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

State forecasting declining sales tax

Sales tax revenues dipped slightly across the state when Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar delivered April local allocations last week.

Statewide, Hegar announced \$701.8 million in local sales tax allocations for April, 0.5 percent less than in April 2019. These allocations are based on sales made in February by businesses that report tax monthly.

Clarendon's allocation fell 1.42 percent to \$25,334.25 for April, but the city was still up 3.31 percent for the calendar year-to-date at \$128,869.11.

Hedley's sales tax revenue was down for the month 1.52 percent at \$509.78 but was still up 28.63 percent for the year at \$3,133.50.

Howardwick's revenue was up 33.36 percent for April at \$1,396.97 and up 33.36 percent for the year-to-date at \$5,701.12.

Hegar's office warned that next month's allocations, which will mostly reflect sales made in March, will begin to show the impact of pandemic-related business shutdowns. The agency, therefore, expects local allocations in May to be lower and said June allocations will likely deteriorate further.

H'wick council calls off regular meeting

The Howardwick City Council met April 7 for a regular meeting with a short agenda.

The council canceled regular meetings planned through May in light of the COVID-19 virus and authorized Mayor Tony Clemishire to act to keep the city running.

Bids on abandoned properties were presented by Texas Communities Group were presented, and the council also authorized the mayor to handle those bids as they come in through May.

The council relieved Debora Sharpton as the city's code compliance officer and appointed Shelly Chavira to fill that role.

Aldermen also authorized City Hall to advertise for seasonal help as the mowing season gets underway.

USDA tool to help rural communities

US Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue has unveiled a one-stop-shop of federal programs that can be used by rural communities, organizations and individuals impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The COVID-19 Federal Rural Resource Guide is a first-of-its-kind resource for rural leaders looking for federal funding and partnership opportunities to help address this pandemic.

USDA has taken many immediate actions to assist farmers, ranchers, producers, rural communities, and rural-based businesses and organizations impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information on these actions, visit www.usda.gov/coronavirus.



Six recoveries among COVID cases Local tally rises to 23 confirmed with 44 tests reporting negative

With 23 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Donley County, six patients were listed as "recovered" as of Tuesday afternoon.

Donley County Judge John Howard, MD, said his clinic has now run 69 tests on local residents. Five of those tests were still pending at press time, 20 were positive, and 44 were negative for the COVID-19 virus. An additional three people were tested positive at facilities outside of the county, bringing the total local confirmed cases to 23.

Most patients are still doing well at home; however, two local COVID patients were known to be hospitalized because of the virus.

Judge Howard first reported three recovered patients last Friday, a fourth was listed as recovered on Monday, and two more were added Tuesday.

The judge also said the resourcefulness of his clinic's staff has led to finding advanced testing facilities which has dramatically sped up the time in which test results are returned.

A lot of attention has been given to Donley County for the high number of confirmed COVID-19 cases being reported, but Howard does not think it means that the local community is "sicker" than other communities.

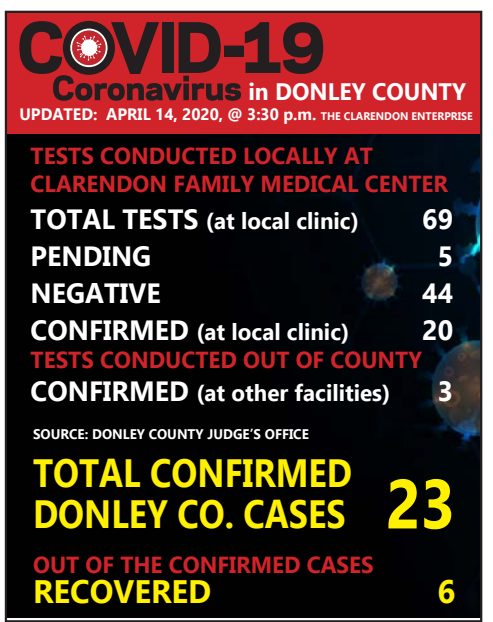
"We don't have more disease," Howard

said. "We have more information."

Howard said for a fair comparison of how many confirmed cases communities have on a per capita basis, you have to really be able to say how many people have been tested as a whole. As of late last week, Howard's clinic had tested about 1.8 percent of the local population, which was a rate about six times that of Texas as a whole.

Some communities are not testing at near that level, but, Howard says, it doesn't mean they don't have the disease.

"I've said it before, I could lower the numbers in Donley County by just going back two weeks and not testing anyone," he said.



Chalk Art

Avery and Kennedy Halsey celebrated the Easter weekend by creating this chalk art last Saturday. To see how other Donley County residents celebrated the holiday weekend, see our photo gallery on page five.

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County takes no action on request from District Nine

Donley County Commissioners considered a request by the District Nine Volunteer Fire Department when they held their regular meeting Monday, April 13.

District Nine had asked the county to begin dispatching it for fire calls, but County Judge John Howard reported that the commissioners' court was not yet ready to take that action.

