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

**Delbert Robertson Day to be Sunday**

Mayor Sandy Skelton will deliver a special proclamation honoring the late Delbert Robertson during this Thursday's meeting of the Clarendon City Council.

The mayor will proclaim this Sunday, February 26, 2017, as "Delbert Wayne Robertson - Celebration of Life Day" in the City of Clarendon.

City Hall says the proclamation will focus on Robertson's lifetime of service to the community, including his roles as Fire Chief, funeral director, Lions Club member, and 54-year member of the Clarendon College Board of Regents.

"The City of Clarendon, our community and citizens wish to recognize Delbert Wayne Robertson for his joy of life, his tireless love of family and friends, his generosity of spirit, and his grit and determination," Skelton will say. "Delbert will always be remembered for his crooked smile and his sense of humor. Leadership and service are a family tradition for the Robertson family."

**Break-in at Hedley under investigation**

The Donley County Sheriff's Office is investigating the burglary of the City of Hedley's maintenance building this past weekend.

Hedley officials say the lock a building situated near the fire hall was cut on either late Saturday or early Sunday morning. The person or persons stole most of the city's tools, equipment, and supplies. City Secretary Gin Burnett said.

"They took quite a bit," Burnett told the Enterprise. "I wish we had something break down right now. I don't think we'd be able to fix it. We probably won't even realize what it all goes until we need it and can't find it."

Sheriff Butch Blackburn asks if anyone has any knowledge about this incident that they please call his office at 874-3533.

**Baseball sign-ups to be held this week**

The Clarendon Baseball League will be holding sign-ups for baseball players and softball players age nine and up, Wednesday and Thursday, February 22, and February 23, at the Bronco Gym from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

**City takes action on Sully St. residence**

The City of Clarendon's new Building Standards Commission declared the residence at 512 S. Sully to be a substandard structure following a public hearing February 15.

The city now says the structure's owners must demolish or remove the structure by March 15 or the city will step in and do so.

Any person, firm, or corporation violating any provision of the city's ordinance regarding dangerous structures faces misdemeanor charges and fines of between \$50 and \$500.

## City, public school to hold elections this May

Two local governments will hold contested elections this spring after competitive races emerged for the Clarendon City Council and the Clarendon school board.

When the Friday deadline passed for candidate sign-ups, the City of Clarendon had three men vying for two open Aldermen positions. Alderman Nathan Floyd signed up for re-election, and Britton

Hall and Jacob Fangman also chose to run for office. Alderman Doug Kidd chose not to seek re-election.

Mayor Sandy Skelton is unopposed in his re-election bid.

At Clarendon ISD, Trustees Weldon Sears and Renee Mott will be joined on the ballot by Zack Robinson as the three run for two seats on that board.

Four other local boards did not

draw enough candidates to have contested races, and one of those boards did not even draw enough interest to fill all the available seats.

The Hedley ISD Board of Trustees will have incumbents Cindy Lambert and Troy Moore returning to the board, but a third position is vacant and drew no interest. Superintendent Colby Waldrop says the board will now have to appoint

someone to that seat.

In Howardville, Mayor Mike Rowland and Alderman Eric Riddle will serve another term and will be joined on the board by Shelley Williamson after Alderman Gail Leathers chose not to run again.

All of the incumbents have signed up for re-election at the City of Hedley, including Aldermen Carrie Butler, Kathy Spier, and

Tonya Metcalf for full terms and Alderman Guy Wain for the remainder of his unexpired term.

All election meetings have filed for re-election on the Donley County Historical District Board. Those officials are Wayne Tubbs - Place One, Jeff Robertson - Place Two, and Melinda McAnear - Place Three.

Elections will be held Saturday, May 6, 2017.



The Clarendon Broncos finished their district schedule undefeated and advanced to the playoffs. The boys faced Vega as the Enterprise. COURTESY PHOTO: CHS YEARBOOK

## Broncos finish perfect in District

By Sandy Astenberg

The Clarendon Broncos have had a stellar season and they are not finished yet.

They took on Wheeler in their last regular season game and defeated them, 60-47.

The Broncos were strong out of the gate against the Mustangs as they shot the ball well and put in 21 points to only 7 for Wheeler in the

first quarter of play. Defensively, the Broncos stayed focused and were able to keep their opponent in check for entire game. The Mustangs outscored the Broncos in the third quarter, but Clarendon had the game in control.

Chance Lockhart was on fire and put in 16 and Colt Wood helped with 11. Lockhart also had two assists and two steals in the game.

Wood was strong on defense with three deflections. Keandre went seven out of eight from the bonus line and finished with nine points, and Bear Smith added eight. Smith also had seven rebounds and one deflection.

Marshall Johnson worked hard inside and had eight points and led the Broncos with 10 rebounds. Bryce Craig had six points, two

assists, and three steals and Damarque Cortez helped with two points.

"We did a good job of playing defense and getting offensive rebounds," coach Brand Lockhart said. "I am very proud of the players. It is hard to go undefeated in district."

The Broncos will continue with post-season play and are looking to go deep in the playoffs.

## Warrant Round-Up to start begin Saturday

If you've skipped paying that speeding ticket that you stuffed in your glove box, you could soon find yourself wearing a pair of handcuffs when the Texas Warrant Round-Up begins Saturday, February 25.

Donley County Justices of the Peace and more than 200 other jurisdictions and law enforcement agencies across the state will be participating in the round-up, and officials say it's best to pay your fine now before it starts.

Local justice courts handed numerous open

cases over to a collection agency in Amarillo, which has sent letters out to those individuals.

The courts have already put a hold on the driver's licenses of the offenders in question, and for those who don't pay up, warrants will be issued and the offenders will be arrested.

Justice Denise Bertrand said Donley County has had good results from participating in the Texas Warrant Round-Up in years past. "It has been successful in the past," Bertrand said. "I consider it a success when they pay

their fine, and we don't have to put out a warrant or put them in jail."

All collection agencies' letters show up in mailboxes and word gets out about the round-up, local courts are already seeing an influx of people paying their fines.

If someone is unable to pay their fine, officials still say it's better to contact their offices before warrants go out Saturday.

"Community service is an option if you can prove they can't pay their fine," Bertrand said.

## District court issues sentences in local cases

The district court heard two pleas when it met in Clarendon on Thursday, February 16, and also heard pleas in six local cases when it met in Childress February 2.

District Attorney Luke Inman prosecuted the cases for the State of Texas with the Honorable Judge Stuart Messer presiding.

Eddie Lynn Floyd, 59 from Clarendon, pleaded truth to allegations listed in the State's Motion to Adjudicate and was sentenced to five years in the Institutional Division of TDCJ.

On May 9, 2016, Floyd originally pleaded to the charges from the January 10, 2016 offense filed the motion to adjudicate on January 4, 2017, alleging 10 violations of community supervision.

Floyd is also required to pay \$753 in court costs to Donley County, a \$60 lab restitution fee, and a \$250 fine.

Francisco Ivan Marrufo was placed on probation for a period of two years for the state jail felony offense of possession of a controlled substance. Marrufo pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication for the offense.

Marrufo, 30 from Plattville, Colo., was arrested in Childress County for the offense that took place on November 20, 2016 by Childress Police Officer Todd Gabb. Marrufo pleaded to an information filed by the State on February 15, 2017.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Marrufo is required to pay \$329 in court costs, \$180 drug lab restitution, a \$500 fine, successfully complete 200 hours of community service, and \$500 out of state probation transfer fee. Marrufo's plea of guilty subjects his deportation to his country of origin, Mexico. If Marrufo violates probation, he could face up to two years in the State Jail

Division of the TDCJ.

On February 2 in Childress, District Attorney Luke Inman, assisted by Greg Buckley, prosecuted six local cases with the Honorable Judge Stuart Messer presiding.

Joshua Bar Chandler was placed on probation for a period of two years for the state jail felony offense of possession of a controlled substance. Chandler pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication for the offense.

