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

Local man facing assault charges

A Clarendon man is in the Donley County Jail this week after he allegedly assaulted family members and threatened them with a gun.

Jeremy Blackwell, age 36, was arrested Monday evening, March 28, after he pointed gun at three people in a home in the 100 block of north McClelland Street, according to Sheriff Butch Blackburn. The suspect reportedly fired at least seven rounds from the handgun inside the house before law enforcement arrived and arrested him.

Blackwell faces three charges of Aggravated Assault and one felony count of a Possession of a Fire Arm. At press time, he was awaiting arraignment.

The sheriff said Blackwell had been indicted earlier Monday by a Donley County Grand Jury on unrelated charges and said he also has other prior convictions.

Tip lands two in jail on drug charges

A tip to local law enforcement led to the arrest of two local men on drug charges Sunday, March 27.

Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn said his office received a call of a suspicious odor coming from a travel trailer east of Clarendon. The odor was confirmed by officers and entry was gained to the trailer, where marijuana, marijuana waxes, and LSD were discovered.

Kevin Riddle, 32, and Todd Grosz, 33, were both arrested for three different charges each of Possession of a Controlled substance, all state jail felonies.

Justice of the Peace Pat White arraigned the men on Monday and set a total bond of \$36,000 for each suspect.

Riddle and Grosz both remained in the Donley County Jail on Tuesday.

Cornhole tourney is set for Saturday

The Sandell Drive In is partnering with the CHS Student Council to host the annual StuCo Cornhole Tournament this Saturday, April 2, starting at 2 p.m.

The cost is \$5 per player. A full concession stand will be available, and a grand prize will be awarded to the winning team.

At dark, a free family movie will be shown.

Lions to hold Jones 5K next Saturday

The tenth annual Lions Club Chance Mark Jones Roar & Run 5K will be held Saturday, April 9, at 8:30 a.m. at the Courthouse.

Those interested in running or walking the 5K can still sign-up for \$30 each. Race registrations are available at the Clarendon Visitor Center.





Promenade

Continuing a tradition, Clarendon High School seniors pose on the steps of the Donley County Courthouse Saturday evening before going to the Junior/Senior Prom. ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ASHLEE ESTLACK

PPA installs Estlack in Hall of Fame

Clarendon Enterprise publisher Roger Estlack was inducted into the Panhandle Press Association Hall of Fame during the association's 112th annual convention in Hereford last Friday, March 25.

Estlack was recognized for his contributions to the newspaper industry in the Panhandle over the last 26 years.

Following a family history in the local newspaper business which spanned from 1929 to 1974, Estlack has been the editor and publisher of The Clarendon Enterprise since October 1995. During his tenure, he has become a leader of his community, a champion of its progress, and a critic of those who act dishonorably.

He has served on the boards of the PPA. West Texas Press Association, and Texas Press Association; has served as president of both PPA and WTPA; and has been the secretary of PPA since 2013. In 2017, he was recognized with the Harold Hudson Memorial Award by the West Texas Press Association.

As publisher, he has fought for community improvements while coverage of the COVID-19 pan- tion." covering everything from local events to the hometown boy in the United States Congress. Among the many articles he has written, he has covered Open Meeting Act violations, posted severe weather information, editorialized against religious bigotry, helped bring high speed Internet to local communities, and supported the restoration of the 1890 Donley County Courthouse and the 1946 Mulkey Theatre.

Fame drew particular attention to his forum for community conversa-



The Estlack family - Benjamin, Roger, Ashlee, and Elaina - at the annual PPA Hall of Fame Banquet last Friday night in Hereford.

early and deadly impact on Donley County residents, in tandem with those of County Judge John Howard..., created a worthy model for other community newspapers in their coronavirus reporting and coverage. Roger's live podcasts with local officials during those first few months of COVID ... honored the most essential role of a good His nomination for the Hall of newspaper: providing a compelling

Upon his acceptance of the "His reports on COVID's Hall of Fame plaque, Estlack encouraged fellow publishers to keep up their commitment to their Fame are listed on a plaque that is communities and credited his work to his late parents – Allen and Helen Estlack; his wife, Ashlee; their children, Benjamin and Elaina; his extended family; and Enterprise office manager Tara Allred.

"I could not do any of this without my family and my newspaper family," he said.

Also on Friday night, former Carhart.

Moore County News-Press publisher Wanda Brooks was inducted into the Hall of Fame as well.

Members of the PPA Hall of permanently housed at the Saints' Roost Museum in its newspaper exhibit. Roger Estlack is the sixth Clarendon journalist and the fourth member of the Estlack family to join the Hall of Fame. Other local Hall of Fame members include J.C. Estlack, G.W. Estlack, Ruby Dell Estlack, L.H. Carhart, and E.E.

Chamber to present awards **Thursday**

Jazz music by "Sticks and Tones" will be the headline entertainment when the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce holds its annual Awards Banquet this Thursday, March 31, at the Bairfield Activity Center.

This year's banquet theme is "The Roaring 20s," and tickets are \$25 each and are going fast. Chamber officials say a limited number of tickets may be available at the door, but they encourage everyone to buy tickets in advance.

Awards to be given will be the Saints' Roost Award for a lifetime of service to the community, the Man and Woman of the Year, and the Business of the Year. The Chamber will also recognize outstanding youth from Clarendon and Hedley.

