

CC rodeo team earns trip to national finals www.ClarendonLive.com

Rodeo teams is headed to the Col- national contest. lege National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyo., in June, following two individual event champions their third-place finish at Tarleton in Cole Franks, Southwest Region in the short round, and Cole Franks, State University for their last regular Bareback Champion, and Cash who made a 76-point ride in the long season rodeo last week

With the Tarleton performance, and throughout the year to finish as the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association's Southwest Region

The Clarendon College Men's Champions and earn a trip to the ers from CC in the bareback riding

Clarendon also brought home Wilson as the Southwest Region round and a 79 point ride in the short Saddle Bronc Champion. Keene round to win the average and a shot the team earned enough points there Justesen finished in a tie for third at winning a Polaris Ranger. He place in the region's final standings drew the winning key that started it to earn a trip to the CNFR as well.

were Weston Patterson, who finished sixth in the average with a 69-point ride in the long round and 72 points and brought it home with his win-

with a time of 20.4.

Wilson rode for 66 points in the long not have a qualified time in the short round and 76 in the short round, Brodie Roessler was 70 in the long round and bucked off in the short Keene Justesen, Brody Wells, round, Trey Elshere was 78 in the Dawson Gleaves, and Weston Patterlong go and 75 in the short round for son will represent CC at the College third in the average, and Weston Pat- National Finals on June 12-19.

Seth Waldron qualified in the terson rode for 78 and 84 points to tiedown roping with a 9.7 run but finish second in the average. Patterhad a little trouble in the short round son also qualified for the short round in the steer wrestling after making a In the saddle bronc riding, Cash nice 4.3 run in the long round but did round.

Cole Franks, Cash Wilson,

City election to be held this Saturday

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

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outstanding students.

Clarendon voters will head to the polls this Saturday, May 1, to elect to people to the city council.

Aldermen Jacob Fangman and Terri Floyd are seeking re-election and are joined on the ballot by former alderman Tommy Hill and junior high principal Travis Victory.

Mayor Sandy Skelton is also running for re-election but has no opposition on this year's ballot.

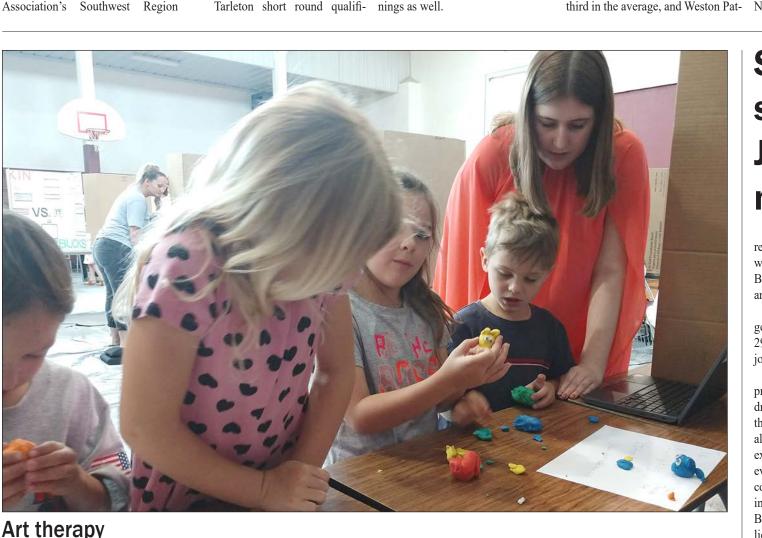
Early voting closed on Tuesday and as of that morning, 93 people had already cast ballots, according to County Clerk Laverne Pinion.

Voting Saturday will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Donley County Courthouse Annex.

Clean-up planned for cemetery May 8

The Citizens Cemetery Association is asking everyone who is willing to help with two clean-up days ahead of Memorial Day weekend.

Clean-ups will be held on Saturday, May 8, and Saturday, May 22, at 9 a.m. both days. Volunteers are asked to bring trailers, landscape tools, and muscle to help trim trees, knock down



Clarendon Junior High student Elaina Estlack (left) helps elementary students with clay sculptures as part of her Art Therapy project at the school's Gifted & Talented Showcase Monday. For more information about the showcase, see page six. ENTERPRISE PHOTO

Bordonaro takes reins of Chamber

The new manager of the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce has hit the ground running and businesses that are members of the Chamber is looking forward to new activities hosted by the and to encourage people to work together for our

"I hope to do a lot of events to promote beautiful little town," she said. "I want to make Sharlene Bordonaro began work April 7 the business owners happy and help them grown



Sandell to screen Bon Jovi concert next month

The Sandell Drive-In is getting ready to rock the night away again with an on-screen performance by Bon Jovi on Saturday, May 22, for another unique concert experience.

Tickets will go on sale to the general public this Thursday, April 29, at https://encorenights.com/bonjovi.

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. Last year, Encore-produced concerts screened at the Sandell included performances by Garth Brooks, Blake Shelton, and Metallica.

The concert experience delivers a front-row look at the world's most iconic recording artists to fans across North America.

Metallica released a video promotion saying they have been rehearsing at HQ to get ready for the upcoming concert recording.

The Encore Drive-In Nights series is presented by leading event production company Encore Live. Amid the COVID-19 pandemic,

weeds, and generally improve the appearance of the cemetery.

All help will be greatly appreciated.

Chamber to host Mother's Day event

Mom deserves a break, and the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce is making it easy to give her a fun evening during its "Mother's Day Movie Night" at the Mulkey Theatre on Sunday, May 9, at 6 p.m.

The entire family can take mom to see "Mother's Day" on the big screen starring Jennifer Aniston, Kate Hudson, Julia Roberts, and Jason Sudeikis.

Tickets for this event are \$12.50 per person and include heavy hors d'oeuvres and mimosas. Regular movie concessions will also be available for purchase the night of the event.

