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

Drive-by parade to honor CHS seniors

A drive-by parade will be held at Clarendon High School to Thursday morning, April 23, to honor this year's senior class.

The seniors will be at the high school building in their vehicles to take individual cap and gown pictures. Those wishing to participate in the parade are asked to line up on Fifth Street west of the elementary school by 8 a.m. The parade will proceed east on Fifth Street at 8:05.

Even though Gov. Greg Abbott last week declared that school classrooms are closed for the rest of the school year, CHS Principal Larry Jeffers says the school is working on plans for a graduation ceremony. The ceremony would be held at the Sandell Drive-In so that social distancing can still be observed. Details on that service will be announced as they become available.

Mulkey to open for concession sales

Local and area residents are invited to enjoy a Family Movie Night Friday with refreshments from the Mulkey Theatre.

The theatre's ticket window will be open from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, April 24, to sell delicious Mulkey popcorn along with drinks and snacks. Residents can buy their refreshments and then enjoy the movie of their choice at home.

Everyone is asked to please observe social distancing as they make their purchases.

County accepts gift of work on CR 5

Donley County Commissioners met in called session Monday to consider a gift of work on a county road.

Judge John Howard reported that adjoining landowners along part of County Road 5 had approached the county with a proposal. A stretch of CR 5 is asphalt, but the county has no equipment for maintaining an asphalt road.

Landowners proposed leasing equipment, at their own expense and liability, to reclaim the asphalt so it can be worked. Commissioners accepted the proposal.

City opens limb pile three days a week

The City of Clarendon has announced that it will open its Rosebud limb and brush location on North Koogle Street three days a week for the rest of the month of April.

City Administrator David Dockery says Rosebud will be open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The recycling center will remain closed on Front Street, but citizens can take their limbs and yard waste straight to the Koogle Street location, which will be unlocked and staffed during those hours.

Dockery reminds everyone that no trash will be allowed at the Rosebud site and says loads containing trash will be rejected by the attendant.



COVID-19 numbers improving countywide

The spread of the COVID-19 virus in Donley County appears to have leveled off in recent days, but Judge John Howard, MD, is cautious about being too optimistic at this point.

"This is an important week to see if we hold a trend of fewer people presenting with symptoms," Howard said. "Our efforts to separate people have definitely resulted in fewer cases."

The number of local residents who have tested positive for COVID-19 was 24 as of Tuesday, a net gain of one from the week before. There were actually two new positives in that timespan, but one previously

confirmed positive case was determined late last week to have resided in another county and was removed from Donley's total.

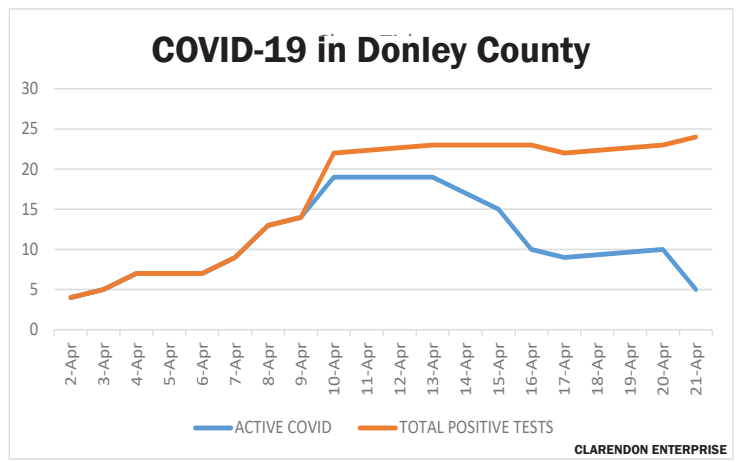
In addition to holding the line on new cases, 19 of the 24 positives were listed as recovered this week, leaving five active cases, and the number of negative local test results grew to 57.

Two Donley County residents who were hospitalized and on ventilators in Amarillo have also now reported to be off the ventilators and recovering. Late Tuesday, one of those patients was being released to come home from the hospital, according to social media.

Eighty-one local people in all have been tested at the Clarendon Family Medical Center. Four of those tests were pending Tuesday.

Howard said it's too soon to say when businesses can re-open and what life will look like under a "new normal" and said the community will still have to do careful monitoring to make sure there isn't another surge in the disease.

"Everyone must assume personal responsibility to stay safe themselves and to not transmit the disease to others," Howard said, urging citizens to continue to avoid social distancing requirements and the county's stay at home order.



This simple chart shows the total local positive tests for COVID-19 (top orange line) has been relatively flat since April 10, while the number of active cases (bottom blue line) has been dropping since April 13.



The Donley Boys

The Donley County Commissioners Court sported bandana face masks during their regular meeting last Monday, April 13, as they did their part to practice social distancing and prevent any possible contraction of the COVID-19 virus. Shown here are Commissioner Mark White, Commissioner Dan Sawyer, Judge John Howard, Commissioner Andy Wheatly, and Commissioner Daniel Ford.

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Is Donley the sickest in Texas? More testing leads to more information, local officials say

By Emma Platoff, Texas Tribune

It's impossible to know for sure how the new coronavirus got to rural Donley County, but locals bet it took US Route 287, like everything else.

The highway carries 14,000 cars through on a normal day, about four for each of the 3,387 people living in the perfectly rectangular county near the Oklahoma side of the Texas Panhandle. Drivers stop at the Allsup's or Cornell's Country Store as they blaze from Dallas toward Denver or back again.

When known coronavirus cases are mapped for each of Texas' 254 counties, Donley County looks like a sickly glitch, an outlier: It was reporting nearly seven cases for every 1,000 people as of Sunday. The state's next-highest known rate of infection was under five per 1,000, also in a Panhandle county; in Dallas, that figure was less than one per 1,000.

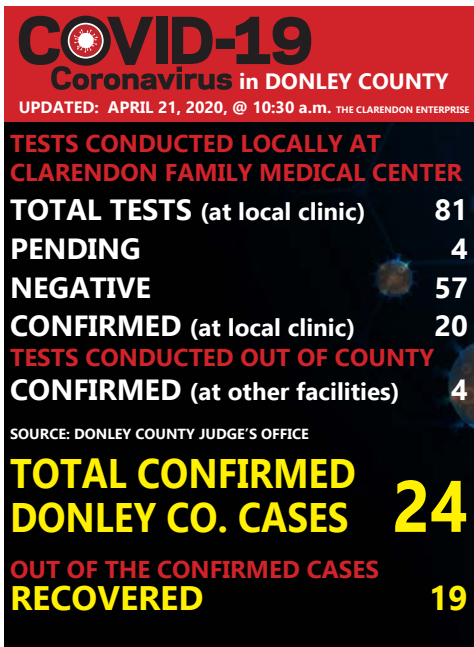
But the statistical aberration may better reflect Texas' limited coronavirus testing than Donley County's poor health.

