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THIS WEEK

- 2 American freedom is just barely making a passing grade.
- 3 Hedley students gather up ninety pounds of cans tabs for the Ronald McDonald House.
- 5 Donley County 4H members clean house at the district competition.
- 6 And a Clarendon athlete is headed to the state meet.

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

Voters to decide city, school races

Local voters will head to the polls this Saturday, May 6, to decide races for the Clarendon City Council and the Clarendon school board.

The City of Clarendon has three men vying for two Aldermen positions. Alderman Nathan Floyd is running for re-election, and Britton Hall and Jacob Fangman are also running for alderman.

Clarendon Mayor Sandy Skelton is unopposed in his reelection bid.

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

Voting will run from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday in the Court-house Annex.

HISD taps Stevens to serve as interim

Former Hedley principal Terry Stevens will serve as the school district's interim superintendent starting June 1.

Stevens was appointed by the Hedley ISD Board of Trustees last Monday, April 24, according to Superintendent Cathy Waldrop, who has been named the lone finalist for the top job at Farwell ISD.

Stevens served as HISD's principal for five years and then became the superintendent in Groom for several years before retiring. He then worked as a superintendent in Oklahoma for a time.

Waldrop said HISD will have the Region 16 Education Service Center conduct the search for the school's next permanent superintendent. The school board will meet with Region 16 on May 15 and will likely post the position the following week, Waldrop said.

Ranch rodeo books to open on Monday

Books open next Monday, May 8, at 7:30 p.m. for the Saints' Rodeo Celebration Ranch Rodeo. Teams interested in signing up for the rodeo can do so by calling the Clarendon Outdoor Entertainment Association at 806-679-2738. Entry fees are \$800 for the ranch rodeo and \$125 for the junior ranch rodeo.

Bill Hext is the producer for this year's rodeo. The ranch rodeo will be held Friday and Saturday, June 30 and July 1, and the junior ranch rodeo will be held Tuesday, July 4.

Musical entertainment this year will be provided on Friday by Indian Creek Band and on Saturday by Dalton Domino.

Aldermen okay three-year plan for City Hall

The Clarendon City Council approved a three-year plan to bring City Hall into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) when it met in regular session last Thursday, April 27.

City Administrator David Dockery presented the plan by Pioneer General Contractors, which is estimated to cost \$61,650.

Dockery outlined the changes required by City Hall, noting that the exterior ramp will have to be changed because it is too steep, the outdoor payment box will have to be moved because it extends into the walkway, handrails will have to be replaced, and the exterior steps at the building's west entrance will have to be replaced because they are uneven. The main entrance to City Hall will have a push button door opener added.

Inside the building, light switches will have to be lowered, changes will be made to the service counter to accommodate customers in wheelchairs, and the bathroom will have to be reconfigured.

The building's compliance with ADA requirements is necessary because of federal funding the city will be receiving to undertake a \$3.9 million water infrastructure project.

In his administrator's report, Dockery said projected costs on the water infrastructure project are now at \$4.3 million and the city is working to "value engineer everywhere we can" in order to keep the project on budget.

"It is the staff's intention to do the whole project even if we have to do some of the work ourselves,"

Dockery said.

Also last week, aldermen discussed the city's rules on paying utility bills after Alderman John Lockhart received several complaints from customers who received late fees after Easter. City Hall was closed on Good Friday, April 14, and payments were due April 15.

Customers who did not come in the office April 13, did not leave a payment in the city's drop box over the weekend, or make other arrangements – such as pay online or pay by bank draft – were subject to a late fee on Monday, April 17.

Lockhart asked for the item to be considered, but after meeting with city personnel and studying the situation he believed no changes needed to be made to the city's rules.

Dockery said extending the

time for late fees would impact when late notices would go out and could result in people being cut off before being notified.

Alderman Doug Kidd sympathized with those who received late fees.

"I would have assumed late to Monday to pay," Alderman Kidd said. "I feel for these people because we're the ones who chose to close on Friday."

The council also discussed a possible exemption from distance requirements for businesses wanting self alcohol near a school or church.

A variance request is still expected soon for one property, and the city administrator is hoping to get away from dealing with variance requests on this issue. More information is still being gathered on the

idea of an exemption for the council's future consideration.

