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

Back-To-School edition this week

The Enterprise's annual Back-To-School edition is included inside this week's edition and provides important information for parents of kids in Hedley and Clarendon schools.

In addition to school supply lists, the edition published the calendars for both school systems and provides dates and information for registration.

Football schedules are also published for both the Broncos and the Owls as well as for junior high teams, and parents will also find information about next week-end's Sales Tax Holiday.

The edition is also available online at ClarendonLive.com

Blood drive set for August 9 at Mulkey

A Clarendon Community Blood Drive will be held Tuesday, August 9, 2022, from 1:30-5:00 p.m. at the Mulkey Theatre, according to Coffee Memorial Blood Center.

Donors must have a photo ID Required and must be at least 17 years old to donate. Donors who are 16 may donate with a signed parental consent form.

Those interested in donating can save time by completing questions online (day of drive only) using Donor Express at www.thegiftoflife.org.

For your lifesaving appointment, go to yourbloodinstitute.org or call (806) 331-8833, toll free 1-877-574-8800.

Burton Library to host book signing

The Burton Memorial Library will hold a book signing Friday, August 12, for three local authors.

Those featured will include Shelli Coles, author of *Stunkey the Monkey & His Twin Sister Spunkie*; Ashlyn Grotegut, author of *Ernie the Eraser*, and Julie Barker, author of *Hitchin' Post & the Tornado Twistin' 4th of July*.

The book signing will be held from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

TEXAS welcoming Panhandle towns

The TEXAS Outdoor Musical has announced Panhandle Towns Week and invites all neighboring communities to experience the 56th season under our new artistic director, Stephen Crandall.

If you're from Clarendon, Hedley, Memphis, or any town within the Panhandle region you can receive 20 percent off your ticket purchase from July 19 – July 30 with the promo code: PTW22.

Visit www.texas-show.com for our complete listing of show times, admission costs, volunteer opportunities and future TEXAS events.



City plans for \$300k in street improvements

The City of Clarendon has approved more than \$300,000 in street improvements to be completed in the coming months.

City Administrator David Dockery said work is expected to begin between August 27 and 29 on Seventh Street between Koogle and Ellerbe, a stretch of roadway that has suffered for years from heavy storm damage.

The \$186,000 project, which will last about 40 days, will install concrete curbs and

gutters and lay down hot mix asphalt for the road surface. Concrete driveway approaches will also be installed at existing driveways, Dockery said.

Residents in the area will have to alternative parking for the duration of the project.

"We apologize ahead of time for any inconvenience to the residents in the area, but we hope they are very happy with the project upon its completion," Dockery said.

In September, the city will spend about \$125,000 on its annual resurfacing program to protect some of Clarendon's better streets. The chip seal project will be carried out on East Fourth Street between Gorst and Carhart, on South Carhart from US 287 to Montgomery, on Clarendon Avenue from Bugbee Avenue to the west side of the college campus, the 600 and 700 blocks of South Bugbee, and the 400 and 500 blocks of South Allen.

Dockery said other blocks may be included in the fall project depending on how the bid comes in. During the project, cars will have to be moved off the street and avoid the area while work is being done.

The fall project will take three days or less to complete and hopefully be a minimal inconvenience, Dockery said.

City officials will notify affect residents of the paving projects as they get closer.



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Kids of all ages enjoyed the waterslide at the fourth annual Howardwick Hoedown last Saturday in McMorries Memorial Park. Organizers are calling the event the best one so far.

Large crowd attends fourth Hoedown

The fourth annual Howardwick Hoedown was held last Saturday, July 23, and is being called a great success by organizers in that community.

Despite hot July weather, the Hoedown drew its largest crowd ever, as people from Howardwick, Clarendon, Hedley, and other points in the Panhandle gathered in McMorries Memorial Park.

An on-site raffle gave away dozens and dozens of prizes throughout the day that were donated to the community for the purpose. The biggest prize, a 2022 Advance EVI Golf Cart, was won by Jeff Wilde of Amarillo at the close of the day.

Residents and visitors gathered under the park pavilion and under canopies set up around the park. Live music was provided by The Tweeks will be entertaining visitors from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The Clarendon Lions Club Cornhole Tournament drew 16 two-person teams as well as 16 Lions. The participants got into the fun with

colorful team names. The "A-Holes" were the champions of the day with team members Clint Conkin and Wes Smith dominating the competition. Second place went to the "Corn Stars," and third place was claimed by "The Punishers."

Wayne McDonald, playing under the moniker of "Drunk 2" for "The Drunks," won the drawing for the custom Lions cornhole board set.

The new putting green installed last week in the park was formally opened by Mayor Tony Clemishire, who took the opening putt with a kid's plastic golf club.

The official putting contest Saturday afternoon drew 17 adult participants. Winners were Bo Eddleman, first; Ben Estlack, second; and Eddie Chavira, third. Eddleman took home a new set of golf clubs as the grand prize.

Proceeds from this year's Hoedown will help raise money for the city to buy equipment to fix city streets, according to City Secretary Sandy Childress.



COURTESY PHOTO

Howardwick Mayor Tony Clemishire takes the opening putt at the community's new putting green.

Forest service offering prescribed fire grants for Texas Plains region

The Texas A&M Forest Service is now accepting grant applications for the State Fire Assistance for Mitigation – Plains Prescribed Fire Grant through August 15, 2022.

Prescribed fire is the planned application of a low-intensity fire to

the landscape by fire and fuel specialist. The practice is a strategic, planned land management tool that uses fire to achieve set goals and are planned in accordance with applicable laws, policies and regulations.

"Just some of the many ben-

efits that prescribed fire offers to rangeland ecosystems include an increase in overall vegetation health, enhancement of wildlife habitat and suppression of non-native species," said Jake Gosschalk, Texas A&M Forest Service Program Specialist.

"A critical benefit is protecting communities from destructive wildfires by reducing the hazardous fuel build up to create resilient landscapes."

Funding will be provided to landowners and communities that have been or may be threatened by

wildland fire, with a target of reducing hazardous fuel loads. Properties near communities in the Panhandle are eligible.

For more information, visit: <https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/Prescribed-FireGrantsApplication/>.

District court hears please in five cases in Clarendon

Five pleas took place in the 100th Judicial District Court via the internet-based meeting app Zoom with the court sitting in Clarendon on July 13.

District Attorney Luke Inman, along with Assistant District Attorney Harley Caudle, prosecuted the cases for the State of Texas, with the Honorable Judge Stuart Messer presiding.

Lawrence Ibarra, was sentenced to 15 months in prison for the state jail felony offense of burglary of a building.

