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

H'wick firefighters to hold Open House

The City of Howardwick Volunteer Fire Department will have an Open House this Saturday, March 8, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Meet the members of the CHVFD, enjoy free snacks and drinks, and bring the kids for pictures on a firetruck. All guests will be registered for a door prize, and donations of \$10 or more will receive a free fire blanket. Come see the newest additions to the department.

FBC Hedley hosting banquet for seniors

The First Baptist Church of Hedley will host its 31st annual Senior Citizens' Honor Banquet on Tuesday evening, March 11, 2025, in the Fellowship Hall.

There will be wonderful food and good fellowship, all free to everyone attending. The senior citizens of Donley, Hall, and Collingsworth counties have been the backbone of this region for many years, and deserving of thanks. They make the Panhandle region of Texas the greatest place on earth to live and raise a family. The church welcomes all of these great Americans to attend a banquet in their honor. Activities begin at 6:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Fish Fry set for March 14

St. Mary's Catholic Church at 510 E. Montgomery will hold a Fish Fry on Friday, March 14, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7 for children, and proceeds benefit the church building fund. Call-in orders are welcome at 806-874-3910.

Lions Club's Jones 5K to be April 26

The 13th annual Chance Mark Jones Roar & Run 5K will be held Saturday, April 26, in front of the Donley County Courthouse.

The Clarendon Lions Club is hosting the event again in memory of the late Chance Mark Jones.

Those interested in running or walking the 5K (about 3.1 miles) encouraged to sign up by March 28 to be guaranteed the official 5K t-shirt. Registrations are \$30 each.

The year's 5K will again start and end at the Courthouse and will run through the city, around Prospect Park, and past several historic sites. The race will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Race registrations will be available at the Clarendon Visitor Center at the Mulkey Theatre or at the Enterprise.

For more information, contact Lion Ashlee Estlack at ashlee.estlack@gmail.com or 806-662-4687 or Lion Roger Estlack at publisher@clarendonlive.com or 806-874-2259.



Chamber Award winners were (back row) Clarendon Youth Woman of the Year Lauren Cenicerros, Hedley Young Woman of the Year Taylee Ehlert, Hedley Young Man of the Year Javier Valles, Clarendon Young Man of the Year Ben Estlack, (front) Business of the Year REFZ Sports Bar & Grill accepted by Ricardo Santillan, Man of the Year Ernie Copelin, Saints Roost Award winner Pat McAnear (not present) accepted by Mandy Garrett and Medina Gribble, Woman of the Year Denise Bertrand, and Volunteer Organization of the Year Crosssties Ministry accepted by Terri Luna.

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McAnear wins Sts. Roost Award Chamber names Copelin, Bertrand as Man, Woman of 2024

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce recognized Pat McAnear with the 2024 Saints' Roost Award for her lifetime of service and commitment to the community during the annual Chamber Awards Banquet last Thursday, February 27.

Man of the Year honors went to Ernie Copelin, and Denise Bertrand was named the Woman of the Year.

REFZ Sports Bar & Grill was named the Business of the Year, and the Crosssties Ministry was named the Volunteer Organization of the Year.

The Saints' Roost Award is the highest honor given annually by the Chamber to recognize a lifetime of community service. McAnear was honored for her long history of working to help people in need. In addition to caring for her own family, she worked for many years at the Medical Center Nursing Home giving love and care to the many residents there. Later, she went into home health care for the elderly. Today, you can find her calling or going by to check on friends, buying groceries for someone, picking up medicine, taking a favorite food to someone, cleaning house for or providing health needs to someone and even taking others to Amarillo for shopping or doctors' appointments. She's a charter member of the Community Fellowship Church, where she serves on the kitchen committee.

The Man of the Year for 2024 was Ernie Copelin, who is known for helping people whether they are friends or strangers. He shares his garden produce with the community of Hedley, and he has given a lot of time to that community. He shows up and goes to work whenever there is an issue in town, and he checks on elderly and shut-in residents. He's a member of the Hedley Volunteer Fire Department and is recognized as a man of integrity with a great heart who never wants any credit for anything he does.

Denise Bertrand was named Woman of the Year for giving of herself 200 percent for many years with the Girl Scouts, the Donley County Senior Citizens, and the Meals on Wheels program. She has worked for several years as the head of the Courthouse Lighting Committee and also has spent many hours in the service of St. Mary's Catholic Church and all its events. In 2024, she assembled a group of volunteers and created a new Small Town Christmas event to coincide and complement the Courthouse Lighting. It was a huge success and will become a tradition in Clarendon.

The Chamber of Commerce named the REFZ Sports Bar & Grill as its Business of the Year. REFZ has made an incredible impact to the community in the short time since it opened in October 2023. In addition to breathing new life into Clarendon's downtown, REFZ employs more than 30 people, has become a generous supporter of local events and activities, and is attracting business to Clarendon from other communities. The vision and commitment of Ricardo Santillan and his partners is greatly appreciated by the community and its leaders.

The Volunteer Organization of the Year was the Crosssties Ministry, which fills an important role in our community through the First Baptist Church. It serves as a location for people to donate gently worn clothing and other items, and then it actively tries to get those items into the hands of people who need them, helping people sometimes in their darkest days. The organization is staffed by a team of dedicated volunteers who keep the facility open for donations, sort and organize



Box Pull winners Elli Kittley, Taylee Ehlert, Matthew Newhouse, and Kris Bilbrey.

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the items given, and work to match what they have to people who need it.

The Chamber also recognized outstanding youth from Clarendon and Hedley, which are selected by the faculties of Clarendon and Hedley high schools.

Taylee Ehlert was the Young Woman of the Year from Hedley and is the Valedictorian for the Hedley Class of 2025. She has participated in basketball, track, cross country, and tennis and is a member of NHS and FFA. She will attend West Texas A&M in the fall and will major in Plant, Soil, & Environmental Science. Her hobbies include gardening, crocheting, and taking care of her animals. In her spare time, she works at Monroe's Peach Ranch.

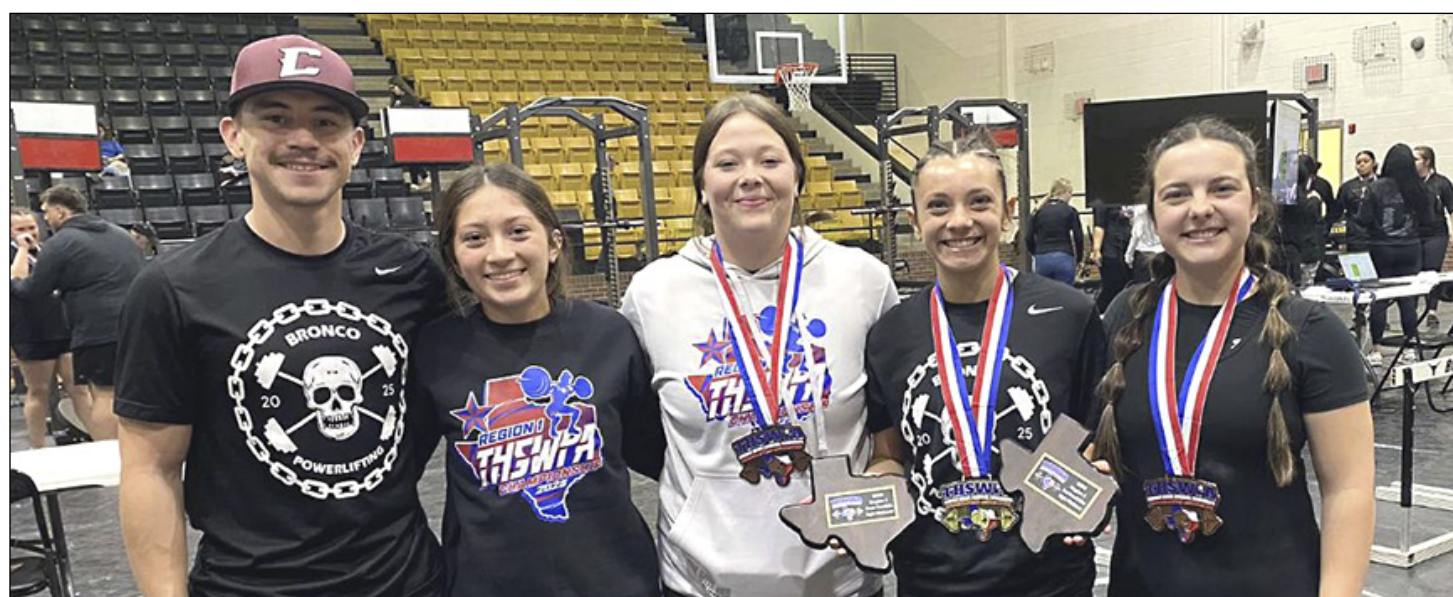
The Youth Woman of the Year from Clarendon was Lauren Cenicerros, who is a member of the CHS Student Council, plays on the tennis team, and is active in One Act Play. She's been a Cheerleader for three years and loves to participate in community service. She does all of this while maintaining a position on the A/B honor roll. This year she was named the Lions Club Sweetheart and has participated in many

Lions service activities. When she's not busy with school activities or her job, she enjoys cooking, reading books, and spending time outdoors. Her future plans are to attend Amarillo College or West Texas A&M to pursue a degree in early childhood education.