When it got there, the virus that has killed more than 100,000 people worldwide met with formidable opposition: a group of pastors now tending their flocks at a local drive-in theater; a one-family newspaper providing faster, more accurate information than the state health department; and a single local doctor, who also happens to serve as county judge, determined to protect his neighbors by testing as many as he can.

The way county Judge John Howard figures, this farming and ranching community 60 miles from the nearest hospital may actually be better off than some big cities and small towns with fewer confirmed cases. Well over 2 percent of Donley County residents have been tested; at most six-tenths of 1 percent of Texans have, although the state testing total includes some people who have been tested more than once. His coronavirus picture may be a grim one, but at least it's clear.

"If I'm doing four times as many tests as they are for the state as a whole, I'm going to get more positives," Howard said. "If I hadn't done any tests, I wouldn't have any positives. But as the only medical provider in the county, I decided early on that I wanted to know who has it."

The first hints that Donley County would



not be spared came in mid-March. As spring breakers made the long trek down from the Colorado mountains through the county seat, Clarendon, and its attractive rest stops, Roger Estlack, who runs the local newspaper, got a tip from his sister-in-law that the town's few stores were being pillaged. Locals, used to recognizing their fellow shoppers, suspected the crowds emptying the shelves at their only grocery store came from out of town.

Life's interruptions were just beginning. A local church postponed two fish fries; a drive-in theater delayed its opening. Perhaps most smarting, the Clarendon College Bulldogs had earned their first-ever spot in the National Junior College Athletic Association basketball finals, but the tournament was canceled before they could compete.

Howard watched warily as the outbreak spread across Europe. He knew early on he would need to test widely if he was to prevent the virus from spreading to aging neighbors it could kill. LabCorp, the private company Howard uses to run all his labs, initially gave him just five collection kits, and he administered the first on March 17.

A longtime Marine Corps flight surgeon, Howard moved to Donley County more than two decades ago to become the only doctor in town. He prefers rural medicine to big-city hospitals – it's what he calls "high-touch versus high-tech."

In 2014, his community voted him county judge.

Before cases began to appear in the Panhandle, Howard warned those feeling "complacent" that even remote communities would not be spared.

"It's bound to spread more easily in a place like [New York City] than if you're a rancher in West Texas," Howard said. "But even a rancher in West Texas has to come into the grocery store and go to the gas pumps."

Things started to change in Clarendon on March 19, when the first cases were reported in Amarillo, just an hour's drive away. The city and county issued disaster declarations.

Howard, meanwhile, was still waiting on test results as the promised five-business-day turnaround extended to seven, then eight, then 10.

"When you do a test on 3/17 and you get a report back on 3/24, and then you do a test on 3/19 and you get a report back on 4/2, how does that help me take care of that patient?" he questioned. "It doesn't. It doesn't."

Frustrated, he turned on March 26 to a new company, Ipsum Diagnostics.

Soon, the city halted construction on two major projects, including Clarendon's first-ever public swimming pool. Monroe's Peach Ranch, a fruit stand on U.S. 287, saw slower traffic and lower profits. A school board election was postponed.

Leaders of several churches convened a joint service at the local drive-in on March 29. They broadcast their sermon to about 100 people and several dogs over FM radio, station 88.7, occasionally asking parishioners to honk their car horns in an ill-tuned "Amen" chorus. Volunteers in gloves and masks gathered collection envelopes in Kentucky Fried Chicken buckets.

"Somebody asked me, 'How long are you gonna do this?' And I said, 'Until this is over or Jesus comes back,'" said Jim Fox, a Baptist pastor who coordinated the service.

The next night, Howard got a call from a state worker in Lubbock: Donley County had its first positive case, someone who had been tested in a hospital outside the county.

The news reached Estlack the next morning in his office, where he was readying the weekly print edition of the Clarendon Enterprise.

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Chase lands Pampa man in local jail

A Pampa man is in the Donley County Jail this week after leading officers on a high speed chase from Gray County last week.

Sheriff Butch Blackburn said Henry Lee Perryman, Jr., was facing three felony charges in Donley County as well as four additional charges in Gray County.

The sheriff said Perryman, age 42, fled from Pampa police the afternoon of April 13 after violating a court order in a domestic situation. The Gray County Sheriff's Office alerted Blackburn's department about the chase as Perryman fled on Hwy. 70 in a 2012 GMC Sierra. DPS also joined the pursuit, the sheriff said.

A Donley County deputy shot the pickup's rear tires as Perryman fled south into Donley County on Hwy. 70. The suspect got turned around and headed back north, side-swiping a bystander's vehicle and attempting to run over a Gray County officer. Soon after that additional gunfire from a Donley County officer brought Perryman's vehicle to a stop.

Perryman was arraigned on local charges April 14 by Justice of the Peace Pam Mason for first degree felony Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, second degree felony Aggravated Assault Against a Public Servant, and third degree felony Evading Arrest with a Motor Vehicle, and total bond was set at \$250,000.

Mason also arraigned Perryman on Gray County charges on April 15 for third degree felony Assault Causing Bodily Injury with a Previous Conviction, state jail felony Evading Arrest with a Motor Vehicle, and two counts of Class A Misdemeanor Violation of a Protection Order. Total bond on those charges was set at \$25,000.

Tornadoes hit Donley County fifty years ago

With severe weather season upon us, several local residents will recall the deadly storms of this week from 50 years ago which cost 15 people their lives and destroyed much of what is now Howardwick.

Storms had raged across the Panhandle when at 12:40 a.m. on Saturday, April 18, 1970, a tornado hit the Royce Hall home northwest of Hedley, demolishing it but not seriously injuring the family there.

A second tornado touched down about 2 a.m. in the Martin community west of Clarendon, hitting three homes before striking Odell Osburn's home and killing him.