Dockery presented a bill to the council for a new septic system installed by a couple in the north-east part of the city. Donna Barnes reportedly told the administrator that her parents had been promised city sewer service some 40 years ago and the family had again been promised service eight years ago.

Dockery said there is no sewer line in that section of town, affecting over a dozen households, because of the expense of laying a line across Clarendon Creek and the necessity for a lift station in that area. Such a project would likely cost between \$1.5 and \$2 million, Dockery said. Barnes and other residents without sewer service do not pay a sewer fee. The council took no action.



Historic field trip

Clarendon second graders learn about pre-historic animals that roamed the Panhandle during a trip to the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum in Canyon last Friday. The tour also included a scavenger hunt in the museum's Pioneer Town and learning about the lives of native Americans. Students later enjoyed lunch at Amarillo's famous Big Texan Steak Ranch.

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Weekend events should draw city visitors

A busy weekend is in store for Clarendon and should generate several visitors for the city.

Trade days, a rough stock rodeo, and college commencement activities will be drawing people to Clarendon.

Hundreds of people will be attending graduation exercises at Clarendon College Friday as students receive associate degrees and certificates during three ceremonies at the Hamed Sisters Fine Arts

Center over the course of the day.

Commencement for those graduating with an Associate of Science degree will start at 10 a.m., the Ranch & Feedlot Operations ceremony is at 1:30 p.m., and Associate of Arts, Associate of Applied Science, and certificates of completion will be awarded at 6 p.m. Doors will open one hour before each ceremony.

The monthly Whistle-Stop Trade Days will be open Saturday

and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and features more than 100 different vendors carrying a wide variety of goods along with food booths, live music, and a beer garden located on the north side of the building.

Also on Saturday, the Clarendon Outdoor Entertainment Association is hosting its second annual Saints' Rodeo Rough Stock Challenge rodeo. Activities will begin at 1 p.m. with a watch pitcher contest that will run most of the

afternoon before the rodeo begins at 6 p.m.

The Rough Stock Challenge will feature Ranch Bronc Riding and Bull Riding. The Buster Bleed-soe Band will entertain on the COEA Slab after the rodeo.

Admission for the Rough Stock Challenge is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids ages six to 12.

Clarendon High School students will also hold their prom Saturday night.

For more information about the

Clarendon Enterprise which sponsors the event. "Sign-up fees are what cover the cost of area advertising, so we can reach more people and have better attendance if we have a larger number of sales."

For more information about the Trash To Treasures garage sale event, call 874-2259 or come by the Enterprise office at 105 S. Kearney.

Sign-up period opens for 12th annual garage sale event

The sign-up period for Clarendon's 12th annual "Trash To Treasures" garage sale event is underway, this year's sale is slated for Saturday, June 3.

Garage sales in Hedley, Howardwick, and the surrounding area are also welcome to sign up for the big day.

Residents who wish to

participate in this year's "Trash To Treasures" are asked to come by the Enterprise before 5 p.m. on Friday, May 26, to sign up for the promotion.

For just \$25, each household will get a 50-word advertisement in the Big-E Classifieds and the exclusive "Trash To Treasures" garage sale signs. In addition, the

Enterprise will print a city map the week of the event indicating the location of each sale and will promote the citywide garage sale in area newspapers and with local radio ads.

"The more people who have garage sales during Trash To Treasures, the better everyone will do," said Roger Estlack, publisher

of the Clarendon Enterprise which sponsors the event. "Sign-up fees are what cover the cost of area advertising, so we can reach more people and have better attendance if we have a larger number of sales."

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CC board rescinds committee

The Clarendon College Board of Regents voted unanimously Monday to rescind a previously appointed committee in order to avoid running afoul of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

The committee, appointed on April 20, consisted of four members of the current eight-member board and was given "full authority over floor samples, paint samples, and whatever is needed to finish" renovations to the former Charles and Frances Deyle home on Cottage Street, which was purchased in February to be used as a residence for the college president.

The committee having "full authority" made its meetings subject to the state's Open Meetings Act, which would require the group to post agendas 72 hours before a meeting and for those meetings to be open to the public. College policy also requires any committee of the board to adhere to the open meetings law.

Board Chairman Jerry Woodard said the regents had gotten into a rush while trying to do a good thing.

"We made a mistake, and I'll take the blame for it," Woodard said at Monday's meeting. "We got in a hurry trying to be progressive."

