





# Clarendon students win district UIL meet

Clarendon Elementary won its fourth consecutive district championship when students finished in first place at the District 2 AA University Interscholastic League Fall Literary meet in December.

Other schools competing at the event were Memphis, Wellington, and Wheeler teams with 21 contests ranging from Writing, Spelling, Mathematics, Speaking, and other academic subjects.

Scores for the competition were Clarendon 465.5, Memphis 288, Wellington 267, and Wheeler 230.5. Local events and placements were as follows:

Second Grade: Creative Writing - Malayna Williams; 2nd: Creed Robinson, 5th, and Justus McAneer, 6th. Storytelling - Addison Havens, 2nd; Eliana Rodriguez, 3rd, and Kennedy Halsey, 5th.

Third Grade: Music Memory - Kandon Hanes 4th and Ronan Howard 6th. Ready Writing - Kortni Davis 1st and Parker Haynes 4th. Spelling - Kortni Davis 1st, Parker Haynes 3rd, and Elaina Estlack 5th. Storytelling - Elaina Estlack 2nd, Lindley Hill 3rd, and Anna Balogh 4th.

Fourth Grade: Art Smart - Kenidae Hayes 1st and Alexis Phillips 3rd. Number Sense - Autumn Beall 1st. Oral Reading - Madilyn Benson 1st and Brooklyn Lemons 4th. Ready Writing - Gracie Ellis 1st, Brooklyn Lemons 2nd, and Elliot Frausto 4th. Spelling - Brooklyn Lemons 1st, Kaedann Moffett 3rd, and Kyndall Osburn 6th.

Fifth Grade: Art Smart - Bryce Williams 1st, Grant Haynes 3rd, and Tandie Cummins 5th. Dictionary Skills - Tandi Cummins 2nd and Mason Allred 4th. Listening Skills - Maloree Wann tied 1st and Tandie Cummins 5th. Maps, Graphs, & Charts - Malakai Floyd 2nd and Tandie Cummins. Number Sense - Ben Estlack 2nd and Hayden Elam 4th. Oral Reading - Kennadie Cummins 1st and Maloree Wann 4th. Ready Writing - Riley Jantz 2nd. Spelling - Gracie Clark 1st, Aiden Word 2nd, and Kennadie Cummins 3rd.

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**CLUES ACROSS**

- Chop or cut
- Green veggie
- Bar bill
- Doctors' group
- One who buys and sells securities (slang)
- Be in debt
- Lively ballroom dance
- Singer Charles
- Polish city
- Former
- Dismissing from employment
- Minerals
- Plotted
- Consult
- After a prayer
- Agents of one's downfall
- Leaseholders
- Supervises flying
- Voodoo god
- Alfalfa
- Apply another coat to
- Witnesses
- Jai \_\_\_ sport
- Ones who proof
- Recent
- Small group with shared interests
- Part of warming headgear
- Woolen cloth
- Snag
- Central American fruit tree
- Woman (French)
- The 22nd letter of the Greek alphabet
- Type of bed
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Consumed
- Japanese freight company (abbr).

**CLUES DOWN**

- Czech monetary unit
- Able to arouse intense feeling
- Elk
- Muscular weaknesses
- Geological time
- Depths of the ocean
- Burns to the ground
- Becomes cognizant of
- Cause to shade
- US political party
- Refers to some of a thing
- Sing
- Type of beer
- Ancient Iranian people
- Grocery chain
- Gridiron league
- English river
- \_\_\_ and cheese
- Peyton's younger brother
- Long time
- High schoolers' test
- Respects
- Organize anew
- Filippo \_\_\_ Saint
- Intrinsic nature of something
- Cheese dish
- Ancient Greek City
- Patron saint of Ireland
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# Prosecutors reviewing complaint against Empower Texans

By Jay Root, Texas Tribune  
A criminal complaint against Empower Texans, a conservative group that mailed out an attack ad resembling an official government notice that targeted GOP state Rep. Charlie Geren, is "under review" by the Travis County District Attorney's office, The Texas Tribune has learned.

