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

### TPWD hearing to be held in Gray County

AUSTIN – The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is seeking public comment on proposed changes to the state's hunting and fishing regulations for 2017-18 and will hold a public hearing in Pampa this week.

The meeting will be held in the Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell, at 7 p.m.

The hearings will focus on proposed changes to hunting regulations especially proposed changes to the pronghorn buck experimental permit system.

Public comment on proposed changes will also be taken during the March 24 meeting of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission at TPWD headquarters in Austin prior to rulemaking.

### Box Tops generate revenue for school

Officials at Clarendon Elementary School continues to collect Box Tops and continues to profit from those collections.

Students in the CISD Functional Living Center recently counted the latest tally of Box Tops with a total of 2,387, which will net the school a check for \$660.60.

The next Box Top deadline will be in October. Send Box Tops to any of the school offices or with any of the students.

### Vehicle exemptions must be renewed

The Donley Appraisal District announces in a notice this week that it will be requiring new applications for the 2017 tax year for the exemption of vehicles used to produce income and also used for non-income producing activities.

This exemption is commonly known as the multi-use exemption for vehicles. If you own your own business and use your vehicle for both business and personal use, you may qualify for the exemption. Even if you received the exemption in 2016, you must reapply for the 2017 tax year.

The deadline for the filing of this application is May 1, 2017. For more information, call 806-874-2744.

### Seliger files bill to cut severance tax

AUSTIN – State Sen. Kel Seliger (R-Amarillo) last week filed Senate Joint Resolution 41, to reduce the rate of the oil and gas production tax.

The Economic Stabilization Fund (ESF) was created in November 1998 by the passage of a constitutional amendment. Crude oil and natural gas production taxes contribute more than 85 percent of its revenue, and the ESF's balance today is due primarily to extraordinary growth in oil and gas tax collections during the recent boom.

SJR 41 would reduce the rate of severance taxes and suspend transfers into the ESF when the balance exceeds \$5 billion.



### Area Champions

The Clarendon Broncos secured the Area title Friday night after beating Farwell, 46-36. Earlier last week, Clarendon secured the bi-district title with a 56-48 victory over Vega. At press time, the Broncos were preparing to take on Panhandle Tuesday night. Check out ClarendonLive.com for results of that game and future playoff dates.

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## Broncos win Area Championship

Defense was the name of the game in the Broncos' Area matchup with Farwell last Friday night. The Broncos grabbed a 46-36 win over the Steers at Tascosa High School and earned the right to continue their post-season play.

The Broncos took control of the game early on and held a five-point lead after one. But the Steers made up a little ground by halftime to get within three. Clarendon's defense stayed solid, however, and they were able to stand their ground. The Broncos' turned up their defensive heat in the second half of play and were able to shut down the Steers. A huge fourth quarter for the maroon and white gave them

the 12-point win. Marshal Johnson was solid once again and finished with a double-double. The senior post made good on 18 points and 14 rebounds.

"We did a great job of playing defense and getting offensive rebounds," head coach Brandt Lockhart said. "The kids did a great job of executing our defensive game plan."

Colt Wood also finished in double figures with 11, which included two three-pointers and five for six from the free throw line. He also had one deflection. Chance Lockhart had one three-pointer and finished with seven points. Bryce Grahn put in five points and added

11 rebounds, four assists, one deflection, and three steals and Bear Smith had three points with three assists. Keandre Cortez had two points in the game.

Earlier that week, the Broncos stopped Vega in the Bi-District round with a 56-48 win. The Broncos began the game slowly as cold shooting plagued them through the first half of play. They found their rhythm in the second half and were able to out play their opponent after tying the game at 40 all one minute into the third period. From there, the Broncos were able to do what they do best; play solid defense to get the win. They were able to handle Vega's 6'8" post player with

great defense. "We did a good job playing defense, especially in the fourth quarter" Lockhart said. "We were able to get stops in the fourth quarter and turn them into easy baskets."

Johnson and Grahn led the scoring with 12 each and Wood followed closely with 11. Johnson also grabbed seven rebounds and Grahn had six rebounds, three assists, and six steals. Wood had three deflections in the game. Smith put in nine points with six rebounds, four steals, and two points, while Lockhart had six points with six rebounds and three assists. Damarjoe Cortez had two points and Jacob Jeffers finished with two.

## City Council approves settlement over sewer back up

Clarendon Aldermen approved a settlement last week related to damages to the home of a local couple from a sewer backup.

City Administrator David Dockery presented the settlement at the February 23 City Council meeting and said the agreement, which was accepted by B.J. and Jennie Owens and their attorney, maintains that there is no acceptance of responsibility or blame by the city.

The city will pay the Owens \$6,700, and the Owens will indemnify the city of any future claims, according to the settlement.

"This is just to help the Owens' with their damages," Dockery said. "The city still maintains it was not liable in this case."

A downpour on August 29 caused the city's sewer line to back up inside the Owens' Third Street home. The couple's homeowner's insurance denied their claim, and the city's insurance also denied a claim touting the city's sovereign immunity in the case.

In other city business, Dockery reported on code enforcement efforts and said condemnation was moving forward on a Sully Street residence

and that the owner was planning to move the structure. He also said an Eighth Street property being targeted for code issues has now sold and the new owner is preparing to make improvements.

Dockery also updated the council on the status of a \$3.9 million water infrastructure improvement project. Plans are expected to be completed by March 1 and will then be reviewed by USDA, which is providing financing for the job.

If all goes well, Dockery said it will take about a year to get everything approved, financed, and bid

before construction can begin. Once the project gets underway a year from now, it will likely take three years to complete.

"Everyone will be affected all over town," Dockery said, "but everyone will benefit."

Dockery praised Public Works Director John Molder for his assistance in planning for the USDA project, saying it would have been very difficult for the city to take this project on without his help.

"In addition to 20-plus years' experience with the city, he also has photographs of many projects the

city has done over the years," Dockery said. "So when his memory isn't quite photographic, he has actual pictures to show what was done."