CC President Robert Riza said he shared in the blame for providing a lack of guidance and direction to the regents, which he said is one of the best boards he has worked with in almost 20 years of higher education administration.

"When I am wrong, I own it, make corrections, and move forward," Dr. Riza said.

Vice Chairman Lon Adams said, "We all own it," and Regent Doug Lowe added, "A close critique never hurts."

Woodard also said the board would "walk a little slower and do things proper."

In other college business, regents accepted a bid on tax delinquent property in Howardwick and approved a resolution authorizing a checking account be opened at First Bank & Trust in Childress to be used to receive local maintenance tax revenue in that county.

Dr. Riza also reported on remodeling that is needed at the CC Amarillo Center to accommodate growth in the college's cosmetology program.

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Helping Hands

Hedley Second graders collected nearly 90 pounds of can tabs and donated them to the Ronald McDonald House in Amarillo on Monday.

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District court hears two plea agreements

Plea agreements in two local cases have been heard in the district court recently.

The court met in Panhandle April 24 with District Attorney Luke Inman prosecuting, assisted by Scott Sherwood and with the Honorable Judge Stuart Messer presiding.

Tyler Lewis Jones was placed on probation for a period of three years for the state jail felony offense of possession of a controlled substance. Jones pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication for the offense.

Jones, 34 from San Jose, Calif., was arrested in Donley County for the offense that took place on Janu-

ary 7, 2017, by DPS Trooper Justin Dillman. Jones pleaded to an information filed by the State.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Jones is required to pay \$458 in court costs, \$180 drug lab restitution, a \$2,500 fine, successfully complete 100 hours of community service, and \$500 out of state probation transfer fee. If Jones violates probation, he could face up to two years in the State Jail Division of the TDCJ.

The court also met in Panhandle on April 21 when Walter Lawrence Johnson, Jr. was placed on probation for a period of four years for the second degree felony offense of aggravated assault with a deadly

weapon. Johnson pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication for the offense.

Johnson, 45 from Pampa, was arrested in Donley County for the offense that took place on February 23, 2017, by Deputy Miranda Betts. Johnson was indicted by the Grand Jury on April 10, 2017.

Pursuant to the agreement, Johnson is required to pay a \$1,000 fine, \$488 in court costs, and complete 300 hours of community service along with having no contact with the victim. If he violates probation, he could face up to 20 years in the Institutional Division of the TDCJ.

Extension to Janu- applicator training

Donley County Texas A&M AgrLife Extension is going to conduct a certification training next week for landowners or workers needing a private applicator license to purchase and make applications of restricted use chemicals.

The training will be held on Thursday, May 11 at 9:00 a.m. at the Courson RFO Center at Clarendon College. Completion of this training is required before taking an online certification test at one of the Texas Department of Agriculture proctored sites. The cost of the training is \$15 and can be cash or check made payable to Donley Ag Program.

For additional information or special needs requests, call Agent Leonard Haynes at 806-282-7680. To RSVP, call the Extension office at 806-874-2141.

Shot clinic to be held in Clarendon May 11

The Texas Department of State Health Services will hold an immunization clinic in Clarendon on Thursday, May 11, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Burton Memorial Library.

Clinic hours are subject to change or cancellation in case of extenuating circumstances.



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting May 2 with Boss Lion Tex Buckhauls sneaking out early and Boss Lion Pro Tem Robert Riza taking command.

We had 17 members and Sweethearts Cire Jauregui and Hannah Howard this week.

Lion Ashlee Estlack reported on college business where graduation is Friday, academic awards are Thursday, and the Lady Bulldogs are in the softball playoffs.

The sweethearts reported on the public school with an academic banquet planned for next Thursday, from this weekend, and end of course tests underway.

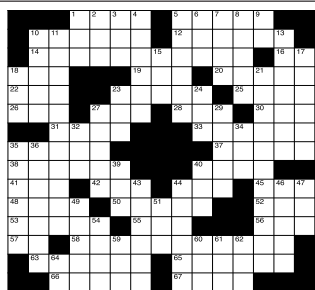
Lion Riza delivered our program this week on the joys of Austin, Texas, and the entertainment provided by the State Legislature. Sometimes the victories are what doesn't get passed each session, he said.

