other scenarios the Court has ruled with the 1866 Ex parte Garland case probably being the most important.

Other than state crimes, civil cases, and impeachment, Ex parte Garland basically gives the president unchecked pardoning power. Not only can the president pardon someone for a crime before they are tried, like Gerald Ford did for Richard Nixon, but they can pardon anyone for a crime they committed that no one even knows about — like Biden possibly did for his family. It should be noted that presidents cannot pre-pardon for a crime; the act must have been committed before the blanket pardon is issued. However, the pardoning power is so strong that presidents can even pardon someone for the most serious crime in the Constitution: treason. In fact the first president to do so was none other than George Washington.

The ones that most remind me of the Jan. 6 pardons were those of the Whiskey Rebellion. The rebellion came about from a decision of America's favorite rapper, Alexander Hamilton, who had been put in charge of the Treasury Department and was tasked with getting America out of the debt incurred from the Revolutionary War. Hamilton issued what became known as Reports on Public Credit, which, among many topics, said the way the government would earn money was through tariffs, selling of public lands in the west, and a tax on whiskey (really any distilled alcohol).

There are two schools of thought about the tax. One is that Hamilton had no idea the hubbub he would create. The other — and I lean this way — is that he knew exactly what would happen. One of the reasons the Constitution was even created was that under the previous government, the Articles of Confederation, were not strong enough to stop Shays' Rebellion. These scholars believed Hamilton, trying to show the strength of new government, hoped the tax would lead to an uprising so that he could crush it and show there was a new sheriff in town. The Broadway play forgets to talk about this story.

Whatever the thought process was, the tax did lead to problems on the western frontier, which at this point in time were areas like western Pennsylvania. Small farmers there were hit hard as it was easier for them to turn their grains into alcohol and ship east rather than ship wagons full of raw grain. Larger farms also were affected by this, but they could handle it. Many of these small yeoman farmers had learned as soldiers in the Revolutionary War that when the government became tyrannical, they had the right to fight back. And fight back they did. At first, the farmers just refused to pay the tax. But in 1794 when they were pressed, they attacked tax collectors and burned down the home of one of them in Pittsburgh.

With this, Hamilton convinced Washington to call out the militia, and for the only time in American history, the president rode at the head of the army to Pennsylvania to squash the rebellion. Washington did not travel the entire distance. By the time the militia arrived the rebellion had broken up. Of the 150 men the militia arrested for treason, two were convicted. Yet after the trial, Washington pardoned everyone involved, even the ones not arrested, calling them "misdled." Washington wanted to show his subjects that the government had the power to enforce its laws yet could also show mercy.

While the pardons of the Jan. 6 rioters and the Whiskey Rebellion were both done for political reasons, they don't seem to be the same. It's difficult to call the Biden family pardons political as much as family preservation. It seems odd to give the president this much power, but Hamilton argued it was the right thing to do. So while we all just witnessed what I see in some ways as a reach in presidential powers, at least with the pardons what they did is completely Constitutional.



historically speaking
by dr. james fink

Some kind words from a bad man

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



vignettes
tales of the old west
by george u. hubbard

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. **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.**



Uncle Mort on social media rumor mill

Uncle Mort doesn't own a smartphone, and only recently found a well-worn flip phone for \$10 on eBay. Neither does my ancient uncle own a computer, claiming he'd never remember where the off/on switch is, or how to use it should the screen magically light.

Still, he claims to be a "follower of social media," but his sources are second-hand at best, and often third, fourth and fifth, be they fact, fiction or fantasy. One of his "sources" is the guy who delivers bread to the general store a few miles up the lane from his spread in the thicket. The man usually drops off more than bread.

He is full of rumors, jokes and stories, leaving smiles — and sometimes thigh-slapping laughter — in his wake. The other day, he asked, "Do you know what I 'herd'?" ... "A small HERD of cattle and a few goats and sheep." ...

Recently, Mort and his buddies jumped to attention when the breadman mentioned that a friend of his second cousin (on his dad's side) lives in New York City, where his wife works daily in Manhattan. (Mort always clarifies with "where them tallest buildings are.") She swears she saw President Donald Trump and his sidekick ("almost-equal-kick") entering the CBS President's office. (She admits that the pair may have been AI versions of the President and of Elon Musk.) Anyways, she thinks she heard President Trump campaigning to get the name of a popular weekly TV program changed from Face the Nation to The Nation Faces Me. And Musk was promoting the Big

Dipper and the Little Dipper to become our 52nd and 53rd states, assuming that Canada will become #51."