Tickets are available online at www.mulkeytheatre.com or can be purchased in person at the Clarendon Visitor Center, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



organization.

after Chamber directors approved hiring her two their business." days earlier and says she is looking forward to the position and working for the members.

potential new members - both businesses and individuals, to prepare for the Saints' Roost Celebration Herring Bank Parade, and to distribute Guide.

"I like everything about the job," Bordonaro said. "I like the hours and the work encompasses everything I like doing. I like accounting, marketing, and networking with people."

Bordonaro grew up in Wichita and Clearwater, Kan., and she and her family have lived in Clarendon for two years. One of her goals is to contact the Visitor Center by calling 806-874have more Chamber-sponsored events to provide more local activities.

The Chamber's next event is a Mother's Day movie night on Sunday, May 9, at 6 p.m. In her first two weeks, Bordonaro has been Tickets are \$12.50 per person and include heavy working to get out and meet people, to contact hors d'oeuvres, mimosas, and the movie "Mother's Day," Bordonaro said. Tickets are available at the Visitor Center or at MulkeyTheatre.com.

Bordonaro said the Visitor Center continthe new spring/summer Clarendon Welcome ues to be open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. She will be in the office regularly Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday and will be out seeing people on Wednesdays. Chamber Clerk Madeleine Black is also still working at the Visitor Center and will have the office open when Bordonaro is out.

> The new manager encourages people to 2421, emailing Chamber@ClarendonTx.com, or by going by the office inside the Mulkey Theatre. available at ClarendonTx.com/Chamber.

Chamber Clerk Madeleine Black with Chamber Manager Sharlene Bordonaro

"If they have questions, they can come ask us; and if they want to learn some cool stuff about our town's history, they can come talk to Madeleine."

More information about the Chamber is also

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 lavouts.

Also next month, the Sandell will be hosting another live on-stage performance by Christian recording artist Zach Williams with Mac Powell and CAIN on Thursday, May 20. That concert is produced by Awakening Events, which earlier this month brought Christian hip hop star TobyMac to Clarendon. Tickets for Zach Williams are on sale now at DriveInTheaterTour.com.

For more information about upcoming events at the Sandell, visit their Facebook page.

Sign-up period open for annual garage sale event

The 16th annual Trash To Trea-Clarendon's First Saturday promotion for June.

rounding area.

ticipate in this year's "Trash To and radio ads as well as on social Treasures" are asked to contact the media and digital platforms. Enterprise before 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 27, to sign up for the pro- non-profits and youth groups can sures, the better everyone will do," motion.

sures garage sale event will headline will get a 50-word advertisement in as part of this great day in our comthe Big-E Classifieds and the exclusive "Trash To Treasures" garage The sign-up period is now sale signs. In addition, the Enterprise open for garage sales in Clarendon, will print a city map the week of the Hedley, Howardwick, and the sur- event indicating the location of each sale and will promote the county-Residents who wish to par- wide garage sale in area newspapers

> In addition to garage sales, also hold fundraising cookouts and said Roger Estlack, publisher of The days, and shopping.

For just \$25, each household events and be included on the map Clarendon Enterprise which sponmunity.

> invited to do so at the Assembly of number of sales." God parking lot, but they will need to provide their own tables and tents. Contact the Enterprise for more information about this option.

garage sales during Trash To Trea-

sors the event. "Sign-up fees cover is the cost of area advertising, so we Residents of other towns who can reach more people and have would like to set up for the sale are better attendance if we have a larger

is a marketing campaign endorsed by the Chamber of Commerce and the Clarendon Economic Develop-"The more people who have ment Corporation to pool resources and centralize support behind oncea-month weekend of activities, trade

The Whistle-Stop Trade Days planning to begin its monthly events on the first Saturday in June, and other First Saturday events are already on the calendar, including the Saints' Roost Celebration in July First Saturday Clarendon Texas and a district Lions Club event in October. To learn more, visit ClarendonTx.com/FirstSaturday.

> For more information about the annual Trash To Treasures garage sale event, call 874-2259 or come by the Enterprise office at 105 S. Kearney.



Transparency bills moving in Legislature

By Kelley Shannon

Transparency bills are moving forward in the Texas Legislature with bipartisan support to promote open government and correct public information access problems that arose amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

With about five weeks left in the legislative session, here's a status report on bills backed by the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas, the Texas Press Association, the Texas Association of Broadcasters and other members of the Transparent and Accountable Government Coalition:

Texas Open Meeting Act improvements

House Bill 2683 by Rep. Terry Canales, D-Edinburg, won unanimous approval in the Texas House of Representatives. It addresses online meetings allowed under the Texas Open Meetings Act. Though the virtual meetings provision of the law worked well for many governments during the pandemic, in some cases rules for public comment were unfairly imposed and telephone call-in lines were not provided to accommodate those without Internet. HB 2683 corrects those problems. It now moves to the Senate.

Texas Public Information Act compliance

House Bill 1416 by Rep. Giovanni Capriglione, R-Southlake, received approval in the House State Affairs Committee. The legislation defines business days under the Public Information Act to ensure timely responses to public records requests. Throughout the pandemic, many government offices have not responded to requestors, citing the physical closure of their offices or because they were operating on a "skeleton crew" with staffers working remotely. However, many records today are available electronically, meaning they likely can be accessed remotely. The bill next moves to the full House.

House Bill 3627 by Rep. Chris Paddie, R-Marshall, clarifies existing law pertaining to "catastrophe notices" that governments can file to briefly suspend TPIA responses during a disaster. This legislation adds specifics to the law to prevent abuse. It was approved by the House State Affairs Committee and is now moving to the full House. Senate Bill 1225 by Sen. Joan Huffman, R-Houston, is the identical bill in the Senate and recently had a public hearing in the Senate Business and Commerce Committee.