The administrator also reviewed the city's financial condition in terms of paying off its current debt for street paving and water improvements. Those bonds and tax notes will be paid for in 2019 at which time the city could begin to plan for another paving project. However, Dockery said no new paving would be undertaken until the USDA project is finished, which will likely be in 2021.



### Delbert Robertson Day

Mayor Sandy Skelton presents a proclamation to Greg Collins declaring Sunday, February 27, 2017, as Delbert Wayne Robertson Celebration of Life Day in Clarendon. Robertson passed away in January after a lifetime of civic leadership and community service. The proclamation, accepted by Robertson's grandson and other family members, was read during the February 23 meeting of the City Council. Shown here are Aldermen John Lockhart and Beverly Burrow, Skelton, Alderman Nathan Floyd, Collins, Alderman Larry Jeffers, Chuck Robertson, Alderman Doug Kidd, and Michael Thompson.

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## Texas likely to see more cotton acres

COLLEGE STATION – Cotton acres in Texas will likely increase as producers seek an alternative to grains this season, said a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

Dr. Mark Welch, AgriLife Extension grains marketing economist, College Station, said Texas farmers will likely shift from corn to alternatives, most likely cotton, due to better market conditions and lower production costs, Welch said.

"Cotton performed really well in Texas last year," he said. "Conditions were perfect for most producers and with good yields and prices holding, it makes cotton a viable alternative to grains."

Water availability could also be a consideration for corn producers who might view cotton as the "biggest bang per gallon" when it comes to irrigation, he said.

"I think we'll see fewer grain acres planted and see those acres go to cotton," he said.



## Golden Spread Council recognizes Paul

Laura Paul of Clarendon received several awards recently at the Golden Spread Council Adobe Walls District Dinner, held at MK Brown Boy Scout Camp near Wheeler.

Her first award was the Arrowhead Award for Excellence in carrying out the Commissioners Mission. She also took a Wood Badge Class last spring and completed all the work that is to follow that class, and so she received her Wood badge beads and scarf.

She has volunteered many hours to help the Adobe Walls district in different areas. For this, she was nominated and voted to receive the District Award of Merit, which is the highest award a district can give to a volunteer.

Besides growing up in a Scouting family, Paul got involved as a volunteer in 2004 with her son Tyler. Now 13 years later she has accomplished much during the years. She is currently District Commissioner for the Adobe Walls district. She also stays involved with her son Tyler's Troop 433 in Clarendon.



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Les Beaux Art Club donates money to Hedley Art Program. Hedley art students Ida Thomassen, Kallie Lindsey, and Abigail Lopez are pictured with Hedley art teacher Diane Conatser, LesBeaux Art Club member Thresa Shelton, Hedley principal Reida Penman, and Art Club member Susie Shields. The Les Beaux Art Club proudly helps support art programs in schools in Donley County.

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The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting February 28, 2017, with Boss Lion Tex Buckhaults in charge. We had 12 members, one guest, and Sweethearts Hannah Howard and Cire Jauregui this week. Becky Green was the guest of Tex Buckhaults.

Lion Dr. Riza reported on the college where eight week sessions start March 20. Lion David Dockery reported on the city where they are working to id potholes. Lion John Howard reported on the county and said that we are keeping Lion Don Smith in our thoughts and prayers.

Jauregui reported on CISD where playoffs continue for basketball, golf starts this week, track starts Thursday, and the band goes to contest next week. Lion Jerry Woodard brought our program.

David Dockery updated us on the H2O Recreation Facility. He reported that they have written grants to match the \$500,000 goal for a matching funds gift. New fundraising letters have been sent out. Currently about \$259,000 has been raised. Please support our efforts.

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



Les Beaux Art Club member Thresa Shelton presents a donation to Theater/Art teacher Lesa Thornberry for the arts program.

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## ¿Qué Pasa? Community Calendar

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

**March 7**  
Lady Broncos v West Texas High • 4 p.m. • Home • McClellan field

Broncos v Claude • 4:30 p.m. • Away

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

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

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

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

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

Lady Broncos v Follett • 1 p.m. • Home

**March 18**  
Lady Broncos v Alumni • 1 p.m. • Home

**March 21**  
Broncos v River Road • 4 p.m. • Away

Lady Broncos v Claude • 4 p.m. • Away

**March 24**  
Broncos v Memphis • 4 p.m. • Home • McClellan field

## Menus March 6 - 10

**Donley County Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Taco salad casserole, corn, tossed salad, cinnamon pear halves, iced tea/2% milk.

Tue: Ham & beans, cornbread, spinach, seasoned corn, orange pineapple cup, iced tea/2% milk.

Wed: Chicken rice and broccoli casserole, baked breaded okra, cabbage, crackers, fruit salad, iced tea/2% milk.

Thu: Meatloaf, oven roasted potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll, spice cake, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Chicken tenders, macaroni & cheese, peas & carrots, whole wheat roll, strawberries/whipped cream, iced tea/2% milk.

**Hedley Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, stewed okra, seasoned corn, pumpkin square, iced tea/2% milk.

Tue: Baked chicken breast, baked potato/sour cream, peas, pineapple tidbits, chocolate pudding, iced tea/2% milk.

Wed: Beef tips & noodles, meadow blend vegetables, corn, wheat roll, chocolate cake and strawberries, iced tea/2% milk.

Thu: Chicken fajitas, fajita vegetables, chuckwagon corn, Spanish rice, flour tortilla, fruit cocktail, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Ham & pinto beans, cornbread, margarine, spinach, seasoned corn, orange pineapple cup, country apple crisp, iced tea/2% milk.

**Clarendon ISD**  
Breakfast  
Mon: Pancake wrap, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Tue: Chicken-n-biscuit, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Wed: French toast, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Thu: Breakfast pizza, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Fri: Waffle, ham, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch  
Mon: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, roll, salad, fruit, milk.

Tue: Pizza, corn, salad, fruit, milk.

Wed: Chicken fajita, salad, refried beans, salsa, fruit, milk.

