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THIS WEEK

2 A reader takes exception to a recent political cartoon in the Enterprise.

3 Check out the schedule for next week's Saints' Roost Celebration.

4 Peggy has lots of good news from Howardwick this week.

7 And the Bronco Cheerleaders earn several awards.

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

Line replacement affecting outages

The frequent power outages that Clarendon residents have noticed lately have been caused in part by the power line replacement currently being done through town.

Clarendon city officials met with representatives of AEP/Southwestern Electric Power Co. last week about the outages and learned the cause of the recent trouble.

SWEPCO has had to de-energize the transmission line coming into the city from Childress during the replacement. That leaves the city dependent on a feed coming from the Jericho substation. If a storm or other problem interrupts that service, there is no back up.

SWEPCO officials tell City Hall that they expect things to be back to normal within about four weeks.

FSA county board nominations open

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is now accepting nominations for county committee members. Agricultural producers who participate or cooperate in an FSA program may be nominated for the county committee. Nominations close August 1, 2019

Mulkey to screen 'Gone with the Wind'

The Mulkey Theatre will present an anniversary screening of "Gone With The Wind" this Sunday, June 30, at 2 p.m.

Feel free to dress the part in your "Sunday best" as we take a step back into the story of Scarlett O'Hara (Vivien Leigh), a headstrong Southern Belle who will stop at nothing to win the man she loves, Ashley Wilkes (Leslie Howard), and preserve her beloved family plantation, Tara. Complications ensue in the form of Rhett Butler (Clark Gable), a cad with a secret heart of gold, who knows he and Scarlett are truly meant for each other.

Doors open at 1:30 and admission is \$7 for adults, \$5 for kids ages three through 12; and kids two and under get in free.

Band supporters invited to meeting

Bronco Band supporters are invited to a "Meet the Directors" event next Monday, July 1, at the Band Hall.

The event will begin with a watermelon feed at 5:30 p.m. followed by a time to meet the new band directors at 6 p.m. Information will also be available about the band trip this next school year.



The Champs!

Clarendon's 8-, 9- and 10-year-old minor league team won the District I championship on Sunday, June 23, in Borger. The team now advances to the tournament in Midland this weekend. Shown here are (front) Parker Haynes, Braylon Rice, Creed Robinson, Dakotah Jameson, Hudson Howard, Justice McAnear, Max Caudle, (middle) Clay Wilkinson, Shaun Childers, Caleb Herbert, Payton Inman, Eli Ritchie, (back) Coach Zack Robinson, Coach Walt Rice, and Coach Dusty Rice.

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Tornadoes strike area Saturday

Two tornadoes developed from a storm near the Goodnight and Ashtola communities late Saturday night, June 22, causing considerable damage to the McAnear farm.

The National Weather Service reported that its survey crew rated both twisters as EF-0 storms, the first of which developed about 10:43 p.m. south of US 287 and damaged a center pivot system and one home before dissipating.

The second tornado then damaged the roof of a cabin, a power pole, a corn field, and another center pivot system north of the highway. A trailer was also put thrown through a well in that storm.

Walker McAnear said the damage to his family's farm is probably between \$125,000 and \$150,000 with the equipment damage being covered by insurance. A corn field damaged by the storm may recover, he said.

"Getting our well back going is our biggest concern," McAnear said Tuesday.



The McAnear farm was struck hard by one of two tornadoes (showing forming at the bottom right) which threatened the Goodnight and Ashtola communities Saturday night. Farm equipment was particularly hard hit as was the case with this trailer (top photo) and center pivot irrigation system (bottom left).

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Five local cases heard by district court

The district court heard five Donley County cases when it met in Childress on Thursday, June 13.

District Attorney Luke Inman, along with Assistant District Attorney Harley Caudle, prosecuted the cases for the State of Texas, with the Honorable Judge Stuart Messer presiding.

Sahennette Renee Brooks pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication community supervision for four years for the first degree felony offense of possession of a controlled substance in penalty group two, tetrahydrocannabinol.

Brooks, 40 from Bakersfield,

Calif., was arrested in Donley County by DPS Trooper Justin Dillman on January 8, 2019. Brooks pleaded to an information filed by the State on March 11, 2019.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Brooks is required to pay a \$4,000 fine to Donley County, \$400 in attorney fees, \$458 in court costs, \$180 drug lab restitution, a \$500 out-of-state probation transfer fee and successfully complete 400 hours of community service. If Brooks violates probation, she could face up to 99 years or life in the Institutional Division of the TDCJ.

Barry Lynn Smith pleaded

guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication community supervision for five years for the second degree felony offense of possession of a controlled substance in penalty group one, codeine.