Chandler, 21 from Houston, was arrested in Donley County for the offense that took place on July 14, 2016 by DPS Trooper Chad Simpson. Chandler pleaded to an information filed by the State on October 21, 2016.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Chandler is required to pay \$458 in court costs, \$180 drug lab restitution, a \$2,000 fine, and successfully complete 100 hours of community

service. If Chandler violates probation, he could face up to two years in the State Jail Division of the TDCJ.

Felipe Quintana Jr. was placed on probation for a period of two years for the state jail felony offense of possession of a controlled substance. Quintana pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication for the offense.

Quintana, 20 from Meadow's Place, was arrested in Donley County for the offense that took place on July 14, 2016 by DPS Trooper Chad Simpson. Quintana pleaded to an information filed by the State on October 21, 2016.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Quintana is required to pay \$458 in court costs, \$180 drug lab restitution, a \$2,000 fine, and successfully complete 100 hours of community service. If Quintana violates probation, he could face up to two years in the State Jail Division of the TDCJ.

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## CC Regents okay new programs

Clarendon College Regents green lighted two new programs and extended the contract of President Robert Riza during their regular meeting last Thursday, February 16.

The board met in closed session to evaluate the president before returning to open session to extend Dr. Riza's contract through June 1, 2019.

"The board appreciates the direction the College has taken under the leadership of Dr. Riza," Board Chairman Jerry Woodard said. "His ability to think outside of the box to place the college in a preferred position and to provide opportunities to students that wouldn't otherwise be reached and benefit the College itself in its future progression."

The board also approved plans by the Riza administration to implement two new programs this fall designed to help keep the college's enrollment growth momentum going.

The first is the revival of the college's equine judging program, which would be one of the few junior college programs in Texas and would transfer into West Texas A&M University's program. The program would require hiring an instructor but would otherwise have minimal startup costs.

The second program would be an Honors College offering to high school students taking dual credit classes from Clarendon College. The plan calls for CC to waive tuition and fees equal to the number of dual credit hours completed, providing that the student lives on the campus in Clarendon.

Details of both new programs are still being finalized and more information will be forthcoming.

In his president's report, Dr. Riza reported on Clarendon's continuing expansion of its offerings in area state parks, where statistics show a significant impact in preventing repeat offending by earning college credit or degrees. One unit has reported a 21 percent drop in recidivism since Clarendon College began offering classes.

Riza also said his office had been in Austin three out of four weeks in February speak on behalf of Clarendon College, community colleges in general, and Donley County.

CC Chief of Staff Ashlee Estlack was one of seven professionals with the Texas Association of Community College Marketers (TACCM) who planned, prepared, and carried out the communications plan for the Texas Association of Community Colleges (TACC) that was launched on Community College Day in Austin two weeks ago.

During the meeting of the Texas community college trustees, Riza was called on to introduce Sen. Kel Seitzer (R-Amarillo) as the keynote speaker. Seitzer is the chair of the Senate Higher Education Committee.

In addition to visiting with key legislators on behalf of the college, Riza said he also visited with DPS officials about the impact on Donley County of transferring local troopers to the border and the impact on CC and area school districts of closing the DPS Community Drivers License office in Childress.

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# At Long Last, the Stuff of Journalism

By Gene Polcinick  
Inside the First Amendment

The resignation of National Security Adviser Michael Flynn. White House internal disputes that stall policy decisions. Even a mini-crisis involving North Korea.

At long last: the stuff of journalism. After seeming ones of the squishiness of reporting on campaign claims and counter-claims, email investigations that went nowhere, and distractions involving fake news TV shopping pills, late-night wagers and daytime infomercials, a free press is now in full operating mode in the role that the nation's founders intended: as a watchdog on government.

The fact is that in an era when even the existence of "fake" is seriously debated, the stuff of journalism media is doing its job by keeping its fellow citizens informed and holding government official accountable — most recently around Flynn's departure, with questions that echo the fabled inquiry of Watergate: "What did the President know, and when did he know it?"

About a week ago, the Washington Post reported that Flynn may have discussed the Obama administration's sanctions against Russia with the Russian ambassador, an action which would have been inappropriate and possibly even illegal at the time it took place. The White House fought for weeks of Flynn's compromising behavior — but with the Post, we knew it.

The latest news is the White House's fierce condemnation of the leaks that brought about Flynn's resignation. The press has pushed back, calling it a move to focus blame on those who revealed Flynn's conduct rather than the conduct itself. That anti-media message is nonetheless fully reported by the same "fake media" that Trump targeted.

And then there was North Korea's surprise launch of an intermediate-range ICBM missile during a U.S. visit by Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. Along with these reports, reporters and photographers conveyed to Americans how their president handled the moment — from "live" images of the state statement of support for Japan, to the casual approach to discussing national security at a restaurant table, in full view of other diners.

Notice please, no mention here of "Saturday Night Live" sketches, late-night comedy monologues, social media rants gone viral or "alt-right" opinion organizations. Let's defend those as a vigorous, vital part of the speech, or even — in a stretch — as covered by the free press protections for opinion on matters of public interest. But none is Journalism with a big "J!"

No doubt this favorable view of how journalists operate on our behalf would be shared by the sizeable numbers of those who simply dislike or distrust the press. And Trump and Co. continue to send mixed signals about Flynn's resignation and reporting around it. From counselor Kellyanne Conway's "100 percent" support of Flynn on Tuesday, to Press Secretary Sean Spicer's statement about an hour later that Trump demanded Flynn's resignation because of an "eroding level of trust," to Trump's complaint Wednesday that "fake media" conspired with rogue members of the intelligence community to get Flynn fired, followed by a rambling broadcast against the media at an extended press conference on Thursday.

But the fact (that word again) is that our nation's first leaders faced a press more antagonistic than today's mainstream media — a press that was often dealt in "fake news" and gleefully manufactured scandals — and still went the extra mile to create unprecedented protections for what we say and write, and what we report and offer our opinions about.

By the way, that "we" is you, and also the blugger next door, as well as the national news outlets, and the local newspapers and radio stations. Or we take — we're free to tell others about it. Self-governing societies require that free flow of information, versus government handouts or news blackouts.

Washington Post executive editor Martin Baron was called on Feb. 15 at the Code Media conference in Atlanta to both explain and defend his own newspaper's approach to reporting on the Trump administration. Baron's response: "We're not at war with the administration, we're not at work. We're doing our jobs," he said. Baron also said the news media, overall, "are so combative with each other to be in a stretch — as covered by a party — we're not the opposition either. We're independent."

In addition to paying attention to what the press is reporting, we ought to be celebrating that independence — from the Post to Fox News to MSNBC, to "Morning Joe" to CNN to The Wall Street Journal to "Fox & Friends" to Breitbart News. The "marketplace of ideas" is alive in the Digital Age.

Let this be considered an unstrained admission of all journalists: let's agree that there is plenty to be critical of in this wild, disruptive era of new tech, social media and upside-down finances behind most media operations. To name a few examples: the often seamy reporting by "online outlets" like Fox News; the lack of accuracy, fairness, and — to borrow a useful phrase coined by comedian Stephen Colbert — "truthiness." But let's hear it today for the free press. Here's a final fact: Right now, the news media is showing the nation what the "news" part of that name means.

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# A commotion at the cemetery

Sounds at the general store from the Thicket tend to be predictable. Most likely heard after weekday refills of coffee are consumed is the shuffle of dominums. Four greasers usually are seated at the game table by 8:30 or 9:00. Menial chores — described as pressing upon arrival — suddenly become trivial.

As the game begins, they laugh about the threat of bodily harm to be inflicted if any player is caught cheating. Further, they agree that if a pesky fly becomes a bother, the "high dominum" drawn will determine who has to fetch the swatter.

They are, as you see, clustered purpose in their own little world, as if cars and chores are put away in "one of these days' files."