That sounded "about right" To Mort, who spent the rest of the day informing others of the Trump-Musk sightings....

All the agency shake-ups in DeeCee remind a longtime friend, John Nickols, of his brief tenure almost 50 years ago when he and another Quantico-trained FBI rookie were agents in the Albuquerque, NM, field office. Well-armed and well-trained, the pair received word about a federal fugitive believed to be holed up in Ruidoso, NM, where he had formerly lived and his family still resided. So, they headed for Ruidoso in hot pursuit, finding nary a fugitive after disturbing both nooks and crannies. After all, they reasoned, the "tip" came from a usually reliable FBI source. Whatever, it was a pretty lousy way to spend Christmas Eve.

Later, the "source" admitted innocently sharing flawed information. The fugitive was in Reynosa, Mexico, NOT Ruidoso. Soon, the fugitive was arrested by other agents. "Many people had goose for Christmas," Nickols remembers. "My partner and I had a wild goose chase." Cool Hand Luke would have said there was a definite failure to communicate.



the idle american
by don newbury

An avowed Christian, he spent most of his career as a highly successful high school and college basketball coach and as a respected university teacher. He was a pace-setter in everything, except perhaps as a guitarist, where maybe "hobby" is a better fit. However, he befits the description "Bum" Phillips, longtime Houston Oiler Coach, once offered when asked if star running back Earl Campbell was in a class by himself. "If he's not," Bum drawled, "It don't take long to call the roll." ...

In this space two weeks ago, I wrote about the recent collision of aircrafts resulting in their crashing into the Potomac River. In the five paragraphs reflecting on earlier crashes involving Braniff International, I relied on memory for details, and failed miserably, perhaps committing more "goofs" than any other in my 22 years of weekly meanderings.

I erred in several references to Braniff, and persons who want to learn accurate details of this airline's remarkable history may Google Braniff Airways Foundation. The Foundation allows Braniff's rich heritage to live into perpetuity. I am sincerely sorry for my mistakes — all of them of the head and not the heart — and offer deepest apologies....

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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The Lady Bronco powerlifters competed last week in Childress. Pictured here are Zane Cruse, Elliot Frausto, Shelby Christopher, Shelbi Coles, Josie Murillo, and Lexi Jantz.

Lady Bronco lifters headed to Regionals

By Sandy Anderberg

Four Lady Bronco powerlifters are headed to the Regional Meet to be held in Big Spring on February 27. All of the ladies had a great qualifying meet in Childress last week and brought home two district championships.

Elliot Frausto took first place in the 105-pound weight class with a lift total of 555 pounds and Zane Cruse nabbed first place in the 142-pound weight class. Cruse lifted a

total of 605 pounds.

Frausto posted 195 pounds in the squat and bench-pressed 105 pounds. She was able to dead lift 255 pounds. Cruse was able to squat 235 pounds, bench press 115, and deadlift 255 pounds in the meet. Rounding out the qualifiers was Shelby Christopher in the 193-pound weight class lifting a total of 660 pounds. She had a dead lift 275 pounds, bench press 130 pounds and marked 255 pounds in the squat. Josie Murillo lifted in

the 118-pound weight class and finished with a total lift of 485 pounds for second place. Murillo had lifts of 200, 85, and 200 pounds to advance to the regional meet.

Shelbi Coles also took second place in the 144-pound weight class with a lift total of 555 pounds. Coles posted 215 in the squat, 105 in the bench, and 235 in the deadlift. Lexi Jantz qualified in fourth place in the 131-pound class with lifts of 175, 95, and 210 for a lift total of 480 pounds.

Obituaries

Ledbetter

Jean Ledbetter, 88, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, February 16, 2025, in Claude.

Services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, February 22, 2025, in the First Baptist Church in Claude with Rev. Dick Gravley and Rev. Eddy Helms, officiating. Burial will follow in Claude Cemetery in Claude.

Viewing will be held Friday at Robertson's in Claude with the family receiving friends for visitation from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Arrangements are under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors.