Smith, 20 from Frisco, was arrested in Donley County by DPS Trooper Kelly Hill on November 15, 2018. Smith pleaded to an information filed by the State on March 7, 2019.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Smith is required to pay a \$5,000 fine to Donley County, \$458 in court costs, \$180 drug lab restitution and successfully complete 300 hours of community ser-

vice. If Smith violates probation, he could face up to 20 years in the Institutional Division of the TDCJ.

Henry Kepler Gonzales pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication community supervision for three years for the state jail felony offense of possession of a controlled substance in penalty group two, tetrahydrocannabinol.

Gonzales, 22 from Houston, was arrested in Donley County by DPS Trooper Emily Ruhl on February 16, 2019. Gonzales pleaded to an information filed by the State on May 9, 2019.

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SACSCOC places CC on warning

Clarendon College has been placed on Warning for 12 months by its accrediting agency, and a special committee will conduct an on-site evaluation of the college following a review of a complaint made against the CC Board of Regents.

The Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) met on June 13 and determined that CC had "failed to demonstrate compliance" with a core requirement and three standards set by the agency relating to governance by the regents, according to a public report on the commission's website.

The agency said the rules in question expect the college to: "(1) Have a governing board that is not controlled by a minority of board members or by organizations or institutions separate from it; (2) Have a governing board to ensure a clear and appropriate distinction between the policy-making function of the board and the responsibility of the administration and faculty to administer and implement policy; and (3) The institution's governing board defines and addresses potential conflict of interest for its members."

While the warning arose from issues of governance, the special committee will look at CC's compliance with all the standards of SACSCOC.

"SACSCOC accreditation includes all components of the institution - all programs, branch campuses, off-campus sites, and distance learning programs as reported to SACSCOC; thus, the Warning status applies to the entire institution," the commission's website reports.

The review is to be completed before the SACSCOC board meets in June 2020. At that time, the agency's board will pursue one of the following options: "(1) Remove the institution from Warning without an additional report; (2) Remove the institution from Warning and request a Fifth Year Follow-Up Report, (3) Continue the institution on Warning, request a monitoring report, with or without authorizing a Special Committee visit; (4) Place the institution on Probation, request a monitoring report, and authorize a Special Committee visit; and (5) Remove the institution from membership for failure to comply with the standards."

CC President Robert Riza was in Austin this week, attending meetings at the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, and was unavailable for comment about the SACSCOC action.

SACSCOC notified the college in February that a complaint had been filed against CC's Board of Regents stating that the board had repeatedly violated state law and college policy and that members of the board had "harassed college employees who were trying to uphold the law and institutional policy."

The complaint and SACSCOC's response came after almost two years of rising tensions between Regents Jerry Woodard and Darlene Spier and members of the college administration. In April, those tensions came to a head when the CC board voted down a motion to extend Riza's contract, which prompted the resignation of Regent Jack Moreman.

A month later, Dr. Belle Wheelan, the president and CEO of SACSCOC, traveled to Clarendon to address the board in person and to define the role of the accrediting body, the necessity of accreditation, and particularly SACSCOC Principles of Accreditation as they apply to the Board of Regents.



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White House ‘Chills’ on free speech

By Lata Nott

Last week the Office of the Special Counsel publicly recommended that White House counselor Kellyanne Conway be fired for repeatedly violating the Hatch Act, prompting many people to Google what the Hatch Act is (it’s a law that bars federal employees from engaging in political activity in the course of their work) and President Trump to give an interview to Fox News where he stated that, “[I]t looks to me like they’re trying to take away her right of free speech, and that’s not just fair.” (This week, the president tweeted his support for a proposed constitutional amendment to outlaw burning the American flag – an act the Supreme Court has repeatedly held to be a protected form of political expression – thus ending his streak as a First Amendment advocate.)

But back to the Hatch Act for a moment. It was passed in 1939 to prevent federal employees from engaging in partisan political activities, such as endorsing or opposing particular political candidates. It’s grounded in a noble purpose: to protect federal employees from political coercion and ensure their advancement is based on merit and not political affiliation. To that end, federal employees can’t engage in political activity while they’re on duty, in the workplace, or speaking in their official capacity. The letter from the Office of the Special Counsel (OSC) pointed out that much of Conway’s recent conduct has fallen into that category, as she’s been making the rounds, “disparaging Democratic presidential candidates while speaking in her official capacity during television interviews and on social media.”

White House counsel Pat Cipollone responded with a letter stating, among other things, that applying the Hatch Act to political activity on social media “has a chilling effect on all federal employees whose fundamental First Amendment right to engage in political and public policy discussions should not be compromised based solely on OSC’s guidance.”

