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

## Three men arrested in alleged assault

Three Clarendon men were arrested Sunday morning, June 9, in connection with an alleged sexual assault earlier that morning.

Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn said Corey Fields, age 43; Billy Wilson, age 43, and Daquawne Oliver, age 19, were all charged with sexual assault, a second degree felony.

Justice of the Peace Pat White arraigned the men Monday and set bond for each one at \$20,000. All three were still in custody at press time.

Blackburn said the case remains under investigation.

## Chamber to draw for \$500 June 13

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce will hold its next Business After Hours and its second Totally Locally \$500 drawing at A Fine Feathered Nest next Thursday, June 13.

The come-and-go event will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and will provide Chamber members and prospective members an opportunity to learn more about what's happening in the local business community. Refreshments will be served.

In addition to learning more about A Fine Feathered Nest, one of the highlights of the June After Hours will be the Chamber's second Totally Locally drawing. Shoppers can sign up for the drawing at eleven local stores, and one will win \$500 in Clarendon Cash at the After Hours. A list of participating businesses and more information is on the ad on page six this week.

## Water authority lifts restrictions in H'wick

Howardwick City Hall announced Tuesday that Red River Water Authority has lifted all water restrictions in that city.

Residents may resume watering their lawns and using water for other activities as they normally would.

Red River has completed installation of the city's new pressure tank, and work is proceeding on a new well for the city.

## City plans hearing on four properties

The City of Clarendon is giving notice this week that its Building Standards Commission will be holding a public hearing June 27 on four properties.

The committee will discuss and possibly take action on whether structures are dangerous and substandard at the following addresses: 713 E. Second, 102 S. McClelland, 623 E. Second, and 818 E. Fourth.

The commission will also possibly determine what action is required by the property owners to bring structures into compliance with city ordinances.

The hearing will begin at 7:30 p.m. and is open to the public.



# Services set for local civic, business leader

Local businessman and civic leader Paul Bivens passed away Saturday, June 8, 2019, in Clarendon at the age of 73.

Services will be held in the First United Methodist Church on Thursday, June 13, at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Buddy Payne officiating. Visitation was from 5:00-7:00 p.m. on Wednesday at the Robertson Funeral Directors.

Arthur Paul Bivens was born in Woodward, Okla., to Harry and Grace Bivens on November 11, 1945, and grew up in Seiling, Okla. He graduated from Seiling High School and went to Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, Okla., where he graduated in 1970 with a Bachelor's of Science in Pharmacy. While in Weatherford he met

and married the former Elmonette Branigan, with whom he celebrated 50 years of marriage in December of 2018.

Bivens began his career in pharmacy in Arlington, Texas, before moving to Clarendon in 1976 with the opportunity to purchase Tunnell Pharmacy. He and Elmonette reopened the business as Bivens Pharmacy and operated it at the corner of US 287 and Kearney Street until 1996 when they opened the Clarendon Outpost, which has been called a beacon of light to the masses.

An active member of the community, Bivens served Clarendon as the chairman of the Salvation Army for more than 30 years. He was a 43-year member of the Clarendon

Lions Club and former president of the club and a 37-year member of Clarendon Lodge #700 AF&AM. He served for a time on the Clarendon Board of Aldermen, and he also devoted much time in support of the Boy Scouts.

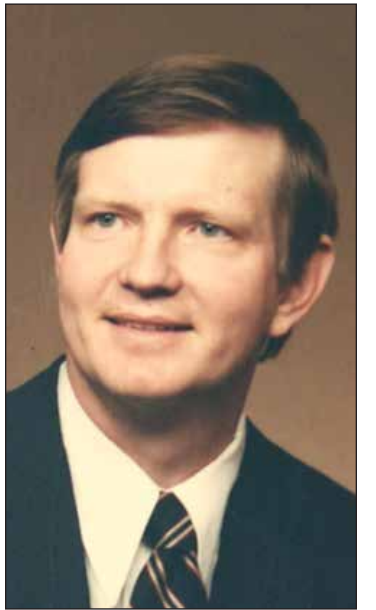
Bivens is remembered for having lived life to the fullest. He was an avid scuba diver and especially loved going to Cozumel, Mexico, with his friend Kenneth Brady and Mike Branigan. He loved to wakeboard and snow ski, and he worked to teach countless others to do the things he loved.

He was a faithful member of the Clarendon First United Methodist Church, serving on the board and as youth sponsor for many, many years. He loved singing in the choir.

Bivens had a lifelong love of learning, and more recently, of dominating Freddy Gray at ping pong, in memory of Don Smith, through the power of profanity.

He is survived by his wife, Elmonette Bivens; two sons, Stephen Bivens and wife Katrina Leathers of Clarendon and Scott Bivens and wife Alyssa of Lubbock; one brother-in-law Michael Branigan of Memphis; a sister-in-law Dorothy Bivens of Amarillo; nine grandchildren; four nieces and nephews and their families; and a town full of people whose lives he touched over the years.

In lieu of flowers, the Bivens family suggest donations be made to First United Methodist Church in Clarendon or a charity of your choice.