Jean was born April 12, 1936, in Thackerville, Oklahoma to Billie Vestal and Mildred Wilson Webb. She married Truman Ledbetter on August 30, 1959, in Samnorwood. She was a devoted mother and housewife for many years where she loved raising her kids. Jean later became a hairdresser and loved doing hair for

all of her friends. She loved taking care of babies and babysitting. Jean was a supportive preachers wife to Truman for many years. She ran the TV ministry for First Baptist Church in Clarendon for many years, worked with the youth group, and taught Sunday school for many years. Her hobbies included sewing, gardening, music, and loving on her grandbabies. Jean had a lot of physical adversities but she always overcame them.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Truman in 2019; a brother, Billy Webb; two sisters, Joyce Clark and Sue Baker.

She is survived by her son, Rod Ledbetter and wife Dawn of Pampa; her daughter, Lisa Hooper and husband Rusty of Tulia; three brothers, Jerry Webb of Hollis, Oklahoma, Ronnie Webb of Hollis, Oklahoma, and Melvin Webb of Azle, Texas; two sisters, Linda Carter of Hollis, Oklahoma and Sandi Wilhelm of Cordell, Oklahoma; eight grandchildren, Corey, Chris, Cortnie, Tanner, Laci, Michael, Kimberley, and Abbie; a great grandchild, Tenzleigh; and several nieces and nephews.

The family request memorials be sent to the First Baptist Church in Claude.

Sign the online guestbook at www.robertsonfuneral.com



Ledbetter

the lion's tale

The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting February 18, 2025, with Boss Lion Pro Tem Brian Barboza in command.

We had twelve Lions present, two attending virtually, Sweetheart Lauren Cenicerros, one guest of Lion Anndria Newhouse – Michael Newhouse – and one guest of Lion Eric Gehman – Rita Gehman.

An update was presented by Lion Roger Estlack about the Valentine's Bingo on Saturday, which raised about \$2,000 for the kitchen project. The bingo was a great turn out, and thank you to those Lions who prepared the food, decorations and donated gift cards to make the Valentines Bingo possible. Also a big thank you to the people who attended to help raise funds to renovate the kitchen in the Lions Hall. Lion Anndria Newhouse presented future plans for Bag Bingo on July 4th, more details to come.

Lion John Howard gave an update with the county, and Lion Machiel Covey gave an update with the city.

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



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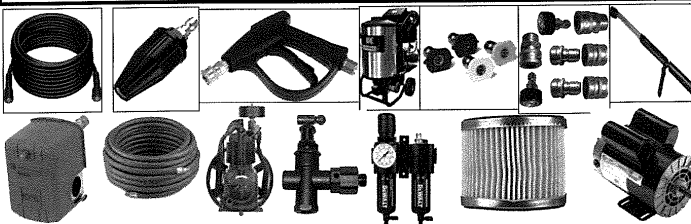
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- February 20**
Lady Bronco Softball @ Tahoka Tournament • TBA
- February 21**
Broncos Baseball v Claude • Highland Park • 11:15 p.m.
- Broncos Baseball v Claude • Highland Park • 1:30 p.m.
- February 22**
Broncos Baseball v Memphis • Tournament • 6:00 p.m.
- February 25**
Lady Bronco Softball v Randall JV • Home • 4:30 p.m.
- February 27**
Clarendon Chamber Banquet • Fairfield Activity Center • 6:00 p.m.
- February 27**
Lady Bronco Softball v Palo Duro • Floydad Tournament • 1:20 p.m.



The Clarendon 3rd and 4th grade boys played in White Deer Tournament over the weekend and placed second. Shown here are Cohen Farris, Carson Shields, Jett Hodge, Omari Butler, Ian Weatherred, Noah Pearson, and Cutter Gaither.

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Rose pruning helps improve plants

By Adam Russell, AgriLife Extension

Roses and Valentine's Day go hand in hand – so it's a great time to give your perennial flowers some love and care. Regular rose pruning is essential to keep your plants healthy, vibrant and full of blooms year after year.

Mike Arnold, Ph.D., professor in the Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Department of Horticultural Sciences and director of The Gardens at Texas A&M University, recommends pruning roses before they break winter dormancy, typically between January and March depending on location.

"Around Valentine's Day, we're thinking about roses, and that is a perfect reminder to prune the roses in our landscapes," he said.

Pruning does more than shape your roses – it helps promote growth, improves air circulation and sun exposure, in addition to reducing incidence of fungal diseases like black spot, explained Arnold. If you strategically cut, it allows you to influence the plant's directional growth.

There are two types of roses: Hybrid tea roses – These grow upright, produce fewer but larger flowers and are better for cutting and

floral arrangements. Landscape roses – These grow in a bushier form, offering many flowers that make a stunning floral display in the landscape.