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

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5. Knave claims
10. Blood-sucking African fly
12. Chauvinists
14. Windy City football player
16. An alternative
18. Federal Housing Administration
19. Styles female
20. Athletic female name
22. Puddle
23. Area once separated from Germany
25. Marketplace
26. Gode Airport
27. Upset
28. Where wrestlers sweat
30. Garland
31. Robert __ poet
33. An iPad is one
35. Fruit of the oak tree
37. Della __, singer
38. Women's clothing retailer
40. Mailed
41. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
42. Punch
44. Radioactivity unit
45. Month
48. Nanosecond
50. Domesic
52. What a boy becomes
53. Breeces (anc. Greek)
55. Joggled
56. At the stern
57. Lavretzianum
58. Destructive to both sides
63. Arterias
65. Removes
66. Pretentious people
67. Tropical Asian plant

CLUES DOWN

1. Type of whale
2. Type of medication
3. Land of the free
4. Formed an opinion of
5. Logo
6. No (Scottish)
7. Leaves tissue
8. Sacred state to Muslims
9. Thus
10. African nation
11. Someone who has a stake in
13. Parties
15. Subsystem producers
17. Large, flightless birds
18. Compromises visibility
21. A ballet enthusiast
23. More (Spanish)
24. Skeletal muscle
27. Hands (Span.)
29. Weighed
32. Businessman
34. Famous clock Big __
35. Unkeyed
36. Break between words
39. Ink (slang)
40. Disappointed
43. Stroke
44. Cuddled milk
46. Restaurants
47. Explosive
49. Type of terrier
51. Disfigure
54. Innermost cell layers
59. Bar-bill
60. Distinct period of history
61. Mode of transportation
62. Equal (prefix)
64. Operating system

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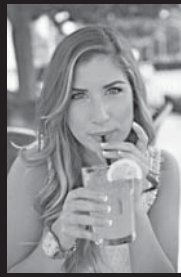
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Aubryanna Powell earns the John Phillips Sousa award and the Betsy Ellersbrook Memorial Band Scholarship. Marae Hall earns the Bronco Band Member Award and 24th Jacob Smith Memorial Band Scholarship.

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The Clarendon Sixth grade students performed Sunday at the Spring Concert. Pictured is (back row) Cate Word, Taylor Haisell and Nathan Estlack (middle row) Esmerelda Lucero and Jace Cottrell (front row) Laney Gates and April Franklin.

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Phillip Mond's performs his state-level solo for the crowd Sunday. He will be performing in Austin during May at the State Band Solo & Ensemble Contest.

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Clarendon's High School students sported their new band uniforms for the concert on Sunday. Pictured is (back row) Zane Sneathen, Samara Johnson, Sandra Smith and Trent Smith (middle row) Jayden Monds, Kenny Overstreet, Zoe Adams and Kira Weatherthorn (front row) Phillip Monds, Braylee Shields, Madison Gay and Erykah Martinez.

COURTESY PHOTO / LISA GRAHN



Alex Bilbre and Orian O'Neal entertained the crowd with 'More Cowbell' at the Spring Concert Sunday.

COURTESY PHOTO / LISA GRAHN



Gavin Hall, Roxie Adams, Kailee Osburn and Aaron Roys perform in the Spring Concert Sunday, April 30th. Gavin earned the Most Improved Band Student Award and Roxie earned the Top Colt Band Member Award.

COURTESY PHOTO / LISA GRAHN

Grahn headed to State meet

By Sandy Anderberg
Clarendon's senior long-distance runner Bryce Grahn will repeat his appearance at the State Track Meet in Austin May 12-13. Grahn finished second in the mile at the Area Track Meet with a time of 4:37.1. He also finished third in the 3200m run with a time of 10:13.21, which was two seconds out of qualifying in that race. But if luck plays a part, Grahn could run the 3200-meter with a wildcard. Damarjae Cortez competed in the 100m dash and came in fifth with a time of 11.02. He was also in the long jump and posted a leap of 19'10" to tie for seventh place.

Jacob Jeffers qualified to high jump and took sixth place with a height of 6'2", which was a personal best. The 800m relay came in 10th place with a time of 1:34.03. Cortez, Jeffers, Marshal Johnson, and Daquawne Oliver ran that race. "The athletes performed well this weekend and the times, heights, and distances were as good as they have done this year," coach Johnny Nino said. "Bryce Grahn will compete at the state meet in the mile. At this time, we are waiting to see if he gets the wildcard to compete, in the two-mile. The wildcard goes to the best third-place finish of all the regions."