A person who self-identified as a Tarrant County voter sent a letter to the DA's office alleging that the group ran afoul of a criminal law that prohibits people from posing as government authorities, correspondence obtained by the Tribune shows. Mandy Montford, Travis County's first assistant district attorney, confirmed that her office had received a complaint about the group on Tuesday.

"It's under review," Montford said.

The controversial mailer attacks Geren for his "relationship" with a lobbyist — who happens to be his wife, Mandy Eller. What voters see in bold letters when they open the mail piece is "NOTICE," above a slightly smaller font that says, "Of Relationship With Registered Lobbyist."

Then it lists Eller's long list of corporate lobbyist clients.

The mailer purports to come from the "Texas Ethics Disclosure Board," an official-sounding name that Empower Texans registered with the Secretary of State's office late last month. There is no such government agency, though there is a Texas Ethics Commission that polices campaign and lobbyist disclosure rules.

The mailer underscores how hard it can be for voters to understand who is sending and funding the political messages they receive. The name "Empower Texans" does not appear on the ad. Nor is there any "paid for" political disclaimer on it. Empower Texans is a non-profit "dark money" group that does not have to disclose its donors.

Geren said confused voters have asked him about the mailer. "They're trying to deceive my constituents," said Geren, a top target of the group. The longtime Fort Worth lawmaker, one of outgoing House Speaker Joe Straus' top lieutenants, said the advertisement was designed to look official.

"It looks like it's coming from

a state agency and it's not," Geren said. "A guy at church handed it to me and said what is this. I said it's another lie by Empower Texans, and he said, 'Well it looked real.'"

The complaint alleges Empower Texans may have violated a provision of the Texas Penal Code, under section 37.11, which prohibits people from posing as government officials. Specifically, the law says a person commits a third degree felony if he "knowingly purports to exercise any function of a public servant or of a public office, including that of a judge and court, and the position or office through which he purports to exercise a function of a public servant or public office has no lawful existence under the constitution or laws of this state or of the United States."

Empower Texans General Counsel Tony McDonald said the group had not heard from prosecutors or seen the complaint but he vowed to fight any legal action against the non-profit.

"There's not a chance in hell that we're ever held liable under 37.11," McDonald said. "If we've got to fight it, we'll fight it. We never

back down from First Amendment fights, ever." He disputed the idea that voters might find the mailing "deceptive" and said the contents of the ad were truthful.

Earlier, Empower Texans' CEO Michael Quinn Sullivan took to Twitter to respond to queries that the Tribune sent to him via email and voicemail.

"Haha! #TxLege @CharlieGeren doesn't like people finding out about his major conflicts of interest," he said, adding that "Corrupt Charlie" was "working the Travis County DEM district attorney to try to shut us up."

The district attorney's office in Travis County, a liberal stronghold, is in Democratic hands. Sullivan works to get conservative Republicans elected to office.

Geren said he has adhered to all ethics laws related to the disclosure of any potential conflicts of interest involving Eller. The longtime Fort Worth incumbent faces a primary challenge from businessman Bo French, one of the top recipients of largesse from Empower Texans' political action committee.

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# Hedley: School plans future forum on gun policy

Continued from page one.

For its part, Hedley ISD is trying to make everyone aware of all the facts about the new program. The school did not solicit input from the public or parents before last Monday's vote. However, the district says it does plan to hold a public forum with parents at some point, and it has released a two-page letter explaining the district's action.

"Each student is precious to us at Hedley ISD," Stevens said in the letter. "Anything we can do to ensure that every student goes home safely, we are prepared to do. We hope we never have to call upon our board-approved employees to unholster their weapons. But in such a terrible circumstance were to arise, the Hedley ISD Board has created a program that puts the right employees with the right training between an active shooter and our children. And I'm proud to be a part of it."

For more information, visit ClarendonLive.com to read Hedley ISD's entire statement on its new policy.

# Howardwick: Continued from page one.

Baird, Kay Dye, and Debora Sharp-ton.

Qualified Howardwick residents have until Friday, March 2, at 5 p.m. to file for the two vacant positions expiring in 2019. Commissioners had set a deadline of Saturday, March 3, but the mayor said City Hall is only open through Friday.