Table sponsors are encouraged to decorate with a Roaring 20s theme, and attendees are encouraged to dress for the time period. A prizes will be given for the best table decoration.

The event starts at 6 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres, a hospitality, and a silent auction followed by the banquet, entertainment, and awards at 7 p.m. For more information, contact the Visitor Center at 874-2421.

Enterprise earns PPA recognition

The Clarendon Enterprise received nine awards at the 112th annual Panhandle Press Association Convention in Hereford last Saturday, March 26.

Competing in Division One for weekly newspapers, Sandy Anderberg won First Place for the Enterprise for Sports Writing, primarily for her coverage of the 2020 State Champion Bronco basketball team; and the crew of Tara Allred, Ashlee Estlack, and Roger Estlack won First Place for Advertising Initiative for ads created for the Country Bloomers, the Clarendon Lions Club, and the Clarendon Aquatics Center.

The Enterprise won second place honors in six categories, including Human Interest Photos by Kari Lindsey and Roger Estlack, Sports Photos by Elaina Estlack, Society & Lifestyles Page, Feature Writing by Roger Estlack, Special Section, and Best Website.

The newspaper also received third place for News Writing.

General Excellence in Division

One went to the Canadian Record. Attending this year's annual Panhandle Press Association convention from Clarendon were Roger,

Ashlee, Benjamin, and Elaina Estlack; Tara Allred; Doug and Nancy Kidd; and Anndria Newhouse.

CHS UIL competitors win second overall at district

Clarendon High School took fifth, and sixth place finish earning second-place team. to the next level.

The Number Sense team got the day started off on the right foot earn- points to the tabulation earning a ing a first, fifth, and two sixth place first, third, fourth, and fifth place finishes acquiring first-place team. The team consisted of Britton Cottrell Easton Frausto, Jace Cottrell, and Cutter Seay. Josiah Howard added more points by placing first in Lincoln Douglas Debate while Catherine Word placed first in Ready trye Bellar obtained a second-place

Writing.

25 students to Shamrock for UIL first-place team. Members include Academics District competition last Laney Gates, B. Cottrell, Cayden week, and .they came back with a D'Costa, and J. Cottrell. Copy and second-place finish overall, scoring Editing perfected their skills with a 317.83 points with many advancing first (Avery Halsey), second (Word), and fourth place (Maloree Wann).

Science continued to add more finish capturing first-place team. Members were Toby Leeper, Halsey, Ben Estlack, and Mason Allred. Leeper had the Biology top score.

Davin Mays garnered a firstplace in Feature Writing while Jenin Editorial. Journalism continued Accounting had a first, fourth, to add points to the total by earning tition.

Mathematics accumulated points on the board with a fifth (Estlack) and a tie for sixth place (Bryce Williams). This was enough points for the team to capture second-place. The day ended with Extemporaneous Speaking. Adriana Araujo placed sixth in Persuasive Speaking while Word and Seay secured a first and second place respectively. Speech took secondplace team overall.

Clarendon will have fourteen students competing in eleven events at Regionals April 22 on the campus of West Texas A&M University, hoping to earn a trip to state compe-



CHS UIL students advancing to regional competiton.

Enterprise thrives on your support

Surrounded by family and friends, Friday was a special night for your editor. I was humbled and honored to be nominated and subsequently elected to the Panhandle Press Hall of Fame earlier this year and then finally installed last week.

This accomplishment, like most, is not an honor

for me alone. The credit truly goes to my late parents, my wife and family, our dedicated staff members both present and past, and to our readers and advertisers – without whom nothing is possible.

It's a recognition

I never really expected



editor's commentary

given my great respect for those who have been installed before me. The initial honorees more than 25 years ago were men and women who were legends in the Panhandle Press – giants like Ben Ezzell, Harold Hudson, Morris Higley, and others whom I never was fortunate enough to know. But I certainly heard about them, and they cast a long shadow on the papers in Canadian, Perryton, Childress, and all across the Panhandle.

After I joined the ranks of area journalists, I did get to meet and work with a great many people who joined the Hall of Fame over the years. Don Nelson, Bill Ellis, Garet Von Netzer, Jeane Bartlett, Laurie Ezzell Brown, and so many others. I won't try to name all of them but suffice it to say that there have been several who have been mentors to myself and others. It is their shoulders that we stand on as community newspaper men and women across this region as we try to serve our readers and advertisers.

That service is an awesome and rewarding task that we gladly undertake week in and week out as we seek to bring you news and information that you can trust. It's an obligation that we take seriously, and one that we enjoy. We do not do it alone, however. A community newspaper is nothing without the support of the community.

In the simplest terms, we rely on all of you – for news tips, for photos, for advertisements, for subscriptions, and for encouragement. While our staff does the heavy lifting of designing and producing the paper, we also rely on our freelancers and columnists. The Enterprise would truly not have the same character without the contributions of Kari Lindsey, Sandy Anderberg, and other parents and teachers who take photos for us on a weekly basis.

We are still grappling with the loss of the late Peggy Cockerham – who gave us more than 18 years of dedicated service with her 'Wick's Picks column. We have always placed in the awards contest for Society & Lifestyles page based largely on her contribution to anchor page four.

Working with our local officials to keep the community informed has also been a great privilege. When COVID-19 hit, it was a combined effort on the part of several to make sure the people of Donley County knew what was happening.

Likewise, when the Broncos made their journey to state – both last year and this year – it was not just our staff that helped cover that event. It was the support of the community that drove us to do it and made it possible for us to do it.