Thu: Pig in a blanket, oven fries, veggie cup, fruit, milk.

Fri: Chicken parmesan, breadstick, salad, green beans, fruit, milk.

**Hedley ISD**  
Breakfast  
Mon: Waffles & bacon, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Tue: Biscuits & gravy, eggs, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Wed: Cinnamon roll, bacon, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Thu: Sausage, egg, cheese, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Fri: Breakfast burrito, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch  
Mon: Pizza, broccoli bites, baby carrots, mixed fruit, milk.

Tue: Hot ham & cheese on a pretzel bun, tomato/cucumber cup, snowball salad, garden salad, milk.

Wed: Texas combo basket, steak fingers, fries, roll, gravy, carrot coins, apple slices, cookie, milk.

# Celebrate Texas Independence Day

The Daffodils and Forsythia are in bloom at my house, roses are beginning to leaf out and the apricot tree wants to bloom. I am telling them NO it is too early to bloom, Easter is April 16 and everyone knows we have a cold snap at Easter. Life in the Texas panhandle is never dull.

Most Texans and many non-Texans know something about the Texas Revolution. Almost as many people claim to have ancestors that fought in the Texas Revolution as claim to have ancestors that came over on the Mayflower; I am not one of them. I did not have an ancestor that fought in Gonzales under John Henry Moore when he carried the banner showing a cannon with, "Come and Take It" written on it on that October day in 1835. I did not have an ancestor that looked over the walls of the Alamo at Santa Anna and his thousands of men in San Antonio. My ancestor did not pray for reinforcements from February

23- March 6 1836 with Jim Bowie and William B. Travis nor read the letter sent out by Travis addressed to, "The People of Texas and all Americans in the World" begging for help which got attention for the plight but help came too late. He did not feel the bullet or bayonet that took his life and did not feel the fire that consumed 189 bodies that were killed at the Alamo. Santa Anna had ordered to take no prisoners. He was not at the battle of Goliad under Fannin which was more bloody than the Alamo with 407 prisoners executed on March 27 their bodies burned and left to the elements. My ancestor did not surround the sleeping, resting Mexican army at San Jacinto that day in April, 1836



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under Santa Anna and with the battle cry, "Remember the Alamo" and "Remember Goliad" that rag-tag group of men under the command of Sam Houston, in a battle that lasted about 18 minutes, killed 630 and captured 730 Mexicans which led to surrender. Santa Anna escaped and search parties were sent out the next day with Santa Anna found hiding in the grass, dirty and wet and dressed as a common soldier. He was not recognized until he was saluted and called "el presidente" by one of his men.

Even though my ancestor did not fight in the Texas Revolution, I am a fierce Texan, proud of the heritage and I wonder why. Written on the base of the San Jacinto monument, "Measured by it's results, San Jacinto was one of the most decisive battles of the world. Almost one third of the American nation, almost a million square miles of territory changed sovereignty". Wow. Happy birthday Texas, and many more.



Trent White and Jordan Johnson plan wedding for May 6, 2017 in Henrietta, Texas.

## White, Johnson to wed

Mark and Diana White of Clarendon would like to announce the engagement and approaching wedding of their son, Trent White to Jordan Johnson, daughter of Asa and Amberly of Decatur.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Clarendon High School and Clarendon College. He is employed with the Decatur Police Department

The prospective bride graduated from Decatur High School, Clarendon College, and West Texas A&M University.

The wedding will be held May 6, 2017, at the Rock Barn in Henrietta, Texas.

## Hedley First Baptist Church plans their annual banquet

For the 23rd straight year the First Baptist Church of Hedley will celebrate the heritage of our senior citizens, and welcomes all area seniors to join them on Tuesday evening, March 7 at the First Baptist Church fellowship hall for a meal and entertainment.

The annual event has become a favorite of folks from all across the area, attracting attendees from not only Hedley and Clarendon but also Lelia Lake, Memphis, Quail, Wellington, and other towns. The meal begins at 6 p.m. and the event is free for all senior citizens.

This year, the speaker will again be Seth Seale, and his family will be bringing the musical entertainment for the evening. The public



Seth Seale

is encouraged to attend March 7 at 6 p.m. for a truly special evening you won't want to miss.



The Seale family will be the musical entertainment at this year's 23rd annual First Baptist Church of Hedley revival on Tuesday, March 7 at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

## Hobo dinners

Last Wednesday me and my Cub Scout Den got to make hobo dinners and homemade cobbler.



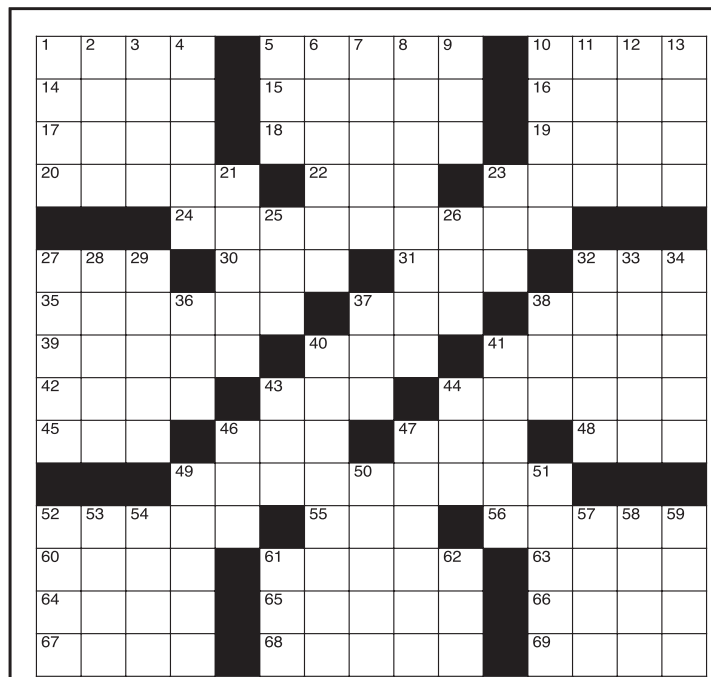
**the cub reporter**  
by *benjamin estlack*

We each got to make our own hobo dinner. That's where you take sliced potatoes, hamburger patties, onions and carrots with some salt and pepper and wrap it up in foil. Then you cook it over a fire or on a grill.