The convivial mood shatters, though, when one of the old-timers asks, "Did you guys hear about the commotion out at the cemetery the other day?" The question penetrates like Cupid's arrow on a junior-high playground. For the moment, the game stops. There's a muck on lead-scrambling, none in the trio had ever heard of such. Announcement of the landing of a space vehicle from a far-away planet would not have piqued curiosity as much.

My Uncle Tom, now nearer to 105 than 104, shows particular interest. Every time there's a funeral — three, sometimes four times a year — he avails himself of opportunities to remind folks of his family's' death of 10 years ago for the cemetery almost a century ago. Every year since childhood, he joins others in the Thicket annually for what

they call "decoration day." Participants bring yard tools to spruce things up. After their toil, the diner on the ground and hymn-singing under the old tabernacle as the sun gives way to twilight.

No, the other three players have NOT heard about any cemetery commotion. It is, after all, a secluded place far out on the dirt roads that nobody passes on the way to town. Moutgas agree, the trio seems transfixed in a momentary "tell us more" state of mystification....

The geezer posing the question clears his throat, as if anticipating his uninterrupted monologue of revelation. For him, it is a golden moment; rarely is attention thus so "rapt."

"A feller claims to go out to the cemetery regularly to check on his wife's grave, just to make sure vandals haven't disturbed the headstone or inflicted assorted damage," he begins.

One of the listeners hearkens, "Yeah, enlightened self-interest probably, since your name — with date to be filled in — on 'as he gets out of the car,'" the speaker continues, "the accidentally hit the panic button on his ignition key, and the car horn blasts away. The befuddled

guy pushes every button in sight, but nothing works. Minutes pass. The widower prays no one is hearing distance and that no motorist will pass. His prayers are answered.

He scrabbles to open the glove compartment to peruse the operator's manual. Her hips into the decade of car ownership..."

Laughter commences. The listeners imagine a sun-splashed day, birds chirping, and tree limbs swaying in the gentle breeze. Then, jolting the pastoral scene, there's an unseemly high-volume honking that won't end.

Finally, the old duffer — after 10 minutes that seem like a week — tries re-inserting his key into the ignition. Brrrrrr! It works.

Customary silence reigns again.... Old ones the bombshell. "The old guy, it is a golden moment; rarely is attention thus so 'rapt.'"

"There's something in the Bible about the dead in Christ rising at the trumpet's sound," someone says. "But, it seems like a car horn draws no response."

A fly buzzes nearby. They draw for high dominum. Wouldn't you know it? The guy admitting the cemetery misadventure turns up a six-five. He begins searching for the fly swatter, looking first under a stack of old newspapers....

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## The truth about school choice in SB 3

By Charles R. Stafford, Texas Association of School Boards

Senate Bill (SB) 3 would establish two forms of vouchers: Education Savings Accounts (ESA) and Tax Credit Scholarships/EdChoice program. As proposed, the plan would allow up to \$100 million from already-underspent Texas public schools for tax credit scholarships and will provide no limit on the amount of state tax dollars that could be used for education savings accounts.

Today I am going to focus on the Education Savings Accounts — which open the door for parents to use tax dollars for private and religious schools and for home schooling — outlining what I believe to be the three failings of this proposed plan, which are easily remembered by the name: Education Savings Account.

1. Education — There is no mechanism in the bill that will ensure that the students who use ESAs will receive an education that meets any standard of quality of care; the proposed bill prohibits any state agency or the State Board of Education from taking steps to "regulate the educational program of an education service provider or vendor of educational products that receives funds distributed under this program." So ESA students can be taught anything — or not. There is no assurance of education.

2. Savings — It is puzzling to try to find savings in this proposal. There will be no savings to taxpayers. We will keep

sending money to the state. There will be no savings to school districts. If one student in every classroom in Texas used an ESA to leave, there would be no cost savings to public schools because they will be paying the same number of teachers, with the same operating bills. There will be no savings to the state. In fact, a new bureaucracy will be created to administer the ongoing distribution of taxpayer dollars to whomsoever is chosen to provide "education."

3. Account — SB 3 states very plainly that there won't be much effort to see that recipients accept or how the money is used. Other than outlining some very general categories for the use of ESA funds, no oversight is described. In fact, in the opening paragraphs, SB 3 states that part of its purpose is to "promote and preserve the liberties and rights of the people." That seems a very odd statement when viewed from the taxpayers' point of view. In fact, ESAs seem designed to preserve the liberties of the "education service providers" who will receive the dollars the rest of us paid in taxes. There will be no accounting to taxpayers about where the money goes. I can't imagine less transparency for public dollars.

Lawmakers are talking out of both sides of their mouths on all this. First, they say that in the public school realm there must be transparency, scrutiny, and accountability. (I agree with those requirements.) Then, these same law-

makers take the other way and propose ESAs where they "promote and preserve liberties" funded with tax dollars where there is no oversight, assessment, or standards of quality. It's a baffling contradiction in the use of public funds.

ESAs are also a violation of SB 3 as is proposed law that will (1) take tax dollars away from the public schools that are already struggling to provide classrooms for a student population of 5.3 million students that grows by 80,000 additional students every year; (2) funnel those public funds to 13,000-15,000 students with no safeguards relating to educational outcomes or fiscal responsibility; (3) create a new bureaucracy to administer the intricacies of giving away tax dollars to anyone who applies for them; and (4) create an incentive for the establishment of fly-by-night "schools" that will exist for the sole purpose of receiving the tax dollars the State of Texas is giving away.

Every Texas school would be appalled that this scheme was actually written down on paper.

Charles R. Stafford serves as a trustee for the Denton Independent School District and currently holds the position of President of the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB). TASB is a nonprofit association established in 1949 to serve local school boards. School board members are the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state. The districts they represent serve more than 5.3 million public school students.

## Reader says America fortunate to have Republicans

Monday was Presidents Day, a day to celebrate past presidents. This past Monday, there were marches by people across the country as "No President Trump Day." How stupid are those participating in a march?

Maybe some were paid to march; maybe they thought they were doing something good. Bottom line: Trump is the best hope in this country to become great again with more jobs and a better economy.

Trump to provide our country the opportunity to do much better. I hate to think what would have happened if Mrs. Clinton would have won the election.

Tom Stander, Clarendon

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## CC names Coats as NISOD award winner

Clarendon College is proud to announce its recipient of the 2017 NISOD Excellence Award is Ms. Jana Coats, Director of the Cosmetology Program in the college's Career and Technical Education Division and cosmetology instructor at the CC Childrens Center.

NISOD's Excellence Awards recognize men and women each year who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment and contribution to their students and colleagues. In 1989, in connection with a University of Texas at Austin national study of teaching excellence, NISOD hosted its first ceremony honoring NISOD Excellence Award recipients. The response to that ceremony was so positive that NISOD began what has become the largest and most inspiring gathering that recognizes the contributions and achievements of community and technical college faculty, administrators, and staff.

"I am so honored to receive this award," Jana Said. "I am blessed to be part of this College, and this position has enabled me to enjoy my position for Cosmetology and share with so many others."

"Jana has been a stabilizing force in this department," Clarendon College President Dr. Robert Riza



Ms. Jana Coats

said. "We appreciate her support and service to the community. She is a true asset to the College and is very much deserving of this award."

Excellence Award recipients will be celebrated during NISOD's annual International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence, May 27-30, in Austin, Texas. During the Excellence Awards Dinner and Celebration, held in conjunction with NISOD's annual conference, each Excellence Award recipient receives a specially cast pewter medallion hung on a burn-on, orange ribbon. The names, titles,

and colleges of all Excellence Award recipients are included in a special booklet that features congratulatory ads from many of the recipients' colleges. In addition, presentations at the conference involving Excellence Award recipients are indicated in the Conference Program with a special icon.

"Recognizing those individuals who have contributed to student success and their colleges' mission is something we look forward to doing each year," said Dr. Edward J. Leach, NISOD's Executive Director.