Ibarra was arrested on October 23, 2018, by Donley County Sheriff's Deputy Randy Bond. Ibarra

was originally placed on three years' probation on April 4, 2019, and the State filed a motion asking the Court to adjudicate Ibarra's probation on November 19, 2019.

Ibarra was also ordered to pay the remaining \$2,500 fine to Donley County, \$488 in court costs, and \$4,500 restitution.

Bonnie Lee Kessler, 41, from Campbell, Calif., was convicted for the Class A misdemeanor offense of unlawful use of a criminal instrument and was sentenced to Carson County Jail time served. Kessler was arrested in Carson County on September 22, 2020, by DPS Trooper Alexandria Moroles.

Kessler was also ordered to pay an upfront fines and fees of \$2,500 to Carson County, \$340 in court costs, and \$180 restitution.

Ethan Earl Felske, 23, from Houston, was placed on two years' probation for the Class A misdemeanor offense of unlawful use of a criminal instrument. Felske was arrested by Childress Police Officer Tyler Kincaid on August 17, 2020, and pleaded to an information filed by the State on March 16, 2021.

Felske was also ordered to pay an upfront fine of \$4,000 to Childress County upfront, \$340 in court costs, \$180 restitution, and complete 100 hours of community service. If his

probation is revoked, Felske faces up to 180 days in county jail.

Shaliza Michelle Rosse, 34, from Atlanta, was placed on two years' probation for the Class A misdemeanor offense of unlawful use of a criminal instrument.

Rosse was arrested by 100th District Criminal Interdictor Coy Teichelman on March 18, 2019, and pleaded to an information filed by the State on July 9, 2019.

Rosse was also ordered to pay an upfront fine of \$4,000 to Carson County upfront, \$340 in court costs, and complete 100 hours of community service. If her probation is revoked, Rosse faces up to 180 days

in county jail.

Heriberto Franco, 26, from Sebring, Fla., was placed on two years' probation for the Class A misdemeanor offense of possession of marihuana.

Franco was arrested by DPS Trooper Kendall Styles on June 16, 2019, and pleaded to an information filed by the State on November 23, 2021.

Franco was also ordered to pay an upfront fine of \$4,000 to Carson County upfront, \$340 in court costs, \$180 restitution, and complete 100 hours of community service. If his probation is revoked, Franco faces up to 180 days in county jail.

Retention, Persistence, Student Life

By Walter Wendler and Mike Knox

Of all the issues challenging students in pursuit of undergraduate degrees in universities across the nation, the most important is retention. Retention measures the number of people who, after the first year, return to the university where they began studies for a second year. According to U.S. News, the highest retention rates in America for national universities are 99 percent and occur at MIT and the University of Chicago. Regional universities typically have lower retention rates. At West Texas A&M University, according to the same U.S. News study, retention is 67 percent. At too many public and private universities in our nation, retention rates are less than one in three.

According to a FOX Business study, money is the top reason students drop out of college. 42 percent of the students in our nation who leave college do so for financial reasons, 32 percent for family commitments, followed by the college of choice not being a good personal fit, lack of time, health reasons and job loss. No matter the causes, too many students start and don't finish. When students borrow money to obtain a degree, at least they leave with the product their incurred debt was intended to procure. The real tragedy is when students borrow money and obtain no degree. Responsible universities will find ways to encourage completion.

The first action we take at WT is honesty and transparency about the cost of study, the opportunities for employment after graduation and the value of "connecting" on campus. For many students, especially new freshmen, college can be filled with expectations when walking through the campus gate for the first time. Some of those expectations are not met. Students experience "buyer's remorse." Millennials find that their preparation for college study is not sufficient. According to a Walton Family Foundation funded report, only 39 percent of the millennial population, born between 1981 and 1996, believed their high school preparation was sufficient. Too many universities put too much blame on primary and secondary educators for the challenges that college students face in the classroom. We believe meeting students and working diligently to help them get where they want to be is essential. This reality is exacerbated by over half of our nation's citizens, 52 percent, believing that higher education is not headed in the right direction. Leadership honesty and the reinforcement of clear expectations are critical in student life.

Getting to know students personally before, during and after the admissions process is important. Clarity in communication and connections are crucial to WT as we "on-board" students. Faculty and staff building relationships through advising and teaching are all important aspects of connecting a student to any post-secondary place of study. Civitas Learning studied 55 colleges and universities and repeatedly found that academic and non-academic support structures increase the potential of students to finish their studies. They discovered how advisor meetings, Greek life, supplemental instruction, scholarships and tutoring play a significant role in increasing the likelihood that students will be retained.

Excellence in student life creates a "family-like" experience for students. The stronger this experience is, the more likely students will engage in and complete their studies. In all family experiences, keeping track of people and their activities builds a strong unit. This means that early warning signs of trouble for students should be tracked and intervention strategies should be part of the university experience. This, like a family structure, creates shared responsibility and interdependent accountability. Hundreds of student clubs and organizations at WT help sustain engagement and lead to a stronger academic experience. Since the diminishment of the university's role in loco parentis, institutions have worked to avoid interaction with parents. This is unfortunate and not part of our collaborative relationship with parents, especially for traditional first-year students. Typically parents have a significant investment, and by this, we do not mean solely financial investment, but a complete emotional, intellectual and physical one. In student success, our collective goal is to nurture the student for their personal and professional benefit.

Persistence, closely related to retention, is action on the student's part to stay in school. While it measures the student and their tenacity, retention focuses more on the institutional ability to help students finish. Students are changing. About one-third of the students enrolled in college overall are first-generation students. Also of interest is about one-third of all college students take at least one course online. These are remarkable shifts over the past few decades. Of particular interest at WT, students who might stop out of college for family or work-related requirements have the option to study online. Online enrollments provide them with another avenue to persist. As with retention, high persistence rates for university students demonstrate an intention to finish.

At WT, we know that engaged students, woven into the campus fabric, are more likely to be retained, which clearly benefits the institution as it marks an important legislative concern for universities. However, our service is what guides students to complete what they start, which would indicate a high persistence. Although these two measures of stick-to-it-ness are similar, they are not the same. At WT, we believe persistence represents the power of people to persevere and attain personal aspirations. That is our goal. Walter V. Wendler is President of West Texas A&M University. Mike Knox is the Vice President for Student Enrollment Engagement and Success at WTAMU.

A brief history of Czechs in Texas

Almost from the very beginning, the Czechs in America were organized to take care of themselves. They organized the Czech Society of America as a national organization devoted to preserving their cultural heritage and providing financial security. The Czechs in Texas, however, felt that a local organization could do a better job of understanding the needs of an agricultural society than a fraternal society up in the heavily industrialized northeast.