This isn’t the first time the OSC has faced that accusation. Ethics and transparency advocates said more or less the same thing last year, when the agency issued new guidelines that federal employees weighing in on President Trump’s prospects for impeachment or talking about “the Resistance” might constitute political activity. National Treasury Employees Union President Tony Reardon’s exact words were, “This guidance is a broad reach that employees may find confusing. It could unnecessarily have a chilling effect on employees’ First Amendment free speech.”

The “chilling effect” is a concept that comes up a lot when we talk about the First Amendment. Essentially, it means that when a law concerning expression is too vague or too broad, people won’t know exactly when their speech crosses the line and violates it. So, in order to avoid punishment, they’ll avoid speaking at all – a major loss for free expression and healthy public debate.

Practically speaking, this isn’t really a concern when it comes to Kellyanne Conway specifically. President Trump has explicitly stated he will not fire her (the OSC only has the authority to recommend that he do so). She has publicly scoffed at the Hatch Act charges, telling reporters, “Let me know when the jail sentence starts.” She continues to appear in public, making it abundantly clear that nothing will get her to chill.

But it’s worth taking a moment to reflect on the impact that laws like this have on other federal employees, most of whom aren’t as protected from consequences as Conway. Henry Kerner, who heads up the OSC, was certainly thinking about this when he recommended that Conway be fired. “In interview after interview, she uses her official capacity to disparage announced candidates, which is not allowed,” he said in an interview with The Washington Post. “What kind of example does that send to the federal workforce? If you’re high enough up in the White House, you can break the law, but if you’re a postal carrier or a regular federal worker, you lose your job?”

It’s a reminder that most government employees have severe restrictions on their First Amendment rights. Some of these restrictions are justified – government offices wouldn’t be able to function if they couldn’t discipline employees for speech that interferes with their duties. But there are plenty of examples of this censorship going too far.

Just look at the impact of the 2006 Supreme Court decision *Garcetti v. Ceballos*, which removed any First Amendment protection for speech that government employees make in the course of their duties. Since then, we’ve seen numerous cases where government employees have been fired for reporting the misconduct of others and whistleblowing about corruption and mismanagement, with no valid free speech claims at all.

Or think about the times when government entities have decided that their employees’ private conduct on social media impacts their official duties – like the incident where a Pennsylvania public school teacher was suspended without pay because someone posted a photo of her with a male stripper to Facebook. Or think of the postal carriers and regular federal workers who avoid political activity altogether because they’re anxious about running afoul of the Hatch Act.

Here’s hoping that the White House continues championing free speech rights for government employees – it’d be a nice change from prosecuting them for leaking information to the press and accusing them of treason.

Lata Nott is executive director of the First Amendment Center of the Freedom Forum Institute.

Shutters closed on red light cameras

Attention drawn to “red light cameras” has a broadened focus in Dallas. Some “Big D” traffic signals – designed to be effective for 25 years – have been in service since 1940, with almost all in use since 1980.

If tell-tale cameras had been that old, there’d have been black-hooded photographers straddling elevated supports trying to apply matches to magnesium at precisely the right moment to provide lighting for incriminating photos of lawbreakers.

Governor Greg Abbott closed the shutter on such traffic surveillance with one stroke of the pen recently. Now, arguments may be underway far and wide concerning payment, since municipalities may impose what might be called “Kodak fines” ‘tween now and the law’s effective date September 1. In many places, all outstanding fines for these infractions – however long overdue – have been forgiven.....

Actually, Dallas deserves our sympathy. Leaders tried to set aside 2013 monies to buy new traffic signals, but pleas were dwarfed by desperate financial needs to prop up the police and fire pension system.

Signals don’t come cheap – the city’s last purchase of 63 traffic lights cost more than \$18 million.

Let’s put that in perspective. The recent storm that uprooted trees and left much of north Dallas in the dark knocked out more than 600 traffic signals, about half of the city’s total lighted intersections....

Like most cities, Dallas officials

have reasons to have permanently-furrowed brows. So much to do, so little time.

They can’t compete with Mother Nature, of course, which unleashed winds that wiped out electric service to more than 350,000 customers, many of whom were without electricity for several days. And the city won’t be able to help the poor guy who said he didn’t mind losing a bevy of frozen food as much as he did the spoilage of a single Whataburger. He bought it “before them ‘unTexan Chicagoans’ became majority owners of the chain, and changed the recipe.” He froze it in the wrapper, hopeful of its becoming a collector’s item....