"The extraordinary work of these men and women includes not only what they do for their students and colleagues, but what they do for the communities in which they live and work. We're honored to be able to play a part in celebrating their achievements."

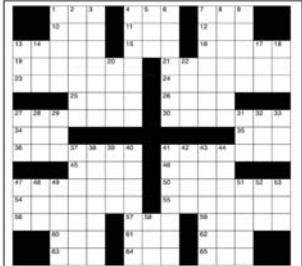
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## Quilting club quilts

The Golden Needles Quilts met Thursday, February 16, hosted by Gay Cole at the Senior Citizens Center.

The ladies quilted on a colorful and beautiful quilt meant to be enjoyed during cold and cloudy weather to brighten the day and the spirits. Pieced by Suzan Chassande-Baroz, the pattern is "Turning Forty." And spirals were high as the quilt was completed to remove from the frame.

Others present were Allene Leathers, Eva Lee Swinney, Dortha Reynolds, Frances Smith, Wilma Callis, and Mary Lynn Manning. The next meeting will be March 16 with Dortha Reynolds as the hostess.



### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. ... fi (slang)
- 4. Carolina Panthers' Newton
- 7. Discontinued organizational practice
- 10. A way to change color
- 11. Boxing legend
- 12. Football coach Paraghiun
- 13. Rewards (archaic)
- 15. Colbert's network
- 16. Palm trees
- 19. Capital of N. Carolina
- 21. LA bullfighters
- 23. Does not sit
- 24. A way to intensify
- 25. Penny
- 26. Elements' basic unit
- 27. Muscular weakness (pl.)
- 30. Makes sense
- 34. Helps little firms
- 35. Go quickly
- 36. Found at the end of books
- 41. A way of carving
- 45. The back of one's neck
- 46. Israeli dance
- 47. They help golfers
- 50. Western landmass
- 54. Evokes
- 55. A Big Easy hooper
- 56. Small valleys
- 57. Water in the solid state
- 59. Acquired brain injury (behavior scientist talks)
- 60. Don't let this get too big
- 61. Motor in one type
- 62. Negative
- 63. A hiding place
- 64. Negative
- 65. Excavated

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Upright stone
- 2. Boat
- 3. Intestines (informal)
- 4. Distinguishing marks
- 5. Cardiac treatment
- 6. Give cards incorrectly
- 7. Underground construction worker
- 8. Japanese art form
- 9. Franz van ... German diplomat
- 13. Wife
- 14. Costume
- 17. Curve
- 18. Midway between south and southeast
- 20. Unit of heredity
- 22. Upan
- 27. Present unit
- 28. Australian TV station
- 29. Cool!
- 31. A person's grandson spirit
- 32. French river
- 33. Body part
- 37. Grating
- 38. Waterlight chamber
- 39. Dueling sword
- 40. Terns
- 41. Having an attractive shape
- 42. Togo capital
- 43. Island nation
- 44. Arctic deer with large antlers
- 47. Dishonorable man
- 48. Equal to 100 sq. meters
- 49. Administration
- 51. Cake topping
- 52. Car for hire
- 53. Autonomic nervous system
- 58. Intelligence organization

## the lion's tale

The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting February 21, 2017, with Boss Lion Tex Buckhaults in charge.

We had 15 members and Sweethearts Hannah Howard, Brooke Smith, and Cire Jauregui with us. The sweethearts assessed a fine for chair therapy.

Lion Ashlee Estlack reported on the college where the softball team is in action, and a DWI simulator will be on campus next week. An Honors College for dual credit students and an equine judging program are being planned for the fall.

Lion David Dockery reported on the city where an election will be held for city council in May, and Lion John Howard said everything is "cosmetic" at the county.

Lion Mike Norrell reported on the public school where the Broncos are starting their playoff run and baseball and softball is underway.

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# ¿Qué Pasa?

**February 28**  
Broncos v River Road • 4 p.m.  
Home • McClinton field

Lady Broncos v San Jacinto • 4 p.m.  
Away

**March 2-4**  
Lady Broncos v Tampa • A way

**March 3-4**  
Broncos v Childress Tournament • TBD

**March 7**  
Lady Broncos v West Teas High • 4 p.m.  
Home • McClinton field

**March 10**  
Broncos v Valley • 4 p.m. • Home • McClinton field

**March 11**  
Lady Broncos v Couder • 12 p.m.  
Away

**March 14**  
Lady Broncos v Fritch • 1 p.m.  
Home

**March 16**  
Broncos v San Jacinto • TBA • Home • McClinton field

**March 17**  
Broncos v Kress • 4:30 p.m. • Away

Lady Broncos v Follett • 1 p.m.  
Home

# Menus

February 27- March

**Donley County Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Sloppy Joe on a bun, baked later ribs, corn, tossed salad, chocolate cake, iced tea 2/1k milk.  
Tue: Beef stew, corn bread/crawfish, apple corndish, iced tea 2/1k milk.  
Wed: Baked chicken breast, scalloped potatoes, green peas, whole wheat rice, corn on the cob, iced tea 2/1k milk.  
Thu: Salisbury steak, mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, Italian green beans, banana pudding, iced tea 2/1k milk.  
Fr: Hawaiian ham, new potatoes, roasted carrots, whole wheat bread, pineapple salad, iced tea 2/1k milk.

**Hedley Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Chicken, fajitas, fajitas, vegetables, churragwon corn, Spanish rice, flour tortilla, fruit cocktail, iced tea 2/1k milk.  
Tue: Pork roast, sweet potatoes, corn, whole wheat roll, banana pudding, iced tea 2/1k milk.  
Wed: Vegetable beef stew, cornbread, margarine, tossed salad w/raisins, orange pineapple cup, diet pumpkin custard, iced tea 2/1k milk.  
Thu: BBQ chicken fried, baked potato w/sour cream, whole wheat roll, margarine, mixed vegetables, mandarin oranges, iced tea 2/1k milk.  
Fri: Cheeseburgers, potato wedges, tomato wedges salad, melon medley, iced tea 2/1k milk.

**Clarendon ISD**  
Breakfast  
Mon: Pancakes, ham, fruit, juice, milk.  
Tue: Cheesy toast, fruit, juice, milk.  
Wed: Scrambled eggs, biscuit & gravy, sausage, fruit, juice, milk.  
Thu: Breakfast strudel, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.  
Fri: Breakfast burritos, fruit, juice, milk.

**Lunch**  
Mon: Corn dog, baked beans, broccoli bites, onion-pineapple delight, milk.  
Tue: Nachos, roasted beans, salsa, salad, tomato, cup, pear, milk.  
Wed: Chicken sandwich, oven fries, lettuce & tomato, mandarin orange, milk.  
Thu: Salisbury steak, gravy, biscuit, salad, roasted potatoes, fruit gelatin, milk.  
Fri: Pizza, baby carrots, broccoli salad, fruit, milk.

**Hedley ISD**  
Breakfast  
Mon: Pancake & sausage, fruit, juice, milk.  
Tue: Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk.  
Wed: Biscuit, egg, sausage, fruit, juice, milk.  
Thu: Sausage kolache, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.  
Fri: Breakfast club, fruit, juice, milk.

**Lunch**  
Mon: Steak fingers, roll, gravy, mashed potatoes, carrot, corn, strawberries & banana, milk.  
Tue: Soufflé, hot bread stick, garden salad, California bread, sliced peaches, milk.  
Wed: Mexican combo plate, corn, charron beans, salsa, lettuce, tomato garnish, cinnamon apple sauce, milk.  
Thu: Soufflé, hot bread stick, garden salad, California bread, sliced peaches, milk.  
Fri: Pappan chicken, roll, oven fries, cucumber dippers, fresh fruit, cookie, milk.

# Tips to protect yourself and family from scams

Hi, gang! We've got two good articles for you the FTC and AARP this week to help you protect yourself and family. They are worth your time.

"Scam money runners," by Amy Heber, "The FTC and AARP this week to help you protect yourself and family. They are worth your time."