House Bill 3015 by Rep. Ana Hernandez, D-Houston, won approval in the House State Affairs Committee and is heading to the full House. Enforcement measures in the bill require governments to respond to public records requestors even if no responsive documents are found so that requestors remain informed. It also calls for additional training if public officials aren't following the public information law.

Nursing home pandemic transparency

Senate Bill 930 by Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, won passage in the Senate and is now in a House committee. Zaffirini's bill, including a key provision added from similar legislation by Sen. Lois Kolkhorst, R-Brenham, ensures nursing home residents and their loved ones can get the information they need about communicable disease outbreaks such as COVID-19. A House version of the bill, HB 3306, by Rep. Mayes Middleton, R-Wallisville, was approved in committee and is headed to the full House.

Was Harvey Hughes really a bad guy?

The story begins with Clifford Rogers who, at the age of 27, married his sweetheart in Philadelphia, Penn., on January 1, 1922. Two weeks later, however, Rogers was on his way to California to take a job that had been offered him. But instead of traveling as a paying passenger, Rogers left his wife behind and traveled as a hobo on freight trains.

In Houston, Rogers found himself on a freight train with another hobo, Harvey Hughes, and the two became companions as they rode toward west Texas. The only problem was that Rogers had money in his pocket and Hughes did not. When the train stopped at Marathon, the two young men ate supper at a restaurant operated by Mrs. Clay Roberts. Rogers paid for both meals, and then they got back on the train. When the train stopped again, thirty-one miles later, at Alpine, Rogers had been shot in the back and his pockets were empty. Harvey Hughes was gone.

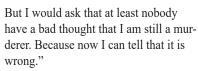
Clifford Rogers lived long enough to describe his assailant, and then he died. Brewster County's Sheriff Townsend found and arrested Hughes who had in his possession a watch, fountain pen, and money belonging to Rogers. Hughes admitted committing

the crime but insisted that Rogers had provoked him by making slurring comments about Hughes' vignettes mother. tales of the old west

Hughes' by george u. hubbard trial began on February 17, 1922, in Alpine, and on the third day the jury returned a verdict of "guilty as charged." The jury also assessed a penalty of death, which the judge scheduled for April 7, 1923.

The unusual aspect of the case is that following the trial, public opinion began to swing in favor of Hughes. While his defense counsel was seeking a retrial and then an appeal, Harvey Hughes became known as a model prisoner. He had many interviews with the local ministers, and he freely discussed his situation. He also wrote an open letter to the citizens of Alpine in which he said:

"I cannot begin to say how sorry I am for taking a human life, a very much valued treasure. I am more than willing to give my life in atonement, for that great crime. Even if my sentence were commuted, I would feel the same way.



The good people of Alpine developed a sympathy for Harvey Hughes, and they petitioned for his sentence be softened to life imprisonment rather than execution. But as public opinion mounted in his favor, Hughes closed the door on himself by escaping from prison.

On the evening of October 15, 1922, while the sheriff and jailor were out of town, Hughes managed to get out of his cell and slip past the jailor's wife, and away he went into a cold and rainy night. A search party eventually found Hughes hiding in an abandoned house about six miles west of Alpine.

All efforts to change or eliminate the original execution order failed, so on the appointed day of April 7, 1923, an armed guard escorted Hughes to a scaffold that had been erected on the north lawn of the courthouse. While Reverend McMillan was offering a prayer, the trap was sprung, and fifteen minutes later, Harvey Hughes was pronounced dead.

Geroge U. Hubbard is an author and a resident of Clarendon.



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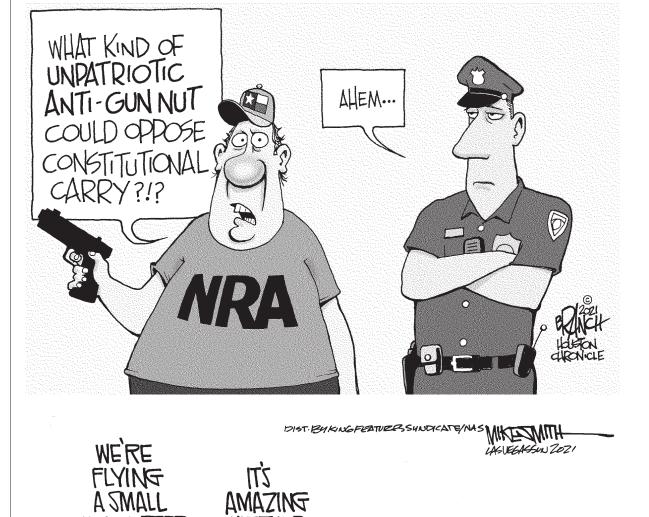
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Other information access measures

House Bill 3535 by Rep. Todd Hunter, R-Corpus Christi, which won approval in the House State Affairs Committee and now heads to the full House, reopens access to dates of birth in public records. Birthdates help ensure accuracy and aid citizens vetting a candidate for office; journalists identifying a person in a crime report; and banks, car loan companies, credit report firms and employers relying on public record background checks to conduct business.

House Bill 1810 by Capriglione was approved by the House State Affairs Committee and is headed to the full House. It provides access to searchablesortable records, meaning that when government information is stored in spreadsheets or other electronic formats that can be searched and sorted a requestor has the right to ask for and obtain the records in that format.

A little more than a month remains for lawmakers to act, so it's time for open government supporters across Texas to let legislators know they support these proposals. Let's remind our elected officials how crucial transparency is to government accountability, and that's important to us all.

Kelley Shannon is executive director of the non-profit Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas. For more information go to www.foift.org.





The historic streets of Dayton, Texas

When Caroline Wadzeck was growing up in Snyder she was active in school activities and played saxophone and bassoon in the band. After earning three degrees in education and library science from Sam Houston State she went to Dayton and taught school.

"I was in education for 38 years," says Caroline. "I was a 5th grade teacher for five, and a school librarian for thirty-three. Being a librarian was my calling and I had a fabulous career. I loved it."