Life is far less complicated in smaller places – Ozona, for example. For decades, the West Texas community of some 3,000 souls made it fine with a single traffic light. It sat atop a concrete pole at the major intersection. (Ozona has added three more lights.)

An even smaller community had a single intersection with four-way stop signs. A motorist failed to come to a complete stop, explaining to the sheriff that he “just oozed through it.” “S-T-O-P don’t spell ‘ooze,’” the lawman responded....

In still another burg, a woman



the idle american
by don newbury

called the fire department, begging firemen to come quickly.

Asked where she was, she answered, “In the kitchen, where the fire is.” Flummoxed, the fire guy asked, “Where do you live?” She answered, “out at the edge of town.”

“What I really need to know,” he countered, is “how do we get there?” Equally chafed, she answered, “Can’t you just ride on that new fire truck y’all bought last year?”...

On another topic, give the Texas Aggies a gold star for being hold-outs. Texas A&M – one of the last major universities in Texas to sell beer and wine at football games – will start this fall. Not until about two weeks ago did the Southeast Conference authorize such sales.

Some Aggie faithful will chalk this up as an “SEC championship.” Others, however, see it as a continuing sell-out by university governing boards to TV networks.

There’s little need to point out that said TV networks profit greatly from ads promoting alcoholic beverages. One A&M official said the decision “enhances amenities at Kyle Field.”

Amenities are in the eyes of beholders, and are defined as being “desirable or useful features of a building or place.” I join a minority chorus of others who fail to consider sale of such beverages at university football games an amenity. End of sermon, but probably a topic to be resurrected at another time....

Dr. Newbury is a former educator who “commits speeches” round about. Comments or inquiries to: newbury@speakerdoc.com.



Trump right to call off Iran strike

By Noab Elam

Last week, tensions between the United States and Iran escalated when Iran shot down an American drone. Following the drone incident, apparently the United States was prepared and in the process of launching air strikes on Iran when President Trump decided to call off the air strike due to the number of innocent deaths that would occur.

However, Washington did impose a new set of sanctions on Iran Monday. Trump told Oval Office reporters, “We will continue to increase pressure on Tehran until the regime abandons its dangerous activities. We do not seek conflict with Iran or any other country. I can only tell you we cannot ever let Iran have a nuclear weapon.”

To that, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani and the Iranian regime stated that the US was suffering from a “mental

disability.” He then went on to say, “You say you really want to hold talks with us but at the same time you’re saying that you want to boycott and sanction our foreign minister, so you’re lying.”

Trump fired back on Twitter, warning that Iran would face “obliteration” if it attacked any Americans. “Any attack by Iran on anything American will be met with great and overwhelming force. In some areas, overwhelming will mean obliteration. No more John Kerry & Obama!”

The sanctions include denying Iran Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and his office from accessing key financial resources. The US is also sanctioning specific military leaders who were responsible for shooting down the drone. New sanctions are also being talked about to prevent Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons.

Secretary of the Treasury Steven Mnuchin said “We’ve literally locked up tens and tens of billions of dollars. These sanctions are highly effective.”

In terms of the drone that got shot down, Iran says the drone was flying in its airspace in violation of international law. Meanwhile, the US claims the drone was flying in international airspace.

Regardless of where the drone was, I think Trump made the right move in calling off airstrikes. I don’t think that innocent people should die because of a drone. Although it is a very advanced piece of equipment and probably very expensive, a drone is just a piece of metal. People doesn’t have to die because of a piece of metal.

I think the sanctions are actually the way to go. Hopefully, tensions with Iran will calm in the future.

Reader addresses political cartoon

Sir, I can’t help but comment on an editorial cartoon, which appeared in last week’s edition of our local paper. The cartoon was two separate images, one depicting the USS John McCain, the other depicting a small rowboat with Donald Trump painted on its stern. Perhaps our esteemed editor decided to run that as a statement showing the difference between the late senator and our current president.

As a caveat, I will state, before going on, that the late senator cannot defend himself. I will also say that I have no firsthand knowledge concerning his time in The Hanoi Hilton. However, there are written accounts to support that which follows. John McCain has been called a hero by some, while others, (former residents of the Hanoi Hilton in particular) say he failed to act in a manner required by the Navy, relating to his time in captivity.

He is not the first person to have doubt cast upon him for his actions. There are those, former sailors who have served with, or in concert with, Senator Kerry, who have less than favorable views of his Vietnam Service.

However, in regard to President Trump, there is no reason to be concerned with his performance prior to assuming office, since he was under no constraint requiring him to meet certain standards. So whether it was his behavior towards women, or his dealings with foreign nationals, he was free to do as he chose. Since taking office, he has admittedly made some missteps, but other than vexing liberals who felt their choice was unfairly denied office, President Trump has tried to honor his campaign promises.