Paul Bivens



COURTESY PHOTO / DUSTY GREEN

## Howardwick party time

Dusty Green, Nikki Green, and Gene Dean strike a pose during the Howardwick Hoe-Down last Saturday. City Hall reports that about 450 people attended the event over the course of the day and more than \$4,800 was raised for the city's street improvement fund. City Secretary Sandra Childress said the event had great weather and a great turnout and was a really great time for the community.

# 'Summer on the Slab' to be held June 22

It's time to dance the night away at the second annual "Summer on the Slab" benefit concert in Clarendon next Saturday, June 22.

Gates and a burger bar open at 5:30 followed by live music and open air dancing on the COEA Slab at the rodeo grounds from 6:00 to midnight.

Ed Montana will serve as master of ceremonies and will open

the entertainment with musical performances scheduled to follow from the Gary Nix Band, the Buster Bledsoe Band, and the Drake Hayes Band.

A cowboy breakfast will follow the dance at 12:30 a.m.

Proceeds benefit the St. Mary's Catholic Church Building Fund. St. Mary's is the oldest Catholic church in the Texas Panhandle. The build-

ing was damaged beyond repair by an automobile accident, and the congregation is working to rebuild their historic church.

Tickets are \$20 for the Summer on the Slab. Bring your own cooler for only \$10 more, and VIP tickets are also available for \$50 each and include the gate fee, waiver of the cooler fee, and access to the Coors VIP Tent. Families are encouraged

to attend, and children three years old and under get in free.

Major sponsors for the event are Reed Beverage, Floyd's Automotive, Charles Lynch Architect, and the Clarendon Outdoor Entertainment Association.

For more information, check out the "Summer on the Slab" Facebook event page or call Chriss Clifford at 806-206-6767.

# Plans set for Clarendons' Saints' Roost Celebration

Make your plans now to enjoy the 142nd annual Saints' Roost Celebration on July 4, 5, and 6 in Clarendon.

With just three weeks to go, the celebration's schedule is pretty well set with the Clarendon Outdoor Entertainment Association opening the festivities with a July Fourth Junior Rodeo. Junior team entries are \$125 each and can be made by calling 806-679-2738.

The celebration gets under full steam on Friday, July 5, with merchant sales and the annual Depression Luncheon at the Downtown Ministry Center from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The cost for the beans and cornbread meal is 25 cents. That night, the COEA Ranch Rodeo opens at 7:30 at the COEA

Arena followed by a dance at 9 p.m. featuring the music of Rhett Uhland opening for Mitchell Ford & The Volunteers.

The big day will be Saturday, July 6, beginning with the Arts & Craft Fair on the square at 9 a.m. sponsored by the Donley County 4H. Booths are \$25 each and should be reserved through the Donley County 4H by calling 806-874-2141.

The Chamber of Commerce's Old Settlers Reunion and the Kids' Bicycle & Tricycle Parade also begin at 9 a.m. The Kids' Parade will line up and register at 8:30 at Keith Floyd's shop at Third and Sully. Ed Montana will provide music and serve as master of ceremony. **See 'Celebration' on page 3.**



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## Let it fly

Clarendon's B.J. Owens throws a disc during the West Texas Experience IV tournament at the Greenbelt Disc Golf Course at Kincaid Park last Saturday and Sunday. More than 50 people attended the annual tournament hosted by the Greenbelt Lake Disc Golf Club.

# CC signs agreement with WGU

Clarendon College graduates and employees now have a new pathway to earn bachelor's and master's degrees through online, non-profit university WGU Texas.

Through the new agreement, CC graduates, faculty, and staff will receive a five percent discounted tuition at WGU Texas, exclusive partner scholarships, valued at up to \$2,000, and can select from more than 60 accredited bachelor's and master's degree programs in information technology, business, health professions and teaching.

CC President Robert Riza said he is very excited to give students a way to earn higher degrees while still living and working in their hometowns.

"This is another opportunity for our graduates to complete their education at the next level while being allowed to remain employed and not have to move their families," Dr. Riza said. "WGU is a great institution that has been at the leading edge of online education for years."

The agreement also includes Amarillo College and Frank Phillips College in Borger.

"WGU Texas is thrilled to expand its presence in the Panhandle by providing more CC, AC, and FPC students a seamless pathway to completing their bachelor's and master's degrees and preparing them to enter some of the state's most in-demand careers," said WGU Texas Chancellor Steven Johnson.

"Community colleges enroll almost half of all students in the state – more than 700,000 students. This partnership creates an opportunity to link those students to alternative, viable pathways to earning a degree," Johnson said.

WGU Texas' current enrollment is more than 12,500 students, Dr. Johnson said. He added that WGU Texas students are in 17 of the counties that make up the Texas Panhandle, including Potter, Randall, and Hutchinson Counties, with students enrolled in 233 of the state's 254 counties.

Students transferring from Clarendon can expect a comprehensive transfer policy. Information about WGU Texas' community college partnerships and scholarship opportunities is available at [texas.wgu.edu/cc](http://texas.wgu.edu/cc).

WGU Texas is an online, non-profit, competency-based university established to expand Texans' access to higher education throughout the state. Formed through a partnership between the state of Texas and nationally-recognized Western Governors University, WGU Texas is open to all qualified Texas residents. The university offers more than 60 undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

Since the university's launch in 2011, more than 11,000 graduates have earned their undergraduate or graduate degrees.



