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

Jobless claims fall in December data

Jobless claims in Donley County fell in December, according to information from the Texas Workforce Commission.

December's local unemployment rate of 3.8 percent reflected a workforce of 1,402 with 56 people looking for work. That's down from 4.6 percent in November when 67 people were jobless out of a workforce of 1,405.

Looking back one year, the Donley County jobless rate in December 2023 was also 3.8 percent with 53 people looking for work.

In the broader Panhandle region, the unemployment rate decreased slightly to 2.8 percent in December 2024 from 3.3 percent in November 2024, but remains higher than the 2.6 percent rate in December 2023.

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.



Lowe's honors Coles

Lowe's Family Center manager Steve Coles was recognized by the company last Thursday with the Ben Franklin Goal Keeper award for his success operating the Clarendon location. In addition to a championship belt, Coles also received a \$10,000 check as a thank you from the company. Coles credits his team for making the local store successful.

COURTESY PHOTO

Burton Library to host book signing March 21

Burton Memorial Library will be having three authors from the Texas Panhandle for a Book Signing next Friday, March 21, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Taylor Moore is the author of the Garrett Kohl series featuring the novel *Down Range*, which was nominated for the Barry Award for Best First Novel, named a Strand

Magazine Best Mystery of the year. He is a sixth-generation Texan who grew up on a farm and ranch northwest of Houston and is a former CIA Intelligence Officer.

Moore will not have any books with him to sign. Readers will need to bring their own Taylor Moore book for him to sign.

Dianne Smithwick-Bradén

is a Texas gal who loves a good mystery. Her favorites include suspense, adventure, humor, and a little romance. She strives to include those elements in her work. She writes for the challenge and the joy of it as well as for the entertainment of her readers. Her work is intended as an escape from the real world and

escape to different places and times with characters you'll love and some you'll love to hate.

Linda Broday is a *New York Times* and *USA Today* best-selling Author of historical western romance books and short stories. Her love for the Old West started when she was young watching westerns and going to museums and libraries.

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Fun in the Park

Aryia Coleman, age two, enjoys the slide of the Chance Mark Jones Playground in Clarendon's Prospect Park Monday afternoon. After cold rain and snow on Saturday, the weather returned to spring-like conditions Sunday and Monday, attracting numerous families to take advantage of the amenities at the park.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ELAINA ESTLACK

Railroad crossing upgrades to begin

Local officials have been notified that 25 railroad crossings throughout Donley County will be upgraded in the coming weeks, which will prompt temporary road closures all along the BNSF rail line.

County Judge John Howard said his understanding is the will focus on making the space between the tracks concrete at the crossings so they are safer for vehicles to cross and also easier to maintain.

According to information distributed by Nathan Drake of Road-Safe Traffic Systems, a contractor that will be setting up barricades during the work, the project will begin on or about March 23 beginning with crossings being closed at CR Z and CR 28 on the east side of the county. The final crossing work will be done on County Road 1 on or about April 30.

It's not known how long each crossing upgrade will take, but if the work keeps pace with the schedule it should only be a few days at each location.

The work will impact crossings on the following county roads: Z, 28, V, 23, 21, 20, 19, 17, 16, 8, 7A, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, and 1 as well as three private roads near Relia Lake, Ayers Street in Clarendon, and Farm to Market roads 1755 and 1260.

A complete list of expected closing dates for each crossing is posted at ClarendonLive.com.

DPS ramps up enforcement for holidays

AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) will increase patrols on roads beginning this weekend to ensure motorists drive responsibly this spring break and St. Patrick's Day.

March 8 through March 17, the Texas Highway Patrol (THP) will conduct its annual Spring Break and St. Patrick's Day traffic enforcement campaign – looking for people who are speeding, not wearing their seat belts, driving while intoxicated or committing other traffic violations.

"Spring break brings more travelers to Texas and making sure our roads are safe has to be a top priority," said Colonel Freeman F. Martin. "Whether you're heading to the beach, lake or anywhere in between, make smart choices – don't drink and drive, buckle up and stay off your phone when you're behind the wheel. Let's work together so that we can all have a safe and enjoyable spring break."

THP will increase enforcement as part of Operation CARE (Crash Awareness and Reduction Effort), which runs nationwide from March 8 through March 17. Last year, during DPS' 2024 Spring Break and St. Patrick's Day enforcement efforts, there were more than 52,793 citations and warnings issued. This included over 16,360 speeding violations; 1,277 seat belt and child seat violations; 2,149 violations for driving without insurance; and 463 felony and fugitive arrests.

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Constitution 101:

Framers set out duties for the VP

Have you ever considered what the vice president does all day? My guess is probably not, but the framers of Constitution did.

Originally, he had no actual function, and few presidents have used vice presidents as advisors or even as part of their cabinet.

Surprisingly very few have ever gone on to be president. If you don't count the ones who took over for a president who died only six have made the jump.



historically speaking by dr. james fink

The best example of this strange position was in the 1900 presidential election. New York Republicans pushed for Teddy Roosevelt as the vice presidential candidate, but not because they liked his politics.

Realizing they had a position with no real role, the Founders revisited Article I, Section III and added the fourth clause which reads, "The Vice President of the United States shall be President of the Senate, but shall have no Vote, unless they be equally divided."

The difference between the Senate and the House was that the states were even in the Senate, two senators each. If the Senate followed the same instructions as the House, then its members would have to vote for a speaker or president of the Senate.

This was not an easy decision, as it is the one breach in the separation of powers. In the British parliamentary system the founders were used to, members could serve in both the executive and legislative branches.