The new fire department was set up to operate in area from the north city limit of Howardwick to the north county line, but the judge said the department still has some hurdles to clear, including obtaining communication equipment and a facility to secure their firefighting equipment.

"The commissioners have more that they want to see before they are satisfied to start dispatching calls to District Nine," Howard said.

In other business, commissioners also signed off on a new three-year law enforcement agreement between the City of Clarendon and the Donley County Sheriff's Department. The three-year agreement starts at \$161,182 in fiscal year 2021 and increases 1.5 percent each year after that.

Eleven tax deeds in the City of Howardwick were approved as presented.

The court discussed CTIF Grant funds available for road repairs through TxDOT, but Howard reported that those funds are only available for county roads that have heavy oil and gas industry use and are therefore not available for Donley County.

Commissioners also considered but took no action on the possible lease or purchase of a new motor grader for Precinct 3. Judge Howard says it is time for Precinct 3 to get a new grader in the county's rotation of equipment, but he said that the court wants to study its options as prices may start falling with the downturn in the state's oil and gas business.

City okays sheriff's contract at virtual meeting

The Clarendon City Council approved a new contract for law enforcement services during the city's first virtual meeting last Thursday, April 9.

Amid concerns about the COVID-19 virus, city officials organized their regular meeting over Skype, with each alderman, the mayor, and other officials meeting over webcams and electronic devices from their homes or offices.

The meeting was available to the public through a live feed on The Clarendon Enterprise's Facebook page.

After several months of negotiations, the city approved a three-year contract with the Donley County Sheriff's Department, which takes effect when the current contract expires at the end of the fiscal year. The

cost of the contract is fiscal year 2021 will be \$161,182 and will increase 1.5 percent each year after that. The present contract ran for five years and included a 2.0 percent increase per year.

City officials also approved financial reports as part of the council's consent agenda. It was noted that city finances are in good shape now but utility usage is dropping with the college and public school not operating as usual. Sales tax revenue is also expected to take a hit in the coming months.

The aldermen reviewed the city's amended disaster declaration for the COVID-19 crisis and made no changes to that document.

The council took no action on appointing a person to fill a vacant spot on the economic

development board, deferring to that board to make a recommendation.

In his report, City Administrator David Dockery said the city had negotiated a better cost for inspection services on the USDA water infrastructure improvement project.

Dockery also reported to the council that although construction on the aquatics center had been halted due to the COVID-19 situation, materials are still arriving for that job and are being kept secure. Dockery said work is continuing on a RAMP grant that would provide security cameras at the Smiley Johnson Municipal Airport.

In his mayor's comments, Sandy Skelton thanked everyone involved in making the online meeting possible.



Members of the Clarendon City Council participated in a virtual meeting for the first time last Thursday, April 9.

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Reflecting on Equal Rights Amendment

If you are watching more TV than normal, then you may be seeing ads for FX’s upcoming mini-series called “Mrs. America.” The show is about Phyllis Schlafly’s successful lobbying against the Equal Rights Amendment. Knowing that Hollywood struggles with showing the truth and also believing that women’s history is often one of the most misunderstood and misrepresented, I thought I would give a bit about the history before the show airs.

The ERA as we know it today was put forward in 1971.

It reads as follows: Section 1: Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex. Section 2: The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article. Section 3: This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification.

One large misunderstanding comes from who did and who did not vote for the ERA. There is often the misconception that the old men sitting in Congress were against women’s equality, especially conservative men. However, there was overwhelming support for women by both parties in Congress. The House voted in favor 354 to 24, while the Senate voted yea 84 to 8. The President has no role in the amendment process, but Nixon put his support behind the measure anyway. What tripped up the ERA was the next part of the process: three-fourths of the states must also ratify the new amendment.

So if the old men of Congress approved of the ERA, who fought against it? The answer was women. It was women who were part of the silent majority that suddenly became vocal. Advocates for the ERA were suddenly put into a bind – how to fight against the very people they were claiming to support. One of the failures of the ERA came from the feminist movement itself, as seen from a line in The Feminist Mystique: “It was a strange stirring, a sense of dissatisfaction, a yearning that women suffered in the middle of the 20th century in the United States. Each suburban housewife struggled with it alone. As she made the beds, shopped for groceries, matched slipcover material, ate peanut butter sandwiches with her children, chauffeured Cub Scouts and Brownies, lay beside her husband at night, she was afraid to ask even of herself the silent question: ‘Is this all?’”

Clearly the author, Betty Friedan, struck a chord with many American women who were looking for more in their lives. The problem was not all women agreed. This is still an issue that women’s groups face today, the idea that women are a single constituency. You hear statements like women vote this way or that. However, these beliefs seem to deny any diversity in women’s thought. Clearly that was a problem in the 1970s, when women led the charge against the ERA.

The split in women’s support of the ERA goes all the way back to its original 1923 introduction. There is not enough room here to tell this story, but Alice Paul, the ERA’s original author, led the minority of women in the fight for suffrage. Paul, a much better known activist today because she lines up more with modern feminists, was not as important for the fight for suffrage as Carrie Chapman Catt. Catt wanted the vote but not complete equality. Most women of the time were more in line with Catt. They liked that women were given certain rights in the work place like better hours, lifting requirements and wanting recognition for their needs as wives and mothers. Government regulations had been quicker to pass labor laws affecting women and children, with the idea that they needed more assistance. Paternalistic yes, but there were laws in their favor.