Javier Valles was named the Young Man of the Year from Hedley. He is the salutatorian for the Hedley Class of 2025, and He has participated in football, basketball, track, cross country, tennis, and cheerleading. He is a member of the NHS and the FFA and plans to attend Wayland Baptist University in the fall as a member of the cheer squad and majoring in business. He hopes to open his own Cheer Gym one day. His hobbies include practicing cheer, listening to music, and creating social media content.

Benjamin Estlack was named the Young Man of the Year from Clarendon. He is active in UIL Academics in Math, Number Sense, and Science and is a senior class officer and Student Council president. He is member of the Golf and Tennis teams and NHS and is president of the Babble-on History Society. He has been a supporter of the Mulkey

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Frausto Bound for State

CHS junior Elliot Frausto is headed for the state powerlifting meet after her first place finish at the regional meet last week. See the our story on page 6. Shown here are Coach Jordan Enriquez, Josie Murillo, Shelby Christopher, Frausto, and Zane Cruse. COURTESY PHOTO

CC spring enrollment increases

Clarendon College's spring enrollment is up 4.6 percent compared to this time a year ago.

Following the census date on February 5 after the first 12 days of spring classes, CC was up 62 students total with a student headcount of 1,411 in all locations compared to 1,349 in spring 2024.

The Clarendon campus is up 5.0 percent at 273, which is above 2024's enrollment of 260.

Pampa is up 16.9 percent with 104 students compared to 89 last spring.

Distance education – students taking strictly online classes – was up 30 students at 137, and dual credit enrollment – students taking college classes through area high schools – was up 3.5 percent with 707 students.

The Childress Center was even with 43, and the Amarillo Center up by three students with 65 enrolled in cosmetology.

Classes taught in area correctional institutions fell by 23 students.

Total contact hours for Clarendon College for the spring 2024 semester show an overall increase of 9.6 percent at 303,840 compared to spring 2024.

This marks the closest CC has come to getting spring enrollment back to the level it was before the COVID-19 outbreak. Before the pandemic, CC's 2020 spring enrollment was 1,441.

State urging preparations for wildfires

As wildfire potential continues across Texas, officials are urging residents to prepare and keep prevention top of mind.

"Dry conditions will persist into the weekend, continuing this week's risk for wildfires," said Jared Karns, Texas A&M Forest Service Fire Chief. "It's important for Texans to prepare for wildfires, work to prevent them and heed warnings of local officials."

Ninety percent of wildfires are caused by people and their activities, meaning most are preventable. Help prevent wildfires by being cautious with any outdoor activity that may cause a spark.

Debris burning is the number one cause of wildfires in Texas. Always check for and follow local burn bans and avoid burning on hot, dry or windy days.

Equipment use is the second leading cause of wildfires. Keep all vehicles in good working order and avoid parking and driving in tall, dry grass. Catalytic converters can spark dry grass.

Prepare your family for wildfire. Create a go kit. Build a kit with people and pet supplies, prescriptions, important papers, personal needs and priceless items. Plan evacuation routes. Identify at least two evacuation routes and pre-load evacuation routes into your vehicle or cell phone. Follow instructions of local officials. Sign up for local alerts and notifications.

By the direction of Gov. Abbott and the Texas Division of Emergency Management, Texas A&M Forest Service has activated state and local firefighters, support personnel, fire engines, bulldozers, and motor graders; federally contracted firefighting aircraft, including large air tankers, single-engine air tankers for retardant drops, air attack platforms for surveillance and spotting and helicopters with firefighting capability.

Since Jan. 1, 2025, state and local firefighters have responded to 462 wildfires that have burned 9,093 acres statewide.



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DOGE marks power shift in government

This may be the most difficult column I have ever written. When it comes to the Department of Government Efficiency, I really have no idea what's going on. How is that for an opener? What makes me feel better is I don't think anyone else really has an idea of what is completely going on, especially with what is and what is not legal. There are a few aspects I can talk about confidently, but like everyone else, I still have more questions than answers. Hopefully history can clarify a few aspects.

In my Colonial America class, I give an example of a 16-year-old who gets a car from his parents for his birthday. He's a good kid and now that he has transportation, his parents extend his curfew to midnight. Eventually, the kid realizes his parents are asleep when he gets in, and aren't paying attention to when he gets home. After several months, the kid starts coming in at 1 or 2 a.m. without any parental recourse. After about a year, one night he walks in, flips on the light and sees his parents waiting on the couch. They ground him for his tardiness. The kid's response is that it's not fair; his parents had to know he was coming in late and yet, had not punished before now.



historically speaking by dr. james finck

Who is right? The kid or the parents? In class, we normally conclude that there is fault on both sides. I explain that this is how our American Revolution began. For more than 100 years, the British government had left the colonies alone without enforcing rules. Smuggling and other acts became a way of life. Then one day, we walked in to find our parents (the king) upset because we broke the rules. Our moment getting caught was when, during the French and Indian War, the Crown sent troops and bureaucrats over who discovered we were not behaving properly. Our "That's not fair" movement sparked the revolution.

This also applies to our political situation today. For more than 100 years, Congress has willingly allowed presidents to slowly strip away its power as it is easier to allow the president to work harder and take either all the credit or the blame. Congress never had to do anything controversial increasing their reelection chances. Common issues today would never have been turned over to the president in the 1800s. Our living room light came on when Trump and Musk began eliminating programs. Now, suddenly, Congress — at least the Democrats — care and are claiming it's not fair. In essence, Trump is doing what other presidents have done while no one stopped them. He's just taken the next step with DOGE. The problem is it may be too late to stop the trend.

The constitutional issue revolves around defunding organizations Congress had previously approved, like USAID (United States Agency for International Development). While many are excited about the cuts, Constitutionally, Congress controls the checkbook. Historically speaking, there have been instances where presidents have not used the money as it was intended. This is known as Impoundment, and was first used by Thomas Jefferson.

In 1803, Congress approved funds to purchase gunboats on the Mississippi River to possibly defend the nation's right to use New Orleans. That same year, Jefferson's Louisiana Purchase included New Orleans, so he did not make the purchases as there was no longer a need. After that, presidents regularly used impoundments when they felt the government did not need to spend as much as Congress had approved on any project. Impoundments were common practice until Nixon's presidency.

Nixon used impoundment so frequently that Congress felt that his withholding of approved program funds was the same as terminating programs. In 1972, when he vetoed the Federal Water Pollution Control Act amendment, Congress overrode his veto and passed the bill. Instead of allocating funds to the states under the program, Nixon impounded them. The City of New York sued Russell E. Train, an Environmental Protection Agency administrator, for the funds based on the grounds that the president had overstepped his authority. In 1975's Train v. City of New York, the Supreme Court agreed.

While the Court considered the case, Congress passed the Impoundment Control Act of 1974 which allowed the president to rescind funds only if both branches of Congress agreed. Clinton tried to regain some control with the Line-Item Veto Act of 1996, which allowed the president to cut congressional spending, but the Court found the law unconstitutional. Legally, it seems as if DOGE should have congressional permission to cut funding to government agencies. Yet, the cuts are still happening.

As I see it, even with laws limiting the executive branch's power, the legislative branch will have to work together to enforce them. Recent history shows us that Democrats and Republicans usually don't play well together and only seem concerned with presidential power when the other party's president is in office. It also took more than a century for Congress to have its power stripped away, so it may take just as long to reclaim it.

Trump's success is that elected officials have always claimed they want to fix wasteful spending, but no one has ever done anything. Watching the attacks on Trump, it is clear why. Everyone wants government spending controlled until it impacts their interests or their supporters' interests. Too many have benefited for too long on government money. My issue is, even if we support the DOGE cuts, and there are many that I do, this is setting precedent that will also apply to future presidents with whom we may not agree.

While the courts will probably decide what is and is not legal with the DOGE cuts, no one can claim that Trump is afraid to do what he promised to do. Cutting government waste was what made him popular.

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Cowboy boots here for the long haul

Cowboy boots were the most prized and expensive part of a cowboy's wardrobe. They were just as important to the cowboy as his Stetson hat. Although the first boots on the range were his civil War uniform boots, the true cowboy boot came quickly after the war.