As of Tuesday afternoon, Brice Hawley had filed paperwork to run for one of the 2019 seats, and City Hall was expecting a second application.

The possibility of holding a Howardwick town hall about the idea of dissolving the municipality there was mentioned at the county meeting, although no residents from that city were in attendance. Byars said this week that, after talking to Judge Howard, such a meeting will definitely be held at some point.

"We're going to have a town hall for sure with Judge Howard and probably the commissioners, but we're not sure on when that will be," the mayor said.



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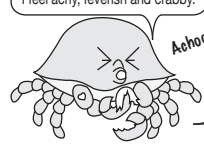
Healthy Expressions

We weren't sick at all last winter...  ...but this year some of us caught the flu! 

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## Feel Sick? Get Well!

I feel achy, feverish and crabby.  Aahh!

Ugh! I've been sick this week. I caught a virus — or it caught me. I've used all the facial tissues in the house. I think I'll need a huge tractor-trailer truck to deliver more!

I went to see my doctor, who said I have a common cold. She gave me medicine to help me feel better, and told me to rest and drink lots of fluids. Sometimes, the doctor lets me try that cool instrument she uses to listen to sounds in my body. If you read the clues and fill in this puzzle with words about health care, you will find the name of the instrument under the arrow.

Hey, I don't have anything to do with your chicken pox! 

If you don't feel well in class, ask to visit the school nurse. 

Read the clues to fill in the crossword puzzle with medical terms.

1. person trained to help doctors and take care of sick people
2. treatment of medical problem by using surgery
3. pill or liquid used to treat a disease or relieve pain
4. person licensed to treat diseases or injuries
5. medicine injected into the body with a needle
6. instrument used to take temperature
7. sleep, relax
8. ill, not healthy
9. common sickness: sneezing, runny nose, coughing
10. building where doctors, nurses take care of sick or hurt people
11. tiny living thing that can cause disease

thermometer nurse germ cold hospital

## Doctor, What Have I Caught?

Everyone feels sick from time to time. Thanks to shots and vaccines, doctors are able to help us avoid many diseases. Medicines may help us feel better too.

Can you find and circle these illnesses and medical problems?

pneumonia  
sore throat  
food poisoning  
athlete's foot  
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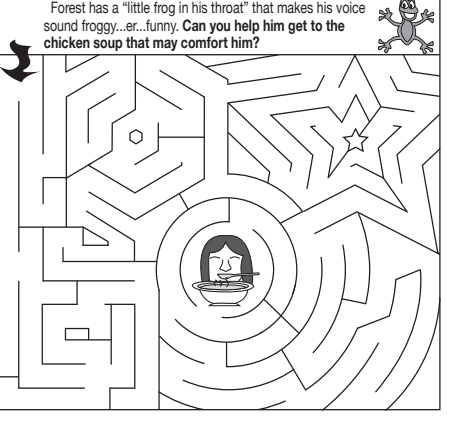
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## Lady Bulldogs win six straight games

The Clarendon Lady Bulldogs added six victories to their season record over the last several days.

Clarendon College's softball squad walked away with the first game of the day last Tuesday afternoon against Vernon College. The Lady Bulldogs hit their way to a 16-3 victory in the first contest, going through three pitchers for the Chapparrals.

CC tallied 17 hits in game one. Villarreal, Hewlett, Miramontez, Alvarez, Wooley, and Benitez each had multiple hits in game one. Both Hewlett and Villarreal led Clarendon's offensive spark going 3 for 3 at the plate.

KaBria Arnold was the winning pitcher for Clarendon as she lasted three innings, allowing zero hits and one run while striking out three. Devyn Yanello threw two innings in relief out of the bullpen to help lead the Bulldogs to victory in five innings.

In Tuesday's second game, CC advanced to 14-2 on the season, with a 14-3 victory over Vernon. The Lady Bulldogs' Dezire Garcia led the team in the circle as she surrendered three runs on five hits over five innings, striking out three.

Garcia got help from her offense in the first inning scoring 3 out of the gate. Overall, the Bulldogs had 13 hits in game two of the double header led by Sandoval, Garza, and Hewlett, each with multiple hits. The fourth inning rally came in clutch for

the Bulldogs scoring 8 runs to end the game in 5. Clarendon did not commit a single error in the contest.