Finally, enter Phyllis Schlafly. She represented a segment of women who saw the ERA as taking away what made them women and some of the special rights they did have. Some women were scared, maybe not justifiably, but scared nonetheless of things like being included in the draft, losing preferential treatment by the courts for custody issues, and alimony. One of the arguments that really scared some was that, if the law did not see the difference between men and women, that would lead to unisex bathrooms and locker rooms. Mostly, Schlafly, who held a law degree, promoted the important role of motherhood, which she demonstrated brilliantly to legislators by having her supporters show up in their offices with baked goods.

In the end, only 35 of the required 38 states ratified the amendment. Later, five retracted their vote. Once again there are those today who hope to pass the ERA. However, there are currently many constitutional issues at stake. Can states retract their votes? They have gone past the time permitted to pass the amendment, so even if three more states agree to the ERA, will it count? Historically speaking, most are focusing on those questions because if the ERA has to be resubmitted to Congress, its chance of passing is worse now than in 1972, and possibly even more states may reject it.

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guest commentary
by dr. james finck

Memories are made of these times

It is a good thing that we have memories to sort through while we shelter in place. Grammarians or not, we’re given to making the present tense, and the past, perfect.

As we take stock of what used to be – while greatly shaken by “what is” – we think back on happenings faced hurriedly the first time. Some considered coincidences then may have been divine appointments.

Here’s one: A couple of university suitemates three decades ago believe the renewal of their friendship was re-ignited by a random telephone connection....

They received diplomas in 1990 at Howard Payne University in Brownwood, both honored in numerous ways as exemplary students. Anna Maree Delgado (now Ramos) and Melody Sheree Frerich (now Weinhandl) went their separate ways. Later, Anna – a directory assistance operator for Southwestern Bell in Austin – was among the last operators answering, “Long distance” when folks needed phone numbers.

In 1997, Melody was settling in with her dentist husband, Dr. Brent (Smokey) Weinhandl, who had begun his practice in his native Canada. They had met when he was a dental resident in Denver, where she was employed at University Hills Baptist Church.

Two weeks after meeting at church, they were engaged to be married....

Melody called “Ma Bell” to get the phone number of a friend in New Braunfels. Thinking the voice of the operator in Austin sounded familiar, she asked, “Is this Anna Maree?” The

response: “Is this Melody?”

It was, and soon they were reliving old college days, catching up on each other’s lives.

What are the odds that a telephone call from Wetaskiwin, Alberta, Canada, would be answered by a telephone operator in Austin? And that the women on each end of the line would have been college suitemates for three and a half years at a little Texas university almost a decade later? The older I get, the more I believe that our God of ages past – and for all the days to come – not only knows the number of hairs on our heads and feeds hungry sparrows, but He also reunites old friends, sometimes through a telephone “miracle”....



the idle american
by don newbury

Maybe “exemplary” is not strong enough to describe these women, both of whom are warmly remembered on campus. They were well-grounded in their Christian faith and mature beyond their years.

Anna and hubby Eric Ramos have a daughter in her senior year at HPU now.

The family resides in Pflugerville, and Anna is employed by Dell Technology....

Melody and I have something in common. We both were HPU journalism majors, albeit three decades apart, and she was the last “J-school” gradu-

ate before the program was terminated during my HPU presidency.

She is office manager for Smokey’s dental practice, where equipment has been modified for physically-challenged patients – widened doorways, for example.

Until a camping accident eight years ago, he never thought he’d be practicing dentistry from a wheelchair....

Full of faith and immeasurable courage, he overcame a traumatic spinal cord injury, broken back, three broken ribs and a cracked sternum. Fellow dentists in Casper, WY, “covered” for him during extensive recovery and therapy.

He’s back, practicing dentistry daily. The Weinhandls are committed to ongoing research for patients with similar injuries, and both continue to think “outside the box.” Last week, they contributed several dozen gloves and masks to Wyoming Medical Center to support medical colleagues on the front lines, fighting the coronavirus. They are urging fellow dentists, as well as veterinarians and other medical specialists, to join them in the effort.

I’m beyond impressed by his website. It reflects his competence, courage, faith and compassion for patients. How many dentists do you know who publish both favorite scriptures and personal cell phone numbers on their websites? Check out brooktroutdental.com, even if you don’t often get to Casper....

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Watch out for police car dummies

Dennis Ivey of Crockett is one of those people who seem to be everywhere. He has been a preacher at the same church for 30 years, has been active in the arts community in Crockett and has a band that performs all over East Texas. He is also gifted with an imaginative sense of humor that he puts to use in all kinds of situations. Sometimes his humor backfires.

Dennis grew up in the small community of Midway.