"Hybrid teas are all about the size and quality of the individual roses, while landscape roses provide color with an abundance of smaller flowers," Arnold said.

Hard pruning removes more stems but leads the rose bushes to grow longer and produce more flowers. This method is perfect for pruners who like to cut roses for displays and bouquets.

Light pruning creates more stems with smaller flowers, which can add more floral color in the landscape.

Arnold suggests cutting about half an inch above a bud that you want to "break" or grow new shoots from. He mentions that you can play with the shape by choosing buds based on the direction they will grow.

"Avoid directing new shoots over the top of another branch – this helps keep the canopy open and encourages a wider form," he said.

Rose growers should take precautions against rose rosette disease, a deadly virus typically spread by tiny mites, because the disease can

also be transmitted by contaminated pruning tools.

For the best protection, rotate between two sets of pruners, soaking one while using the other. Spraying and wiping tools between cuts can also reduce the risk of spreading disease. Kevin Ong, Ph.D., director of the Texas Plant Disease Diagnostics Laboratory and associate department head for the Department of Plant Pathology and Microbiology, recommends sterilizing pruning tools between plants – or even between major cuts – using a weak water-bleach solution, Lysol or rubbing alcohol.

"It's just a good practice to sterilize your pruning tools," he said.

Roses aren't just a garden favorite – they're a powerhouse in the ornamental horticulture industry. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, garden roses contribute approximately \$168 million in wholesale value and are a cornerstone of the multi-billion-dollar landscape and shrub industry.

However, regardless, if the roses are in a Valentine's Day bouquet or blooming in your backyard, roses are here to stay – keeping them healthy with proper pruning ensures they continue to brighten our lives year after year.

Historical Commission met on February 6

The Donley County Historical Commission met for the first quarterly meeting of the year on February 6, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Donley County Courthouse in the Commissioners Court Room.

Chairman Bill Word opened the meeting and distributed minutes from the previous meeting, which were approved.

Agenda items covered included historical markers; cemetery preservation; the DCHC media room in the Saints' Roost Museum; DCHC by-laws; and the upcoming due date for the annual report to the Texas Historical Commission of DCHC 2024 accomplishments.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 1.

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Feb. 24 - 28

- Donley County Senior Citizens**
Mon: Lasagna, Brussel sprouts, garden salad, garlic bread stick, chocolate pudding, iced tea/2% milk.
Tues: Sliced ham, buttered carrots, black eyed peas, whole wheat roll, fruit cup, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Chicken alfredo, broccoli & cauliflower, garden salad, garlic breadstick, lemon cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Roast/gravy, baked potatoes, spinach, whole wheat roll, banana pudding, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Pollock, Brussel sprouts, French fries, hushpuppies, fruit cocktail, sugar cookie, iced tea/2% milk.

- Hedley Senior Citizens**
Mon: John Wayne casserole, ranch potatoes, spinach & mushrooms, Robert Redford dessert, whole wheat biscuit, iced tea/2% milk.
Tues: Chili, brown rice, country style greens, mixed fruit, snickerdoodles, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Chicken fried steak w/ country gravy, homemade mashed potatoes, California blend vegetables, chocolate chip cookies, whole wheat buttermilk biscuit, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: BBQ pork loin, corn casserole, broccoli & carrots, angel food cake w/fruit, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Beef soft tacos, refried beans, mixed green salad, layer bars, apricots, iced tea/2% milk.

- Clarendon CISD**
Breakfast
Mon: Pancakes, bacon, 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: Donut holes, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

- Lunch
Mon: Fish sticks, potatoes, okra, roll, strawberries, fruit, milk.
Tues: Tex-Mex stack, beans, carrots, salsa, sherbet, fruit, milk.
Wed: Pizza, salad, green beans, fruit, milk.
Thu: Popcorn chicken, roll, corn, broccoli salad, dessert, fruit, milk.
Fri: Hot dog, potatoes, tomato cup, fruit, milk.

- Hedley ISD**
Breakfast
Mon: Sausage kolache, banana, 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, milk.
Tues: Chili cheese tochos, veggie cup, strawberries & bananas, milk.
Wed: X-treme burritos, corn, cucumbers, rosy applesauce, cookies, milk.
Thu: Hamburger, chips, tomato cup, garden salad, pears, milk.
Fri: Pizza, carrots, squash, grapes, milk.