The first cowboy boots were a combination of the American cavalry type and the British Wellington. Made in Coffeyville, Kansas, the boots were tall, coming almost to the knee to protect the cowboy's legs when he was riding. Tall boots also protected the cowboy from spiders and rattlesnakes when he was on the ground, and they made it more difficult for sand and gravel to bounce into the boot. These first boots were tight as well as tall. It is believed by some that because cowboys did so much riding rather than walking, their feet did not grow to the size of modern-day standards, and being vain about their small feet, the cowboys liked their boots tight. Initially, boot sizes ranged from four to nine; today they go from eight to eighteen.

The tightness also helped them keep their balance while in the saddle. Patterns of stitching were sewn into the upper leather of the boots to stiffen them and keep the upper part from flopping over or bunching up around the ankles. The heels were the width of the boot and were relatively short and flat. To make these tall, tight boots easier to pull on, straps known as mule-ears were sewn into the uppers to give the cowboy something with which to tug.

Over the years the boots evolved into today's styles. As cowboys began to wear chaps, there was no need for the boots to be so high. Decorative stitching was added. Pointed or rounded toes provided greater comfort and stability. The heels

became narrow and tapered and up to two inches high. This made the boots more adaptable to the saddle stirrups but also less comfortable for walking. Frequently, if a cowboy was thrown from his horse and had to walk home, he took his boots off for walking.

Although there are now many boot makers, the Justin boot became known as the "Standard of the West." In 1879 H. L. "Joe" Justin made his way from Indiana to Spanish Fort, Texas.

Being near where the Chisholm Trail crossed the Red River, Spanish Fort became a favorite watering hole for cowboys before making the crossing. Although Justin was working in a barber-shop, he had had some prior experience as a cobbler.

Soon after Justin's arrival in Spanish Fort, a cowboy, O.C. Cato, manager of the XIT Montana ranch, asked Justin to make him a pair of boots. "I'm on my way to Dodge City," Cato said,

"and I'll get them on my way back."

Being pleased with the result, Cato later suggested that if Justin could devise a way of taking a cowboy's foot measurements, Cato could sell boots for him. Justin's wife, Annie, designed a paper for tracing foot measurements and a tape for measuring the ball of the foot and the heel. These kits were used successfully, and Joe Justin became the first commercial maker of cowboy boots.

Justin's business was booming, and when the railroad reached Nocona in 1888, he moved the business there to



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make shipping easier. Joe would rise at 4:00 each morning and start working. When Annie had breakfast ready, she would signal Joe by putting a lighted kerosene lamp in the window.

Joe and Annie had six sons and one daughter. In 1908 Joe took his sons into the business, and in 1925, seven years after Joe's death, the sons moved the business to Ft. Worth.

Not wanting to go to Ft. Worth, Joe's daughter, Enid, remained in Nocona where she borrowed some money and established her own boot manufacturing company, the successful Nocona Boot Company. Enid married twice, with each marriage ending in divorce. Because each of her ex-husbands opened his own boot company, one of Enid's brothers suggested that she not marry again as she was creating too much competition for the family business.

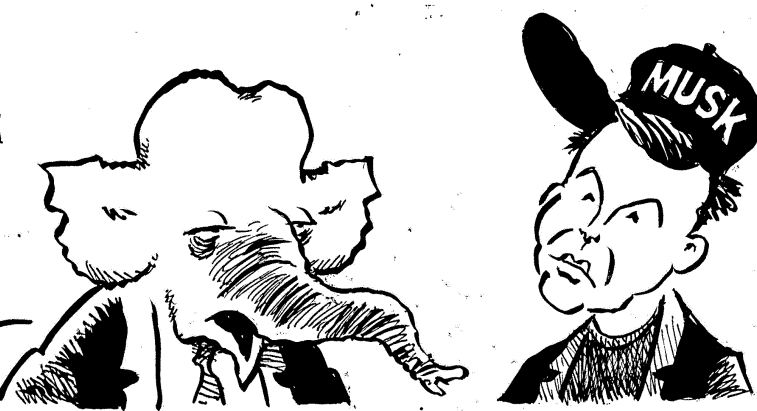
Enid was a salty woman known as being "tough as a boot." She would walk through ice and snow if the weather was too bad to drive to work. Her business thrived, but finally, when her health began to fail, she merged it with that of her brothers.

There is now a Justin Industries, Inc., which owns the Justin, Nocona, and Tony Lama boot companies.

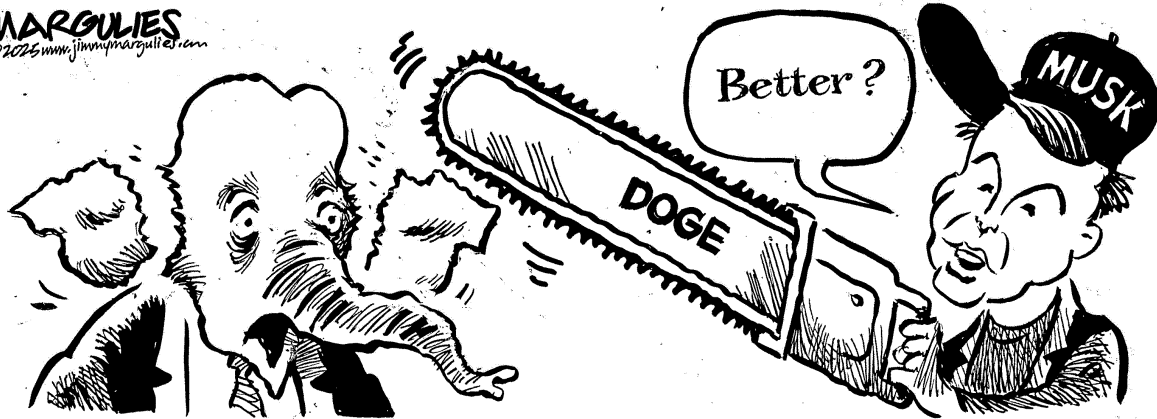
Cowboys today are quite different from what they were in the past. Although they still ride horses, they also travel in jeeps, pickup trucks, and helicopters. Nevertheless, it seems that cowboy boots are here to stay.

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.

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Long odds on airline industry history

Odds of brothers Orville and Wilbur Wright constructing, then flying, the world's first powered aircraft in 1903 — and Southwest Airlines' founding what would become one of the world's leading airlines 64 years later — were about the same.

Most figured the odds to be slim and none. And most were wrong....

While the Wrights' contraption was aloft for only 59 seconds with a flight measuring just 852 feet, it was a beginning, as was SWA's start-up with leased aircraft, stiff competition, borrowed money and unfettered dreams.

Perhaps the chief of dreamers was SWA co-founder Herb Kelleher, as was eventual SWA President Colleen Barrett, first woman president of a major airline. Both pioneers — gone, but by no means forgotten — came to mind recently on the front and back ends of my first major airline flight in five years. Advancing years (think numbers on a piano keyboard), health issues and a limited speaking schedule have kept me grounded, but the recent Dallas-to-Tampa, FL, flight on the "airline that LUV built" lingers on my memory ladder's top rung.

A friend claims that heaven has a glass bottom. I'll join right in, hopeful that Herb and Colleen flashed big smiles....

For starters, I'd never negotiated Love Field's great new parking lot. While securing the car, I made a mental check of items I'd lug to the terminal. Yep, keys, wallet, two rolling pieces of luggage, a briefcase, cane and my dratted CPAP machine weighted me down.

I re-defined trudging. Winded and eager to find a chair upon reaching the terminal, I saw a skycap literally running toward me, offering a wheelchair with its tires still smoking. Rarely has any offer been so readily accepted. Michael wheeled me to check-in, then to the security gate, where pockets were emptied and explanations offered for wires and batteries implanted for heart back-ups....

But wait! Where was my phone? "Probably left in the car," Michael said. "Let's go back." He then wheeled me for several hundred yards back to my car, grabbed my phone from the front seat, shot a photo of my parking space and pushed the wheelchair to my boarding gate. (To be sure, Michael earned a generous tip.) Thirty minutes had passed, but early boarding assured my choice of any row of seats. Remember, it was Saturday night, and most people were already where they were going.

In Tampa, I addressed a church senior adult luncheon, sold a few books and was hosted by two couples whose paths I hadn't crossed for 60 and 30 years, respectively. Mike and Jeanie Compton were Sul Ross students during my faculty tenure there in the 1960s. Mike was in my PR class, and I awarded Steve Biles his baccalaureate degree at Howard Payne University....

I was treated royally by the Comp-



the idle american by don newbury

tons — as well as by Steve and his wife, Cricket — and his parents, Tom and Nanel Biles, HPU classmates more than 65 years ago.