“One day my wife and I were traveling through Midway,” says Dennis. “She had already gone through there a few days before. The city of Midway had bought this old police car and put it on the side of the road as you were coming into town. When you’re a good ways off it looks like someone is sitting in the police car. So when I topped the hill going into Midway I was clipping pretty good because I’m kind of always running late to wherever I’ve got to be. When I saw that old police car I just slammed on my brakes and my wife burst out laughing. I asked her why she was laughing and she told me ‘just wait

until you get closer to that police car.’ When I got there, there was this dummy that was sitting in the vehicle.”

The police car wouldn’t run, didn’t even have an engine. The city put it in different parts of town in an effort to slow down the traffic passing through.

Dennis contacted some of his friends in Midway and found out about that police car.

“They’d hook that old police car up to a tractor and move it from one place to another.”

Apparently the folks at the Midway City Hall have a sense of humor, too. Dennis received an official letter from the city of Midway telling him he owed the city \$120 for speeding through their city. Now Dennis knew that Midway didn’t have any radar and he hadn’t been



stories of texas
by tumbleweed smith

stopped so he tried to ignore the letter. Still he worried about it until he found out the letter had been a joke.

A few days later, Dennis was in the city of Caldwell making an appearance with his band. While addressing the audience he told a joke about his hometown police car.

“I had to add to it, you know. I told them about the police car with no motor in it and they pulled it around with a tractor. Then I said they struck a big gas well right there in the city of Midway and the city got a lot of money from that new gas well. And I said you know what they did? They bought a new tractor to pull that car from one end of town to the other.”

After telling the story, a man approached Dennis and asked him if he knew the mayor of Midway. Dennis said yes, that he has known him all his life. The man said he would see the Midway Mayor tomorrow in Austin at the mayor’s conference and he would relate the story. Dennis has quit telling jokes about his little hometown.

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CCISD adopts new grading policy

Clarendon CISD Trustees approved a new school grading policy when they met in regular session Monday night, April 13.

The school board met in person in the Administration & Technology Building but distanced themselves around the conference room instead of sitting together at the board table as usual.

The board considered and approved the grading policy as presented to govern how students will be scored while the school campuses are closed for the COVID-19 outbreak.

"Our teachers are being held accountable, so it's important that students be held accountable also," Superintendent Jerod Bellar told the Enterprise Tuesday. "We want to extend grace to students during this time, and we understand that students have varying levels of support and instructional resources at home."

The policy sets out two separate sets of guidelines – one for the elementary and another for the junior high and high school – and also outlines how the school will calculate grades for the final six weeks of the school year.

“We want to not be punitive if kids are putting forth an effort,” Bellar said but noted that kids will be graded.

The superintendent said the school's purpose in this time is still to educate kids.

Bellar also reported to trustees on how the district is responding to the COVID-19 situation. Teachers are working from home where allowable but still coming in to prepare work packets. Custodial staff has been shifted to their summer working hours – four ten-hour days per week – and have begun working on some projects that were planned for the summer break. The superin-

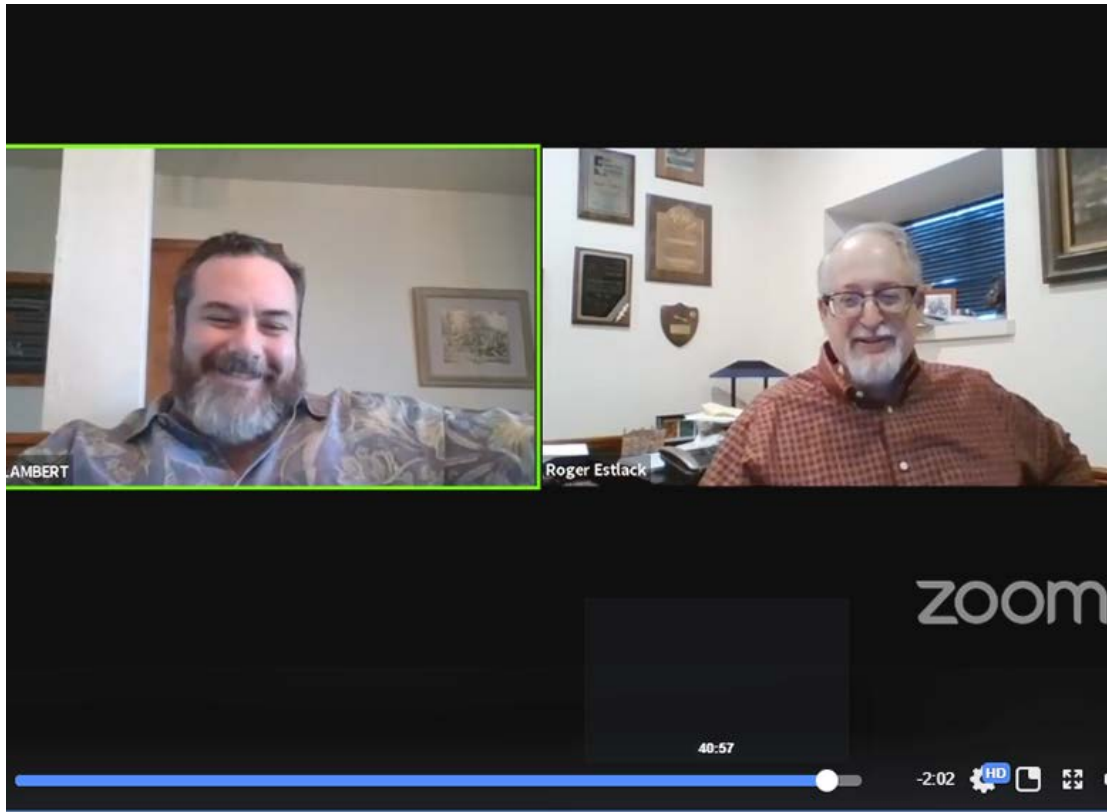
tendent also said that principals are keeping office hours mostly in the mornings.