Lady Broncos named Area Champions

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos grabbed another gold ball in their Area win over New Home last week at the Waylon Baptist Gym in Plainview. The ladies persevered in a defensive matchup and earned the 43-31 win.

Juniors Kashlyn Conkin and Kenidee Hayes teamed up for 27 points that included four three-pointers and hitting eleven of fourteen from the bonus line. Conkin led all scorers with 15 points.

The Lady Broncos jumped all over the Lady Leopards out of the gate and earned an eight-point lead in the first eight minutes. A slow-shooting second quarter only allowed the Lady Broncos five points, but did not hinder what they had planned offensively to maintain their lead to get the win. Hayes drained a three in the third and Berkley Moore converted all four of her free throws, and Kate Shaw hit both shots from the bonus as well to secure their lead.

The final period of play saw only two field goals from Hayes and Shaw, but the Lady Leopards sent Conkin to the line six times where she was able to add nine points to the Lady Bronco lead.

Shaw finished with seven points and Moore and Kennadie Cummins put in four each. Gracie Ellis added one free throw to the win.

Broncos fall in Bi-District game

By Sandy Anderberg

The Broncos had high hopes of causing an upset of the Gruver Greyhounds Monday night in Pampa, but things did not go in the Broncos' favor. Despite playing hard, the Broncos fell short 34-68 and Gruver earned the right to advance.

A slow start for the Broncos hindered them offensively and they struggled to put points on the board. A 13-point deficit after one turned into 18 at the break. The Broncos did all they could do against the Greyhounds, but they could not stop them. As a team, the Greyhounds pumped in fourteen three-pointers, which accounted for 42 of their 68 points.

Mason Sims, who is normally strong inside, was quiet against the Greyhounds which hindered their aggressive offensive plan. Gruver was able to shut down the Bronco offense in the win.

Kaleb Bolin hit three big shots and finished with 13 and Michael Randall added nine. Colton Caudle put in four and John Weatheron connected with a three. Kyler Bell and Caleb Herbert each helped with two and Bryce Williams added one.

Overall, the Broncos had a good season and they will miss the seniors next season.



Berkley Moore goes up for a layup last week against New Home.

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Mason Sims goes up for a jumpshot against Gruver.

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Bryce Williams goes up for two.

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Kaleb Bolin looks for an open player.

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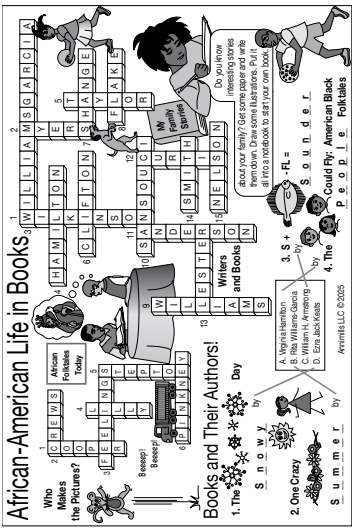
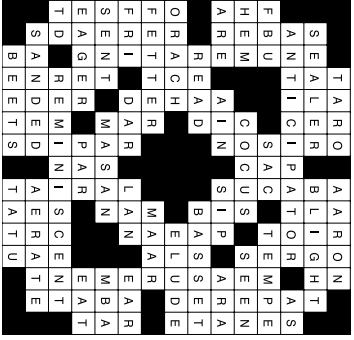
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WHEREAS The National Fair Housing Law, during the month of April, provides an opportunity for all Americans to recognize that complete success in the goal of equal housing opportunity can only be accomplished with the help and cooperation of all Americans.
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CITY OF CLARENDON - Civil Rights Notices

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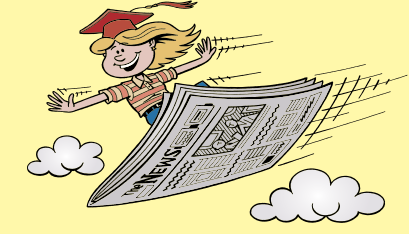
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- Virginia _____ weaves ghosts, secret passageways and a cave into her book **The House of Dies Drear** (made into a TV movie).
- Mildred _____ wrote **Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry**, about a family surviving the Great Depression in the South.
- In **Some of the Days of Everett Anderson**, Lucille _____ uses small poems to describe the daily experiences of a young boy.
- Ellington Was Not a Street** is the story of Ntozake _____'s neighborhood in a time of racial hatred.
- Sharon G. _____ tells us of acceptance in **The Skin I'm In**.
- Mary _____' **Brothers in Hope: The Story of the Lost Boys of Sudan**; 30,000 orphaned boys who walked across Africa to escape war.
- Robert D. _____'s book, **The Hired Hand: An African-American Folktale**, is a tale of tragedy and greed.
- Laurie Halse _____ tells the story of a slave girl in **Chains**.