After five days, I boarded an early-morning SWA flight, this one packed. I was "wheelchaired" to the gate for early boarding, sitting near a college-age woman named Katie.

We talked about columns/writing/reporting, etc., and she seemed interested.

I told her I'd like to autograph a book, thinking I'd fish one out of my briefcase placed on the plane's only unoccupied center seat. Alas, no book was found, but I assured her that I'd find one at baggage claim. She said she might be delayed. At no time during our two-hour visit did she mention that she had leg prostheses....

A flight attendant — call him Gil — overheard our conversation, mentioning that he has written the first chapter of his book. He shared it with me; I quickly recognized his considerable talent. He, too, would get a book.

After luggage was gathered, Gil — completing his trip — insisted on pushing the wheelchair to my car. I asked him how many times he'd wheeled passengers from plane seats to car seats. "Counting today, once," he smiled.

Angels abound; sometimes they're easily spotted....

Dr. Newbury, longtime university president, continues to speak and write. The Idle American, begun in 2003, appears weekly in newspapers throughout Texas. Contact: 817-447-3872. Email: newbury@speakerdoc.com. Audio version at www.speakerdoc.com.

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Chamber Board member Courtney Monroe (right) presented Scarlet Estlack with her winnings from the 50/50 raffle.

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Awards:

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Theatre and aquatic center projects since their beginning; and for his Eagle Scout project, he and his best friend put up 70 section markers at Citizens Cemetery. He has volunteered for the Donley County Senior Citizens Center and is a member of the Clarendon Lions Club. Since age six, he has written a column for The Clarendon Enterprise and won regional and state press awards for his work. He has also worked as a lifeguard for the Clarendon Aquatic Center, taken surveys for the City of Clarendon and Donley County, and is presently employed by Newhouse Farms. He has earned several Honor C's and is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society for community colleges. He will receive his Associate's Degree this May from Clarendon College and will attend Texas Tech University in the fall in the Honors College, majoring in Mechanical Engineering with plans of working in the aerospace industry.

This year's Chamber banquet followed a Masquerade theme with many in attendance wearing ornate masks, and it was catered by Great Western Dining. More than 200 people attended the event, which was held in the Bairfield Activity Center. Entertainment for the evening was provided by the band "The Martinis" of Amarillo.

Other winners Thursday night included 50/50 winner Scarlet Estlack and Box Pull winners Matthew Newhouse, Kris Bilbrey (twice!), Taylee Ehler, and Elli Kitley.

Tables were sponsored by the City of Clarendon; Clarendon College; The Clarendon Enterprise; Donley County Senior Citizens; Donley County State Bank; Greenbelt Water Authority; Herring Bank; Liberty Electric, Plumbing, HVAC & Construction; Pilgrim Bank; Saints' Roost Museum; and Shelton & Shelton Law Offices. The City of Clarendon was recognized as having the Best Dressed Table during the banquet.

This year's corporate sponsors were Best Western Red River Inn, Budweiser, The Clarendon Enterprise, Country Bloomers Flowers & Gifts, Greenbelt Electric Cooperative, REFZ Sports Bar & Grill, Robertson Funeral Directors, and Sully Suds Laundry Mat.

Chamber President Ashlee Estlack emceed the banquet. Also on the Chamber board this year are Vice President Sharlene Bordonaro, Tracy Farmer, Richard Green, Collin Monroe, Courtney Monroe, Chris Wilson, LaTonya Wilson, and Bob Weiss.

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4th Grade: Presley Lockhart, Baylee Jones

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6th Grade: Cotton Halsey

7th Grade: Emma Christopher, Kase Zongker

8th Grade: Charlie Neal

9th Grade: David Caudle, Madden Emerson, Madison Green, Kennedy Halsey, Addison Havens, Hudson Howard, Dakotah Jameson, Justus McAnear, Hagen Newman, Flint Pittman, Kagan Robinson, Makynna Williams, Skylar Williams, Tristen Ybarra

10th Grade: Hunter Caison, Shaun Childers, Zane Cruise, Kortni Davis, Kaitin Ehler, Elaina Estlack, Kendon Hanes, Kinslee Hatley, Parker Haynes, George Howard, Marelli Mercado Vazquez, Dahlia Neal, Zakary Roberts

11th Grade: Rowdy Bebout, Tyler Bell, Madilyn Benson, Ayden Bordonaro, Shelby Christopher, Kashlyn Conkin, Ranger Drenth, Gracie Ellis, Elliot Frausto, Kenidee Hayes, Kaleb Mays, Berkley Moore, Sarah Shaw, Presley Smith, Megan Weatherhead, Millie McAnear

12th Grade: Joshua Allred, John Anderson, Lauren Cenicerros, Emily Clark, Shelbi Coles, Kennadie Cummins, Tandie Cummins, Hayden Elam, Benjamin Estlack, Grant Haynes, Riley Jantz, Zackery Lockhart-Mckinney, Maloree Wann, Bryce Williams, Chelsea Wright

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1st Grade: Merci Arnold-Farmer, Daegan Hall, Wylie Kirby, Brantley White, Maggie Ashbrook, Isabelle Hudson, Sadie Shields, River Smith, Darren Sternadel

2nd Grade: Weston Burrow, Stetson Duncan, August Moffett, James T Shelton, Rose Stone, Tate Chase, Braxton Henson, Azaylah Jaramillo, Zuri Roark, Madalyn Robertson, Penelope Roberson

3rd Grade: Cutter Gaither, Clarah Lewis, Landree Martinez, Danlin Avila, Bennett Chesser, Cohen Farris, Choice Shadle, Kinze Zongker

4th Grade: Cutter Ashbrook, Logan Blanchard, Strattan Burton, Eliseo Olivas, Weslynn Shields, Addeley Snure, Jakayden Weatherton, Sway Chambers, Kelton Herndon, Caden Meeks, Elliott Robertson, Zachary Taylor, Payton Warren, Ian Weatherhead

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6th Grade: Ajax Caudle, Zayden Shadle, Cyrus Shoushtari-Sabt

7th Grade: Kassie Askew, Kennedy Gaither

8th Grade: Brance Bell, Rustin Wade

9th Grade: Markeal Anderson, Hadley Bebout, Jesslyn Guerra, Alexis Jantz, Landry King, Chritian Matinez, Josie Murillo, Eliana Rodriguez, Sequoia Weatherton

10th Grade: Hayden Moore

11th Grade: Joshua Blais, Dakota Bond, Tanner Cavanaugh, Tyler Cavanaugh, Mary Jo Dushay, Don'jae Orr, Aliza Pierson, Michael Randall, Heston Seay, Coulter Wortham

12th Grade: Kaleb Bolin, Colton Caudle, James Coles, Ian Grant, Mariana Mercado Vazquez, Koltyn Shields, Erin

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Elementary: Abby Jaramillo, Bennett Chesser, Brantley White, Brody Blanchard, Brooklyn Hudson, Camree Dean, Cohen Farris, Cutter Ashbrook, Cutter Gaither, Danlin Avila, Darren Sternadel, Hope Ybarra, Hunter Williams, Ian Weatherhead, Isabelle Hudson, Israel De La Torre Avila, Jaylie Duncan, Jazmyin Ballard, Jensyn Lewis, Jett Hodger, Josefina Alvey, Joshua Robinson, Kensler Roberts, Kody Christopher, Kylee Glover, Landree Martinez, Lennon Morris, Liam Wright, Madalyn Robertson, Mason King, McCoy Wann, Merci Arnold-Farmer, Mercy Whetstone, Mia Jaramillo, Ollie Robertson, Owen King, Penelope Roberson, Peyton Warren, Rose Ybarra, Shaylee Hall, Stetson Duncan, Tex Naylor, Weston Burrow, William Robertson, Wylie Kirby, Zaiden Walker, Zuri Roark

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Community Calendar

March 6
Lady Bronco Softball v West Plains JV @ West Plains Tournament • 9:00 a.m.

March 6
Bronco @ Longhorn Relays @ Vega • TBA

Lady Bronco Softball v Dalhart @ West Plains Tournament • 11:00 a.m.

Lady Bronco Softball v PD JV @ West Plains Tournament • 1:00 p.m.

March 7 & 8
Heart Eyes • 7:30 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

March 8
Broncos Baseball v Valley • Home • 1:00 p.m.

March 9
Heart Eyes • 2:00 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

March 18
Broncos Baseball v Valley • Home • 4:30 p.m.

March 20
Bronco @ Greyhound Relays @ Gruver • TBA

April 26
Chance Mark Jones Roar & Run 5K • 8:30 a.m. • Donley County Court House • Register online or at The Clarendon Visitor Center

★ Menus

March 10 - 14 Donley County Senior Citizens

Mon: Spaghetti & meatballs, garden salad, garlic toast, sliced peaches/whipped topping, iced tea/2% milk.