# Bivens leaves behind legacy of service, fun

Clarendon lost a man who was one of a kind Saturday when Paul Bivens was called to his great reward.

Our community was shocked, just as his family was, by his sudden passing; and as much as our hearts go out to his wife and family, we each probably selfishly thought of our own personal loss in his untimely death.

If you knew Paul Bivens, he most likely made an impression on you. He was a great man... a role model in business and in life. He was a friend to many, including myself, and a great servant of his church and his community.

My own relationship with Paul began not long after he and Elmonette moved to town in 1976. They were my family's pharmacists, picking up those duties from Richard Tunnell. I don't know how many school supplies, Hallmark Christmas ornaments, and prescriptions we picked up from the drug store downtown, but it was considerable and enough that the Bivens and their staff always seemed like extended family members.

The Bivens' boys were not exactly the same age as my brother and I but close enough that our time in school and Boy Scouts overlapped, and our birth years were staggered just right so that blue jeans could be passed down between our families.

But I think it wasn't until junior high or high school that I really got to know Paul better, especially his sense of humor and his laugh. Oh, how we will miss that laugh! They started a little place called "Salads & Such" in the back of the drug store, and I would frequent that establishment for lunch with my Dad as I worked with him in the summers. There, around a few tables pulled together, I got to sit with the businessmen of the day and listen to them joke and visit. It was sort of like going to an informal Lions Club but without any fund raisers... except for the high-low game they played to determine who paid for lunch.

Paul and Elmonette were always close family friends; and when I returned from college to take over the newspaper, I knew I could count on their support. In fact, I always felt that I could count on Paul's support for anything, not just business. We didn't necessarily agree on every issue, but he supported *me* in the same way a parent supports the best interests of his child. Having friends like that, when you lose your own parents, makes it a little easier to know that there are still people who care for you and your family.

In my experience, if Paul saw a need, he tried to take care of it. Whether that was his service in Lions Club, on the board of aldermen, with the Salvation Army, or on boards at church, he tried to do his part to serve his fellow man. That's just part of who he was.

Immediately after his passing Saturday, a friend of mine said, "Did you know that Paul did this?" and told me of an act of charity that he had done. "No," I replied. "I didn't know that. But it doesn't surprise me."

Alan Jackson sings about "the little man who built this town." Paul Bivens was one of those men... a small business man who, with his wife and family, helped make Clarendon what it is.

When I talk to people in other communities about where I'm from, they invariably know Clarendon for our college and our lake and sometimes an influential restaurant from days gone by – Mrs. Bromley's or Sam Hill's. But many times they also know Clarendon for something else... The Clarendon Outpost... a place you can get anything you need and find a clean bathroom.

When Paul and Bill Stavenhagen moved off main street and opened the Outpost in 1996, I'm not sure anyone fully realized the impact that business would have on the traveling public. And to this day it continues to pull people off US 287 and entice them to spend some money in Clarendon. And does anyone really know how many young people have gotten their first job at the Outpost?

Paul Bivens will be missed. He's missed already. We will miss his generosity, his quick wit, his sarcasm, his honesty, his integrity, and his friendship. He leaves behind a family more than capable of carrying on his legacy, but there will never be another man like him. We give thanks for having shared our time on earth with him. We are richer for having had him in our lives, and our community is a better place because of him.

Rest well, my friend.



# Teachers on growing greatness

A retired school superintendent – weary of the sameness of approaching his job in the traditional manner – dreamed of serving in an unlikely place.

The school was in a swamp long since drained, and locals said alligators hadn't been seen there in years.

During his professional years, the dreamer said he took on challenges daily, hoping to prevail most of the time. He claimed never worrying about being swallowed by a whale. It crossed his mind, however, that odds were 50-50 that he might be nibbled to death by a thousand minnows....

Then there's Dr. Susan K. Bohn, an energetic leader with training and experience to give both tradition and innovation their due. She recently completed her first year as Aledo, TX ISD Superintendent. Dr. Bohn seems fearless, and upon "signing on" last year, she recognized the dynamism and potential of a community. She believed her mantra of "getting better" would be embraced in Aledo.

It's a commitment she has long since made to herself, and now is an expectation of colleagues, students, parents and the community at large.

She is as credentialed for educational excellence as anyone I've ever met, effectively dealing with changes looming daily throughout our culture in general and education in particular. Little wonder that her "#GrowingGreatness" hashtag is readily acknowledged in Aledo....

Born and reared in Austin, Dr. Bohn's interest in education and law was evident early on. She holds a string of degrees from the University of Texas, as well as a Doctorate in Educational Lead-

ership from Texas Tech. UT degrees include the BA Degree in Plan II Honors Program, a Master of Public Affairs degree from the LBJ School of Public Affairs and a Juris Doctorate from the UT School of Law. She was superintendent of Lockhart ISD (near Austin) for three years, completing the Excellence in Governance training (first board/superintendent team in Texas). Further, she created and implemented the first curriculum and instruction framework in the district's history. She worked with the Board of Trustees and administrative team to rebuild the district's culture, expectations, trust and stability. She previously worked nine years in Lake Travis ISD as Interim Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and General Counsel. Earlier, she taught ninth grade at Fort Bend ISD and was a school attorney for Bracewell and Giuliani....