"When you hear about some people getting scammed into wiring money, do you ever wonder who's picking the money up on the other end? In the case of people scammed by certain call centers in India, the answer was employees of PHILG Enterprises. Today the FTC announced that PHILG and its owner have agreed to settle FTC charges that they helped collect money people sent in response to the call centers' scams. Those scams included government grant scams, IRS tax scams, and advance fee loan scams. Telemarketers behind the calls often pretended to be affiliated with government agencies in the U.S. They told people they owed money to the IRS, or that they'd get a free government grant after they paid a fee. Once India-based telemarketers deceived people into wiring payments, "rumors" working for PHILG would promptly pick the money up at Western Union or MoneyGram locations throughout Florida. To avoid getting caught, they used false names, went to multiple stores in different cities on a daily basis to get around transaction limits, and lied to store employees about being friends or relatives of the people who wired

money to make sure that they could pick it up.  
By the time people realized they'd been scammed, their money was gone, and they had no way to get it back. According to the FTC, PHILG runners picked up more than \$1.5 million from around 3,000 people from July 2015 to February 2016 alone. So, how can you spot an impostor scam in the first place? For one thing, the real Federal government will never call and tell you to wire money.

"Tips for Staying Safe on Amazon," by Kristin Keckstein AARP.  
If you buy something on Amazon.com, you're not necessarily buying directly from Amazon.com. Our Fraud Watch Network helpline recently worked with a buyer who was scammed by a third party seller on Amazon.com. She ultimately got her money back, but she could have saved herself substantial time and effort had she been alerted with the following tips from AARP's Fraud Watch Network.

What You Should Know: In addition to selling your products from their store, the retail giant also connects buyers to a wide array of third party sellers. Many, if not most, are likely legitimate sellers, but beware that scammers are lurking in the marketplace. The scammer will try to get you to make your purchase outside of the normal Amazon.com process. What You Should Do: Only pay

certification programs. The orders also prohibit them from making misrepresentations about any product or service, including claims about the performance of any product or service, or the use of testimonials, and accreditation or endorsement.

The FTC alleges that the defendants deceptively claimed that their online "high schools" were accredited, and that their diplomas would be accepted by employers, colleges and the armed forces. FTC also alleges that in both cases, consumers who attempted to use these diplomas to get jobs, apply for college and even join the military found that their diplomas were not accepted. The complaints name Capitol Network, District Learning Programs, LLC, Capital Network Digital Licensing Programs, LLC, Veritas Sales, Inc., and their principals Nicholas Pollicino, Anthony Clavien, and Adam Pollicino, and Stepping Stone Development, LLC, Intentional Growth, LLC, and their principal Stephen Reilly. The settlements impose a \$9.5 million judgment against Capitol Network and Nicholas Pollicino, a \$1 million against Veritas Sales, Clavien, and Adam Pollicino, and an \$8.6 million judgment against Stepping Stone, Intentional Growth, and Reilly. After the defendants turn over virtually all of their available assets, the remainders of all three judgments will be suspended due to the defendants' inability to pay.  
Stay safe out there!

# The 'Coop' is open for roosting

Last weekend my cousins and I made "The Coop," a dinner counter with a hotel built on top of the side. In the hotel, we built a buffet-based telemarketer-deceived people into wiring payments, "rumors" working for PHILG would promptly pick the money up at Western Union or MoneyGram locations throughout Florida. To avoid getting caught, they used false names, went to multiple stores in different cities on a daily basis to get around transaction limits, and lied to store employees about being friends or relatives of the people who wired

# Buffy the Wonder Dog is turning 6

Build the whole counter, hotel, and buffet; and it was the most fun building project we have ever done just like my kids.  
This summer when it's Ella's birthday, we're going to have a party for her at The Coop. Everything will be free and she can have her prize-winning chicken in the suite in the hotel. Me and my cousins hope that we will get to have more building opportunities in the future. We really enjoy getting to do these projects together, and we try to work on them when we can.

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Wed	15	56	27	-
Thu	18	69	30	-
Fri	17	71	33	-
Sat	19	70	40	-

Total precipitation this month: **0.9"**  
Total precipitation to date: **1.87"**

**weekend forecast**

Fri., Feb. 24  
Sunny/Windy  
61°/28°

Sat., Feb. 25  
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Sun., Feb. 26  
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**WHISTLE-STOP TRADE LEADS**

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**BILL LOWE**

William J. "Bill" Lowe spent a lifetime serving Clarendon and dedicated to serving his neighborhood.

He started his legal career in the office of his father-in-law, Judge Ralph Porter, in 1940 and later said he just never left.

Bill had a distinguished history as civic, church, leader, and attorney. He served as the elected Donley County Attorney and as the City of Clarendon's attorney. He was instrumental in establishing Greenbelt Water Authority and served as its general council and Board secretary continuously until the time of his death in 2012. He was a member of the Lions Club in Clarendon for 62 years.

As Executor of the Harmed Sisters Memorial Endowment, he facilitated the original financial foundation for the present Clarendon College campus, and he served on the Clarendon College Foundation Board for many years.

As the First Baptist Church, Bill taught Sunday school for over 25 years and was Sunday School Superintendent for 20 years as well. His life was characterized by his deep and mature faith as he walked with Christ.

Bill practiced law in Clarendon for more than 63 years. Many of his clients were the third generation of the original families. In all of his work and civic life, he strived to be a perfect over-achiever.

The Whistle-Stop and the community salute the late Bill Lowe for his lasting legacy of service to Donley County. Thank you, Bill!

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## Lady Bulldogs win three in five-game series

The Clarendon College Lady Bulldogs softball team won three and lost two during a five-game series in Ft. Worth last Friday and Saturday.

CC and Alvin Community College played a taut affair on Friday, but the Lady Bulldogs eventually prevailed 3-2 after taking the lead for good in the tenth inning. The game was tied two with Clarendon College hitting in the top of the tenth when Gloriaanna Eddy singled off of Morgan Henderson, driving in one run.

The pitching was strong on both sides. Heather Villarreal struck out five, while Morgan Henderson sat down six. Villarreal earned the win for Clarendon College softball. She went ten innings, allowing one run, seven hits, striking out five, and walking one.

CC collected 11 hits. Kasimir Perez, Heather Villarreal, Natalia DeLaRosa, and Emily Benitez each collected multiple hits for the Lady Bulldogs. Gloriaanna Eddy, Benitez, and DeLaRosa each drove in one run to lead Clarendon.

Even though the Lady Bulldogs gave up three runs in the fourth inning, they still defeated Central Community College 12-5 on Friday. The big inning for Central Community College came thanks to a error and a single by Mackenzie Eller.

Central Community College captured the lead in the first inning. Cassidy Edwards grounded out, scoring one run. Clarendon scored five runs in the seventh inning. The CC women's big inning was driven by a

single by Kasimir Perez, a single by Heather Villarreal, a triple by Irena Perez, and a single by Kayla Hill. Clarendon took the lead for good with five runs in the third inning.

In the third Perez singled off of Kasey Keene, driving in one run. Marilyn Brackins doubled off Keene, driving in one run, Gloriaanna Eddy singled off of Keene, driving in one run, and Natalia DeLaRosa singled off of Keene. Nelson, driving in one run.

Emeralda Holguin earned the win for Clarendon College Softball. She threw two and two-thirds innings, allowing three runs, four hits, striking out one, and walking one. Ally Allen started the game for Clarendon College. She threw one inning, giving up two runs, three hits, striking out one, and walking one.

CC collected 15 hits. Kasimir Perez, Jenna Perez, Kasimir Perez, Natalia DeLaRosa, and Gloriaanna Eddy each collected multiple hits for the Lady Bulldogs. Kasimir Perez, Natalia DeLaRosa, and Gloriaanna Eddy each drove in one run to lead Clarendon.