Senior runner Bryce Grahn will repeat his appearance at the State Track Meet in Austin on May 12-13.

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Shelton, Word putt at Regionals

By Sandy Anderberg
Clarendon High School's Raylyn Shelton and Gavin Word have worked hard on their golf game all season and last weekend they were able to participate in the Regional Golf Tournament at Ratliff Golf Course in Odessa. The first eighteen holes were cold and windy, but Shelton turned in a 91 and Word posted a 103. Coach Corey Conkin was pleased with their play despite the adverse conditions. "Despite the first round begin bitterly cold and extremely windy, Raylyn and Gavin were able to per-

severe and finish strong," she said. On day two, the conditions were more favorable and Shelton and Word's scores depicted that improvement. They both shot ten strokes better on the second day. Shelton shot an 81 for a 172 for the tournament and Word turned in a 93 for a total of 196. "These two boys are great golfers and it was fun to watch them grow throughout their season," Conkin said. "They both got better each time they played. I am super proud of them and their accomplishments."

Five under par wins CCC night scramble

By Sandy Anderberg
Three teams participated in the nine-hole scramble Friday night at the Clarendon Country Club. The team of Skyler Greer, Kevin Wood, Theresa Shelton, and Michael Thompson bested the other two teams to win first at five under par. There will be a Two-Person Century Tournament at the CCC this coming weekend.

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Lady Broncos' post-season play ends

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos have had a good year on the softball diamond and entered into post-season play for the 17th year in a row.

But their run was ended in the Bi-District game against Abernathy over the weekend.

The ladies played their first game on Friday in Amarillo at Tascosa High School and led up until the rain delay. They were defeated 3-15 by the Lady Antelopes.

According to head coach Gary Jack, the ladies had trouble adjusting to a good team and inclement weather.

"It was a tough weekend for us," Jack said. "The weather was horrible. It was cold, wet, and windy.

Abernathy is the best team we've played in the last four to five years. Their pitcher was solid and we had trouble hitting her."

The Lady Broncos began the game playing fairly good and was able to hit the strong pitcher.

"We led for a little bit," Jack said. "We were able to shake their pitcher up a little to get some hits, but we couldn't get anyone in. They had a big fifth inning and pulled ahead to get the win."

Another glitch for the Lady Broncos was the amount of walks they were able to get.

"They only had five hits," Jack said. "But we walked 16 batters. It was a tough game for us."

On Saturday, the Lady Bron-

cos' game was moved to Lubbock because of the weather in Amarillo. The short night and longer did not help the team and they could never find a rhythm on either side.

"We dug ourselves into a big hole from the first inning," Jack said. "They hit the ball really well and we just couldn't stay with them. Their pitcher was solid on Saturday and we just didn't have the best game."

Jack gave Abernathy a lot of praise for their caliber of play. "I give them lots of credit, they are a really solid team."

Jack gave credit to all the Lady Broncos, but will miss coaching the five seniors.

"I sure hate the loss for the five seniors," he said. "They have been a

big part of our softball program for the last four years. They have kept us in the playoffs."

Jack also noted that because of different reasons, the Lady Broncos had a slow start this year.

"I am proud of how hard the ladies have played, but we had a slow start developing our team," he said. "Because of doctor releases and things, we only had four games before the playoffs where we had our entire team together. But we will keep working hard and comeback better next year."

The five graduating seniors are Briana Butler, Briley Chadwick, Jensen Hatley, Allyson Hogan, and Zaryia Smith. MaRae Hall was the manager for the Lady Broncos.

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Broncos revel in perfect season

By Sandy Anderberg

The Bronco baseball team has finished their regular season schedule and they did it perfectly at 19-0 overall and 12-0 in district play.

The Broncos did end with one tie on the season, but claimed another District Championship. They ended regular season play with a big win over Wellington at 13-1 last Tuesday.

Kade Hunsaker, who went three out of four from the plate, got things going in the early for the Broncos on a single and a triple in the first and second innings. Offensively,

the Broncos were on their game as they took advantage of a momentum control as the game went on. A huge seventh inning put four more runs on the board for the Broncos when Josh Cobb had a big hit and Andy Davis and Clay Koetting slammed singles.