For the cobbler, you burn some coals. Then you take a Dutch oven and set it on a few coals and put a few on top so it's evenly heated. Before that, you put peaches in and then mix a yellow cake mix with Sprite in a separate bowl. You crush out all the lumps and then you pour it over the peaches. Then you can put cinnamon on top of it.

While everything was cooking, we got to make our own paper towel holders out of wooden pieces. We sanded down the pieces and screwed the parts together and then glued wooden tops on them to make them look better. We can sand or paint them later at home.

I liked the hobo a lot. My favorite part was the potatoes, and the meat tasted like a hamburger. And the cobbler was really good, too. My favorite part was the breading and the cinnamon.



### CLUES ACROSS

- "ER" actress Leslie
- Hebrew name for Babylon
- Newts
- Leaf angle
- Dravidian language
- Ridge on nematodes
- Monetary unit
- Determined the tare
- Unfreeze
- Merits
- World's oldest broadcasting organization
- Vacation spot
- December 25
- Ottoman military command
- Resin-like substance secreted by insects
- A.C. Comics female supervillain
- Insect linked to honey
- Opinion
- In the middle of
- Basketballer Yao
- Remove lid
- Pressure wound therapy
- Fabric
- Witnessed
- Defunct European economic organization
- "Hotel California" rockers
- When you expect to arrive
- "Sleepless in Seattle" actress Ryan
- Danish airline
- Insecticide
- Scientific instrument
- Type of seal
- Israeli city \_\_ Aviv
- Cavalry sword
- Ottoman title
- Gurus
- Cold wind
- Predatory reptile (abbr.)
- New Jersey is one
- Divulge a secret
- Finely chopped mixture
- Actress Zellweger
- Romanian city

### CLUES DOWN

- "Dark Knight" actor
- S. African plants
- Castle in County Offaly, Ireland
- White (French)
- Morsel
- Semitic language
- Areas outside cities
- Crackling
- Cub
- Landmark house in Los Angeles
- Red Hot Chili Peppers bassist
- Mineral
- Late night host Myers
- Pull along
- Not good
- British Air Aces
- Upset
- Maltreatment
- Nocturnal, cat-like animal
- Hollyhocks
- Shelter
- Finished
- Discharge
- "X-Men" actor McKellen
- Beloved dish \_\_ and cheese
- Holds coffee
- Languish
- Quenches
- Electric fish
- Consume
- Type of school
- Erase
- Educate
- "Transformers" actress Fox
- Spiritual leader
- Every one
- Site of the Taj Mahal
- Welsh village
- Weapon
- Geological times
- S. Asian crops
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Witness

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Sunday School 11:00 a.m.

**WHISTLE STOP LEGENDS**  
Whistle-Stop owners Jordan & Kimberly salute this week's legend...  
**ZELL SORELLE**  
Dr. Zell Rodgers SoRelle left an incredible legacy of historic preservation after a lifetime as a civic leader and educator.  
Zell grew up in Donley County and began her teaching career in the Bairfield one-room schoolhouse on the JA Ranch at the age of 17. She was mentioned in "Ripley's Believe It or Not" when during one year she had only one student and there were only five taxpayers for the school.  
She later earned her Ph.D. and had a distinguished career at West Texas State University. In 1942, she was one of the first women in the Texas Panhandle to receive their pilot's license.  
Upon her retirement, she returned to Clarendon in 1982 and purchased the historic S.W. Lowe House. She then funded and led the restoration of the landmark home, securing both state and national recognition for the property and setting an example for historic preservation in Clarendon. Zell also led the Donley County Historical Commission for a time, helped secure historical markers for the Goldston and Jericho cemeteries, and was active in Clarendon's Les Beaux Arts Club.  
Before her death in 2006, she demonstrated her love of the outdoors and of wildlife by establishing the James Pinkney Rodgers Bird Sanctuary south of Clarendon.  
The Whistle-Stop and the community salute the late Zell SoRelle for her love of history, of nature, and of Donley County and for her lasting legacy of historic preservation. Thank you, Zell!  
**Don't miss Whistle-Stop Trade Days: March 4 & 5**

**DEADLINES** News & Photos Monday @ noon  
Ads & Classifieds Monday @ 5 p.m.

# Don't get ripped off by these scams

Hi gang, several good articles this week. Some good reading. Wow this crud has knocked Dorothy and I down for 30+ days. Now we have to dodge the Flu bug.

Risk Free Trials Were Bait for Rip Offs by Bridget Small Consumer Education Specialist, FTC

Did you ever sign up for a free trial of a product you heard about on the radio? Some sellers will send you and charge you a lot more than you agreed to. The FTC says one group of dietary supplement marketers sold products through deceptive "risk-free" offers and charged people repeatedly for unwanted products. The FTC and the Maine Office of the Attorney General have banned the marketers from charging people without their permission and making deceptive health care claims.

According to the FTC, the marketers used 30-minute radio ads that sounded like educational talk shows to promote their CogniPrin and FlexiPrin supplements. Their radio ads claimed CogniPrin could slow cognitive decline and improve memory by 44 percent, and FlexiPrin could reduce back and joint pain and rebuild damaged joints. But the FTC says the marketers didn't have the science to prove any of those claims. When people called to request the "risk-free" offer, they were enrolled in monthly plans with continuing charges for products they didn't order. People who wanted refunds of the "risk-free" offer had to go through a complicated process, return empty bottles and pay shipping charges. If you enrolled in a free trial offer from a marketer that overcharged you, contact the company. If the company won't give you a refund, call your credit card company to dispute the charge. Ask the credit card company

to reverse the charge because you didn't intend to order the additional merchandise. If you were wrongly charged for a free trial offer, report it to the FTC.

