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3 Elsa and Anna greet Mulkey fans at the premier of the Frozen 2 movie.

5 The District Attorney throws his name in the hat for re-election.

7 And the Lady Broncos post a basketball win.

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

Community dinner to be held Nov. 28

The annual Clarendon Community Thanksgiving dinner will be held on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28.

The dinner is free and will be served from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Clarendon school cafeteria.

Take-outs will be available and deliveries will be made to the handicapped and shut-ins by calling in advance. Donations can be made at Pilgrim Bank or mailed to PO Box 45. For further details or to volunteer, please call 874-2007.

Angel Tree sign-up deadline is Friday

Applications for the Community Angel Tree are now available at the Burton Memorial Library for children age 12 and under living in Donley County.

Applications must be completed and returned by Friday November 29. Late applications will not be accepted.

Donations in support of the Angel Tree Project can be made at Pilgrim Bank or mailed to PO Box 45. For additional information, call the Library at 874-3685.

Panhandle Gives to benefit local fund

The Amarillo Area Foundation is hosting the 4th annual #ThePanhandleGives in a nine-day campaign ending on #GivingTuesday next week.

The campaign is November 25 – December 3 with 132 participating organizations in the Texas Panhandle, including the Donley County Community Fund.

Local contributions can be mailed to Donley County Community Fund, c/o Jacob Fangman, Box 906, Clarendon, TX 79226. Checks should be made out to The Panhandle Gives, with DonleyCCF written on the memo line.

CC troupe to stage 'Charlie Brown'

Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Linus, Lucy and all their friends are hitting the stage Thursday, December 5, as the Clarendon College Theatre Department presents "A Charlie Brown Christmas."

"A Charlie Brown Christmas" brings the beloved television special to life, complete with Charlie's tree, Lucy's psychiatrist booth and Linus' blanket.

Show time is 7 p.m. in the Harned Sisters Auditorium in Clarendon, and admission \$5 for adults, children 17 and under are free, and anyone with a Clarendon College ID is also free.

'Christmas in Clarendon' kicks off Saturday

Local merchants encourage you to shop "Totally Locally" this weekend as the community celebrates "Christmas in Clarendon" and the sixth annual lighting of the Donley County Courthouse.

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce encourages everyone to shop local businesses, and the Chamber and its partners have lined up several activities to make shopping at home fun, including a downtown Christmas Craft Fair, a Christmas Bingo promotion, three nights of Late Night Shopping, and spinning the wheel for prizes.

As part of Small Business Sat-

urday this weekend, a Christmas Craft Fair will be held from noon to 8 p.m. at the Arena of Life Cowboy Church. Everyone is encouraged to come downtown and check out what the vendors have available there. The VFW Auxiliary will have concessions all day at the craft fair and will host their annual Soup Dinner from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Serving will continue through the Courthouse Lighting until the food runs out.

The Mulkey Theatre will offer an open house for kids from 1 to 4 p.m., and activities on the courthouse lawn get underway at 5 p.m. with Santa Claus and caroling fea-

turing local children's groups. The formal lighting will be at 6 p.m.

Shoppers can play Bingo at participating merchants both Friday and Saturday. Pick up a Bingo card at any participating merchant and get it marked as you make your shopping rounds. Each person getting a "bingo" can redeem their card for a prize and be entered into a drawing for \$250 in Clarendon Cash Saturday night at the Cowboy Church.

The Bingo prize redemptions and drawing will be held at the Cowboy Church following the Courthouse Lighting at 7:15.

Clarendon students who entered

the Chamber's coloring contest will have their artwork on display during the craft fair downtown, and winners of that competition will be announced at 7 p.m.

The Christmas celebration continues Sunday evening with a special showing of The Polar Express at the Mulkey Theatre, sponsored by Lowe's Family Center. Admission will be a donation to the Donley County Community Fund, and attendees are encouraged to get into the spirit of the movie by wearing their pajamas to the show, which starts at 6 p.m.

The shopping fun continues

with Late Night Shopping dates set up for December 5, 12, and 19 and the Spinning of the Wheel at Saye's / Flying "A" Tack on Kearney Street.

Participating "Totally Locally" merchants are being featured on an online blog with gift ideas from each store. About a dozen gift ideas will be featured on the blog this week at ClarendonTX.com, and those items will be up for grabs on the Wheel during Late Night Shopping. Shoppers can register at any "Totally Locally" merchant during the season, but you do have to be present to spin on Thursday nights. Four

See 'Christmas' on page 5.



Beginning to look like Christmas

City employee Jeff McKee hooks up Christmas decorations on Kearney Street Monday morning as the community gets ready for the holidays.

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Regents vote to end president's contract

Clarendon College Regents voted unanimously last week to end the contract of President Robert Riza at the end of this year.

Speaking during the board's regular meeting Thursday, November 21, Chairman Tommy Waldrop said he saw three options for Dr. Riza's contract, which was set to expire at the end of May 2020. Those options were to leave the contract as is, to extend the contract, or to end the contract and buy Riza out.

The chairman had suggested moving the meeting into closed session, but Riza preferred to keep it in open session.

Waldrop said the coming end of the semester and the lack of having people in key positions as reasons the board needed to address the contract issue.

Regent Darlene Spier said she was worried about an upcoming visit from SACS-COC, the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools – Commission on Colleges which accredits the college, and "putting the institution at more risk."

Waldrop asked for a motion to extend the contract. There was none. He then asked for a motion to leave the contract in place, and there was again no motion. He asked for a motion to terminate the contract

by December 31, 2019, and regents discussed needing to get an attorney involved.

Spier made a motion to end the contract, but there was no second only more discussion about how to engage the attorney. Regent Edwin Campbell said that he wanted the process to be fair to Dr. Riza.

Campbell later offered a motion to end Riza's contract by December 31, 2019, pending negotiations. Carey Wann seconded the motion, and the remaining regents present voted in favor: Waldrop, Spier, Campbell, Wann, Ruth Robinson, Lon Adams, and Jerry Woodard. Regent Susie Shields was absent from last week's meeting.

Earlier in the meeting the board accepted the resignation of Regent Bill Sansing. He is the second board member to resign this year.

Jack Moreman resigned after the April board meeting, during which his motion to extend Riza's contract following the president's annual evaluation failed by a vote of 4-5.

At press time Monday, the Board of Regents were scheduled to meet Wednesday, November 27, in a called meeting to discuss Riza's contract, possible action on an interim president, and a presidential search.

City, county begin debate over sheriff's contract

Clarendon officials have opened a debate regarding the cost of its annual service contract with the Donley County Sheriff's Office.

The City Council discussed the matter during its November 14 regular meeting with members of the county commissioners' court in attendance.