Her enthusiasm is contagious, and she relishes developing plans for a district of 6,000 students that likely will mushroom to 30,000 over several decades. She is determined to give wide berth to new educational delivery methods.

Dr. Bohn's distinctions and achievements are known state-wide, and her mantra of going "all out" daily is shared at home, too, with husband Bill and sons Brice, 11, and Brooks, 6, students at



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by don newbury

Stuard Elementary school.

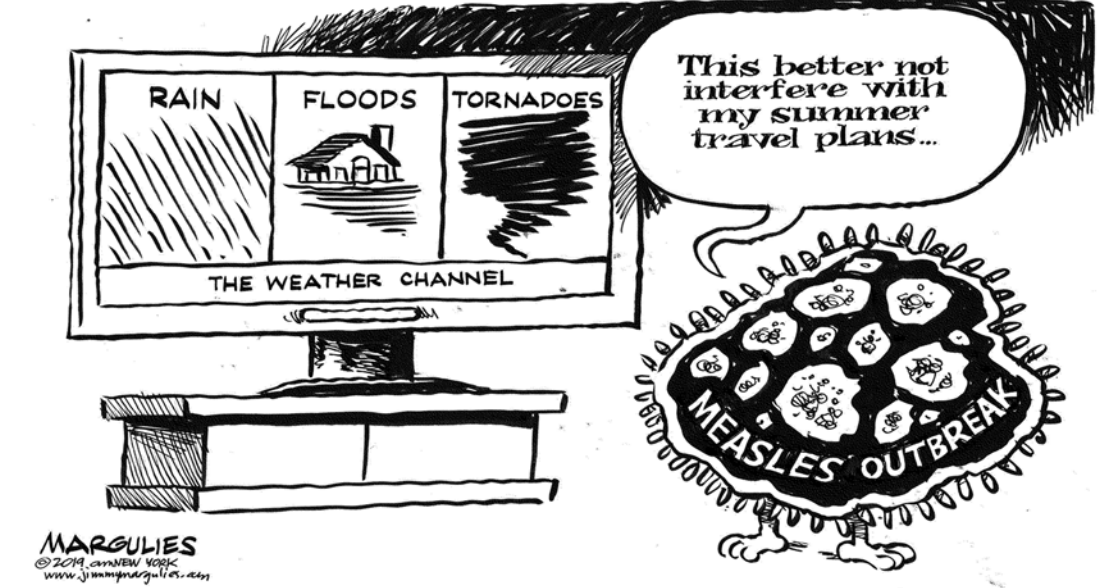
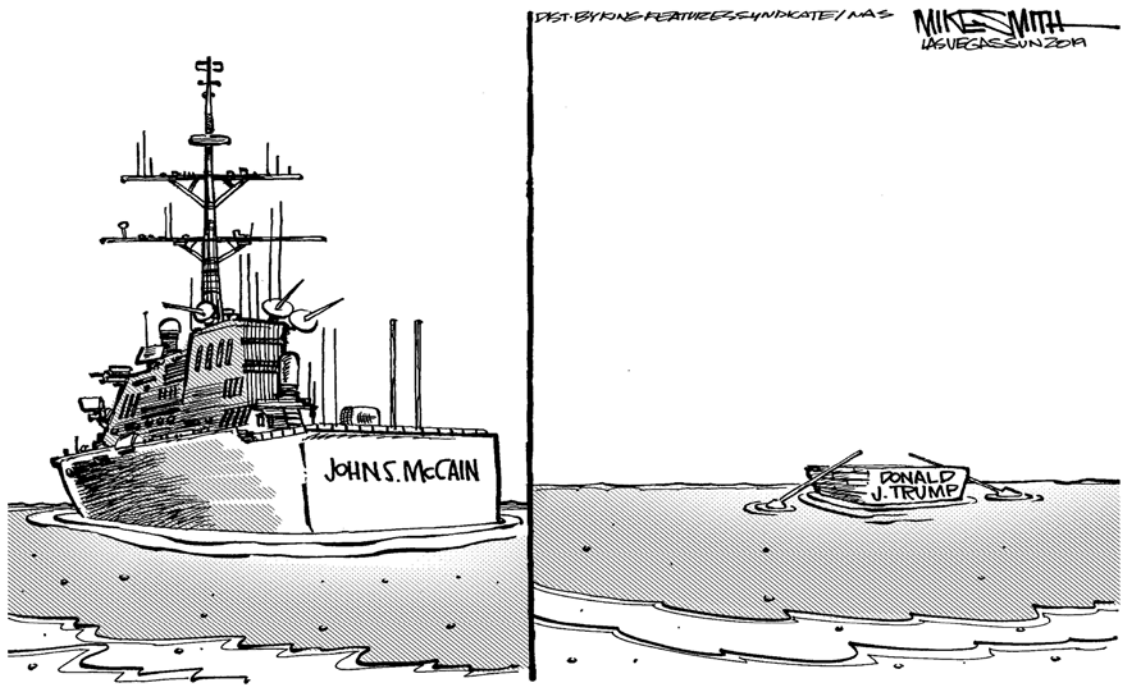
Like most educators, she cherishes classroom memories. One day, a ninth-grader walked into class a little late. He looked pale, and his hand was cupped over an ear. "I asked him if he was okay, and he pulled his hand away," she said. "There was a safety pin in his ear, and it was gushing blood." He explained that he had just pierced his ear in the bathroom during the four-minute break between classes!...

