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COVID-19 Coronavirus in DONLEY COUNTY	
TESTS CONDUCTED LOCALLY AT CLARENDON FAMILY MEDICAL CENTER	
TOTAL TESTS (at local clinic)	149
PENDING	2
NEGATIVE	120
CONFIRMED (at local clinic)	27
TESTS CONDUCTED OUT OF COUNTY	
CONFIRMED (at other facilities)	7
SOURCE: DONLEY COUNTY JUDGE'S OFFICE	
TOTAL CONFIRMED DONLEY CO. CASES	34
OUT OF THE CONFIRMED CASES RECOVERED	29
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## Sales tax collections up locally

Municipalities in Donley County all saw gains in sales tax revenues when Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar distributed July allocations last week.

The City of Clarendon was up 10.56 percent with \$34,026.03 for the month compared to \$30,773.35 for the same period last year.

The city still lags 3.27 percent on the calendar year-to-date total at \$235,975.23 compared to \$243,997.23 one year ago.

Hedley was up 2.34 percent this month at \$614.50 but still trails on the year-to-date figure 0.56 percent at \$5,992.23.

Howardwick's total for the month was up 2.34 percent at \$1,565.96, and that city is up 20.05 percent on the calendar year-to-date at \$10,030.79.

Statewide, Hegar distributed \$744.2 million in local sales tax allocations for July, 2.6 percent less than in July 2019. These allocations are based on sales in May by businesses that report monthly.

Social distancing requirements were relaxed across much of the state in May, thus year-over-year declines were not as steep across the state as last month.

## Trump makes final pitch for Jackson

By Patrick Svitek, Texas Tribune

(Editor's Note: Voters were still casting ballots in the runoff election as the Enterprise went to press Tuesday. Local results will be posted on ClarendonLive.com.)

President Donald Trump made a late push Monday night for two candidates he has endorsed in hotly contested Republican primary runoffs in Texas.

With hours until polls open, Trump joined tele-town halls for Tony Gonzales and Ronny Jackson, who are vying for the nominations to replace retiring Reps. Will Hurd, R-Helotes, and Mac Thornberry, R-Clarendon, respectively. Hurd's seat is one of Democrats' top pickup opportunities nationwide, while Thornberry's is one of the reddest in the country – and gives Trump the opportunity to install a loyal ally in Jackson, the former White House doctor.

Both runoffs have been dramatic to the end. In Hurd's district, Trump endorsed Gonzales, a former Navy cryptologist favored by the outgoing incumbent and national GOP, earlier this month, three days after U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, shook up the runoff by backing Gonzales' rival, Raul Reyes.

"He's a conservative guy," Trump said of Gonzales, "but he's a conservative guy that's gonna win – because we have to win, and you know, that's a very important element of it. That's one of the reasons I'm doing this. I studied it very closely. We need somebody that's gonna beat their candidate, and that candidate can absolutely be beaten."

On the call, Trump trained

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## City addresses concerns at town hall Monday

The Clarendon City County held a town hall meeting at the Mulkey Theatre Monday night to address several concerns and questions raised by citizens on social media.

More than 60 people attended the meeting in person, and as many as 115 were watching a live stream of the event on the Enterprise's Facebook feed.

Mayor Sandy Skelton called the meeting to order and read introductory comments designed to address most of the concerns or comments that had been raised online. The text of the mayor's statement can be found on page two of this week's Enterprise.

The mayor also read a statement from Citizens Cemetery Association Board President Chuck Robertson about improvements that have been made to the cemetery.

Questions and comments

from citizens then occupied about two hours of evening with Donley County Judge John Howard serving as the moderator. A video of that portion of the meeting is available for viewing at Facebook.com/TheEnterprise.

Some of the topics covered Monday evening included several questions about the Clarendon Economic Development Board, and city official largely differed those to the CEDC board and encouraged those questions to be asked directly to that body. The CEDC meets the first Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Mulkey, and agendas are posted 72 hours in advance at City Hall and online at ClarendonTX.com/cedc-agendas.

Handicapped ramps downtown and particularly near the ice cream parlor were brought up several times. Skelton said the CEDC had proposed and approved money for a ramp in

that particular location, but a property owner where the ramp would be located had objected to the design. The owner said she felt it would harm her ability to sell her building. Skelton assured those in attendance that ramp improvements would be placed on a city council agenda in the near future for action.

Residents also asked several questions about the USDA-funded water system improvement project, which has fallen behind schedule and taken a toll on city streets. Skelton said the contractor believes they will be done by October 1, but the mayor thinks it will be more likely December.

City officials assured those in attendance that bricks taken from the streets for the water connections would be put back and said a street improvement plan would follow the USDA project and that voters would have a chance to approve that proj-

ect. When future paving is done, it will likely be a two-course chip seal process, the city officials said. City Administrator David Dockery also said for long street improvements to be made it was important to take care of the deepest and worst water line projects first.

One question was asked as to why Clarendon doesn't have a paid fire department, and city officials simply declined to answer that since none of them were volunteer firemen. Howard said that he was blessed as the emergency management coordinator to work with the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department as well as local EMS and law enforcement.

Questions also centered on the Clarendon Aquatics Center, including the cost and management of the project. Mayor Skelton reminded those present that the city bid the project three times and that tariffs had been to blame for the higher

than expected costs of concrete. One gentleman spoke out about putting general funds into the pool project when the city had originally said they would not do so.

On question focused on insurance for the pool. Dockery said he had been working on the city's insurance and said the pool portion of the insurance would be \$5,380 per year. He also said that with several adjustments, including shifting the insurance for the Mulkey to the CEDC budget, the city's overall insurance bill next year is actually expected to be \$661 lower than this year.

One resident asked about how many jobs the pool and Mulkey were providing. The mayor said the pool would require at least a dozen lifeguards and a pool manager, and it was stated that the Mulkey has three part-time employees.

One citizen asked if the public

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## Pool progress

Workmen pour the concrete deck around the new aquatics center Monday afternoon. City officials say the deck should be completely poured this week as work on the center progresses.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ROGER ESTLACK

## National Guard tests 86 locally for COVID-19

Two new cases were added to the positive COVID-19 results by the Clarendon Family Medical Center this week, bringing the total positives to 27.

Two other cases were classified as recovered on Tuesday, which made the current active cases total five. Two cases were pending.

The Texas National Guard held a walk-up testing at the Bulldog Gym at Clarendon College Tuesday. Donley County Judge John Howard, MD, reported that a total of 86 tests were conducted.

Results of the National Guard tests are expected to be available by

the end of the week, Howard said.

Speaking at Monday night's town hall meeting, Howard encouraged people to get tested the next day.

"Two weeks ago we had zero active cases, now we have six," Howard said Monday and wondered aloud if there might have been silent spread of the virus after the Fourth of July.

He also addressed those who say more testing leads to more positives.

"I'm a scientist; I prefer more information over a lack of information," Howard said.



Tyler and Laura Paul swab their mouths at the National Guard's COVID-19 testing at the Bulldog Gym Monday.

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## Sandell to host Casting Crowns this Saturday

Casting Crowns hasn't gotten to perform on stage in about four months, but that all changes this week as the Grammy-award winning Christian rock band begins their Drive-In Theatre Tour and performs in Clarendon Saturday, July 18.

Brian Scoggin, the lead drummer for Casting Crowns since 2009, told the Enterprise Tuesday that the band is looking forward to getting back on stage.

"We've recorded some stuff on tape, but this will be our first time on stage since early March," Scoggin said. "We're ready to knock the rust off and perform again."

The group's tour starts July 15 in Fayetteville, Ark., followed the next day by a performance in Tulsa, Okla., before coming to Clarendon on Saturday.

Scoggin said Casting Crowns were in the midst of their normal spring tours when COVID-19 hit and shut down the concert business. Then a promoter friend of theirs

came up with the idea of getting them to perform in drive-in theatres, a venue the group had never played before.

"This is a totally new thing for us," Scoggin said, "but it's going to be a good night. People are ready to get out and worship the Lord."

Even though Clarendon is a small population compared to some of the tour stops, Scoggin says they are used to playing concerts where the attendance can outsize the location of the community.

"People will show up to worship God, and they will come not just from Clarendon but from the entire area," Scoggin said.

Casting Crowns, led by Mark Hall, started in Florida in 1999 and eventually grew in popularity and became multi-platinum award winners for their faith-based music. Scoggin says Hall is still the lead writer for the group.

"Mark is the songwriter, and it all comes from his work with church

and his youth group," Scoggin said. "God has given him that ability to speak like that."

Saturday's concert will be an entirely new combination of music, Scoggin said.

"We will have a good mix of songs by us that people have gravitated to in the past," he said. "We also pulled out some songs from our catalog that are just fitting for the times we're in."

Scoggin joined the band ten years after it started. He said he knew of the band from its beginning but said their paths didn't cross for several years.

"It was a life changer," he said of joining the group. "I had to adjust to working weekends and being home during the week. We started homeschooling our kids. But it's just been amazing how the Lord has blessed me and blessed others."

The Casting Crowns concert is promoted by Awakening Events, founded by Dan Fife.



Casting Crowns will perform live on stage this weekend at Clarendon's Sandell Drive-In.