On Sunday, the CC women beat Pratt Community College, 19-4. The Lady Bulldogs put up 20 hits off three of Pratt's pitchers: Perales, Saboron, and Otto. Clarendon looked to attack early in the game, scoring 7 in the first inning. Miramontez, Hewlett, Villarreal, Hill, Wooley, Benitez, Perez, and Marticorena each had multiple hits for the Bulldogs in game one. Dezire Garcia got the win for Clarendon as she went five innings, allowing four runs on nine hits and striking out one.

Sunday's second game saw Clarendon's KaBria Arnold not allowing a single run against Pratt, throwing a complete game shutout and leading the Lady Bulldogs to a 14-0 victory. Arnold surrendered zero runs on three hits over five innings, striking out four and walking zero.

The Lady Bulldogs got things going in their first inning offensively scoring four. Collectively, the team put up 16 hits in game two of the double-header verse Pratt. Hill, Wooley, Villarreal, and Benitez each had multiple hits in the game.

In the third game of the series with Pratt, the Lady Bulldogs took game one of the double header on Monday 7-2. CC got things going in the first inning offensively scoring 1 off of a leadoff triple by Mariah Miramontez and a sacrifice bunt by

Regina Garza. Clarendon College tallied up 13 hits with Marticorena, Hill, Wooley, and Hewlett each having multiple hits. Marticorena went 4-for-4 at the plate to lead the Bulldogs. Clarendon College Softball was sure-handed and didn't commit a single error behind Suires and Arnold.

Cierra Suires got the win in game one as she lasted three innings, allowing five hits and zero runs while striking out two and walking zero. KaBria Arnold threw four innings in relief out of the bullpen where she recorded the last 12 outs to earn the save for the Lady Bulldogs.

Clarendon College took game two in a 9-3 victory over Pratt. The Lady Bulldogs collected 15 hits in the contest with Villarreal, Perez, Hewlett, Marticorena, and Garza each producing multiple times throughout the game. Perez and Villarreal each went 3 for 4 in game 2 helping the Bulldogs produce at the top and bottom of the lineup.

Devyn Yanello pitched Clarendon College to victory as she lasted four innings, allowing three hits and three runs while striking out two and walking zero. Dezire Garcia came into the game throwing three innings to help shut down the Beavers offense.

Clarendon looks to get back into action this upcoming Monday, March 5, against Seward Community College.

## CC basketball to host FPC Thursday

Clarendon College's men's and women's basketball teams will play their final games of the 2018 regular season when they host Frank Phillips College this Thursday in the Bulldog Gym at 5:45 and 7 p.m.

The Lady Bulldogs are coming off two disappointing losses last week to New Mexico Junior College and Odessa College.

The CC women played NMJC on the road February 19 and lost 54-74 after struggling throughout the game.

Scoring for the Lady Bulldogs were Mia Castaneda with 21 points, Ja'Vonda Daniels with 16, Baily Shelor 7, Lexi Escobal 5, Kaleigh Stolz 3, and Lizet Sosa 2.

On Thursday, the Lady Bul-

dogs traveled to Odessa where they faced a tough team.

Clarendon trailed by just two points after the first half. The women pulled ahead in the third quarter, but Odessa came on strong in the fourth to close out the game, 63-70.

Scoring for Clarendon were Daniels 15, Castaneda 13, Chauntel Acosta 8, Dajiah Henry 8, Stolz 7, Sosa 6, Shelor 3, and Bailey Lightfoot 3.

The men's basketball team also had a hard time when they faced NMJC in Hobbs last Monday.

The Bulldogs were down by 14 points at the half. Clarendon performed much better in the second period, scoring 41 points, but could not overcome the Thunderbirds lead

and lost 68-88.

Scoring for CC were Xavier Trent 15, Ellis Jefferson 12, Edwon Brady 12, Tyreek Price 10, Reece Brooks 6, Shavaiire Murray 4, Paul Corbin, Jr., 4, Dadou Traore 2, Jaquan Horne 2, and Donovan White, Jr., 1.