After retiring in 2009, she became curator of Dayton's Old School Museum and became active in other community activities. Two years ago she was elected mayor. It was her first time to enter politics. Her husband (who also grew up in Snyder) served on Dayton's city council twenty years ago and she attended many city council meetings, so she was familiar with how the city operates.

"I have signed up for the election this coming May and don't have an opponent, so I guess I'm it for another two years."



that were not named for people. When I wrote the book we had 113 streets and I found out about all but a few. Eleven of our streets are named for World War Two soldiers from Dayton who died in the war. I started with them. Then I wanted to know who they were and about their lives, what they looked like. So I began collecting pictures and writing biographies about each one. After a while it becomes like a treasure hunt and you just can't stop. It became a quest for me. My husband might say it was an obsession. But I knew that if I didn't get this information down it was going to be lost."

named for. That took two years. But I

also wanted to know about the streets

Mayor Wadzeck encourages other did making sure that the records are kept in a library or museum. Her book is available at Barnes and Noble.

"It's still out there and I'm still going to book signings. It's really fun to see other people interested in the streets of their cities."

LETTERS

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Caroline is recognized as her city's historian and often gives talks on historical events and personalities in Dayton. Once stories at a state library ton, a friend gave her a book

about historic streets in Houston, how they got their names and the families for whom they were named. She was fascinated to find Caroline Street and read about how that street was named.

"It had a fascinating history and it got me to thinking about our town of Dayton. We have so many streets named communities to do the same thing she for people and I wanted to know who they were."

She started doing research and ended up writing a book.

"It's called The Streets Of Dayton, Texas, History By The Block. We have 92 streets named for people. I found out about 79 of them, who they were



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the lion's tale Pony Brag: A & A/B Honor roll students

The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting April 27, 2021, with Boss Lion Landon Lambert in charge.

We had 15 members and one guest - birthday boy Monroe Newhouse, guest of Lion Anndria Newhouse.

Lion Tex Buckhaults reported on the college where the men's rodeo team is headed to the college finals 4th grade in Wyoming and other sports are done for the year.

Lion John Howard reported on the county and said a restoration specialist will provide a cost for the water damage tomorrow, and Lion Pam Hill reported on the public school.

The Boss Lion and 2DVG Roger Estlack reported on last week's district convention, and the Boss Lion outlined plans for growing membership and doing more to serve the community. We will begin livestreaming meetings in May and will lead the district by example. First Vice District Gov. Jerry Whatley will make a visit to the club on June 15.

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

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May 3 - 7 **Donley County Senior Citizens**

Mon: Chicken & rice casserole, black-eyed peas, carrots, wheat roll, fruit cocktail, iced tea/2% milk.

Tue: Polish sausage, pinto beans, coleslaw, cornbread, peaches, iced tea/2% milk.

Wed: Beef stew, green salad, cornbread, black forest parfait, iced tea/2% milk.

Thu: Charbroil beef patty/ onions/gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, beets, bread, mandarin oranges, iced tea/2% milk. Fri: tuna casserole. English peas. chuck wagon corn, wheat roll, applesauce, iced tea/2% milk.

Clarendon ISD

Breakfast

Mon: Biscuit, sausage, fruit juice, fruit, milk. Tues: Breakfast taco, fruit juice, fruit, milk. Wed: Chicken n waffles, fruit juice, fruit, milk. Thu: Cereal bar, fruit juice, fruit,

milk. Fri: No School

Lunch

Mon: Chicken fajita wrap, beans, salsa, fruit, milk. Tues: Chili cheese totchos, corn muffing, veggie cup, fruit, milk. Wed: Chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, black-eyed peas, fruit, milk. Thu: Pizza, corn salad, tomato

cup, fruit, milk. Fri: No School

Hedley ISD

Breakfast Mon: Kolache, hash brown, fruit juice, fruit, milk. Tues: Omelet, bacon, fruit juice, fruit. milk. Wed: Waffles, sausage, fruit juice, fruit, milk. Thu: Pizza, yogurt, fruit juice, fruit, milk. Fri: Donut holes, bacon, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

There's no doubt about it, large spring has arrived in the Texas Pan- clock, a bird handle. Last week the high was in the feeder, gera-40s; yesterday we hovered around niums, 90 degrees. Mother Nature teased us petunias for with black, rolling clouds south and color. east with thunder and lightning but bird feeder is only a sprinkling of rain for Howard- set up in front wick. I am grateful for the sprinkle; of my kitchen any moisture is a blessing.

April is my birthday month. I the sparrows say a four-year-old and an 84-year- have discovered it, soon they will old don't mind telling their age, but lead other species out there too. for me it is difficult for my children



Spring has arrived in the Panhandle

by peggy cockerham Howardwick • 874-2886 window, and

This is a strange spring with the to find a gift. This year, those gifts cold, zero weather in the late winter centered around the garden with a but the apricots survived, my Red us safe.

Bud tree continues to bloom after a month of showing off, but other trees and shrubs are almost dormant. No, the mesquite has not begun leafing out in Howardwick, so watch those tomato plants. It may still be too early.

COVID-19 is still around folks with people n our community suffering so please get your vaccine so we can throw away these masks in good conscience. Bro Jim Fox is home but continues with home physical therapy, keep him in your prayers. God bless our community and keep

Experimental adventures in rocket science

Last Wednesday, my Dad, my becomes rocket Uncle Michael, and I began my GT project. This year is a bit more complicated because my project was on made Chemical Rocketry or just Rocketry. nozzles

The first thing I started working engines and test on was my homemade rocket fuel. I ran them. The chose to use a solid fuel form, and I first one almost made it by combining one ounce of hit my dad and reporter stump remover with a half-ounce of uncle in the by benjamin estlack powdered sugar.

fuel. I then just

some and which head,

District Court heard one contested hearing

last Friday, April 23.