COURTESY PHOTO

"When we began discussing the Drive-In Theater series and which artists made the most sense, Casting Crowns was an immediate YES," Fife said in a concert release. "We've had a long history of successful shows with Casting Crowns. The powerful way in which their music impacts people is something that is

needed in this season. I'm honored that the Casting Crowns' team has decided to join us on this exciting new journey, taking live music to the people, on the Drive-In Theater Tour Series."

All dates on the Drive-In Theater Tour will comply with local

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# Mayor Skelton responds to citizen concerns

(Editor's Note: The following are the comments that were read by Clarendon Mayor Sandy Skelton at Monday night's town hall meeting. The livestream video of the meeting can be viewed at [Facebook.com/TheEnterprise](https://www.facebook.com/TheEnterprise).)

The entire City Council, David Dockery, and I strongly agree that our streets are currently in terrible condition. The Council wanted to pave streets two years ago, but we were constantly being reminded that many of our residents had rusty water as a result of water pipes being 80 – 100 years old and the City was continuously repairing leaks all over town. So out of concern for all citizens, the Council decided to replace the old water pipes before any paving would be done.

With the expertise of our City Administrator David Dockery, the City was fortunate to obtain a USDA grant in 2018. We put the project out for bid and the low bid was awarded to LA Fuller & Sons out of Amarillo. Of course, we vetted the Fuller Company to determine its track record and nothing negative surfaced. They had been in business for many years, and, as far as we could tell, they had never been subjected to liquidated damages on any project. Additionally, we required that Fuller obtain a performance bond in the event they did not complete the project in a satisfactory manner.

Several of the FACEBOOK comments implied that the City had no plan and that Fuller & Sons “could tear up our streets and then leave”. That accusation could not be further from the truth. We have had numerous meetings with Fuller expressing our dissatisfaction with the way they were proceeding (digging holes, replacing pipe and then moving on to another section of town without completing the section they had just left). In fact, we had one meeting with Fuller & Sons owners, their performance bond company's attorney and our City Attorney. Not only were we unhappy about the manner in which they were proceeding, we were very concerned about how slow the project was moving. Additionally, since Fuller was over 200 days behind schedule, we initiated “liquidated damages” at the rate of \$500 a day. So Fuller is currently losing approximately \$15,000 a month for being behind schedule.

The City's influence on the project is further complicated by some of USDA's requirements. The City has a contract with Fuller, but we were also required to have a contract with a professional engineering company to design the project and to provide oversight of the work being performed. So, the engineer, based in Amarillo, is the one we communicate with and he, in turn, communicates with the contractor (Fuller). The engineer reminds us on a frequent basis that the contractor is in charge. In other words, the contractor can proceed as they wish as long as the work gets done.

What the City does not want to do is create so much animosity with Fuller that they pack up and leave. They have completed about 70% of the work, so

we are trying to be as patient as possible to get the other 30% completed. If they were to leave before completion, the City would have to rebid the project and then contract with another company to complete the unfinished work. That scenario is not desirable and would add many more months to the project. So, let me repeat, we must be patient. Our goal at this time is to have Fuller complete the areas of town they have worked on before moving to another part of town. That would mean making the final connections to home owners, repairing the damage done to the streets with asphalt and some concrete around the ball parks, and laying grass sod in certain parts of town. The projected completion date at this time, according to Fuller, is December of this year.

**Bricks**  
According to FACEBOOK comments, Clarendon's historic paving bricks have been stolen or sold to other communities. None of that is true. Although it is possible that a local citizen has stolen a brick or two, there is no evidence that stealing has been a problem. One FACEBOOK comment indicated that “bricks have mysteriously disappeared with no plans of relaying them.” For your information, no bricks have disappeared. However, at the request of the County Judge and Sheriff, the City transported a load of bricks which were stacked up around the courthouse to a safe and secure location until they can be relayed. After some research on the part of the Mayor, some bricks were apparently sold to the City of Pampa approximately 19 years ago from an old stockpile at the city dump. Clarendon's current City Council would never do such a thing. The bottom line is that Fuller will relay all the bricks that were moved in order to lay new water pipes. So, the City's bricks are safe and will be relayed.

In summary, we all agree that our streets are in terrible condition. However, once the new water pipe project is finished, we can move on to improving our streets in a significant way. Progress isn't pretty. It can be slow and painful. It can feel counterproductive. But it just takes time. We can now see the light at the end of the tunnel so we must be patient a little longer.

Another FACEBOOK comment indicated that Claude had nice streets without curbing but “we are told we have to have curbing.” City officials agree with the comment about Claude's nice streets, and we have even visited with Claude officials about their paving and associated costs. However, the City Council has never said that Clarendon has to have curbs in the future. More information about paving will be discussed with citizens once the water pipe replacement project is complete. As a reminder, in May of 2012, Clarendon voters approved a bond election for street paving, and that debt was paid off several months ago. Consequently, Clarendon should be able to afford a new paving project if voters choose to do so.

**Concern For The Elderly**  
According to one FACEBOOK

comment, the City has no concern for the elderly. That comment is absurd and just the opposite of the truth. Over the past several years, the City Council has financially supported the Senior Citizens Center and continue to do so. The Mayor has met with the Center's Board of Directors regarding their interest in having a Senior Night on a regular basis at the new aquatic center. They enthusiastically like the idea and want the City to make that happen soon after the pool opens. Additionally, the City has supported the EDC plan to install handicapped ramps in various places on main street. The EDC has already set aside funds for a ramp between the ice cream parlor and Mulkey Theatre; however, one adjacent property owner has objected to the project. Consequently, the installation of that ramp is currently on hold until something can be worked out. In 2018, the Library Board met with City Administrator David Dockery to discuss the possibility of a handicap ramp in front of the library. But in order to comply with American Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements, the ramp would be rather long due to the height of the curb and take up three to five parking spaces directly in front of the library. The Library Board and Friends of the Library were informed of the situation in the fall of 2018, and the Library Board decided to hold off on that ramp for the time being. The City continues to look at other options, but what we do know is that regardless of the design of the ramp, we must comply with ADA in relation to whatever we do in the future.

**Aquatic Center**  
A couple of FACEBOOK comments related to the aquatic center which is due to open next summer. Once again, parking was mentioned as a potential problem and one person questioned the size of the pool. Parking will be on the South side of the pool, and according to the designer of the pool, there should be adequate space. What citizens need to know is that city officials have not received one complaint from the numerous local donors or the foundations that have generously donated. The Mayor has offered to give private tours to anyone interested and to answer questions about the pool. As mentioned in several news releases over the past year, the Clarendon Aquatics Center is designed for a small community and one we can afford. It is not designed to compete with larger aquatic centers like Wellington, Pampa and Canyon. Please contact Mayor Skelton (206-7506) for a tour so that accurate information can be shared.

**New City Hall**  
Another FACEBOOK comment questioned the wisdom of relocating our City Hall. In late 2019, the City Council approved the purchase of the Bill Lowe building across the street from the Courthouse. The purchase solved two problems, the first being the very crowded conditions at the old City Hall. We had four employees officed in one room and had insufficient space when citizens wanted to attend City

Council meetings. The second reason for relocating was that the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) required us to add a handicap bathroom and make other improvements to the facility in order to comply with American Disabilities Act (ADA). That action would have made our crowded conditions even worse, and the additional costs would have been \$60,000 or more.

Although the Lowe Building was appraised at \$330,000 by a certified appraiser, we were able to negotiate a sales price of \$165,000 which amounted to \$45 per square foot, a real bargain for commercial real estate. Although the facility was in excellent condition, we made several changes to the facility in order to accommodate the City's needs. Numerous citizens have expressed their satisfaction with the new location as it is in close proximity to the courthouse, and most citizens no longer have to cross the extremely busy 287 highway. It is now estimated that approximately 15,000 vehicles pass through Clarendon on 287 each day.

Clarendon Economic Development Corporation (EDC)  
There were several comments about the operation of our local EDC. For your information, EDC Board members are appointed by the City Council. Clarendon's Mayor and City Administrator attend most meetings in order to hear about the various issues being discussed. Citizens with concerns about operations need to request that they be placed on a future EDC agenda(s) and voice their concerns in person. There are several new members on the Board so they would be interested in hearing from any citizen. Current Board members are Steve Hall (Business Owner), Taylor Shelton (Lawyer/Business Owner), Ronna Newman (Business Owner), Brandon Frausto (Pharmacist/Business Owner), Chuck Robertson (Business Owner), Jarod Bellar (CISD Superintendent) and Roger Estlack (Business Owner). The EDC typically meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Mulkey Theatre. EDC agendas are always posted at City Hall 72 hours prior to the meeting. (Editor's Note: EDC agendas are also posted online at [ClarendonTx.com/cedcagendas](https://www.clarendontx.com/cedcagendas).)