The twister next hit what was then known as Sherwood Shores, demolishing 182 trailer homes and claiming 12 lives as it moved on to the northeast, leaving a trail of destruction and debris scattered as far away as Mobeetie.

Having faith along the long journey

If bodies grew weary of exercising, two of my friends – Dr. Lanny Hall in Abilene and Katheleene Green in Burleson – would be too sore to stand up. Truth to tell, Katheleene has been a devotee to physical exercise much longer. She attains age 100 come July 18.

Dr. Hall, three decades her junior, has never been keen on physical exertion, but exercising deep faith this year has been rewarding, perhaps even lifesaving. That counts, too.



the idle american
by don newbury

Diagnosed with lymphoma in December, he has been treated in Abilene and Houston. On March 24, his M. D. Anderson Hospital oncologist declared the lymphoma to be in remission, head-to-toe, 100%....

Someone said Katheleene is “avid about all good things.” Also an “overcomer,” she fooled doctors a while back. Widowed 28 years ago, she has lived independently ever since, despite suffering a fall in her yard half-a-dozen years ago. (Until that time, she had done all of her own yard work.)

Katheleene was unconscious for almost a month, and doctors told her son and daughter that she’d need to be in a care center the “rest of the way.”

She disagreed, voluntarily giving up driving about the same time. She remains otherwise independent, cleaning house, cooking and remaining a good citizen...

Hall, serving a quarter-century as president of Wayland, Howard Payne and Hardin-Simmons Universities, likewise seeks life’s “sunny sides.”

Serving three terms in the legislature – plus his years in education – he is dedicated to the max.

He has always looked and sounded like a distinguished leader, but when he “klutzes things up,” there’ve been some “lulu’s.”...

Before a recent trip to Houston, his H-SU colleagues sent him off with a top-of-the-line face mask. He decided he’d wear it when he checked in for treatment the next day.

“That’s a great face mask,” the attending nurse said. He thanked her for noticing.

But, her answer stung: “It will work better if you put it on right side up.” (Dr. Hall can take it as well as dish out. He didn’t have to tell anyone about this “flub.”)...

Katheleene also crams much into her days. For example, she sews, reads, and walks, plus cooks for her children and their families every Sunday. When there’s a death at the church, she usually bakes two pies – one of which is always coconut – for the bereaved family. She is envied by throngs, including friends Earl and Helen Knox, with whom Katheleene rides to church each Sunday. (“Why don’t you make pie crusts from scratch?” Earl asks Helen. Her response: I’m NOT Katheleene.”)

Right now, Mrs. Green is making face masks for her friends. Last year she made four king-size quilts, all “pieced and quilted” by hand.

The oldest living member of her church, she walks two miles daily on the track there. When the church is closed, she walks for an hour at her home, figuring it to be about the same distance....

Back to the topic of “klutziness.” I can hold my own in this department.

Learning about Katheleene’s making quilts “the old-fashioned way,” I keenly remember when my limited knowledge of quilt-making let me down. Attending a fund-raiser in El Paso a few decades ago, I needed to participate in the women’s auxiliary auction held annually to support a college extension center. I spent \$150 for four quilts, somewhat proud not only for “helping out,” but also taking home gifts my wife would love. (They barely fit in the plane’s overhead bin.)

I rolled on about how the ladies must have spent hours at the quilting frame.

Unimpressed, Brenda asked, “Why do the labels say ‘made in Taiwan’?”...

My soul is refreshed with thoughts of Easter and of friends like Katheleene and Lanny.

They’ll meet soon, and hit it off, for sure.

And Lanny’ll impress his wife, “Nurse Carol,” if he learns Katheleene’s quilting skills. First, he has to build the frame....

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1970 a deadly year for area storms

By David Stevens,
Eastern New Mexico News

When old-timers talk about the deadliest tornadoes in our region’s history, the focus is usually on 1970.

In just 24 days that spring, 49 people died in a series of twisters that also left hundreds hospitalized, destroyed thousands of homes and damaged 10,000-plus vehicles and more than 100 aircraft.

The worst storm hit Lubbock on May 11, 1970. Meteorologists believe that tornado was on the ground for 8 or 9 miles, its violently rotating winds leveling much of the city’s downtown. It left 26 people dead and at least 500 injured. It is believed to be the 11th deadliest tornado in Texas history. A Google search reveals dozens of first-hand accounts, complete with photos, if you want to see.

Noted storm researcher Ted Fujita – who invented the Fujita scale for measuring cyclones – spent days recording information and ultimately labeled Lubbock’s twister an F5, the most destructive, with winds in excess of 261 mph.

What’s not so well chronicled, but just as amazing, happened three weeks before that.

On April 17-18, 1970, multiple tornadoes ripped through more than a dozen communities across Texas’ South Plains. Officials said 23 died in the darkness that late night/early morning, and

there were “unknown hundreds” of injuries, according to the Amarillo Globe-News, with about \$5 million in property damages.

The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal reported the devastation was sprayed in “shotgun fashion.”

One of the first victims was asleep when the roof was ripped off of her brick home near Lazbuddie in Parmer County. Lillian Morris, 50, a school teacher, was pronounced dead on arrival at Muleshoe’s West Plains Memorial Hospital. Three others in her home survived. Outside, heavy farm equipment was overturned, trees were twisted and uprooted and livestock were dead.

The Lazbuddie tornado caught many in the farming community by surprise, arriving about 10:30 p.m.

Mrs. E.A. Parham told The Muleshoe Journal her family’s property was hit just before the twister tore into the Morris’ home.

Parham said her Quonset-style barn was gone. “The concrete floor is all that is left,” she told the Journal. “If people did not know we had a barn, they wouldn’t know anything happened at our house.”

In neighboring Bailey County, a tornado was reported at 7:30 the night of April 17 near Needmore. Barns and carports were destroyed and Muleshoe

sustained widespread damage to roofs and trees from the winds. Joe Harbin of Bailey County Electric Cooperative said 65 utility poles were damaged.

The Amarillo newspaper reported hundreds of miles of utility poles were damaged throughout the region, leaving thousands without power or telephone service for days.

The hardest hit area was a resort village near Greenbelt Lake north of Clarendon, Texas. That’s where 15 people died and five dozen more were hospitalized.

Tornado historians tell us the twist-ers formed – as they often do – in eastern New Mexico before doing most of their damage in Texas. In addition to the devastating winds, baseball-sized hail was reported in places, as well as heavy fog.