District Attorney Luke Inman, tions of his probation. along with Assistant District Attorsiding.

offense of aggravated robbery.

Sims was arrested by Hall bation. County Sheriff Tom Heck on August

The District Court heard one January 21. The State filed a motion prison term. Due to the nature of contested hearing involving a Chil- asking the Court to revoke Sims' dress man when it met in Memphis probation on February 23, based law, he will be required to complete upon his violation of certain condi- at least 50 percent of his sentence

At the hearing on Friday, the ney Harley Caudle, prosecuted the State called only one witness. Casey try to comply with the terms of his case for the State of Texas, with the Timmons, the probation officer probation, and we believe that is Honorable Judge Stuart Messer pre- responsible for supervising Sims, reflected in the Court's ruling," said testified that Sims admitted to con- Caudle. "Given the sentence handed Tanner Dale Sims, 32, of Chil- suming methamphetamine, on mul- down today, hopefully Tanner Sims prison for the first-degree felony known criminals, also on multiple again." dates, during his short time on pro-

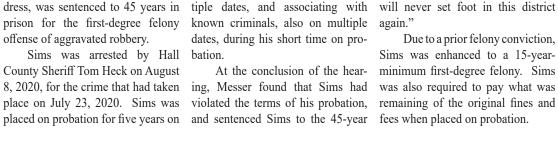
Sims' offense under applicable Texas before becoming eligible for parole.

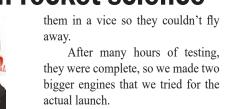
"The defendant didn't even

Pantex introduces new apprenticeship program

Consolidated Nuclear Security, LLC (CNS) and the Metal Trades Council (MTC) on April 7 signed and submitted final paperwork to the US Department of Labor (DOL) for a new apprenticeship program at Pantex.

The program is being implemented to increase participation in trades work by hiring apprentices who are working on their qualifications and providing them the training and hours necessary to obtain journeyman certifications.





Unfortunately, they didn't work so next we used a PVC cap for the nozzle but it melted away; and with time running out, we decided it was good enough for now. I mean, hey, it is only rocket science.



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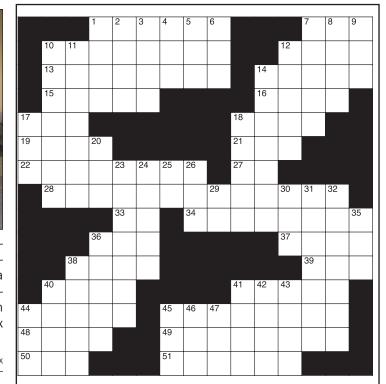
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Apprentices are full-time, paid employees who earn while they learn. The previous apprenticeship acting manager of Pantex Labor Detten said. "We just took what program at Pantex was discontinued in the late 1980s.

involvement and help us prepare for the future," said David McCown, "Pantex is a unique place to work. The program will allow us to recruit we provide to operations."

has been almost two years in the assisted with requirements and train- started ing for the new program.

labor market," said Tonya Detten, get us off the ground and running,"

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CNS and the Metal Trades Council partner to kick off new apprenticeship program at Pantex. Left to Right: Todd McKellar, Pipefitter, Gabe Pugh, deputy manager NNSA Production Office, Tonya Detten, acting manager of Pantex Labor Relations, Michael Williams, Pantex Infrastructure senior director, MTC President Robin Harris, MTC Vice President Brent Matlock, David McCown, Pantex Infrastructure manager, Pantex Site Manager Todd Ailes.

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out a way to make it work, and we

look towards adding other trades as

place on- and off site. Once the

apprentices fully complete their

apprenticeship, which takes approxi-

mately four years, they are employed

according to their training and expe-

They are paid on a sliding scale

as journey-level craftsmen.

Apprentice training will take

COVID restrictions are lifted."

Relations. "These crafts take a very COVID gave us and we figured specific skill and require very tech-"The new program's imple- nical training, including classroom mentation will improve community training and supervised hours doing the work. That is where the apprenticeship program comes in; our jour-Pantex Infrastructure manager. neymen can teach newcomers the trade and how it's done at Pantex."

Pantex will first accept pipefitand train specifically for the support ter apprentices with plans to expand to sheet metal workers, boilermak-The renewal of the program ers, and toolmakers in the future.

The COVID-19 pandemic making and required a lot of work slowed progress on the program's and persistence by members of team launch because some trades would that included Pantex Infrastructure, need to travel to Houston or Albu-Operations, Legal, Labor Rela- querque for specific training-a tions, and the MTC. Y-12 National challenge because of travel restric-Security Complex, DOL, and the tions. Fortunately, local unions were United Association Local Union able to provide the appropriate pip-404 (Plumbers and Pipefitters union) efitter training to get the program

"The local Union Association "Recruiting qualified trades of Pipefitters and Plumbers Union workers is becoming a challenge stepped in with local curriculum, given the nature of the competitive classroom, and trade knowledge to



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rience until they obtain journeyman 19. Whale ship captain CNS expects to have the first

five pipefitter apprentices onboard at Pantex by the end of fiscal year

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"It is great to see the reestab-

ards that will maintain our infrastructure," said Gabe Pugh, deputy manager NNSA Production Office, Pantex. "They are critical to the suc-

cess of our mission at Pantex."

2021 lished apprentice program at Pantex, as it will set the stage for bringing the next generation of trades stew-

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Obituaries Bulman

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Memo-Services Joyce Blas-83, held on Monday, 26, 2021 at Fel-

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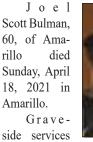
Church with Pastor Danny Mize, officiating. Mrs. Blasingame gained her heavenly reward on Friday, April 23, 2021.