**City Administrator**  
Several FACEBOOK comments by one person unfairly blamed David Dockery, our City Administrator, for a variety of city problems. Those comments were as follows: “the town looks exceptionally more disgraceful than when he came to town,” and “he thinks his job is to tell people when to open and close their businesses and also to use taxpayers' private property, because he has done both to me.” The entire City Council was shocked by such untruthful statements as Mr. Dockery has and continues to perform at a high level. According to many local citizens, David is the best City Administrator Clarendon has had in a very long time. Not only is he quite competent at his job, he is also well liked by numerous citizens. Since his employment over

three years ago, employee morale has gone up and turnover at City Hall has decreased. Furthermore, the City's financial condition when he was hired was approximately \$698,000, and today it is over \$3,000,000. Following Governor Abbott's Executive Order related to the pandemic and action taken by both the Donley County Judge and Clarendon's Mayor, Mr. Dockery volunteered to go to each business in the city to make them aware of the executive orders, an action appreciated by most all business owners. As far as causing damage to someone's private property, which did happen, that was a mistake by the pipe laying company (Fuller & Sons). Mr. Dockery was also unhappy with the damage done and repairs are currently underway. Citizens need to know that the entire City Council is very pleased with Mr. Dockery's performance and feels that Clarendon is fortunate to have him. Additionally, his salary and benefits are commensurate with other like positions in cities which are approximately the same size of Clarendon.

Several city council accomplishments in last two years:  
Reduced property taxes for the year 2020;  
Eliminated the City's portion of the unpopular personal property tax on vehicles, boats, trailers, RV's, campers, etc.;  
Contracted with Texas Community Solutions to focus on abandoned properties that are tax delinquent with the goal of getting properties up to code, selling to a new owner or demolished;  
Coordinated the purchase & demolition of several dangerous properties;

Constructed a new water stand-pipe on the East side of town which will improve water quality and volume once the pipe laying project is finished;  
Installed a new computerized water meter reading system which reduced the amount of manhours it takes to read meters and to identify leaks for property owners;

Made several significant improvements to local airport in coordination with the airport's Board of Directors (secured a grant and private donations);

Finished in the black financially (revenue over expense) for the past several fiscal years; and

Continued to conduct city business in an orderly and professional manner.

As I close my introductory comments, I want to thank each elected official for his or her willingness to step up and give their time and talent to our fine City. City business is not easy; in fact, it can be very complicated with all the state and federal laws we must comply with. Additionally, we know that we can never please every citizen, now or in the future, but we are doing what we were elected to do, and that is to conduct city business in a thoughtful, professional, and forward-thinking manner and to make the best decisions we can.

**Sandy Skelton,**  
**Mayor**

# Recalling the story of a speaker's really big goof

It still lurks in my mind's “crannies,” jumping to the forefront of my thoughts more often than I'd like. It was a single sentence – uttered by someone whose name I don't know – imparting an important truth usually requiring paragraphs, chapters or even volumes.

It was uttered in a large room where a few dozen people were scattered, dutifully obeying mandates of mask-wearing and remaining separated from other folks by the length of two yardsticks.

Surely the handful of words – carefully chosen – warranted consideration by all who heard them....

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“I'm worried less about who we are than about who we are becoming.”

That was all I heard from the lips of someone I never met, and probably never will.

Immediate thoughts were of slippery slopes, downward trajectories and uncertainties faced along life's tangling trails. Foremost, I contemplated the topic of intolerance, one I've deemed it personally important to revisit often. I am reminded of my aged Uncle Mort, who thinks too many people get their exercise in one of two ways – jumping to conclusions, or shaking heads in disbelief....

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Such head-shaking is now common throughout the land.

Truth to tell, few are spared such indicators of disbelief.

Retired after spending almost two decades in collegiate presidencies, I recall beginning some staff meetings thusly: “I reserve the right to be wrong,” then soon making “flubs” to provide glaring proof. My

colleagues also made missteps – some of bone-head proportions – that would come back to haunt....

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One announcement made the other day caught my eye, and here I go, making assumptions without knowing “the whole story.” Most stories have at least two sides, and often more.

The news spotlight fell on Brown University, a venerable Ivy League institution in Providence, RI. It was reported to be a long-studied decision, but perhaps made at this time with hopes that its impact might be obscured – or at least greatly reduced – swirling about in the backwaters of a world awash in news of COVID-19.

President Dr. Christina Paxson may have signed the new athletic policy with a trembling hand, hoping – perhaps even praying – that the action wouldn't make the national news and/or cause her considerable grief. (Her jaws may need greasing due to “turning the other cheek” as barbs and arrows of criticism strike the heart upon announcement of the elimination of eight varsity sports, not soon, next year or later, but IMMEDIATELY.)....

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On the face of it, such action usually is announced for “up the way” action, thus insuring that current students in the eight varsity sports affected might be allowed to continue their Brown academic pursuits, or



**the idle american**  
*by don newbury*

assisted in transferring to other institutions.

While I am sure there are many unannounced details, I have to believe that overall confidence in the university founded in 1764 – seventh oldest of the nine institutions founded prior to the American Revolution – is shaken.

Most shaken are the students and parents of the former varsity sports (track and field, fencing, golf, squash and sailing). Some call these “minor sports,” but they are major to participants....

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They aren't taking this sitting down, these students. (Except maybe for participants in sailing, the only sport I know of where they sit down going backwards.)

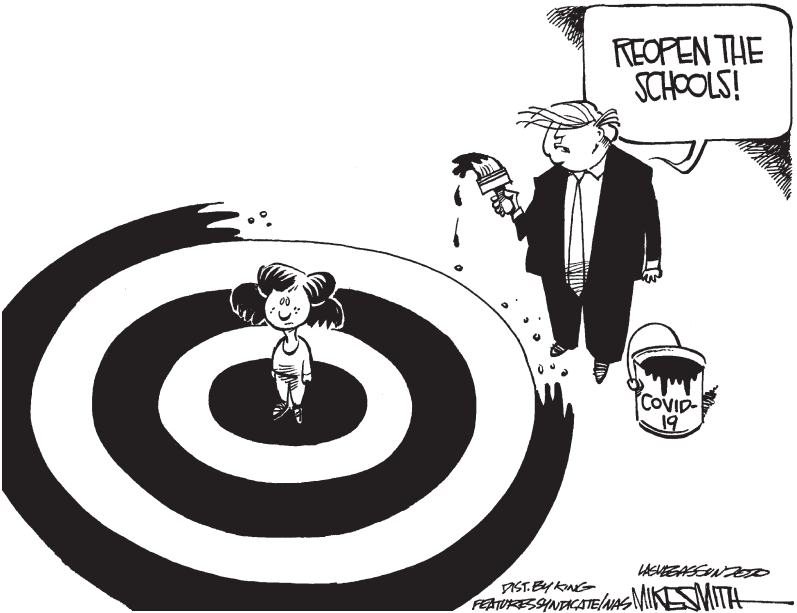
They are suing, having engaged the same attorney who defended former New England Patriots' quarterback Tom Brady in his “deflategate” saga.

I'll add just this as a retired president who initiated the elimination of ALL athletic scholarships, moving to NCAA Division III status where no athletic scholarships are permitted. It is a painful decision. Such action is gut-wrenching, but we honored athletic scholarships or assisted students in transfer.

Even though athletic scholarships are not allowed as such in the Ivy League, Brown U. has backed up a bit. I tend to side with the students, particularly upon noting that the institution's growing endowment now exceeds \$4.2 BILLION. This in mind, Brown's negative national spotlight is at least partially deserved. Dumb-de-dumb-dumb....

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## Senior Citizens remains open

By Mary Lynn

I hope everybody out there had a happy and enjoyable Fourth of July! We sure need celebrations these days!

Our Donley County Senior Citizens Center remains open for inside dining; however, the salad and dessert bars are closed for now. The chance for increased uses of these services could be unsafe for now. These decisions are difficult and carefully discussed by our board. Health and safety are our goals for the future and now.

The Center continues to prepare delicious and nutritious meals. Daily meals are delivered to shut-ins, as usual, and is our priority.

Clean has always being an important task here and continues with careful attention. Door knobs, bathrooms, countertops, and tables are continuously sanitized. The kitchen is cleand at all times.

For our friends who come in to eat, masks are encouraged while being served, and social distancing is observed. We want to continue the fellowship involved in breaking bread together.

Thanks to our volunteers who keep deliveries going out. Our staff continues to put themselves out there to cook and serve. Feeding all who are here is our number one mission.

If you would like to join us, volunteers are always welcome! Stay healthy and safe, everyone, and come see us!

## Panhandle District 1 4-H record book judging results

More than 155 youth from 21 Panhandle counties submitted record books to be judged by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agents and adult volunteers on July 8 at the Tri-State Fairgrounds, Amarillo.

Youth keep detailed records of 4-H projects undertaken throughout the year in order to develop skills in communication, organization, goal setting, problem solving and documentation, according to Bailee Wright, District 1 4-H youth development program specialist.

The first-place senior books will advance to the state competition on Aug. 10.

Local results of the 2020 District 1 4-H record book judging are as follows: Intermediate Goat: second, Kyler Bell, Donley; Junior Shooting Sports: second, Brance Bell, Donley; and Senior Goat, sixth, Grace McCurdy.

## Town Hall:

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had a say in purchasing the new City Hall, and the answer was that it been a decision of the city council.

Former alderman Tommy Hill raised concerns about city employees reportedly treating customers rudely and said it needed to be addressed immediately.

Business owner Virginia Patten said she had nothing against members of the council but voiced her concerns about pool users potentially parking on her property nearby, damage done to her property by the water line project, and the state of the cemetery. She also asked specifically when a ramp would be installed for her business.