In 1897 the Czechs in Texas organized the Slovanska Podporujici Jednota Statu Texas – commonly known as the SPJST. The Americanized version of the name is Slavonic Benevolent Order of the State of Texas. Twenty-five delegates meeting at the LaGrange courthouse effected the organization. The first SPJST chapter was then chartered at Fayetteville. In 1953 the SPJST moved its headquarters from Fayetteville to Temple.

The SPJST is a state-based fraternal insurance society dedicated to assisting with the financial, social, and cultural needs of its members. It offers a full complement of Insurance products to its members at the lowest possible cost. With over 250 chapters now covering most areas of Texas, the SPJST encom-

passes much more than just insurance. It has become a significant element on the social and cultural lives of its members. The various chapters sponsor a variety of activities such as dances, theatricals, picnics, contests, musical programs, summer youth camps, Czech language courses, and Czech genealogy assistance. The State organization offers scholarships for the study of the Czech language at the University of Texas, at Texas A&M, and at a few high schools.

The SPJST is especially interested in the wholesome development of its youth. Statewide recognition of personal youth achievements is a high priority in each of the SPJST lodges. Youth Achievement Day and State Royalty Day are annual events held at the SPJST headquarters in Temple.

Patriotism and volunteerism are essential parts of the SPJST philosophy. Lodge meetings include Presentation of the Colors and the Pledge of Allegiance. Adults and youth frequently work together on community service projects.



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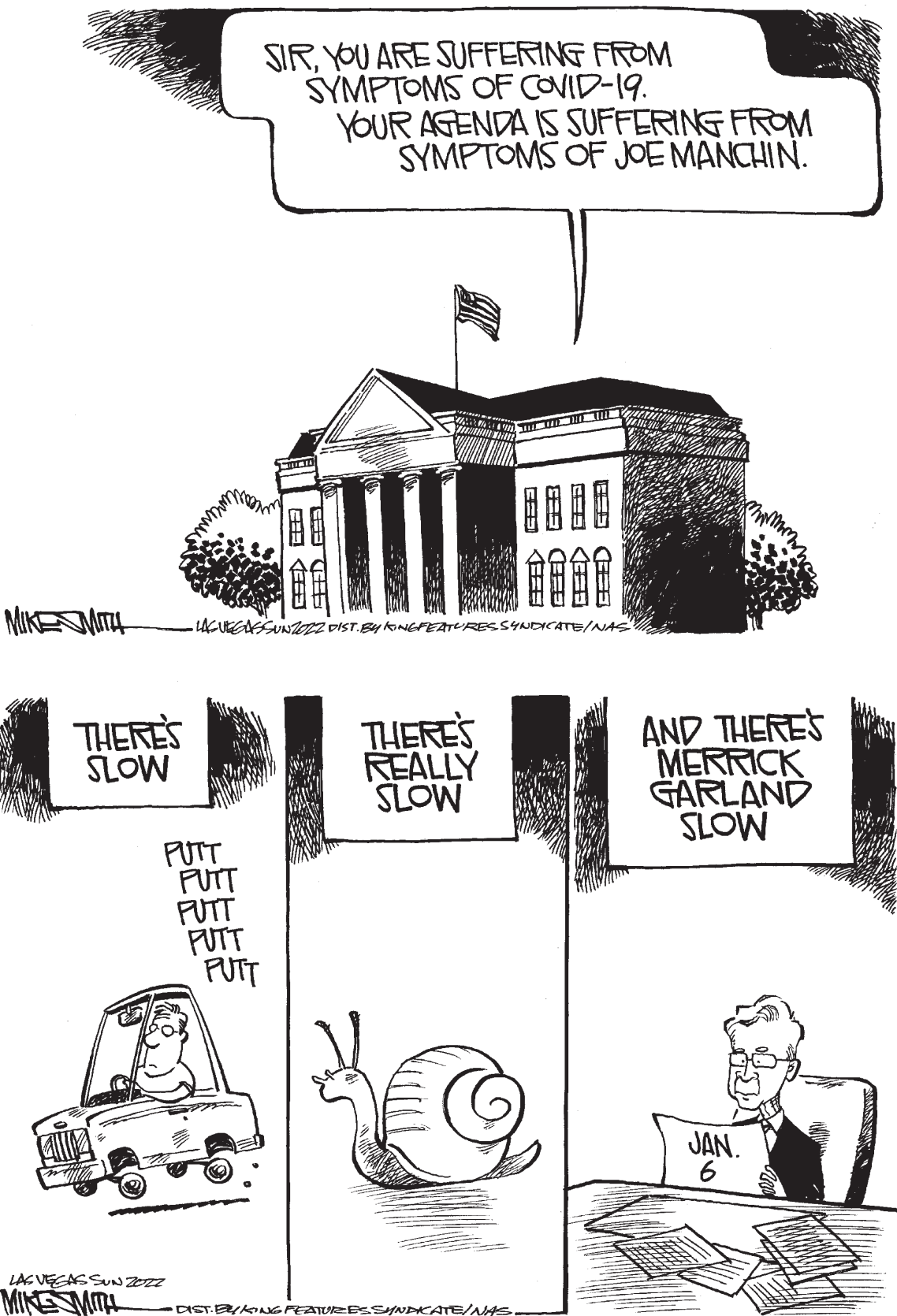
With a concern for the elderly as well as for the youth, the SPJST operates two rest homes in Texas, one in Taylor and the other in Needville.

The preservation of Czech culture ranks high in the list of SPJST priorities. There are annual festivals such as Westfest in West, the Kolache Festival in Caldwell, Czech Fest in Dallas, and Czech Heritage Day in Ft. Worth. LaGrange is the home of a Czech Heritage and Cultural Center.

Music has always been important to the Czechs. The Dallas Czech Concert Orchestra has performed for over 30 years. Houston has an annual "Night of Czech Music, Dinner, and Dance."

The SPJST headquarters building at Temple houses a comprehensive museum and library. With 2,000 artifacts the museum has displays covering all phases of Czech life in Texas. The library contains 18,000 Czech language books and 5,000 English language books. With more than \$56 million in assets and lodges in all sections of Texas, the SPJST is being quite successful in promoting Czech heritage, American patriotism and citizenship, and financial independence.

George U. Hubbard is an author and former resident of Clarendon.



Recalling the life of an elm tree

The tree was planted around 1960, the year our house was built. It was a lace bark elm and stood in a small yard all its own just below ground level. It seemed to enjoy it there and grew to be tall and spectacular. Visitors commented on its beauty and wanted to know what kind of tree it was. It gets its name from the light and gray bark patterns it produces. Research indicates it is a medium to fast-growing tree, adapts to many soil conditions and is relatively free from the diseases ravaging other elm species, making it a tough and durable tree for any situation. It is also known as Chinese Elm.