Bellar said a roof repair project had been delayed because one of the contractor's employees was being tested for the COVID-19 virus. That test was negative and the project will be getting back underway this week.

Trustees approved tax deeds for properties in Howardwick as presented.

The board also voted to accept the superintendent's recommendation and offered contracts of employment to Evie Wright, high school math; and Pamela Hill, high school science.

Bellar also told the Enterprise Tuesday that appreciate all the work that the school district's teachers and other employees are doing to keep educating kids and particularly the effort that the cafeteria workers are putting in to make sure kids are fed.



Donley County Social Hour

County Attorney Landon Lambert and editor Roger Estlack held their first Donley County Social Hour last Thursday evening to discuss the local events surrounding the COVID-19 crisis. The duo will be back live this Thursday at [Facebook.com/TheEnterprise](https://www.facebook.com/TheEnterprise) at 5:30 for more exciting conversation.

Clarendon farms earn recognition for cotton yields

Donley County cotton producers Chancy and Christie Cruse with Cruse Farms and Corey and Kasi Gaither with Gaither Farms are being recognized for achieving exceptional cotton yields, earning a spot in the FiberMax One Ton Club for the 2019 growing season.

For 15 years, the FiberMax One Ton Club has recognized cotton growers who produce a minimum of 2,000 pounds of ginned cotton per acre on a minimum of 20 acres planted to FiberMax cotton seed. Gaither Farms joins 92 members who qualified this year, bringing total membership to 1,206 cotton growers.

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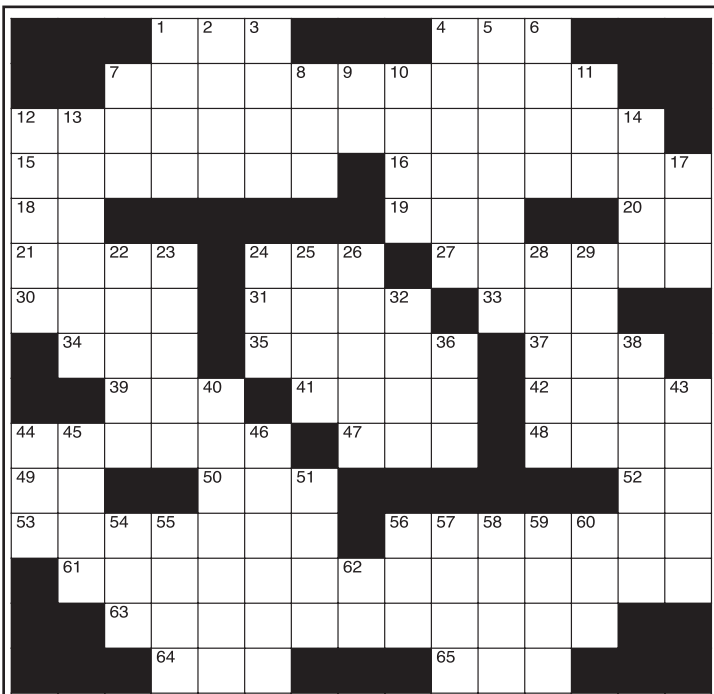


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16. Placed at powerful level
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20. Commercial
21. Amounts of time
24. English broadcaster
27. Rolls of tobacco
30. Position
31. Expresses pleasure
33. Corporate exec (abbr.)
34. Body part
35. Bleated
37. Businessman
39. Beats per minute
41. Defunct Italian monetary unit
42. Broken branch
44. Put in advance
47. Arrest
48. Prefix indicating adjacent to
49. Artificial intelligence
50. Disfigure
52. The Fighting Irish (abbr.)
53. Not in any place
56. Predict
61. A system of getting stuff from one place to another
63. Philosophy of the principles of things
64. US gov't office (abbr.)
65. Seaborgium's former name (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

1. Network connector
2. Primordial matter
3. Get up
4. Uncoordinated
5. Ill-fated cruise ship
6. Work hard
7. Drivers' speed
8. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
9. Healthcare pro
10. Egyptian Sun god
11. Expresses the negative
12. Some are three-legged
13. Clothing manufacturer
14. Close by
17. Tooth caregiver
22. Housing material
23. Flows through
24. Founder of Babism
25. Honorific title
26. A type of letter
28. Seize and hold firmly
29. Artery
32. Body fluids
36. Press against lightly
38. An island in the Pacific
40. A reminder of past events
43. Austrian spa town
44. Peter's last name
45. Something a mob might do
46. Of the bones of the feet
51. "Amazing Stories" writer
54. Nazi-resistant youth group (abbr.)
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Scammers taking advantage of virus crisis

Scammers use public health emergencies as opportunities for new fraud schemes, and the Area Agency on Aging is reporting that the Federal Trade Commission has already received complaints about stimulus checks scams.