Business owner Keith Floyd spoke out on several issues including the need to protect the brick streets and vowed to become the city's Brick Nazi.

Other topics covered included grants for sidewalks, the need for a community storm shelter, and managing public funds as carefully as if it were personal funds.

Johnny Floyd was one of the last attendees to speak and encouraged people to go to public meetings and make their voices heard, noting that he has a son on the city council and a brother who is passionate about serving the community.

"If you haven't been on a board, the sometimes you don't know how hard it is," Floyd said. "If you're not showing up for a board meeting, how are you going to get something done? We need to be patting some people on the back."

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8				1			9	
7		1				4		2
	4					8		
4	6				5			3
		3				9	6	
		9			8	1		
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			6		9			1
5	7							

Level: Intermediate

**Here's How It Works:**  
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

6	2	3	1	4	8	9	7	5
1	4	7	6	5	9	8	2	3
8	5	9	3	2	7	1	4	6
4	7	1	7	8	9	6	5	2
5	9	6	4	7	2	2	8	1
3	8	2	5	6	1	4	6	7
7	1	1	7	8	2	2	5	9
2	2	3	4	5	9	8	6	7
9	6	9	6	5	7	1	4	8

ANSWER:

### Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9		10	11	12	13
14						15				16				
17					18									
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	41			42					43	44				
			45					46						
	47	48					49					50	51	52
53						54				55	56			
57										58				
59					60					61				

### CLUES ACROSS

1. Cyprinids

6. Icelandic literary works

10. Break in half

14. Japanese mushroom

15. Have offspring

17. Not feeling well

19. A very large body of water

20. Witch

21. Behemoth

22. Speak negatively of

23. Absence of difficulty

24. Pampering places

26. Drives

29. Truck that delivers beer

31. Makes

32. A team's best pitcher

34. \_\_\_ Carvey, comedian

35. Seas
37. S. American plants

38. Time zone

39. Deviate

40. No longer are

41. Moving in slowly

43. Patrick and Glover are two

45. Living quarters

46. Taxi

47. Pancake made of buckwheat flour

49. Swiss river

50. Not happy

53. Have surgery

57. Formal withdrawal

58. Give way to anxiety

59. Greek war god

60. 2K lbs.

61. Word of farewell

### CLUES DOWN

1. \_\_\_ ex Machina

2. WWII diarist Frank

3. Concluding passage

4. Supplement with difficulty

5. Title of respect

6. Cubic measures

7. Remnant

8. \_\_\_ Jones

9. Salts of acetic acid

10. Long, upholstered seat

11. Capital of Okinawa Prefecture

12. A one-time aspect of Egyptian sun god Ra

13. Prefix denoting "in a"

16. Propels upward

18. What we are talking about

22. Prosecutor

23. Employee stock ownership plan

24. He brings kids presents

25. Burmese monetary unit

27. Hurries

28. Injury remnant

29. Tooth caregiver
30. Elvis backup singer Betty Jane

31. "The Partridge Family" actress

33. Midway between east and southeast

35. Most excellent

36. Heat units

37. Possess legally

39. Food items

42. Skeletal structures

43. Challenge to do something bold

44. Blood type

46. Sammy \_\_, songwriter

47. Farmer (Dutch)

48. Clare Booth \_\_, American writer

49. Piers Anthony's protagonist

50. Malaysian coastal city

51. Hairstyle

52. NY-based department store

53. Geosciences organization (abbr.)

54. Brazilian city

55. Niger-Congo languages

56. Gesture

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Community Calendar

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**July 18**  
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## Menus

July 20 - 24

**Donley County Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, spinach, garlic toast, salad, fruit bowl, iced tea/2% milk.  
Tue: Chicken and rice casserole, baked potatoes, peas & carrots, strawberries/whipped cream, iced tea/2% milk.  
Wed: Riblets, ranch style, beans, cornbread, carrot sticks, chocolate cake, iced tea/2% milk.  
Thu: Baked chicken, tossed salad, whole wheat roll, margarine, peach Chantilly, iced tea/2% milk.  
Fri: Cheeseburger, potato wedges, salad, melon medley, iced tea/2% milk.

**Hedley Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Creamy mushroom steak, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, whole wheat roll, margarine, Emerald pears, iced tea/2% milk.  
Tue: Beef enchilada, borrachos beans, Spanish rice, coleslaw, cornbread, apricots, iced tea/2% milk.  
Wed: Glazed meatloaf, red bliss potatoes, breadstick, mixed vegetables, country apple crisp, iced tea/2% milk.  
Thu: Roast beef, baked potato w/ sour cream, buttered carrots, roll, chocolate pudding, iced tea/2% milk.  
Fri: Crispy chicken on a bun, tomato, lettuce, mayonnaise, potato wedges, carrots & raisin salad, fruit cocktail, iced tea/2% milk.

## Thornberry:

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port our nation's security and our men and women in uniform and their families," Thornberry said.

"I am grateful to Chairman Smith and my colleagues for naming this year's bill in my honor, and I am deeply humbled. I would also like to extend my gratitude to the staff of the House Armed Forces Committee (HASC) for their tireless work on this legislation and for their continued dedication.

"It is a source of pride to me that this Committee puts our military first and politics second, decade after decade. It is a testament to what can be done when we work together, and it is what we must do to adequately provide for our troops and to honor their service and sacrifice.

"I am very grateful to serve on the House Armed Services Committee, and I know that it has only been possible because the people of the 13th Congressional District of Texas elected me to be their voice in Washington. It has been, and continues to be, my great privilege to work for the 13th District, for members of our military and their families, and for our country."

## Sandell:

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guidelines related to Covid-19. "We've heard the demands from our fans, and we're working hard to bring live music back to as many locations as possible," said Curtis Pinkerton, director of Marketing at Awakening Events.

Tickets for the tour will again be sold by the car load (up to 6 people per car) starting at \$100 per car. A full list of cities and dates for the tour is available at [www.awakeningevents.com](http://www.awakeningevents.com) or [www.driveintheatertour.com](http://www.driveintheatertour.com). For more information, visit the Sandell's Facebook page.

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### Parade winners

Representatives of the Rolling Plains Riding Club and their mascot, Peanut, picked up their trophy last week for their winning entry in the Herring Bank Parade held here July 4. ENTERPRISE PHOTO / TARA ALLRED

## Fun times at the Mulkey Theatre

So, last Saturday me and some of my friends went to the Mulkey to see Ferris Bueller.

If you don't know what Ferris Bueller is, it is this funny movie about a High Schooler who skips school, and it is all about his adventures while he is skipping school. I thought it was very funny and so did my friends.

I think all of our favorite part was when Cameron, Farris' friend,

kicks his dad's Ferrari off the stands and it goes flying out the back window of his garage. The reason they had it on a stand was because they took it for a spin and ended up putting a lot of miles on it, so they



the cub reporter  
by benjamin estlack

thought that if they left it in reverse the odometer would count backwards.

I think it was one of the funniest movies I've ever seen, and I just wanted to thank my friend for inviting me to the movies.

I also want to say Happy Birthday to my little cousin Matthew, and I also wanted to say how much fun it has been getting to hang out with him this summer.

## Texas A&M System students, staff can access free COVID-19 testing

COLLEGE STATION – Students, faculty and staff at all 11 Texas A&M System universities across the state will soon have quick and easy access to free testing for COVID-19.

"Ensuring the health and safety of our students is our top priority," said John Sharp, chancellor of the Texas A&M University System. "Facilitating increased accessibility and availability of COVID-19 testing will help us mitigate the spread and help to protect each other by taking preventative and proactive measures."

Approximately 15,000 test kits will be sent to system campuses each month. Each campus will set up a central location for the testing, which will consist of a simple, pain-

less mouth swab. Testing could start as early as late this week.

The testing is possible thanks to an agreement Chancellor Sharp negotiated with Curative Inc., a national testing company based in California. Curative has committed to turning around lab results within 30 hours from when the sample arrives at their lab.

To date, Curative has released more than 1.2 million test results and is processing 55 to 60 thousand test kits per day with plenty of capacity.

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to get tested if they experience COVID-19 symptoms, or suspect that they have been exposed to someone with COVID-19. Close contact is defined by the Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention as being within 6 feet of someone with COVID-19 for more than 15 minutes at any time, beginning 48 hours before the individual had symptoms, regardless of wearing a face mask.

While the tests are free, those who have insurance are encouraged to use their primary care physician to access the test so that their test can be paid for by insurance. The on-campus tests will not be available to the general public.

Each campus will establish an on-line test registration, and anyone wishing to be tested must first sign up there. Trained personnel will monitor the self-administered oral swabbing required.

## Applications for prescribed fire grant open now

Texas A&M Forest Service is now accepting grant applications for the State Fire Assistance for Mitigation – Plains Prescribed Fire Grant through Aug. 15. The grant will provide \$81,000 in total funding for prescribed burns.

Funding to reduce hazardous fuels will be provided to landowners and communities that have been or may be threatened by wildland fire. Properties in the Panhandle, West and Northwest Texas at high risk for loss during a Southern Plains wild-fire outbreak are eligible.

Grant recipients will be reimbursed actual per acre costs associated with conducting the prescribed burn up to \$30 per acre with a limit of 500 acres per recipient.