The ladies then couldn't recover in a 12-1 loss to Seminole State College on Friday. Seminole State College got a triple by Cassidy Webb, which had a stolen base by Mackenzie Hudson, a single by Shaylee Brantley, a stolen base by Alexis Freeman, and a stolen base by the first inning.

Seminole State College took an early lead in the first inning. Danae Villarreal took the loss for Clarendon

College. She pitched, surrendering one run, seven hits, and walking one. Haley Rodriguez led CC with two hits in two at bats.

On Saturday, Clarendon College defeated Hutchinson Community College 8-7 thanks to a walk-off double. The game was tied at seven with Clarendon College hitting in the bottom of the eighth when things got started with a hunt single by Haley Rodriguez, advancing Kassandra Sanchez to third with no outs. Jenna Perez then doubled to right center driving in the winning run.

CC had 13 hits in the game. Haley Rodriguez, Sierra Aitchley, and Jenna Perez each collected multiple hits for Clarendon College. Rodriguez and Perez each drove in two runs to lead Clarendon.

The Lady Bulldogs played a six-run lead in the third inning and then held off Hutchinson Community College's charge. Hutchinson Community College scored seven runs in the failed comeback on Saturday.

Heather Villarreal earned the win for Clarendon. She pitched eight innings, surrendering seven runs, 11 hits, and striking out eight.

Later, Clarendon College fell behind early and couldn't come back in a 9-1 loss to North Central Texas College.

North Central Texas College captured the lead in the first inning with 2 runs, then another 6 in the second. Loren Hoffman, Gloriaanna Eddy, Heather Aitchley, Natalia DeLaRosa, and Kasimir Perez each collected one hit in the game.

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## Court: District court hears local cases

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Monica Lynn Riley was placed on probation for a period of two years for the state jail felony offense of possession of a controlled substance. Riley pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication for the offense.

Riley, 18 from Spring, was arrested in Donley County for the offense that took place on July 14, 2016 by DPS Trooper Chad Simpson. Riley pleaded to an information filed by the State on October 21, 2016.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Riley is required to pay \$458 in court costs, \$180 drug lab restitution, a \$2,000 fine, and successfully complete 100 hours of community service. If Riley violates probation, she could face up to two years in the State Jail Division of the TDCJ.

Khianna Beller Hawkins was placed on probation for a period of two years for the Class A misdemeanor offense of possession of marijuana. Hawkins pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication for the offense.

Hawkins, 22 from Houston, was arrested in Donley County for the offense that took place on October 22, 2016 by DPS Trooper Justin Dillman. Hawkins pleaded to an information filed by the State on January 18, 2017.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Hawkins is required to pay \$458 in court costs, \$180 drug lab restitution, a \$4,000 fine, and successfully complete 100 hours of community service. If Hawkins violates probation, she could face up to one year in the Donley County Jail.

Clifford Roberto Niles, Jr. was placed on probation for a period of two years for the state jail felony offense of possession of marijuana. Niles pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication for the offense.

Niles, 23 from Fresno, was arrested in Donley County for the offense that took place on October 22, 2016 by DPS Trooper Justin Dillman. Niles pleaded to an information filed by the State on January 18, 2017.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Niles is required to pay \$458 in court costs, \$180 drug lab restitution, a \$2,000 fine, and successfully complete 100 hours of community service. If Niles violates probation, she could face up to two years in the State Jail Division of the TDCJ.

George Edward Green, Jr., was placed on probation for a period of four years for the second degree felony offense of possession of a controlled substance. Green pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication for the offense.

Green, 23 from Sulphur Springs, was arrested in Donley County for the offense that took place on September 25, 2016 by DPS Trooper Kellan Roberts. Green pleaded to an information filed by the State on January 18, 2017.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Green is required to pay \$4,000 fine, \$458 in court costs, \$180 lab restitution, and complete 300 hours of community service. If Green violates probation, he could face up to 20 years in the Institutional Division of the TDCJ.

## Sheriff's Report

**February 13, 2017**  
10:29 a.m. – Report of propane tank on highway west of Clarendon  
11:23 p.m. – 8a route to Porter Co with 2 inmates  
**February 14, 2017**  
12:48 a.m. – EMS assist 500 block East 5th  
7:43 a.m. – See caller 500 block West 2nd  
8:13 p.m. – Report of pickup driving through lots on White Street  
**February 15, 2017**  
2:10 a.m. – EMS assist 800 block South Keamey  
4:57 a.m. – Commercial burglar alarm 800 block West 2nd

9:25 a.m. – EMS assist Clarendon Family Medical Center  
10:29 a.m. – EMS assist Mutual aid with Hall County  
2:08 p.m. – Loose livestock FM 1754  
7:52 p.m. – See caller 4200 block Rd 17  
11:48 p.m. – Report of someone in house 300 block Adam  
**February 16, 2017**  
6:51 a.m. – EMS assist 700 block East Wood Street  
7:30 a.m. – EMS assist 400 block South Opp  
10:24 a.m. – To jail with one in custody  
11:48 a.m. – EMS assist Clarendon Family Medical Center  
4:31 p.m. – EMS assist 300 block Rosenfield

5:40 p.m. – Report of someone in house 800 block Adam  
**February 17, 2017**  
2:48 a.m. – EMS assist -Mutual aid with McLean EMS  
8:50 a.m. – Loose livestock HWY 203  
12:00 p.m. – See caller 200 block Main Street - Hedley  
12:35 p.m. – Loose livestock FM 1754  
1:49 p.m. – EMS assist location not logged  
3:45 p.m. – Requesting Welfare Check 1400 block West 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
4:17 p.m. – To jail with one in custody  
7:11 p.m. – Courtesy ride to Clarendon 10:20 p.m. – Loose livestock FM 2862  
11:44 p.m. – EMS assist 100 block West Rosenfield

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# High yield potential, prices prompt more High Plains cotton production

AMARILLO — With many producers in the northern High Plains considering planting cotton this year, some for the first time, one Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agronomist is advising that optimizing irrigation and fertility will be important to their bottom line.

Dr. Jourdan Bell, AgriLife Extension agronomist in Amarillo, recently spoke at the High Plains Irrigation Conference, and will repeat her Cotton Production 101 presentation twice this week — at 1 p.m. Feb. 21 at Wolf Creek Heritage Museum, state Highway 305 in Lipscomb, and 10 a.m. Feb. 23 at Ag Producers Agronomy Barn, 919 Liberal St. in Dalhart. AgriLife Extension entomologist Dr. Ed Byrum, Amarillo, will also be on hand to discuss cotton insects, scouting and management at the various growth stages.

"The price of cotton right now is pretty good and that is stimulating this increased interest," Bell said. "Also, we had record yields this past year, with most averaging 3.5 bales to the acre, while others harvested up to 4 or 5 bales to the acre, which is also intensifying interest."

But growing cotton is a lot different than growing corn, she warned. A lot of management considerations were needed to make those yields.

"Cotton is a different ball of wax. The irrigation management and fertility issues are different," Bell said, half-jokingly adding, "If you are planning to grow cotton for the first time, don't plan on an extended summer vacation, because it requires your attention all the time."

While cotton acreage has fluctuated in the past, there were 850,000 acres of cotton grown in the northern High Plains in 2016, and Bell expects acreage to reach that or higher this year.

"That's more in this region than many other southern cotton produc-

tion areas," she said. Bell said some of the concerns raised at the ginns is quality.

"New producers need to know they can and will be docked for the quality," she said. "Microaire, leaf and color grade in addition to high moisture at harvest all need to be managed to enhance high lint yields."

Some of the increased interest is due to producers finding cotton in their operations if water is limited. Bell said. It provides the ability to plant half the circle to corn that is irrigated at a higher rate and the other half to cotton which can be irrigated at a reduced rate.

This strategy provides many producers an ability to manage lower wet capacities and continue to keep corn in their rotation, she said. But producers still have the question, "Can we make the pounds, but how can we maximize the quality?" Bell said they recognize that additional profitability comes with the quality.

