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Clinic reports 101 active COVID cases

The Clarendon Family Medical Center has treated 130 positive COVID-19 cases through January 18, according to a report from the clinic on Tuesday.

By comparison, the clinic saw 72 cases in the entire month of December and 85 in November.

The clinic is currently treating 101 active cases.

"November and December were bad but not this bad," clinic spokesperson Marsha Bruce said.

Due to the high case load, a complete COVID report was not available from the clinic before press time.

Numbers reported by the clinic do not include residents who test positive outside of Donley County or who test positive at home. Bruce also said the clinic has had to turn people away because of limited staff.

City sales tax hits new January high

The City of Clarendon posted its highest January sales tax revenue to date when Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar distributed monthly allocations last week.

Clarendon's sales tax revenue increased 14.64 percent compared to the same period in 2021 with an allocation of \$38,267.07.

Hedley's January revenue was up 18.53 percent at \$806.84.

Howardwick was also up slightly, 0.86 percent, for monthly revenue of \$1,612.79.

Statewide, Hegar delivered \$992.9 million in local sales tax allocations for January, 26.8 percent more than in January 2021. These allocations are based on sales made in November by businesses that report tax monthly.

Chamber extends awards deadline

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce is delaying its annual community awards banquet and has extended its deadline for awards nominations.

The banquet was scheduled for February 10 but has been delayed after conferring with local health officials regarding rising cases of COVID-19. A new date will be announced soon.

With the banquet date pushed back, the Chamber is also extending its awards nominations deadline to February 4 at 5 p.m.

Nominations are being sought for Man of the Year and Woman of the Year, and the lifetime service Saints' Roost Award.

Nominations can be mailed to the Chamber at PO Box 986, Clarendon, TX 79226, or delivered to the Visitor Center inside the Mulkey Theatre. Emailed nominations can be sent to Chamber@ClarendonTX.com.



Multiple notices line the front doorframe of the old Neece Home at 602 S. Bugbee, which will soon be demolished after action taken by the city council last week. The structure has been the subject of code complaints since 2014.

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Time's up for Neece house City taking bids to demolish historic home

The Clarendon City Council moved forward with orders to demolish the historic Neece home during the city's regular meeting Thursday, January 13.

The home at 602 S. Bugbee has been the subject of recurring code issues dating back to 2014 with the city going back and forth with property owner Linda Lewis, who had hoped to restore the structure.

On December 2, Lewis' husband asked the city council for more time to repair the house, but Clarendon Aldermen, following testimony of Code Enforcement Officer Gret Betts and Fire Marshal Jeremy Powell, declared the house as a dangerous structure and ordered its removal within 30 days.

Last week, City Administrator David Dockery told aldermen the city had received a letter from an attorney representing Mrs. Lewis, asking again for more time and promising to remove debris and out-buildings by January 29 and make the house structurally sound by February 28. Dockery said the letter proposed if the owners did not meet those deadlines, demolition could proceed.

Dockery also said the city's attorney advised that if the council did accept the owners' request, a bond should be required that would pay the city's cost for demolition if they failed to meet the deadlines.

Dockery noted that while that might ultimately take the cost of demolition off the city, it would also make the process last months longer and would cost the city additional legal fees. He also said the city attorney had advised that the city not take action on any other properties until this case was finally handled.

With Aldermen John Lockhart and Jacob Fangman absent, the decision on the property was left to the three remaining aldermen.

"I'm done," Alderman Larry Jeffers said. "It's more than an eyesore; it's a health issue. If they haven't done anything in seven years, why now? They haven't done anything in the last 30 days."

Alderman Eulaine McIntosh leaned toward giving the owners more time.

"I hate to spend tax money if we don't have to," McIntosh said.

Dockery said demolition will

likely cost \$55,000 to \$60,000, and Mayor Sandy Skelton said he had spoken with neighbors who had all voiced support for the city to take action on the property.

Alderman Terri Floyd was not enthusiastic about the decision facing the council, but ultimately sided with Alderman Jeffers.

"I hate it that such a historic house has gotten to this point," Floyd said. "It breaks my heart, but I think it's time."

Jeffers moved, seconded by Floyd, to approve publishing a bid notice for the demolition of the house. The vote was then 2-1 with McIntosh opposed.

In other city business, aldermen approved amending the city's employee handbook to provide for more vacation time for employees with longer tenure. City employees get two weeks of paid vacation and can earn an additional week of vacation after ten years of service. With last week's action, employees with 20 years of service will get four weeks of vacation, and employees with 30 years of service will get five weeks of vacation.

The city council also approved

a motion to set up non-interest bearing bank accounts for grant funds for waste water improvements and downtown revitalization. Dockery said those actions should be the final items needed to secure those grants and said award letters should be issued to the city this week.

Dockery also reported on streetlights in the city. A survey recently revealed that 57 of the 265 lights in the city were not working. Public Works Director John Molder developed a way to map and tag light poles with GPS coordinates. That information has been shared with Southwester Electric Power Co., and repairs are now being made to those lights, the administrator said.

Dockery also reported that COVID relief funds from the federal government totaling almost \$400,000 have been freed from several of the requirements initially placed on the money. The city can now use those funds for almost any usual government purpose. Dockery recommended the council take its time to carefully consider how best to utilize the money for the benefit of the city.

Filing open for 24 local board seats

Citizens wishing to serve their community can now sign up for positions at seven local governments that are scheduled to hold elections this spring.

The cities of Clarendon, Hedley, and Howardwick; the Clarendon and Hedley school districts; the Clarendon College District; and the Donley County Hospital District all have a total of 24 positions available this year.

In Clarendon, the two-year terms of Aldermen John Lockhart, Larry Jeffers, and Eulaine McIntosh are up this year.

Hedley has two aldermen's seats and the mayor's position up this year. Those are two-year terms and are currently held by Mayor Carrie Butler and Aldermen Tom Carson, and Danny Russell.

In Howardwick the terms of Aldermen Mary Grady, Terry Barnes, and Del Essary are expiring. Those are all two-year terms.

Clarendon ISD Trustees serve three years, and the terms of Robin Ellis, Chuck Robertson, and Zack Robinson are expiring this year.

Hedley ISD has two full three-year terms up this year. Those seats are held by Bruce Howard and Michael Metcalf.

Six positions are up this year on the nine member Clarendon College Board of Regents. College board member terms are six years, and three full terms are up this year as well as three partial terms. The full terms expiring this year are currently held by Susie Shields and James Shelton and one vacant seat formerly held by Ruth Robinson. Two partial terms are up on the college board that expire in 2024. Those are the terms of Lon Adams, who was appointed to the seat formerly held by Jerry Woodard, and a vacant seat formerly held by Edwin Campbell. A third partial term on the college board expires in 2026 and is currently held by Chriss Matthews, who was appointed after the resignation of Darlene Spier.

The Donley County Hospital District Board of Directors has four two-year terms up this year. Those are currently held by Jan Farris – Place 4, Nikki Adams – Place 5, Mark C. White – Place 6, and Lori Howard – Place 7.