"Historically, fire has been a necessary tool to improve forage quality for grazing, enhance wildlife habitat and preserve soil nutrients on the rangelands of Texas," said Jake Gosschalk, Texas A&M Forest Service wildland urban interface specialist.

Wildfires can be destructive when they occur at the wrong time or near a community that is unprepared.

To plan ahead and mitigate these impacts, Texas A&M Forest Service works with landowners and local and county governments through Community Wildfire Protection Plans and the Texas Ranch Wildfire Program.

"Currently, conditions across Texas are dry, but landowners are

already planning for prescribed fire treatments this fall during the cooler season," said Gosschalk. "These prescribed fires reduce hazardous fuel loads and mitigate the threat of wildfire."

Landowners located within 2 miles of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan or a Texas Ranch Wildfire Program will receive priority funding. Both programs enhance awareness of wildfire risk and empower individual landowners and the overall community to act to reduce the risk of wildfire in their areas.

Learn more about prescribed fire by visiting TFS Prescribed Burns or the TDA Prescribed Burning Board.

## CARES funds to boost area coronavirus response

WASHINGTON – The US Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA) has awarded a \$400,000 CARES Act Recovery Assistance grant to the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission to update economic development plans and fortify programs to assist communities in responding to the coronavirus pandemic.

"The Trump Administration is eager to allocate these essential CARES Act funds and deliver on our promise to help American communities recover from the impact of COVID-19," said Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross. "I am proud of the perseverance and strength shown by our communities coast to coast throughout this pandemic, and these funds will help provide the Panhandle region of Texas with the necessary resources to make a swift and lasting economic comeback."

"This investment comes at a crucial time to help our economy come roaring back and provide hard-working Americans with new opportunities," said Dana Gartzke, Performing the Delegated Duties of the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development. "We are pleased to make this investment in the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission to respond to the coronavirus pandemic through a concerted effort to identify and implement strategies to diversify the region's agriculture and oil-based economies, create needed economic resiliency plans, and hire additional staff to fully support the regional economic needs."

Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, an EDA-designated Economic Development District (EDD), is one of the more than 850 existing, high-performing EDA EDD, University Center, Tribal, and

Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) grant recipients invited to apply for supplemental funding under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

The CARES Act, signed into law by President Donald J. Trump, provides EDA with \$1.5 billion for economic development assistance programs to help communities prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic.

On May 7, Sec. Ross announced that EDA is accepting applications for CARES Act Recovery Assistance funding opportunities. EDA CARES Act Recovery Assistance, which is being administered under the authority of the bureau's flexible Economic Adjustment Assistance program, provides a wide-range of financial assistance to communities and regions as they respond to and recover from the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic.

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## Obituaries

### Nivens

Billie Sue Warren Powers Nivens was born December 31, 1923, to Drew R. Warren and Dora Mae Warren in Hollis, Oklahoma. She was 96 years of age when she passed due to complications suffered from a broken hip.

She had two brothers Carl Warren of Dallas and B.W. Warren of Pampa who both preceded her in death. When she was three years of age they moved to Duke, Oklahoma and she attended all 12 years of school in Duke.

On October 12, 1940, she married Raymond Powers. To this union



Nivens

were born three children, Ramona Vaughn, Karen DuMond and Jimmy Powers. Jimmy preceded his Mother in death on May 21, 2012.

She married Cecil "Jack" Nivens on May 22, 1982, in Hedley and lived there until after his death on January 16, 2001. In 2003 Sue moved to Mesquite, Texas, to live with her daughter, Karen and son-in-law David DuMond. In February 2008 they relocated to Holley Lake Ranch, Texas. In September 2016 she relocated to Denton where her daughter Ramona and son-in-law Walter lived and resided at Mayberry Gardens Assisted Living Facility.

She is survived by her daughters, Ramona Vaughn and husband Walter of Shady Shores, Texas, Karen DuMond and husband David of Weatherford, Oklahoma, and daughter-in-law, Tammie Powers of Lubbock. Grandchildren: Deborah Tolle of McKinney; Mike Tolle & wife Amber of Sanger, Texas.; Kylie Powers & Kendall Powers of

Lubbock. Great grandchildren: Jake Thompson of Sanger; Savana Manchester & husband, Matt of Denton, McKenna Moses of McKinney; Great Grandchildren Natalie Tolle & Joe Don Tolle of Sanger, Hayden, & Coaly Powers of Lubbock & Great-Great Grandchild Elijah Manchester of Denton. There are several cousins and many friends and loved ones. She will be sorely missed.

Sue loved gardening and cooking for her family and friends. She was an active member of the Baptist Church where she was currently living, but maintained her membership at First Baptist Church in Hedley. She was also a member of the Eastern Star at Hedley. She was known all over for her love and ability to play Skip-bo.

Bruce Howard, Pastor First Baptist Church in Hedley will officiate the graveside service at Rowe Cemetery in Hedley. Under the direction of DeBerry Funeral Directors of Denton.

## TXDOT to hold online virtual public meeting

The Texas Department of Transportation Childress District will be conducting an online virtual public meeting on July 24 for the proposed 2021 - 2024 Rural Transportation Improvement Program (Rural TIP).

TXDOT has planned the virtual meeting to help combat the spread of COVID-19.

The virtual meeting presentation will be posted on Friday, July 24, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. To take part in the virtual public meeting, go to the web address [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov) and enter the words Hearings and Meetings to access the "Hearings and Meetings Schedule" page. Once on that page, click on "Virtual Public Meeting - Rural Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Childress District" for instructions on how to view the presentation and make comments. The presentation will include both audio and visual components. If you do not have internet access, you may call (940) 937-7250 to request materials or ask questions.

The purpose of this virtual public meeting is to receive comments on the proposed projects of the

2021-2024 Rural TIP for the Childress TXDOT District. The Childress District includes Briscoe, Childress, Collingsworth, Cottle, Dickens, Donley, Foard, Hall, Hardeman, King, Knox, Motley and Wheeler counties. The Rural TIP includes all regionally significant projects to be funded within a TXDOT District during the next four years, including those eligible for funding. As such, these meetings offer the public an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed priorities. A project in the Rural TIP is a project coming to your community. The Rural TIP is the first step on the road to producing a Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

The 2021-2024 Rural TIP meetings are being held pursuant to Title 43, Texas Administrative Code, Section 16.102, which calls for an opportunity for public comment concerning the program. Presentation materials will show how the Rural TIP operates along with associated/prioritized projects.

Comments must be postmarked or otherwise received by August

6, 2020 to: Texas Department of Transportation, Childress District, Attn: Rural TIP, 7599 US Hwy 287, Childress, TX 79201; or by email to [Annabel.Jurado@txdot.gov](mailto:Annabel.Jurado@txdot.gov), with Attention: 2021-2024 Rural TIP Comment in the subject line.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the virtual meeting, please contact Annabel Jurado, Planner, at (940) 937-7250 or Annabel.Jurado@txdot.gov.

TXDOT makes every reasonable effort to accommodate the needs of the public. This meeting will be conducted in English. If you have special communication or accommodation needs, or have a need for an interpreter, a request can be made. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can also be made to accommodate most needs.

Please call (940) 937-7250 at least two business days prior to the meeting. Please be aware that advance notice is requested as some accommodations may require time for TXDOT to arrange.

## Tickets on sale for Blake Shelton concert

Tickets are now on sale for the next video concert series at Clarendon's Sandell Drive-In featuring Blake Shelton with Gwen Stefani and Trace Adkins, which will be screened July 25.

Encore Drive-In Nights is promoting the show that will air at drive-in and outdoor theaters across the United States and Canada. These all-new performances will be filmed exclusively for each one-night-only event, and include cinematic interviews and storytelling.

The concert experience will deliver a front-row look at the world's most iconic recording artists to fans across North America. The series kicks off on July 25 with an all-new performance featuring Blake Shelton, who will be joined by very special guests Gwen Stefani and Trace Adkins. Tickets for the show will go on sale July 14 at [ticketmaster.com/encore-blakeshelton](http://ticketmaster.com/encore-blakeshelton). For more information and to see if a venue near you is presenting the show, visit [encorenights.com](http://encorenights.com) or call your local theater.

The Encore Drive-In Nights series is presented by leading event production company Encore Live. Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, drive-in theaters have proven to be a safe, creative way to deliver fans world-class entertainment thanks to their ability to engage and delight large groups of people in open-air

layouts.

Fans will experience the Encore Drive-In Nights presents Blake Shelton with Very Special Guests Gwen Stefani and Trace Adkins concert feature and additional Encore Drive-In Nights shows from the safety of their personal vehicles. Drive-in theaters hosting the Encore Drive-In Nights will adhere to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommended guidelines as well as all state and local health mandates. Staff will wear personal protective equipment and enforce at least six feet of space between cars. The series will also use contactless payment and ticketing systems and limit capacity in restrooms. Guidelines around concessions will be enforced to abide by individual state regulations. For a full list of procedures that the Encore Drive-In Nights is employing to keep fans and staff safe, visit [encorenights.com](http://encorenights.com).