Tues: Mexican pile-on, Spanish rice, garden salad, sliced peaches, iced tea/2% milk.

Wed: Pork chops/loin, long grain rice, peas & carrots, whole wheat roll, pumpkin pie, iced tea/2% milk.

Thurs: BBQ chicken, baked potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll, apple cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Pollock, Brussel sprouts, French fries, hushpuppies, fruit cocktail, sugar cookie, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Easy meatballs, garlic mashed potatoes, baked beans, buttered peas & carrots, fruit cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.

Tues: Cajun baked fish, baked sweet potato, red beans & rice, buttered Brussel sprouts, banana pudding, iced tea/2% milk.

Wed: Chicken fried steak, country gravy, mashed red skin potatoes, broccoli & carrots, angel food cake w/strawberries, buttermilk whole wheat biscuit, iced tea/2% milk.

Thurs: Beef pot roast w/brown gravy, roasted carrots, potatoes, onions, black forest cake, mandarin oranges, buttermilk whole wheat biscuits, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Chili cheese dog on whole wheat bun, crispy French fries, baked beans, mixed green salad, rice Krispie treat, apricots, iced tea/2% milk.



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting March 4, 2025, with Boss Lion Pro Tem Brian Barboza in command.

We had ten Lions present, and one Lion attending virtually. There was no program other than updates.

An update was presented by Lion Roger Estlack with a list of those who sponsored last year to hand out for this year's 13th Annual Chance Mark Jones Memorial Roar & Run 5K scheduled for April 26. We also had an application. A motion and second was made to approve the application of Rita Gehman to Lions Club. Congrats, Lion Rita!

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



Living History Presenters

Students in the Donley County Home School Coop. presented their annual Living Wax Museum last Friday at the Burton Memorial Library. The students presented biographies of several notable Americans from Lewis & Clark to former president Ronald Reagan and did an excellent job explaining the lives of their chosen figures.

COURTESY PHOTO

Clarendon Junior High opens track season

The Clarendon Junior High Colts and Lady Colts had their first track meet of the season in Wellington at the Rocket Relays.

Bri Lynn Bruce had a great day and took first in the 100m dash at 13.48 and first in the 200m with a time of 28.25.

Paylin Hodges was 12th in the 100m at 15.87 and 17th in the 200m with a time of 35.24.

Jacquan Weatheron placed first in the 100m with a time of 12.31 and seventh grader Wyatt Devenney was first in the 200m at 28.36. The eighth grade Colt relay took fifth place with a time of 50.45. Braxton Gribble was seventh in the 100m at 13.11, fifth in the 200m with a time of 26.35, and 12th in the long jump with a leap of 15'2".

Paxton English was 15th in the 100m at 14.31, eighth in the 200m with a time of 27.87, third in the long

jump at 17' ½" and third in the high jump at 5'2".

TJ Smith was 10th in the 200m at 28.08, and second in the long jump at 17'7 ½". Josh Holt was fourth in the discus with a throw of 84' and Rustin Wade was ninth in the triple jump with a distance of 29'4".

Devenney was fourth in the 100m at 13.66 and sixth in the discus at 67'4". Colton Henson was fifth in the 1600m with a time of 6:30.06 and second in the 2400m run at 10:06.44 which was just under a second from first place.

Kase Zongker did a good job in the field events with third in the shot put at 30' and third in the discus with a throw of 68'5".

Colton Madsen was sixth in the shot at 27'3" and 10th in the 400m with a time of 1:17.12. Trigg Harper was 11th in the 400m at 1:17.40 and 22nd in the long jump with a leap of

11'5 ½". Rylan Taylor jumped 10'2" in the long jump for 23rd place and was 14th in the 400m with a time of 1:24.67.

Linley Hogel was 3rd in the 800m with a time of 2:59.20, sixth in the 200m at 33.44, and 10th in the long jump with a distance of 11'3 ½". Adleigh Moore was sixth in the long jump at 11'7 ¾" and 11th in the 100m with a time of 15.67. Kialla McDuffey was 13th in the 100m at 15.89 and Laityn Hanks was 15th in that event with a time of 16.11. Hanks was 14th in the 400m at 1:26.67 and 20th in the long jump at 9'5 ¾".

Haven King was 15th in the 400m at 1:29.50 and sixth in the triple jump with a distance of 23'3 ¾". Brooklyn Parham was 11th in the 400m with a time of 29.54.

The Colts and Lady Colts will travel to Panhandle on March 27.

CHS competes in first track meet of the season

By Sandy Anderberg

The Broncos participated in the Wellington Rocket Relays in their first track meet of the season, and Kaleb Mays brought home a first-place finish in the 100m dash.

Mays' time was 11.33 for first place. The Bronco varsity team placed fifth out of 15 schools. The 400m relay was fifth at 46.09 and was run by Mays, Shane Hagood, Caleb Herbert, and Brice Wagner.

Wagner also placed fourth in the 200m dash with a time of 23.60, and Mays was fifth at 23.87. Wagner took second place in the 400m dash with a time of 53.97, and Bryce Williams was sixth in the 800m run at 2:16.10.

Wagner was fourth in the long

jump with a leap of 19'11 1/2", and Mason Sims was third in the high jump at a height of 5'10".

The Bronco junior varsity finished fifth as a team and was led by Don'Jae Orr who took first in the 100m dash with a time of 11.80.

Markeal Anderson was sixth in that event at 12.59. Anderson was third in the 200m at 25.09 and Dakotah Jameson was sixth in the 110 hurdles at 20.62. Nolan Burrow was fifth in the shot put with a throw of 33' ¼", and Jameson was third in the high jump at 5'.

The Lady Broncos made a good showing in their season opener at the Wellington Rocket Relays in Wellington. There were 15 teams competing for the top spot. The 800m relay finished third with a time of 1:54.66 behind Childress and Canadian. The relay was run by Berkeley Moore, Gracie Ellis, Kenidee Hayes, and Madi Benson.

Kate Shaw did a great job in the shot put and finished second with a throw of 35'3 ½". Benson was second in the 800m run with a time of 2:31.85 and third in the 1600m run at 6:01.86. Addy Havens had a good day and was third in the 400m dash with a time of 1:05.77 and fifth in the 1600m finishing in a time of 6:12.27.

The Lady Broncos will travel to Vega March 5 to compete in the Longhorn Relays, and the Broncos will compete in the Longhorn Relays on March 6.

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Obituaries

Reese

With deep sorrow, we announce the passing of Bennie G. Reese, a devoted husband, educator, coach, and mentor who dedicated over 30 years of his life to shaping young minds both in the classroom and on the athletic field. Bennie departed this world peacefully, leaving behind a profound legacy of leadership, perseverance, and unwavering dedication to youth development.

Born in Memphis to the late Walter and Bobbie Jean Reese of Clarendon Bennie grew up in a loving family that instilled in him a strong work ethic and deep-rooted values. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Keith Reese.

Bennie was a proud graduate of Clarendon High School in Clarendon, Texas, Class of 1970. Following graduation, he pursued his passion for education and athletics on a full athletic scholarship, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education from Howard Payne University in 1975, with a minor in Social Studies and Health. Additionally, he was a member of the Howard Payne football team, which won the Lone Star Conference Championship of 1971.

As a dedicated member of the Black Alumni Association at Howard Payne University, Bennie took great pride in mentoring students from all backgrounds, advocating for equal access to education and athletic opportunities.

Bennie dedicated his career to shaping young minds and athletes, beginning as a youth counselor at the Brownwood State School before transitioning into education. He served for decades as an Honors American and World History teacher, Assistant Head Football Coach/Defensive Coordinator, and Head Coach for Track and Baseball. His passion for education and sports left a lasting impact at Palo Duro High School in Amarillo, Texas; Athens High School in Athens, Texas; and Liberty-Eylau High School in Texarkana, Texas, culminating in his retirement from Waxahachie High School in Waxahachie, Texas.

Bennie's love for teaching history ignited a passion for learning in his students, while his leadership on the football field instilled discipline, teamwork, and perseverance. As a dedicated coach in football, track, and baseball, he inspired his athletes to strive for excellence, emphasizing hard work, sportsmanship, and commitment leaving a lasting impact on countless young athletes whose lives he shaped both on and off the field.

Under his guidance, his teams achieved multiple district championships and playoff appearances, including leading Liberty-Eylau High School to a Texas 3A Division I State Championship in 1999. His unwavering commitment to his players and students extended beyond the classroom and field, as he was a mentor, father figure, and lifelong supporter of those he taught and coached.