Today is a good day to remember these infamous events because the destruction began 50 years ago this week.

It’s also worth noting that Texas’ 11 most deadly tornadoes have all occurred between April 9 and May 30, with records going back to 1902.

Enjoy your spring. But watch the skies.

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Inmate farmers of Hopkins County

Some residents of the Hopkins County Jail in Sulphur Springs are farm hands. Sheriff Lewis Tatum was instrumental in starting a farm to grow food for inmates. Trusties in the jail take care of the plants and animals. These are men and women who are considered ideal prisoners that get along with guards and others behind bars, keep their quarters and clothes clean and neat and have a good attitude about doing chores.

“They raise vegetables, chickens and hogs,” says Sheriff Tatum. “We’ve got a big sign out there that says TRUSTY FARM. A few years ago I got with County Commissioners and they told me they had a piece of land east of town, four to five acres or so, that belonged to the county and they told me I could use it as a farm. So we took a bunch of trusties out there and got started. We built our hog pens and chicken pens out of the scraps from the football and baseball stadiums. The trusties worked on them for the school system.”

The farm is doing well. “Right now we’ve got 12 sows, and a boar, and I couldn’t tell you how many

pigs we’ve got ready to process. We have our own processing plant. We’ve got a little over 400 laying hens. We haven’t bought any meat in over 3 years. Around Valentine’s Day we start planting potatoes and beans, okra, tomatoes, peas, mustard greens, just whatever we can plant. There’s a spot of land south of town we may be getting to use where we can grow watermelons and cantaloupes.”

Sheriff Tatum says the farm saves the county a bundle of money.

“If you average up what it would cost to feed 192 inmates a year and what we actually spend our projection is to save \$200,000 a year.”

He says the inmates benefit from the farm work in many ways.

“Number one, they eat better because the food is always fresh. Then, too, they’re learning a lot of different



stories of texas
by tumbleweed smith

trades. We try to get them jobs when they get out. We’ve probably got 36 trusties working. They’re mostly serving time for theft and drugs. We don’t have any murderers or sex offenders working as trusties. And they don’t just work on the farm. They also work on county roads, the school system, civic center, just wherever they’re needed. The county even employs some of them when they finish their sentence. A lot of them, if you look at their backgrounds, never had a chance. We’re giving them a chance to prove themselves. I think if you put a little trust in them and they find out that you expect more from them, they do better. I see a lot of them in the grocery store or somewhere with their families after they’ve been released and we shake hands and visit. They’re proud to be a member of society.”

The sheriff says sometimes he’ll overhear some of the trusties talking among themselves toward the end of the day and they mention how the crops look or how many eggs they gathered that day, indicating they take pride in their accomplishments.

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Sickest?: Testing provides information

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He scrapped an article on a recent Clarendon College Board of Regents meeting and got to work on the virus news.

The Enterprise’s small staff is mostly Estlacks: Ashlee, Roger’s wife, who helps with social media; Ella, his 11-year-old daughter, who takes photos; and Benjamin, his 13-year-old son, who has been authoring a “Cub Reporter” column since he was 6. The only full-time reporter as well as its editor, publisher, “janitor and bottle washer,” Roger Estlack quickly became a pivotal player in the county’s coronavirus response, calling and texting Howard constantly and updating the case count most days on the paper’s website.

On April 3, Estlack convened a virtual news conference featuring Howard, Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn and other local leaders – “new territory, not just for this newspaper,” Estlack said. With a bushy mustache and an even keel, Howard addressed his constituents, sitting in front of an American flag, a Texas flag and a list of the Ten Commandments. Beside him, in a bright blue button-down and a star-shaped gold badge, Blackburn interlaced his fingers over his belly, looking solemn.

Invited to comment on Facebook, locals fretted their questions up the chain. Did they need written permission to feed cattle just outside town? Could they still deliver eggs to customers? Could they have family over, even if they didn’t live in the same household? And what could Howard tell them about who was ill so far?

Howard offered little identifying information – describing a sick resident as a woman in her 30s limits the guessing pool substantially in a place like Clarendon – and less undue comfort.

“Everything you touch should be considered to be contaminated,” he said. Anyone might brush a contaminated gas pump, then touch her face because a “Panhandle wind blew some dust in your eye.” He was calm but serious: The virus could spread rapidly.

By then, Howard had begun receiving rapid test results from the new lab. Faster data made the spread look faster, too. By April 8, there were 13 cases in the county; two days later, there were 21. The county’s current total is 23. In a small town, most people knew who was sick even without public announcements. And even without doing robust contact tracing, Howard could make inferences: Three people seemed to have all gotten the virus after spending time together socially. Prayer chains

formed among churches, naming the ill.

Meanwhile, the state still reports that surrounding counties remain healthy. Of the eight counties that ring Donley, four have not reported any cases at all.

“In a rural area, in farming communities, for all practical purposes they’ve been practicing social distancing forever,” said Kel Seliger, a Republican state senator from Amarillo who represents the vast grid of rural Panhandle counties.

Howard said counties that aren’t on a major thoroughfare may see less viral spread. An absence of testing also helps explain the disparity, local officials and medical experts say.

In some rural counties, “there’s no confirmed cases cause there’s no testing,” said John Henderson, the president of the Texas Organization of Rural and Community Hospitals and former executive of a hospital 60 miles from Clarendon in Childress.

“I dare say it’s widespread in other communities,” Howard said. “But they may not be testing at the rate that I’m testing.”

Ray Powell, judge of Donley’s neighbor to the south, said, “If we have anyone in Hall County with that virus, we don’t know it.”

A hospital in Hall County went bankrupt in 2002, and the county’s health clinic closed two years ago when the nurse practitioner running it retired. A couple of years ago, when Powell’s wife was diagnosed with lung cancer, they had to travel 90 miles each way to Amarillo for appointments.

“So if anybody gets tested, they have to leave the county to do it,” he said. “We’re just sitting here wondering – do we have any running around? Surely we do because of our neighbor, Donley County.”

Howard says his role as county judge informs his practice as a doctor as much as the other way around. A confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis doesn’t much change a patient’s course of care, but data guides government decisions.

“From a doctor standpoint, I don’t need to test them,” Howard said. “But from a judge standpoint, from a public health standpoint, from a trying to take care of my own community standpoint ... this is epidemiological data that’s useful to me.”