"This is such a great way to enjoy music with your family and friends and stay safe," said Shelton. "I'm excited we're getting the chance to perform a concert for fans and we're going to go back and play old hits like 'Austin,' newer songs like 'God's Country' and we might even introduce something brand new! So fill up those popcorn tubs and get ready for some country music!"

Encore Live launched the series in response to overwhelming fan

enthusiasm surrounding its June 27 "Garth Brooks: A Drive-In Concert Experience" production.

"After the overwhelming response to Garth Brooks' drive-in concert feature, we knew we had to launch Encore Drive-In Nights to provide music fans across the USA and Canada the chance to see their favorite artists in a cool new way," said Encore Live Founder and CEO Walter Kinzie. "We can't wait to bring music's biggest stars to outdoor movie screens all across North America so that people can get back out there again and safely enjoy engaging in-person experiences."

With drive-in theaters all across North America lined up to air the Encore Drive-In Nights, fans everywhere will have access to a completely unique concert film experience. Additional Encore Drive-In Nights performances will be announced in the coming weeks. Information on upcoming acts and tickets can be found at <https://www.ticketmaster.com/encoredriveinnights>.

Unlike traditional concert tickets that are bought for individual admission, each ticket for the Encore Drive-In Nights will admit one passenger car, truck or SUV. That means up to six family members or friends (as many as there are legal seatbelts) can enjoy these exciting experiences together for one low cost.

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<b>ARENA OF LIFE COWBOY CHURCH</b> 214 S. KEARNEY • PASTORS: BUNK & AMY SKELTON SUN. SERVICE: 10:30 A.M. • THURS. BIBLE STUDY: 7 P.M.
<b>CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> US 287 E. • 874-3156 • REV. ROB SEALE SUN. SCHOOL: 10 A.M. • SUN. SERVICE: 11 A.M. SUN. EVENING: 7 P.M. • WED.: 7 P.M.
<b>CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> 300 S. CARHART • 874-2495 • MINISTER: CHRIS MOORE SUN. BIBLE CLASS 9:30 A.M. • SUN. SERVICE: 10:30 A.M. SUN. 6 P.M. • WED.: 7 P.M.
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<b>COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH</b> 12148 FM 2162 • 874-0963 PASTOR: LARRY CAPRANICA SUN. SCHOOL: 10 A.M. • SUN. SERVICE: 11 A.M. SUN. EVENING: 6 P.M. • WED. COMMUNITY KIDZ 5:30 P.M. WED. ADULT BIBLE STUDY: 6 P.M.
<b>FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH</b> 120 E. THIRD ST. • PASTOR: KEN MCINTOSH SUNDAY SERVICE: 5 P.M.
<b>FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> 4TH ST. & HWY. 70 SOUTH • PASTOR: JOSHUA LOWRANCE SUN. SCHOOL: 9:30 A.M. • SUN. SERVICE: 10:40 A.M. SUN. EVENING: 6 P.M. • SUN. YOUTH: 5:00 P.M. WED. BIBLE STUDY: 6:30 P.M.
<b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 300 BUGBEE AVE. • 874-3833 • REV. LANCE WOOD SUN. SCHOOL: 9:45 A.M. • SUN. SERVICE: 10:55 A.M. SUN. EVENING: 6 P.M. • KID'S ACTIVITIES: WED. 6 P.M. YOUTH STUDY: WED. 7 P.M. COLLEGE MINISTRY: WED. 9 P.M.
<b>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b> FOURTH & PARKS • LAY PASTOR: NANCY RUSSELL FELLOWSHIP: 10:30 A.M. SUN. SERVICE: 11 A.M.
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<b>JESUS NAME APOSTOLIC CHURCH</b> 720 E. MONTGOMERY • 205-1149 • REV. 874-2078 REV. CALVIN BURROW SUN. SERVICES: 3 P.M. • WED.: 7 P.M.
<b>BODY OF CHRIST MINISTRIES:</b> 501 S. MCCLELLAND • PASTOR: R.W. ELLERBROOK SATURDAY: 6 P.M. • SUNDAY DISCIPLESHIP CLASS: 9:30 A.M. SUN.: 10:30 A.M. • SUN. LIFE GROUP: 4:30 P.M. WED.: 6:30 P.M.
<b>CHRIST'S KIDS OUTREACH MINISTRY:</b> 416 S. KEARNEY • JANET CARTER • 874-2007 SUN. BREAKFAST 9:30 A.M. • SUN. PRAISE & WORSHIP 10 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:30 A.M. • WED.: 5 P.M.
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<b>ST. STEPHENS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 300 N. JEFFERSON ST. • PASTOR: ROY WILLIAMS SUN. SCHOOL: 10 A.M. • SUN. SERVICE: 11:15 A.M. WED.: 7 P.M. (WEATHER PERMITTING)
<b>TRUE CHURCH OF GOD &amp; CHRIST</b> 301 N. JEFFERSON • ST. PASTOR: JEFF RILES SUN. SCHOOL: 10 A.M. • SUN. SERVICE: 11:15 A.M. WED.: 7 P.M.

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## Conditions drying due to higher temperatures, less rain

Above average temperatures are exacerbating drier-than-normal conditions around the state, said the state’s climatologist.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service reports and experts say the hot, dry conditions are taking a toll on soil moisture levels and crops in areas that missed spotty rainfall this spring and early summer.

John Nielsen-Gammon, Ph.D., director of the Texas Center for Climate Studies at Texas A&M University and Texas state climatologist, College Station, said conditions remain mostly dry across Texas despite recent rains.

Storms over the last few weeks delivered rainfall to moisture-deprived areas of the state, but overall, 2020 is drier and hotter than normal going into July and August, Nielson-Gammon said.

“We’ve been on the dry side for whole calendar year,” he said. “The past three months are among the driest 20 percent of years for West Texas. A few spots here and there in the High Plains were listed as D3, or extreme drought.”

Nielsen-Gammon said higher-than-normal temperatures were con-

tributing to the problem. The state is averaging 3 degrees above normal. The western half of Texas has been 3-6 degrees above normal, while the eastern half has been within 1 degree of normal. Parts of deep South Texas have been slightly below normal the past month due to good moisture.

“Those temperature differences exaggerate the problem in a drier-than-normal summer,” he said. “Moisture can go away quickly during summer, especially with high temperatures.”

Nielsen-Gammon said drought conditions this spring started in Central Texas and crept south before May rains changed conditions in those two regions. West Texas has emerged as the epicenter of drought conditions, with widespread areas of the High Plains experiencing severe drought.

West Texas has received little rain because very few squall lines have developed, he said. Usually they build over the western parts and move east across the state. Storms have developed, but they only delivered very spotty, inconsistent rainfall.

“The seasonal forecast is not

promising and favors above-normal temperatures and drier-than-normal conditions,” he said.

Reagan Noland, AgriLife Extension agronomist, San Angelo, said dryland crops in his coverage area, which spans much of West Texas to north of Abilene, were suffering from dry conditions though fields varied greatly.

Rains that typically deliver moisture April-June did not materialize or were spotty, Noland said. But recent spotty rains may be enough to help dryland fields survive long enough for weather patterns to change.

“It’s highly variable, especially in cotton,” he said. “I can drive across a county and see fields planted at different times that caught timely rains where others didn’t, and the difference is pretty stark. Some of the showers have been short and intense. One area might catch 2 inches of rain and a few miles away might pick up trace amounts.”

Noland said some dryland grain sorghum fields too dry to make grain were being salvaged as silage or baled. Dry conditions negatively impacted establishment of dryland

cotton fields, but late plantings may benefit the crop if late-season rains arrive.

July is typically dry and hot, while August-October can bring more consistent and substantial rainfall in the immediate area, he said. The majority of the 1.3 million acres of cotton in Noland’s coverage area are dryland.

“A lot of cotton won’t be too far into reproductive growth during the typical hot, dry part of summer,” he said. “The hope is for those late-season rains. It’ll be tough without the spring rains we usually get, but there is hope.”

Northern parts of the district reported short topsoil and subsoil, while central parts reported short to very short topsoil and subsoil moisture conditions. Southern areas reported very short topsoil and subsoil conditions. Pasture and rangeland conditions were fair to very poor. Corn was in fair to good condition. Cotton crop conditions were fair to poor. Sorghum fields were in poor to fair condition. Scattered showers have helped some areas, but most crops were suffering from extreme drought conditions.

## Forest service warns fire environment increasing

The fire environment is becoming hotter and drier across the state and will continue this week, according to information from the Texas Forest Service.

A high rate of drying in surface fuel is expected and will increase initial attack potential for most of the state. The combination of drying surface fuel and elevated fire weather will produce moderate significant fire potential. A strong ridge of high pressure will produce well above normal temperatures and dry conditions for most of the state into the middle of next week.

Near record high temperatures were expected this Monday and Tuesday in West Texas. The alignment of dry fuel beds, near record high temperatures, and elevated fire weather will produce moderate significant fire potential Monday and Tuesday.

Reported fire activity by fire departments has increased over the past week, fire activity will be on the increase almost statewide into the middle of next week due to the

upcoming hot temperatures and high rate of drying in surface fuel.

Some points to keep in mind:

Careless wildfires lead to increased exposure for our firefighters. We all have a responsibility to help protect each other. If our firefighters are exposed to, and become ill with Covid-19, then they are unable to respond to wildfires.