After the Founders gave the VP a job, they wanted to make sure the Senate could choose the rest of its officers. This clause is a bit surprising because it makes sense, but they must have wanted to guarantee it. Clause V reads, "The Senate shall chuse their other Officers, and also a President pro tempore, in the Absence of the Vice President, or when he shall exercise the Office of President of the United States."

It was four years after the Constitution was ratified that Congress passed a law in 1792 that stated, "in case of removal, death, or inability of both the President and the Vice President of the United States, the President of the Senate pro tempore, and in the case there shall be no President of the Senate, then the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall act as President of the United States until the disability be removed or a President shall be elected."

In British royalty terms, our nation now had an heir and a spare to the presidency. This order will however change with the Succession Act of 1947 that puts the Speaker of the House in front of the Pro Temp. It should be noted that Clause V did not make the Pro Temp vice president of the US if the VP took over for the president.

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Texas capital follows the archives

In 1839 Austin became the capital of the newly formed Republic of Texas, and as an independent nation the Texas government established a repository in Austin for its "national archives," state papers, and records of land titles.

President Sam Houston ordered the archives buried, which was done by a local "Archives Committee." Houston also moved the government first to Houston and then to Washington-on-the-Brazos, despite vigorous opposition by the majority of Austinites.

accomplish the move, and he felt that if he could get the archives out of Austin, the rest of the government would naturally follow. To accomplish the transfer, twenty-six men arrived secretly in Austin on December 29, 1842, and in the darkness of night began loading the archives on wagons.



vignettes tales of the old west by george u. hubbard

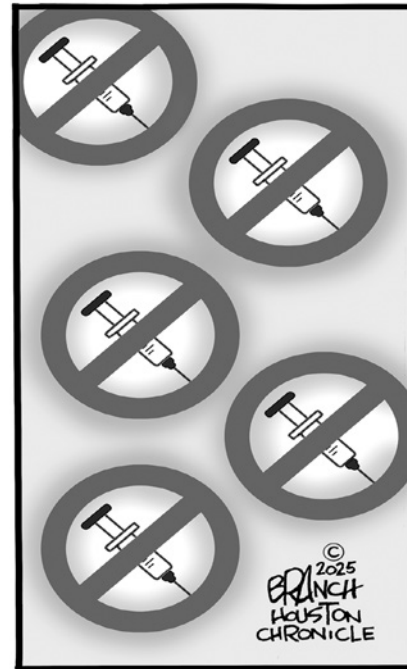
A noted innkeeper in Austin, Mrs. Eberly was one of the few women remaining in Austin during the breakup, and she was a fervent and spirited supporter of keeping the capital in her city.

Finding the men loading the official papers in the darkness, she sounded the alarm throughout the community. Mrs.

Eberly then raced down to the city's cannon at Congress Avenue and Pecan (now 6th) Street, and she managed to fire it at the departing wagons. About twenty-six men quickly formed an unofficial Posse and rode off in pursuit of the wagons, hauling a cannon from the local arsenal with them.

Although the archives stayed in Austin, President Houston and the Texas Congress remained in Washington-on-the-Brazos, the temporary seat of government. Finally, in 1845, during the presidency of Anson Jones when Texas considered the American offer of annexation, the Texas Congress returned to Austin to once again make that city the permanent capital.

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.



"WE'RE HAVING A COUPLE OUTBREAKS."

Uncle Mort mourns state of education

Taxation without representation is tyranny. Though it's hard to nail down who initially coined this statement, it was the hue and cry of "British Americans" when they fought during the American Revolution 260 years ago.

My Uncle Mort - a homespun philosopher lazily whittling away the day from a cane-bottom chair on the porch of the thicket's general store - came up with a rejoinder. It's one that millions of Americans currently believe but don't know how to express.

"I wish whoever first said that taxation without representation is tyranny could return and see what it's like with representation," according to my uncle....

Conservative to the bone, Mort claims no allegiance to either Democrats or Republicans, claiming to be fiercely independent. He's not yelling as loudly or stomping his feet as often - and his teeth no longer function as fangs as in yesteryear - in his battles for the common good.

"Our leaders have strayed far away from reasoning," Mort opines, "That's what Isaiah 1:18 makes clear in the Bible: 'Come, let us reason together.'" He added that many political leaders may have never heard of this scripture, or perhaps even the Holy Bible.

It's difficult to argue with his contention that ugliness and discord seem yoked both in Washington, DC, and Austin, TX. "Too few people are involved in 'shot-calling' in both DC and Austin," Mort observed. "There's never been a better time to consider term limits in both places."....

Mort has always "reserved the right" to be wrong, but today's full-blown controversies are leaving many persons in "cross-eyed confusion" about right and wrong.

For example, he's flustered about the maligned Texas system of public education and the "buzz" about the steamrolling proposal to provide state funds for Texans who opt for private schools.

He's right. Texas' support for public education has been playing 'catch-up' for decades. The Lone Star State ranks 44th in the per student funding ratio among the 50 states and DC....

Before stepping down from his apple box, Mort mumbled something about Texas' long-touted "rainy day fund," where some \$24 billion await distribution, ostensibly for crisis situations.

He feels the political weather maps suggest that we're nearing flood levels that equal - if not exceed - those encountered by Noah....

But, wait. He climbed back atop the fruit crate. "We hear that help is on the way for education," he said. "That's how the state lottery got a foothold. Promises abounded that public education would be awash in funds generated by the lottery."

He contends that for "big win-



the idle american by don newbury

ners" in the lottery, there's mostly been heartache and disappointment - not to mention suicides, bankruptcies and divorces - and at this very moment the government-operated lottery is being investigated for serious allegations of wrongdoing.