Another memory makes her smile. One student was both visually and hearing impaired; he was very bright and completely blind. He used a radio with earphones to hear Dr. Bohn as she spoke. "He had challenges, but was really the happiest and most positive student I had the opportunity to be around. He was a positive influence on everyone around him, including me."

The legislative session over and fewer reasons to keep the pavement to Austin hot, Dr. Bohn's major challenge now will involve promotion of a November bond election, one that must pass to provide funds for badly needed new school construction to accommodate the rapidly-growing student body.

She continues to trumpet "#GrowingGreatness." Similar motivation spurred retired NBA star Tim Duncan, who said, "Good, better, best. Never let it rest.... Until your good is better and your better is best."...

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# Trump gets a win with tariff threat

By Noab Elam

The biggest news story of the week came from Trump's controversial plan to place tariffs on Mexico due to their inability to stop caravans of migrants from streaming through their country in attempts to get to the United States border.

Well, this controversial plan has paid off because the Mexican government is now saying it will deploy 6000 Mexican National Guard troops to Mexico's southern border to assist the United States in blocking those huge flows of migrants coming from Central America into the United States.

A tweet from President Trump says, "I am pleased to inform you that The United States of America has reached a signed agreement with Mexico. The Tariffs scheduled to be implemented by the U.S. on Monday, against Mexico, are hereby indefinitely suspended. Mexico, in turn, has agreed to take strong mea-

sures to stem the tide of Migration through Mexico, and to our Southern Border. This is being done to greatly reduce, or eliminate, Illegal Immigration coming from Mexico and into the United States. Details of the agreement will be released shortly by the State Department. Thank you!"

This new deal should aid the United States customs and Border Protection, which has been worn thin in their attempts to try to handle around 100,000 asylum seekers a month in 2019. Before the deal was reached, Trump was intending to place five percent tariff on all goods from Mexico.

In a message the White House wrote, "To address the emergency at the Southern Border, I am invoking the authorities granted to me by the International Emergency Economic Powers Act. Accordingly, starting on June 10, 2019, the United States will impose a five percent Tariff on all goods imported from

Mexico. If the illegal migration crisis is alleviated through effective actions taken by Mexico, to be determined in our sole discretion and judgment, the Tariffs will be removed. If the crisis persists, however, the Tariffs will be raised to 10 percent on July 1, 2019. Similarly, if Mexico still has not taken action to dramatically reduce or eliminate the number of illegal aliens crossing its territory into the United States, Tariffs will be increased to 15 percent on August 1, 2019, to 20 percent on September 1, 2019, and to 25 percent on October 1, 2019."

Obviously this plan worked and shows President Trump off as a good business man, which I think he was elected to be. He was elected to do things like this. I do think that a good deal with China involving tariffs is unlikely. However, his major win with Mexico will help considerably.

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Summer fun

Wildflowers surrounded those attending the West Texas Experience IV disc golf tournament last weekend. The annual event is hosted by the Greenbelt Lake Disc Golf Club and held at the 18-basket course at Kincaid Park. For more information about disc golf in Donley County, visit the club's Facebook page.

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emonies on the square.

Line up for the Herring Bank Parade will also start at 9 a.m. on Sixth Street north of Prospect Park. At 10:00, the parade will then take its usual route – north on Kearney to Third Street, west on Third to Sully, south in front of the Courthouse, and then wind back to the ball parks.

The Herring Bank Parade features \$850 in cash prizes with \$200 available for the best float, \$100 for the best car or truck entry, \$100 for the best animal or riding unit, \$100 for the best tractor or farm equipment entry, and \$100 for the best “other” entry.

From those first place winners, judges will select a Grand Prize winner who will receive an additional \$250. Pre-registration is required for entrants to be judged for the prize money, and entry forms are due in the Visitor Center by 5 p.m. on June 28. Entry forms are available at the Visitor Center and in this week's Enterprise.

The Al Morrah Shrine Club barbecue will follow the parade at about 11 a.m. Tickets are \$12 each and will be available at the Visitor Center and the Enterprise.

The Lions Club Cow Patty Bingo will follow the barbecue. Parade winners will be announced at 1 p.m. The Henson's Turtle Race will then take place at 1:30 p.m. And the Ranch Rodeo will close out the day at the COEA Arena beginning at 7:30 p.m. with the dance to follow with Luke Koepke providing the music.

Also happening during the celebration weekend, the Whistle-Stop will have its monthly trade days Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the former Chamberlain Motor Company property. The Whistle-Stop features more than 100 vendors as well as live music, food, and fun for the entire family.

For more information about the celebration, contact the Visitor Center at 806-874-2421.