The story was similar when the Bulldogs traveled to Odessa February 22 and lost, 59-75. Odessa ran away with it in the first half, leading Clarendon 29-42. CC kept the scoring closer to even in the second period but could not catch up.

Scoring for the Bulldogs were Brooks 11, Brady 8, Trent 8, David Carter 6, White 6, Thomas Clement 5, Price 5, Jefferson 5, Corbin 4, and Murray 1.

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Political Opinion by David Pond

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Sorry, but this is a long story...I own a small well service business and a small oil and gas production company. My company and many other oil and gas production companies have been targeted by large, "Wall Street" driven pipeline companies which have taken advantage of their monopolistic leverage.

There are thousands of oil and gas wells in the Panhandle of Texas. Their production is a driving force of our economy. The gas and gas liquids for all of these go to market through pipelines that have been laid to the wells when the wells were drilled. These pipelines are owned and operated by a "Midstream" company which buys, processes, and sells the natural gas and products such as propane.

Buyouts, takeovers, and mergers between pipeline companies reduced competition. In many counties in the Panhandle there are only two pipeline companies with their respective gathering systems. These are in fixed geographical areas. Switching to a different pipeline company for a well could cost an operator untold thousands of dollars.

One of the local "Midstream" companies is DCP Midstream. They are the largest gas and gas liquids processor in the United States. Their local people are dedicated, hard workers and very helpful when not constrained by corporate rules. Many are personal friends of mine. Their corporate people out of Houston and Denver, however, have become a nightmare to Producers, Royalty Owners, and the Local Economies.

In 2015, 2016, and 2017, DCP decided to use their monopolistic advantage to increase profit. They canceled, en masse, the contracts on existing wells and replaced them with a "take it or leave it" contract in their favor which would go into effect even if the producer did not sign it. At the same time, gas producers found it impossible to contact anyone with the DCP contracts division...no return calls or answered emails.

DCP, with the forced contracts, grabbed an additional 20% to 100% of the value of gas coming from these thousands of wells. When cornered, their excuse was "so we wouldn't go out of business". Contemporaneously, their website showed their CEO bragging about **RECORD** distributable cash flow at the end of 2015 "with a growing fee-based revenue stream".

These unconscionable contracts caused many wells to be shut in, abandoned, or plugged. Wells with substantial reserves were lost. A tremendous amount of revenue for local businesses either disappeared or was transferred to entities down state or across the country.

State Severance Taxes which fund roads and education were lost. Mineral value, which is a large percentage of the local ad valorem tax base dropped dramatically. Royalty owners lost income (sometimes their only income). Counties, school districts, and hospital districts lost Millions in tax revenue because of well appraisal values.

The targeted gas producers received no help from the Texas Railroad Commission, the FTC, the SEC or the Texas Attorney General...OR OUR LOCAL ELECTED STATE REPRESENTATIVE!

Ken King's comment to me (which he repeated in an interview on local radio) was "...when you went into business, nobody guaranteed that you would make money."

Another comment made was "The only producers that aren't signing the contracts are a bunch of whiners up in Perryton."

There are an **unprecedented** amount of complaints filed with the Texas Railroad Commission from producers and Royalty owners against DCP. The complaints lodged were all concerning forced, one-sided contracts and lack of negotiation...contracts Producers wouldn't sign.

Richard Beyea has been very active in the coalition of oil and gas producers and Royalty owners fighting the confiscation of wealth by a corporate cartel. The coalition also has input from tax appraisal districts, auditors, and county officials. Taxable value, commerce, natural resources, and livelihoods in District 88 have been adversely affected and we need help in the Texas Legislature.

I'm voting for Richard Beyea because of his understanding and stance on this issue and many others! Richard will be a voice for District 88 to protect our Local Economy, and make sure our views are heard concerning education, illegal immigration, property tax, and Pro-Life opinions.

-David Pond

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Clarendon Bronco Damarjae Cortez goes up for two during last weeks game against Stratford.

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## Broncos fall to Stratford in Bi-District round 43-52

By Sandy Anderberg

It was all or nothing for the Broncos as they went up against a good Stratford team in the Bi-District game in Amarillo last week. Despite playing hard, the Broncos fell 43-52 to finish their season at 10-7.