"Next thing we hear, they'll be claiming that casino gambling will generate massive state financial aid, with little said about critical costs. Ask law enforcement folks concerning crime rates in current casino locales to see how that's working out," Mort moaned.

Much of Mort's "research" is conducted following his perusal of newspapers left behind at the general store.

The other day, he carefully clipped Kevin Sherrington's column from the Dallas Morning News, pinning it on the wall next to the cash register.

He calls it "classic," this piece that illuminates what is right about public education. Readers who don't shop there may review the column, posted by permission, on my website, https://www.speakerdoc.com/columns/current_column/Kevin_Sherrington_Speaks_out-on_School_Funding.pdf

With his huffing exceeded only by his puffing, my uncle left the general store.

He headed for home on his golf cart, parking it at the swinging gate.

Climbing over the gate to save the hinges, he went inside, hoping there'd be a slice of Maude's apple pie to sweeten his evening....

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.



2025-2026 Colt Cheerleaders

Clarendon Junior High Cheerleaders for the upcoming school year were announced last week. Cheering for the Colts will be Kreedence Gaither, Brooklyn Scott-Parham, Linley Hogle, Kinsleigh Thomas, Marleigh Bailey, Adlee Martinez, Kennadi Gaither, Oakley Billingsley, and Clara Wilkins.

COURTESY PHOTO

Hedley athletes compete in Groom Relays

Hedley High School and Junior athletes competed in the Groom Relays and demonstrated their growth and work in their individual activities.

Results for the Owls and Lady Owls were as follows:

In the Girls' Varsity events, Lillie McCleskey placed 14th in the 100-meter run with a time of 15.2, while Madison Moore secured 5th place in the 400-meter run with a time of 1:14.5. In discus, Abbey Branigan achieved a distance of 53'1".

For Boys' Varsity, Payton Inman placed 15th in the 100-meter run with a time of 12.8, followed by Malachi Murphy in 26th with 13.5, and Takoda Edwards in 31st with 14.0. In the 400-meter run, Payton Inman finished 11th with a time of 1:03.3, while Malachi Murphy came in 20th with 1:09.20.

In the 800-meter run, Payton Inman placed 10th with a time of 2:29.78, and Takoda Edwards finished with a time of 2:32. In the 1600-meter run, Takoda Edwards completed the race in 6:13, while

Brandon Moore finished in 6:48. In the 3200-meter run, Brandon Moore recorded a time of 14:51.22. For the long jump, Takoda Edwards achieved a distance of 14'11.5", and Payton Inman reached 16'5.75". In the triple jump, Malachi Murphy placed 17th with a jump of 28'8".

In Junior High events, Bailey Curry placed 25th in the 100-meter run with a time of 16.9, and Liberty Carter placed 17th with 16.5. Alex Garcia secured 8th place with 13.9, and Josue Ito finished 17th with 15.3. In the 200-meter run, Bailey Curry placed 28th with a time of 36.8, Liberty Carter finished 23rd with 35.8, and Lily Stasio placed 3rd with 30.30. Alex Garcia finished 8th with a time of 29.8. In the 400-meter run, Nayeli Rodriguez placed 12th with 1:20.4, and Traci Love placed 25th with 1:32.5. Alex Garcia finished 4th with 1:06.2, Josue Ito placed 9th with 1:11.2, and Damien Alston finished 14th with 1:14.7.

In the 800-meter run, Nayeli Rodriguez placed 7th with a time of 3:04.5, while Traci Love finished with a time of 3:47.8. Damien

Alston placed 10th with 2:57.5, Maddex Gay completed the run in 4:32, and Jose Martinez placed 9th with 2:56.4. In the 1200-meter run, Lily Stasio secured 2nd place with a time of 4:45.31, and Kutter O'Keefe placed 3rd with 4:28.34. Noah Tindell completed the race in 5:06, and Paul Berry finished in 5:43. In the 2400-meter run, Lily Stasio placed 1st with a time of 10:02.8, while Kutter O'Keefe placed 5th with 9:55.52. Noah Tindell completed the race in 11:07.2, and Paul Berry finished in 16:21.

In field events, Josue Ito placed 1st in shot put with a throw of 34'1", while Jose Martinez and Kutter O'Keefe threw of 23'00" and 22'5". In discus, Josue Ito placed 3rd with a throw of 94'6.5". Jose Martinez threw 66'2.5", and Kutter O'Keefe achieved a distance of 68'11.5". In the long jump, Lily Stasio placed 5th with a distance of 11'7.5", and Kutter O'Keefe finished 18th at 11'01". In the triple jump, Maddex Gay placed 16th with 23'00", and in the high jump, Lily Stasio placed 6th with a jump of 4'00".