All local boards are elected at-large, but hospital board candidates must file for a specific place on the board. Candidate applications are available from the administrative offices of each entity.

Filing began January 19 and continues through Friday, February 18. Elections are scheduled to be held Saturday, May 7, 2022.



Mask up!

Howardwick City Secretary Sandy Childress and Fire Chief Susie Langford demonstrate the N95 masks that are currently available free of charge at City Hall. Childress said the federal government provided the masks to the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department, which in turn gave about 1,000 to the City of Howardwick. More than 100 have been given out at City Hall since Monday, and residents are encouraged to pick them up.

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Howardwick council okays budget for city marshal office

The City of Howardwick is working to establish its own law enforcement office following last week's city council meeting, January 11.

City Secretary Sandy Childress said the council voted to amend the city's budget to set aside \$8,000 to create the department of the city marshal, which in addition to providing the community with a certified peace officer will also give the city a way to serve municipal court papers to those with code violations.

"With the crime and thefts we're seeing in our community, we think we can help our sheriff's office

in squashing crime," Childress told the Enterprise.

Childress said some residents with prior law enforcement experience have stepped forward to volunteer, and she said the funds budgeted would pay for their state certifications and the expenses of the office.

The money for the department comes from a surplus in sales of properties in the city, Childress said.

"We can get bigger and better here, but it has to be clean and safe," she said.

Howardwick hopes to have its city marshal office up and running within 90 days.

Smith to be CC Childress Dean

Donna Smith has been named as the new Dean for the Clarendon College Childress Center, according to an announcement by Clarendon College President Tex Buckhaults during the semi-annual All College Day last Thursday.

Donna Smith, a Childress resident, began working for Clarendon College in 2018 as one of the college's librarians. She is also the college's webmaster and handles the social media accounts. Prior to her

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Educational debt in our communities

Fourth in a series on student educational debt.

By Dr. Walter Wendler

Upon completing baccalaureate and professional degrees, student indebtedness varies markedly across various races, ethnic groups, family income levels, whether or not students are first-in-family to attend college and the geographic region or state where students reside. Many generalizations can be drawn regarding the impact of student borrowing for higher education based on communal factors. When applied across all communities, the national debt data highlights important discrepancies to consider.

Some of these communal differences are startling, to be sure. Across the board, African-American college graduates owe almost \$25,000 more than their white counterparts. Exacerbating this, entry-level salaries for African-American graduates are often less, although within specific disciplines, the variation between communities of every type is diminished. For example, there are notable differences in compensation within STEM fields (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) based on various components. Yet, in high-demand fields, salary differences tend to decrease.

Some pundits claim that too much focus on debt may exaggerate the problem beyond its real impact. Maybe, but one in 10 borrowers, nearly 4.5 million Americans, exceeds \$60,000 in debt regardless of racial, ethnic, social, economic, regional or communal membership considerations. These are big numbers and not to be dismissed or waved away. Another complicating factor is that four years after graduation, about half of the African-American borrowers owed more than the original loan amount. Across racial communities, only 10 percent of African-Americans reported assistance in helping retire borrowed funds. In comparison, 18 percent of white students, 20 percent of Asian students and 15 percent of Hispanic students reported assistance in paying off educational debt. Also notable is that some borrowers attend expensive for-profit universities where indebtedness levels are higher than public institutions, per the U.S. Federal Reserve. According to the Aspen Institute, students of color make up the majority of students at for-profit institutions. Targeted advertising is marked as a contributing factor.

High debt combined with high salary may generate a tolerable circumstance. Too often though, high debt is accompanied by low salaries or even unemployment. This poisons the pot for all. People in this high-debt, low-compensation dilemma may seek income-driven repayment or unemployment deferment opportunities. At West Texas A&M University, the average borrowing based on the college of attendance varies by about \$3,000—\$14,900 (for graduates only). Yet, average starting salaries across those six colleges fluctuate markedly, from \$33,000 in one college to \$60,000 in another (2016 data). Borrowing \$60,000 to attain a degree where the starting salary is \$60,000 is a more reasonable proposition than borrowing \$60,000 to achieve earnings of \$33,000. In the one case, the borrowing is more “reasonable.” However, it still fails to reach the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board target of not borrowing more than 60 percent of the anticipated salary.

Degrees have different marketplace values. Institutions who are not transparent about degree market value or who silently condone, by allowance, risky borrowing practices are misguided at best, and in some cases, downright duplicitous towards students. The challenge is for universities to acknowledge significant differences in earning capacity honestly and straightforwardly. Such efforts are often met with internal resistance as such analysis appears to value one major over another. This is simply not the case. Students deserve institutional forthrightness, such as provided by The Education Credit Union Buff \$mart program. This is especially applicable for first-in-family college-goers who see the trajectory-changing potential of a college education as an unassailable aspiration, but only assailable if too much money is borrowed.

For too many students, repayment of student loans is debilitating. In Hispanic and Latino communities, slightly over 18 percent of all borrowers have commitments exceeding \$350 per month in student loans. Almost 29 percent of Black and African-American borrowers and 25 percent of white borrowers exceed monthly payments of \$350. Coupled with high repayment requirements and low starting salaries, 66 percent of black borrowers regret taking out student loans to fund their education. Of the millennial population, only 15 percent have no regrets about educational borrowing. The remorse regarding educational debt cyclically influences all aspects of family and social life post-graduation.

My advice? Count every cost and understand with eyes wide-open the impact of educational borrowing on long-term earnings and life satisfaction.

No community bears the burden of educational debt. Individual citizens do, and hence should choose their path forward carefully and wisely.

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Blood centers need COVID-19 heroes

By John Armitage, MD
Texas Blood Institute

Few things these days are as welcome as new tools in the fight against COVID-19 and last week the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) changed the way COVID-19 Convalescent Plasma (CCP) can be used. This specialized type of transfusion is now approved for clinic patients with weakened immune systems to prevent worsening of their condition. Hallelujah! We can do more to help the most medically vulnerable avoid hospitalizations, complications, and worries. To capture this benefit, however, a fresh group of blood donor heroes is urgently needed in January to restock the improved CCP units that will target recent variants, like omicron.

Since repeated pandemic surges have us trapped in an epidemiologic Groundhog Day of recycled warnings, discussions, behaviors, etc., a refresher on plasma may help. Plasma is the liquid portion of blood containing immune proteins or antibodies. It can be drawn from recovered patients and then given to boost the anti-viral defenses of recently infected individuals. Convalescent plasma has been around for over 100 hundred years and it still has use smacking down viruses and other infections.