Family & Legacy

Bennie Reese is survived by his devoted wife of 55 years, Judy Reese of Waxahachie, Texas. Together, they built a beautiful life filled with love, laughter, and cherished memories. Their union was blessed with two beloved children: Detria Daniels of (Aubrey, Texas) and Ben Reese Jr. (Charity) of (Arlington, Texas.)

He is also lovingly remembered by his devoted siblings, Walter Reese (Lafayette, Louisiana) Mar-

garet Reese-Calloway (Charles) (Rockwall, Texas); Kenneth Reese (Joan) (Pleasant Grove, Texas).

Bennie was a proud grandfather to his cherished grandchildren: Jordan Daniels (Dallas, Texas), Bria Daniels (Plano, Texas); Morgan Reese (Grand Prairie, Texas) Trinity Reese (Grand Prairie, Texas)

He was deeply loved by his extended family, Manzelze Gardner, Uncle (Amarillo, Texas), Doris Gardner, Aunt (Clarendon, Texas), Larnee & Jewel Gardner, Uncle & Aunt (Forney, Texas), Peggy Fulton, Sister-in-law (Houston, Texas), Almeda Griffin, Sister-in-law (Houston, Texas), James Collins, Brother-in-law (San Diego, California)

Bennie will be dearly missed by a host of nieces, nephews, and extended family who cherished him deeply. His legacy of love, kindness, and devotion to family will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

Honoring His Legacy

Bennie's influence will continue to be felt in the many lives he touched, the lessons he imparted, and the values he instilled. His wisdom, kindness, and unwavering belief in the potential of youth will live on as his greatest legacy.

A memorial service will be held in his honor in Grand Prairie at his son's church (Shady Grove) on March 6th, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., where friends, family, and former students are welcome to celebrate his life and contributions. Funeral service will be held 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 8, 2025, in Robertson Funeral Directors Saints' Roost Chapel in Clarendon. Burial will follow in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon. Viewing will be held prior to the service from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Rest in peace, Coach Reese. Your lessons, both in history and in life, will never be forgotten.

Lovell

Joe Thomas Lovell passed away February 25, 2025, at the age of 95. He peacefully died at his home in Claude with his daughters by his side.

A Memorial Service to celebrate Joe's life will be held Saturday, March 8, 10:00 a.m. at the Robertson Funeral Home Chapel in Clarendon.

Joe was born October 1, 1929, at the beginning of the Great Depression, in Ashtola to Benjamin Reed and Reta Eudora P o o v e y Lovell. His long life was an exemplary example of faith, integrity, hard work, generosity, and an overwhelming love for his family.

He graduated from Clarendon High School in 1946, Clarendon Jr. College in 1948, and then received a BBA degree from SMU School of Business in the spring of 1950 at the age of 20. Soon after he graduated from SMU, the Korean War broke out. Joe joined the U.S. Navy and was assigned to an auxiliary ship stationed at Sasebo, Japan. He assisted in processing U.S. Military troops that were being shipped to fight on the front lines. After one year, he attended Officer's Training School at Newport, R.I. and became an officer with the rank of Ensign. Joe was assigned to the U.S.S. Menifee, an attack transport ship, and served three years in the Operations Department. A notable assignment was transporting the Indian troops to Korea to act as peacekeepers during the prisoner exchange, then acting as the Flagship for the prisoner exchange at the end of the war. At one point, Joe was the only officer aboard that could "break" the top-secret coded messages. When the war

ended, he chose to be released from active duty but stayed in the Navy Reserve until discharge in 1981 with rank of Lt. Commander.

Joe then returned to the Texas Panhandle and began working at Farmers State Bank in Clarendon in January of 1955. In addition to banking, opportunities allowed him to branch into a little farming on the side. In the early 1960s, his job at the bank also led to a wonderful, unexpected introduction (through mutual friends) to Shirley Nelson from Claude --- who would become his steadfast partner for over 6 decades. Joe became an integral part of the bank and enjoyed a 43-year career until retiring in 1998 with the position of Senior Vice President and Trust Officer and Director. Joe had also obtained a Texas Real Estate Broker License in 1968. After leaving the banking industry, he began working in the real estate business full time. Never missing a beat, he then opened a real estate office in Clarendon and soon thereafter, an additional office in Claude.

Joe's greatest joy and pride in life was his family. He and Shirley married in 1963, and Claude soon became the community where they chose to raise their family and further their involvement in the farm and ranch business. They were blessed with two girls: Leah Marie and Sheila Jo. Words cannot express the unwavering and unconditional love and support he had for his family. Joe had a passion for preserving the heritage of his home --- representative in his love of western art and the history of the Texas Panhandle. Joe was full of joy when spending time with family and working or recreating in the outdoors. He and Shirley enjoyed many memorable times with family and friends that will forever remain in our hearts. His legacy will touch lives for generations to come.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Shirley Nelson Lovell of Claude; daughter Leah Gregory and husband Mike of Rociada, New Mexico; daughter Sheila Jenkins and husband Kevin of New Braunfels, Texas; grandson Grant Gregory and wife Katie (and great-granddaughters Clare Joe and Sloan Kay) of Trementina, New Mexico; grandson Sam Gregory and wife Shelby of Hartley, Texas; grandson Ben Jenkins of Mesa, Arizona; grandson Gabe Gregory and wife Laney of Rociada, New Mexico; granddaughter Brooke Jenkins of New Braunfels, Texas. He is also survived by nephews, nieces, relatives, and friends of whom he cherished.

He was preceded in death by his parents Ben (1998) and Reta (1995), and his brother James Reed (2023).

Joe's life was a testament of faith, family, resilience, and optimism. He touched the lives of many with his kindness, wisdom, and unwavering sense of purpose. His deep wish was that all family and friends keep a smile on their face and silently say, "thanks for the memories".

Joe desired to extend warm thoughts and appreciation to dear friends Mary Lois Finley and Kirstin Farren, and the caring hands of BSA Hospice of the Southwest.

He also requested that memorial donations be sent to Claude EMS.

Wilson

Eva Mae Wilson, 72, of Clarendon passed away on Thursday, February 20, 2025, in Clarendon.

Memorial services were held on Thursday, February 27, 2025, in Robertson Saints Roost Chapel with Rev. Dr. Julie Vaughn officiating.

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Eva was born in Memphis on January 10, 1953, to Jewel Jones and Loise Reese. She grew up in Clarendon and graduated from

Clarendon High School. She later attended Clarendon College cosmology school. Eva worked many years in hospitality and was a waitress at Big Texan of Amarillo. Eva loved being around family and friends playing the game of dominoes, playing lottery, and enjoyed watching her favorite tv shows and game shows.

Eva was preceded in death by her parents; 2 brothers, Calvin and Freddie Reese; and her sister, Tina Jones.

Survivors include her son, Stanley Wilson of Clarendon; two daughters, Janice Wilson of Irving, and Lawanda Wilson of Plano; brother, Alvin Reese and wife Heather of Amarillo; sister, Erica Jones of Oklahoma City; three grandchildren, Keoshia Wilson, Tinario Wilson, and Paul Williams, Jr.; one great-granddaughter, Nylah Gutierrez; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

White

Betty Joyce White (Bildersback), 87 died February 26th, 2025, at her home in Woodward, OK.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, March 6th, 2025, from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at Robertson Funeral Home in Clarendon.

Services will be held on Friday, March 7, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church Clarendon with Rev. Lance Wood officiating. Burial will follow in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon.

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

Betty was born on November 7, 1937, in Hedley to Henry and Lucille Bildersback.

She married the love of her life Bud White on August 24, 1955, in Amarillo and spent 53 wonderful years with him. She was a member of First Baptist Church, in Clarendon and helped with numerous children's ministries. She was a devoted wife, homemaker, Momma, and Meme. Anyone that knew Betty knew she was a fierce Prayer Warrior and was often the first phone call when prayer was needed. Her family often referred to her as the luckiest lady as she was often the winner of any game played. She and Bud loved playing music, fishing, and playing games. Over the years since her beloved Bud passed, she devoted her time to her "Babies" of all ages, attending as many events as she could, teaching them to love Jesus and Wahoo.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Mack "Bud" Oliver White; her parents, Henry Bildersback and Lucille Vaughn; her sister, Doris Black; her brother, Dennis Vaughn; a grandson in-law Terry Campbell, and many other close relatives and friends.