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Alderman two (2) year term	Concejal mandato de dos (2) años
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Location (sitio)	Hours (horas)
220 W. 4th Street Clarendon, Tx 79226	7:30 am - 4:30 pm

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Location (sitio)	Hours (horas)

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The Main Early Voting Location (sitio principal de votación adelantada)

Location (sitio)	Hours (horas)

Branch Early Voting Locations (sucursal sitios de votación adelantada)

Location (sitio)	Hours (horas)

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(Nombre del Secretario/a de la Votación Adelantada)

220 W. 4th Street
Address (Dirección)

Clarendon 79226
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806-874-3436
Telephone Number (Número de teléfono)

doncoderk@windstream.net
Email Address (Dirección de Correo Electrónico)

https://www.co.donley.tx.us/page/donley.District.Clerk
Early Voting Clerk's Website (Sitio web del Secretario/a de Votación Adelantada)

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Josue Ito
Signature of Mayor (Firma del Alcalde)

Eubaine McClinton
Signature of Councilperson
(Firma del Concejal)

Signature of Councilperson
(Firma del Concejal)

Madison Moore
Signature of Councilperson
(Firma del Concejal)

Signature of Councilperson
(Firma del Concejal)

Josue Ito
Signature of Councilperson
(Firma del Concejal)

Signature of Councilperson
(Firma del Concejal)

Adlee Martinez
Signature of Councilperson
(Firma del Concejal)

Signature of Councilperson
(Firma del Concejal)

Traci Love
Signature of Councilperson
(Firma del Concejal)

Signature of Councilperson
(Firma del Concejal)



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting March 11, 2025, with Boss Lion Pro Tem Brian Barboza in charge.

We had ten members and two guests this week – Elaina Estlack, guest of Lion Roger Estlack; and Dalis Reuter, guest of Lion Chris Reuter.

The ramp projects originally scheduled for last Saturday were postponed due to the weather. Lion L Jefe Lambert said the new build date is March 22, and there are four ramps that need to be done that day if enough help is available.

Sponsorships are still available for the Chance Mark Jones Roar & Run 5K, which will be held April 26. See ClarendonTX.com to register.

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



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Community Calendar

- March 14 & 15**
Last Breath • 7:30 p.m. • Mulkey Theater
- March 16**
Last Breath • 2:00 p.m. • Mulkey Theater
- March 18**
Broncos Baseball v Valley • Home • 4:30 p.m.
- March 20**
Bronco @ Greyhound Relays @ Gruver • TBA
- March 21 & 22**
Last Breath • 7:30 p.m. • Mulkey Theater
- March 23**
Last Breath • 2:00 p.m. • Mulkey Theater
- 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 17 - 21

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Sliced ham, ranch potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll, melon/honey dew, iced tea/2% milk.
Tues: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, whole wheat roll, cherry/pineapple crisp, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Cheeseburgers, Potato wedges, melon, sugar cookies, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Chicken teriyaki, long grain rice, stir fry veggies, whole wheat roll, butter cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: BBQ beef on a bun, tater tots, coleslaw, chocolate chip cookie, apricots, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Ham & beans, oven roasted parmesan potatoes, seasoned greens, fruit salad, chocolate crinkle cookies, cornbread, iced tea/2% milk.
Tues: Heary sausage & potato bake, red beans & rice, buttered peas & carrots, banana pudding, whole wheat buttermilk biscuit, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Chicken fried steak, country gravy, California blend vegetables, oatmeal cookie, green pea salad, chilled peaches, whole wheat buttermilk biscuit, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Easy hamburger stew, brown rice, baked beans, spinach & mushrooms, fruit cobbler, cornbread, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Grilled ham & cheese on what bread, sweet potato fries, green pea salad, angel food cake w/fruit, iced tea/2% milk.

Clarendon CISD

Breakfast
Mon: Breakfast pizza, French toast, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Tues: French toast, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Wed: Breakfast sandwich, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Thu: Pancake wrap, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Fri: Cheese toast, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Corn dog, potatoes, tomato cup, fruit, milk.
Tues: Quesadilla, salsa, beans, cucumbers, ice cream cup, fruit, milk.
Wed: Crispy chicken sandwich, veggie cup, salad, fruit, milk.
Thu: Breaded pork chop, gravy, roll, broccoli, corn, fruit, milk.
Fri: Pizza, carrots, green beans, dessert, fruit, milk.

Hedley ISD

Breakfast
Mon: Breakfast pizza, bananas, fruit juice, milk.
Tues: French toast, sausage, oranges, fruit juice, milk.
Wed: Cinnamon roll, sausage, pears, fruit juice, milk.
Thu: Pancake wrap, peaches, fruit juice, milk.
Fri: Maple pancake sausage sandwich, mixed fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Hamburger, potatoes, tomato cup, fruit, milk.
Tues: Quesadilla, salsa, beans, cucumbers, apricots, milk.
Wed: Crispy chicken sandwich, veggie cup, milk.
Thu: Breaded pork chop, gravy, roll, broccoli, corn, mandarin orange, milk.
Fri: Pizza, green beans, carrots, cookie, apples, milk.



CHS OAP performs in Wellington

Clarendon High School's One Act Play crew performed "The Boy Who Stole the Stars" for the district competition in Wellington last week and was named the alternate to advance. Hunter Caison was named to the All Star Cast, Elaina Estlack was named Best Technical Clarendon, and Zane Cruse received Honorable Mention All Star Cast. Top Photo - Hunter Caison, Chelsea Wright, and Kaleb Mays rehearse before last week's competition.

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Jackson bill boosts transparency in export controls

Congressman Ronny Jackson (TX-13) reintroduced the Maintaining American Superiority by Improving Export Control Transparency Act.

This legislation promotes transparency in the export control process for American goods and technologies sent overseas. Specifically, it would authorize disclosures to Congress of each export control license application, clarifying the applicant, the recipient, the decision made, and the compliance measures implemented to uphold US export regulations.

Representative Sara Jacobs (CA-51) is co-leading this bill in the House, and Senator Jim Banks

(R-IN) is championing the companion bill in the Senate.

"The growing threat and cooperation of adversarial nations only underscore the importance of ensuring greater transparency and accountability in America's export control process," said Rep. Ronny Jackson. "This legislation is essential to equipping Congress with the tools necessary to support President Trump's mission to fortify our national security while ensuring America remains at the forefront of technological innovation."