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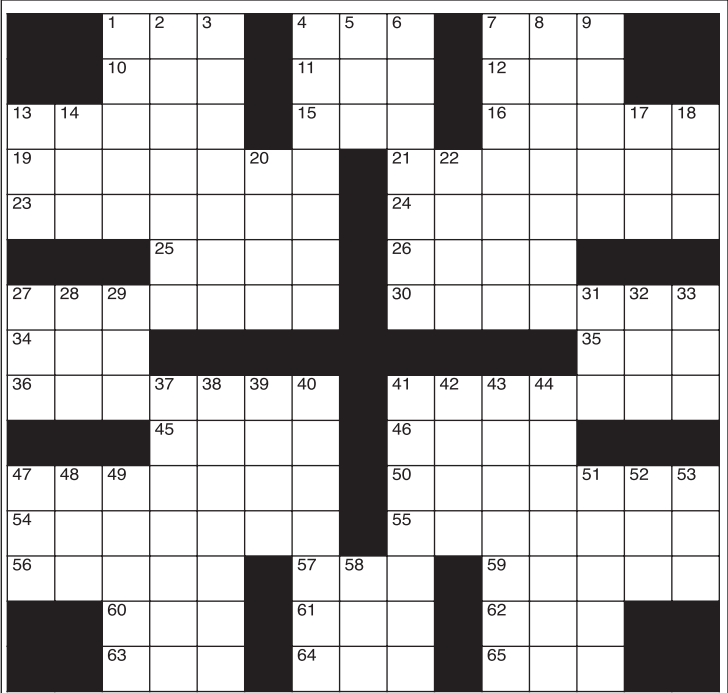
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**CLUES ACROSS**

1. Mathematical term (abbr.)  
4. Seaport (abbr.)  
7. “Unforgettable” singer  
10. The GOAT  
11. Used to harvest agave cactus  
12. Luke’s mentor \_\_\_-Wan  
13. Muses  
15. IBM operating system  
16. Hungarian village  
19. Popular conversation topic  
21. N. Atlantic island  
23. Fail to discern correctly  
24. The President has one  
25. Irish Gaelic language  
26. Gasteyer and Ivanovic are two  
27. Garnished  
30. National capital  
34. Basics

35. Initial public offering  
36. Winged horse  
41. English synthpop duo  
45. Mars crater  
46. A lot  
47. Small organelles  
50. By reason of  
54. “Growing Pains” actor Kirk  
55. Free from contamination  
56. Genus in the mahogany family  
57. Body part  
59. A belief in a supreme being  
60. Talk a lot  
61. Actors’ group  
62. Unit of measurement  
63. Slick  
64. No seats available  
65. A way to change color

**CLUES DOWN**

1. Belongs to the daughter of Chaos  
2. Wardrobe  
3. Derek and Jeff are two  
4. Disfigured  
5. Hawaiian dish  
6. What a hack drives  
7. Horse gear  
8. Do away with  
9. Narrow straits between Sinai and Arabian peninsulas  
13. Corrie  
14. Hawaiian flower necklace  
17. Midway between northeast and east  
18. Insecticide  
20. Comfort  
22. Town in Galilee  
27. Informal greeting  
28. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)

29. Used to check the heart  
31. Western India island  
32. Credit card term  
33. Female deer  
37. British football team  
38. Persian jurisdiction  
39. Freshwater mussel genus  
40. Opposite of happiness  
41. Ban on trade  
42. Bitterly regrets  
43. Assented  
44. Well-proportioned  
47. Part of (abbr.)  
48. Indigenous people of Thailand  
49. A man of your stature (abbr.)  
51. Advantageous  
52. Female sibling  
53. Electronic countermeasures  
58. Swiss river

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Thu: Sloppy Joe on a bun, baked tater tots, corn, apricot halves, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Chicken salad, green pea salad, corn salad, crackers, white cake, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens

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June 16 is Fathers Day and even though mothers have more publicity, I think about my father and the influence he had on my life. George Pinkney McCracken was a cowboy when he met, wooed, and married pretty black-haired Marie Reynolds, who was twenty-four years his junior. Daughters Patsy and Peggy were a delight, then his son, Ronnie,



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was born which made life complete. A cowboy was lonely with only his horse to talk to so he learned to watch, keep moving, and keep your mouth shut unless it was important. I still remember sitting in his lap while he read to me and the special times we spent together. The grandchildren worshiped him and remember his hard-working hands and gentle way with everyone. Men, take this message and spend time with your children, read to them, be kind and gentle, and they will call you Daddy, even when they are old and gray.

## Big box fort returns with cousins’ help

Back in March me and my little cousins Matthew and Monroe built a massive box fort using the boxes from the Mulkey chairs. We ended up having to put it in storage for a long time because it started raining. Well, this past weekend we decided to get it back out and spend the night in it.

On Friday, we got it all out, and I was looking at how many pieces we had, and we were missing a few boxes that we needed. We thought we had just forgot to get them, but it turns out we had accidentally thrown them away during our Garage Sale. So, I figured out I could take a box from the side and make it into a new



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



Ben Estlack and Matthew Newhouse get ready to spend the night in their box fort last Friday evening.

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floor. It sadly ended up with only two big rooms, but we were still able to keep it up for three days. My cousin Matthew spent the night Friday, and my other cousin Daniel spent the

night out there too on Saturday. On Sunday, we again sadly had to put it back up because it started raining out of nowhere. We wanted to keep it up for longer, but we already have some plans to get it back out again.