It provided a wonderful sight as we looked at it through the sliding glass doors in the dining room. In the summer it put on dark green leaves that gave plenty of shade. Its shadows on the lawn were fascinating to watch as they changed with the setting sun. In winter the tree put on a festive air as the branches were covered in snow.

Our sons climbed that tree and sat in it to read. So did our oldest grandson. We have dozens of photos of the tree

in all seasons and with different family members and friends standing near it.

The bark on the tree sheds at certain times of year indicating it was alive and thriving. We took it for granted that it would always be there, a symbol of stability and permanence. We never considered it not being there. We kept it pruned and fed and watered. We loved that tree. It was more than just a part of the landscape. It was a part of us.

About the time Covid hit the tree started having trouble. Some branches failed to produce leaves and the tree seemed to go into shock. Severe drought the next two years damaged the tree. A bout of below freezing temperatures twice in one winter pretty well finished it off. As we looked at the barren dead branches, shards of bark lying all around the tree, we considered having a chain



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saw artist come and create some kind of artistic tribute, maybe carve some birds resting on the tips of the branches.

After a few months we decided to remove the tree. It had stood in that little yard for a long time and we regretted losing it.

The tree is gone but we're slowly getting used to seeing the canyon and the big sky that the tree had previously obscured. Where the tree once stood we can now see a dramatic vista.

We have noticed that the tree's offspring are putting down roots and growing around the huge stump. They seem to be saying, "We'll take over now. You go ahead and rest." They have grown to nearly 4 feet and surround the remains of the tree trunk. Some other lace bark elms are growing tall nearby, reaching 6 feet or so.

We have half a dozen other lace bark elm trees around our house but they have a long way to go to reach the elegance of the one that used to stand just outside our dining room. But we are encouraging them.

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Peanuts being looked at as ‘diesel nuts’

Peanut oil powered the world’s first diesel engine when it was prem-iered by Rudolf Diesel at the World Exposition in Paris in 1900. Now, a collaboration between Chevron and Texas A&M AgriLife is reviving the use of peanuts as a renewable feed-stock for diesel fuel with a lower carbon intensity.

Carbon intensity is the energy expended to produce a product, including production inputs such as water, pesticide and fertilizer, and how much net carbon that pro-cess adds to the atmosphere. Lower carbon intensity is important in developing sustainable agricultural practices.

The five-year, multi-million-dol-lar project will be led by John Cason, Ph.D., a Texas A&M AgriLife Research peanut breeder at Stephen-ville. Development of the “diesel nut” will be multi-pronged and will include estimating economic feasi-bility, advancing existing high-oil peanut germplasm and developing new, low-input peanut lines for the renewable diesel industry.

Co-leaders on the project are Luis Ribera, Ph.D., Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service econo-mist and director of Texas A&M’s Center for North American Stud-ies, Bryan-College Station; Bill McCutchen, Ph.D., center director for Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, Stephenville; and David Baltensperger, Ph.D., head of the Texas A&M Department of Soil and Crop Sciences.

Cliff Lamb, Ph.D., director of AgriLife Research, Bryan-College Station, said this collaboration with Chevron gives AgriLife Research scientists a chance to develop pean-uts that have a greater oil content and are better adapted to dryer cli-mates — ultimately creating a more resilient agricultural system.

“We hope these new peanut varieties will offer producers a profit-able dryland or limited irrigation crop option,” Lamb said. “What makes this project truly exciting is that it takes the entire agricultural value chain into account, using cut-ting-edge research to create an abun-dant, affordable and high-quality product that works to protect natural resources, improve health and sup-port economies in Texas and beyond. We appreciate the support of this work by Chevron.”

Chevron is building the capac-ity to produce 100,000 barrels a day of renewable fuels in its manufactur-ing system by 2030. Securing a reli-able source of lower lifecycle carbon intensity renewable feedstocks is a priority for the company.

“Chevron is thrilled to team with Texas A&M AgriLife to work to develop the next generation of renewable fuel feedstocks,” said Michelle Young, renewables pro-gram manager for Chevron Down-stream Technology and Services. “This collaboration has the potential to deliver high-quality oil to pro-duce renewable fuels while provid-ing peanut farmers in the U.S. with another way to maximize the value of their operations.”

“The Texas Peanut Produc-ers Board is excited to support the ‘diesel nut’ project and views it as one more tool for farmers in Texas,” said Shelly Nutt, Texas Peanut Pro-ducers Board executive director.

“Peanut farmers have long real-ized the value of using peanuts not only as a cash crop, but also as a crop that adds nutrients to the soil, creating a sustainable production system,” Nutt said. “With the suc-

cess of this project, farmers could add a low-input, high-yielding ‘diesel nut’ with the ability to grow on marginal land or with limited water availability, into their rotation program and would not be compet-ing with the high-quality, edible peanut market the board has worked so hard to achieve.”

Increasing oil content in ‘diesel nut’ peanut varieties

Currently, food-grade peanut varieties have an oil content of approximately 48%. However, sev-eral high-oil breeding lines have around 55-60% oil content. With those yields, “diesel nut” peanuts could yield as much as 350 gallons of oil per acre, compared to soy-beans’ current oil yields of approx-imately 25 to 50 gallons per acre.

AgriLife Research peanut breeders, including Michael Baring, Bryan-College Station; Charles Simpson, Ph.D., Stephenville; and Mark Burow, Ph.D., Lubbock, began working on high-oil breeding lines 15 years ago. Cason said four of those most promising lines were selected to begin studying the agro-nomics and yields.

“We also are developing new crosses and screening Texas A&M AgriLife germplasm, including the wild germplasm collection main-tained by Simpson,” Cason said. “Our breeders are searching for germplasm with even higher oil con-tent to develop the most elite culti-vars that will also perform in dryland conditions and produce the highest oil content.”

Producing ‘diesel nut’ varieties in non-irrigated areas

Cason and team see possibili-ties to bring peanut production back to non-irrigated, rain-fed areas uti-lizing this high-oil germplasm. They will breed into these lines the quali-ties of improved disease and drought tolerance as well as continuing to increase oil content.

He said major advances in dis-ease resistance have already been made in food-grade peanut vari-eties, such as resistance to nematodes from wild species, Sclerotinia blight and tomato spotted wilt virus. These traits can now be incorporated into the “diesel nut” lines to create a robust renewable fuel feedstock.

“With our edible breeding lines, we’ve also been looking at drought tolerance, but not on any of the lines producing higher oil,” Cason said. “Now we’ve pulled everything out and started planting in Vernon and Stephenville and will grow some under dryland and irrigation. We are treating this year as kind of a pilot year.”

West Texas begins the peanut-planting season in late April and early May, while in South Texas, peanuts are planted as late as June 25. Harvest begins in October and is done by Thanksgiving.