The current contract is several months away from expiring, but

Mayor Sandy Skelton wanted both sides to get an early start on negotiations.

"Since the current contract expires September 30, 2020, I wanted Council members to begin the conversation early so that the City and County can work together to determine how much the City would contribute to law enforcement (sheriff department and jail) effective

October 1, 2020," Skelton said.

The city has had a contract with the sheriff's office since 1981. The current agreement calls for a two percent annual increase, and the current price is \$158,468.

Sheriff Butch Blackburn says he's willing to negotiate the annual increase rate, but he says he won't do the contract for less money.

"It's been working very well for

the city and the county since 1981," he said. "It won't be me who messes up what's worked since 1981."

Blackburn says the contract gives Clarendon 24-hour law enforcement coverage and that not having the contract would be bad for the city and the county.

Skelton feels like other municipalities should be helping with the cost.

"Howardwick and Hedley could possibly become partners if they chose to do so sometime in the future," Skelton said. "According to the official 2010 Census, Clarendon makes up 73 percent of the population in the three cities, while Howardwick has 15 percent and Hedley 12 percent."

The mayor said he has vis-

See 'Sheriff' on page 5.

Seliger speaks at local town hall last Friday

State Sen. Kel Seliger (R-Amarillo) gave an overview of the last legislative session and talked about upcoming issues during a town hall at the Bairfield Activity Center last Friday.

The senator opened his comments by talking about the loss of his committee assignments following a public disagreement with the Republican leadership.

"I voted against two of 30 things the lieutenant governor wanted and was removed from the committees," Seliger said.

If that bothered the senator, he didn't show it. Instead he touted his commitment to local control and local government Friday in the face of actions by his own party against those interests.

"It was a terrible session for local control and local governments," Seliger said, "and it will get worse before it gets better."

He mentioned specifically his opposition to property tax reforms that limited how much new revenue local governments could raise.

"What would we do if Washing-

ton told us we had to lower our severance tax or our sales tax," he asked. "We would go nuts!"

Seliger was pleased with the improvements that were made to teacher salaries and retired teacher benefits, but he said neither of those went far enough to address those issues.

Looking ahead, Seliger said legalizing marijuana won't happen any time soon, and he said Texas won't turn Democratic soon either but said that depends on how Republicans relate to Latino voters.



Sen. Kel Seliger (second from right) speaks with Tom Stauder, Dr. Robert Riza, Bill Word, Judge John Howard, and Sheriff Butch Blackburn last week.

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CC board disappoints with vote

The Clarendon College Board of Regents delivered a disappointing vote last week by agreeing to end the contract of President Robert Riza.

What that action will cost the college is not yet known. Lawyers will now get involved, no doubt. The monetary cost may pale in comparison to what the college’s reputation will suffer after its shoddy treatment of a president who has brought growth in enrollment and elevated the college’s standing in the eyes of decision-makers at the state capitol.

No cause was given by the board in their discussion, but it’s been no secret that Riza and certain board members have clashed over the last three years. Despite his successes, certain folks felt they knew better how to run things and made it a point of nit-picking not just Riza’s work but also that of his staff.

Whether it’s something as simple as typing board minutes or as important as a financial report and whoever is doing them, college employees’ don’t seem to be able to get the job done to certain board members’ satisfaction. That was on display again last week.

For more than a year now, Riza has endured the board meetings alone after telling his administrators they no longer had to attend just to suffer monthly abuse. Still the college lost four of its vice presidents in the last two years.

The college also has drawn the attention of its accrediting agency in the last year. One regent even mentioned worrying about putting the college at further risk as a reason for needing to take action on Riza’s contract.

The ironic thing is that the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools – Commission on Colleges is not looking at Clarendon College because of any action taken by Dr. Robert Riza. SACS-COC has its attention on Clarendon because of the past actions of the board.

In fact, the head of the organization has already visited the college last summer to address the board directly on the proper way to behave as board members. The lesson was apparently lost. Furthermore, there has been no action by the board to deal with the specific issues that led to SACS-COC getting involved.

Riza leaving won’t fix that. An interim president won’t fix that. A new president won’t fix that. The culture – and membership – of the board will have to change for things to really improve. As long as two board members know better than any professional how to run the college and a majority of the board listens to those members, it will be hard for any president or administration to flourish and move forward.

The regents are scheduled to meet again this week to talk more about Riza’s contract, the hiring of an interim leader, and the search for a new president. They need to find some time at a future meeting to take a long hard look at the role they themselves have played in things getting where they are today. That may be a tough conversation to have though when those responsible probably don’t believe they’ve done anything wrong and the two regents most likely to tell them otherwise have already resigned.

Whoever follows Robert Riza will have a tough time. How do you keep enrollment at record highs, keep providing amazing opportunities for area students, maintain the college’s reputation for student success, and keep the same level of engagement in Austin to ensure that the voice of one of the smallest colleges in the state isn’t swallowed up by much larger institutions? And can you do it while being micromanaged at home?

Dr. Riza somehow managed to do all that before that board started tearing things apart. He put together an incredibly talented administrative team, and together they did great things. He deserved better than what he got last week. Clarendon College deserved better than what he got.



A bad time for the meek to inherit

This would be a terrible time for the meek to inherit the earth.

However, it would be a sobering time to acknowledge that TV revenue to major university football programs has greatly changed views on what intercollegiate athletics are supposed to be.

It would be great if our nation were swept by a burning desire to claim the oft-quoted line penned by the late Grantland Rice a full century ago....

Dubbed “the dean of American sportswriters,” Rice isn’t mentioned much these days. His words once viewed as immortal, but generally are disregarded these days. You probably remember the poem. If you don’t – or if you need a poetic refresher – his words were these:

“For when the One great scorer comes, to mark against your name, He writes not that you won or lost, but how you played the game.”...

This admonition has too often been “kicked to the curb,” by coaches of teams winning by 60, 70 and even 80 points.

Said coaches contend that they have but little choice, what with point spreads viewed as big factors in national rankings.

If this be true, this is a terrible price to pay for rankings, remembrances of which – high or low – are fleeting. For emphasis, I’ll add that such rationale is faulty, deserving of a response of “horse feathers!”...

I am grateful for the wisdom imparted by my late superintendent, O. B. Chambers, a World War II veteran who returned to resume his career as

superintendent of then “small-ish” Early Public Schools, near Brownwood.

He also taught algebra, and was “judge and jury” on campus, where, by the way, he lived in a small residence thereon.

I was a third-grader upon his return from military service, and he was immediately a larger-than-life influence. He consoled me as I wrestled with high school algebra, advising, “Don’t try to change it, try to understand it.”...

In retrospect, his contention is at the root of my views on keeping sports in perspective.