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Clarendon College President Robert Riza (left) receives a check from Clarendon School Superintendent Mike Norrell making a \$7,500 contribution to the Clarendon College Foundation for the PEAK Scholarship. The funds were raised by students at Clarendon CISD during the last school year through numerous fundraisers, and the funds benefit qualifying students earning dual credit hours through Clarendon College. Clarendon High School's Class of 2019 completed a total of 537 dual credit hours through CC.

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Clarendon Elementary Servant Leaders for May are (back) Kinslee Hatley, Lexi Phillips, Malachi Murphy, (front) Wyatt Devenney, Marley Bailey, and Braxton Gribble.

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Clarendon Junior High Servant Leaders for the month of May are Laney Gates, Easton Frausto, and Erin Wagner.

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Clarendon High School servant leaders for May are AmyLynn Yorton, Gavin Word, Brock Hatley, and Hayleigh Baker.

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Community Regional Forum to be held

A Community Regional Forum in Amarillo this month will focus on "Enhancing Collaboration to Address Underage Drinking and Impaired Driving."

The June 24 forum will be held at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall at 1208 S. Tyler from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and lunch is provided. This Community Regional Forum addressing impaired driving is hosted by Texans Standing Tall, an agency that is supported, in part, by grants offered through TxDOT's Behavioral Traffic Safety Section.

Among Texas youth, alcohol is the primary drug of choice. In Texas, more than half of 7-12th graders say they have used alcohol at some point in their lives.

Overall, individuals age 25

and under cause a disproportionate number of impaired driving fatalities — more than a quarter of all alcohol-related fatal crashes involve a driver in this age group.

This Forum will help facilitate introductions between stakeholders in the community, increase collaboration and engagement, and mobilize participants to reduce underage drinking.

Register at <http://bit.ly/AmarilloRegionalForum>. Attendance is free, but pre-registration is required to ensure sufficient food and seating. Registration deadline is June 19. Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email with site specific details.



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting June 11, 2019, with Boss Lion John Howard in charge.

We had 12 members and two guests this week — Bryce Grahn, guest of Lion Jerry Woodard; and Trent Hill, guest of Lion Roger Estlack.

Assignments for the flag service for Flag Day this Friday were discussed, and the selection process for Sweetheart applications was also discussed.

Mr. Hill presented our program. He is the vice president of the Amarillo Area Foundation, which serves as the community foundation for the top 26 counties of the Panhandle. AAF offers planned giving services for people who would like to help plan their estates. They offer a free online tool at AAFLegacy.org where people can create their own estate plan in private with an option to invite the individual's personal attorney and/or financial advisor to view the plan.

There being no further business, we were adjourned.

TxDOT archeologists digging at Palo Duro

AMARILLO — TxDOT is digging into the past at Palo Duro Canyon State Park where thousands of years of history is hidden beneath the surface. Archeologists from TxDOT are leading a week-long field investigation during the Texas Archeological Society's (TAS) Annual Field School June 8 – 15, 2019.

The public is invited to attend the Archeology Fair to see what was discovered and engage in hands-on activities during on Thursday, June 13 from 4 – 8 p.m. at Palo Duro Canyon State Park.

TxDOT's work to create a safe and efficient transportation system means planning around the environment — including historic sites and structures. This work is regulated by federal laws to ensure the story and artifacts of these places are preserved in the public's interest. While there is no road project at Palo Duro State Park, it has several archeological sites that are protected by law.

TxDOT's archeologists will lead a group survey and excavation to learn more about one of these sites. Their work is part of the Texas Historical Commission-approved outreach program to raise awareness about archeology in Texas. Each year, TxDOT's work accounts for the majority of archeological investigations around the state.

TxDOT Archeobotanist Kevin Hanselka, PhD, is the director of the field school investigations, while Jason Barrett, PhD, serves as TAS president. The field school offers activities and learning opportunities for all ages, such as excavation techniques, survey methods, and laboratory work. Special training is available for newcomers and teachers. There are afternoon and evening workshops, educational programs and social activities.

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## Some gun rights groups oppose safety campaign

By Alex Samuels

After several of their priority bills failed to gain traction, some gun rights advocates said House and Senate leadership failed them. Now they're calling on Gov. Greg Abbott to veto a line item in the state budget they say would add insult to an injurious legislative session.

But that same line in the state's \$251 billion budget is being viewed differently by other firearms enthusiasts.

While some smaller, home-grown groups view the item — \$1 million for a public awareness campaign to promote responsible gun storage among firearms owners — as an affront to the Second Amendment, the National Rifle Association says it is unopposed to, though not thrilled by, the public awareness campaign.

Their attention now turns to what Abbott does during the period when he can veto line items in the budget.

Abbott touted the need to promote safe gun storage as part of his school safety proposals in the aftermath of the May 2018 shooting at Santa Fe High School that left 10 people dead and 13 wounded. And with a June 16 deadline to make vetoes, the governor is in a delicate position of trying not to alienate Texas gun-rights activists, while advancing a net of school safety reforms that the Legislature passed.