Nothing can discount how fortunate we are to have an excellent staff. Tara Allred is an amazing woman, and I can't even begin to enumerate what she does for us. Ashlee Estlack – our Contributing Editor – does so much behind the scenes to keep us motivated, on task, up to speed on innovations, and so much more. And of course, Ben and Ella, his columns and her photos give us hope for a continued future for this newspaper.

How fortunate can this paper be to have the talent and support of so many? How fortunate and am I that I get to lead this institution for a brief time in its long and storied history. Thank you all.



Burton Memorial observes Library Week

Clarendon's G.B. Burton Memorial Library and The Friends of the Library are observing, "National Library Week," April third through ninth. The week will start with "National Library Workers Day" (NLWD). Observed on April 5, NLWD is a time to recognize library professionals for their expertise and skills in serving the public. To show appreciation for the Burton Kibrary staff, the Friends of the Library will be serving lunch for them on April 5. We encourage you in the community to drop by and thank the team personally for their friendly service and perhaps bring some flowers or cookies! And don't forget the librarians at Clarendon ISD and Clarendon College.

April library events continue with "Library Outreach Day" on April 6 and "Take Action for Libraries" on April 7. Library Outreach Day celebrates library outreach such as book loaning through Meals on Wheels or popup book displays at community events, book mobiles, and more. If you have a community event which might support this cause, let us know.

Library advocates nationwide stand together on Take Action for Libraries hay, which calls on our elected officials to allocate federal funding for Libraries.

This is a way to support the existence of public libraries. Burton Library is currently only supported by Clarendon City and Donley County funds and private organizations but not federal. Let's urge members of Congress to #FundLibraries by going to the American Library Association Home Page and clicking the "Take Action" box.

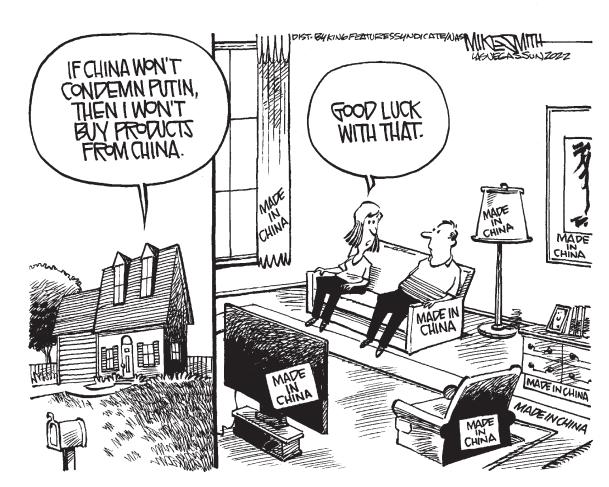
G.B. Burton Memorial Library, Clarendon ISD school libraries and Clarendon College's Vera Dial Dickey Library all serve our county year-round. Did you know that the College library is also open to the public? Clarendon College student's library cards can also be used at the Public Burton Library. The whole month of April is also "School Library Month". School librarians work hard to bring students all the resources they need to function in their education, so let's show them all our appreciation. #LoveYourLibrary

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- Library Outreach Day April 6
- Take Action for Libraries Day April 7
- School Library Month April

Eulaine McIntosh, Friend of the Library

Ukraine:





Sheila gets to meet Mike's family

Mike and Sheila Abusaab met in Durant, Oklahoma where Sheila was teaching summer classes. Mike was a student there and also managed the university cafeteria. When Sheila first saw Mike at the cafeteria she says he held his head down and seldom talked to anybody. Sheila inquired around campus about him found out that he was from Jordan and was very smart. People who had classes with him said he never brought a book to class and always made the highest grade on exams. Mike later told Sheila that he couldn't afford textbooks and he listened very intently to the lectures in class. He said anyone could do it if they wanted to. Besides that he had learned a lot of the subject material before coming to this country.

Sheila and Mike had their first date at the end of Sheila's first summer of teaching. They went for ice cream at Dairy Queen. They dated every Friday night that Sheila was teaching during the summers. Finally after 5 years Mike told her they were both getting older and should get married. He also told her if she didn't want to marry him to tell him now. Sheila told him that she

had wanted to marry him the first time she saw him. Sheila took Mike to meet her family. "That went very well," says Sheila. "After the visit



says Sheila. **OT TEXAS**"After the visit by tumbleweed smith my daddy told

me that Mike was a fine, hard working man and would take good care of me and that I ought to marry him."

Their wedding was a hurried up affair with a Justice of the Peace after Mike got off work and had to be at work the next day. Later it was Mike's turn to take Sheila to meet his family in Jordan.

Sheila says when the plane touched down, she noticed s big crowd of people at the bottom of the plane's exit stairway. "I told Mike that there must be a VIP on this plane. Mike said, 'Sheila, you're the VIP. That's my family.' He told me 'when you meet my mother you kiss her hand 3 times and you hold it. She's going blind and don't be afraid. She's

going to touch your face, she's going to grab you to see how big you are and she wants to hear your voice. You don't need to speak Arabic, just English.'