A peanut crop usually needs 27 inches of moisture from irrigation and rain.

This typically produces about 5,000 pounds per acre of high-quality peanuts. In contrast, the drought-tol-erant research at Lubbock studying peanut production with only 7-12 inches of rain produced about 2,800 pounds of edible peanuts per acre in 2020.

“One thing that will help the ‘diesel nut’ succeed is that when you don’t irrigate a peanut, you run the risk of aflatoxin, which can be devastating to food-grade peanuts,” Cason said. “But that won’t matter when the crop is being crushed for biofuel, so

regardless of how much moisture, if the grower can grow something, they can market it.”

The goal now is to adapt “diesel nut” lines to new growing regions across Texas and the U.S. where the crop can perform under limited irri-gation and dryland production. This, coupled with the development of best management practices for crop production systems and the logistics of harvest, transport and storage will be necessary to rapidly advance the production of renewable diesel feed-stocks.

Other ‘diesel nut’ project com-ponents

A large contingent of Texas A&M AgriLife personnel will be working on the project, including agronomists, breeders, plant micro-biologists, crop physiologists, bio-chemists, soil scientists, economists and crop modelers in College Station and at multiple Texas A&M AgriL-ife Research and Extension Centers in key peanut production areas of the Rolling Plains, South Plains and South Texas.

While Cason and the breeding team are developing breeding lines, Ribera will lead the development of risk-based, comprehensive enter-prise budgets focused on the peanuts’ oil yield, reliability and viability as a renewable diesel feedstock.

With that objective, Ribera’s team will include modelers who will assess transportation, shelling and crushing infrastructure as well as regulatory constraints to come up with the baseline carbon intensity.

“When considering a renew-able fuel source, every energy input into the production and processing of the peanuts until the fuel reaches the pumps will be important to deter-mining the carbon intensity,” said Baltensperger. “We look at energy in for energy out and which is most carbon considerate. We want the carbon intensity baseline to be as low as possible if we are to optimize peanuts where it still makes sense to produce oil for fuel.”

McCutchen said this project could bring peanut production back to areas that previously grew the crop but ran out of water. The agronomic side of the project will concentrate on peanut lines that can be grown on marginal lands and still give high per-acre vegetable oil yields.

• The team of cropping system specialists will also develop crop-ping systems that optimize growth, harvest and yield for “diesel nuts.” They will evaluate conservation till-age, as research in peanut-producing regions of Texas has shown that soil organic carbon increased by combin-ing conservation tillage with cover crops.

• Rotational systems, cover crops, tillage and fertilizer practices will be evaluated under dryland and limited irrigation to create a crop-ping system with the lowest possible carbon footprint. High-throughput greenhouse assays will be used to find novel endophytes, which will be important for promoting drought tol-erance and overall plant health.

• When enough information is available and advances are made, Emi Kimura, Ph.D., AgriLife Exten-sion state peanut specialist, Vernon, will lead the outreach to inform pro-ducers about the research outcomes.

“The end goal of this project is the commercialization of elite high-oil varieties that producers can plant and oil that Chevron can use,” said Carl Muntean, director of Texas A&M AgriLife Corporate Engage-ment and Research Support.



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Community Calendar

July 29 & 30
DC League of Super-Pets • Gates open 7:00 p.m. • Sandell Drive In

July 29 & 30
Where the Crawdads Sing • 7:30 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

July 31
Where the Crawdads Sing • 2:00 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

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August 18
Donley County Senior Citizens Bingo/ Music Night. • 5:30 p.m.

August 20
That Senior Thang Games • Donley County Senior Citizens Center

September 24
Col. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff • See SaintsRoostMuseum.com for information and tickets

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Menus

August 1 - 5

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Chicken tenders, garlic mashed potatoes, turnip greens, wheat roll, gravy, mandarin oranges, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Goulash, lima beans, garden salad, fruit & oatmeal bar, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Pork loin, black-eyed peas, spinach, cornbread, baked apple, iced tea/2% milk.
Thu: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, Italian vegetables, broccoli, garlic toast, Autumn jello, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Baked fish, lemon, whole kernel corn, coleslaw, hushpuppies, cherry crisp, iced tea/2% milk.

Panhandle PBS accepting artist submissions

Panhandle PBS is now accepting submissions from local artists for its monthly Patreon artwork feature. Artists are asked to submit designs in their original style paying homage to their favorite PBS character or talent.

Anyone can submit a design, but we will reserve the right to choose an artist that lives in the Texas Panhandle. Some character ideas for artwork designs include: Downton Abbey, Sesame Street, Daniel Tiger, Dragon Tales, Lamb-Chop Sing-a-Long, Molly of Denali, Ghostwriter, Bob Ross (The Joy of Painting), Wild Kratts, Curious George, and Between the Lions.

Only 20 submissions will be taken for the month and one will be chosen as the featured design of the month. This artwork will be available for our patrons to get printed on a sticker, postcard, t-shirt, or all three. The artist and their design will also be featured prominently in all Panhandle PBS promotions each month

Submissions are due by Friday, August 5, and can be uploaded at panhandlePBS.org/patreon. The featured artist will be notified by August 15.

Panhandle PBS patrons are supporters of the Texas Panhandle's local public media station and enable us to continue to provide quality, trusted programming, including the arts. Our mission is to tell the stories and feature local artists in the Texas Panhandle.

For more information about Panhandle PBS Patreon or to submit your artwork, visit panhandlePBS.org/patreon.



Sure Shots

Donley County 4-H Archers were on the road to San Antonio last week for the 4-H Shooting Sports State Games Archery Tournament. Four archers from the local club competed. Ronan Howard, Emma Howard, Kutter O'keefe, and Mycah Woodard brought back 20 metals, with both Ronan and Kutter winning runner-up high point shooter in Intermediate and Junior divisions respectively.

COURTESY PHOTO

Shamrock's Reynolds Hotel a 66 landmark

By Cutter Seay

Attorney Marion Reynolds commissioned the building of the Reynolds Hotel in 1925 and construction was completed in 1928.

The building of the Hotel is symbolic because it shows that as a people are society is growing making it a landmark in early cross-country travel.

The hotel hosted many visitors due to its placement by the "Mother Road" Route 66 in Shamrock, Texas. The Reynolds Hotel was not just a place for people to lay their head but also a place for people to congregate

and meet others. The Hotel did not only host the lonesome traveler but also hosted many working men from the oilfield. With natural resources being found in the county the hotel continued to flourish; however, in 1970 the oilfield began to slowly close, leading to the Reynolds Hotel to shut down.

With many citizens wanting to save the building the Shamrock City council allowed the hotel to be remodeled into the Pioneer West Museum.