Joyce Blasingame was born on October 11, 1937, to her parents, Roy and Cleo (Usrey) Crutchfield in Clarendon, Texas. Joyce was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother who enjoyed caring for her family. She was incredibly hardworking. Joyce worked on the ranch where she helped brand cattle and cook. Mrs. Blasingame was famous for the hot rolls she served to all the older men and boys on the ranch. In addition to serving her family, Joyce spent her life serving the Lord. She was a member of the Fellowship of Believers Church in Hereford.

Mrs. Joyce Blasingame is survived by her husband, Tom Blasingame of Hereford, and her three daughters, Kay Beyers and her husband Jesse of Amarillo, Millie Alford and husband Early of Hereford, and Sherry Frost of Clovis. Also surviving are six grandchildren, several great grandchildren, and her sister, Judson Roy Jeanette Blevins of Plainview.

Mrs. Blasingame was preceded liams, was the in death by her parents, her son, Bill Blasingame, and her grandson, Tom Patterson.

The family suggests that memo-Believers Church, P.O. Box 2425, Hereford, TX 79045.



Bulman held were

Friday, April 23, 2021 in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon with Dick Marcear, officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Joel was born September 30, 1960, in California to Gene Franklin and Shirley Morris Bulman. He married Lori Jean Esser in May of 1991 in Canyon. He was a police officer in California prior to his retirement. He and his family moved back to Amarillo several years ago. Joel loved his family and was a devoted family man.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his wife in 2008.

Survivors include his son, Hunter Scott Bulman of Amarillo.

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Williams

"J.R."

Born August 9, 1922, to a Texas

sharecropper and a former oneroom teacher, Wilsixth of eight children. Williams

the Depres-

ers. She fell for him when he sang "Beautiful Dreamer" in a high school quartet. They married in 1943 while he was serving in WWII. He lost two brothers in that war and a third was held for months in a Nazi camp. After his service, he obtained a degree in education. J.R. also received his master's degree and his administrative certificate. He taught high school and college Spanish and was a basketball coach in Colorado, Texas, and Arizona. He served as a principal in Pagosa Springs, Colorado, Red Mesa AZ High School, and taught many history and civics classes. He fervently valued democracy and civil rights. He was drawn to the underdog. As an educator, he sought fairness. Always a keen sports fan, J.R. was known to write letters to the NFL and NBA about his views on referee calls. He owned and operated health food stores in Durango and New Mexico. Quickwitted and charming, he worked at the Mesa Verde Museum, the Colorado Welcome Center, looked after his bird feeders, set lofty goals for his questionable carpentry skills, and talked politics. He lived near Dove Creek, Colorado, where he began his teaching career. In his last years, J.R. replaced "thank you" with "bless you". He was a blessing to multitudes of students who benefitted from his confidence in the worth of a good education and a strong work ethic.

Mr. Williams is survived by his son, Jan, and his daughter, Sharon McAnear. He is also survived by his granddaughter, Jaylyn Richards, and his grandsons, Joshua, Jeremy, Gabriel, and Daniel Tate, as well as eleven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his dear wife, Jean, and his loving son, Jay. He died April 24, 2021 at Mercy Regional Medical Center in Durango, Colorado; graveside services are pending at the Kline Cemeterv.

Prices good, drought bad for Texas cotton

Texas cotton producers could have a tough year due to drought, but good prices are likely to soften but the opportunity for Texas cotton the blow, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

Drought and good prices will influence the final total acres of cotton planted, especially in Texas, said John Robinson, Ph.D., AgriLife are experiencing drought at levels Extension cotton marketing econo- that threaten yield potential in both to good market and insurance prices. mist in the Texas A&M University irrigated and dryland fields. And

Drought, Texas cotton potential Prices may have recovered, Nature.

Robinson said the state's cotton growing regions, from the Panhandle down to the Rio Grande Valley, forecasts are calling for drier- and changed some producer's minds, hotter-than-normal weather through but the final decision will depend on Robinson said cotton prices May, and then normally hot weather how producers invested preparation have recovered from a deep slide after that. Irrigation would likely due to COVID-19. The pandemic not support the crop without rainfall recession sent cotton into a spiral because the moisture deficit is too of acres, Robinson said the cotton

drives irrigation pivots, he said. Tight supplies a possibility

Robinson said US cotton proproducers will depend on Mother ducers were expected to plant 12 million acres this season, as of USDA's March 31 estimate. Texas likely will account for 6 million of those acres, and it could climb by several hundred thousand acres due High grain prices may have



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rials may be made in Mrs. Blasin- sion, the family rode in the back game's name to the Fellowship of of their truck to work in the canneries of California, but eventually returned to rural Donley County,

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Department of Agricultural Economics, Bryan-College Station.

as demand for cotton plummeted in high. April 2020.

April 1 last year but began climbing may be limited this season due to back, in large part due to China purchasing large amounts of US cotton to build up their reserves when prices cratered. The purchases provided cotton with a bump, but prices gained momentum as mills around the world ramped up production this year.

Robinson said export demand for US cotton has been historically from below 50 cents per pound April 1, 2020 to 95 cents per pound by March 2021.

The market has corrected since, farmers. and prices settled in the low- to mid-80 cents per pound range, which more for inputs from fertilizer, seed cotton, and it is unclear whether is still a good price for producers, he and herbicides to around-the-clock the boycotts will help US cotton or said.

Irrigation in areas like Far West Cotton prices bottomed on Texas and the Rio Grande Valley rationing by water districts. Furthermore, areas like the South Plains and than 16 million bales of US produc-Panhandle may find irrigation difficult due to water demand and high energy costs. But that may not dissuade producers from putting seed in the ground because crop insurance throughout the cotton-producing prices for lint were at 83 cents based on the recent price surge.

high, which led to a 45-cent rally both ways. While implying a better problem unfolding with China, as safety net against losses, it also raises the value of the coverage, leading to higher insurance premiums paid by

> Producers are also likely to pay electricity that runs water pumps and spiral into another trade war.

dollars.