Encouragingly, a just published study of more than 1,200 cases showed

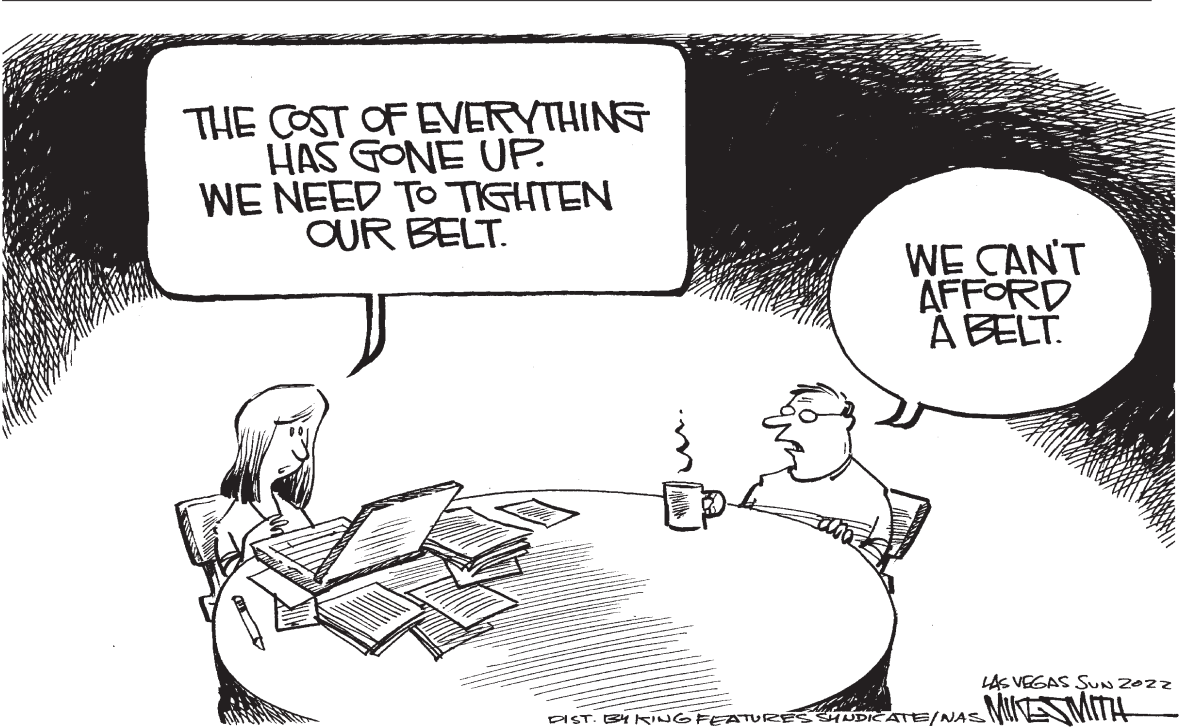
that outpatients who received CCP were hospitalized at a rate half (46%) of that experienced by the control group not receiving the treatment. That can be a huge lightening of the care burden on overwhelmed nurses, doctors and other hospital staff. It's also big league in reducing stress on patients and families. This reworked approach to CCP care is very timely, since the FDA announced in December that two of the three monoclonal antibody drugs widely prescribed to combat early disease are mostly useless against omicron. Of absolutely no surprise given our pandemic circus, there is now a severe shortage of the one, effective monoclonal option. One might say then, “When a monoclonal door closed, a CCP window opened.”

Because the FDA also just adjusted the rules for producing CCP, essentially all of America's older inventory became unusable. Blood collectors must quickly build back the CCP safety net from scratch. To do so, we are looking for amazingly fantastic donors who have proof of symptomatic COVID-19 within the last six months and are also more than ten days out from full recovery. COVID-19 vaccination status does NOT matter, but there is an age minimum of 18 years. To be clear, it is the “amazingly fantastic donors” who are key ingredient for producing these goodly

goods.

Also, to qualify, CCP donors must show high levels of anti-COVID-19 antibodies (anti CV19) in their blood. Fortunately, the Oklahoma Blood Institute (OBI) is doing this type of testing for free on all donations in January. Therefore, by simply giving blood this month with OBI, you will be automatically screened in the lab to see if you additionally hit the mark as a potential CCP hero. If you are a candidate, we will contact you to answer a few extra questions and, hopefully, get your “new and improved” unit delivered to a patient battling COVID-19. While it is pure coincidence that OBI happens to be testing for anti CV-19 this month, I am sure I feel a draft from that CCP window that Someone lifted open.

As our community fights yet another round against this deadly virus, I urge you to answer our call . Pass along the immune strength from your recovery to heal a neighbor whose weakened defenses put him or her at risk. Let's honor to all those lost over the last two years by sharing our humanity and our blood to overcome this virus and reduce its devastating toll. Give blood now and be a part of someone else's miraculous victory. In the end, you can help keep that CCP window propped open. Please!



Don't forget to get your flu shot

By L.T. Tan, Ph.D
Immunization Action Coalition

We celebrate the anniversary of the first COVID-19 vaccines this winter—and progress in controlling the virus. With vaccines readily available and recommended for everyone age 5 years and older, more people are traveling and returning to school and work.

While we welcome the return of more human connection, one unwelcome consequence is an increase in influenza activity. With COVID-19 prevention measures in place, the 2020–21 influenza season was marked by historically low influenza virus circulation. However, influenza activity is on the rebound for 2021–22. With the return of influenza comes both mild and severe illness in all ages, including infants, pregnant people, older adults, and people with chronic health conditions.

Influenza vaccines are readily available. However, vaccination rates for influenza and other routinely recommended vaccines have dropped substantially compared to last year and the year before. Lower vaccination rates for influenza with widespread circulation of influenza viruses could increase the magnitude of the wave of sick people requiring virus testing, outpatient visits, lost school time, and hospitalizations, further taxing our healthcare workers and causing unnecessary illness and suffering.

For many reasons, including the

ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we are seeing a decline in influenza vaccination rates to date in all age groups and pregnant people. Comparing the week ending November 27, 2021, with the same time last season, vaccination rates are 7 percentage points lower for all children this season, 14 percentage points lower for pregnant persons, and 17 percentage points lower in the Medicare fee-for-service >65 population. And fewer people have been vaccinated at their pharmacy or doctor's offices compared to this time last year. Not surprisingly, the numbers are even lower for children and adults in racial and ethnic minority communities.

We must act quickly to turn this around.

While influenza disease burden is low right now, we're seeing outbreaks return, mostly in southern states and on college campuses. Now is the time to vaccinate. While influenza most often peaks in February, influenza can spread very quickly once transmission starts in an institution or community setting.

The burden of influenza is not to be taken lightly. While it varies widely each year, the CDC estimates that in the last decade, each influenza season has resulted in anywhere from 9 to 41 million illnesses, 140,000 to 710,000 hospitalizations, and 12,000 to 52,000 deaths. The average annual total economic

burden due to influenza is estimated to be \$11.2 billion.

Healthcare providers' reminders and recommendations are key to improving uptake of vaccines, including influenza. Recent surveys from the National Foundation for Infectious Disease show that less than half of adults with a chronic condition report having received an influenza vaccine as of early November. Additionally, less than a third of healthcare providers say they recommend annual influenza vaccines to all of their patients with chronic health conditions.

With many people focused on getting COVID-19 vaccine boosters for themselves or COVID-19 vaccine primary series for their children, influenza vaccination must be on the to-do list as well.