The hotel consisted of 25 rooms which now holds many dif-

ferent exhibits. In the Pioneer West Museum, there are War Rooms, the Space Room with artifacts on loan from Houston Space Center. The Museum was able to have many exhibits due to the people of Shamrock and Wheeler County donating the pieces used in displays.

As the years go on the Hotel may not host people but continues to host the history of Shamrock and Wheeler County. This Hotel is remembered and will continue to bring honor and respect as it has done since its opening in 1928 by the attorney, Marion Reynolds.

Texas cattle sales picking up

Tough decisions are being made around Texas as drought conditions force ranchers to cull cattle herds due to lack of forage.

Cattle producers must decide whether to continue feeding by purchasing available hay or find other economical feed options, or simply pare down herd numbers.

Jason Banta, Ph.D., Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service beef cattle specialist, Overton, said phone calls and emails have picked up quite a bit over the past week as ranchers seek options for managing cattle numbers.

"It is important for producers to consider how much hay they may need to feed to get through until forage conditions improve or how much feed it will take to stretch hay supplies if they are considering that option," Banta said. "Can they find hay to purchase, and if they can, what does it cost and what will that combination of hay and feed cost per day per cow? If the decision is made to reduce cow herd numbers, you are better off making these decisions sooner than later."

Banta said future calf sales may not offset feed expenses depending on daily feed costs to keep cows.

For many producers, Banta said it will likely cost \$3.50 to \$4 a day to feed a dry cow. That means it could cost \$400 to keep the cow for the next 100 days if conditions do not improve significantly. At that price, he said spending levels on feed could exceed expected future increases in calf prices.

Prices for supplemental feed like range cubes and hay have continued to increase, according to AgriLife Extension reports from around the state. Range cubes reached \$400 per ton near College Station in recent weeks while round bales were starting to fetch \$75-\$80. For weeks, AgriLife Extension agents have reported \$80-plus bales

in drier areas of the state.

Hay production in East Texas alone was only 25%-50% of normal yields, according to district reports. Feed grain corn and sorghum yields in the southern half of the state have been well below normal as well compared to feed demands that have been well above average across the state.

"Part of the challenge right now is thinking about how many cows are getting culled and what that could mean to calf prices moving forward," Banta said. "People still have the thought from what happened to calf prices after the droughts of 2011 and 2012. However, if we don't make a good corn crop, how is that going to impact calf prices, or what if we have a recession? In many situations it may make more sense to reduce cow numbers instead of trying to feed the entire herd."

While the main concern for most ranchers is forage, water availability could become a serious concern in the next 60 days, Banta said.

"Most producers haven't had widespread water issues yet, but certainly conditions could worsen without sufficient rainfall and runoff," Banta said.

Banta also reminded producers to regularly monitor water sources and fence off any ponds that are extremely low to prevent cattle from potentially getting stuck.

AgriLife Extension has a suite of drought publications available depicting strategies for destocking, stretching hay resources, supplemental feed options, and more.

Additionally, the 68th annual Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course educational program is packed with experts to help guide beef cattle producers facing higher input expenses and drought in how to make better management decisions. The short course will be held Aug. 1-3 in Bryan-College Station



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Demand for skilled workers in the Texas Panhandle is growing, particularly in the Manufacturing Industry, which is projected to grow faster than all other occupations from 2018 to 2028. As companies move to the area and expand, the need for qualified job candidates has never been greater.

To help meet this growing demand, Workforce Solutions Panhandle and the Texas Veterans Commission have partnered with the Pantex Plant to help fill dozens of entry level positions, such as Production Technicians, Chemical Operators, Maintenance Workers, Custodians, and many more.

Pantex recruiters will present employment options, provide a resumé workshop, and a one-on-one personalized resumé review with each registered attendee, at the Workforce Solutions Panhandle offices, located at 3120 Eddy Street, on Thursday, July 28th at 5 P.M.

If candidates would like to have their resumé reviewed by a Pantex Plant recruiter, attendees must bring a printed, updated version with them to the workshop, where recruiters will spend time with each attendee to note changes that should be made in order to successfully submit their resumé. The goal is to assist candidates with Pantex's application process and improving their chances for employment.

"There are so many applicants that are well-qualified for the job, but don't know how to communicate their experience on a resume, therefore, they aren't successful in scheduling an interview," said Philip Flores, Business Services Representative with Workforce Solutions Panhandle. "We hope to alleviate the issue by empowering job seekers with the tools need to secure an interview." added Flores.

Attendance will be limited, as only 40 in-person spots will be made available. The event starts promptly at 5 p.m., and event is scheduled to last until 7 p.m. Interested applicants can register for the event by visiting <https://wspanhandle.com/event/pantex-career-expo-resume-workshop/>. For those who cannot attend the limited seating event, they can view the live stream at <https://www.facebook.com/WSPanhandle/>

Workforce Solutions Panhandle provides Priority of Service to Active or Prior Military Members and qualified spouses.

CISD Trustees met on July 11

The Clarendon CISD Board of Trustees renewed the superintendent's contract among their regular business on July 11. The board met in closed session for more than two hours, reviewed the evaluation of Superintendent Jarod Bellar, and held a summative conference with Bellar. After the closed session, the board voted to approve Bellar's contract and compensation as presented.

In other personnel matters, the board accepted the superintendent's recommendation to offer a contract of employment to Amanda Martin-dale.

Administrative reports were presented by Bellar on the topics of Summer Projects, Safety and Security, TASB Policy Review, and August Board Meetings.

Policies were updated or changed as presented, and the board approved a motion to select Johnson and Sheldon, PLLC to conduct the 2021-2022 annual financial audit.

The board acknowledged the revision to Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services (RIPICS) Plan.

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

ANSWER:

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- CLUES ACROSS**
1. America's WW2 President

35. Moved quickly
4. Move earth

36. Winged horse
7. Insecticide

41. Small waterfall
10. Naturally occurring solid material

45. Hoopster Gasol
11. State of fuss

46. One who mimics
12. Bhutanese wine

47. Tropical plant
13. Greek island

50. Used of walls
15. Taxi

54. A citizen of Iran
16. Tanzanian ethnic group

55. Christian hermit
19. Metrical foot

56. She marries the groom
21. Boasted

57. American patriotic society
23. Eel-like vertebrate

59. Wine grape
24. Small freshwater lakes

60. School of Buddhism
25. Morally base

61. A team's best pitcher
26. Not odd

62. Consumed
27. Where you live

63. Time zone
30. Fixed in place

64. Part of a company name
34. A very large body of water

65. Type of bulb

- CLUES DOWN**
1. Marine protozoan

32. Young boy
2. You use it for your eyes

33. Midway between northeast and east
3. Set aside for a later time

37. Changed
4. Metrical foot

38. Prominent
5. Famed journalist Tarbell

39. Genus of seabirds
6. Consumes quickly

40. Event regarded as wrong
7. Rewards in a civil suit

41. Skipped in a lively way
8. Kamodo are some

42. Multi-function radar (abbr.)
9. Ballroom dance

43. A country in W. Africa
13. Chum

44. Burn a corpse
14. Comedienne Gasteyer

47. Women's __ movement
17. A room to relax

48. NHL great Bobby
18. Commercials

49. Coarse, green material
20. Six (Spanish)

51. Treated with calcium oxide
22. Wild party

52. When you hope to get there
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THE CITY OF HOWARDWICK will hold a public
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) on
Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 6:00pm. The purpose
of this meeting is to discuss the 2022-23
Mayors Proposed Budget to be adopted. Regular
council meeting to follow hearing.