She is survived by her three daughters Daphne Littlefield and husband Ricky, Freda Holland and husband John, Tammy Hasteley and husband Barry; one sister Darlene Ledford; six granddaughters Katicia Gilbert and husband Zach, Shanna Gregg and husband Clayton, Shelly Blum and husband Dustin, Sarah Campbell, Lynnze Bradley and husband Ryan, Betty "Kanee" Williams and husband Matt; thirteen great grandchildren Daniel Lee and wife Alyssa, Blake Lee and wife Alyssa, Chance Gregg, Cade Gregg and wife Jalyann, Lilyann Gregg,

Emilee Evans and husband Brandon, Carly Blum, Kaleb Blum, Brayden Bradley, Addie Bradley, Crosby Williams, Carter Williams, and Cooper Williams; nine great great grandchildren, Josie Lee, Daxton Lee, Case Lee, Aiden Lee, Ryker Evans, Rhett Evans, Slater Evans, Charli Gregg, Chanlyr Gregg, and great great number ten baby Gregg on the way in September.

Ferris

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Tina Joy Copelin Ferris. She was born April 15, 1968, in Pocatello Idaho to Wayne Sr. and Joan Copelin. She passed away on March 2, 2025, in Clarendon.

From an early age, Tina showed a unique ability to tune in to the needs of people who were sick or ailing in some way. She began her career caring for others at Clarendon Nursing Home. She took her affinity for health care and completed a vocational nursing program at South Plains College to become a Licensed Vocational Nurse. She worked at various facilities in the Panhandle until she ended up at Swisher Memorial Hospital where she met her devoted and loving husband, Scotty Ferris.

Tina and Scotty married June 3rd, 2006, in Clarendon. The two would end up making their home in Clarendon with Scotty continuing his career working as a paramedic for Clarendon E.M.S., and Tina becoming a stay at home mom to her two beloved children. With great sorrow, Tina lost a set of twins, but with much love and excitement, she later announced to the world that she was able to cut the umbilical cord on her newborn son, Jerami in 1994. With just as much excitement and love, she announced she was able to cut the umbilical cord on her newborn daughter, Abigail in 1996.

This tiny, feisty mamma bear was extremely proud of her two children. She would tell anyone and everyone of their accomplishments. From Jerami having a degree in Computer Science from WTAMU to him working for Visa in Austin Texas. From Abby having a Masters in Psychology from WTAMU to Abby's marriage to Caleb Cobb, and her latest and greatest blessing, the birth of her precious grandson Moses Casey Cobb.

Despite having M.S. and being ill for many years, Tina was the matriarch of her small, but loving family. She was like a tiny Killdeer spreading her wings to face any obstacle she felt was interfering or trying to harm her family in any way. That is the legacy she has left behind for her family and friends to remember her by.

She leaves behind her husband, Scotty of Clarendon, her son Jerami of Austin, her daughter Abby and husband Caleb stationed at Camp Lejeune, N. C., her mother Joan Copelin of Clarendon, her in-laws Tom and Frances Ferris of Wayside, and brother-in-law Danny and wife Debra, brothers Wayne Jr. Copelin and wife Rhonda, Ernie Copelin and wife Tangela, sisters Joanne Barton and husband Jack, Laura Luttrell and husband Mark, and Erin Osburn, and her adored and treasured grandson, Moses. And many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Wayne Copelin, and one nephew, Roper Copelin.

Memorial services will be Friday the 7th, at Calvary Baptist Church at 11:00 a.m. in Clarendon.

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Lady Broncos gain big wins last week

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos had a great week on the diamond and boosted their record to 5-1 for the season.

They took on Palo Duro Varsity in the Floydada Tournament and clobbered them 16-2. Senior Tandie Cummins went the distance on the mound and struck out three batters. She only allowed two hits in the game.

The Lady Broncos exploded in the second inning and put 11 runs on the board. The Lady Dons struggled to stop them. Overall, the team had 11 hits and 12 RBIs while grabbing six stolen bases. Seniors Kennadie Cummins and Hayden Elam combined for four doubles, three RBI, and four runs with Cummins adding two singles to the mix. Maloree Wann and Shelbi Coles posted three RBIs and Eli Rodriguez added two. Cambree Smith, Lexi Jantz, Riley Jantz, T. Cummins hit singles in the game to help their team. Every player made a difference at the plate and hit the ball well.

The Lady Broncos took on Lubbock Estacado in the next round and easily won at 18-3 with K. Cummins on the mound for two innings and Coles coming in to close the game out. Cummins struck out five batters in her time at the helm. The ladies had a stellar day in the field as well as they were able to make play after play to keep their opponent away from home plate. They had zero errors in the field while Estacado posted eight errors in the game.

The biggest part of the day was at the plate as T. Cummins, Elam, and Rodriguez all connected with home runs. Rodriguez went first with a grand slam in-the-park homer in the second inning. Elam slammed her home run on the very next pitch and Cummins nailed her big hit in the top of the third with two outs.

T. Cummins finished with two singles, one double, one home run, four RBIs, and four runs. Elam had one single, one double in addition to her home run and three RBIs and four runs. K. Cummins hit three

singles and Cambree Smith and R. Jantz added a single each in the win.

Earlier in the week, the Lady Broncos defeated a good Randall junior varsity team at 8-7. K Cummins pitched all seven innings to earn the win. Cummins threw 69 strikes out of 111 pitches with one strike out.

The Lady Raiders scored first after two scoreless innings earning two runs in the third. The Lady Broncos were able to add a run in the fourth before the game got interesting in the fifth and sixth when Clarendon put seven runs on the board.

With two outs, junior Elliot Frausto singled a hard-hit ground ball to left field that scored Coles. Before the play was over, Frausto ran the bases and scored on an error by the Randall catcher. That was a game-changer for the Lady Broncos as they began to swing the bats with determination. Elam stepped up and doubled up and went home when T. Cummins hit again to the left fielder

to go up by one run at the end of the inning.

A couple of errors in the field allowed Randall to earn three runs in the top of the sixth. But the Lady Broncos were not finished and with two outs, they began to swing their bats with fire. Wann put things in motion with a ground ball to right field and Frausto hits to the left. Elam earned a walk right before T. Cummins scored two runners. L. Jantz steps up to the plate with purpose and knocks down a hard hit to center field that scored two more runners.

The Lady Raiders had another at bat in the top of the seventh but could only muster one run before R. Jantz nailed a throw to Shelby Christopher at third base to put out the runner.

The Lady Broncos will play in the West Plains Tournament March 6 and play Tulia on March 7. They will play Fritch at Randall March 8 and host Randall JV on March 14 at 1:00 p.m.



Senior Maloree Wann bunts for the Lady Broncos on Monday against Childress.

COURTESY PHOTOS / AL ELAM



Senior Mason Allred pitches for the Broncos against Abilene Christian at Anson.

ENTERPRISE PHOTOS / TARA ALLRED



Senior Bryce Williams bunts for the Broncos against Abilene Christian on Saturday.

ENTERPRISE PHOTOS / TARA ALLRED

Broncos fall short in Hawley Tournament

By Sandy Anderberg

The Broncos had a hard week on the field and had some tough losses last week.

Early in the week, they took on San Jacinto at home and lost 3-6. Klay Wilkins was on the mound until the middle of the second inning. Wilkins allowed one hit and five runs. The Patriots were able to take advantage of five Bronco errors and walked five times. Wilkins had two strike-outs. Braylon Rice came in as relief and had one strike-out and allowed three hits.

Rice did a good job at the plate and had one run and one RBI on two hits. Shane Hagood doubled one time and added one run, while Mason Allred had one run in the

game. San Jacinto had a good second inning with a three-run homer.

The Broncos went up against Forsan in the opening game of the Hawley Tournament and lost 7-12. The Broncos mustered four hits but had four errors. They were able to steal six bases on the offensive side. Hayden Moore was on the mound for 1 inning before being relieved by Parker Haynes who finished out the game. Senior Bryce Williams did a good job at the plate hitting a triple, a double for one RBI and two runs. He also added two of six stolen bases. Hudson Howard came up with a double and one RBI, while Allred hit a single and had one stolen base. Colton Caudle posted two free bases

and Wilkins and Haynes grabbed one each.

The Broncos went up against Junction next and fell short 2-7. Caudle was on the mound for three innings and recorded six hits, six runs, three walks and one strike-out. Mason Sims came in and took over for the last two innings and allowed one run, had on walk, and four strike-outs. The Broncos had a slow start only scoring once in the second inning and another in the fifth. Junction had their bats moving and managed three runs in the first to take the early lead. The Broncos had four hits and three errors in the game.

They went up against Abilene Christian next and lost by only one

run at 7-8. Allred pitched three innings and Wilkins stayed on for one. Allred had five strike-outs and Wilkins struck out two. The Broncos had a better day at the plate and did a good job of picking out the good pitches at the plate. Creed Robinson had one single, one RBI, one run, and three of five stolen bases in the game. Sims had a single, two runs, and one stolen base, while Rice had a single and one RBI. Haynes had a single, Caudle had two stolen bases, Williams had one stolen base and Hudson Howard finished with one RBI.