The government is preparing to distribute stimulus checks to help provide relief to households due to the COVID 19 crisis, but there are still several things folks need to know.

Individuals with adjusted gross incomes of less than \$75,000 should expect to receive \$1200 with couples receiving \$2400, and \$500 per child.

The rate is adjusted if the gross income is more than \$75,000. This will be based on your 2019 tax return, or 2018 if you haven't filed yet for 2019. Please keep in mind that it is estimated to take weeks for these checks to be distributed.

Your stimulus check will be directly deposited into your bank account if funds you received from your 2018 tax return were directly

deposited. Otherwise your paper check will arrive by mail. Social security beneficiaries will automatically receive a stimulus check via direct deposit. There is no need to complete any tax information. The IRS will automatically use what the Social Security Administration has on file.

Scammers are already using this opportunity to steal the money coming your way or your identity by getting access to your personal information. Keep in mind; no one has early access to these funds!

Beware of the following scams:

- Fake Stimulus Checks. There are fake checks circulating right now. It will take at least three weeks for direct deposits to land and up to 10 weeks for paper checks to arrive by mail. If you receive any checks now, it is a fraud. Telltale signs are checks written in odd amounts or include cents, or a check that requires you to verify receipt online or by calling a number.
- Social media, phone calls,

or text messages claiming to get in touch with you. Scammers are reaching out to people online on social media platforms or by sending text messages with claims they are from the IRS or other government agency and are trying to get in touch with you regarding your stimulus check. Ignore/Delete these messages. The US Government will never reach out to you via any social media platform or by text.

- Scammers pose as a government agency and will send a link to this website or something similar for you to verify personal information. The government does not do this. The government already has the information they need and will not reach out to you for verification of your social security number or other personal identification.
- Processing Fee. Scammers pose as the IRS or other government agency claiming you can receive your stimulus check faster if you pay a processing fee. There is no such thing and there is no way to speed up

the IRS payment process.

- The IRS will never call or email you to verify any personal information. This includes your social security number, bank account number, or anything that allows access to your identity.
- As soon as you receive a call or email saying they are from the IRS or U.S. Treasury, hang up or delete it. These scammers are professional criminals and will use a variety of methods to steal your personal identification and your money.

Texas SMP is ready to provide you with the information you need to *protect* yourself from Medicare fraud, errors, and abuse; *detect* potential fraud, errors, and abuse; and *report* your concerns.

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Abbott announces child care website for essential workers

AUSTIN – Governor Greg Abbott held a press conference last week and announced a new online Frontline Child Care Website to help essential workers in Texas locate child care and support child care centers who are caring for these children during the outbreak.

The new online website, which integrates a mapping portal, was built by the Texas Frontline Child Care Task Force led by Elaine Mendoza of the Supply Chain Strike Force, the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), the Texas Health and Human

Services Commission (HHSC), the Texas Education Agency (TEA), and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB).

The Frontline Child Care Portal allows essential workers to search for child care facilities near them, as well as facility operating hours and the number of seats available. It also includes links to HHSC's inspection and compliance records for each operation. The website also helps parents find other basic information about child care including health and safety information and step-by-step

instructions for applying for child care financial assistance. Additionally, the website gives frontline employers guidance to assist their employees in need and provides child care centers and school districts resources to support their child care programs.

"We have a duty to support Texas health care workers and other essential employees as they work on the front lines of the COVID-19 response," Gov. Abbott said.

"For essential workers with young children who don't have other

options, that means providing safe, regulated, and accessible child care. The Frontline Child Care Website will strengthen our child care capacity across the state, allowing our essential workers to continue their work to keep us safe and provide the critical services that Texans depend on.

"There is nothing more powerful than Texans helping Texans, and I want to thank child care workers across the state for stepping up to support our essential workers during these challenging times."

Creating a new world while staying home

Over the past few weeks, my sister and I have been playing a bunch of Minecraft on one world. It was awesome, but it started to get really glitch. So we made a new world off one of my original seeds. If you don't know what a seed is it is the code for the world's generation.

This seed is special because I did a lot of things on this Minecraft world back in 2013 some of those projects include a light house, a tree house, and a cow/sheep farm. I had two dogs, and my main base was a dirt/cobblestone dugout which

had a clock on the wall and a grindstone in the corner. This type of grindstone did nothing it just looked cool.

Now on this world, seven years later on the same world, I'm a good builder and I made cool tree house, and I'm having loads of fun. Over the next few weeks I think I can make my world much better.



the cub reporter
by benjamin estlack

Amarillo group offers free grocery service

The Interfaith Hunger Project of Catholic Charities of the Texas Panhandle is offering a curbside service of free groceries for senior citizens and those of any age who have been furloughed or laid off during the pandemic.