"Our export controls too often fail to prevent sensitive American technology from being sold to firms

tied to the Chinese military," said Sen. Jim Banks.

"I've introduced bipartisan legislation to give Congress the information we need to prevent American technologies from falling into the hands of our adversaries. My bill with Senator Warner and Rep. Ronny Jackson protects American tech from China and puts our national security first."

"I'm proud to support this bipartisan legislation to ensure more transparency around what the United States exports, from nuclear materials to chemicals to high-end technology," said Rep. Sara Jacobs.



FCCLA students advance

Clarendon High School's FCCLA chapter attended the regional convention in Lubbock last Friday. Six members competed in the project board competitions and are advancing to the state contest next month. Winning projects were Career Connections - Presley Smith and Kashlyn Conkin, Families First - Madi Benson and Gracie Ellis, and Community Service - Kinsley Hatley and Kortni Davis.

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CC names fall semester graduates

Clarendon College has released the names of students who participated in graduation ceremonies following the fall semester.

A total of 96 students were recognized during the commencement exercises at the Harned Sisters Fine Arts Center, including eight students from Donley County.

Those honored included: Regan Varnes, Chiefland, FL; Slade Barber, Blackfoot, ID; Mason Ortego, St. Francisville, LA; Spur Owens, Helena, MT; Riley Strawder, Dickens, NE; James McAllister, Salem, NJ; Wacey Byrne, Arcadia, OK; Payson Merrill, Guymon, OK; Wendie Emmons, Hollis, OK; Ariana Becerra, Amarillo, TX; Adriel Campos, Amarillo, TX; Jimmy Fernandez, Amarillo, TX; Lainie Haile-Mccann, Amarillo, TX; Whitney Hambright, Amarillo, TX; Bailie Lomeli, Amarillo, TX; Chancelly Madewell, Amarillo, TX; Lillian Markert, Amarillo, TX; Abigail Pinner, Amarillo, TX; Chesney Robertson, Amarillo, TX; Kase Skipper, Amarillo, TX; Nicole Tapia, Amarillo, TX; Haily Wheat, Amarillo, TX; Lynde Yannis, Amarillo, TX; Menlanie Gallardo, Amarillo, TX; Arlene Ramirez, Amarillo, TX; Jasel

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blood. Donation typically takes only about an hour, and one donation saves up to three lives. Appointments to donate can be made online at obi.org or by calling 877-340-8777. Walk-ins are also welcome. Coffee Memorial Blood Center is part of Our Blood Institute, the sixth-largest independent blood center in the nation, with 17 donor centers in Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Texas. CMBC provides blood to all major hospitals in the High Plains region.

Obituaries Manns

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Charlene Manns; 85 of McLean on Friday, March 7, 2025. She was born in Pueblo, Colorado on April 5, 1939, to the loving parents of Charles and Vida Hawker.



Manns

Memorial Services are scheduled for Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at the Methodist Church; 219 Gray St. McLean, Texas. Cremation & arrangements are under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of McLean.

Charlene found joy in helping at the church, sewing and crocheting, cooking for others and loved ones, but most of all she loved her family. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 50 years, John Manns; her parents Charles and Vida Hawker; loving daughter, Sandy Kelley, sister, Mary Erickson; daughter in law, Gaylyne Manns; and grandson, Travis Manns.

She is survived by her children, John Manns of McLean; Landy and Dana Manns of McLean, and Lesa Manns also of McLean. She is also survived by her siblings; Charles Hawker of Lakewood, Colorado; Ken and Lisa Hawker of West Jordan, Utah; Lucy and Larry Strohl of Centennial, Colorado; Alvin and Carol Hawker of Littleton, Colorado; and Lester Hawker of Phoenix, Arizona. She has a multitude of grandchildren, great grandchildren, and 1 great-great granddaughter.

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CLUES ACROSS

- Unsheared sheep
- Rock TV channel
- Streetcar
- Concerning
- Expression of recognition
- Greek goddess of youth
- An iPad is one
- Adult beverage
- Manning and Wallach are two
- Makes a petty verbal attack
- Tyron Lannister's nickname
- Pointed ends of pens
- Wristwatches
- Body part
- Made a mistake
- Adjusted
- Turkish honorific title
- Yell
- Historic Alabama city
- Cub
- Type of sea bass dish
- To call (archaic)
- Unfortunate
- Separate oneself from others
- Hero sandwiches
- Former OSS
- Open spaces in a forest
- Innermost brain membranes
- Fortune
- Hunting expedition
- Doomed queen Boleyn
- Peyton's little brother
- Type of wrap
- Scottish tax
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- An increase in price or value

CLUES DOWN

- Works of body art
- Abba __, Israeli politician
- A desert in Asia
- Eat greedily
- Doomed French queen
- Beat
- One who survives on blood
- As a consequence
- Counted on
- Acquired Brain Injury Behavior Science
- Unclean
- One who does not drink
- Wild ox of the Malay Archipelago
- __ student, learns healing
- Bacterial skin infection
- Expresses surprise
- What one says on a wedding day
- Crony
- Where you entered the world (abbr.)
- Unit of length
- Side that is sheltered from the wind
- More (Spanish)
- Autonomic nervous system
- Violent troublemakers, originally in Paris
- Statements that something is untrue
- Greek alphabet letter
- Suspends from above
- Popular types of cigars
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Lady Broncos swing their way to a victory on the diamond

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos stopped the Lady Cats early in the game to take the win over the Childress team by nine runs at 17-6 last week.