Influenza and COVID-19 vaccines may be given at the same time, a practice that CDC has advised is both safe and effective. Co-administering vaccines is key to helping patients get caught up on needed vaccines efficiently while reducing unnecessary visits.

Time is of the essence. Vaccinate now, before the wave of influenza season begins its seasonal surge.

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Safe outdoor dogs act goes into effect

The Safe Outdoor Dogs Act went into effect this month in Texas.

After being vetoed last summer by Gov. Abbott and subsequently passed during the third special session in the fall, the law takes a huge step forward in protecting everyone from the dangers of inhumane tethering.

The law establishes basic standards of shelter and care for dogs left outdoors and clarifies existing law to promote the safety of animals and the people around them without increasing criminal penalties.

“We have fought for many years to pass this law and are absolutely thrilled about the difference it is going to make in the lives of dogs as well as Texas residents,” said Stacy Sutton Kerby, Director of Government Relations for THLN. “We are so thankful to our bill authors Senator Lucio and Representative Patterson, as well as Chair Nicole Collier, who authored the bill in the regular session. Without their dedication and leadership, we would not have been able to get this law passed,” finished Kerby.

The bipartisan law provides clarity for dog owners on how to properly restrain their dog, empowers law enforcement to intervene immediately in dangerous situations, and provides measures to protect dogs from inclement weather, lack of shelter and heavy chains.

“Many cities and counties in Texas are preparing literature to

help with compliance with the Safe Outdoor Dogs Act,” said Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr., who authored the Safe Outdoor Dogs Act in the Senate. “These efforts will aid in the observance of the law and remind the communities of our dogs’ basic needs. This winter, it is crucial for us to remember that as cold fronts come through, bring your dog inside from the dangerously cold temperatures and/or snow. If we have a repeat of last year’s freeze, this law will help save the lives of many outdoor dogs,” finished Senator Lucio.

“An effort spanning several legislative sessions, the Safe Outdoor Dogs Act finally passed the Legislature in the third called special session of 2021,” said Representative Jared Patterson, who authored the Safe Outdoor Dogs Act in the House. “Today, January 18, 2022, the Safe Outdoor Dogs Act takes effect. This law repeals and replaces a section of code that was ineffective, provides law enforcement with the authority to educate dog owners regarding proper tethering, and most importantly, will save the lives of countless dogs in the future. I will always be grateful to have been part of this effort, and to have fostered this bill in its final push through the Texas House,” finished Representative Patterson.

“For too long, Animal Control Officers have only been able to step in after tragedy has occurred,” said Jamey Cantrell, past president of the

Texas Animal Control Association, the oldest and largest state animal control organization in the country. “Now with the implementation of the Safe Outdoor Dogs Act, Animal Control Officers will be able to keep dogs and the communities they reside in much safer by intervening at the first signs of distress. Our members will be educating local dog owners about how to get in compliance and connecting them with local resources to do just that,” finished Cantrell.

“THLN wants to help those in underserved communities, and we encourage everyone who wants to see the successful implementation of the Safe Outdoor Dogs Act to engage at the local level,” said Shelby Bobosky, Executive Director of THLN. “Whether it’s partnering with local shelters and rescue groups to fundraise and donate dog houses and cable tie-outs, teaming up with youth groups to help build dog houses, or just spreading awareness in your local communities, there is an opportunity for all Texans to ensure the Safe Outdoor Dogs Act works for everyone,” finished Bobosky.

Click here for specific information on what the Safe Outdoor Act achieves, how to properly restrain your dog outdoors, and find alternatives to heavy chains.

You can also find a list of national and local organizations to connect you with resources across the state here.

Dinosaur experience migrates indoors in Amarillo

The largest and most realistic dinosaur exhibit in North America is back, bigger and better than ever! More than 100 photorealistic dinosaurs are ready to delight Texas families when Jurassic Quest heads indoors at the Tri-State Fairgrounds in Amarillo Feb. 25-27.

Jurassic Quest is one of the first indoor family edutainment shows to re-launch since March 2020 due to the pandemic and will visit Amarillo with its most beloved and unique indoor experiences for the whole family including more than 100 life-like dinosaurs, dinosaur themed rides and attractions, live dinosaur shows, interactive science and art activities, a “Triceratots” soft play area for our little explorers, photo opportunities, and more.

Walk through the Cretaceous, Jurassic and Triassic periods to see the dinos that ruled on land, and “deep dive” into the “Ancient Oceans” exhibit to come face to face with the largest apex predator that ever existed – a moving, life-

size, 50-foot-long megalodon! Meet the babies, hatched only at Jurassic Quest: Cammie the Camarasaurus, Tyson the T-Rex and Trixie the Triceratops – and, you may even catch one of our star dino trainers: Safari Sarah, Dino Dustin, Captain Caleb, Prehistoric Nick or Park Ranger Marty!

Loved by millions, only Jurassic Quest can bring families memories this BIG! The Jurassic Quest herd of animatronic dinos – from the largest predators to playful baby dinos – are displayed in realistic scenes with some that move and roar, allowing guests to experience them as they were when they roamed the earth billions of years ago. Jurassic Quest works in collaboration with leading paleontologists to ensure each dinosaur is painstakingly replicated in every detail, from coloration to teeth size, to textured skin, fur or feathers, drawing on the latest research about how we understand dinosaurs and ancient giants of the sea looked and moved.

Tickets start at \$19 at www.jurassicquest.com or on-site, and include a 100 percent ticket guarantee that in the event of a show cancellation or postponement for any reason, ticket purchases will be automatically refunded for the full purchase amount. Tickets are for a timed arrival window, and advance ticket purchase is strongly encouraged. Guests can walk through the dinosaur experience at their own pace, and strollers are permitted. Some venues may have wheelchairs for use, but please contact the venue in advance to make arrangements.

General admission tickets include access to the dinosaur and marine exhibits, arts and crafts activities, and dinosaur shows. There are rides and activities that require activity tickets available on site, or guests can upgrade to the Kids Unlimited Rides ticket (the best value for children ages 2-12). Souvenir photography and animal art tattoos are available at a separate cost. Entry is free for children under age 2.

Libraries encouraged to apply for broadband funds

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) has announced the application window for federal E-Rate funding is now open. From Jan. 12, accredited Texas public libraries can apply to receive discounts on monthly Internet access costs and most anything to do with bringing high-speed Internet to the library (including equipment and cabling).

E-rate was created to ensure schools and libraries have access to affordable high-speed broadband to support digital learning and robust connectivity. It is administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) under the direction of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). In Texas, a majority of public libraries are eligible for an 80% discount, with more than a quarter eligible for a whopping 90%. That means

most participating libraries only have to pay 10-20% of their Internet costs, with E-rate paying the rest of the bill. High-speed Internet (aka “broadband”) has become a necessity in public libraries, and E-rate is the chief means to support and sustain this crucial service as costs rise and demand increases. This is non-competitive funding—a library just has to fill out the forms correctly to receive the discount. Libraries must be accredited by TSLAC in order to be eligible for E-rate discounts.

This year, TSLAC has partnered with professional coaching firm E-Rate Central to make applying as straightforward as possible for participating libraries. This one-on-one support will guide applicants successfully through the entire process.