Numerous Broncos had several hits in the game to help the Broncos to the win. Hunsaker, Chance Lockhart, Preston Elam, and Clay Koetting were solid from the plate and Koetting racked up four stolen bases.

Lockhart was on the mound for the Broncos and finished six

innings with five hits, one walk, and six strikeouts. Davis was behind the plate for the Broncos.

"We finished district undefeated at 12-0," head coach Brad Elam said.

"And we stayed undefeated on the season at 19-0-1. (The) kids are doing an outstanding job."

The Broncos will play Boys Ranch in the Bi-District game on Friday, May 5 at Tascosa High School beginning at 5:00 p.m. Game two will be played on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. and game three will be 30 minutes after game two if needed.

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Climbing the Corporate Ladder

Clarendon College thespians took to the stage to perform the original play "Red Tape" by drama instructor Dr. Rodney Donahue last Thursday in the Harned Sisters Fine Arts Center. The comedy focused on the pitfalls and absurdities of the bureaucracy of the Corporate Ladder. Shown here are "Amber Zavesome" - Samantha Long, "Marcus Freeman" - Dillon Lowery, "Cory" - Daniel Fiedler, "Lauren Topps" - Mikaila Walker, "Kevin" - Michael Murdock, "Belle" - MK Greenlee, "Micah" - Jenna Perez, and "Rudy" - Zack La Roe.

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Behavior patterns indicators of illness onset in cattle

VERNON - Texas A&M AgrLife Research scientists are developing an early warning system for pen riders or animal care providers to more efficiently identify and treat cattle for bovine respiratory disease.

Dr. Bill Pinchak in Vernon and Dr. Gordon Canstons in College Station, both AgrLife Research animal nutritionists, have been evaluating the relationships of animal behavior in confined animal feeding operations to the onset of sickness.

Along with Texas A&M University students Will Kayser and Kirby Jackson, they recently summarized the results of more than four years of research in a paper, "Evaluation of statistical process control procedures to monitor feeding behavior patterns and detect onset of bovine respiratory disease in growing bulls."

Respiratory disease causes 60-90 percent of the morbidity or sickness in feedlot cattle, Pinchak

said. Diagnosis is a challenge and currently relies primarily on visual appraisal to determine illness, which can vary by degrees of individual experience in diagnosing.

"Typically, the accuracy is about 60 percent," he said. "So there are a lot of animals that are not diagnosed and end up being poor performers — or die."

"Our goal is to develop and implement technologies that provide earlier and more accurate detection of this illness in cattle," Pinchak said. "By employing a combination of radio frequency identification tags and receivers with integrated statistical analysis and modeling, we have been able to detect morbidity based on changes in feeding behavior of cattle anywhere from two to four days earlier than visual clinical diagnosis."

He said they use a combination of statistical process control modeling and multivariate analysis for var-

ious behavioral traits such as when each animal goes to the feed bunk, how frequently and the amount of time spent there.

"We've been able to detect or predict accurately and repeatedly two to four days prior to clinical analysis," Pinchak said. "By utilizing a combination of sensor technology and modeling, our goal would be to decrease the duration of the illness in the cattle and the number of animals not responding to treatment or relapse rate."

"We expect this could lead to decreasing the overall use of antibiotics and expenses, improving overall animal health and welfare, and improving feed efficiency and overall economic and environmental sustainability of commercial feeding operations," he said.

This diagnosis system would require a dashboard at the feed yard and radio-frequency identification tags. And while Pinchak said neither

is prevalent in feed yards yet, if the economics are there, they could be.

"We need to develop next generation technology that improves bovine respiratory disease management based on individual animal diagnosis through a combination of radio frequency identification technology and statistical modeling integrated into a robust, user-friendly analytic platform," he said.

"We've completed the first pass, now we need to follow up with the experiments where animals will be challenged with bovine respiratory disease pathogens and their behavior responses measured to determine the robustness of this integrated sensor modeling approach."

The next step, Pinchak said, will be to use the system with high risk cattle coming into a commercial feed yard and testing in that environment before developing a commercially viable system within the next two to five years.

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Obituaries

Kimes

Janet Lou Kimes, 69, died on Thursday, April 27, 2017, in Memphis.