The Broncos will host Valley March 8 at 1:00 p.m. and play Lockney at home March 18.

Frausto lifts way to state

By Sandy Anderberg

Clarendon High School junior Elliot Frausto claimed the Regional Powerlifting Championship in Abilene last week.

Frausto lifted in the 105-pound weight class and earned the right to compete at the state level March 12 at the Bert Ogden Arena in Edinburg, Texas. The competition will begin at 8:00am.

Frausto did a great job all year long and stepped up big at the Regional Meet. She was able to finish first in her weight class with a lift total of 535 pounds. Frausto posted a weight of 185 pounds in the squat, 95 pounds in the bench press, and 255 pounds in the deadlift. Her dead lift weight was 25 pounds more than her competitors and she outlifted the second-place competitor by 15 pounds.

Ten girls qualified for the regional meet with four competing. Qualifiers were Frausto, Zane Cruse, Shelby Christopher, Josie Murillo, Maloree Wann, Shelbi Coles, Riley Jantz, Lexi Jantz, Skylar Williams, and Hadley Bebout.

Zane Cruse did a great job as well and finished fourth in the 148-pound weight class. Cruse had a squat of 185 pounds, bench pressed 120 pounds, and deadlifted 265 pounds for a lift total of 570 pounds. Shelby Christopher lifted in the 198-pound class and finished fifth with a total lift of 620 pounds. Christopher lifted 225 pounds in the squat, 110 pounds in the bench, and 285 pounds in the deadlift.

Josie Murillo was in the 123-pound class and finished 8th with a lift total of 415 pounds. Murillo had lifts of 135 in the squat, bench pressed 80 pounds, and deadlifted 200 pounds. Congratulations to all the lifters and good luck at the State Meet Elliot.

The Boys' Regional Powerlifting Meet is set for March 7 and 8 at Wiley High School in Abilene. Kaleb Mays will be returning to the meet to lift in the 119-pound class. Newcomer Zak Roberts will be lifting in the 240-pound weight class. Good luck Kaleb and Zak!

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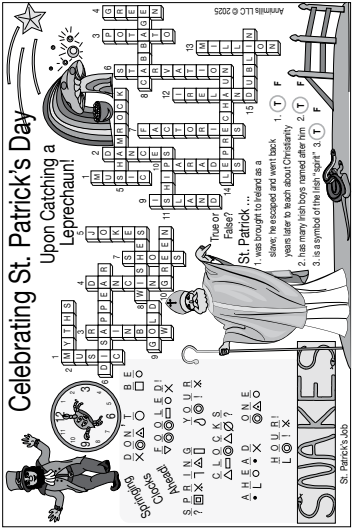
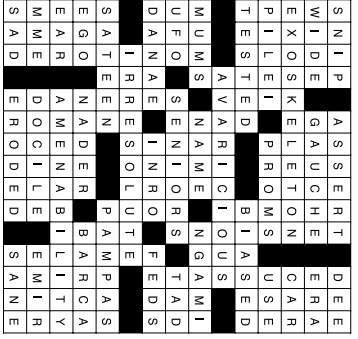
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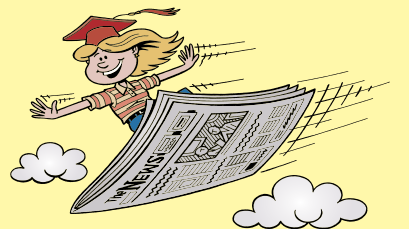
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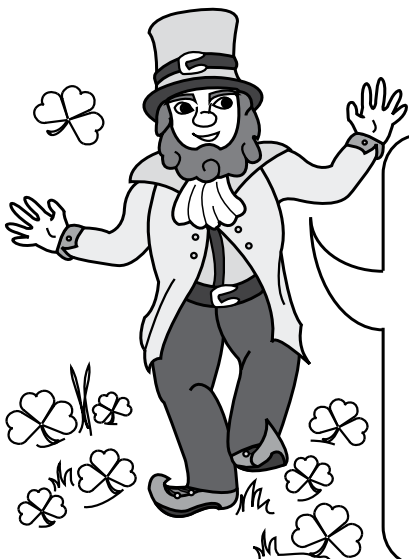
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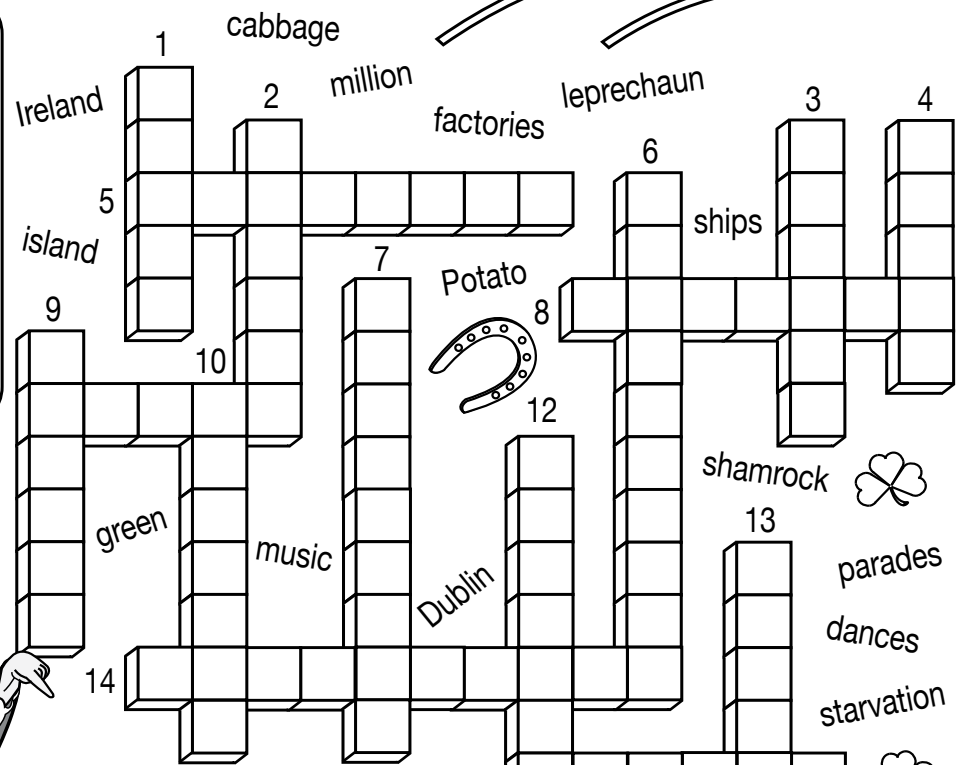
Celebrating St. Patrick's Day



You won't see me, but I'll be part of all the fun and festivities for St. Patrick's Day. I love the Irish dancers and music of the harpists, bagpipers, fiddlers and drummers. I follow the floats and bands in the parades. I even pop into a few homes to taste the family's special treats and meals like corned beef and cabbage. You can look for me if you want...I'm the knee-high guy wearing green and holding a 4-leaf shamrock. **Meanwhile, fill in my puzzle about Ireland and celebrating St. Patrick's Day.**

- 12 is a beautiful "Emerald" 9 in the Atlantic Ocean.
- It is west of England, separated by the Irish Sea.
- The capital and largest city in Ireland is called 15.
- In the mid-1800s, an important crop suffered terrible blight, causing what is now called the "Great 3 Famine."
- To escape 6, about one and a half 13 people left Ireland, sailing in 11 to get to America.
- Most arrived in large cities and took jobs in 7.
- Today in America, the Irish people share their joy of 1 and 2, like the Irish jig, with everyone else on St. Patrick's Day.
- People like to wear something that is 4.
- You might hear a story about how lucky it is to find a four-leaf 5 or to catch a 14.
- Some cities dye a river or the water in a fountain green and people line the streets to watch 10.
- Everyone can enjoy an Irish-American dinner of corned beef and 8.

True or False?



St. Patrick ...

1. was brought to Ireland as a slave; he escaped and went back years later to teach about Christianity 1. T F
2. has many Irish boys named after him 2. T F
3. is a symbol of the Irish "spirit" 3. T F



'Yellowstone' creator receives local artist's work

Texas Ranger Job Espinoza (right) presents a set of custom grips to Yellowstone television show creator Taylor Sheridan (left) in January. The grips for a 1911 pistol are made of gold and silver by Clarendon artist Kevin Johnson. Espinoza ordered the grips for Texas Rangers Company B and gave them to Sheridan as a thank you for him allowing Rangers to train at a shooting facility he built for his television shows. Johnson, who as done a lot of work for the Rangers through the years, also made a custom case for the grips.

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