“Why should your library participate in E-rate and use our

free coaches? E-rate is the main method available to public libraries to acquire and afford faster speed, and then continue to sustain those costs into the future,” said TSLAC Director and State Librarian Gloria Meraz. “Faster speed means that Texas libraries are able to continue providing the myriad services that heavily rely on high-speed broadband and have rapidly become the lifeline for living successfully in the 21st century.”

Accredited Texas public libraries are encouraged to apply well before the deadline of February 22, 2022, which is the last possible date to ensure participation. Visit www.tsl.texas.gov/erate to learn more and begin the application process.

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January 18

Clarendon Broncos & Clarendon Lady Broncos v. Shamrock • Home • 6:30 & 8:00 p.m.

January 21

Clarendon Broncos & Clarendon Lady Broncos v. Memphis • Away • 6:30 & 8:00 p.m.

January 25

Clarendon Broncos & Clarendon Lady Broncos v. Panhandle • Away • 6:30 & 8:00 p.m.

February 11

Covid-19 Vaccinations • 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. • Howardwick Community Center

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Menus

Jan. 24 - 28

Donley County Senior Citizens

Mon: Vegetable beef stew, cornbread, tossed salad, orange pineapple cup, diet pumpkin cup, iced tea/2% milk.

Tue: Ham & beans, spinach, seasoned corn, cornbread, pineapple cup, iced tea/2% milk.

Wed: Baked chicken, baked potato, sour cream, peas, pineapple tidbits, chocolate pudding, iced tea/2% milk.

Thu: Beef taco bake, Spanish rice, cauliflower, tossed salad, country apple crisp, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, stewed okra, seasoned corn, pumpkin square, iced tea/2% milk.

Clarendon ISD

Breakfast

Mon: Breakfast pizza, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Tues: French toast, sausage, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Wed: Muffin yogurt, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Thu: Pancake wrap, yogurt, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Fri: Cinnamon rolls, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Lunch

Mon: Corn dog, fries, tomato cup, fruit, milk.

Tues: Nachos, salsa, beans, salad, fruit, milk.

Wed: Grilled chicken sandwich, chips, veggie cup, salad, fruit, milk.

Thu: Breaded pork chop, roll, steamed broccoli, corn, fruit, milk.

Fri: Pizza, carrots, salad, fruit, milk.

Hedley ISD

Breakfast

Mon: Pancake, bacon, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Tues: Breakfast cracker, cheese, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Wed: Muffin, yogurt, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Thu: Breakfast sandwich, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Fri: Breakfast round, yogurt, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Lunch

Mon: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, breaded okra, roll, gravy, fruit, milk.

Tues: Tex-mex stack, beans, carrots, hot cinnamon apples, sherbet cups, fruit, milk.

Wed: Pizza, garden salad, green beans, peaches, fruit, milk.

Thu: Popcorn chicken, corn, broccoli salad, roll, fruit, milk.

Fri: Hot dog, fries, tomato cup, snowball salad, fruit, milk.

Jeffers Named to President's List

Jeremy Jeffers of Clarendon has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Fall 2021 President's List.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits; undergraduate day students must earn 12 credits in the fall or spring semester, and online students must earn 12 credits in either EW1 & EW2, EW3 & EW4, or EW5 & EW6.

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, non-profit institution with an 89-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 160,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 accredited undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH.

Life is different without ‘Ole Jim’

Hello, dear friends. I am sorry I have been so long writing, but December 2021 was a rough month for me. After falling at home and suffering a broken leg, my companion of 68 years, Ole Jim, passed away on December 18. He spent 12 days in CCU after suffering a heart attack and two stents put in his heart. Each day brought a new worry with his memory becoming weaker until the day he did not know me. The next day he was gone.

We met at school – we called it grade school but is now known as middle school – in Alanreed. We started dating at ages 14 and 16 and eloped two years later in 1953. Jobs were hard to find, so Jim joined the US Air Force and spent the next 20+ years moving from place to place, bringing his family with him when possible. He retired in 1974, and we moved to Clarendon in 1976 and to Howardwick in 1983.

He spent the next 16 years driving back and forth to Pantex, in his spare time he was a reserve deputy and weather-watcher for Sheriff Jimmy Thompson, going under the handle “15”. He knew every road and vehicle in Howardwick and hated the time between graduation and Labor Day. Names he did not

remember but he knew your cars and trucks and where they belonged. He spent many hot hours helping fill potholes in the streets, mowing rights-of-way and the park. At the age of 80 he was elected as a City Alderman but was no diplomat. He was more likely to speak his mind than keep his mouth shut. His family still called him Sarge.

As his health and memory began to decline and a new group of younger people took over, his services were no longer required but he still said, “I’m going to go see what is going on”. His pickup still made some rounds, but he no longer knew where all those vehicles belonged. With the pandemic he stayed home, sitting on the patio with Buffy the Wonder Dog and enjoying his smokes. Our evenings were spent watching TV and commenting on the content. He forgot to eat unless I reminded him; he never refused a peanut butter sandwich and a glass of sweet tea.



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He could no longer keep his yard as he wanted it but could not turn over the care to his children either. When dealing with a dementia person, you learn diplomacy or lives are in a turmoil. Some people are better than others. Fortunately, our main care giver was that person, and she could usually persuade him to her way of thinking.

Buffy the Wonder Dog has become my constant companion and still looks for Ole Jim. I moved her bed and that helped, but how do you explain to a dog what has happened?

It is so quiet. Watching our favorite TV shows in the evening and pushing the mute button there is no refrigerator or cabinet door closing, no footsteps, no laughing or comments about the show.

We were so hopeful the Dallas Cowboys were going to the Super Bowl this year, and he would have been howling with me yesterday after the lack-luster game they played.

His pickup still sits by the side of the house, and with the help of my children I am slowly getting the legal process taken care of.

Prayers have gotten me this far so please continue to pray for me and my family.

What to know before applying for retirement benefits

By Ray Vigil, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

Are you thinking about retiring and applying for Social Security retirement benefits? Our online tools can make your planning easier. Visit www.ssa.gov/myaccount to access your personal my Social Security account to get an instant and personalized estimate of your retirement benefits based on your earnings record.

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Fun events for the new year at DCSC

By Mary Lynn

The Donley County Senior Citizens Center has plans to make the New Year filled with events to promote fun, health, and community participation.

Game days will return on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30. We will have a variety of games, cards, board games, etc. Come and join us to decide your favorite.

Bingo night also comes on Thursday the 20th. Our main dish is brisket, served with sides provided by attendees. This is an evening of fun, prizes, and lots of laughter.

A blood pressure clinic will be

held on January 21. Often problems or irregularities can be hidden, and a check is painless and only takes a minute.

February first, Pastor Stephania Gilkey will begin a grief support group at our center. The process of grieving affects everyone differently and is often long term.

A group for support can help navigate the emotional and difficult time.

We continue to encourage everyone of any age to join us for meals, events, conversation, and good times. We'll provide a warm, welcoming place. Come see us!