Texas budget writers authorized the \$1 million for the Department of Public Safety to promote gun storage so long as it does "not convey a message that it is unlawful under state law to keep or store a firearm that is loaded or that is readily accessible for self-defense." The campaign, unless vetoed by Abbott, could include online and printed materials, public service announcements or other advertising. House lawmakers first proposed the idea in a draft of the two-year budget in March, and it was approved by both chambers in May.

"It's certainly fine and lawful to have a weapon for your own protection," state Rep. John Zerwas, R-Richmond, the House's lead budget writer, told The Texas Tri-

bune. "But I think we also need to be aware that it's not uncommon for a child to access a loaded weapon and inadvertently and accidentally hurt themselves."

But as some gun rights groups criticize the state's Republican leadership for not stopping the public awareness campaign — "Speaker [Dennis] Bonnen slipped a \$1 million spending spree for the promotion of "safe" gun storage," reads a news release from Texas Gun Rights. "The House and Senate failed to stop this budget rider," says another one from Gun Owners of America — others have stayed neutral and say the line-item is small and noncontroversial.

"No 'mandatory storage' bill passed," NRA spokeswoman Amy Hunter said. "What passed was a safe gun storage campaign rider that was just several lines in a nearly 1,000-page budget and NRA didn't oppose it, not that anyone bothered to ask about our position."

Still, the national gun advocacy group didn't give it a full-throated endorsement.

"We're not sure why \$1 million of taxpayers' dollars need to be used for such a campaign," Hunter said. "The state can go ahead and do their thing, while we will continue leading the discussion with our own firearms safety training and accident prevention programs — again, at no cost to taxpayers."

But smaller advocacy groups are hoping Abbott will come to their defense after a legislative session in which they say they failed to gain ground on key issues. Among their grievances: A priority "constitutional carry" bill died. Two Democrats were tapped to chair the House committees that determined the fate of some of their most favored legislation. One of their own was publicly harangued by the House speaker after showing up in his neighborhood unannounced.

The public safety campaign, they say, was the final blow.

"The government doesn't need to take every little issue upon themselves to make a public campaign," said Derek Wills, the senior editor

and podcast host for Lone Star Gun Rights. "Most gun owners prioritize firearms safety on their own, and will keep their weapons safely stored without a law — and definitely without a campaign from the state telling them they need to do that."

Still, the governor has advocated for the promotion of safe storage practices — like locking away guns while they're not in use — for at least a year.

In a 43-page school safety plan released shortly after the massacre at Santa Fe High, the governor touched on proposals like promoting the voluntary use of gun locks. He also toyed with the idea of having children younger than 18 counted as minors. Currently, Texas' child-access prevention law only applies to those younger than 17.

Representatives for Bonnen and Patrick also didn't respond to a request for comment, though Patrick has previously talked about the need for responsible gun storage.

In Texas, the governor has the authority to veto individual line items in the budget. And some political experts predict Abbott won't be vulnerable politically should he decide to buck the groups asking him to cut the budget item.

"Second Amendment activists, they're opinionated and they're loud, but the NRA is the Good Housekeeping seal of approval on gun stuff," said Bill Miller, a veteran political consultant and lobbyist who has represented both Democrats and Republicans. "And if they're not opposed to this issue, I think Abbott is completely safe here."

But in a gun-friendly state like Texas, some statewide grassroots groups say lawmakers stumbled this session. Aside from the \$1 million cost associated with the campaign, some have argued that the language added to the state's spending bill is eerily similar to a failed piece of legislation introduced this year — by a Democrat.

The bill by state Rep. Donna Howard, D-Austin, which was also opposed by the NRA, would've directed DPS — in conjunction with the Texas Department of State Health

Services, the Parks and Wildlife Department and other relevant agencies — to develop and implement a public safety campaign designed to encourage firearm safety.

"We had this language negotiated on the House floor and in the budget conference committee," Howard said of the proposal in the state budget. "It came out of the recommendations from the governor's school safety plan, so it seems to me that this is something we ought to be able to move forward on that is a positive step."

Several other bills this session aimed to strengthen the state's gun storage laws, including a pair of bipartisan bills from state Sens. José Rodríguez, D-El Paso, and Joan Huffman, R-Houston, that would have increased the criminal penalties for making a firearm accessible to a child. Neither received a hearing.

While Hunter, the NRA spokeswoman, hailed the failure several anti-Second Amendment pushed by Democrats as a win for gun rights activists, several statewide organizations lamented that state leaders didn't pass more pro-gun legislation this past legislative session.

"What happened with Second Amendment legislation this session was cringe-worthy," Wills said.

Even gun control groups, though pleased with the budget rider, said they didn't come out of this year's legislative session on top — but still made measured progress.

"We had more bills filed to prevent gun violence, we had more hearings in committees, we had more discussions with lawmakers and more testimony," said Ed Scruggs, the vice chair of Texas Gun Sense. "We're on the playing field. We still have a long long way to go, but we're having discussions about policy that we may not have had in previous years."

But despite the show of support for the budget rider by the NRA and its Texas arm, the Texas State Rifle Association, and lawmakers of all political stripes, Wills said his group will still judge Abbott based on his action, or inaction, on the budget proposal.



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