Kennadie Cummins was dead-on from the mound and the Lady Broncos defense put the squeeze on the Lady Cats and held them scoreless in the last four innings.

Cummins went the entire way allowing six runs, six hits, and three walks. Cummins threw 112 pitches and struck out 12 batters. Eighty-one of Cummins' pitches were strikes, which gave the Lady Cats a lot of trouble at the plate.

Cummins not only played great defense from the mound, she worked hard at the plate as well and knocked

down a homerun to left field in the top of the fourth on the second pitch of the inning to put the ladies up by three after Childress took a 6-3 lead after two.

The Lady Broncos hit the ball well all day. Hayden Elam posted a single, a double, a triple, and four RBIs and Tandie Cummins had two singles, one double, one RBI, and three runs. Zane Cruse, Riley Jantz, and Elliot Frausto all had at least one single in the game.

They had 13 hits in the game and only recorded two errors. They were able to grab two stolen bases as a team.

They defeated West Plains 14-1 with T. Cummins on the mound for the entire game. Cummins allowed four hits and one run while striking

out nine batters. Offensively she was able to slam a home run early in the game and added a double and earned three RBIs and two runs down the stretch. Maloree Wann was hot at the plate and knocked down two doubles, two RBIs, and two runs. Elam posted a single, double, and five RBIs.

Next up for the ladies was Dalhart and they earned the shut out at 13-0. K. Cummins got the call for all five innings and only allowed Dalhart two hits. Cummins struck out 10 and the team overall stole six bases. Elam and K. Cummins pounded one homerun each in the fourth innings that scored four runs together to help the ladies get the shutout win.

The Lady Broncos scrambled against Randall's junior varsity, but

fell three runs short at 6-9. T. Cummins pitched a strong game for six innings and allowed 11 hits, nine runs, and no walks. She struck out five hitters. The Lady Raiders used a talented pitcher, but they were able to get 10 hits in the game. T. Cummins cracked another HR and one RBI and two runs. Shelby Christopher posted three singles and one run, and Cruse earned one double and two RBIs.

They went up against Tulia at Tascosa and slammed them 24-2 in two innings. T. Cummins pitched and threw 38 total strikes out of 55 pitches, striking out seven hitters. She also collected two home runs. K. Cummins had a good triple and Elam, Jantz, and Frausto all had doubles in the game.

The last team they played last week was Tascosa junior varsity and annihilated them 19-1. K. Cummins did a great job on the mound for three innings and had seven strikeouts. Shelby Coles came in as relief for two innings and struck out two.

T. Cummins hit yet another homerun in the first inning and Elam, Jantz, Frausto, Rodriguez, K. Cummins, and Christopher made up the six stolen bases in the game. The Lady Rebels' only run came in the fifth inning when they were able to knock down a homerun.

The Lady Broncos will be at home March 14 against Randall JV and March 15 against Hale Center. Both games start at 1 p.m. They will travel to Quanah on Tuesday, March 18 for a game at 4:00 p.m.

Lady Bronco 800m relay smokes the field at Vega Relays

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos breezed by the field to take first place in the 800m relay at the Vega Relays last week.

The foursome won the race in a time of 2:00.80 which was just under five second ahead of the second-place team from Sanford-Fritch. The relay was run by the Fab Four; Madi Benson, Gracie Ellis, Kenidee Hayes, and Berkley Moore.

Benson also had a good day on the track. She was able to make a great sprint in the 200m and take the race at a time of 27.34 for first place, which was a full second in front of the rest of the field. Her time of 2:40.40 in the 800m put her at the top in the field of nine runners by almost 13 seconds.

Addy Havens dominated the long races as she took first in the 1600m and 3200m runs. Havens was

6:36.25 in the 1600m and her time of 13:39.00 in the two-mile put ahead of the pack to get the win. Havens also finished third in the 400m with a time of 1:07.59.

Kashlyn Conkin finished in the middle of the field in fourth place in the 100m hurdles with a time of 18.92. Hayes was 13th in the 200m dahs with a time of 30.42 in a tight race. The Lady Bronco sprint relay finished seventh in a time of 57.36

and was run by Ellis, Conkin, Hayes, and Moore. Kate Shaw participated in the shot put, but no results were available.

Sequoia Weatherton tore up the short track and Emery Holland outlasted those running in the long races for the junior varsity Lady Broncos. Weatherton won the 100m at a time of 14.49, the 200m with a time of 30.75 and finished third in the 400m with a time of 1:19.71. Hol-

land had things working in the 800m and won going away with a time of 2:57.17. Her time in the 1600m run was more than a second ahead of the field at 6:36.21 and she took first in the 3200m run at 13:42.00. Mary Jo Dushay ran 10th in the 100m dash with a time of 15.58 and took 10th in the 200m at 39.28.

The next meet will be the Greyhound Relays in Gruver on March 20.

Clarendon Broncos show up strong in Vega last week

By Sandy Anderberg

Clarendon High School's Brice Wagner turned up the heat on the rest of the field in Vega last week and took first in the 100m dash and the 200m dash.

Wagner turned in a great time of 11.08 in the 100 and posted a 23.36 in the 200. Michael Randall was 9th in the 100m at 12.31 and Shane Hagood finished 11th in that race at 12.34. Kyler Bell ran the 200m dash finishing in 12th place with a time of 25.67.

Senior Bryce Williams competed in the 800m and finished seventh with a time of 2:26.99 and fellow senior Mason Sims was third in the 110m hurdles at 17.30.