Scammers Are Spoofing News Sites to Promote Health Products by Andrew Johnson Consumer Education Specialist, FTC

Scammers will do just about anything to rip you off. They will create fake websites, use fake endorsements from public figures, lie about the effectiveness of their products, and much more. We did some investigating and found that a number of shady companies selling "brain booster" pills are using these exact tactics to promote their products. Here's how: They build spoofed websites that look like the news sites that we know and trust. The sites aren't real news sites and the endorsements featured on the sites, often from figures like Stephen Hawking, Anderson Cooper and others, are fake. Representatives from Hawking and Cooper have confirmed that neither has endorsed any "brain booster" products.

The spoofed news sites link you to the sales page for the product, which allows you to place an order with a credit or debit card. The scammers may claim that the pills are proven to work that you'll experience an increase in concentration and memory recall by large percentages, but they lack evidence to support their claims. It's a scam. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) advises that you talk to your



bob's whittlin' by bob watson

doctor to get the facts about health products before purchasing. If you already paid money to a scammer with a credit or debit card, you may still be able to get your money back. Call the card company immediately using the phone number found on your monthly statement. Alert them to the fraudulent charge right away. Ask if you are still eligible to get your money back. Ask if you should get a new card with a new number to prevent more fraudulent charges. For more tips, stay connected by subscribing to FTC alerts. And report scams to the FTC.

Product Reviews: You're Free to Speak Your Mind by Bridget Small Consumer Education Specialist, FTC

Here's some good news for everyone who likes to write and read product reviews. A new federal law says businesses can't use contracts that prevent you from writing a truthful comment, or penalize you if you do. If a business, including an online business, uses contract terms or conditions that limit your right to comment, it's breaking the law, and the FTC can investigate. People benefit from reading what others have to say about their experiences with products and services. Before the Consumer Review Fairness Act passed, a company might sue customers who wrote honest but negative reviews, or claim they had to pay much more than the advertised price for the product. Now, Congress has made that illegal.

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**Lil' Champs**

The Lil' Shockers won the K-2nd grade basketball tournament in White Deer on February 18, 2017. Pictured is (left) Coach Jr Rodriguez, Addy Havens, Landry King, Josie Murillo, Eliana Rodriguez, Cambree Smith, Clara Castillo, Brynlee Burcham, and Lexi Jantz.

**Lady Bulldogs splits two games with Seward**

The Clarendon College Lady Bulldogs split two games with Seward County Community College at home last Wednesday, February 22.

Clarendon and Seward a tight first game, but Seward pulled out the 6-5 victory in 8 innings. The game was tied at five with Seward batting in the top of the eighth when Alexis Cuellar singled off of Heather Villarreal, driving in one run. Clarendon College lost despite out-hitting Seward ten to nine.

Seward captured the lead in the first inning. An error scored one run for Seward. The bulldogs evened things up at five in the bottom of the seventh inning. Clarendon scored

on a stolen base during Glorianna Eddy's at bat. Then Eddy singled.

Heather Villarreal took the loss for CC. She tossed eight innings, surrendering five runs, nine hits, striking out two, and walking one.

The Lady Bulldogs collected ten hits. Jenna Perez, Haley Rodriguez, and Eddy each collected multiple hits for Clarendon.

In the second game Clarendon College won in dramatic fashion, with an 11-10 walk-off victory over Seward. The game was tied at ten with the bulldogs batting in the bottom of the sixth when Marilyn Brackens singled off Paige St. Pierre, driving in one run.

Seward captured the lead in the

first inning. An error scored one run for Seward. After the Saints scored six runs in the top of the second, the Bulldogs answered with six of their own. Seward scored when Ammermann homered off of Esmeralda Holguin, driving in three runs, Garcia doubled off of Holguin driving in two runs, and Epp singled off of Loren Hoffman, driving in one run.

The Lady Bulldogs then answered when Haley Rodriguez doubled off of Ruby Gonzalez, driving in two runs, Jenna Perez doubled off of Gonzalez, driving in one run, Sierra Atchley tripled off of Gonzalez, driving in two runs, and Kasmir Perez doubled off of Gonzalez, driv-

ing in one run.

Loren Hoffman earned the win for Clarendon College. She tossed four and two-thirds innings, giving up three runs, five hits, striking out one, and walking zero.

Esmeralda Holguin started the game for Clarendon. She went one and one-third innings, surrendering seven runs, seven hits, and walking zero.

The Lady Bulldogs collected 16 hits. Jenna Perez, Marilyn Brackens, Kassie Sanchez, Haley Rodriguez, Kayla Hill and Kasmir Perez each had multiple hits on Wednesday.

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**Greer earns spot at Regional meet**

Power lifter Seth Greer will compete at the Regional Power Lifting Meet March 11 at Sundown High School. The senior clenched his Regional spot from competing in the season's scheduled meets.

Over the weekend, the lifters competed in the Bovina Meet and Dalton Benson placed sixth in the 132-pound class with a total lift of 760 pounds. Caton Grahm finished fifth in the 165-pound class with a weight total of 815 pounds.

"This was the last scheduled meet (of the year)," coach Johnny Nino said. "I appreciate the dedication, hard work, and effort of all the lifters. It has been a good year with the lifters getting better every week. Seth Greer will advance to the Regional meet."



Senior Seth Greer will compete at the Regional Power Lifting Meet on March 11 at Sundown High School.