I have no problem with folks airing their grievances, I do have a problem with folks painting a false picture to

make a point they would not be able to achieve with words. Mr. Estlack, if you feel that Mr. Trump is wrong for the office, why not say so. And if you feel that your readers would be better served by liberals who are anti Second Amendment, anti-Christian/pro-Abortion rights, and who are progressive to the point they would re-distribute personal wealth from those who earned it to those who feel earning a living is beneath them, then please have the courage of your convictions, to say so loud and clear rather than offer innuendo to make your case.

Personally, were I a commissioned officer in the navy, I would resign my commission rather than serve on a ship named after either John McCain or John Kerry. Were I young enough, I would gladly re-enlist just to say Donald J. Trump was my Commander in Chief.

Joseph Pafume, USMC 65-69
Hedley

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July 1 - 5

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Tue: Baked chicken, new potatoes, buttered broccoli, wheat roll, apricots, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Hot dog, ranch style beans, French fries, melon medley, iced tea/2% milk.
Thu: Closed
Fri: Turkey sandwich, tomato & lettuce, broccoli & raisin salad, pineapple delight, iced tea/2% milk.

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Tue: Cheeseburgers, potato wedges, tomato wedge salad, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Oven fried chicken, bow tie pasta, broccoli raisin salad, fruit cocktail, iced tea/2% milk.
Thu: Closed
Fri: Turkey sandwich, tomato, lettuce, pickles, broccoli raisin salad, macaroni salad, pineapple delight, iced tea/2% milk.



the lion's tale
by scarlet estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting June 25, 2019, with Boss Lion John Howard in charge.

We had 14 members and three guests this week – Nate and Dan Estlack, guests of Lion Scarlet Estlack; and Sweetheart applicant Kira Weatherton.

Miss Weatherton addressed the club about why she would like to be our Sweetheart and discussed her community service and desire to represent the community as a member of our club.

We have found the perfect calf for the Cow Patty Bingo on July 6 thanks to Danny Askew.

There will be an interesting trial here August 13 at 9 a.m. to follow up on speeding.

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

Foreign Exchange Students looking for Host Families

American Cultural Exchange Services is a non-profit educational organization designated by the U.S. Department of State to administer the High School Exchange Program. We have plenty of great boys and girls from all over Japan, Asia, South America and Europe, who are looking for a host family for the school term or semester 2019 - 2020. They will not arrive until August 2019.

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Good news for H'wick Residents

I have good news to report from Howardwick!

First, a fantastic group of people showed up Saturday morning to fill pot holes and do some repairs on the streets. They worked under the unrelenting sun in groups of five, up and down the streets until their bodies could do no more. If your street didn't get filled, just wait because the maintenance men will continue the work. I have been getting good reviews from visitors.

Keep up the good work, all you pot-hole fillers. We may need you again.

Secondly, Howardwick has

been added to Channel 7's weather SchoolNet site, and we can be included in the forecasting of the weather. Watch Channel 7 weather with Steve Kersh and download the Channel 7 app to your phone, click on Howardwick City Hall, and all the weather information is available. Rumor says the store we have been anticipating will be open by



'wick picks
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July 4th. The foundation is ready, and they say the store is built and ready to move onto the foundation. Maybe so.

I know when they begin those jobs on television, they get it completed in 30 minutes. This would be the perfect time to get a new store in our little community.

More good news. J.D. Kindle is working to open his hamburger stand in time for July 4th. It's located in the area where the former drive-thru was. He is cleaning and updating the site. Good luck with this venture; you are filling a need.

Boy Scout camp ends with a bang

Last week, I couldn't write a column because I got to go to Boy Scout camp at Camp MK Brown, which is a camp over by Wheeler.

This year was my second year going to camp, and this year I got to pick my merit badge classes. Since some of my friends and decided to have some fun, we picked Archery, Riflery, Canoeing, and, my favorite, Shotgun.

We got to spend an entire week camping and learning about

our classes. We did about the same things every day, but when it came to our final day, I got to be the shotgunner for one of our troop's teams. So, I got to go and practice with my friend Mason.



the cub reporter
by benjamin estlack



Leadership camp

Clarendon College President Robert Riza (right) stands with keynote speaker Conner McKinzie during the FFA Leadership Camp banquet at the Bairfield Activity Center last week. McKinzie, who is originally from Stephenville, is a junior Animal Sciences major at Texas Tech and was the 2016-2017 FFA State First Vice President. He is now a Student Senator for Ag Science and member of Tech Meat Judging Team. About 400 FFA students attend the camp at CC each year, representing schools from the Panhandle and South Plains.