The service will be available at Catholic Charities of the Texas Panhandle, 2801 Duniven Circle, Amarillo, beginning April 20. The program will be held on Mondays from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m.

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April 13 - 17

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Tue: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, Italian vegetables, broccoli, garlic toast, Autumn jello salad, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Roast turkey, savory bread dressing, candied sweet potatoes, wheat roll, pineapple tidbits, iced tea/2% milk.
Thu: Macaroni & beef, snap peas, stir fry veggies, wheat roll, lazy cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Chicken tenders, gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, turnip greens, wheat roll, vanilla pudding, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Jambalaya, carrots, black-eyed peas, cornbread, lazy cake, iced tea/2% milk.
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Wed: Ham & pinto beans, cornbread, margarine, spinach, seasoned corn, orange pineapple cup, country apple crisp, iced tea/2% milk.
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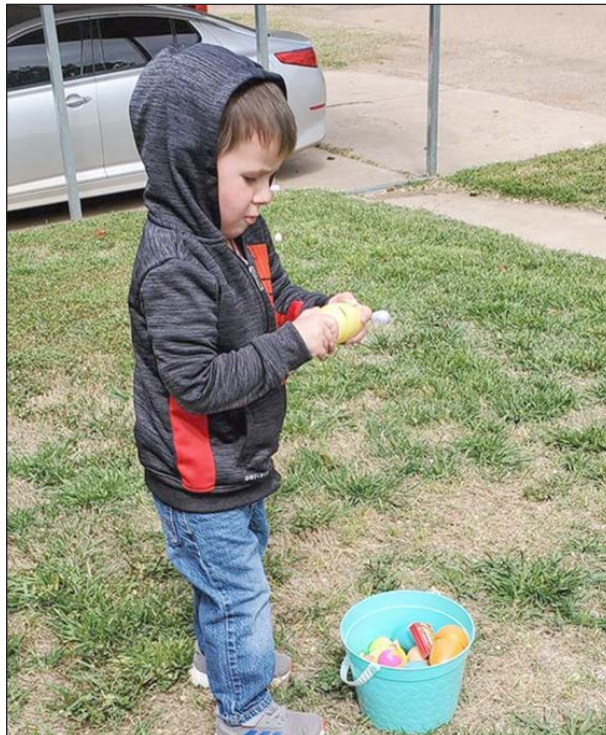
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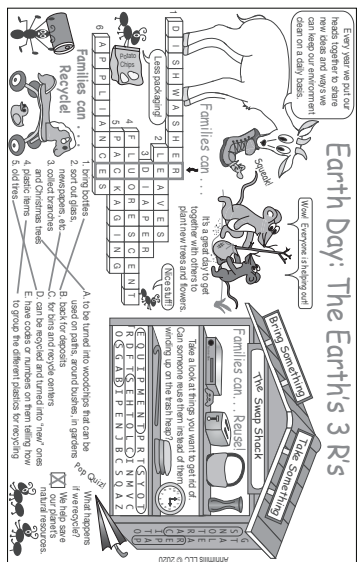
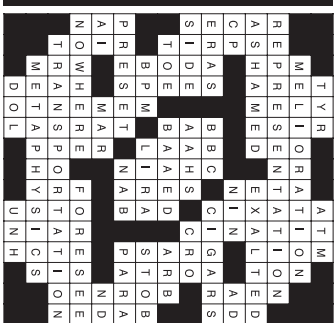


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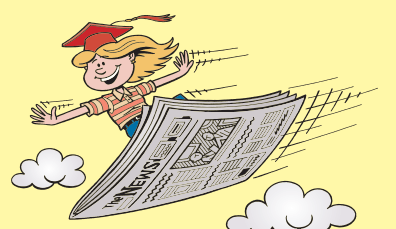
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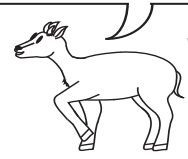


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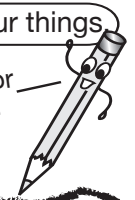


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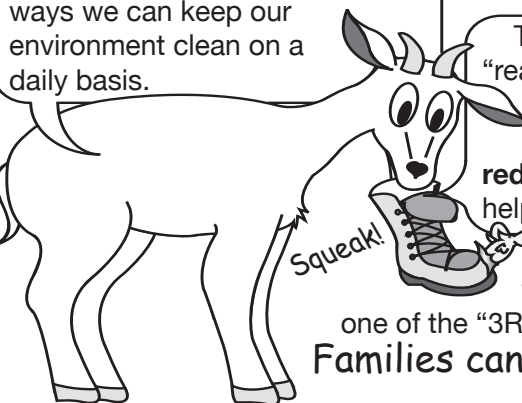
...and how to reuse and recycle our things



Kids: color
stuff in!



Every year we put our heads
together to share new ideas and
ways we can keep our
environment clean on a
daily basis.