Tristen Ybarra was fifth in the 1600m at 5:59.23 and third in the 3200m at 12:27.00 and the 400m relay was 6th with a time of 49.77 and was run by Wagner, Caleb Herbert, Hagood, and Sims.

Wagner, Randall, and John Weatherton competed in the long jump. Ronan Howard, Max Caudle,

and Nolan Burrow threw the shot put and the discus. Bell, Weatherton, and Herbert participated in the triple jump and Sims, Randall, and Herbert were in the high jump with no results available in any events.

Junior Varsity Don'Jae Orr topped the 100m field with a time of 11.41 and Markeal Anderson was fourth at 12.08. Anderson turned in a time of 26.77 for fourth in the 200m and Kendon Hanes was ninth in that event at 28.52.

Tyler Cavanaugh was second in

the 400m dash at 1:03.52 and Hanes was eighth at 1:08.62 in that race. Dakotah Jameson was fourth in the 110m hurdles with a time of 21.39

The 400m relay finished a solid second place with a time of 49.28 and was run by Hagen Newman, Anderson, Cavanaugh, and Orr. Jameson and Newman competed in the high jump and Flint Pittman, Hunter Caison, and Justus McAnear participated in the shot put. There were no results available in those events.

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Lady Broncos top All-District Awards List

By Sandy Anderberg

Impressive players and students make up the entire Lady Bronco basketball team as the All-District awards prove their ability on the court and in the classroom.

All ten players and two managers made the District 2 2A All-District Academic Team with six ladies making the All-District team as reported by head coach Korey Conkin.

Junior Kenidee Hayes, who has been an outstanding player for three years at the high school level was named as the District Defensive Player in the district. Hayes has been a key part of the Lady Bronco success while in high school. Tandie Cummins was given the 6th Man Award for her ability to come off the bench and make a difference on the court. However, all of the Lady Bronco basketball team has shown great leadership on the court and used their talent to earn their team the Regional semi-final championship in 2025.

The addition to the All-District Team states that fact that from the players to the managers, the Lady Broncos are a team to be reckoned with in the classroom as well as the court. Kashlyn Conkin, Kennadie Cummins, Hayden Elam, and Kate Shaw were named to both teams and Madi Benson, Presley Smith, Gracie Ellis, and Berkley Moore were players named to the All-Academic teams in addition to managers Lexi Phillips, Kennedy Halsey, and Millie McAnear.


Mays, Robertson lift at regional meet

Clarendon High School Kaleb Mays and Zack Roberts made a great showing at the 2A Regional Powerlifting Meet in Brownfield last week. Mays lifted in the 123-pound weight class and finished in fourth place. Mays turned in 265 pounds in the squat, 195 in the bench press and deadlifted 330 pounds for a lift total of 790 pounds.

Roberts was ninth in the 275-pound weight class and lifted a total of 1,165 pounds. Roberts had a squat of 450 pounds, bench-pressed 300 pounds and posted a deadlift of 415 pounds in the meet.

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The Region A Panhandle Water Planning Group (PWP), a Regional Water Planning Group formed pursuant to the requirements of Senate Bill 1 (75th Legislative Session), will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 22nd, 2025, at 1:30 PM CST at the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (415 SW 8th Ave, Amarillo, TX 79105) as well as via GoTo Meeting Teleconference at: <https://meet.goto.com/161817317>; Access Code: 161-817-317; or call in via phone call at +1 (224) 501-3412. The purpose of this hearing is to accept public comments for inclusion in the 2026 Regional Water Plan for Region A. Questions related to the public hearing, or requests for additional information, should be referred to Jarian Fred at the physical location above, by calling (806)372-3381, or by email at jfred@theprpc.org.

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The Public Hearing will consist of a presentation on the 2026 Region A Initially Prepared Plan (IPP), receipt of written and oral comments from the public, and comments from the PWP. Meeting materials are currently available for public review at www.panhandlewater.org.

The IPP is currently available for public review and inspection at www.panhandlewater.org and in the County Clerk's office in each of the Region A Counties listed above. The IPP is also available in the following public libraries or alternate locations: Dallam County (Dalhart); Sherman County (Stratford); Hansford County (Spearman); Perry Memorial (Perryton); Kilgore Memorial (Dumas); Hutchinson County (Borger); Roberts County (Miami); Hemphill County (Canadian); Oldham County (Vega); Potter County (Amarillo Downtown Library); Carson County (Panhandle); Lovett Memorial (Pampa); Wheeler; Canyon; Claude; Clarendon; Wellington; Memphis; Childress; and the offices of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, 415 W. 8th Amarillo, TX. The PWP will accept written comments on the IPP beginning from the date of this notice through 5:00 PM, June 23rd, 2025. Individuals wishing to submit written comments separate from the hearing may address their comments to the PWP, Attn: Jarian Fred, at the below address and/or email address. All comments received will be considered prior to the final adoption of the 2026 Panhandle Regional Water Plan.

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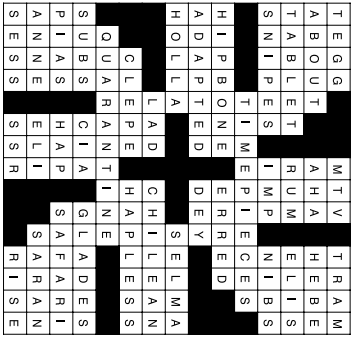
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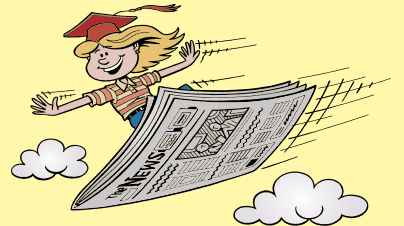
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Bronco Band gets high marks

The Clarendon Bronco Band competed in UIL Concert and Sight Reading Contests last week in Pahrump and had a great performance. In their concert competition, they scored a 1,2,2 making a 2 overall; and in sight reading they earned 2,1,1, earning them a Division 1 and a handsome plaque for the Band Hall.