We had no band at the time, but upon winning home games, we students followed cheerleaders and drummers in “shirt-tail parades” through the streets of Brownwood upon games’ end.

“You must maintain silence when you pass the funeral homes,” he advised tersely, and we knew he meant what he said. At such points, only our shoes’ contact with pavement broke the silence. Just as important was his advice concerning athletic contests. “Win modestly and lose graciously,” he insisted....

His values buoyed me during a 40-year career in higher education. During my presidencies, coaches knew I’d take a dim view of scores suggesting that our opponents were ground into the turf. (I know – as often as not – we were



the idle american
by don newbury

on the losing end, and rarely were there reasons to call coaches on the carpet for lopsided wins.)

For too many coaches for far too long, it has been forgotten that important lessons are learned from both wins and losses.

And everyone needs to apply this important truth as soon as possible....

Recently, a collegiate D-III team in Texas rang up almost 100 points on a greatly outmanned opponent.

Some fans bragged that their kicker had set a school record for extra points. Duh!

Such lopsided scores recorded year after year suggest a critical need to re-visit the athletic conference’s core values. One near the top of the list indicates the importance of absolute commitment to the maintenance of level playing fields....

Coaches can’t be expected to voluntarily commit to aim for 100% fairness. Most want “the edge” over opponents whenever possible.

Some institutional presidents choose to maintain wide-eyed innocence when their athletic programs come under fire.

When they don’t, governing boards should intervene. If they don’t, they are likely to eventually be dragged into the ugliness of investigations, charges and counter charges. It is this simple: Everyone wins when integrity is maintained. When it is not, everyone loses....

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Fried pies and laundry together

There’s a place in Stamford you just can’t pass by. You have to stop and go in. Big letters on the front of the building spell out Fried Pies. A big sign near the yellow front door advertises fried pies and laundry pickup. The building used to be a wholesale warehouse that stored candies and tobacco for distribution over a large area. Now it is a big fried pie kitchen.

Burney and Charlotte Herman own the business. In 2016, Charlotte spent some time developing her fried pie recipe. When she gave Burney a sample, he said, “We could sell these.” So they started selling their pies on Facebook, making them at home. “We had a small trailer with a fryer in it,” says Burney. “She’d do everything by hand, using a rolling pin to roll out the dough.” During Stamford’s July 4th rodeo Burney rigged up a trailer on the back of his golf cart and drove back and forth behind the stalls, around the bleachers and sold 300 pies. Now they have a mobile kitchen where pies can be made on site. They have seven employees that make the pies and get them to stores and restaurants in Haskell, Albany,

Aspermont and Abilene.

The pies are huge: 9 by 4 inches and come in a variety of flavors. Charlotte lists them: “Apple, cherry, peach, apricot, butter-milk chess, strawberry, blueberry, lemon, coconut and pineapple.”

Sometimes they make 800 pies a day. I watched one of their young helpers create a pie by filling the round piece of dough, folding it and crimping it with a fork. Each pie is made that way. “The only equipment we have is a roller to roll our rounds out,” says Burney. “Everything else is done by hand.”

Since moving into their building last year, business has increased substantially. “People see our place and drop in. During the rodeo we’ll sell thousands of pies. I put some racks in the trailer I pull with my golf cart so I can have a large selection of pies to choose from.”

They make other things besides



stories of texas
by tumbleweed smith

pies. “She makes a chocolate cake to die for,” says Burney. “We make peanut butter cookies and chocolate chip cookies. During the winter we do frozen casseroles.” Charlotte added: “We do chicken salad every day all day and homemade tortillas on Friday.”

Their place is also a laundry and cleaning drop off point. Like other small towns that don’t have a cleaning establishment, Stamford uses Charlotte and Burney’s place as a drop-off place where people take their laundry. It’s picked up and taken to a larger town for cleaning. “The driver shows up every day at 9 a.m. Monday through Thursday,” says Charlotte. “He picks it up and people get their laundry back the next day. I gave some thought to taking on the laundry, but decided it would be a good draw for the pies. They’ll come in, drop off their clothes, pick them up the next day and they’re going to buy some pies. That’s pretty much what has happened. Now we have 300 laundry customers. I would not be where I am today had it not been for dirty laundry.”

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Senior Center list their wishes for community

By Mary Lynn

With the holiday season here, what is your gift list for yourself, family, and friends? How about your community and your country?

I talked to the women who prepare meals at the Donley County Senior Citizens Center and our director, Mary Shields, about what's on their lists.

Adenia Baird was quick to answer: "Peace. Everyone getting along and agreeing to have less hostility."

Sarah's wish is that there be "less hatred and evil." She says, "You can be opinionated, but that's not all of who you are."

Mary says: "Love and care about each other. A special love and care for seniors." She is devoted to her care for the senior citizens.

Please, be kind to animals. Remember that they, too, knelt at the manger.

Our hope and wish for all our community is Peace, Love, and Joy during this season. These are our gifts to you. These things will help to heal us.



This Coronado High School class ring was recently reunited with its owner after a 45 year absence. Wes Hatley found the ring on his farm about a year ago and enlisted the help of Clarendon ISD technology teacher Lisa Grahn to find the owner. Through a few shares on Facebook, the owner was determined to be Roger Clark, a cousin of Wes' who had lost the ring while hunting 45 years ago on his uncle J.W. Hatley's farm about a mile from where Wes found it. Clark was happy to find the ring, and he told Mrs. Grahn, "My ring is coming home after 45 years."

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Weslynn Shields was one of several children who enjoyed a visit with Elsa and Anna during the premier of Frozen 2 at the Mulkey Theatre this weekend.

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- CLUES ACROSS
1. Vital part of a lock