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**4th Grade:** Mason Allred, Emily Clark, Kennadie Cummins, Tandie Cummins, Hayden Elam, Hunter Emerson, Benjamin Estlack, Grant Haynes, Riley Jantz, Hayden Lockeby, Zackery Lockhart, McKinney, Isabella Neal, Koltyn Shields, Erin Wagner, Maloree Wann, Bryce Williams, Aiden Word  
**5th Grade:** Easton Frausto, Levi Gates, Avery Halsey, Lucas Jahay, Toby Leeper, Jaxan Mcanear  
**6th Grade:** Britton Cottrell and Catherine Word  
**7th Grade:** Josiah Howard  
**8th Grade:** Sophia Bilbrey  
**9th Grade:** Matt Boyd, Madisen Gay, Trent Smith, Kira Weatherston  
**10th Grade:** Noab Elam, Brandon Santos, Keely Williamson, Christian Wooten  
**11th Grade:** Jacob Jeffers  
**12th Grade:** Berkeley Alexander, Hannah Howard, Cire Jauregui, Clay Koetting, Chance Lockhart, Nick Shadle, Brooke Smith

**Sims**  
**5th Grade:** Colton Benson, Bayleigh Bruce, Anthony Ceniceros, Kenlynn Chaney, Courtney Conkin, Kasen Hatley, Harrison Howard, Morgan Johnston, Jacob Murillo, Jared Musick, Kynna Phillips, Elyza Rodriguez, Emmalyne Roys, Aidan Schultz, Lyric Smith, Reagan Wade, Riley Wade, Lorelei Williamson  
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**11th** - Grayson Burch, Justin Christo-pher, Joshua Cobb, Damarjae Cortez, Andy Davis, Eastin Goodpasture, Payton Havens, Hannah Hommel, Philip Monds, DaQuanne Oliver, Tate Parker, Justin Shadle, Nathan Shadle, Raylyn Shelton  
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**Brushing Up On Teeth!**

Choosing Snacks and Treats

1. fresh fr u i ts
2. p a n c a k e s or rice cakes
3. v e g e t a b l e sticks
4. n u t s and s e e d s
5. m i l k instead of soda
6. c h e e s e cubes

Did you match up the description of the teeth to the animal?

1. has very long teeth on top and bottom; they are sharp and strong, can cut down trees
2. do not have teeth, but the size and shape of their bills are suited to what they eat and where they get it
3. has no upper front teeth; there is a thick pad there instead; it grabs leaves with its tongue and cuts them off with its front lower teeth and swallows them
4. has strong, broad, flat teeth like chisels to chew grass
5. uses two special teeth called fangs to poison prey or enemies

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 2. p a n c a k e s or rice cakes  
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**Brushing Up On Teeth!**

Hey Tiger! What do you know about dental health? Read the clues to fill in the puzzle:

1. "eating away" of teeth by acids, causing a cavity
2. tool used to remove tooth decay to prepare for a filling
3. flat grinding tooth in the back of the mouth
4. waxed, silky string used to clean between teeth
5. way for dentist to take a picture inside teeth; behind gums
6. the part of the tooth seen inside the mouth
7. sharp front teeth - four on top, four on bottom, used for tearing
8. gel or paste used with toothbrush to clean teeth
9. material used to repair a tooth that has decay
10. mineral treatment that repairs tooth enamel
11. sticky buildup on teeth, harbors bacteria and helps it grow
12. clean teeth twice a day using this
13. little hole in a tooth (due to bacteria)
14. rows of hard, bony, white structures in mouth; grind, bite
15. tool for correcting crooked teeth
16. doctor who specializes in the care of human teeth
17. thin outer covering that protects teeth
18. person who cleans and checks teeth

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Everyone needs a snack to keep their energy up between meals. Here are a few ideas for healthy treats. Choosing snacks that are less sticky and have less sugar are better for your teeth. Fill in the blanks below with vowels to spell out good treats:

1. fresh fr \_\_\_ ts apples, grapes
2. p \_\_\_ nc \_\_\_ k e s or rice cakes
3. v \_\_\_ g \_\_\_ t \_\_\_ bl \_\_\_ sticks - carrots, celery
4. n \_\_\_ ts and s \_\_\_ ds
5. m \_\_\_ lk instead of soda
6. ch \_\_\_ s \_\_\_ e cubes

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We salute these kids for striving to be the best in our schools. Congratulations and keep studying!

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## Broncos bunt the Bulldogs

Clarendon baseball is underway and the Broncos earned a huge win over Borger last week by 8-5. The game was tied at five all until the top of the fourth when the Broncos scored two runs on an error by the Bulldogs.

Borger jumped out with the early momentum in the first inning and was able to score one run. But the Broncos were able to answer right back in the second with four big runs.

Andy Davis singled after a Borger error and Clay Koetting earned a walk. The Broncos had seven hits in the game and Josh Cobb and Kade Hunsaker each had several hits. Koetting was on the mound for three innings. He allowed three hits, five runs, and struck out one. Hunsaker came in for the save and allowed seven hits while striking out nine batters.

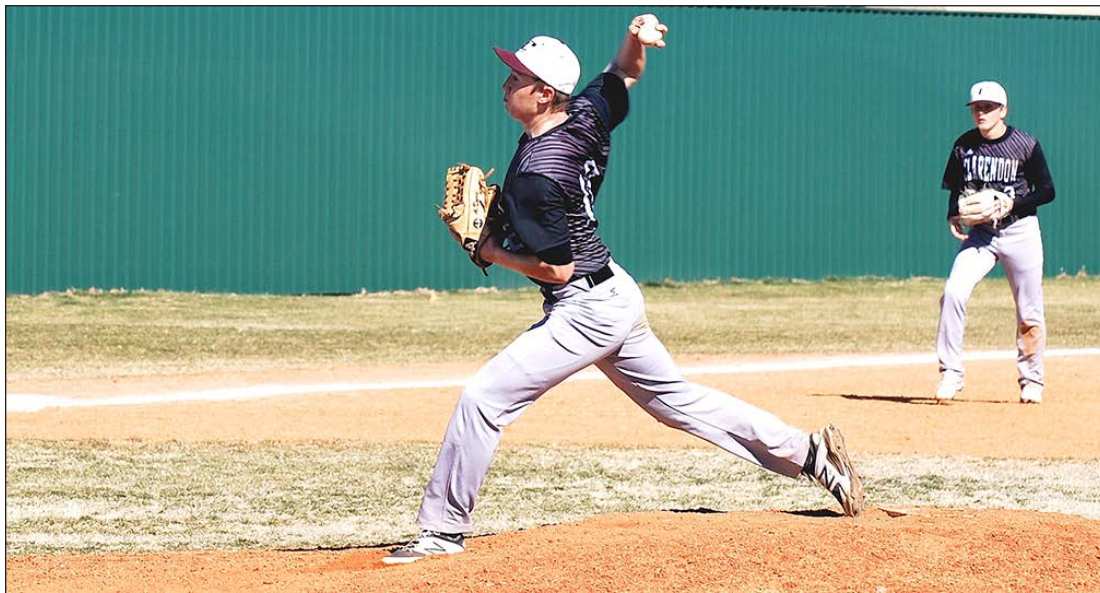
The Broncos will be in action again this weekend in a tournament in Childress on Friday and Saturday. They will travel to Claude for their District opener on Tuesday, March 7 beginning at 4:30 pm and go to Valley March 10.