The Broncos struggled early in the game as Stratford's aggressiveness took control. But the Broncos came storming back before the break to make it a one-point game at 20-21. "Obviously, we would have liked for the result to have been different," coach Blake Nichols said. "Down one at halftime after the way we played in the first half, we felt like we were in a good spot."

A third-quarter dominance by the Elks caught the Broncos off guard and they were able to convert several turnovers by Clarendon to take a big lead in the game with the momentum on their side.

"They went on a little bit of a run in the third quarter and we never could recover," Nichols said.

The Broncos were able to close the gap once again in the final eight minutes behind the outside shooting of junior Bear Smith and senior Damarjae Cortez, who combined for four three-pointers in the fourth quarter. But time slipped away and the Elks were able to hold on for the win.

"Bottom line is we didn't play as well as we were capable of and that will catch up to you in a hurry in the playoffs," Nichols said. "I'm proud of the way our guys fought all

night and all season. After their run in the third quarter we could have very easily rolled over, but our guys continued to fight and cut into the lead. We just couldn't ever quite get over the hump."

Smith finished with 22, and Cortez put in 11. Preston Elam and Justin Christopher helped with five each.

Nichols is proud of the guys for never giving up and having a good year.

"The first year at a new school is hard on everyone and I thought the guys handled it as well as anyone could have asked," he said. "After the season they had last year, I'm sure they felt some added pressure. Then throw in a new coach and short schedule after the great season we had in football they all played a part in and these guys were dealing with a lot of variables. I couldn't be more proud of how they handled the situation."

Nichols and the Broncos will say good-bye to four outstanding seniors.

"We will miss the four seniors we are losing, Damarjae (Cortez), Colt (Wood), Daquawne (Oliver), and Justin (Christopher), not only as basketball players, but just as kids in general," he said. "All four of them worked hard and were a pleasure to be around every day. Again, we would have liked the result to have been different, but with the solid group we have returning off this team, I am excited about the future."

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# Broncos score two victories

By Sandy Anderberg

The Broncos have begun their 2018 baseball season and posted two huge wins over 5A Palo Duro and 4A Borger.

The Broncos worked their way back from a deficit to win 8-6 over Palo Duro. Kade Hunsaker got the win, and Josh Cobb picked up the save.

"We had to come from behind, but beat a 5A team," coach Brad Elam said. "We hit the ball really well. Josh, Noah and Preston Elam, Kade, and Payton Havens had good hits."

The Broncos then defeated Borger 7-6.

"(We) took an early lead and had to hang on," Elam said. "Josh got the win and Andy Davis picked up the save. Didn't hit as well and had a couple of bade defensive innings. We did get some timely hitting. Really proud of the guys beating bigger schools."

The Broncos play in the Childress Tournament March 1-3. They play their first district game at Valley March 6 at 4 p.m.



Senior Kade Hunsaker pitches for the Clarendon Broncos in Borger last week.

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# Lady Broncos open season

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos opened their 2018 season with a round robin tournament in Fritch over the weekend. The ladies took on Gruver in the first round and were defeated 21-11.

"We just had one really bad inning and we couldn't catch back up," coach Carrie Hicks said. "We hit pretty well and all but one batter got on base that stepped up to the plate. Sandrea Smith hit a home run first up to bat and Kaylin Hicks hit a triple and a double."

The Lady Broncos went up against a ranked West Texas High team and lost 15-2. According to Hicks, Darcie Hunsaker pitched a great game and they had some awesome catches in the outfield by Smith, Kailee Osburn, and MaKayla Brown.

"We struggled hitting in this game," Hicks said.

The Lady Broncos took on Dimmit in the last game and breezed to a 20-4 win in three innings.

"We run-ruled them in the third inning," Hicks said. "We hit the ball well and played great defense. Smith hit her second home run for the tournament and Emily Johnson hit a grand slam."

The ladies will play in the West Texas High Tournament March 1-3 and will play WT on Tuesday, March 6, in their district opener beginning at 4:00 p.m.



Clarendon Senior Joshua Cobb gets the out at shortstop last week in Borger.