5. Adherent of Zoroastrianism

10. European river

14. Nonprofit public health group

15. Make law

16. Three-banded armadillo

17. Monetary unit

18. Sandwich-like dishes

19. Sicilian city

20. Finger millet

22. Of she

23. Bullfighting maneuvers

24. Lawyers

27. A place to relax

30. Often said after "Hee"

31. Supervises flying

32. Cheer of approval

35. Something spiders twirl

37. Aggressive dog

38. Long-legged gazelle

39. Mogul emperor

40. Baltic peninsula

41. Fencing sword

42. A reward (archaic)

43. Pigeon sound

44. Type of groove

45. Inquire too closely

46. Nine Inch Nails' debut (abbr.)

47. An often unwelcome guest

48. Something you can draw

49. Songs to one's lover

52. Eastern Cairo mosque

55. A partner to cheese

56. Absorption unit

60. A type of sandwich

61. Herbaceous plant

63. Chinese temple classification

64. Native person of central Volga

65. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues

66. Some take them up

67. South American nation

68. Threaten persistently

69. Morningwear

- CLUES DOWN
1. German courtesy title

2. Samoan capital

3. A type of carpet

4. Upper bract of grass

5. Al Bundy's wife

6. In a careless way

7. More uncommon

8. Expressing contempt

9. Belonging to a thing

10. Adventure stories

11. Copycats

12. Farewell

13. Greek mythological builder

21. Colorless, volatile liquid

23. Monetary unit of Burma

25. Bar bill

26. Body part

27. Mischievous child

28. Popular card game

29. Building occupied by monks

32. Spiritual leader

33. Independent ruler

34. He wrote about the Gold Rush

36. Bundle of banknotes

37. Corporate honcho

38. Touch softly

40. Made by oneself

41. Satisfies

43. Subcompact Toyota crossover

44. Cool!

46. Popular vegetable

47. Flower cluster

49. Transylvanian city

50. Robert and Stephen are two

51. Philippine island

52. Canadian law enforcers

53. Wings

54. He played Perry Mason

57. Ballpoint pen

58. Metrical foot

59. It has nostrils

61. Confederate soldier

62. Take in solid food

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November 30
Small Business Saturday & Christmas in Clarendon

November 30
Christmas Lighting Celebration • • Santa Claus @ 5:00 p.m. • Caroling and Lighting @ 6:00 p.m.

December 3
Broncos & Lady Broncos v Pampa/Borger • 6:30 & 8:00 p.m. • Home

December 5, 6, & 7
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December 7 & 8
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December 7
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December 12, 13, & 14
Broncos & Lady Broncos @ White Deer Tournament • White Deer • TBA

December 14
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December 17
Broncos & Lady Broncos v Childress/Dumas • 6:30 & 8:00 p.m. • Home

December 30
Broncos & Lady Broncos v Stratford • 6:30 p.m. & 8:00 p.m. • Away

January 4 & 5
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Menus

December 2 - 6
Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Chicken casserole, salad, peas & carrots, crackers, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Hot dogs, tater tots, baked beans, lemon pudding, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Beef stew, cornbread, fruit cocktail, white cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Thu: Chicken tenders, macaroni & cheese, carrots, whole wheat bread, strawberries, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, green beans, wheat roll, peach cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Creamy mushroom steak, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, whole wheat roll, margarine, Emerald pears, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Chicken ala King, rice, California blend vegetables, spinach mushroom salad, chocolate cookie, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Beef soft taco, Spanish rice, broccoli, seasoned corn, mandarin w/topping, iced tea/2% milk.
Thu: Roast pork, sweet potatoes, whole wheat roll, banana pudding, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, stewed okra, corn, pumpkin square, iced tea/2% milk.

Clarendon ISD
Breakfast
Mon: Waffles, ham, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Tues: Breakfast taquitos, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Wed: Breakfast pizza, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Thu: Cinnamon roll, sausage, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Fri: Scrambled eggs, biscuit, gravy, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Country fried steak, gravy, roll, mashed potatoes, green beans, strawberries, milk.
Tues: Chalupas, garish, salsa, beans, zesty cucumbers, rosy applesauce, milk.
Wed: Chicken tenders, biscuit, gravy, broccoli, sweet potatoes, mixed fruit, dessert, milk.
Thurs: Pizza, salad, carrots, apple, milk.
Fri: BBQ on a bun, coleslaw, okra, orange dessert, milk.

Hedley ISD
Breakfast
Mon: Waffles, bacon, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Tues: Breakfast taquito, hash browns, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Wed: Breakfast pizza, yogurt, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Thu: Cinnamon roll, bacon, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Fri: Biscuits, gravy, sausage, eggs, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, okra, strawberries, hot roll, milk.
Tues: Burritos, beans, corn, peaches, sherbet, milk.
Wed: Chicken tenders, sweet potatoes fries, gravy, green beans, milk.
Thurs: Pizza pocket, carrot & celery sticks, apple slices, pudding, milk.
Fri: Fish sticks, mac & cheese, coleslaw, orange, smiles, milk.

Thankful for Buffy the Wonder Dog

I have so much to be thankful for... Ole Jim and 66 years of marriage, my children and family, the health I have, (it could be much, much worse) and, above all, Jesus who helps me through each day.

As I enjoyed the Thanksgiving meal prepared by those Baptist ladies this past weekend, the talk turned to my weekly article and Buffy the Wonder Dog was mentioned. Okay, Jesse, this is for you.

Buffy came to us as a tiny eight week-old ball of fur as I was recovering from shoulder surgery in 2011, which means she is now an eight year-old, nine pound Yorkshire Terrier or Yorkie.

She is not one of the Yorkies that never get her feet wet, but one that has honed the "protect my pack" skill, which is Ole Jim as the leader, I am the feeder-of-the-pack, and if you are welcomed by the pack members, she welcomes you too.

As she sees her job, every critter that comes within her eyesight should be warned, and the falling



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Cub Reporter has a lot to be thankful for

Since this Thursday is Thanksgiving, I'm going to write about all I am thankful for.

I'm Thankful for a roof to live under, clothes, and food because it would be really hard to live without those and some people don't have them.

I'm also thankful for my family. They help me with tough times and challenges in life. They also encourage me. My Mom and Dad work

hard, and my Mom does fun stuff with us like helping me learn to paint, and she cooks with me.

I'm also thankful for my dog. He brings me loads of happiness.

I'm thankful for my new scooter



the cub reporter
by benjamin estlack

Childress District Presents Service Awards

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Childress District employees were recognized for their years of service to the district and state on Wednesday, November 20.

"I appreciate the dedication to the state and Childress district shown by the employees we recognized today," sated Marty Smith, District Engineer. "They are committed to making our district one of the best in the state."

Clay Christopher – General Transportation Specialist in Donley County was honored by

15 years of service.

Honored for five years of service were Bobby Harrimon – Sign Technician in Knox County, Ken Cornett – General Transportation Tech in Dickens County, Tony Blair – General Transportation Tech in Knox County, Tim Hosack – General Transportation Tech in Wheeler County, Cory Taylor – Traffic Systems Specialist for the district, Westin Williams – General Transportation Tech in Collingsworth County, Jeremy Hagar – Transportation Engineer at the Childress Area

leaves drive her crazy. She is also a good nurse, and Ole Jim and I keep her on the alert, wondering which needs protecting the most.

She has slowed down, Jesse, but has been a joy and one of the best gifts I ever received. She hates the rain and cloudy weather, but a little patch of sunshine makes her day. So be warned when you visit, Buffy the Wonder Dog is on guard and is another reason I am thankful.