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Scholarship winner

Brandalyn Ellis accepts her Texas 4-H Foundation/Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarship in the amount of \$20,000 at the Texas 4-H State Roundup recently. Brandalyn is a 10-year 4-H member and recent Clarendon High School graduate.

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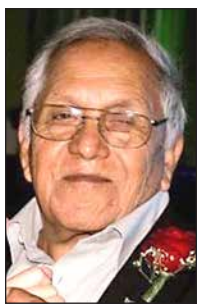
Obituaries

Sanchez

Services were held on June 22, 2019, in St. Mary Catholic Church in Clarendon with Fr. Raj Samala officiating. Burial will follow in Citizens Cemetery.

Rosary was held on Friday, June 21, 2019, in Robertson Funeral Chapel.

Ramon Sanchez was born on October 12, 1941, in Rocksprings, Texas to Juan and Crestina Sanchez. He was the youngest of 12 children. He spent his early school years in Rocksprings until his family relocated to Hale Center, where he attended high school. Ramon spent his early twenties in Memphis before



Sanchez

settling in Lelia Lake in the late 1950s where he spent the remainder of his life.

All would describe Ramon as a hardworking man. As a child, he and his family traveled to the Panhandle every year to hoe cotton. As an adult, he worked at the Paymaster Gin for 35 years. Additionally, he drove tractors and helped numerous area farmers.

He also enjoyed working for Jim and Kay Hayes for many years. In his later years, he held various jobs for Herring Bank, the Clarendon Post Office, and several local churches until his health led him to retire completely. However, a slow pace never suited him and he would often still be found doing odd jobs around the house or outside, particularly anything his family told him he should let someone else take care of.

His pride and joy and most important life's work was playing a role in the upbringing of nearly all of his grandchildren. His grandchildren will miss his caring spirit and listen-

ing ear, but not nearly as much as his quiet sense of humor and smile that could brighten a room.

He was preceded in death by his parents, son Joseph Jaramillo and wife Maritta Sue, three brothers: Jose Saragosa Sanchez, Julio Sanchez, and Manuel Sanchez, and three sisters: Carolina Sanchez, Anita Luna, and Dominga Castillo.

He is survived by Faye Sanchez of Lelia Lake and Gloria Jaramillo of Lelia Lake and their families, Leroy Sanchez of Lubbock, Chris Sanchez and wife Terry of Pampa, Richard Sanchez of Lelia Lake, Raymond Jaramillo and wife Rosemary of Amarillo, Christina Brady and husband Kenneth of Clarendon, Joe Jaramillo of Clarendon, and Steve Jaramillo of Lelia Lake, as well as 24 grandchildren, 30 great grandchildren, and one great great grandson. He is also survived by five sisters: Tomasa Luna of Jordanton, Angelina Cavazos of Rocksprings, Felipa Rodriguez of Dimmitt, Lydia Ruiz of Bryan, and Claudelia Jaramillo of Amarillo.

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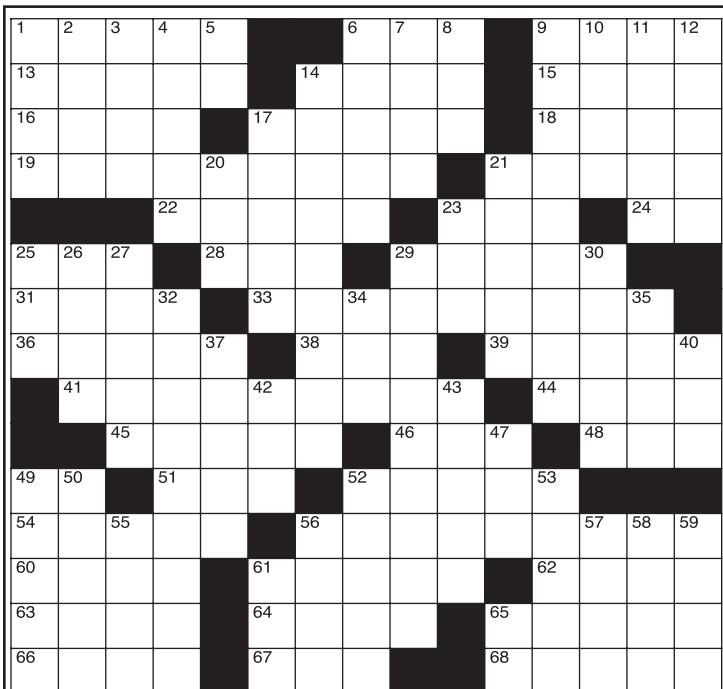
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- 17. Famed astronomer
- 18. Smooth, shiny fabric
- 19. Profited from
- 21. Secret clique
- 22. Infections
- 23. Crony
- 24. Teens go here every day (abbr.)
- 25. Suitable
- 28. Fresh Price of ___ Air
- 29. Ancient city of Egypt
- 31. Basketball move
- 33. Polished
- 36. There's a north and a south
- 38. Egg of a louse
- 39. Once-ubiquitous department store
- 41. Portray precisely
- 44. Thick piece of something
- 45. Period between eclipses
- 46. Indicates near
- 48. Investment account
- 49. England, Scotland, N. Ireland, and Wales (abbr.)
- 51. Beak
- 52. Void of skill
- 54. Walked back and forth
- 56. A display of passion
- 60. Geological times
- 61. Type of restaurant
- 62. Spacious
- 63. Edible seaweed
- 64. Utah city
- 65. Tropical tree
- 66. Nervous tissue compound
- 67. Body part
- 68. Muscles and tendons