Officials believe the high case count has helped them corral locals into following their stay-at-home order. Clarendon Mayor Sandy Skelton said his constituents are resilient, not scared. He and his wife have continued to deliver Meals on Wheels weekly, though his 101-year-old mother is furious that she’s no longer allowed to tag along.

At Monroe’s Peach Ranch, along the highway, Collin Monroe is selling fewer and fewer jars of peach butter, wondering whether his high school graduation this spring will have to be done as a drive-thru. Local businesses are hurting, but most are family-owned stalwarts likely to weather the outbreak.

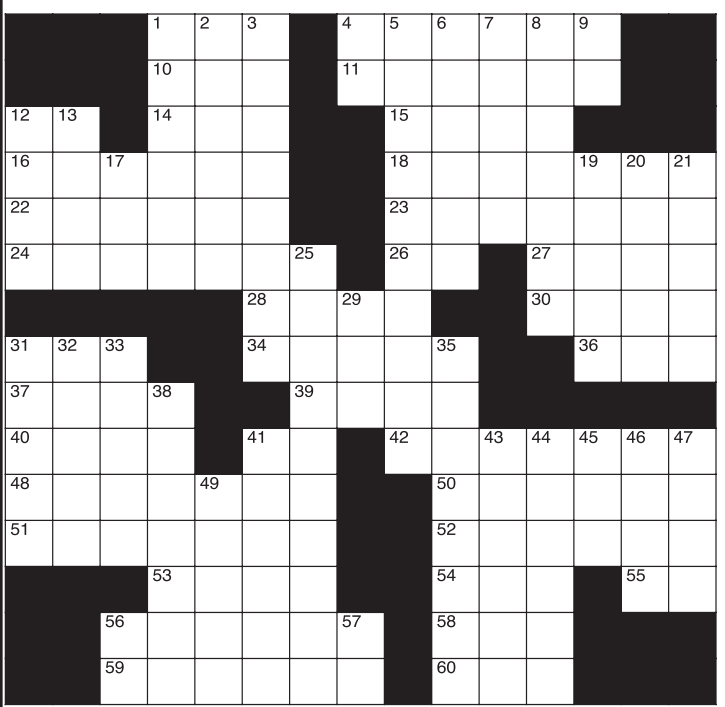
Several Donley County patients had to be hospitalized, and two were put on ventilators. But by this week, many of the county’s 23 cases had made it into the coveted “recovered” category.

The husband of a pregnant woman was among those who tested positive for the virus. Doctors delayed her inducement date, and now mom, dad and baby are all testing negative and doing well, Howard said.

Howard predicts that when the outbreak subsides and antibody tests reveal who had the virus, Donley County won’t look like much of an outlier anymore.

“Some small cities and counties are not testing anybody,” Skelton said. “Maybe they don’t want to know. But we want to know in Clarendon.”

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10. Brew
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27. Khoikhoi people
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31. TV network
34. Georges __, French philosopher
36. Sharp, shrill bark
37. Albanian monetary units
39. Launched Apollo
40. One who graduated
41. Exist
42. Passed by
48. Very unpleasant smell
50. Graduates
51. Seedless raisin
52. Self-protection
53. Clue
54. Life-savers
55. Ingest too much
56. Misrepresented
58. Small Eurasian deer
59. Most mocking
60. Soviet Socialist Republic

CLUES DOWN

1. Flower cluster
2. A form
3. Inner organ regions
4. Local law enforcement
5. A citizen of Senegal
6. Positively charged electrodes
7. Connects granules
8. Business practice
9. The Mount Rushmore State
12. Leader
13. Hindu queen
17. Proofreading mark
19. European country
20. Greek mythological nymph
21. Grandfather
25. Clears
29. Amount of time
31. Mollusks
32. German municipality
33. Body part
35. City of Angels hoopsters
38. Suffocate
41. Pleasing to the eye
43. Poplar trees (Spanish)
44. Ship officer
45. Individual investment account (abbr.)
46. Prefix meaning within
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49. Day by day
56. Not color
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Menus

April 27 - 1

Donley County Senior Citizens
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Tue: Chicken casserole, mixed vegetables, whole wheat bread, angel bread cake/strawberries, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Pork roast/gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed veggies, cornbread, banana pudding, iced tea/2% milk.
Thu: Ham/black-eyed peas, mashed potatoes, carrot raisin salad, cornbread, baked apples, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Chicken strips/gravy, potato wedges, carrot salad, wheat bread, sliced pears, iced tea/2% milk.

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Wed: Creamy mushroom steak, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, whole wheat roll, margarine, Emerald pears, iced tea/2% milk.
Thu: Baked chicken breast, baked potato/sour cream, peas, pineapple tidbits, chocolate pudding, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Turkey sandwich, tomato, lettuce, pickle, broccoli raisin salad, macaroni salad, pineapple delight, iced tea/2% milk.

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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, one block west of the Home Depot on Georgia, beginning the week of 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.

This service will continue during the pandemic as long as the group has food or until the crisis closes their doors. Those interested in taking advantage of this service need to only bring a state-issued ID.

For more information, call 376-4571.

Sales tax holiday to be held this weekend in Texas

As the nation continues to shelter in place because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar is urging Texans to shop online or practice strict social distancing measures for in-store purchases during the sales tax holiday for emergency preparation supplies.

The primary intent of the law that established this holiday, which begins at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, April 25, and ends at midnight on Monday, April 27, is to help Texans prepare for events like hurricanes and turbulent spring storms. There's no limit on the number of qualifying items you can purchase. These include: household batteries, fuel containers and flashlights priced at less than \$75; hurricane shutters and emergency ladders priced at less than \$300; and portable generators priced at less than \$3,000.

For purchases made online, note that delivery, shipping, handling and transportation charges are part of the sales price. If the emergency preparation supply being purchased is taxable, the delivery charge is also taxable. Consider these charges when determining whether an emergency preparation supply can be purchased tax free during the holiday.

Unfortunately, the list of tax-free items is established by law and does not include items such as masks or personal protection equipment.

A list of emergency preparation supplies that may be purchased tax free is on the Comptroller's website.

How to stay healthy while social distancing

(StatePoint) – COVID-19 has the public rethinking how they stay healthy – both physically and mentally. Even those in good health can start to feel anxious and fearful when the words 'pandemic' and 'social distancing' are mentioned.

But can you stay active and mentally healthy while social distancing? The answer is a resounding yes.