Goodrich to retire from Panhandle Breast Health

Panhandle Breast Health, in partnership with Ebby's Edibles and Getables, will host a book signing for Rakhshanda Rahman, MD, and her book Leadership Deconstructed from 3 to 5 p.m. Jan. 20 at Ebby's Edibles and Getables, Amarillo National Bank (Mirror Building) 500 S. Taylor Suite 100. Books can be purchased and signed at the event. In the book Dr. Rahman shares insights and skills that she learned throughout her career and partnerships including a decade-long col-

laboration with Panhandle Breast Health.

Immediately following the book signing, at 5 p.m., Panhandle Breast Health will honor its Founder and Executive Director for over 25 years, Leticia Goodrich, with a retirement reception in the Skyline Room on the 16th Floor of the Amarillo National Bank main building. Those interested in attending the retirement event should RSVP to PanhandleBreastHealth@pbhadmin.com.

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ANSWER:

Obituaries

Booth

Jimmy Paul Booth, 65, of Memphis passed away on Friday, January 14, 2022, in Childress.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at the First Assembly of God Church in Memphis with Dale Griswald, officiating. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery.

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

Jimmy Paul Booth was born on February 22, 1956, in Memphis, to Bluford and Eula Stevens Booth. He was one of seven children. Jimmy graduated from Memphis High School and was a lifelong resident of Hall County. He married Ann Brown on December 5, 1976, in Memphis. Jimmy worked as a mechanic for Chamberlin Motors in Clarendon for 20 years before shifting careers. He later retired from TxDOT after 17 and a half years of service.

Jimmy attended the First Assembly of God Church in Memphis. He enjoyed spending time in God's word and praying. He had a love for racing and racecars. He was a Kansas City Chiefs fan who never missed a football game. He also enjoyed reminiscing about his high school football days with his friends. Above all, Jimmy loved his grandkids and spent as much time with



Booth

them as he could.

He is preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Bobby and Kenneth Booth; and two sisters, Mary Middleton and Lavern Booth.

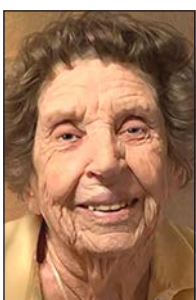
He is survived by his wife, Ann Booth of Memphis; son, Johnny Booth of Memphis; three daughters, Lisa Booth and husband, Daniel, of Memphis, Janita Booth of Memphis, and Jennifer Benedict of Fort Walton Beach, FL; two brothers, Don and Allen Booth; 14 grandchildren, Mary, Isaac, Alissa, Jordan, Elijah, Zachary, Joshua, Madison, Isaiah, Kyler, Emily, Lucas, Matiana, and Savannah; three great-grandchildren, Riley, Gracie, and Timothy; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

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Dobbs

Vivian Dobbs was born Mar 4, 1929 to parents Burney Vandivere and Vivian Brown in Wellington.

Vivian graduated from Wellington High School and later married her best friend Malcolm Nathan Dobbs on Sept. 3, 1947. This union produced five children: Michael L. Dobbs, Travis L. Dobbs (deceased), Thomas K. Dobbs, David Bruce Dobbs and Laura Lynne Miser, as well as 10 grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren. They eventually settled in Fritch after moving



Dobbs

from Borger.

While at Fritch, she was active in her church and community and established Fritch Meals on Wheels in which she participated for 10 years. She also worked at the Fritch Eagle Press and Fritch Museum.

Vivian was a wonderful wife and extraordinary mother and grandmother and was very active in community and Church. Later she moved to Clarendon in 2007 where she worked for a short time in the Library. As ever, she was active in her church and volunteered to support mission work in Lesoto Africa by helping to sew hundreds of school bags for their local children. Although in failing eyesight, she continued to prepare hundreds of loaves of pumpkin bread shared anonymously to Clarendon Meals on Wheels and sent cards of encouragement to local residents.

She was also an avid reader and loved music. Surprisingly, some of her favorites were artists Bob Seeger and the Eagles. Vivian was always full of life and laughter even as age and infirmity limited her ability to be as active as she once was.

She was loved by all who knew her and especially her children and grandchildren. Her enthusiasm and spirit will be long remembered.

Graveside services were held at Westlawn Memorial Park, 8547 Hwy 136 Fritch, on Jan 19, 2022. Vivian will lie in repose at the Minton Chatwell Funeral Home, at Broadway and Canadian, Fritch, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that remembrances be sent to Clarendon Meals on Wheels, 115 S 4th, Clarendon Texas, 79226. Phone: 806 874 2665.

State resources called up for wildfire danger

The Texas A&M Forest Service readied firefighting resources this week in anticipation of an increase in wildfire activity caused by pre-frontal conditions approaching the state.

The fire environment will include elevated to critical fire weather, with above normal temperatures and wind speeds near 20 mph, aligned with freeze-cured grasses across the landscape. This combination will support increased wildfire activity. Forecast fire danger will be high to very high for portions of the Rolling Plains and Cross Timbers regions, specifically for areas around Plainview, Wichita Falls, Weatherford, Lampasas and San Angelo.

State and local firefighters, including Texas A&M Forest Service and Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS), responded to 97 wildfires since Friday morning for an estimated 7,460 acres burned.

Strong north winds and dry vegetation contributed to increased activity over the weekend, which

included the 1,696-acre Mill Creek Fire in Shackelford County, the 787-acre Martin Fire in Young County and the 177-acre Carbon Camp Fire in Hutchinson County.

In anticipation of increased fire danger on Tuesday, Texas A&M Forest Service has prepositioned additional agency personnel and equipment, including 11 dozers and four engines, across areas of concern.

"Any time the forecast indicates that there is potential for wildfire activity, we mobilize resources to strategic locations to provide assistance to local fire departments and cooperators," said Wes Moorehead, Texas A&M Forest Service Fire Chief.

Texas A&M Forest Service and Texas Division of Emergency Management worked together to mobilize two strike teams via TIFMAS to provide wildfire incident support prior to this weekend's increased activity.

"We greatly appreciate our state, federal and local partners that continue to diligently work together to protect Texas' citizens and natural resources from wildfire," said Moorehead.

Two large tankers, three single engine air tankers, two air attack platforms and one aerial supervision module remain in state to assist with wildfire response efforts.

Texas A&M Forest Service encourages the public to avoid outdoor activities that may cause a spark while dry and windy conditions are present.

For current conditions and wildfire outlook, visit the Texas Fire Potential Outlook <https://bit.ly/3kembhG>.

Texas A&M Forest Service does not own any aviation resources but instead uses federal aviation contracts through the US Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management for all firefighting aircraft.

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time with Clarendon College, Smith taught at Childress ISD for 26 years, where she taught kindergarten and later taught high school students.

Smith's husband, Marty, recently retired from Childress TXDOT. Her oldest son, Michael, works for the Texas A&M Forest Service, and her youngest son, Cole, is a Junior Mechanical Engineering student at Texas Tech University.