(C) STAGE 3 RESPONSE- SEVERE WATER SHORTAGE CONDITIONS

1. Goal: achieve a voluntary 30 percent reduction
in total water use, or the daily demand for water.

2. Supply Management Measures: The water
authority would lower the level in all storage
tanks to no more than 50% of capacity, thus
reducing the pressure on the wholesale water
customer's system. This in turn would help
conserve an even greater amount of water.

3. Demand Management Measures:
All requirements of Stage 2 shall remain in effect
during Stage 3 except:

(a) The Greenbelt Municipal and Industrial
Water Authority will contact wholesale water
customers to discuss water supply and
demand conditions and will request that
wholesale water customers initiate additional
voluntary measures to reduce water use, and
initiate Stage 3 of the wholesale customer's
drought contingency plan.

(b) The Greenbelt Municipal and Industrial
Water Authority will provide a weekly report to
news media with information regarding current
water supply and demand conditions, projected
water supply and demand conditions if
drought conditions persist, and consumer
information on water conservation measures
and practices.

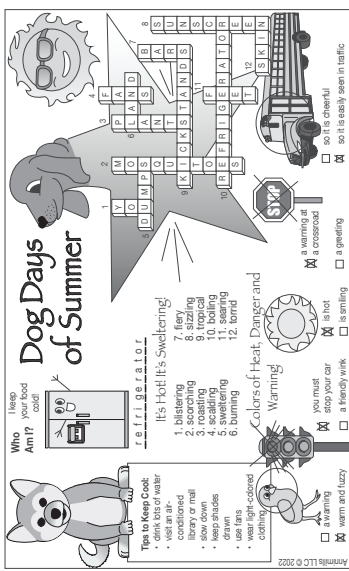
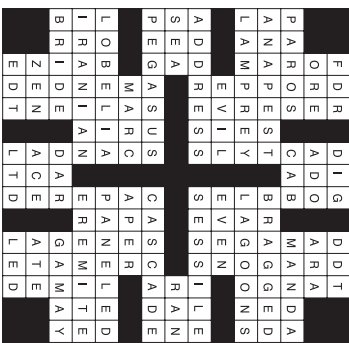
(c) The City of Clarendon will request that all
of its water customers practice water conservation
and minimize or discontinue water use for
non-essential purposes, with the goal of
reducing water usage by 30%. Under threat of
penalty for violation, the following water use
restrictions shall apply to all persons:

1. Limit outside watering to twice-a-week, and
then before 10:00 am and after 7:00 pm. Residential
customers with odd-numbered street
addresses water on Wednesdays and Saturdays.
Residential customers with even-numbered
street addresses water on Thursdays and
Sundays. Commercial customers water on
Tuesdays and Fridays.
2. Limit washing of motor vehicles, motorbikes,
boats, and other vehicles at home to before
10:00 am or after 7:00 pm on your designated
watering day, and then use a bucket and/or
a hand-held hose equipped with a shut-off
nozzle. Commercial car washes are excepted.
3. Avoid filling swimming pools except during
the above watering hours.
4. Avoid operating ornamental fountains
unless necessary to support aquatic life or if
equipped with a recirculation system.
5. Do not water-wash driveways, sidewalks,
and other hard-surfaced areas. Do not wash
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directs immediate sale: 3.7 Acres South of Marilyn St.,
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Hot, sticky days that make us
sweat! Days when nothing seems to
be happening...**dog days of summer!**

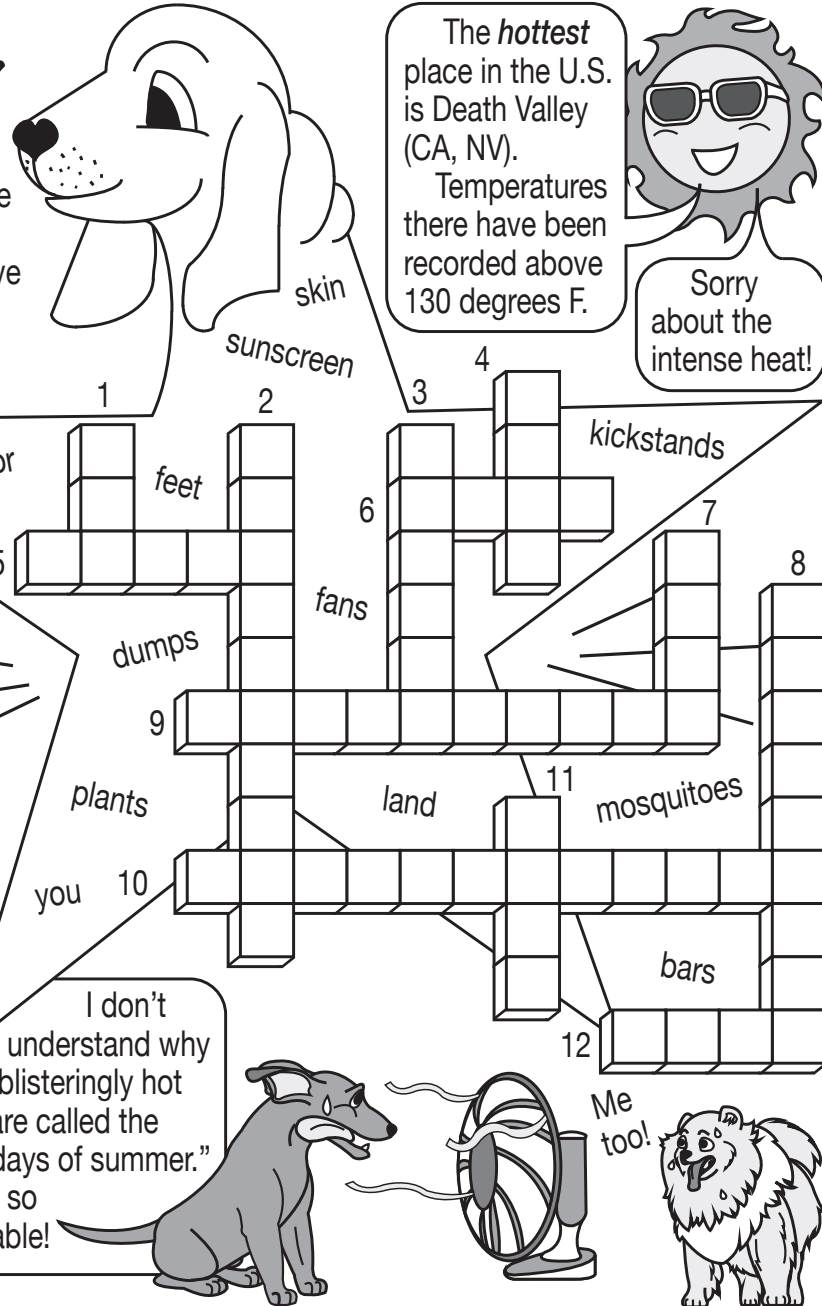
Dog days are here when the
Dog Star, Sirius, appears over the
horizon just before sunrise. At one
time, people who were superstitious
thought Sirius drove dogs mad in the
heat of the summer. Sirius shines with
a bluish-white light. It is the brightest
star in our sky besides our sun. Sirius
is in the constellation Canis Major,
the Great Dog. Try to keep cool!