Summer showers will not always alleviate dry conditions and fire danger. Just a few hot and windy days can dry out grasses, leaves, and twigs.

Grilling Safety and outdoor recreation awareness.

Lightning is one of the leading causes of wildfires in the state of Texas. While lightning strikes cannot be prevented, there are prevention efforts you can do around your home to help save it from a wildfire. Creating defensible space around your home allows for low intensity, slow-burning conditions in the event of a wildfire. Within the first 0 to 30 feet of your home, use non-flammable landscaping materials within the first

5 feet, water plants, trees and mulch regularly, and consider xeriscaping if you are affected by water restrictions.

A healthy, well-maintained landscape is important to the survival of homes during a wildfire. Make sure your plants are carefully spaced, low growing and free of resins, oils and waxes that burn easily. Remove dead vegetation from under the deck of your home and within 10 feet of the house. Prune your trees 6 to 10 feet up from the ground.

Nine out of ten wildfires in Texas are human caused. With the expected increase in fire potential due to hot, dry, and windy weather conditions this weekend, residents are encouraged to prepare for a wildfire event with the Ready, Set, Go! Program. Get Ready! by creating defensible space between your home and wildland area. Remove dead vegetation and trim up tree canopies within thirty feet from your home. Get Set! by developing a Family Disaster Plan that includes a “go kit”, meeting locations, communica-

tion plans, and plans for family pets in the event of an evacuation. Plan and practice your exit routes and maintain awareness wildfire activity near you. Go! when an evacuation is ordered. Take your go kit, evacuate early and cooperate with local authorities during the process. Stay alert of the wildfire threat. For more information on the Ready, Set, Go! program visit <http://www.wildlandfirersg.org/>.

For Burning Debris: Check local burning restrictions before burning. Keep debris piles small and manageable. Clear vegetation and flammable material at least 10 feet away from your pile. Avoid overhead obstructions like trees, power lines and structures. Wet the area around the burn pile and have water available.

Residents should pay attention to county burn bans and avoid all outdoor burning until conditions improve. Burn ban information can be found by contacting local fire departments or by visiting <https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/TexasBurnBans/>.

## Fighting Fire with Fire webinar set July 27

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will be holding a free online wildfire/prescribed burning workshop from 9 a.m.-noon on July 27, followed by a 30-minute Q&A session.

The webinar will summarize the research findings from “Fighting Wildfire with Prescribed Burning in the Southern Great Plains: Social and Regulatory Barriers and Facilitators” project, funded by a Bureau of Land Management Joint Fire Science Program grant.

The webinar will be led by project leader Urs Kreuter, Ph.D., human dimensions of ecosystem management professor, Department of Ecology and Conservation Biology, Texas A&M University, College Station.

“This webinar will summarize recently completed graduate student research on a very unique and relevant topic in Texas, ‘Prescribed Fire Social and Regulatory Barriers,’” said Morgan Treadwell, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension rangeland specialist, San Angelo. “This topic resonates strongly with landowners throughout the Southern Great Plains because of many social and regulatory barriers that exist that may impede or inhibit a landowner’s ability to conduct a prescribed fire on private property.”

Treadwell said this research will closely examine the effects of burn bans, landowner perceptions and county official’s perception of a landowner’s ability and desire to apply prescribed fire effectively.

“Dr. Urs Kreuter has led this project as principal investigator and has brought together many collaborators such as Dr. Carissa Wonkka from the USDA-ARS, John Weir from Oklahoma State University, and many others,” she said.

Understanding how and why landowners and county officials view prescribed fire is the first step in delivering the correct type of information they need to make more informed decisions regarding prescribed fire implementation, Treadwell explained.

Interested stakeholders may preregister for the event, which will be held on the Zoom platform. For more information, visit the West Texas Rangelands website or contact Treadwell.

## Social Security - 85 years of serving people

By Ray Vigil, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

We take pride in having provided vital benefits and services to this great nation for 85 years. America has a diverse population with a variety of needs. With our diverse population in mind, we’ve created webpages that speak directly to groups of people who may need information about our programs and services. These pages are easy to share with friends and family or on social media. Here are just a few that might speak to you or someone you love.

We proudly serve wounded warriors and veterans. They made sacrifices to preserve the freedoms Americans treasure. Many of them do not know they might be entitled to

disability benefits from Social Security. Share our resources with them to make sure they get the benefits they deserve. [www.ssa.gov/people/veterans](http://www.ssa.gov/people/veterans).

Social Security plays an important role in providing economic security for women. Nearly 55 percent of the people receiving Social Security benefits are women.

With longer life expectancies than men, women tend to live more years in retirement and have a greater chance of exhausting other sources of income. A woman who is 65 years old today can expect to live, on average, until about 87, while a 65-year-old man can expect to live, on average, until about 84. Also, women often have lower lifetime earnings than men, which usually

means lower benefits. Women need to plan early and wisely for retirement and we’re here to provide valuable information to help. Share this page with someone who needs this information and may need help planning for their golden years. [www.ssa.gov/people/women](http://www.ssa.gov/people/women).

Do you know someone who is just starting their career? Now is the best time for them to start preparing for retirement. The sooner they begin to save, the more they’ll have at retirement. Share this page with a young worker you know. [www.ssa.gov/people/earlycareer](http://www.ssa.gov/people/earlycareer).

These are just a few webpages that are tailored to a specific group’s needs. If you didn’t see your own, check out our People Like Me home page at [www.ssa.gov/people](http://www.ssa.gov/people).



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



**Clarendon Alcoholics Anonymous Group** 806-676-9416,  
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**CAUSE NO DTX-15-07178**

**DONLEY COUNTY VS COURTNEY JERRY**

TRACT 1: All of Lots Nos. 443, 444, 445, 446,  
447 and 448, in Country Club North, Sher-  
wood Shores IX Subdivision of Donley County,  
Texas

TRACT 2: All of Lots Nos. 84 and 85, Country  
Club North Section of Sherwood Shores IX,  
situated in Donley County, Texas

**CAUSE NO DTX-16-07239**

**CLARENDON ISD AND/OR CED #25 FOR  
CLARENDON ISD VS CAIN BILL B**

Lots 270 and 271 of the Country Club North  
Section, of Sherwood Shore IX, situated in  
Donley County, Texas

**CAUSE NO DTX-16-07259**

**CLARENDON ISD AND/OR CED #25 FOR  
CLARENDON ISD VS ROSE H. D.**

TRACT 1: Lot 451, in the Country Club North  
Section of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas  
TRACT 2: Lot 5, in the Navajo Section of Sher-  
wood Shores IX situated in Donley County,  
Texas

TRACT 3: Lot 52, of the Peyton Place Section  
of Sherwood Shores IX situated in Donley  
County, Texas

TRACT 4: Lot 24 of the Pueblo Section of Sher-  
wood Shores IX situated in Donley County,  
Texas

TRACT 5: Lots 524 and 525 in the Seminole  
Section of Sherwood Shores IX situated in  
Donley County, Texas

**CAUSE NO DTX-16-07260**

**CLARENDON ISD AND/OR CED #25 FOR  
CLARENDON ISD VS SADDORIS JOE**

Lot 207 in the Peyton Place Section of Sher-  
wood Shores IX, situated in Donley County,  
Texas

**CAUSE NO DTX-16-07262**

**CLARENDON ISD AND/OR CED #25 FOR  
CLARENDON ISD VS SCHUSTER BRENDA  
BARNHART**

All of Lot Number 166, Section 1 of Saint's  
Roost, situated in Sherwood Shores IX, Donley  
County, Texas

**CAUSE NO DTX-16-07266**

**CLARENDON ISD AND/OR CED #25 FOR  
CLARENDON ISD VS TOTTY ELVIN W & BAR-  
BARA FRANKLIN**

Lot Number 273 in the Peyton Place Section of  
Sherwood Shores IX suited in Donley County,

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**CAUSE NO DTX-16-07269**

**CLARENDON ISD AND/OR CED #25 FOR  
CLARENDON ISD VS YOUNG CAROL**

Lots Nos 312 and 315, in Peyton Place Addi-  
tion, Sherwood Shores IX, Howardwick, Donley  
County, Texas

**CAUSE NO DTX-17-07303**

**CLARENDON ISD AND/OR CED #25 FOR  
CLARENDON ISD VS ARNEY WILLIAM H**

All of Lot No. 249 of Nocona Hills, an Addi-  
tion to the City of Howardwick, Donley County,  
Texas