As we give thanks this week for all our blessings, ask the Lord to bless our country and leaders and to open eyes and hearts to heal our great country. God Bless America.

that I got for my birthday; it's really fun.

I'm really thankful for school because without school I probably won't get anywhere in life. I'm thankful for my brain because it does quick math.

I am also thankful for my readers. Thank you for following me every week and reading the paper. I hope you all have a happy Thanksgiving!

Beef Conference set for Dec. 10

PERRYTON - The Northeast Panhandle Beef Conference, hosted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service offices in Ochiltree and Lipscomb counties, will be held Dec. 10 at the Ochiltree County Expo, 402 Expo Drive in Perryton.

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m., and the program will start at 10 a.m. The fee is \$10, and lunch will be provided.

Tiffany Dowell Lashmet, AgriLife Extension agricultural law

specialist, and Jason Smith, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist, both in Amarillo, will be the speakers for the event.

Their topic titles are: Stock and Fencing Laws and Other Liability Issues and Selecting Cattle for the Environment and Your Operation.

For more information, contact AgriLife Extension agricultural and natural resource agents Scott Strawn, Ochiltree County, 806-435-4501, or J.R. Sprague, Lipscomb County, 806-862-4601.

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Luke Inman to seek re-election

WELLINGTON – Luke Inman last week announced his candidacy for re-election for the 100th Judicial District Attorney, which he has held since April 2008.

For the last 11 years, Inman has prosecuted felony cases in Carson, Childress, Collingsworth, Donley and Hall Counties. In addition to the massive felony docket moved by his office, he litigates numerous civil forfeiture cases stemming from felony arrests.

Per capita, more felonies are prosecuted by Inman’s team than most other jurisdictions across the state. Inman prides this success on a great team, who works with fantastic law enforcement and probation officers.

“Our success is a direct result of hard work, selflessness and determination to see justice be done in every case,” said Inman, who graduated from Childress High School in 1998. “We are so fortunate to be able to live and work and raise a family close to where we grew up here in the 100th Judicial District.”

A Wellington resident, Inman graduated from West Texas A&M University in 2001, where he played football and met his wife Amy (Chauveaux) Inman.

Inman attended graduate school at Texas A&M University – Kingsville and finished his football eligibility winning the Lone Star Conference Championship. The next year, he attended Texas Tech School of Law and graduated in 2005.

After a brief stint in Pago Pago,

American Samoa as a civil attorney focusing on maritime law, the Inmans moved back to Amy’s hometown of Wellington in 2006, where the couple are raising their three children.

Inman practiced in Wellington and Childress before becoming District Attorney after his predecessor Stuart Messer became the 100th Judicial District Judge.

Inman was the sole felony prosecutor until June 2017, when Harley Caudle from Clarendon became the district’s first full-time assistant.

“By gaining an additional prosecutor, our focus on the criminal contingent increased,” Inman said. “We have amassed larger and stronger sentences with this increased manpower, which keeps us safer for years to come. We’ve created an awesome team.”

Office Administrator Natasha Mixon and Crime Victims’ Coordinator Hattie Sanderson, both from Wellington, have worked with Inman since the beginning. In 2010, Danny Dawson came on board as Chief Investigator of the Traffic Enforcement Division and long-time DPS Sergeant from Clarendon Richard Gribble became Investigator and the liaison with law enforcement agencies.

In 2011, Nandy Chandler from Wellington became an assistant administrator. Coy Teichelman from Childress recently joined the team as Traffic Enforcement Investigator, cracking down on drugs and US cur-

rency derived from the illegal narcotics trade.

Inman said his team is considered small, even though their caseload surpasses most districts across the Panhandle.

“The most impressive part of this team is our reputation for obtaining large sentences against offenders,” Inman explained. “Our goal is being able to rid the local communities of evil wrongdoers and protect everyone, especially our younger generation.”

Inman said he likes using drug traffickers’ property and money to support local needs, taking that tax burden away from citizens. Each year, Inman uses hundreds of thousands of forfeited property and money from drug dealers to protect law enforcement and better equip them.

He is also known for assessing staunch fines against the criminal contingent, which brings in millions of dollars each year. Inman’s office stays busy moving a myriad of cases from jury trials to revocations to civil forfeiture actions.

“There is so much behind the scenes our office does that is never known,” Inman said. “But the benefits are immense - our success rate in the courtroom and the war on crime we’re fighting. We are pro law enforcement and pro seizure of criminals’ assets. At the end of the day, we’re known for our reputation of getting tough sentences against wrongdoers.”

Local man sentenced to 31 years

A Clarendon man was sentenced to more than 30 years in prison following three contested hearings before the 100th Judicial District Court here last Tuesday, November 19.

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.

David Brent Green was convicted and sentenced to a total of 31 years in the Institutional Division of the TDCJ for the second degree offense of burglary of a habitation, the third degree offense of retaliation, and the third degree offense of tampering with evidence.

Green, 43 from Clarendon, was arrested by Donley County deputies for the offenses that took place on June 13, 2018; July 6, 2018; and July 8, 2018.

Green was originally placed on community supervision when he pleaded guilty to all three offenses on July 17, 2018, where he was placed on five years of deferred adju-

dication.

The State filed its motion to adjudicate in each case on March 28, alleging six violations of community supervision. Green pleaded true to two of the allegations and not true to the remaining four.

The State called two witnesses, Mark White and Parker County Sheriff’s Deputy Cole Harwell, during its case in chief in each of the three separate cases. White, the probation officer responsible for Green’s supervision while on probation, testified to the conditions Green was required to abide by during the term of his probation. Harwell testified to his law enforcement contact with Green in Weatherford, Texas, on March 2. On that date, Harwell found Green in possession of a stolen firearm, along with other items Green was prohibited from possessing while on probation.

After hearing the evidence in the first case, Messer found that Green had violated the terms of his community supervision, fully and finally convicted him of the second degree felony offense of burglary of

a habitation and sentenced him to 20 years in the Institutional Division of the TDCJ. The process was repeated for the second and third cases, where Messer sentenced Green to seven years and four years. In addition, Messer ordered that the defendant’s prison sentences run consecutively.

“What makes these cases significant is the fact that Judge Messer ordered that the defendant’s prison sentences run consecutively,” said Caudle after the hearing. “That means that the defendant must serve each sentence on its own, until it is completed or parole is granted, before the next sentence even begins to run.”

“My office is striving to make this case the new normal in our district,” said Inman. “When dealing with repeat offenders, our goal is to remove them from our community for the longest period of time allowable under existing laws, and I think these three cases are a great model for the future.”

Green is also required to pay a total of \$1,464 in court costs and \$1,500 in restitution.

Christmas:

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lucky spinners will be drawn during each Late Night Shopping.