While routines have changed, it's critical that people keep exercising and eating nutritious meals, since the body is often able to better fight off illnesses when it's healthy and strong. Taking these steps helps fight off stress, which most people are experiencing right now in one way or another.

Here is some advice from Cigna chief nursing officer, Mary Picerno to help stay healthy, both physically and mentally, during this time.

- **Get Outside:** While it's important to limit physical interactions, getting outside for a run, walk or bicycle ride is a great way to boost endorphins and enjoy fresh air. Just make sure to maintain six feet between yourself and others. If weather or other reasons limit your ability to go outside, many com-

panies and gyms are offering free online exercises right now. Endorphins have been found to reduce stress, increase feelings of happiness and help fight against depression.

- **Get Proper Nutrition:** Add fruits and vegetables to your plate for colorful, nutrient-rich meals. Vegetables also are a good source of fiber. Eating well will help you feel better and give you energy to keep moving. Now is a great time to try that new recipe or food subscription box!

- **Stay Hydrated:** Drinking plenty of water can help prevent dehydration. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, dehydration can cause unclear thinking and mood swings. Not sure how much to drink? Many medical professionals suggest following the 8x8 rule, eight ounces of water eight times a day.

- **Stay Connected:** Just because you can't be with friends and family in person doesn't mean you can't stay in touch. Set up time to connect with video chats, phone calls and emails. Staying connected doesn't have to be high-tech. Have kids or just a kid at heart? Write encouraging messages on your driveway or

in your windows for your neighbors, and postal and delivery workers.

- **Know Your Options:** One of the best ways to prepare is knowing what to do if you start to show symptoms. Cigna and many other health insurers are now waiving the costs of doctor visits related to a COVID-19 diagnosis as well as the cost of COVID-19 FDA-approved testing. To minimize your exposure, call or email your doctor or a local health system about a telehealth visit to be screened for COVID-19. The provider will then identify what steps you should take next.

- **Get Support:** Talking through concerns and fears can help put them in perspective and make you feel calmer. You may want to reach out for professional support if you're struggling. Cigna offers many resources and tools, including a 24-hour toll-free help line (1-855-287-8400) to speak with qualified behavior health clinicians, a webinar focused on managing anxiety, fears and concerns, and mindfulness podcasts (available in English and Spanish) focused on improving resiliency and stress management.

During this challenging time, your health should be a priority.

Steps to establish 'normal' during COVID-19

(StatePoint) – It's always the right time to commit to healthy habits, behaviors and steps to improve your physical and mental health.

With the COVID-19 pandemic creating so much uncertainty and upending so many routines, experts say that focusing on the things within your control is particularly important.

"At this particular moment – challenging as it may be – it is very important for all of us as individuals to recognize that our actions can and do have a collective impact," says Dr. Patrice A. Harris, president of the American Medical Association (AMA). "A lot of people are grieving at this moment. Tragically some are grieving loss of loved ones; but people can also grieve the loss of employment, routines or the ability to be with family and friends. Everyone should know that these feelings are normal, and they should allow themselves to experience them."

Here some simple steps from the AMA to maintain your physical and mental health during the unusual times of COVID-19:

1. Channel your feelings of anxiety or helplessness into action. Practicing physical distancing and

making sure to wash your hands with warm soapy water for at least 20 seconds are two steps that protect your health and the health of others. Create a safety action plan for you and your family. Also consider how small gestures – like offering to pick up groceries for an older or at-risk neighbor who may be anxious about leaving home – can make a big difference.

2. Take care of yourself physically. Get as much sleep as you can, try to include fruits and vegetables into your diet, and make sure you move. With many gyms and parks closed and physical distancing in place, it may seem harder to work out, so consider options at home, including dancing, to stay active.

3. Create new routines. With more people working from home and/or caring for school-aged children, the daily lives we had before COVID-19 are a distant memory. But building routines – time for work, time for meals, time for decompressing – is critical to creating a new normal. In the world today, there are so many things we can't control, but our schedules are something we can.

4. Take time to turn off social media and the news. It is critical at this moment to know what is hap-

pening in the world and to stay connected with family and friends, but if social media and 24-hour news are making you anxious, consume them in doses.

5. Feel your feelings. It's natural to worry and be afraid at a moment like this. It is also important to remember there are physicians, public health officials at all levels of government, as well as experts in the private sector, working tirelessly to limit the spread and impact of COVID-19.

6. Stay connected. Social media gives us a common connection point during times of isolation, but there is real opportunity at this moment to stay connected via phone calls and video chats with friends, family, and even people you haven't heard from in a while. Physical distancing is important, but it's still okay to socialize.

7. If you have children, talk to them in an age-appropriate way, and avoid ascribing feelings to them. Don't say, "I know you're scared." Kids are observant and they're wise. They may know things are different, but they may not be afraid. Let them know smart people are working on ways to keep us all safe. Model healthy coping.

Spending weekends working with Dad

Over the past few weekends, my Dad and I have been doing some Honey-do's, or, in my case, Sonny-do's.

Last weekend, we worked on fixing one of our fences because it kept falling over into our neighbor's yard.

The first thing we did was take off all the fence panels and replaced all the fence posts. The next thing we did was put new 2x4s on the posts,

and we screwed the panels on to them.

After that we waited until the next weekend and started by building a new gate beside our barn. We basically just used a small old fence panel to func-



the cub reporter

by Benjamin Estlack

tion as our gate, and all we had to add was the hinges and the latch.

The last thing we did was we put siding across one of the gables on my mom's shack so the sun doesn't come in over the curtains.

I did a lot with my Dad over the weekend. I have no doubt that we will do more this weekend, but I enjoy getting to use power tools and work with my Dad, so I'm cool with it.

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Isolation tent

Associated Ambulance Authority Director Anna Howard stands beside the tent the EMS service has devised to protect themselves from the possible spread of COVID-19. The frame of PVC and PEX piping holds up a standard 0.4 mil plastic drop cloth, which then tucked around the edges of the bed once a patient is ready to transport. Howard said area hospital staffs have been impressed with the ambulance authority's ingenuity. The plastic is discarded after each use and the cot and bedding is sanitized before the next run.