Buckhaults said that Donna is highly familiar with the Childress community, where she is a valued resident, and is the best possible person to fulfill this important role. He stated that he was excited about the opportunities that are on the horizon under Smith's leadership.

"I am beyond excited to be the Dean of the Clarendon College Childress Center," Smith said, "I truly believe God has presented me with an opportunity to share my love of education. I look forward to reaching out to our community and the surrounding areas to promote Clarendon College."

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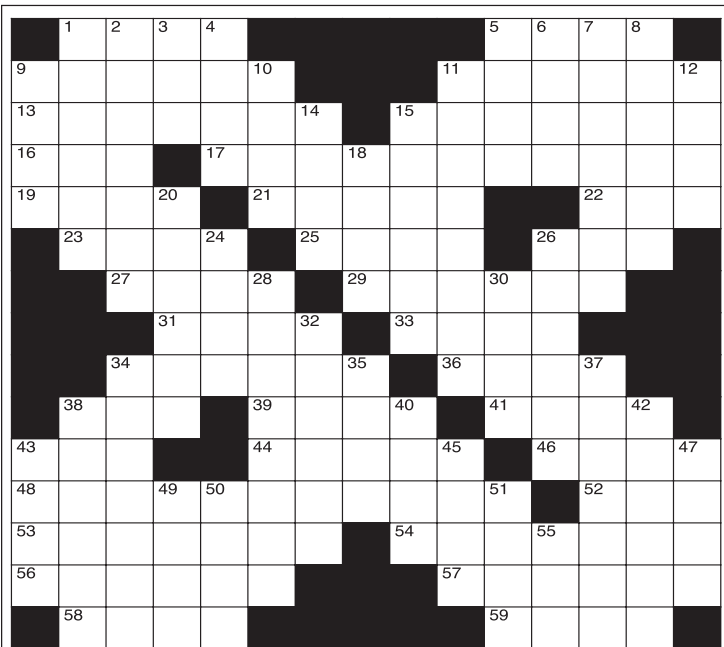
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- Cuts in half
- Raises
- Expresses contempt or disgust
- Ancient Italian-Greek colony

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- Illinois city
- One of the original disciples chosen by Christ
- Young form of a louse
- Type of powder
- Finger millet
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- Assumed as a fact
- Provide clear evidence of
- Invests in little enterprises
- A way to be
- Monies given in support
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- Steal
- Becomes less intense
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- Close by
- Small integers
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Clarendon Lions Club Regular
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Landon Lambert, Boss Lion.
Roger Estlack, Secretary



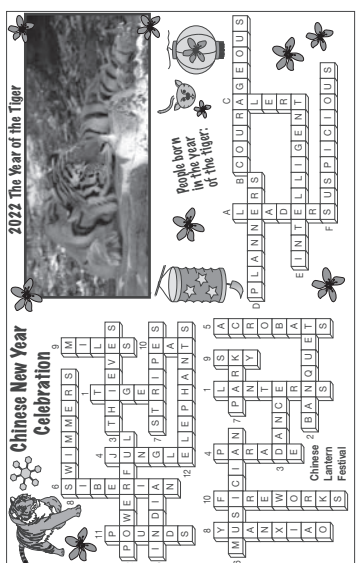
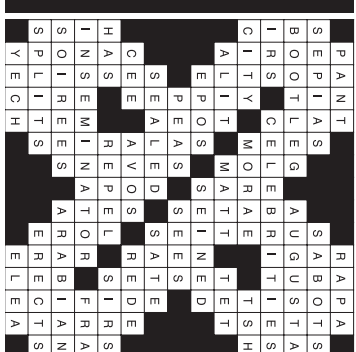
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The following property at 149 Dixie, Howardwick, TX 79226 was found to be in violation of the city's substandard structure ordinance outlined in the Local Government Code, Title 7, Subtitle A, Chapter 214, for dangerous structures and has been set for a hearing.

OWNERS: Richard Tiedeman and Amanda Tiedeman
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lots 187, 188 & 189 Arrowhead Section of Sherwood Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas
PARCEL ID: R7000

A hearing has been set before the city council for the purpose of making a determination of whether the building is a substandard building or structure under the provisions of Ordinance 0-5-18 Substandard Structures. The hearing will take place at Howardwick City Hall, 247 Rick Husband Blvd, Howardwick, Texas 79226 on the 8th day of February, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. You may present your case as to why this building should not be declared a public nuisance and why you should not be ordered to repair, renovate, or demolish and clear such building or structure from the premises. If the city council finds that this building is a substandard building or structure, the city council may order the abatement of said condition or conditions by repair, renovation, removal or demolition by you within a reasonable time to be set by the city council and that the city may demolish or remove said building if the owner does not comply with such order.

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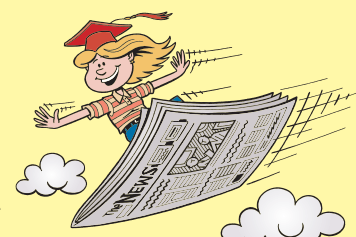
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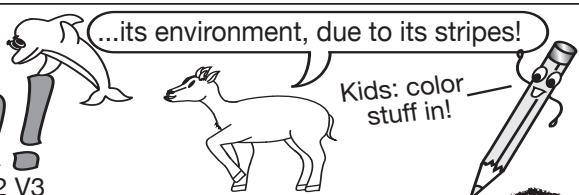
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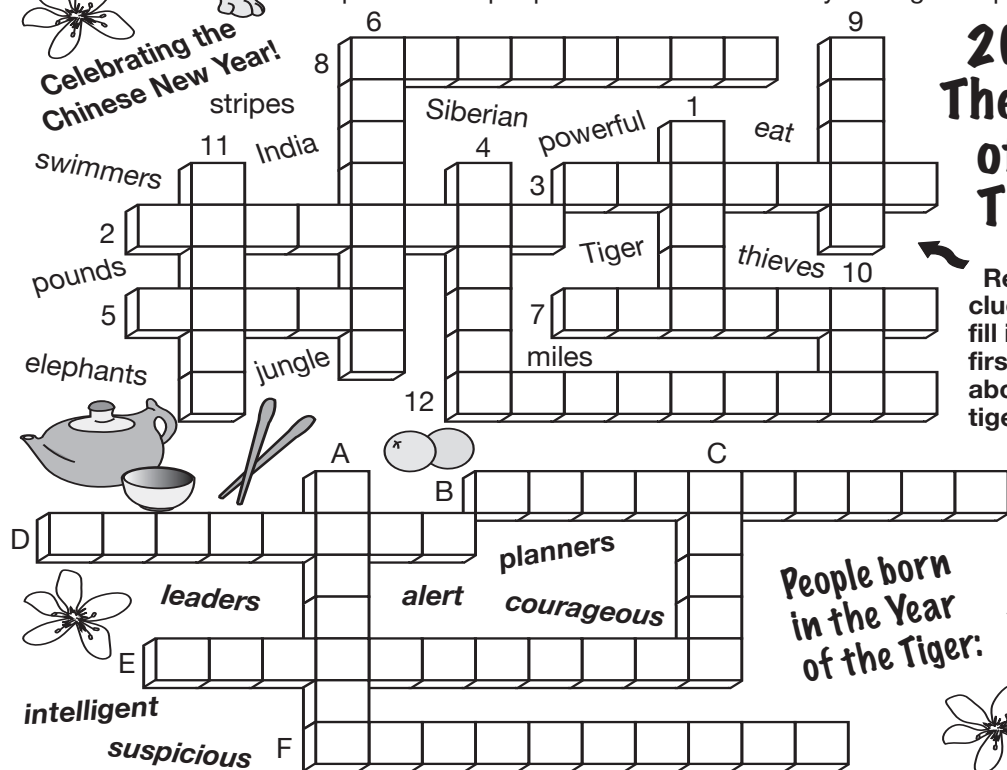