Earth Day 50th Anniversary: The Earth's 3 R's

The 3 R's studied in school are sometimes called
"reading, riting and 'rithmetic." They are studied to
help us prepare for our future careers. Today,
students also learn about the **Earth's 3 R's:**
reduce, reuse and recycle, which if practiced will
help us keep our future environment safe and clean.

Families can do a lot to lessen the amount of
trash that's created. When you fill in this puzzle,
one of the "3Rs" of the **Earth's 3 R's** will appear below the arrow.

Families can . . .

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packaging dishwasher
appliances

Less packaging!

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Chips

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to get together
with others to
pick up litter or to
plant new trees
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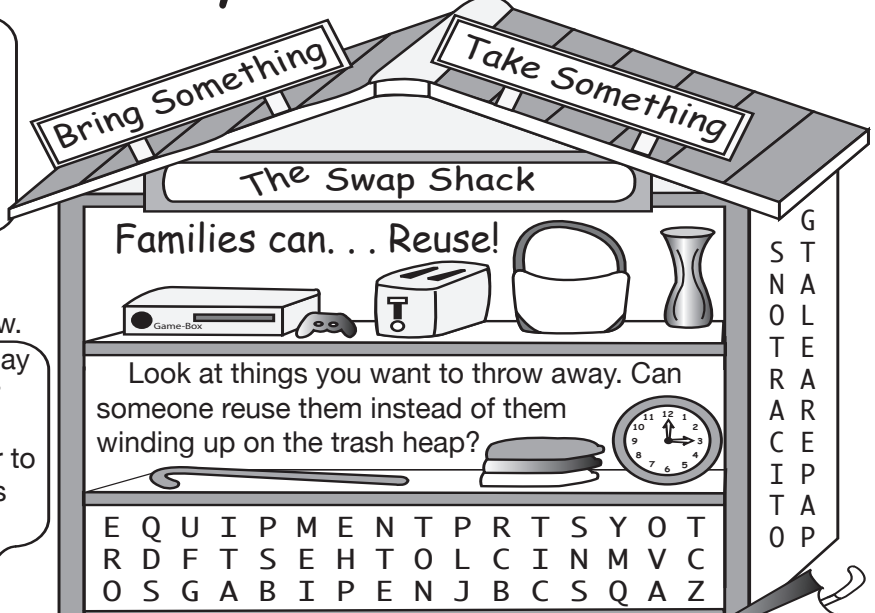
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Quick!

1. put the washing machine and the _____ for full loads only.
2. run _____, grass clippings, vegetable and fruit scraps
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3. think "green" for a baby's _____ needs – use ones that are
'biodegradable', meaning they 'break down' over time in the trash
4. use some compact _____ or LED lights to save energy; money.
5. buy items with little or no _____.
6. have _____ repaired instead of buying new ones.



(Find and circle the underlined words in the puzzle above.)



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CC Regents vote to move election

Clarendon College Regents took action to move their scheduled election during their regular meeting on March 26.

In keeping with social distancing guidelines, the college board members sat at separate tables spread out in the main room of the Bairfield Activity Center with the public able to view the meeting from a separate classroom on campus and also able to listen the meeting online over Zoom.

The college district was scheduled to elect three board members on May 2, 2020, but Gov. Greg Abbott suspended portions of the Texas Election Code and gave local governments the option of moving their elections to November 3, 2020, due to help mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Regents unanimously agreed to move that election. The deadline to register for the election will be Octo-

ber 5, and early voting will be held October 19-30.

The board also considered possible changes to the college's contract with Great Western Dining. The dining hall is now only serving 25 to 30 students since the college extended spring break and moved most classes online in light of the COVID-19 outbreak. After discussion, regents agreed to leave the contract as it was originally written and continue to pay Great Western as agreed rather than pay a smaller amount at the cost of as many as ten local jobs.

"These jobs are important to our local economy," Chairman Tommy Waldrop said.

Interim President Tex Buckhaults said the college was working on refunding fifty percent of the room and board fees students had paid for the spring except for those paid for by institutional scholarships.

The board also approved fee increases as presented for the 2020-2021 academic year and approved the interim president's recommendation to rehire the following administrative positions: Scarlet Estlack, Division Director; Donnie Chambless, Director of Maintenance; Pamela Reed, Director of the Library; Sherry Woodrome, Head Custodian; LaRoyce McAdoo, Program Success Coach; Sabrina McCain, Director of Allied Health; Jana Coats, Director of Cosmetology; Kim Jeffrey, Division Director; Kelli Tolar, Director of Student Life; Mark James, Athletic Director; Will Thompson, Vice President of Information Technology; Brandi Havens, Registrar; Amanda Smith, Director of Financial Aid; Johnny Treichel, Ag Division Director; Cindy Lambert, Assistant to the President; and Donnie Chambless, Director of Maintenance.



Drive-in worship time

Howardwick Baptist Church pastor Jim Fox, as seen through car windows, delivers a message at the Sandell Drive-In last Sunday morning as part of a community worship service. PHOTO BY STEPHEN BIVENS

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