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Draw out wool
- 2. Give someone a job
- 3. Chemical and ammo manufacturer
- 4. Footsteps
- 5. The Palmetto State
- 6. Books have lots of them
- 7. Diverse Israeli city
- 8. It's mightier than the sword
- 9. Confines
- 10. First month of the Jewish ecclesiastical year
- 11. Idaho's highest peak
- 12. Prevents from seeing
- 14. Determine time
- 17. Father children
- 20. Tab on a key ring
- 21. Dog genus
- 23. Peter's last name
- 25. Request
- 26. Walk heavily
- 27. Allowances
- 29. English football squad
- 30. Fish-eating aquatic mammals
- 32. South Pacific island region
- 34. Unaccounted for
- 35. Small taste of whiskey
- 37. Ventilated
- 40. Helps little firms
- 42. One of means
- 43. Fencing swords
- 47. Inches per minute (abbr.)
- 49. Turn upside down
- 50. S. African semi desert
- 52. Dutch names of Ypres
- 53. Instruct
- 55. Oily freshwater fish
- 56. Italian river
- 57. Sneaker giant
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- 59. Some need glasses
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Court:

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Pursuant to the plea agreement, Gonzales is required to pay a \$2,500 fine to Donley County, \$300 in attorney fees, \$458 in court costs, \$180 drug lab restitution, a \$500 out-of-state probation transfer fee and successfully complete 100 hours of community service. If Gonzales violates probation, he could face up to two years in the State Jail Division of the TDCJ.

Joseph Raymond Stelly pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication community supervision for two years for the Class A misdemeanor offense of unlawful use of a criminal instrument.

Stelly, 73 from Inglewood, Calif., was arrested in Donley County by DPS Trooper Chase Overbecke on August 23, 2018. Stelly pleaded to an information filed by the State on March 7, 2019.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Stelly was required to pay an upfront fine of \$4,000 to Donley County, \$458 in court costs, \$300 in attorney fees, \$180 in drug lab restitution, and complete 100 hours of community service. If Stelly violates probation, he could face up to one year in the Donley County Jail.

Chelsi Aleah Dennis pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication community supervision for three years for the state jail felony offense of possession of a controlled substance in penalty group two, tetrahydrocannabinol.

Dennis, 22 from Morton, Miss., was arrested in Donley County by DPS Trooper Kellan Roberts on November 11, 2018. Dennis pleaded to an information filed by the State on May 9, 2019.

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

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Always obey posted speed limits and drive a safe speed for traffic, road and weather conditions.

Be extra cautious driving through road construction or maintenance work zones.

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TxDOT vehicle with amber or blue flashing lights on the side of the road, move over a lane.

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Keep a safe distance behind the vehicle in front of you.

Drive with your lights on so you are more visible to oncoming traffic.

Watch for motorcyclists, bicyclists and pedestrians.

Take precautions to prevent drowsy driving, especially when traveling long distances.

Never drink alcohol or take sedating medications before driving.

Get plenty of rest before your trip.

Schedule breaks every two hours or 100 miles. Rest for 15 to 20 minutes during each stop.

Avoid driving between midnight and 6 a.m.

Take advantage of the state's Safety Rest Areas and Travel Information Centers.

For long trips, travel with a companion who can help you stay alert and share the driving.

Be patient and avoid driving aggressively or engaging with those who do.

Plan ahead to allow time for delays. Traffic congestion can be a problem almost anywhere.

Don't tailgate or flash your lights at another driver.

Remember, the left lane is for passing only. If you're in the left lane and someone wants to pass, move over and let the driver by.