"When we got to his house there were 250 people there. I told Mike that something had happened; just look at all the people. Mike said they were there to see me and told me not to talk too much or talk too loud. So I didn't say anything to anybody until his mother grabbed my face and wouldn't let it out of her hands. I thought she would never let go. She rubbed my hand and I kissed hers 3 times. She asked for a chair for me and I sat next to her for a long time. She told the 250 people that I was not her daughter in law. I was shocked and saddened and thought: that's it. I looked at Mike and already had tears because I really loved him. He told me to straighten up and to stop crying, that she hadn't finished. And she said real loud in perfect English, 'Sheila is my daughter.' Mike told me that she loved me more than she loved him."

Mike and Sheila made their home in Big Spring and had several Sonic Drive Ins. Mike died last year.

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Champions

Clarendon natives Aubrey Jaramillo and Kira Weatherton display the rings they won as part of Wayland Baptist Universitys cheer team. WBU won the Collegiate Game Day Division at the Redline Texas Grand Nationals last Saturday.



State Rep. Ken King (R-Canadian) speaks last Thursday at Texas Comptroller Glen Hegar's Broadband Listening Tour meeting in Amarillo. ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ROGER ESTLACK

Texas Comptroller visits Amarillo on Broadband Listening Tour

Ginger Nelson last Thursday on the exists an achievement gap, or digital Texas Panhandle stop of his Texas divide, between Texans with access Broadband Listening Tour.

The visit was to get insights about internet access and collect opment Secretary Roger Estlack input to develop the state's first attended the Amarillo meeting and broadband plan.

"Amarillo is in a 41-county community. High Plains region where 12 percent we have received."

The tour, which will help guide May 5. the strategic vision of Texas' new (BDO), is taking Hegar to a dozen locations across the state.

Comptroller Hegar to the city of band service across the state. Amarillo for this critical discussion," increasingly important role in the site.

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar livelihoods of everyday Texans was joined by Amarillo Mayor and our state's economy, but there to broadband and Texans without."

> Clarendon Economic Develspoke on behalf of the needs of the

Please visit Texas Broadband of households do not have access to Listening Tour 2022 for details high-speed broadband," Hegar said. about dates and locations of other "Today's conversation will help my Texas broadband listening tour office identify changes, chart goals, events across the state. Those unable and encourage investment to expand to attend, or who wish to share input high-speed internet access to areas in before or after the event, are encourneed. We are grateful for the input aged to do so via this online survey. Feedback will be collected through

The BDO was established Broadband Development Office during the regular session of the 87th Legislature to award grants, lowinterest loans and other financial "We were proud to welcome incentives to expand access to broad-

For more information about the Nelson said. "Broadband plays an BDO, go to the Comptroller's web-

Center supporting Ukraine through blood donations

Coffee Memorial Blood Center

time of war. a \$10 donation to the Global Blood help those in need. Our loyal donors Fund, a charity supporting Ukrai- are heroes who help save lives and who foregoes taking a t-shirt upon globally." donation.

Support Ukraine Global Blood Fund card for each participating donor and give them a "Support Ukraine" blood donor sticker.

The Russian invasion is affecting all aspects of life in Ukraine, including their blood banks. Last be made by online at yourbloodinweek a Ukrainian blood center was hit by artillery shelling, killing one Blood donation typically takes only blood donor and wounding three about an hour, and one donation others.

"The Global Blood Fund is encouraging the community is designed to help blood banks to donate blood and double their throughout the world," said Dr. impact by saving local lives and sup- John Armitage, president, and CEO porting Ukrainian blood banks in a of Coffee Memorial Blood Center. "Any way we can help our fellow For one week, March 24 blood centers, especially in times of through March 31, CMBC will make crisis, we jump at the opportunity to nian blood banks, for each donor this is a chance to make an impact

Donors of all blood types, age CMBC's staff will complete a 16 and older*, can give at the nearest donor center or mobile blood drive. Blood can be donated every 56 days. Platelets can be given as often as every seven days, up to 24 times a

> Appointments to donate can stitute.org or calling 806-331-8833. saves up to three lives.

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CISD Head Start now taking applications

Clarendon Head Start is taking applications for the 2022-2023 school year.

Children must be four years old by September 1, 2022. Applications can be submitted online at esc16.net/ headstart, and the school will contact parents/guardians to complete the

Those interested can also contact the school directly at 806-874-3855 to set up an appointment. Items needed include proof of child's age, immunization record, proof of income, proof of public assistance or services (TANF, SSI, Medicaid), and documentation of child's disability (if applicable).

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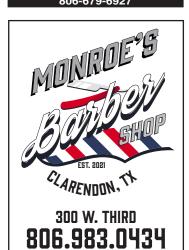
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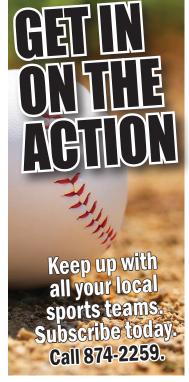


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My wife, Markeeta, and I farm, ranch, and run several local businesses. You most likely have seen me at the Pumpkin Ponderosa where the students of CCISD attend annual field trips. These field trips are a tradition that we enjoy and look forward to each year. Watermelons and cantaloupes can also be associated with my name, and some of you may have been to my house to purchase vegetables during the summer months.

I am also a member of the First Baptist Church of Clarendon where Markeeta is the director of the youth and college ministry. Two of my sons are currently attending junior high and high school at CCISD.

I have spent my adult life following and supporting the students of Clarendon CISD, even prior to having my own children. Whether it be hauling kiddos to stock shows in Houston, watching or coaching t-ball and basketball, or attending a local performance of our One-Act Play, I strive to attend and support them any chance I get.