The hottest days of the year are here and...

1. _____ are tossing and turning, trying to sleep.
2. pesky _____ are buzzing and biting.
3. _____ are wilting from lack of rain.
4. air conditioners hum and _____ whirl.
5. garbage and trash _____ are smelling bad!
6. _____ is parched because there is a drought.
7. chocolate _____ are melting.
8. _____ is protecting our skin from the sun's rays.
9. bicycle _____ are sinking into heated tar.
10. our _____ is running overtime to keep food cold.
11. our bare _____ are cooling on the green grass.
12. our _____ is sweating to cool our bodies.

Did you know that
dogs don't sweat the
way humans do?
Although dogs have
a few sweat glands,
they cool off mainly
by panting.

A star is
called a "sun"
if it is in the center
of a solar system.



The **hottest**
place in the U.S.
is Death Valley
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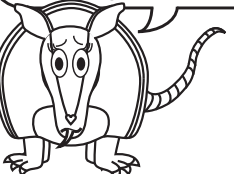
Sorry
about the
intense heat!

I don't
understand why
these blisteringly hot
days are called the
"dog days of summer."
I'm so
miserable!

Me
too!

Tips to Keep Cool:
• drink lots of water
• visit an air-conditioned
library or mall
• slow down
• keep shades drawn
• use fans
• wear light-colored
clothing

Where I live we have
hot summers. We are
used to the heat, but
lately it's been **too hot**.
I've been feeling as sick
as a dog. **Woof!**



Pantex, Y-12 receive awards for safety, infrastructure, operations

Safety, infrastructure, and operations are the heartbeat of a manufacturing facility. The National Nuclear Security Administration's (NNSA's) Office of Safety, Infrastructure, and Operations (NA-50) recently awarded the 2021 NA-50 Excellence Awards to teams that helped keep production moving at the Pantex Plant and Y-12 National Security Complex.

The annual award program was established to recognize teams and individuals for accomplishments made in support of NA-50 efforts to achieve the NNSA mission.

Two teams at Pantex and five teams at Y-12 were honored for their innovation, teamwork, and collaboration.

Pantex projects receiving awards returned the site to safe operations after record-low temperatures and established a new printed wire assembly capability.

The Pantex Freeze Event Team went into action when temperature extremes caused freeze damage in 22 production and support facilities. The team included NNSA Production Office (NPO) staff and resolved 184 work orders and returned the facilities to safe operational status.

The other recognized Pantex team focused on supporting a printed wire assembly (PWA) capability, which included facility modifications and upgrades to support the process. This solution reduces PWA building times and increases efficiency.

The Y-12 projects ranged from producing sustainable disinfectant to coordinating with the Oak Ridge



A Pantex team worked efficiently and effectively to return 22 facilities to safe operations following a record-breaking freeze.

COURTESY PHOTO

Office of Environmental Management (OREM) on disposition of legacy facilities.

In addition to CNS staff, employees from the following entities were also recognized: the NPO, OREM, the Y 12 Acquisition and Project Management Office, Gem-Tech NSS, and UCOR.

One team was honored for performing a transportation risk assessment on a package that required a national security exemption before it could be shipped. The work by the team became the basis for the exemption approval process.

Two projects with ties to OREM received awards. The first team worked with GemTech NSS to safely removed three buildings without damaging or impacting an adjacent occupied facility. The second

team worked with UCOR to demolish and dispose of the Biology Complex and clear the area for future use.

A Sustainability and Stewardship team removed legacy equipment in a process building to make space for new processes and equipment.

This effort involved decontaminating more than 38,000 square feet of space, which removed legacy hazards from the site.

The final team partnered with Oak Ridge National Laboratory to manufacture disinfectant on site. This effort improved safety and allowed employees to continue working during the pandemic.

These award-winning projects highlight the caliber of work at Pantex and Y-12 as modernization efforts continue.



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting July 26, 2022, with Boss Lion Pro Tem David Dockery in charge.

We had 18 members and four guests this week: Matthew and Monroe Newhouse, guests of Lion Anndria Newhouse; Rachel Hannah, guest of Lion Angela Blaise; and Chris Reuter, guest of the club.

The Boss Lion read the application for membership from Chris Reuter, and the club voted to accept him as our newest member. Welcome, Lion Chris!

Lion Sandy Childress reported on the Howardwick Hoedown, which was a huge success. The club thanked Lions Mary and Richard Green for organizing an excellent cornhole tournament. Wayne McDonald won the Lions cornhole boards, and the team of Wes Smith and Clint Conkin won the tournament. Lion Sandy thanked the club for hosting the tournament and bringing more people than ever to the Hoedown.

Lion John Howard reported COVID cases are up but said people aren't getting very sick. He also reported on the county and its budget workshop.

Lion Jacob Fangman reported on the city where the final portion of the USDA project is near, street improvements are about to start, and the downtown revitalization project is getting ready to go to bid.

Lion Scarlet Estlack reported on the college where the fall session will start soon, and athletes are coming back to campus.

Lion Anndria Newhouse reported on That Senior Thang scheduled for August 20. Lions will help tear down after the event and also staff one of the games during the event.

The club approved sponsoring the Col. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff on September 24.

DG Roger Estlack reported on the July District Cabinet meeting on July 28 and the District Summer Service Celebration this Friday in Amarillo.

Tail Twister Scarlet debuted her new Kitty bank and set about issuing fines and taking donations.

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