### Out!

Bronco Senior, Nick Shadle getting the out at 1<sup>st</sup> base during last Saturday's game against Fritch. The Broncos dominated the diamond with a win of 25 to 1.

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Junior, Andy Davis pitching for the Broncos at last Saturday's game against Fritch.

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## Water issues in the courts could impact all landowners

AMARILLO — Ongoing water legal battles around the state and nation could set precedents that affect all landowners, so they bear watching, according to Tiffany Dowell Lashmet, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agricultural law specialist in Amarillo.

Dowell Lashmet, speaking at the recent High Plains Irrigation Conference, outlined several legal actions concerning the Clean Water Act and corresponding definitions of Waters of the US, or WOTUS.

The Clean Water Act is a federal law that gives the US Environmental Protection Agency and the US Army Corps of Engineers jurisdiction over the "waters of the US" But there is no definition in the Clean Water Act of what constitutes a WOTUS, she said.

A new rule passed by EPA and the Corps of Engineers attempted to clarify the definition of WOTUS, but numerous lawsuits were filed alleging the new definition actually broadened, rather than clarified, the term.

Currently, there is a nationwide stay on the rule pending litigation, Dowell Lashmet said. Now, the case will be going before the US Supreme Court for a jurisdictional challenge to decide which court will hear arguments, and then the legal battle likely will proceed to federal court at some level.

However, she said, something that could render all of the court proceedings unnecessary is what is going on in Washington — the Trump administration has indicated it will work to eliminate the new WOTUS rule.

"But we still have to worry about the Clean Water Act and the interpretation of 'waters of the United States,'" Dowell Lashmet said.

Currently, a Clean Water Act

case in California causing concern for agricultural producers involves a farmer who purchased grassland and plowed it up to plant wheat. The Corps of Engineers took the position that because the field had vernal swells, or low spots that fill with water when it rains and these were hydrologically connected to a river 8 miles away, they were a WOTUS. The farmer was told a federal permit was needed to plow his property.

The trial court sided with the government, finding the field did contain waters of the US, and an ongoing farming exemption from the Clean Water Act did not apply, so the landowner was required to obtain a federal permit. The case is now on appeal at the 9th Circuit Court.

"A lot of attorneys are concerned about the precedent this could set," Dowell Lashmet said. "It is this type of broad interpretation of what constitutes a WOTUS and narrow construction of statutory exemptions from the rule that cause landowners concern over the EPA's new definition."

In Texas, the ongoing Bragg vs. Edwards Aquifer Authority resulted in the first-ever "takings" verdict when a permit to pump groundwater was denied, she said.

Dowell Lashmet provided a brief background: A farmer planted pecan orchards on a property overlying the Edwards Aquifer before there was an entity to monitor groundwater pumping. One orchard was irrigated with water from the Edwards Aquifer and the rest another shallower aquifer. Then the Edwards Aquifer Authority, created in 1993, began requiring landowners to obtain a permit in order to pump water from the aquifer.

Bragg filed the permit application for both of his orchards, but the Edwards Aquifer Authority denied his request in part for one orchard

and entirely for the other. So Bragg filed a lawsuit, saying the denial was a taking of his private property because landowners own the water beneath their land.

"When the government takes your private property, they have to pay you just compensation — that was his premise," Dowell Lashmet said. "The trial court and the San Antonio Court of Appeals sided with Bragg. The case was appealed to the Texas Supreme Court, but they denied hearing it. That meant the Court of Appeals ruling stood — there was a taking and he was due just compensation, which the jury found to be \$2.5 million."

She said the Edwards Aquifer Authority has announced it will not appeal this decision.

Although in this case, the landowner successfully challenged the denial of a permit to pump groundwater and a taking did occur, Dowell Lashmet warned that these cases are extremely fact-specific and difficult to win.

"Certainly, not every denial by an entity of a groundwater pumping permit will constitute a taking," she said. "But this case shows that, under the right facts and with the right jury, a taking can occur and a landowner can be owed just compensation."

Another case, the City of Lubbock vs. Coyote Lake Ranch near Muleshoe, involves groundwater rights sold in 1953 to Lubbock. The city owned the right to come onto the land to search and drill for water, and in 2012, they proposed drilling 60 wells on the property.

The new landowner argued that although Lubbock owned the groundwater and had the right to drill wells, he was protected by the accommodation doctrine and should have some say in where those wells could be drilled and how other items like power lines needed for water

well use would be constructed.

This doctrine had only been applied with regard to mineral rights where the mineral estate is considered dominant, Dowell Lashmet said. The mineral owner has the right to use as much of the surface as is reasonably necessary to produce the minerals.

But, the accommodation doctrine requires them to do what they can to accommodate existing surface uses if the landowner can prove three factors: substantial impact on surface use, the mineral can be produced another way and the surface use cannot be made another way.

The Coyote Lake landowner argued that Lubbock could still drill their water wells, but should do so in a way that accommodates the existing surface use of the ranch — running cattle — in doing so.

The Amarillo Court of Appeals said there was no accommodation doctrine for groundwater rights. The landowner appealed to the Texas Supreme Court, which issued an important ruling. First, they found the groundwater estate is dominant, like a mineral estate. Second, they found the accommodation doctrine can apply to a groundwater owner, if the three accommodation factors can be proven by the landowner.