“Totally Locally” merchants participating at press time are A Fine Feathered Nest, Clarendon Outpost, Cornell’s Country Store, Country Bloomers Flowers & Gifts, Every Nook & Cranny, Floyd’s Automotive, Henson’s, J&W Lumber, Mike’s Pharmacy, Saye’s Tack Store, Studio E, and Turquoise & Rust.

Local merchants are ready to help you find something for everyone on your Christmas list with their Black Friday and Small Business Saturday specials on November 29 and 30.

Details on local sales are printed in the Holiday Gift Guide included in this week’s Clarendon Enterprise

Sheriff:

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ited with Howardwick Mayor Tony Clemishire and Hedley Mayor Carrie Butler, both of who indicated to him they would discuss these issues with their respective councils.

Blackburn says what Hedley and Howardwick do is not relevant to Clarendon’s contract with the county.

“The contract is just between us... the city and the county,” he said.

The sheriff said the city cannot afford to fund a separate police department and that even if it could,

his department would still have to provide 911 dispatching and jail services for the city.

Skelton says the city will continue to discuss the issue of law enforcement funding with the county.

“I feel certain that something can be worked out long before the current contract expires in September,” Skelton said. “It is my belief that law enforcement should be a high priority for any city regardless of its size.”

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Small Business Saturday began in 2010 when it was founded by American Express to help small businesses get more exposure during one of the biggest shopping weekends of the year.

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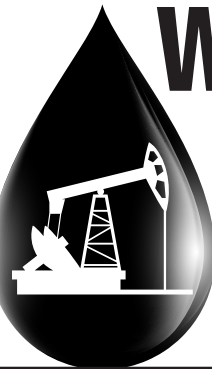
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Clarendon Colt Grant Haynes brings the ball down the court in last Monday's game against Wellington.

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Clarendon Colt Easton Frausto goes in for a shot last week against Wellington.

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Colts fall to Wellington

The junior high Colts opened their season in Wellington last week and struggled offensively in both the seventh and eighth grade games. The seventh lost 12-44, and the eighth grade lost 16-34.

The eighth graders began the game slowly and struggled to score. Too many missed free throws also hindered the Colts. Anthony Cenicerros led the Colts on the score board with six points, and Harrison Howard put in five. Easton Frausto had three and Lyric Smith helped

with two.

The seventh grade struggled as well in their season opener. After ending the first quarter with only three points, the Colts were able to gain some ground before the break. Wellington was able to gain the momentum offensively and rolled to the win.

Grant Haynes accounted for 11 of the Colts' points, and Colton Caudle put in one.

The Colts will be in action on December 2, in Wheeler at 5:00 p.m.

Lady Colts beat Wellington

The seventh grade Lady Colts played with determination to get a big win over Wellington and earn their first win of the season at 34-12.

The Lady Colts were strong on both ends of the court and they kept their opponent scoreless in the second quarter and held them to just four points that half. The second half was much the same for the ladies as they executed offensively and played strong defense.

Hayden Elam finished with 13 and Tandie Cummins put in nine. Kenadie Cummins added six, and Gracie Clark helped with four, while Maloree Wann put in two.

Also playing for the seventh grade team is Shelby Coles, Gracie Wilkins, Riley Jantz, and Sidda Thomas.

The eighth graders played hard, but fell short at 16-32. They struggled to score in the first quarter and added only two points in the second. The Lady Colts were able to regroup and put up a fairly good fourth quarter to close the gap.

Elyza Rodriguez and Aubry Weatherton put in five each. Courtney Conkin had four, and Anna Randall put in two.

The Lady Colts will take on Wheeler at home Dec. 2 at 5:00 p.m.



Hayden Elam dribbles the ball for the Lady Colts during Monday's win over Wellington.

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Lady Colt Courtlyn Conkin looks for an open teammate against Wellington last week.

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Broncos fall to Hereford

By Sandy Anderberg

The Broncos took on a fast Hereford team last Friday night after limited practices and lost 35-55. The fast-paced game was neck and neck in the first quarter of play, but Hereford was able to finish the first half seven points up over the Broncos.

Too many turnovers by the Broncos hindered their attempt to stay with the Herd and a slow-shooting third quarter did not work in their favor. Missed free throws plagued them as well.

Jmaury Davis and Donovan Thompson finished with eight each to lead the Broncos on the score board, and Lamarus Peniger added seven. Sylvester Ballard and Robert McGuire, and Ethan Babcock each added three. Collin Butler put in two, and Jamal Butler added one.

The Broncos will play Borger at home on December 3 beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Lady Broncos win over the Tigerettes

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos were able to walk off the court with a win in McLean last week as they defeated them 39-30. Jade Benson led the ladies in the win with 16 points, which included shooting 80 percent from the bonus line.

The game really opened up for the Lady Broncos in the second quarter after only holding a three-point lead after one. The ladies were able to stay on top of the game on both ends of the court and hung on until the buzzer.

Mattee Johnson put in eight points and was four for four from the free throw line and overall, the Lady Broncos shot 73 percent as a team.

Kira Weatherton hit one three-pointer and shot 66 percent for seven points and Madi Smith added four points. Ashlyn Crawford finished with three and Kailee Osburn added one.

On Saturday, the Lady Broncos went up against a physical West Texas team and were defeated 29-34.

The ladies fought hard the entire game, but were plagued with missed free-throws hitting only five out of 18 attempts.

Clarendon led by two at the half, but WT put together a solid third quarter and grabbed the momentum.

Johnson had 13 that included three three-pointers, Smith put in eight, and Benson had six. Makayla Brown and Madi Gay finished with one each.

The Lady Broncos will play Pampa at home on December 3 at 6:00.

Lady Bronco JV earns two big wins

The Lady Bronco junior varsity looked strong against McLean and West Texas last week as they earned two wins for the week.

They defeated McLean 44-17, and WT ended at 53-22.

The ladies began the game strong and led by 14 at the break. They were able to execute their offense and play solid defense in the fourth quarter to hold the Tigerettes scoreless.

Finley Cunningham and Shania Brown led the ladies on the scoreboard with nine points each. Kaitlyn Davis and Makenna Shadle each added six, and Aliyah Weatherton and Jayde Gribble put in four each. Emeri Robinson, Graci Kidd, and Laney Gates added two each in the win.

They continued their winning streak at home on Saturday with the huge win over West Texas and held their opponent to single digits in the first half of play.

“The girls had a good week,” coach Kasey Bell said. “We still have things to work on, but overall they are coming together.”

Cunningham had 21 and Brown put in 11. Aliyah Weather hit a three-pointer and finished with seven, while Shadle, Robinson, Davis added two each. Kidd made good on a free throw.

The ladies will play Pampa at home on December 3.