I am very proud of the education and experiences that I had at Clarendon schools and am committed to see that your students receive the same. I will always do what is in the best interest of CCISD's students, faculty, and staff, and not what I think is in the best interest of myself and my children.

When you go to vote in the May election, VOTE DONNY HOWARD!

Early voting will be held from April 25th-May 3rd at the Donley County Annex. Election Day will be Saturday, May 7th, and will also be held at the Donley County Annex. I would appreciate your support and influence as I strive to become your Clarendon Consolidated Independent School District's newest board member.

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April 1 & 2

The Lost City • 7:30 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

April 1

Bronco Baseball v. Valley • Home • 4:00 p.m.

April 2

Lady Bronco Softball v. WT High • Home • 1:00 p.m.

April 3

The Lost City • 2:00 p.m. • Mulkey

Theater

April 5 Bronco Baseball v. Memphis . Away

4:30 p.m.

April 8

Bronco Baseball v. Claude • Away • 4:30 p.m.

Lions Club's Chance Mark Jones 'Roar N Run' 5K • Begins at 8:30 a.m. • Donley County Courthouse

April 9

Community Easter • 11:00 a.m -1:00 p.m. • Courthouse Square

Lady Bronco Softball v. Sunray • Home • 1:00 p.m.

April 12

Bronco Baseball v. Shamrock • Home • 4:00 p.m.

April 14

Bronco Baseball v. Nazareth • Away • 4:30 p.m.



April 4 - 8

Donley County Senior Citizens Mon: BBQ beef on a bun, pinto beans, potato salad, mandarin

oranges, iced tea/2% milk. Chicken fajitas, chuckwagon corn, Spanish rice, flour tortilla, fruit cocktail, iced

tea/2% milk. Wed: Salisbury steak/gravy, mashed potatoes, cauliflower/ broccoli, wheat roll, apricots, iced

tea/2% milk. Thu: Sweet & sour chicken/ rice, sugar snap peas, stir fry vegetables, wheat roll, lazy cake, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Salmon patty, baby lima beans, coleslaw, corn bread, tropical fruit, iced tea/2% milk.

Clarendon ISD

Breakfast

Mon: Sausage kolache, fruit iuice, fruit, milk.

Tues: Breakfast taquito, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Wed: Scrambled eggs, biscuit & gravy, sausage, fruit juice, fruit,

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

Fri: Cereal, toast, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Lunch

Mon: Cheeseburger, beans, corn, fruit, milk.

Chicken-n-waffles, Tues: hash browns, veggie cup, fruit,

Wed: Pizza, carrots, squash, fruit, milk.

Thu: Tex-mex stack, lettuce, tomatoes, salsa, fruit, milk.

Fri: Sandwich, chips, carrots, apple, fruit, milk.

Hedley ISD

Breakfast

Mon: Sausage kolache, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

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

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

Wed: Power breakfast, fruit

juice, fruit, milk.

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

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Tues: Chili cheese totchos, fresh veggie cup, potatoes, strawberries & bananas, milk.

Wed: Chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, carrots, squash, grapes,

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Fri: X-treme burrito, corn, cucumbers, rosy-applesauce, rice crispy, milk.



GT Field Trip

Clarendon High School students qualified for a trip to the Air and Space Museum in Amarillo last week. Students completed at least 25 hours of community service to qualify for the trip, which also included a tour of the airport and lunch at English Field Restaurant.



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting March 29, 2022, with Boss Lion Landon Lambert in charge.

We had 12 members and Sweetheart Darcy Grahn present this week.

Lion Scarlet Estlack reported on the college's community service day and the work done by college students and employees at the Lions Hall, the cemetery, and elsewhere.

Lions Jacob Fangman and David Dockery reported on the city and thanked the college for the remarkable job its students did cleaning up around town. Bids to repair a portion of Seventh street at Koogle will be sought soon, and other grants are in the works.

Lion John Howard reported the courthouse work is coming along and said a supplemental restoration grant will be applied for.

The Sweetheart reported on the public school, including prom, softball, baseball, golf, and tennis. She also reported that cheerleader tryouts are this Thursday. She also promoted the cornhole tournament this coming Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Sandell Drive-In to benefit the family of Seth

The Boss Lion reported getting to be a lumberjack for a wrestling show, and Lion Corey Blais celebrated a weight-loss milestone. Lion Roger Estlack was inducted into the Panhandle Press Hall of Fame. Congratulations, Lions!

Plans were discussed for the tenth annual Chance Mark Jones Roar & Run 5K next Saturday, April 9, at 8:30 a.m. to be followed by the Community Easter Egg Hunt hosted by the Pony Parents. Both events will be held at the Courthouse, and all Lions are encouraged to come help make these a success!

There being no further business, we were adjourned. Have a great week, Lions!

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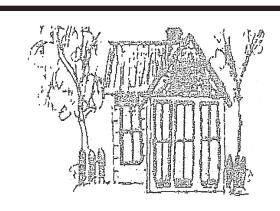
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Wildfire potential across the state this week

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Critically to extremely dry vegetation across the landscape will support wildfire activity when exposed to critical fire weather, which includes well-above normal temperatures and increased wind speeds.