Chicago who struggles to adapt to a new life.

- Julius _____ collected memories of slaves and ex-slaves. **To Be a Slave** shares their experiences coming to America (1800s).
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Restoration at Wildcat Bluff Enters Year Two

Wildcat Bluff Discovery Center, in partnership with Ogallala Life Conservation Inc., is continuing its restoration efforts for West Amarillo Creek, reinforcing its commitment to ecological resilience and long-term water conservation. After a successful first year, the project is expanding in 2025, with additional volunteer opportunities to further enhance the land's capacity to retain water and revitalize the local ecosystem.

Wildcat Bluff, originally established as a nature center in 1992, merged with the Don Harrington Discovery Center in 2021 to broaden its focus on environmental science and conservation. Located in the Texas Panhandle's semi-arid climate, the area has faced prolonged drought conditions, exacerbated by centuries of human impact. Historically, West Amarillo Creek once provided a reliable water source, shaped by natural aquifer discharge, but land use changes led to its drying up in the 1970s.

"Water scarcity is a pressing issue for our community," said Wendy Taylor, CEO of the Discovery Center Collective. "Through our continued partnership with Ogallala

Life, we aim to test and implement sustainable water conservation methods that could make a meaningful impact—not just for Wildcat Bluff, but as a model for the entire region."

Building on the foundations laid in 2024, the second year of restoration efforts will expand upon previous work installing check dams or natural infrastructure in dryland streams (NIDS).

These structures are designed to slow runoff, trap sediment, and allow water to gradually permeate the soil, mimicking the natural role of beavers in maintaining riparian ecosystems. Ogallala Life's previous success on private lands in the Canadian River Valley demonstrates that such interventions can create lasting positive change.

"We're making real progress, but restoration isn't a one-and-done project," said Will Masters, co-founder of Ogallala Life. "We need time, patience, and continued community involvement to support this land's recovery."

This year's restoration efforts will continue using sustainable materials, including repurposed Christmas trees donated by local

organizations and community members. Volunteers will assist with constructing new NIDS, reinforcing existing structures, and planting native vegetation to further stabilize the landscape.

Volunteer workdays are scheduled for February 15 and 22, with additional dates to be announced in March and April. The project will focus on structural improvements early in the season, followed by planting and vegetation efforts as the weather warms.

"This is hands-on conservation," said Masters. "We want volunteers to walk away inspired and empowered, knowing they played a role in making a tangible impact on their local environment."

The project remains within West Amarillo Creek's historic watershed on Wildcat Bluff's land, with potential future expansion to neighboring areas.

"Restoring West Amarillo Creek is a long-term investment in our land's health and resilience," said Taylor. "By working together as a community, we are setting the stage for a more sustainable future, not just for Wildcat Bluff but for the entire region."

Amarillo West Texas Ranch Rodeo expands

The West Texas Ranch Rodeo is growing bigger and better. This year's event, held April 11-12 at the Tri-State Fairgrounds, will feature thrilling new additions, including the World Championship Blacksmith Competition, a 4-H National Anthem contest, and a major collegiate horse judging competition. These events will bring hundreds of competitors, supporters, and spectators to Amarillo, making this year's rodeo a must-see celebration of Western heritage and skill.

One of the biggest highlights is the World Championship Blacksmith Competition, taking place April 9-12. More than 100 of the world's top farriers will showcase their expertise, competing at the

highest level. "Bringing this caliber of competition to Amarillo is a huge milestone," says event promoter Randy Whipple. "These competitors are the best in their field, and they live by the motto: 'Education through competition.' It's going to be an incredible display of craftsmanship and camaraderie."

Another exciting addition is "Got Talent!," a 4-H National Anthem performance contest. On Sunday, April 6, 60 talented students (grades 3-12) will take the stage at the Amarillo National Center, each delivering their own powerful rendition of the National Anthem.

The rodeo will also welcome the NHJTCA Spring Sweepstakes, a prestigious horse judging event

hosted by West Texas A&M University (WTAMU). Students from 11 colleges and 4-H Horse Judging teams from across the district will compete for top honors, bringing another layer of high-level competition to this year's festival.

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