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The Bronco Cheerleaders spent four days in UCA Cheer at Texas Tech University. They worked hard, learned a lot and came home with some awards. The team won the Leadership Award and Rosie Dale(Sparkey) won the Mascot Leadership Award. The cheerlead-ers also brought home a 3rd place Trophy and a 4th place trophy competing against seven schools. Spirit was the main goal and they got a Spirit stick each day and they won Top Banana for being the most spirited squad on the third day and Rosie (top) won the duck for most Spirited Mascot. In All- American try-outs Kira Weather-ton (bottom) was named an All-American Cheerleader.

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Utility workers raise a new power pole near First and Gorst streets Tuesday morning as part of the ongoing replacement of AEP/SWEPCO's transmission line coming into Clarendon. The power company has had to de-energize while it is replaced, leaving the city with one feed coming from the Jericho substation and leading to occasional power outages.

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Drones used to introduce youth to agriculture

AMARILLO – In an effort to excite youth about agricultural research, Dr. Brent Auvermann and his team recently took their unmanned aerial vehicles, UAVs, to Drone Camp at Amarillo College.

Auvermann, director for the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Amarillo, has been using drones and advanced technology in his Texas A&M AgriLife Research air quality program and other research endeavors.

“We love to participate in anything that gets kids fired up about science, technology, engineering and mathematics,” Auvermann said.

He, along with his AgriLife Research team, drone pilots Jack Bush, a senior research associate, and Clayton Goodwin, a research

technician, brought quadcopters and other instruments to the program to show nearly 60 youth who attended the camp.

“How many of you like to figure things out when you are at home?” Auvermann asked those attending. “Did you know you can make a living figuring things out?”

He talked about the various sciences – geology, biology, astronomy and more.

“Nobody can know it all,” Auvermann told them. “But you can make a good living being one of the people who tries to figure out how the world works. These are called researchers. That’s what I am, a researcher. I spend my entire life trying to answer questions. Then I hand the answers off to somebody else and go find another question to

answer.”

Auvermann said even though drone-based research makes up only about 5% of the Amarillo center’s research portfolio, drones make it easy to connect to youth because they’re fun to fly, and the drones help scientists get research-grade information.

Auvermann’s team demonstrated the drones flying and the sensors on them, including letting the youth watch what the drone sees in regular color and thermal infrared view.

“Hopefully we can get some of these kids excited about a career in some kind of scientific or engineering research, learning more about the world around them,” he said.

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Golden Needles Quilters met

The Golden Needles Quilters met Thursday, June 20, at the Senior Citizens Center with Mary Lynn Manning hosting. Mary Ruth Tipton provided the quilt which was her original design. It was a table quilt with rectangles and a lovely red and blue cherry print. The ladies enjoyed working on it and were able to almost finish, taking it out of the frame.

Others present were Janan Koontz, Wilms Lindley, Gail Hill, Gay Cole, Carlene Hollar, Dortha Reynolds, Dottie Newkirk, Mary Gene Lynn, Tiny Alderson, and Frances Thompson.

Amarillo Venom to host Kids Camp

The Amarillo Venom will host a Kids Camp to give children the opportunity to train with the professional players and be coached by Head Coach Julian Reese.

The Venom are the two-time Champions of the Lone Star Football League and 2017 South Division Champs of the Champions Indoor Football league.

Registration for the camp will cost \$65, and all participants will receive a free t-shirt. The camp will run from July 9 through July 11, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the turf at the Amarillo Civic Center. Children from K-6th grade are eligible to participate, and parents can register their kids online at www.govenom.com.

“This is one of the main reasons that it’s so important for our organization to be involved with the community. It’s such a wonderful way to get the kids out and being active, and to see how hard our players really work,” said team owner Stephanie Tucker.

Be sure to like and follow Amarillo Venom on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for event announcements, giveaways, game night promotions, and more for the 2019 Season.

For further information regarding the Amarillo Venom, call 806-350-7277 or visit the official website of the Amarillo Venom at www.govenom.com.

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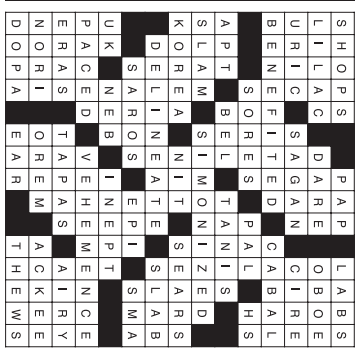


Clarendon Lions Club Regular meeting each Tuesday at noon. Robert Riza, Boss Lion. Roger Estlack, Secretary

Clarendon Chamber of Commerce Regular meeting 1st Thursday each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Clarendon Visitor Center.

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