Starting Tuesday, the potential for large wildfires will escalate as critical fire weather is expected to develop over a large area of the state critical to extreme weather conditions combine with the extremely dry vegetation across the landscape there is a possibility that large, significant wildfires will occur and may impact communities.

exhibited extreme fire behavior A&M Forest Service Chief Regional including group torching, or the transition of fire from the ground to the canopy of trees, and spotting of embers and flammable material ahead of the active wildfire. An abundance of critically dry vegetaactivity as drought conditions intensify across the state.

portion of the state worsen, wildfires that ignite are burning more intensely and are frequently resistant to control," said Wes Mooreno precipitation is forecast for the immediate future and we expect the current level of wildfire activity to

This month, state and local outpace firefighters' suppression resources have responded to 726 efforts in areas near Childress, wildfires that burned 164,257 acres

> Over the past seven days, fire resources responded to 121 wildfires that burned 35,728 acres including the Crittenburg Complex in Coryell County (est. 33,175 acres, 0 percent contained), the Eastland Complex in Eastland County (54,513 acres, 90 percent contained), the Das Goat Fire in Medina County (1,092 acres, 50 percent contained) and the Ramsey Fire in Brown County (3,100 acres, 65 percent contained).

Texas A&M Forest Service west of the I-35 corridor. When these is monitoring the current situation closely and has positioned personnel and equipment in the areas of con- and Texas Division of Emergency

"State, local and federal firefighters have been extremely busy responding to increased wildfire Many recent wildfires have activity," says Rich Gray, Texas Fire Coordinator. "Fire resources are mobilized to areas of concern for a quick and effective response to any requests for assistance."

Fully staffed task forces and additional suppression equipment tion will continue to support wildfire are staged in Alice, Amarillo, Beeville, Brownwood, Burkburnett, Childress, Edinburg, Fort Stock-"As conditions across a large ton, Fredericksburg, Lubbock, McGregor, Merkel, Mineral Wells, Pleasanton, San Angelo, Smithville Fire Potential Outlook https://bit.

Fireline supervisors, command head, Texas A&M Forest Service staff and incident commanders with Fire Chief. "Unfortunately, little to advanced qualifications are strategically placed across the state to

34 states have been mobilized to Texas this month to support wildfire response efforts.

Aircraft were heavily utilized over the past week to support suppression efforts on the ground, responding to multiple wildfires and dropping a total of 263,000 gallons of water and retardant to slow forward progression of fires.

Thirty-five aviation resources are currently staged in state, including three large air tankers, 15 single engine air tankers, five air attack platforms, two aerial supervision modules, three type 1 helicopters, two type 3 helicopters, four Blackhawks and one multi mission air-

Texas A&M Forest Service Management also worked together to mobilize twelve strike teams via Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) to provide wildfire incident support.

Nine out of 10 wildfires in Texas are human caused. Texas A&M Forest Service encourages the public to avoid outdoor activities that cause a spark while warm, dry and windy conditions are present.

Stay wildfire aware. If a wildfire is spotted, immediately contact local authorities. A quick response can help save lives and property.

For current conditions and wildfire outlook, read the Texas ly/3kemhbG.

Texas A&M Forest Service does not own any aviation resources but instead uses federal aviation contracts through the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Man-Additionally, resources from agement for all firefighting aircraft.

Congressional Art Competition now taking applications

Jackson (TX-13) is now accepting Monday through Friday. submissions for the 2022 Congressional Art Competition. All high thoroughly review the competition's school students in Texas' 13th Con-rules and regulations on Rep. Jackgressional District are invited to participate in the contest. The winner's artwork will be displayed in the US directed to Rep. Jackson's Amarillo Capitol for one year.

To enter the contest please submit original artwork and the sional and original in concept, required entry form to Rep. Jackson's Amarillo or Wichita Falls office by Friday, April 22, 2022, at no larger than 26 inches high, 26 5:00 p.m. Submissions can be mailed or dropped off in person during

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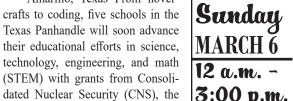
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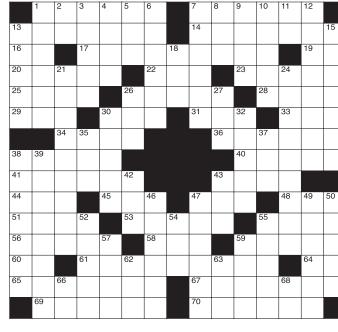
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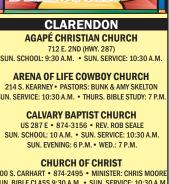
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Broncos roll, earn three wins last week By Sandy Anderberg

together three great wins last week big wins over Shamrock, Kress, and

The Broncos had an easy go of Jared Musick knocked in three RBI. it against Shamrock in the district matchup winning 28-7. Tyler Harper pitched two innings and allowed three hits, four runs, and had one with Harrison Howard, who also as a team. A. went two innings allowing two hits, two runs, two walks and one strikeout. Levi gates pitched one inning, allowed one hit, one run, and struck out one.

game, and everyone had a turn at the plate. The Broncos also grabbed 18 stolen bases. Havens had three hits

Smith each had two big hits. Brock Hatley, Smith, and Easton Frausto

Friday by the score of 16-1. It was not much of a contest for the Broncos as they were able to rack up 15 strikeout. Harper shared the mound hits, 11 RBI, and nine stolen bases

four hits, one run, and threw seven strikeouts. Frausto and Howard had three hits each, and Frausto, Havens, The team collected 17 hits in the and Levi Gates scored three runs home on April 1 at 4:00 p.m., travel apiece.

squeaked out a one-run win over 8.

and one run, and Harper, Anthony Tulia in their close 9-8 win. Musick, The Bronco baseball team put Ceniceros, Aiden Caudle, and Lyric Frausto, and Harper shared the duties on the mound and collectively posted 7 strikeouts and allowing 11 led the way with four runs each and hits.