Both lint and quality are needed to maximize production. Quality factors include fiber length and strength, the micronaire, or thickness; uniformity and leaf grades, all of which are considered for the fiber to make a premium grade.

"I have had a few producers comment that they can manage quality through variety selection, but that is only part of the story," Bell said. "The length and strength of the fiber is strongly controlled by variety, but adverse conditions can still impact development. Microaire is the rest to about 50 percent genes, is only a management tool."

So, what affects micronaire development?

The fiber thickness actually begins to develop at flowering. Epidermal cells begin to elongate for the first two to three weeks of growth and then the next two to three weeks is all about thickness. Low micro-

naire means the fiber is thin and won't absorb the dye as well and easily forms small knots, while high "mic" fiber is coarse and won't spin well because it is too thick. Bell said. "That four- to six-week window is critical and there are several management factors that can impact the development during this period," she said.

"Excessive nitrogen and irrigation can be an issue. Sometimes newer cotton farmers who manage the cotton crop like their corn crop, but there are times they need to pull that irrigation back as well as closely monitor residual soil nitrogen, especially behind corn."

Under excessive irrigation and fertility, cotton can get too tall and overgrown, Bell said. "High-cotton can occur when there is too much plant for the bell load, resulting in carbohydrates going to fewer bolls and making the fiber too thick," she said. "It is important for farmers to have a good plant-growth regulator program in a high input system."

Bell said cotton is an excellent fit for this region, as it is drought-tolerant and responds well to a range of moisture levels.

"However, excessive water or drought can cause problems. While it requires relatively little water until we get to the first white bloom period, it is very critical we don't stress the cotton at that stage."

"We want moisture for germination and establishment and to activate our preplant herbicides, so supply at least enough water to get the plants established and activate herbicides," she said.

Early bloom is the high water requirement period. Bell said. If water availability is short, water stress can gradually be imposed in the late bloom, cotton and boll opening periods.

"We tell producers to be cau-

tious with irrigation during these periods because if it results in excessive vegetation," she said. "Typically, you don't have sufficient growing degree days, so we may run out of time to mature the top bolls. The top bolls generally haven't matured at the end of the season, and this can affect uniformity at harvest."

"As we move north into the Panhandle, there is the chance of an early freeze, which limits maturity and yield potential," Bell said. "Oct 15 is the average first freeze date in the northern High Plains, so you have to plan accordingly."

"If the season is cut short, you might have a good mic on the bottom bolls, the middle bolls may be average and the top bolls are immature, resulting in an overall lower quality mic and penalties," she said.

A fertility season-long program is also important, Bell said. Often producers apply all their fertilizer up front, "but you don't want to put any fertilizer on at one time. We do want to get our phosphorus out at planting, especially since it is very important for root growth." But side-dressing nitrogen fertilizer after evaluating the stand establishment is a good option, she said, especially on dryland acres. Put it on at the correct time to encourage just enough vegetative growth for a good boll set.

"Soil testing always recommended," Bell said. "Manage the residual soil nitrogen to optimize quality. Don't apply it all upfront; you might not think you have time for a split application, but there is a tradeoff if you don't. Excessive vegetative growth requires an intensive plant-growth regulator program."

Bell advised cotton producers to look for varieties that are stable, have performed well across different environments and have a realistic maturity date for this region. Cotton variety trial results can be found at <http://bit.ly/215to5q>.

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## Rainwater harvesting workshop in Amarillo

AMARILLO — A Rainwater Harvesting Workshop will be held May 13 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd. in Amarillo.

World-renowned rain harvester Billy Kniffen, retired AgriLife Extension water resource associate from Menard, will be the special guest presenter, said Austin Voyles, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agriculture and natural resources agent for Potter County.

The program will be from 9 a.m. to noon. For those who RSVP by May 5, the cost is \$20; otherwise it will be \$40 at the door.

"We are so excited to get Billy Kniffen to join us and expect he will draw a quick crowd as those interested in capturing their rainwater come to hear from the expert," Voyles said.

Voyles said space and supplies will be limited, so those planning to attend should RSVP to 806-373-0713 or [Austin.Voyles@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Austin.Voyles@ag.tamu.edu) as soon as possible to reserve a spot.

Each attendee will leave with their own rain barrel, after building it on location, he said. Other topics of discussion addressed by Kniffen will be rainwater systems and irrigation success.

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6. is stacked and ready to fuel warm fires
7. are next to the poles, ready to slide downhill

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frost, snowflake, hail, sleet, icicles, glaze, drifts, frozen, snow, ice, carrot, snowman, mittens, toboggan, shovel, skis, woodpile, skates, sand.

## Lady Broncos fall to Gruver, end season

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos went up against Gruver in the Bi-District round of post-season play last Monday night, and despite playing hard, they were defeated, 35-42.

The Lady Broncos will lose five seniors: Brianna Butler, Shaelyn Owtin, Jensen Hatley, Berkeley Alexander, and Britley Chadwick.

The Lady Broncos lost for most of the game, but the Lady Hounds rallied their way back to get the lead with just minutes on the clock.

A cold-shooting fourth quarter silenced the Lady Broncos and Gruver grabbed the momentum.

Clarendon finished their season at 20-11 with a third place in District play.

Coach Korey Conkin knew her team could have defeated Gruver but felt their defense was not as strong as it could have been.

"It is so sad and frustrating to have the season come to an end too early," she said. "We did not play the defense we needed to in order to come out victorious. Brianna Butler was amazing in this game, scoring at will and netting 26 of our 35 points."

"It is so unfortunate that we are done playing and so heartbreaking for our senior class. The girls sur-

passed all expectations and worked their tails off since last May to bringing 20 wins this season. I have been very blessed to be able to come home and coach such a fun and talented group of girls. We will truly miss our five seniors. This group has instilled in the younger girls a desire to be dedicated to their sport and team. The next group will be hungry for more of the same. Thank you, seniors!"

Senior Brianna Butler stepped up her game and had a game-high 27 points to lead the Lady Broncos on the scoreboard. Fellow senior Shaelyn Owtin added nine.



Senior Jensen Hatley drives into the goal during the Lady Broncos' Bi-District round of post-season play last Monday night.

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## Broncos JV finish season, 20-3

The Clarendon Bronco junior varsity had a very successful season finishing at 20-3 and going 9-1 in District play. Their final win came at home against Wheeler with a 63-40 final.

The Broncos jumped out early to build a fairly big lead over the Mustangs. Great defense in the second quarter allowed them to open up 15-point lead before the break. The second half belonged to the Broncos as well and they were able to shut down anything the Mustangs tried. Preston Elam and Trent Smith each hit two huge three-pointers in the game. Elam finished with 14 points and Smith added six.

Jamal Butler was strong inside and accounted for 21 of the Broncos' point total and Daquanwe Oliver hit five out of six free throws finishing with 10 points. Noah Elam added seven. Collin Butler had four, and Clay Ward put in one bonus point.

Coach Alton Gaines had nothing but praise for his team and their season.

"I would like to start out by saying 'What about them Broncos?' he said. "We finished up our season the way we started; with a win. I want to congratulate the boys and the managers on a great season. They only had one loss in district play and that means the best in the district. This season was a lot fun. The boys worked so hard and it showed. I would also like to thank the fan support."



Senior Brianna Butler shoots under the goal during the Bi-District round of post-season play against Gruver last Monday night.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ELLA ESTEVAZ

## Greer claims first in power lifting meet

By Sandy Anderberg

Clarendon senior Seth Greer not only has skills on the gridiron, he has the strength to go with it. He proved that Saturday at the power lifting meet when he lifted a personal best of 1435 pounds for first place in the 275-pound weight class.

Ryan McCleskey was second in the 132-pound class with a lift of 785 pounds. Dalton Benson placed third in that class with a lift of 755 pounds.

Caton Grahn placed seventh in the 165-pound class with a lift of 825 pounds.

"The lifters performed and competed well at the meet," coach Johnny Nino said.