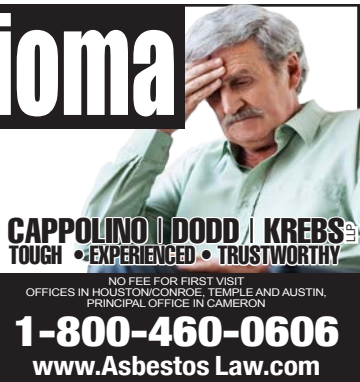
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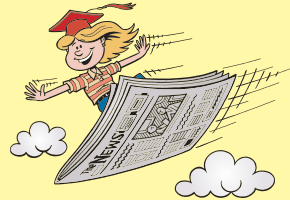
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- 3. shelter
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- 1. blankets
- 2. coats
- 3. money
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Abbott orders agencies to reduce licensing regulations, cut fees

By Emma Platoff, Texas Tribune

Gov. Greg Abbott has ordered state agencies to review and overhaul their licensing requirements, with an eye toward providing Texans “the opportunity to earn a living free from unnecessary state intrusion.”

In an Oct. 8 letter to the heads of state agencies, signed by the Republican governor himself, Abbott directed agencies to trim licensing regulations, reduce fees and educational requirements for certain professions, and, “where appropriate,” remove licensing barriers for individuals with criminal records. He set a Dec. 1 deadline for agencies to tell his office which steps they plan to take. There are hundreds of professional licenses in Texas – from tow truck operators to physicians to laser hair removal technicians.

“Reforming Texas’s occupational-licensing rules must be a priority for all state leaders,” Abbott wrote in the letter, which was obtained by The Texas Tribune. “Sensible licensing rules, when necessary, can protect the public from legitimate harm, but overbroad rules stymie innovation, raise consumer prices, and limit economic opportunity. Overly burdensome licensing rules also discourage individuals from pursuing professions or prevent the unemployed – or former inmates who have paid their debt to society – from building a better life.”

Several state agencies confirmed they received the letter and are preparing their responses. The governor’s office declined to comment further on the letter.

The fees associated with occupational licenses generate tens of millions of dollars in revenue for the state annually. Some of those dollars flow back to the agencies

that levy the fees, for overhead and other operational costs, while much of the money is fed into the state’s general revenue fund, where it can be directed to other efforts.

Abbott ordered agencies to reduce license application fees to 75% or less of the national average for comparable occupations.

Occupational licenses are intended to guarantee a minimum level of experience for practitioners so as to protect consumer safety. A licensed manicurist who has to pass regular inspections is less likely to leave customers with nasty infections, for example. But many licensing programs require steep qualifications; to obtain a massage therapy license, one must complete a minimum of 500 hours of training. Some conservatives argue that some of the state’s educational requirements and fees are excessive and present unreasonable barriers for would-be practitioners.

David Fleeger, president of the Texas Medical Association, said the advocacy organization “certainly agrees that rules can be overly burdensome, so we applaud Governor Abbott’s efforts to reduce those regulatory burdens.”

In 2015, many on the right applauded the Texas Supreme Court for striking down an unconstitutional a requirement that eyebrow threaders complete 750 hours of training in order to obtain a license.

“This case is fundamentally about the American Dream and the unalienable human right to pursue happiness without curtsying to government on bended knee,” wrote then-Justice Don Willett in a widely heralded 49-page concurring opinion. “It is about whether government can connive with rent-seeking fac-

tions to ration liberty unrestrained.”

The Legislature also acts regularly to roll back licensing restrictions. This year, the governor signed a bill abolishing the criminal penalty for acting as a “registered interior designer” without proof of voluntary registration.

The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation – which oversees more industries than any other state agency – itself has deregulated nine license programs since 2003.

Abbott, a lawyer by trade, also wrote to state agencies in June 2018 with a hefty set of instructions. Then, he told agencies to submit any proposed rules to his office before they were made public – a move with the potential to slow the rule-making process and consolidate power in the governor’s office.

Earlier this year, the governor also acted independently, signing an executive order to keep alive the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners after the Legislature allowed it to shut down.

Abbott’s directives on licensing for individuals with criminal records come in conjunction with a bill passed in 2019 that limited authorities from considering license applicants’ arrests that did not result in convictions. The governor directed agencies to publish lists of specific offenses that disqualify applicants from obtaining an occupational license, as opposed to “relying on blanket exclusions for people with criminal records.”

In 2013, when Abbott was attorney general, he defended the state’s “sovereign right to impose categorical bans on the hiring of criminals” in a lawsuit against the Obama administration.

As government prepares to seize more land for a border wall, some Texas landowners prepare to fight

By Julián Aguilar, Texas Tribune

EL PASO – When David Acevedo attended a meeting with officials from the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers in Webb County last month, he thought he would come away with more information about the Trump administration’s border security plans.

But Acevedo, whose family owns 180 acres of land near the Rio Grande in south Laredo, said the meeting only produced more questions about how the administration was going to move forward with plans it had for the swath of land that’s been in his family for generations.

“They didn’t tell us that they were doing a physical barrier,” he said. “They said, ‘It may be a wall, it may be that we just need lights, we’re going to put lighting up, it may be we just need a road.’”

The only thing he knew for sure was the administration wanted access to his land to conduct surveys and site samples for border security purposes. And in a letter dated Oct. 15, the government asked him to grant access for 18 months.

The government’s actions in Webb County are similar to the sporadic but hurried moves the administration is taking in the Rio Grande Valley as it fast-tracks construction of a border barrier ahead of the 2020 election. The administration moved ahead recently with construction of new barriers in the Rio Grande Valley, and NBC news reported last week that the administration is preparing court filings to seize more land in the area before the end of the month — without first telling landowners how much it will offer for their land.

It’s a familiar fight for people in the Rio Grande Valley, said Ricky Garza, an attorney with the Texas Civil Rights Project who is urging his clients not to allow the government access to their land. He represents five Valley landowners and is in talks with another, he said last week.

“A landowner is under no obligation to sign that right of entry to allow them free access to the property, but it’s in the government’s interest [to have them sign],” he said. “They don’t want the landowners to

ever see the inside of a courtroom.”

Garza said most of his clients are in the early stages of the battle — fighting in court on the issue of granting the government access to survey their land. But he said there are likely more landowners who have received notices without knowing what they represent.

“I wish we had good data on where these right-of-entry letters have gone out and what percentage of people gave signed them,” he said.

In Laredo, Tricia Cortez, the executive director of the Rio Grande International Study Center, a non-profit environmental group, said it’s hard to pinpoint exactly where the government is planning to seize private land.