> Offensively, the Broncos put The Broncos defeated Kress on together a great game plan at the plate posting 10 hits and 7 RBI. Stealing bases is one of the Broncos' weapons against opposing teams and they were able to post nine in the game. Howard had three hits and Caudle was on the mound for two runs and Hatley posted four BRI all five innings and only allowed to help the Broncos to the win. Jace Cottrell had a good day with two hits, two runs, and two stolen bases.

The Broncos will play Valley at to Memphis April 5 at 4:30 p.m., and On Saturday, the Broncos play at Claude at 4:30 p.m. on April

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Lady Broncos turn slow start into a victory

By Sandy Anderberg

West Texas at home last Friday and won 17-2.

Senior Madie Smith pitched on the mound.

offensively and had a few miscues two triples, scored three runs and

Lady Colts finish

well at Wheeler

Clarendon Junior High competed in the Wheeler Invitational held last week with good results. The

eighth grade Lady Colts took first in

the 400, 800, and 1600-meter relays with times of 58.02, 2:08.07, and

4:56.12 respectively. Several athletes took first place in their event. Madi Benson jumped 14'7" in the long jump, Elliott Frausto jumped 27' 7 1/2" in the triple jump and ran the 1600m in a time of 6:33.11, Presley Smith won the high jump at

Other places in the meet: Berk-

13'1", and 2nd in the 100m at 13.88; Smith was 2nd in the 800m at 3:02,

in the 400m with a time of 1:17.88;

400m at 1:26.49; Lexi Phillips was

the 200m at 33.01; Cashlyn Conkin was 4th in the triple jump at 25' 5", 2nd in the 100m hurdles at 21.08,

track meet

400m.

Elam said. "We settled down and had The Lady Broncos took on a really big 3rd and 4th inning."

bats moving and racked up good numbers from the plate. As a team, were responsible for nine runs in the well giving up only two hits and the ladies posted 11 hits and 12 RBIs struck out seven in her four innings led by Tandie Cummins with three. She also hit two doubles and scored "We started off really slow three runs. Hayden Elam slammed

two doubles and two runs scored. Smith, Alevah Weatherton, Tandy The Lady Broncos had their Blacksher, Makenna Shadle, and Gracie Wilkins all had one hit and

> The Lady Broncos will travel to West Texas on April 2 at 1:00 p.m. with JV playing first and play Claude at home on April 5 at 1:00 p.m. with









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The 7th grade Lady Colts did a great job as well taking first place in the 800m relay with a time of 2:24.07. Anna Balogh was first in the long jump with a distance of 13' 7 1/4" and Lilly Robinson won the 1600m with a time of 7:25.44.

time of 2:24.07.

Kortni Davis was 4th in the 100m at 14.91 and 5th in the 299n at 33.28; Kinslee Hatley was 6th in the 100m at 15.24 and 4th in the 200m at 33.28; Anna Balogh was 3rd in the 100m at 13.77; Zane Cruse was 4th in the discus with a throw of 46'2"; Cambree Smith was 4th in the 100m hurdles at 21.61.

The Clarendon seventh and eighth grade Colts also competed in the Wheeler track meet last week. Eighth grader Kaleb Mays finished first in three running events. Mays won the 400m at 61.99, the 800m at 2:29.4, and the 1600m at 6:30.97. Kyler Bell was 5th in the 200m with a time of 30.16.

Seventh grader Parker Haynes was 2nd in the 100m with a time of 14.44, 4th in the 200m at 34.62, and fifth in the long jump with a leap of 13'7". The Colt 800m relay finished 3rd with a time of 2:23.96.

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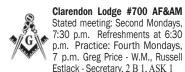


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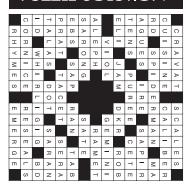


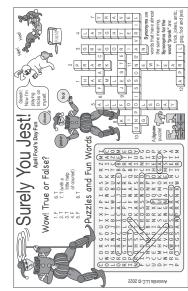
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I love thinking up harmless, funny jokes to tease my friends on April Fool's Day. To be able to read the first part of my "tricky" letter below about April Fool's Day simply hold it up to a mirror or you can try to read it backwards!

April Fool's Day is a time of fun. People like to play harmless jokes and pranks. One favorite trick is to point out something that is not really there! April Fool's Day used to be called All Fool's Day. It is thought to have started in France. A long time ago, March 21st was the date of the New Year. A little over a week of parties and fun followed. On the last day of the festivities, April 1st, formal visits were paid and gifts exchanged.

In the 16th century, the Gregorian calendar was introduced. March 21st was no longer New Year's Day and April 1st was no longer the "right day" to visit and give gifts.

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News traveled slowly in those times, so many people kept April 1st as the last big day of the holiday season. Many others refused to change their ways. People who clung to the old ways were called April Fools.

Today, on April 1st, you might hear people call out, "Poisson d'Avril!" They have fooled someone and are calling him or her an April fish. That person took the "bait" and was easily "caught." April Fool's Day is a time to share some laughter with friends and family.