But even with the high number supplies will likely be tight after this season due to drought, international demand and low carryover stocks from last season.

Robinson doesn't expect more tion in 2021, which he said would support good prices into summer and could push them further upward if crop abandonment numbers are high southwest US

Additional uncertainty sur-The high insurance price cuts rounds an ongoing geopolitical retailers have begun boycotting cotton produced in the Xinjiang province because of the nation's treatment of the Uyghur population. Xinjiang produces 85% of Chinese

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CISD held GT Showcase

Talented Showcase.

Forty-seven students from the was Most Unique. elementary, junior high, and high school prepared projects for the Unique was awarded to Cotton event with awards being presented Halsey for his display on "Walt in three categories for each division. Visitors attending the showcase also Toy Company." Most Impressive voted to select People's Choice win- went to Kennedy Halsey for "Logic ners for each division.

Most Interesting went to Josiah ing was awarded to Bruce Campbell Howard for his "Gifted?" display, Most Unique was awarded to Courtlyn Conkin for her "Is Boba Bad for presented to elementary student You?" project, and Aiden Caudle's Nathaniel Victory for "Moun-"Baseball" project was Most Impres- tain Biomes," junior high students sive.

play featuring a water straw filter dent Jaxan McAnear for "Catfish."

Clarendon CISD students put was Most Interesting, Most Imprestheir creativity and research on dis- sive was Kenidee Hanes project on play Monday at the annual Gifted & "Human Trafficking," and Millie McAnear's "Personalities" project

In the elementary school, Most Disney" and Kase Zongker's "My Puzzles" and Justus McAnear also In the high school division, for "Logic Puzzles." Most Interestfor "Energy."

People's Choice awards were Benjamin Estlack for "Chemical Junior high winners were Rocketry" and Isabella Neal for Gracie Ellis' "Mission Trips" dis- "Archaeology," and high school stu-



High school division. Most Interesting went to Josiah Howard, Most Unique was awarded to Courtlyn Conkin, and Aiden Caudle's project was Most Impressive. COURTESY PHOTO



In the elementary school, Most Unique was awarded to Cotton Halsey and Kase Zongker's. Most Impressive went to Kennedy Halsey for and Justus McAnear. Most Interesting was awarded to Bruce Campbell. COURTESY PHOTO

Lady Bulldogs receives conference recognition

as well as the team itself, received 3-point percentage. national and conference recognition for their successes on the court.

first team, Conference Newcomer assist/turnover ratio. of the Year, Conference Defensive Player of the Year. Zariah is also ranked fourth in 3-point percentage ranked first in the NJCAA in blocks, and fifth in assist/turnover ratio. seventh in rebounding, and second in WJCAC rebounding.

percentage.

3-point percentage.

sund, Sweden, achieved WJCAC 3-point field goal percentage, and All-Conference Honorable Mention, assists.

Several students on Clarendon and is ranked fourth in WJCAC scor-College's women's basketball team, ing, third in rebounding, and third in

Zaria Sango from Tulsa, Okla., WJCAC 3-point percentage, first in achieved WJCAC All-Conference steals, third in assists, and seventh in

Macie Medrano from Dumas is

The Lady Bulldogs basketball team received national recogni-Mariam Traore from Waldorf, tion from the NJCAA. The team is Md., achieved WJCAC All-Confer- ranked first in blocks, first in defenence first team, and is ranked 10th in sive rebounding, third in 3-point the conference for scoring, sixth for makes, third in total rebounds, rebounding, and seventh for 3-point fifth in 3-point percentage, eighth in rebounding margin, and 10th Aileen Marquez from Arden, in defensive field goals. Addition-N.C. achieved WJCAC All-Con- ally, the team led the WJCAC in ference first team, and is ranked the following statistical categories: eighth in conference scoring, second 3-point makes, 3-point percentage, in 3-pointers, and 15th in NJCAA total rebounds, defensive rebounds, rebounding margin, blocks, defen-Emilia Axelsson from Oster- sive field goal percentage, defensive

Lady Broncos slam West Texas

By Sandy Anderberg

Double sevens in each of the third and fifth innings allowed the the ladies going five innings with 10 Lady Broncos to get the jump on strikeouts. Smith let WT post their West Texas High last week in a high- 13 runs on 10 hits.

scoring affair defeating them 23-13. Junior Jentrye Bellar worked Lady Broncos' win.

Madi Smith earned the win for

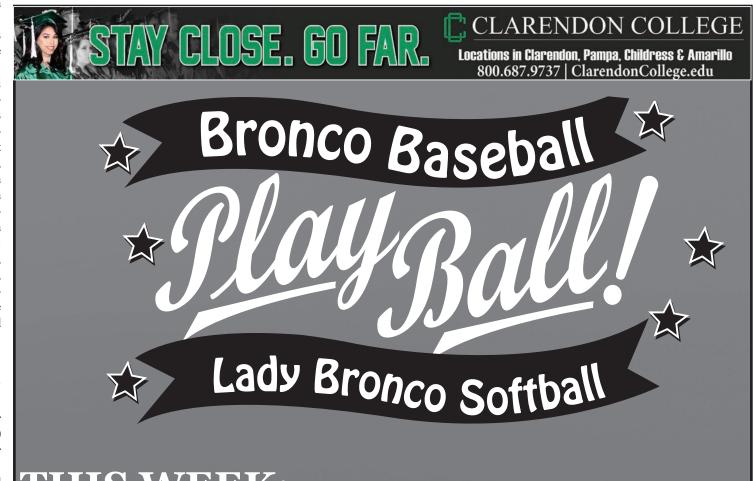
Several Lady Broncos added hits to the victory Jade Benson hit



Junior high winners were Gracie Ellis' project was Most Interest-Autumn Wadsworth from ing, Most Impressive project was Kenidee Hanes, and Millie McA-Sparks, Nev., is ranked 1st in near's project was Most Unique. COURTESY PHOTO



People's Choice awards were presented to elementary student Nathaniel Victory, junior high students Benjamin Estlack and Isabella Neal and high school student Jaxan McAnear. COURTESY PHOTO



and fifth.

a homer in the fourth to help in the hits in the win.

some magic with the sick at the a single in the third that scored two plate as she went four for four offen- runs and Ashlynn Crawford knocked sively. She made good on a single one down that score another. Smith and double in the first and second, doubled on a 2-2 count at the plate and two more singles in the fourth that scored a run and Jayde Gribble singled a run in. Bellar, Smith, Senior Kaylin Hicks slammed Benson, and Gribble all had multiple

Broncos defeated by Nazareth

By Sandy Anderberg

The Broncos fell short last and were defeated at 2-13.