**CAUSE NO DTX-17-07320**

**CLARENDON ISD AND/OR CED #25 FOR  
CLARENDON ISD VS HUNT CALVIN C**

LOT 178, IN PEYTON PLACE, SECTION OF  
SHERWOOD SHORES IX, SITUATED IN DONLEY  
COUNTY, TEXAS

**CAUSE NO DTX-16-07232**

**CLARENDON ISD AND/OR CED #25 FOR  
CLARENDON ISD VS BENNETT RHONDA  
& IRENE DRAGER**

A 0.79 acre tract of land out of League 3,  
Franklin County School Land, Donley County,  
Texas, and described by metes and bounds  
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with a yellow cap (hereafter referred to as an  
OJD Cap) in the East right-of-way line of F.M.  
Highway 2362 which bears South 00°35'10"  
East, a distance of 13,083.80 feet and North  
89°24'50" East, a distance of 2281.36 feet  
from the Northwest corner of said League 3  
for the Northwest corner of this tract; THENCE  
North 89°05'11" East, a distance of 165.13  
feet to an OJD Cap set for the Northeast corner  
of this tract; THENCE South 17°25'34" East, a  
distance of 105.74 feet to an OJD Cap set for  
a corner of this tract; THENCE South 07°31'  
55" West, a distance of 83.03 feet to an OJD  
Cap set for the Southeast corner of this tract;  
THENCE South 87°51'50" West, a distance of  
184.56 feet to an OJD Cap set in said right-  
of-way line for the Southwest corner of this  
tract; THENCE North 00°36'01" West, along  
said right-of-way line, a distance of 157.13  
feet to the BEGINNING of a curve to the right  
for a corner of this tract; THENCE in a North-  
easterly direction, continuing along said right-  
of-way line, along said curve with a radius  
equal to 904.93 feet, a long chord distance of  
30.32 feet and a long chord bearing of North  
00°21'35" East, a curve distance of 30.32  
feet to the place of BEGINNING and containing  
0.79 acres of land, more or less

**CAUSE NO DTX-17-07339**

**CLARENDON ISD AND/OR CED #25 FOR  
CLARENDON ISD VS STARR RAYMOND**

All of Lot No. 220, Section 1 of Saints' Roost  
I, situated in Sherwood Shores IX, in Donley  
County, Texas

**CAUSE NO DTX-17-07341**

**CLARENDON ISD AND/OR CED #25 FOR  
CLARENDON ISD VS SWINNEY MARY  
PARKER & JACKIE PAGE**

North Sixty-eight Feet (N68') of Lots Five (5)  
and Six (6), in Block One Hundred Fifty-five  
(155), of the Original Town of Clarendon,  
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**CAUSE NO DX-18-07413**

**CITY OF CLARENDON VS SHELLEY JEREMY H**  
All of the West 12 1/2 feet of Lot No. 11 and  
all of Lot No. 12, Block 25, Grant's Addition to  
the Town of Clarendon, Donley County, Texas

**CAUSE NO DTX-19-07478**

**DONLEY COUNTY VS BROOKS JAY J**  
Lots 401 and 402, Arrowhead Section of  
Sherwood Shore IX, situated in Donley County,  
Texas

**CAUSE NO DTX-19-07503**

**DONLEY COUNTY VS LUCERO JERRY**  
Lot 111 of the Cherokee Section of Sherwood  
Shores IX, situated in Donley County, Texas

**CAUSE NO DTX-19-07521**

**DONLEY COUNTY VS HOLDER BERTHA**  
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Lot 788 of the Red Feather Section of Sher-  
wood Shores IX situated in Donley County,

## SHERIFF SALE

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**CAUSE NO DTX-19-07528**

**DONLEY COUNTY VS PATTON J. W.**  
Lot 299, Section No. One (1), of Saint's Roost  
I, Donley County, Texas

**CAUSE NO DTX-19-07530**

**DONLEY COUNTY VS WRIGHT JOE D**

All of Lots Nos. 203 and 204, Huron Section  
of Sherwood Shores IX, situated in Donley  
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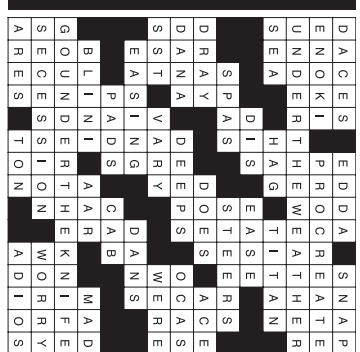
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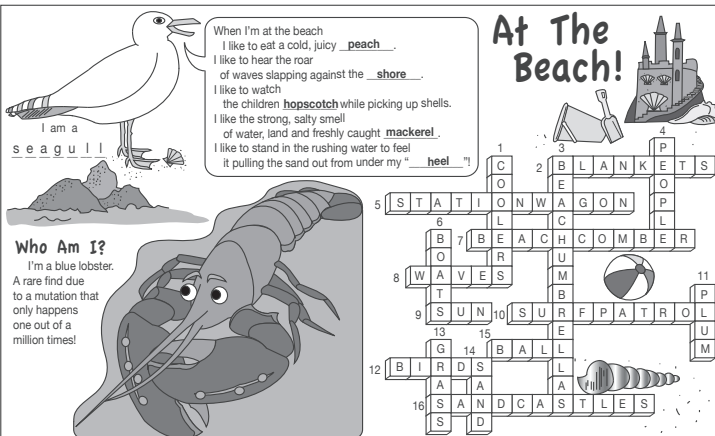
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am I? I like to search

and swoop at the

beach. Can you fill in my poem

with the missing words?

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Read the clues to fill in the puzzle:

1. keep drinks cool and sandwiches safe from seagulls

2. large cloths to lay on; cover the hot sand

3. open and close, protect us from the sun's rays

4. beachgoers, fans of the sand and surf

5. car with lots of space for boogie boards and beach chairs

6. sail, power and fishing; allow for travel on water

7. someone who searches the sandy beaches for something valuable

8. these crash against the beach; perfect for surfing

9. hot, yellow orb in sky; use lotion to protect from being burned

10. travel up and down the beach to protect; lifeguards, U.S. Coast Guard

11. fruit growing along the northeastern coast; used in jams or jellies

12. pelicans, sandpipers, gulls

13. tough plant with long, thin, narrow leaves

14. countless grains make up beach; gets into every nook and cranny

15. light, brightly colored, inflated, round plastic toy

16. buildings of sand and water; moat; seashell windows and doors

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When I'm at the beach

I like to eat a cold, juicy \_\_\_\_\_.

I like to hear the roar

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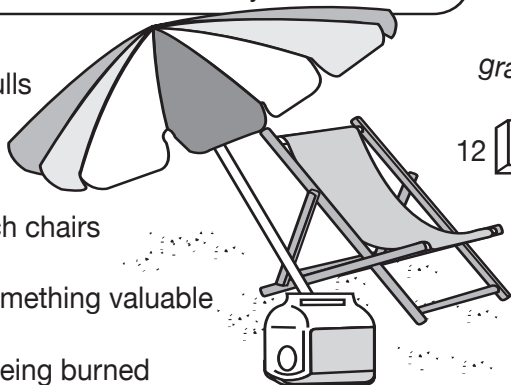
the children \_\_\_\_\_ while picking up shells.

I like the strong, salty smell

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**Smoothing out**  
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## Trump: President promotes Jackson

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his fire on the Democratic nominee for the seat, Gina Ortiz Jones. Trump tied Jones to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, referring to Jones as “a Pelosi candidate, a Pelosi special, as liberal as can be.”

The runoff between Gonzales and Reyes has been consumed lately by the drama over Cruz and Trump splitting their endorsements.

Less than an hour before Trump did the call with Gonzales, Cruz appeared on a tele-town hall with Reyes. During a question-and-answer period, Cruz confirmed reports he sought to keep Trump from backing Gonzales.

“I did talk to the president,” Cruz said. “Actually he called me on a different matter and I told him that he should not get involved in this race, not endorse the way he’s endorsed.”

“At the end of the day, the president followed different advice, but it was not advice that was looking for who the strong conservative was in the race and I think that was unfortunate,” Cruz added, suggesting Trump had been swayed by Gonzales’ boosters in House leadership.

As part of Cruz’s efforts to keep

Trump from endorsing Gonzales, he pointed the president to comments that Gonzales made in late September saying he had not “fully developed a position” on the House’s Trump impeachment inquiry, which was in its early stages then. While Cruz did not mention Gonzales during the town hall, he alluded multiple times to Republicans who he suggested were insufficiently defensive of Trump amid the House impeachment process last year.

In a statement, a Jones spokesperson said both candidates in the runoff are “Trump-style Republicans who have pledged to strip away health care while San Antonio native and Iraq War veteran Gina Ortiz Jones will protect it for Texans with pre-existing conditions.”

“She is well-equipped to defeat either of them in a district President Trump lost and will lose again,” said the spokesperson, Sharon Yang.

Earlier Monday evening, Trump was addressing voters in Thornberry’s 13th District, lavishing praise on Jackson, who he has supported for the seat since the start of the runoff.

“He’s been with us from the beginning,” Trump said. “This is the

kind of people we need coming to Washington help us. He’s loyal, he’s brave, he’s a leader, and he’ll never let the people of Texas down.”

Trump has gone all in for Jackson and Gonzales in the closing hours of their runoffs, also recording robocalls for each that went out Monday. In the robocall for Gonzales, Trump tells voters that “Tony will work for you in Congress, and by working for you, he’s working for me.”

Earlier Monday, too, Trump’s campaign gave another gift to Gonzales by sending a cease-and-desist letter to Reyes objecting to a recent mailer from his featuring the president’s image.

The two runoffs have been contentious, though the one for Thornberry’s seat tops the list of heated races on the ballot Tuesday. Jackson and his Thornberry-backed opponent, Josh Winegarner, have brawled for weeks over their roots in the district, Winegarner’s record as an agriculture lobbyist and the controversy that sank Jackson’s 2018 nomination to be Trump’s veteran affairs secretary.

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