Now the case will go back to the trial court to determine if the landowner can meet these three required factors in order for the doctrine to apply in this case and offer some protection to the landowners.

"That's important to keep in mind if you are buying property that has groundwater rights severed," Dowell Lashmet said.

"This is a big deal for property owners," she said. "Groundwater owners have the implied right to use the surface of the land as much as is reasonably necessary to produce groundwater now."

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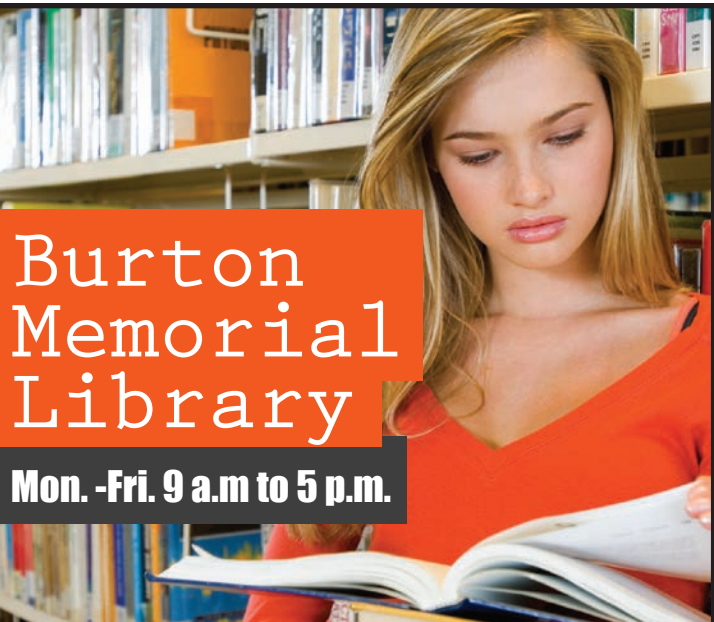
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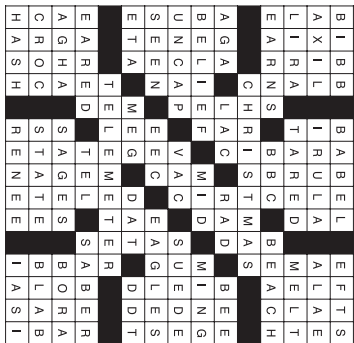
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The proposed rates and tariffs are expected to increase the Company's annual revenues by approximately \$139,955, or 4.63% percent including gas cost or 11.62% percent excluding gas cost. Because the proposed changes in rates will increase the total aggregate revenues of the Company by more than two and one half percent, the proposed rate increase constitutes a "major change" in rates as Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code defines "major change". The impact of the rate change on individual customers will vary from the overall impact described in this notice based on customer class and location.

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Usage Rate-Inc	\$0.8878	\$0.4908	-45%
Usage Rate-Crowell	\$3.3078	\$2.9108	-12%

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**Sheriff's Report**

February 20, 2017

- 7:54 a.m. – EMS assist 400 block Ten Bears
- 9:17 a.m. – EMS assist 4000 block HWY 70 South
- 10:47 a.m. – EMS assist 1300 block West 5<sup>th</sup> Street
- 9:47 p.m. – Report of possible prowler 100 block Sharon Driver

February 21, 2017

- 8:41 a.m. – EMS assist 4200 block Co Rd 14
- 8:50 a.m. – Out @ Courthouse
- 10:03 p.m. – EMS assist 4200 block Co Rd 14
- 12:36 p.m. – EMS assist 800 block South Carhart
- 4:06 p.m. – Units paged possible fire North of Lelia Lake
- 8:49 p.m. – Welfare check 4100 block Co Rd 22
- 9:43 p.m. – EMS assist 300 block South Jefferson

February 22, 2017

- 9:58 a.m. – EMS assist 700 block East Burkhead
- 12:02 p.m. – EMS assist HWY 287 West of Clarendon
- 12:28 p.m. – EMS assist 700 block West 7th
- 8:47 p.m. – Units paged to fire 100 block West 8th
- 8:53 p.m. – EMS assist 300 block Rosenfield

February 23, 2017

- 12:44 a.m. – EMS assist 500 block East Burkhead
- 10:50 a.m. – See caller 100 block Noth Sully
- 11:07 a.m. – To jail with one in custody
- 2:09 p.m. – EMS assist Clarendon Family Medical Center

February 24, 2017

- 1:05 a.m. – EMS assist 500 block West 3<sup>rd</sup> - Hedley
- 9:10 a.m. – See caller 287 & South 70
- 4:38 p.m. – Units paged – fire just West of Hedley
- 7:51 p.m. – EMS assist mutual aid with Lefors I-40
- 11:28 p.m. – Commercial burglar alarm 1200 block East 2nd

February 25, 2017

- 8:44 a.m. – EMS assist 200 block East 6th
- 9:28 a.m. – See caller 500 block Daniels - Hedley
- 3:00 p.m. – Fire units paged – fire flare up just west of Hedley
- 6:24 p.m. – EMS assist 4800 Greenbelt Way

February 26, 2017

- 10:47 a.m. – EMS assist 200 block East 6th
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Keandre Cortez scores two for the Broncos during last Friday's Area playoff game against Farwell.

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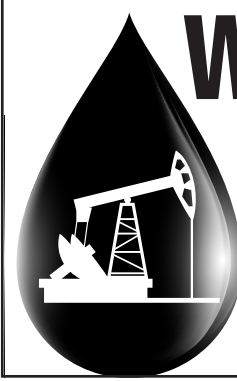


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Monday, March 6, 2017 • 10:00am - 3:00pm

Clarendon ISD Video Conference Room

Honoring

*Amber Williams*

Donate and receive a commemorative t-shirt!



Courtesy of Greenbelt Water Authority

Clarendon Family Medical Center



Greenbelt Electric

For an appointment, please call 331-8800, or visit yourbloodinstitute.org.

Valid photo ID required (even if you have a Donor ID card).  
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