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# Obituaries

## Spier

Lynn D. Spier passed from this life on Friday, February 23, 2018.  
Mr. Spier was born on April 11, 1942, in Dumas, Texas to J. H. "Junior" and Wilma Spier. He was a 1960 graduate of Clarendon High School and received his Bachelors of Business Administration from North Texas University in 1965. In 1965 he was drafted into the United States Army. He was a Sgt. in the Military Intelligence and received National Defense Service Medal, Sharp Shooter Badge and Marksmans Badge. After his military service, he was employed by the Peace Corps for many years and later resided in the Washington D.C. area prior to moving to Howardward, Texas in 2011.  
Lynn was a man of great heart who loved art, music and most of all making friends. He is very fondly remembered by family and friends from across the United States for his kindness and generosity. He was a world traveler who embraced new cultures and friends where ever he went.  
He was preceded in death by his parents.  
He is survived by his wife, Maureen Delaney of Fairfax, VA and two brothers, Bill Spier and wife Darlene, and Mike Spier and wife Neva, all of Clarendon, Texas. Four nieces: Gina Reeves, Brigett Kash, Nicole Rivera, and NeAnne Clinton and two nephews: Darren Spier and Hunter Spier.  
Mr. Spier will be cremated and in lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be sent to Clarendon Senior Citizens, Clarendon TX, the ASPCA or any charity of your choice.

**Cady**  
Gary Dean "Butch" Cady, 69, of Clarendon died Friday, February 23, 2018, in Clarendon.  
Private Memorial Services will be Family Only.  
Cremation & Arrangements are by Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.  
Butch was born October 11, 1948, in Mt. Vernon, Illinois to Millis Lee and Mary Eileen Shields Cady. He had been a resident of Clarendon the past 25 years. He was very good about helping anybody and fixing people's cars. He was a Mechanic prior to his retirement.  
He was preceded in death by his parents; 2 brothers, Jerry and Eugene Cady; and by 2 sisters, Roberta Harris and Donna Landis.  
He is survived by a son, Scott Cady and wife Mandy of Houston; a daughter, Mary Lowers and fiancé Jason Holter of Houston; 2 sisters, Jaci Mincey of Clarendon and Sally Wright of Phoenix, Arizona; 4 grandchildren, Cade Thomas, Hayes Scott, Ainslie Katherine, and Sadie Grace; a special niece, Brittany Davis of Clarendon and numerous nieces and nephews.  
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**Burleson**  
Leslie James Burleson, Jr., 75, of Clarendon died Wednesday, February 21, 2018 in Clarendon.  
Family Directed Memorial Services will be 3:00 PM Saturday, February 24, 2018 in the Clarendon Church of Christ with Don Stone and Chris Moore, officiating.  
Cremation & Arrangements are by Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.  
James was born September 30, 1942 in Gatesville to Frankie Eva and Leslie James Burleson, Sr. He married Beatrice Beard on June 6, 1964 in Clarendon. He had been a resident of Clarendon since 1960 where he worked at Clifford's Grocery Store prior to his retirement. He did help with Boy Scouts and was a giver and a mentor to many. He also loved watching John Wayne. He was a member of the Clarendon Church of Christ.  
James was preceded in death by his wife; his parents; a brother, Lee Burleson; and a sister, Leta Anders.  
Survivors include 2 sons, Ronald Burleson and wife Andrea and Doug Burleson all of Clarendon; 3 sisters in law, Roberta Sewell of Borger, Melinda Messier of Chico, and Karen Burleson of Woodway; 2 grandchildren, Autumn and Samantha; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.  
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**Koen**  
Kenneth Neal Koen, 78, died Saturday, February 10, 2018, in Wichita Falls, Texas. A private burial in Citizen's Cemetery.  
Mr. Koen was born August 5, 1939, in Clarendon to D. B. and Orvetta Koen. He attended Clarendon Independent School District and graduated from Memphis High School. He served in the U.S. Air Force. Mr. Koen was employed by DFW Airport. He retired to Bowie, Texas.  
He was preceded in death by his parents D. B. and Orvetta Koen of Clarendon, stepmother Cellie Koen of Memphis, his brother Lynn Koen of Florida, stepbrother George Stanley of Lawton, Oklahoma, and one grandson and granddaughter.  
He is survived by his wife Sharon Koen of Wichita Falls, brother Truitt Koen of Houston, his sons Paul Koen and his wife Mercy of Bowie and Brian of Granbury, stepdaughter Tracy Otis and her husband Robert of Jacksonville, Florida, stepson Todd Clemens of Wichita Falls, stepdaughter JoAnn Dickens of Clarendon, six grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren.  
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## Pronghorns helping Trans-Pecos population