10 Read 1. hurting

What! Snow in April? No way... tulips

maybe.

king

...gave them advice and brought news. Kids: color stuff in!

Surely You Jest! laughter All Fool's Day prank Geesh! Now I'm harmless playing 6 tricks on myself.

9| 11 G_{regorian} the clues to fill in un poisson the crossword: New Year d'Avril

France

no one 2. trick, jest 3. new calendar that replaced old one

4. chuckling 5. April Fool's Day

April

6. country where custom may have started

7. a jester might around to entertain crowds 8. court jester would entertain him 9. clown 10. an April fish

travel

11. first day of calendar

12. day of pranks this month (

jester

same meaning. Can you find

and circle 3 or more synonyms for the word "prank"?

Synonyms

are words that

have almost the

(French)



Flag retirement

Clarendon College students help members of the Clarendon Lions Club prepare hundreds of US Flags for retirement last week as part of CC's day of service to the community.

Forage producers face drought, high costs

with the ripple effects of dry conditions, sporadic cold temperatures hay season was better than averand below-average cool-season production as hay supplies tighten for but the supply depleted quickly as cattle operations, according to Texas drought set in. A&M AgriLife Extension Service

as cattle producers depend on aboveaverage supplemental rations. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo by Laura McKenzie)

Hay producers are also facing production decisions due to high fer-

The US Drought Monitor plies are dwindling quickly." reported that moisture levels continue to decline in most of the state. Less than 4% of the state reported no drought conditions, while more than 70% of the state was experiencing severe to exceptional drought. Wildfires, fueled by dry, windy conditions, have covered more than 54,000 acres throughout Eastland County.

from multiple regions shared concerns among cattle producers regarding dwindling hay supplies as they provide larger rations of hay and feed to maintain body conditions amid poor cool-season grazing.

in the Department of Soil and Crop "Armyworms were another issue ers can maximize quality and yields reduced production of cool-season to access pastures. There were a lot forages like ryegrass, wheat and oats of factors that influenced cuttings, higher demand for hay going forfor baling and/or grazing.

Conditions have been dry, but ity of hay last year." cold fronts and freezing weather have also contributed to poor forage mizing input investments production.

with sporadic cold weather, and it forage producers is high fertilizer feels like we have received rains here and there, but nothing very significant," she said. "We are dry, and our winter forages need moisture, so producers, at least in East Texas, are not having the success they've seen in the past."

Forage producers see increased

Forage producers are dealing state are also dealing with poor need to test their soils to determine forage production conditions. Last exactly how much nitrogen, phosage due to above-average rainfall,

ing has been non-existent due to a for production, but potassium pro-Hay bales are in high demand lack of measurable rainfall since vides persistence, especially through early September, he said. Livestock producers have relied on stockpiled forage including standing dormant lead to thinning or poor stands the forages leftover from the growing following season." season, baled hay and feed.

"A lot of local hay is being tilizer costs that could contribute to donated to livestock producers even tighter supplies going into next affected by the wildfires in Central Texas," he said. "But I believe sup-

Corriber-Olson said hay quality and quantity in East Texas were below average due to excess rains throughout the hay season last year.

Bermuda grass was slow to emerge due to cooler, overcast conditions, which delayed the first cutting, she said. Subsequent rains denied access to fields for fertiliza- ahead tion, weed and insect pest control, AgriLife Extension reports and timely harvests, which com- top priority for hay producers to pounded quality and cutting issues. High humidity and tight windows to cure cut hay also led to diminished

because hay was cut and then rained Vanessa Corriher-Olson, Ph.D., on or the cutting was delayed past duction acres. Cattle will recycle AgriLife Extension forage specialist peak nutritional value," she said. nutrients while grazing, and produc-Sciences, Overton, said weather has challenging forage producers' ability and ultimately the quantity and qual-

Fertilizer alternatives, maxi-

"It has been such a mild winter concern now among cattle and prices. The economics of paying premium prices for nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium may cause some producers to reduce applications or forgo fertilizing hay fields at all, which would have a major impact on Crop, rangeland and pasture condiquality and yields.

phorous and potassium summer for-

ages need to grow if rain arrives and

persist if it remains dry. "Most producers think about New growth for winter graz- the nitrogen, and yes, it is important drought," she said. "I worry they will cut back on potassium, which could

Forage producers also need to focus on timing applications to maximize efficiency, she said. Splitting nitrogen applications can decrease leaching and volatility. She also suggested producers wait until nighttime temperatures are in the 60s consistently to be sure Bermuda grasses are out of dormancy and growing.

"Some producers get antsy, but paying attention to temperature and timing is critical, otherwise you're just fertilizing weeds," she said.

Forage producers should plan

Weed control should be another minimize competition for forages, Corriher-Olson said. But for producers with fenced meadows and water sources, this year might be a good "The value was lowered time to graze more and concentrate inputs on the cleanest, best hay prowhere they cut and bale.

> Corriber-Olson anticipates ward if producers statewide are hesitant to fertilize.

"Ranchers have to consider their need and invest accordingly Corriher-Olson said the chief because prices per bale are likely to go up as hay producers recoup their input costs," she said. "It is best to weigh options and plan now rather than face even more difficult decisions later."

> In the Panhandle, soil moisture conditions were very short to short. tions were very poor to poor. Dry





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