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Chinese New Year Celebration

In 2022, Chinese New Year starts on February first. It is the **Year of the Tiger**. The tiger is the third sign in the Chinese Zodiac — a circular 12-year calendar with each year represented by an animal. Each animal is the "sign" of people born in that year. It is said that the people born under each animal's sign have the characteristics of that animal. Tigers are very powerful so people who are born in that year might be powerful, too!



**2022
The Year
of the
Tiger**

Read the
clues to
fill in the
first puzzle
about
tigers!



1. The first day of the New Year begins the Year of the _____.
2. People think that tigers are beautiful, _____, royal and strong.
3. In Chinese tales, tigers are able to chase away fires, _____ and ghosts.
4. In Asia, the tiger is known as the king of the _____, not the lion.
5. There are more tigers in _____ than anywhere else.
6. _____ tigers (or Amur tigers) are the biggest cats in the world, weighing up to 700 pounds.
7. All tigers have different patterns of _____.
8. Unlike other big cats, tigers like water and are good _____.
9. Tigers can run up to 40 _____ per hour.
10. Tigers will _____ wild boar, pythons, leopards and water buffalo.
11. They can eat up to 60 _____ of meat at a time.
12. In packs, tigers can take down _____!

Everyone in
China becomes
one year older on
New Year's Day!

Read the clues about people born in the Year of the Tiger to fill in the second puzzle:

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| A. good at guiding others | D. organized, think ahead |
| B. not fearful or easily scared | E. smart, bright |
| C. wide-awake, pay close attention | F. don't trust, doubtful |

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Eighth grade Lady Colts send Lady Rockets packing

The eighth grade Lady Colts went up against Wellington last week and turned in a great performance defeating them 40-22. Two Lady Colts finished in double figures in the game.

The Lady Colts jumped out with the early momentum and took a huge lead in the opening minutes of the game. They were able to build on their offensive execution to increase their lead to 11 points at the break. A huge third quarter gave the ladies the edge they needed to seal the win over the Lady Rockets.

Presley Smith played a solid game and finished with 14 points and Kenidee Hayes helped with 10, which included on three-pointer. Berkley Moore stepped up big and added eight points and Kashlyn Conkin, Whitney Williams, Millie McAnear, and Madi Benson all added two points each.

The seventh grade Lady Colts played hard and narrowly lost to Wellington at 12-15. They ladies fought hard, but slow-shooting first and fourth quarters hindered their attempt to overtake the Rockets on the scoreboard. They also struggled at the bonus line with too many missed free throws. Kinslee Hatley and Cambree Smith each finished with six points in the game.

Colts struggle against Wellington

The Colts took on Wellington last week, and both teams played hard but fell short. The seventh grade lost 7-31, and the eighth grade lost 7-44.

The seventh graders struggled throughout and could not find a rhythm in the game. Caleb Herbert put in four and Hayden Moore added three.

The eighth graders could not find what worked for them and Wellington was able to put points on the board consistently until the final buzzer. Kaleb Mays scored all of the Colts' points in the game with seven.



Berkley Moore goes in for a layup last week against Wellington

COURTESY PHOTO



Kinslee Hatley shoots last week against Wellington.

COURTESY PHOTO

the lion's tale

by russell estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting January 18, 2022, with Boss Lion Landon Lambert ringing the bell. We had 15 members present this week.

The Boss Lion presented Lion Cameron Word with a new member badge signifying his status as a past president of the club; and with a roar of approval from the club, he welcomed Lion Steve Coles as a returning member to the club and represented him with his membership badge. Welcome back, Steve!

FVDG Roger Estlack reported on the Lions Mid-Winter District Conference in Hereford. He asked for prayers for Lion Valerie Locke of the Amarillo Lone Star Lions Club, who was critically injured in an accident on her way to the conference. He also reported that district clubs have been paired up in a membership drive challenge, and Clarendon Lions are now battling Perryton Lions to get the most new members by June 30. The district convention will be held in Canyon in April.

The club will meet at the Lions Hall at 5 p.m. on Thursday of this week to sort surplus canned food from the Christmas Basket project and distribute the surplus to local food pantries. The Boss Lion also encouraged members to be thinking of new ways we can serve the community.

Lion Scarlet Estlack reported on the college where classes started this week and basketball gets underway on Thursday.

Lion David Dockery reported on the city, where they are working on cleaning up properties and where officials have learned that more than \$400,000 in COVID relief funds for the city now has almost no strings attached.

Lion Sandy Childress said Howardwick also has relief funds to use, and she reminded everyone about the upcoming mystery dinner event at the Mulkey.

There being no further business, we were adjourned.

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Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	20 ESSER III Revenue Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:				
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 759,442	\$ -	\$ 25,874	\$ 785,316
5800 State Program Revenues	1,402,574	-	12,668	1,415,242
5900 Federal Program Revenues	28,455	66,930	148,177	243,562
5020 Total Revenues	2,190,471	66,930	186,719	2,444,120
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0011 Instruction	1,083,079	61,490	59,525	1,204,094
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	2,397	-	-	2,397
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	1,017	-	5,634	6,651
0021 Instructional Leadership	3,186	-	-	3,186
0023 School Leadership	96,018	-	-	96,018
0031 Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	1,472	-	1,380	2,852
0033 Health Services	2,709	-	-	2,709
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	32,021	-	-	32,021
0035 Food Services	-	-	105,246	105,246
0036 Extracurricular Activities	60,411	-	15,834	76,245
0041 General Administration	196,549	-	-	196,549
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	220,415	5,440	-	225,855
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	16,566	-	8,723	25,289
0053 Data Processing Services	92,598	-	16,848	109,446
Debt Service:				
0071 Principal on Long-Term Debt	17,388	-	-	17,388
0072 Interest on Long-Term Debt	2,612	-	-	2,612
Capital Outlay:				
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	50,270	-	-	50,270
Intergovernmental:				
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	21,351	-	-	21,351
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	39,923	-	-	39,923
6030 Total Expenditures	1,939,982	66,930	213,190	2,220,102
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	250,489	-	(26,471)	224,018
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
7915 Transfers In	-	-	26,471	26,471
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(26,471)	-	-	(26,471)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(26,471)	-	26,471	-
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	224,018	-	-	224,018
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	1,796,942	-	-	1,796,942
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 2,020,960	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,020,960





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