Memorial services will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, May 5, 2017, in the First United Methodist Church in Memphis with Rev. Bobby Wilson, officiating.

Kimes

Cremation & arrangements are under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Memphis.

Janet Lou Powell Kimes was born June 25, 1947 in Wichita Falls to Shelton Burnett Powell and Tommie Grace Wilson Powell, the youngest of seven girls. She married Billy Joe Kimes on July 1, 1979.

She was preceded by her parents; 4 sisters, Francis Marie, Patsy Leona, Sue Ann Osteen, and Tommie Joyce.

She is survived by her husband, BJ Kimes of Brice; 2 daughters, Coreena Tate and B'Randa Bennett and husband John all of Memphis; her grandchildren, Sasha Waddle and husband Aaron of Mustang,

Oklahoma, DJ Privitt, Jamee Tate, Cordell Moore, Brooklynn Moore, Jeremy Bennett; Great grandsons, Blake Waddle and Derrick Waddle; her sisters, Marybeth Harmon and husband Buster and Nancy Smith all of Wichita Falls; and many many nieces, nephews, and extended family.

The family suggests that memorials be sent to the TTUHSC Willed Body Program, Attn: Jason Jones, 3601 4th Street Stop 6525, Lubbock, TX 79430-6525. In Memory of Janet Kimes, include address of Box 796, Memphis, TX 79245, if you want the family notified of the donation.

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TXDOT urges drivers to 'share the road'

CHILDRESS - In an effort to curb an increase in motorcycle fatalities on Texas roads, the Texas Department of Transportation is launching its "Share the Road: Look Twice for Motorcycles" campaign as part of Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in May. The campaign implores drivers to watch closely for motorcycles, especially at intersections and when changing lanes.

"Part of our responsibility as motorists is to always be aware of other vehicles on the road and to give them plenty of space," said TXDOT Executive Director James Bass. "Motorcycles are particularly vulnerable because they can be difficult

to see and don't have the standard safety features found in cars and trucks. On a motorcycle, even a relatively minor collision can be fatal, so we're urging drivers to please keep an eye out for their fellow motorists."

Motorcyclists are nearly 5 times more likely to be injured and 29 times more likely to be killed in a crash than car or truck occupants. More than half (54 percent) of fatal motorcycle crashes result from a collision with a car or truck. From 2015 to 2016, Texas motorcycle fatalities increased from 464 to 493 (6 percent), and crashes resulting in seriously injured motorcyclists increased from 1,902 to 2,006 (5

percent). The summer months have the highest incidences of motorcycle crashes. TXDOT's "Share the Road: Look Twice for Motorcycles" campaign reminds drivers to:

Always use turn signals. Give motorcycles plenty of space and don't follow too closely. Check mirrors before changing lanes. Give motorcyclists a full lane.

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TCFA accepting applications for career camp

Texas Cattle Feeders Association (TCFA) is now accepting applications for the 2017 Junior Feed Beef Career and Leadership Program, which will take place June 26-29 at West Texas A&M University (WTAMU).

Hosted with Texas A&M AgrLife Research and Extension and WTAMU, the Junior Feed Beef Career and Leadership Program, also known as Feedyard Camp, is designed for high school juniors and seniors with an interest in pursuing a career in the feed beef industry.

Twenty students from across the tri-state area of Texas, Oklahoma

and New Mexico will be chosen to experience an in-depth look at how beef is raised.

Interested students can download an application at www.tcfa.org under the news and events tab, or call (806) 358-3681. Applications should be returned to the TCFA office no later than May 12 and must be supported by two recommendation forms.

"Feedyard camp gives students with an interest in agriculture a truly one-of-a-kind experience," said Brady Miller, TCFA market and membership manager. "The Amarillo area has a strong and diverse

beef community, which makes it ideal for a camp like this. With feedyards, research and beef processing facilities all right here, we can give students interested in the beef industry a comprehensive learning experience that they will never forget."

Attendees take part in multiple career-building activities, such as visiting the Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory; touring a feedyard and beef processing facility; meeting with feedyard personnel, WTAMU faculty, area agriculture leaders and TCFA staff; and cutting their own steaks at the WTAMU meats lab.



Hurdling through

Jayden Lambert competes in the 300 m hurdles at the Regional meet where she placed 5th.

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