COURTESY PHOTO

Rural Texas scrambles to respond to measles

By Pooja Salhotra, The Texas Tribune
Five years ago, Melanie Richburg used a roll of duct tape, a HEPA filter and a portable fan to draw contaminated air out of a hospital room where patients were tested for the coronavirus.

Now, as the state's largest measles outbreak in three decades sickens an increasing number of Texans in the South Plains region, the Lynn County Hospital District, where Richburg serves as the chief executive officer, is still without specialized isolation rooms to treat patients. So, she's prepared to bring out the duct tape again.

"If we see the volume of patients exceeds the number of beds available at children's hospitals, we're going to need a contingency plan," said Richburg, whose county is 30 miles south of Lubbock and has had two measles cases. "The biggest struggle we have is the same struggle we had during COVID."

The coronavirus pandemic

underscored the need for robust public health infrastructure. And it brought to light a remarkable urban-rural divide in access to basic health services. In the months after the virus ravaged the country, federal dollars flowed to local public health districts, and policies targeting health care deserts saw a renewed push.

Yet as a disease that had been declared eliminated from the U.S. in 2000 makes a resurgence, rural West Texas communities and state officials are scrambling to respond. Aging infrastructure, a dearth of primary care providers and long distances between testing sites and laboratories plague much of rural Texas, where the measles outbreak has concentrated.

At least 198 people in Texas have been infected with measles since late January, and one child has died from measles, the first such death in the country in a decade.

More measles cases are expected, and the outbreak could

last for months, state health services commissioner Jennifer Shuford told lawmakers last week.

Though different from COVID in many ways, measles is similarly revealing how a lack of public health resources leaves rural communities vulnerable. What's left are local leaders forced to scrape together the few tools they have to respond to an emergency, contending with years of lackluster investment from the state and federal level to proactively prevent emerging public health threats.

"We're in a public health shortage area," said Gordon Mattimoe, director of the Andrews County Health Department. "You have to think outside the box."

Editor's Note: This article was first published by The Texas Tribune, a nonprofit, nonpartisan media organization that informs Texans – and engages with them – about public policy, politics, government and statewide issues. For the complete article, visit ClarendonLive.com

Chicken prices hold steady despite rising egg costs

By Adam Russell, AgriLife Extension
Consumers may have noticed the cost of chicken meat has not climbed in relation to soaring egg prices amid production losses due to highly pathogenic avian influenza, HPAI.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service experts say several factors make meat production broiler farms more resilient to outbreaks, keeping prices relatively stable.

Greg Archer, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension poultry specialist and associate professor in the Texas A&M Department of Poultry Science, Bryan-College Station, said HPAI outbreaks in broiler houses have not impacted meat prices for a few reasons.

Broiler chickens that end up in grocery stores and on restaurant menus are produced in five-to-seven-week cycles.

Compared to egg-laying hens, which can be in production for years, broiler chickens have a much shorter window of time to potentially be exposed to the pathogen that causes avian influenza.

Broiler farms also hold fewer birds, he said. Farms typically consist of four to six production houses that may hold 40,000 birds. That means any outbreak could impact 160,000-240,000 birds whereas a commercial egg production farm might house over 1 million birds.

It also takes broiler farms much

less time to resume production after an outbreak, Archer said. Following an outbreak, the production houses are cleaned, sanitized and monitored to ensure the pathogen is not present on the farm. This process could take a few months, and the farm could then begin the production cycle.

It could take six months for a commercial egg farm to resume production and even longer to reach full capacity, he said.

David Anderson, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension economist and professor in the Texas A&M Department of Agricultural Economics, Bryan-College Station, said chicken prices have gone up year-over-year, but production has not been the reason.

"It comes down to the scale of the losses within the context of production," he said. "We've had outbreaks at broiler farms, but it's relatively small compared to the number of chickens in production."

For perspective, US broiler farms produced 796 million chickens in January. The US Department of Agriculture January livestock report showed around 2.2 million broilers were lost to HPAI in December.

Wholesale boneless, skinless chicken breasts are higher, \$1.75 per pound, compared to \$1.26 per pound this time last year, Anderson said.

Another factor that weighs on chicken prices is the demand for different production weights for grocer

and restaurant markets, Anderson said. Restaurants serving chicken sandwiches want breast cuts that are specific to the product they serve, and regional farms may be contracted to meet that demand.

Anderson believes the slight increase is related to a combination of demand dynamics and chicken's competitive price in relation to beef alongside a historical upward seasonal price trend in the spring and summer.

"It's interesting what chicken offerings from chain restaurants have done to the poultry market over the past 10 years," he said. "If they roll out something new or special, it can be a market-moving event because there is so much volume."

Anderson and Archer said the US poultry industry may still face significant challenges before warmer temperatures end the avian flu season. HPAI strains continue to be found in migratory birds and other species, including dairy cattle.

Egg production flocks dropped to 291.5 million birds as of Feb. 1 compared to 304.1 million on Jan. 1, Anderson said. He expects to see similar losses in the March 1 report.

"Everyone is waiting to get past flu season and get a little bit of respite from summer," he said. "If there is one positive, it is that broiler production has gone relatively unscathed so far."

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