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Donley County Social Hour

The second Donley County Social hour, hosted by County Attorney Landon Lambert (above right) and editor Roger Estlack (above left) was held last Thursday and interviewed local COVID-19 recovered patient Tammy Morrow, who gave great insight to her diagnosis and time in isolation. The video can still be viewed at Facebook.com/TheEnterprise, and this week's Social Hour will be broadcast at that same address this Thursday, April 23, at 5:30 p.m.

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Governor Abbott issues executive orders establishing strike force to open Texas

AUSTIN - Governor Greg Abbott last Friday held a press conference where he issued three new Executive Orders to begin the process of reopening the state of Texas while revising hospital capacity and certain social distancing guidelines.

Within the orders, select activities and services that pose minimal to no threat of spreading COVID-19 are allowed to reopen using a “Retail-To-Go” model, certain restrictions on surgeries have been loosened, and schools will remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year.

Abbott established the Strike Force to Open Texas – a team of nationally recognized medical experts and private and public leaders who will advise the Governor on safely and strategically reopening the state of Texas.

“Texans are battling a colossal challenge – an invisible enemy that has tested our lives and our livelihoods – but overcoming challenges is part of who we are as Texans,” said Governor Abbott. “We have shown that Texas can continue our efforts to contain COVID-19 while also adopting safe standards that will allow us to begin the process of reopening Texas. The Strike Force to Open Texas brings together nationally recognized medical experts with public and private sector leaders to achieve this mission. By coming together, we can get Texans back to work, prac-

tice safe standards that will prevent the spread of COVID-19, and we can overcome this pandemic.”

James Huffines will lead the advisory strike force and Mike Toomey will serve as Chief Operating Officer. Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick, House Speaker Dennis Bonnen, Attorney General Ken Paxton, and Comptroller Glenn Hegar will serve as consulting members.

In addition, Governor Abbott has appointed Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Commissioner John Hellerstedt, MD, as Chief Medical Officer of the strike force. Dr. Hellerstedt will be supported by three Chief Medical Advisors.

The medical team will work alongside a Special Advisory Council who will share innovative ideas to help businesses strategically reopen while containing the spread of COVID-19. The council consists of 39 business leaders representing the state’s regions and industries. The advisory council will collaborate with working groups to devise strategies, statewide standards, and appropriate time frames to reopen the Lone Star State while prioritizing the health and safety of all Texans.

The strike force will immediately begin providing input on potential additional openings of activities and services in Texas consistent with guidelines provided by the Centers

for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The Governor will announce a revised plan for the state based on these initial recommendations on April 27.

For more information about the Governor’s Strike Force to Open Texas, visit the strike force webpage.

The Governor’s second Executive Order (GA-16) relates to the safe, strategic reopening of select services and activities in Texas. This order establishes a temporary “Retail-To-Go” model that will allow retail outlets in Texas to reopen beginning Friday, April 24. Under this model, reopened establishments are required to deliver items to customer’s cars, homes, or other locations to minimize contact.

Under this Executive Order, schools – including public, private, and higher education institutions – will remain closed for the 2019-2020 school year. Teachers may go into the classroom for video instruction, to perform administrative duties, and to clean out their classrooms.

The Governor’s third Executive Order (GA-15) relates to hospital capacity and personal protective equipment (PPE) needed for the COVID-19 response. The order loosens restrictions on surgeries put in place by Governor Abbott in March. Beginning at 11:59pm on April 21 through 11:59pm on May 8, all licensed health care professionals and all licensed health care facilities

must continue to postpone all surgeries and procedures that are not medically necessary to diagnose or correct a serious medical condition of, or to preserve the life of, a patient who without timely performance of the surgery or procedure would be at risk for serious adverse medical consequences or death as determined by a patient’s physician. Exceptions now include:

- Any procedure that, if performed in accordance with the commonly accepted standard of clinical practice, would not deplete the hospital capacity or the PPE needed to cope with COVID-19, or
- Any surgery or procedure performed in a licensed health care facility that has certified in writing to Texas HHSC both (1) that it will reserve at least 25% of its hospital capacity for treatment of COVID-19 patients, accounting for the range of clinical severity of COVID-19 patients, and (2) that it will not request any PPE from any public source – whether federal, state, or local – for the duration of the COVID-19 disaster.

The Governor also directed state parks to reopen on Monday, April 20 with strict guidelines to reduce transmission of COVID-19 – including requiring visitors to wear face coverings, maintain a six-foot distance from individuals outside of their party, and prohibiting the gathering of groups larger than five.

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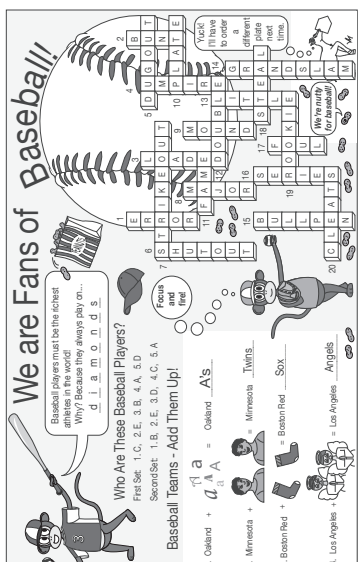
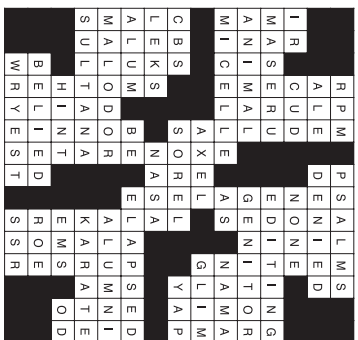


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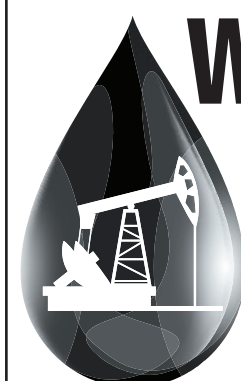
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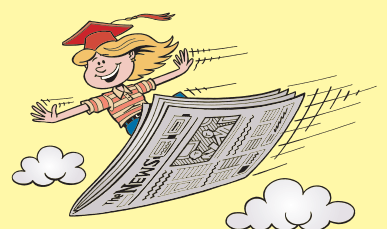
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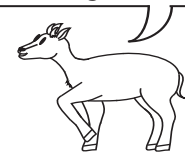