“It’s all secretive. We’re finding out they also want to put 15 miles [of border wall] upstream from Laredo College [in west Laredo],” she said. “They don’t say where exactly.”

While some landowners are digging in for lengthy court battles with the government over their land, the Trump administration is likely to seize the land it wants, said David Bier, an immigration policy analyst at the Cato Institute, a libertarian think tank.

“I think he’s not going to mess around trying to negotiate beforehand,” Bier said. “He doesn’t have to, according to the courts and according to the statute. He can get away with just taking the land and putting a \$100 price tag on everything. He can do that and leave it to the courts to figure out what’s just compensation somewhere down the line.”

The Army Corps of Engineers did not return a call seeking comment about the land acquisitions in Webb County and the Rio Grande Valley. During a news conference in El Paso on Wednesday, newly appointed acting Department of Homeland Security Secretary Chad F. Wolf said the administration’s goal was to build 450 to 500 miles of barrier by the end of 2020. He said 83 miles have already been built and an additional 153 are in progress.

Wolf said he’s confident that the Army Corp of Engineers will eventually be able to gain access to the properties the federal government

needs.

“We continue to push forward on both land acquisition and construction of the wall; obviously the two have to work hand in hand,” he said, adding that the Army Corps of Engineers and other government agencies are “talking with landowners every single day to try to find a solution.”

The Trump administration’s ability to seize land for a border wall comes from a Great Depression-era policy called a declaration of taking. Congress passed the Taking Act to help spur the economy through construction projects and job creation. It was seen as an alternative to the slow-moving eminent domain lawsuits of that time. The idea was to fast-track seizures, which would allow the federal government to quickly build public works projects and generate jobs.

The George W. Bush’s administration used the act in Texas after the 2006 Secure Fence Act called for hundreds of miles of border barrier construction. The government told landowners up front how much it was offering to pay for their land during that round of border barrier construction, but the effort still produced dozens of lawsuits after some landowners challenged the proposed amounts. (Some of the those legal challenges are still pending, a 2017 investigation by The Texas Tribune and ProPublica found.)

Even as questions about timelines and compensation swirl, people like Acevedo seem ready to dig in and fight for as long as they’re able.

Acevedo said he’s not opposed to more border security. He grants U.S. Border Patrol access to his land when the agency needs it. But he has his limits.

“Get them helicopters, get them drones, get vehicles, get them technology,” he said. “But when they come and they say they’re going to take something by eminent domain or whatever, that’s when I put my foot down.”

He said he hasn’t touched the government’s right-of-entry agreement.

“Hell no, we’re not signing anything,” he said.

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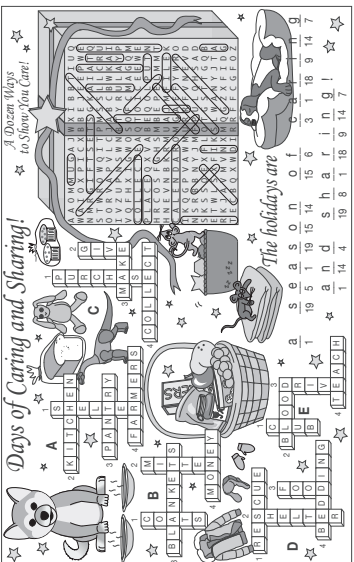
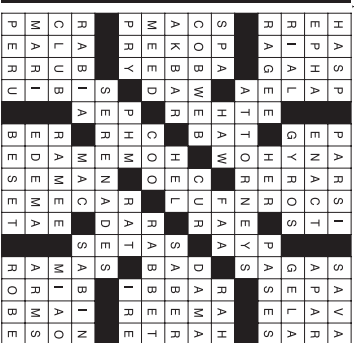


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DPS offers tips for safe Thanksgiving travel

AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) wants to remind all drivers to practice safe driving habits and exercise extra caution while traveling on Texas roadways during the busy Thanksgiving holiday. Texas Highway Patrol Troopers will increase enforcement starting Wednesday, Nov. 27, through Sunday, Dec. 1. DPS Troopers will be on the lookout for drivers who violate the law by not adhering to the Move Over, Slow Down law, failing to wear seat belts, speeding and driving while intoxicated, among other traffic violations.

“As we gather with family and friends to celebrate Thanksgiving, you will play a key role in keeping everyone safe as you travel on our roadways this holiday,” said DPS Director Steven McCraw. “We urge drivers to celebrate the holiday responsibly by obeying traffic laws and monitoring weather conditions when traveling. DPS Troopers will also work to protect Texans by increasing traffic enforcement over Thanksgiving.”

During the 2018 Thanksgiving holiday, DPS Troopers issued more than 74,000 traffic citations and warnings, including 956 seat belt and child safety restraint citations.

DPS enforcement efforts also resulted in 337 DWI arrests, 244 fugitive arrests and 213 felony arrests.

DPS offers the following tips to help Texans arrive at their destinations safely for the Thanksgiving holiday:

Do not drink and drive. Make alternate travel plans if you are consuming alcohol.

If you can Steer It, Clear It: If you are involved in a non-injury crash and your vehicle can be moved, clear the traffic lanes to minimize the impact on traffic. Leaving vehicles in a traffic lane not only increases traffic congestion, but it also leaves those involved with an increased risk of harm and chance for a secondary collision.

On some highways, it is actually a violation of the law to not move your vehicle over when it is safe to do so.

Move Over or Slow Down for police, fire, EMS, Texas Department of Transportation vehicles and tow trucks stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated. Also, show the same courtesy to fellow drivers stopped along the road. As of Oct. 31, DPS Troopers have issued 23,611 citations and warnings for violations to the Move Over, Slow Down law in Texas in 2019.

Slow down – especially in bad weather, construction areas, heavy traffic and unfamiliar areas.

Eliminate distractions while driving, including the use of mobile

devices. Texas law prohibits using a portable wireless device to read, write or send an electronic message unless the vehicle is stopped.

Buckle up everyone in the vehicle – it’s the law.

Drive defensively, as holiday travel may present additional challenges.

Don’t drive fatigued – allow plenty of time to reach your destination.

If you see a road hazard or if you observe anything suspicious, report it to the nearest law enforcement agency.

On multi-lane roadways, use the left lane for passing only. Not only is it courteous driving and avoids impeding traffic, Texas law requires slower traffic to keep to the right and to only use the left lane for passing (when posted).

Before your trip begins, make sure your vehicle is properly maintained and always double check to make sure all cargo is secure.

Monitor weather and road conditions wherever you are traveling. For road conditions/closings in Texas, visit Drive Texas.

Police agencies – including the Texas Highway Patrol – across the country will also increase enforcement efforts over the Thanksgiving holiday as part of Operation CARE (Crash Awareness and Reduction Effort).

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