AUSTIN — This month the Trans-Pecos Pronghorn Restoration Project progressed with another successful relocation of 113 pronghorn. This marks the sixth year that pronghorn have been transplanted from healthy populations in the Texas Panhandle to supplement pronghorn populations in the Trans-Pecos region.

In late January, pronghorn were captured from public and private lands around Dalhart and transplanted to a restoration site south of Valentine, TX. Since 2011, about 780 pronghorn have been translocated from the Texas Panhandle to supplement populations around Marfa and Marathon, Texas.

The Trans-Pecos Pronghorn Restoration Project is a multi-year, \$1.4 million public-private partnership with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation. To date, more than \$900,000 has been secured. The objective of the Trans-Pecos Pronghorn Restoration Project is to bolster declining pronghorn populations through wildlife management practices including: translocations, habitat improvements, and strategic predator management.

At least 17,000 pronghorn historically roamed the West Texas region, but by 2012 there were estimated to be fewer than 3,000. As of last summer, pronghorn numbers had doubled, based on TPWD aerial surveys.

But there is more to the effort than just moving animals.

"We complete a pre-translocation release site evaluation of the habitat. This effort includes partnering with landowners to modify restrictive fences and evaluating availability of vegetation to pinpoint an optimal release location," said

Shawn Gray, TPWD Pronghorn Program Leader.

Gray noted that survival and production rates among transplanted pronghorn have been encouraging over the last few years, thanks to improved range conditions and intensive management activities like the fence modifications.

"Historic drought severely impacted survival in 2011 at just 20 percent, while good range conditions and more intensive management actions have led to much higher survival rates of between 70-85 percent during the other translocations," he noted. "Over the last five years, herds that received transplanted pronghorn have done well and have had above average fawn production."

This also marks the second year that 40 translocated pronghorn have been outfitted with GPS satellite collars programmed to collect locations every 15 minutes.

During the next year, the Borderlands Research Institute (BRI) and TPWD will closely monitor the translocated pronghorn to determine adult and fawn survival, productivity, habitat utilization, and movements. Population assessments will help researchers identify sources of environmental stressors that may contribute to pronghorn population declines. "It is important for us to continue to collect data that will help the team identify key threats to existing populations," says Dr. Whitney Gann, pronghorn researcher for BRI. This research has and will continue to define the best science-based management practices essential in growing pronghorn populations in the Trans-Pecos region.

"By monitoring the translocated pronghorn with GPS tracking collars, we have plenty of evidence

to support implementing fence modifications and increasing the number of "pronghorn-friendly" fences — these management acts have greatly increased pronghorn movement across the Marfa Plateau," said Gann, pronghorn researcher with the Borderlands Research Institute. "Facilitating movement is the best way to ensure that the pronghorn have access to seasonally available forage, good fawning cover, and the ability to escape predators."

The relocation process functions like a well-oiled machine.

"The capture went extremely well, the animals were all in excellent body condition and traveled safely to the release site," said Dr. Bob Dittmar, Wildlife Veterinarian for TPWD.

"We would not be able to attempt a project of this scope if we did not have support from Trans-Pecos and Panhandle private landowners and the cooperation of the Trans-Pecos Pronghorn Working Group," stated Gray. "Their continued involvement will ensure pronghorn herds in the Trans-Pecos will prosper in our desert grasslands."

This restoration effort is made possible by private landowners, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), Borderlands Research Institute at Sul Ross State University (BRI), Trans-Pecos Pronghorn Working Group, Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation (TPWF), and USDA-Wildlife Services.

In addition, Wildlife Restoration Act (Pittman-Robertson) funds are essential in supporting this project.

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