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# Obituaries

## Osburn

Benny Earl Osburn, 66, died Sunday, February 19, 2017, in Amarillo.



Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 22, 2017, in Osburn by the Robertson Funeral Directors Saints' Rest Chapel in Clarendon with James Thomas and Chuck Robertson, officiating.

Burial will follow at Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon.

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

Benny was born August 11, 1950, in Memphis to B.B. "Rabbit" and Ella Marie Trojask Osburn. He married Annette Cross on August 20, 1971, in Clarendon. Benny retired from TX DOT after 25 years, he spent his retirement working at Osburn appliance. He was a lifetime member of the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department, former EMT for Clarendon EMS, and spent countless hours umpiring baseball games for Clarendon Baseball for 20 years. Benny also volunteered with the Boy Scouts for several years.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Annette Osburn of the home; his son, Blake Osburn and wife Erin of Clarendon; 2 granddaughters, Kaitlee Jane and Kyndall Grace; his step mother, Shirley Osburn of Clarendon; his brothers, Macey Osburn and wife Veretta of Carrollton and Rickie Osburn of Moulton; a sister, Dorcas Osburn of Clarendon; and several nieces and nephews.

The family request memorials be sent to the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department or Citizens Cemetery Association.

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## Short

Cecil Ray Short, 89, died Saturday, February 18, 2017, in Amarillo.



Services were held Tuesday, February 21, 2017 in the Rector Funeral Home Otago Chapel in Amarillo with Charles Jones officiating.

Arrangements were under the direction Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Burial followed at Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon.

Viewing will be at Rector Funeral Home in Amarillo on Monday, February 20, 2017.

Cecil Ray Short was born on November 19, 1927, in Newlin to John Short and Jewell Duckett Short. He married LaRae Hewett Short on September 28, 1952, in Clarendon. He has been a resident of Amarillo for the past 65 years. He worked as a letter carrier for the United States Postal Service. He was a member of the National Camping and Hiking Association and, he enjoyed fishing and bowling.

Cecil was preceded in death by his wife; a brother; 4 brothers R.V. Short, Johnny Short, Dexter Short and Clifford Short; and 1 sister Oleta Short. Cecil is survived by his wife LaRae Short of Amarillo; 3 sons Gaylon Short of Amarillo, Kelly Short and wife Elizabeth of Wichita, KS, and Terry Short of Amarillo; 2 brothers, Wendell Short and wife Glenna of Amarillo and James Short and wife Earlean of Frick; 6 grandchildren Heath, CaSondra, Cameran, Nathan, Teresa, and Johnathan; and

6 great grandchildren Grace, Austin, Neala, Kylin, Kayan, and Knaprese. Memorials may be made to your favorite charity.

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## Stavenhagen

James Austin Stavenhagen, 84 of Pampa, passed away February 15, 2017 in Pampa.



Memorial services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, February 23, 2017, at First United Methodist Church in Clarendon with Rev. Ruby Moultrie, pastor, John Curry and Dale West, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whaley Funeral Directors.

James was born April 24, 1932, at Cotton Center in Ira and John Stavenhagen. After graduating from Lela Lake High School in 1950, he played basketball for Clarendon College and graduated in 1952. He then played professional basketball for the Whiskered Wizards. James moved to Wichita, Kansas where he worked for Boeing Aircraft, while attending school at the University of Wichita, earning his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1954.

After completing his degree, he returned to Lela Lake as a basketball coach and teacher. In June 1955, he joined the Army and served for two years. Upon completion of his service, he moved to Stratford where he taught and coached basketball. He attended West Texas Teachers College (now West Texas A & M University) earning a Master of Education degree in 1960.

James married Geraldine Murphy Trapp, who had three children, in 1960. They lived in Stratford until 1961 when they moved to Wellington. After Geraldine died in 1966, James and his children remained in Wellington, where he continued teaching and coaching. James became Superintendent of schools at Quail in 1970.

James moved to Shamrock in 1973 where he was a Director of Special Education, serving a five county area for the Eastern Panhandle Co-op. He married Virginia Blackberry Cooke in 1974. They lived in Shamrock for the remainder of James's career, from which he retired in 2009.

James was an avid golfer and while living in Shamrock, he served as President of the Shamrock Country Club, and was on its Board of Directors for many years. He also served as President of the Shamrock Lions Club and was a faithful member of the Shamrock Booster club.

In 2001 James and Virginia moved to Pampa and joined the First United Methodist Church. He served on the Board of Directors for Pampa Country Club, and as President. He was a member of the Tri-State Seniors Golf Association for over twenty years, where he served as President and received the coveted "Colonel Bogie" Award. He also belonged to the Southwest Golf Association and participated in the "Life Begins at 40" annual golf tournament at Hartlingen for many years, where they made many dear friends.

James was passionate about his God, his family, his friends, farming, travel, and hunting quail, especially with his boys. Although James had no biological children, he saw the six children God gave him as his. He was father to each of them in every way. The grandchildren and great grandchildren were really special to him and they called him "Grand James," but one tiny girl dubbed him "Stavey Baby." James was a faithful friend and his golf buddies were special to him.

The Stavenhagen family loved

to travel and especially enjoyed trips with family and friends. Those trips included Europe, and cruises to Hawaii, the Mediterranean, Panama Canal, Alaska, the Eastern Seaboard, Canada, the Caribbean, Australia and New Zealand, as well as many trips within the United States.

James was also preceded in death by his parents, John and Ira Stavenhagen, his brother, Ed Stavenhagen, and his sister Earline Strand. James built a legacy of integrity, faithfulness and hard work. Those left to honor and cherish his memory are his wife of forty-three years, Virginia, and his children: son, Steve and Sherry Trapp of Pampa, daughter, Betty and Mark Goen of Amarillo, daughter, Terry and Jerry Burkham of Ravina, Oklahoma, daughter, Beverly and Lynn Johnson of Mansfield, daughter, Cathy Burrell of Wheeler and son, Kelly and Charlotte Cooke of Midland; 17 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild; three brothers: Mac and Jean Stavenhagen, and Bill and Annis Stavenhagen, and two sisters: W.G. and Liz Stavenhagen of Dumas; and a sister: Pearlne McCauston of Clovis, New Mexico.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, PO Box 1981, Pampa, Texas, 79066-1981.

Sign the online guest register at [www.carmichael-whaley.com](http://www.carmichael-whaley.com)

## Thomas

Shirley Hearn Thomas, 69, died Thursday, February 16, 2017, in Amarillo.



Memorial services will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday, February 25 at the Lake Tanglewood Community Church with Rev. Valance Vaalencia, pastor of Pleasant Valley Assembly of God, officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Brooks Funeral Directors.

Shirley was born February 4, 1948, in Clarendon. She graduated from Clarendon High School and attended Clarendon Jr College for one year. She married Mickey Thomas, of Claude, on August 19, 1967, in Clarendon.

She worked in the Klein Montessori school system in Special Education for 16 years. She served in several churches across the country as Mickey's job required them to move pretty often. She also spent two and a half years working for Back Home in San Antonio as an Assistant Manager.

Shirley and Mickey lived in 19 homes in the almost 50 years that they had been married. Shirley enjoyed decorating each one of them. She also enjoyed fishing, when she caught the biggest fish.

Her greatest joy was in being a mother and a grandmother.

She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charlie and Velma Hearn; three brothers, Claude Hearn, Gene Hearn, and Duane Hearn; and a sister, Viola Hearn.

Survivors include her husband, Mickey Thomas; two daughters, Holly and Heather both of Dallas; son, Scott and daughter-in-law Cynthia of Midland; three granddaughters, Geney and Hailey Denney of Dallas and Hannah of Austin; one grandson, Brecken, of Dallas; one brother, Billy F. Hearn of Montgomery; and sister-in-law, Pat Hearn of Spokane, Washington.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Crown of Texas Hospice Foundation, 5211 W. 9th, Suite 100, Amarillo, TX 79106.

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