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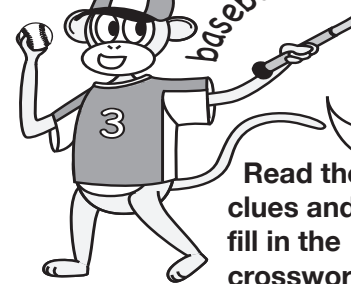
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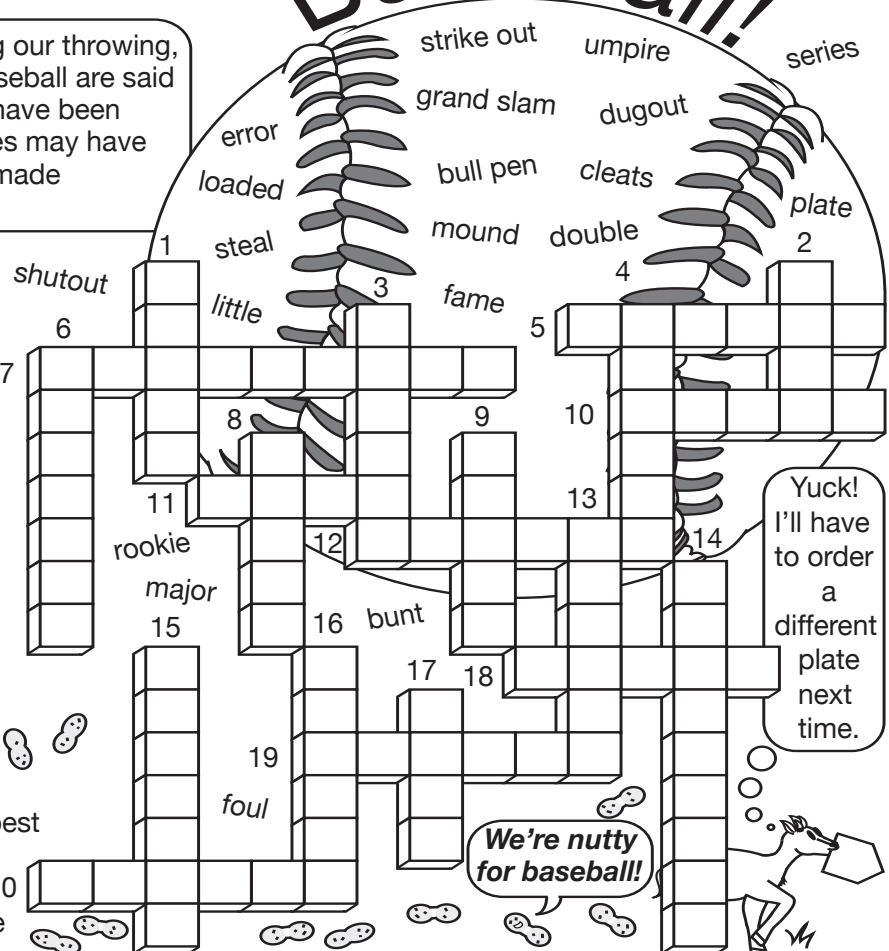


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Idioms**

1. a ball park figure means:
A. an exact price
B. an estimated number
2. to strike out means:
A. to fail while doing your best
B. to have success
3. to touch base means:
A. short chat with someone
B. take a base home

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2. a special hit that causes the ball to dribble slowly on the ground
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4. official who makes sure rules are followed
5. where players wait when they're not on the field
6. when one team does not score a single run in a game
7. when a batter swings and misses the pitch three times
8. _____ Leagues: American and National
9. where the pitcher stands
10. home "base"
11. heroes are honored in the Baseball Hall of _____
12. a two-base hit
13. _____ League: baseball league for children
14. home-run hit when there are runners on all three bases
15. where a pitcher warms up before taking the field
16. when two teams compete several times in a row
17. when a ball is hit out of bounds
18. runner sprints to next base without ball being hit
19. a first-year player
20. special shoes to help you run

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Boys Ranch staff produce face shields

Cal Farley’s Boys Ranch has long taught our young people that in any situation, if there is a way to use your talents to help your community, it’s important to do so. Right now, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Boys Ranch youth are seeing this philosophy in action.

A team of Boys Ranch technology coordinators have joined the global community of 3D printer operators who are producing face shields for area frontline responders.

“Our youth realize now how what they have been learning can be used to help others,” said Phillip Miller, coordinator of technology.

A team of three adult mentors, including Miller, who provide experiential learning opportunities for Boys Ranch youth are currently responding to a worldwide request

for 3D print communities to help produce face shields for their medical communities.

Face shields limit exposure to the coronavirus that causes COVID-19 and provide an additional layer of protection over the whole face.

Also helping with this effort are Barre Wheatley, emerging technology coordinator, and Scotty Wright, who teaches welding technologies.

Thanks to the generous support of donors, the Boys Ranch Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Lab is equipped with five 3D printers. Currently, youth at Boys Ranch are not in school and are practicing social distancing in their group homes.

As a result, they are not utilizing the STEAM lab for their own technology-driven projects, meaning

the 3D printers were ready and waiting for face shield production.

After providing the initial prototypes to the Boys Ranch Volunteer Fire Department and the campus clinic staff, Miller and his team began tackling requests from neighboring EMS and fire departments and other medical facilities.

“We have orders from AMR in Dalhart, Adrian Fire, Vega Fire, Dalhart Fire,” Miller said, adding more face shields will be distributed in the next few days.

The STEAM lab is producing 20 face shield headbands at a time. Each print session takes about 18 hours to complete. Miller said that the Boys Ranch STEAM lab will print, assemble and ship face shields as long as the filament plastic stock on hand lasts.

Comptroller features video to inspire kids about college

With Texas families spending much of their time together indoors because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Comptroller’s office is featuring a creative way to get kids excited about their futures with an interactive video and activity series on the agency’s Meet Your Future webpage presented by the Texas Tuition Promise Fund and the Texas College Savings Plan.

The three career videos – The Future of Food, The Future of Transportation, The Future of Agriculture – show kids what the future might look like and how college could help them on that journey.

At the end of each video, kids

can work on projects featured in activity sheets at the bottom of the webpage.

Each activity is fun and easy, requiring minimal materials.

“We hope these interactive videos inspire kids to think about their college careers, and I want to let parents know it’s not too soon to begin thinking about applying for Match the Promise Foundation scholarships,” Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said. “Although the application period doesn’t begin until September, now would be a great time to start working on a scholarship essay to include with a future application.”



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