After a first inning with a solo homerun bomb by Brock Hatley, game.

On the flipside, the Swifts were game and post two big innings in the on the day.

second and third.

Too many errors for the Bron-Friday in their battle with Nazareth cos proved to be troublesome in their effort, while Naz played an error-free game.

Aiden Caudle, who has been a they struggled offensively and could workhorse for the Broncos, took the only muster two more hits in the loss and finished with two strikeouts and three hits.

Hitters Koyt Tucek, Easton able to accumulate 12 hits in the Frausto, and Hatley all posted a hit

CC horse judging team success at the spring collegiate sweepstakes contest

Clarendon College's Horse well of the college and the students. Judging team had a successful weektion recently.

ribbons in the Limited Division," amount of improvement they have overall. shown in just a short time is astounding."

CC President Tex Buckhaults

Freshman Hallie Thompson end at the 2021 Spring Collegiate from Groom placed 5th in halter, Sweepstakes Contest in College Sta- 7th in performance, 7th in reasons, and 7th overall. Freshman Sophia "These girls pushed hard Moreno from Fort Hancock placed through a long, adventurous trip, 2nd in halter, 3rd in reasons, and 8th successfully bringing home some overall. Sophomore Tenia Ellis from Dalhart placed 3rd in halter, 9th in Coach Alyssa Oates said. "The performance, 5th in reasons, and 9th

> All wins were in the Limited Division.

Clarendon College was one of also said he is proud of the Horse only two schools of both junior and Judging team and said the quality of senior colleges that had that many this past weekend's success speaks judgers placed in the top 10.

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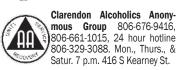


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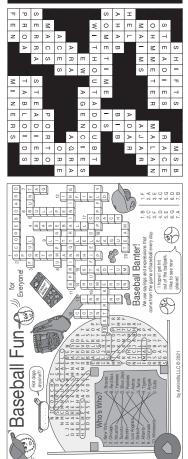
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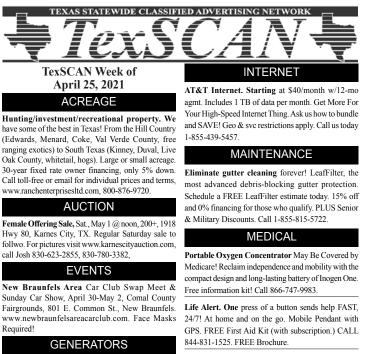
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AARP Texas urges state to act on blackouts

With about a month remaining in the Texas legislative session, AARP Texas today called on legislators to sprint to action on consumerfocused utilities reforms so that avoidable power disruptions like the deadly winter storm blackouts never happen again.

AARP Texas Director Tina Tran identified several reforms that the Legislature has time to approve. Those ideas, she said, can be finalized this session to bolster the state's electricity market, protect consumers from outrageous rate hikes and boost accountability and oversight of the state's utilities industry. Several of the objectives, she said, would fit appropriately in various bills already being considered in the Legislature.

"In February, the winter storm struck, the electric grid failed, and Texans were left in the dark," said Tran. "Communities across the state were abandoned in frigid temperatures without power to stay safe and warm. Nearly 200 Texans died. It's vital that the Texas Legislature act now so avoidable disruptions like we saw never happen again."

Tran said AARP Texas calls for urgent legislative action on several reforms to ensure grid reliability and protect electricity customers. The reforms seek to:

Weatherize -- AARP Texas supports requiring electricity generation and transmission and distribution facilities to weatherize infrastructure to withstand extreme cold and heat as outlined in House Bill 11 and Senate Bill 3. Steps should be taken to ensure the reliable supply of natural gas to electricity generators during extreme weather.

Improve planning, coordination and communication -- AARP Texas supports ERCOT planning for both summer and winter electricity usage peaks so that more resources are available when needed. AARP Texas also supports improved coordination through the creation of the Texas Energy Disaster Reliability Council as outlined in House Bill 13 and Senate Bill 3. Additionally, AARP supports House Bill 12, which would study a statewide disaster alert system to better inform electricity customers of potential and



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actual emergencies.

Create a backstop mechanism Texas deregulated electricity market relies on high prices to serve as incentive for power generators to build new capacity. This approach leads to periods of very high electricity prices and it has not delivered sufficient new capacity. Several billion-dollar proposals have been presented to address this problem. AARP supports a mechanism where grid managers adhere to a required reserve margin, adequacy plans account for summer and winter peak electricity load and an annual determination is made whether a solicitation is necessary for additional capacity.

Establish customer protections – The February electricity emergency highlighted deficiencies within the current system to designate and protect people who are medically dependent on electricity.

AARP Texas supports House Bill 4475 to make it easier for electricity customers to be designated as critical care electricity customers. HB 4475 creates a path for priority restoration of electric service for these customers during outages. AARP Texas also supports House Bill 16, which bans wholesale indexed electricity plans.

AARP Texas also urges the Legislature to ensure that all residential electricity customers in deregulated areas of the state have access to a standard electricity plan. This step would make apples-to-apples price comparison possible, help consumers avoid plans with hidden or confusing terms and would make the market more competitive.

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