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

Blue Ribbon entries are due Thursday

There is still time to enter the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce's new "Best of Donley County" competition for the judging of jellies, jams, baked goods, and quilts for this year's Saints' Roost Celebration.

Drop-off is at the Enterprise on Thursday, June 29, from noon to 5:30 p.m. with judging occurring on Friday, June 30. Winners will be announced Saturday, July 1, from the bandstand on the courthouse square immediately following the turtle races (around 2:30 p.m.). See ClarendonTx.com/blueribbon for more information.

Country Club plans July 4th Scramble

The Clarendon Country Club will host a 4th of July Scramble next Tuesday, and Tee Time is 1:00 p.m.

Entry fees are \$15 per person, non-member green fees are \$12, and carts are \$12. Bring your own four- or five-person team with no more than two "A" players. If you don't have a team, you can be put on one.

Call the Pro Shop for more information at 806-874-2166.

Claude celebration to be next Saturday

Claude's annual Caprock Roundup Celebration will be held next Saturday, July 8, on the square.

The parade starts at 10 a.m., the pet show is at 11 a.m., and a barbecue is held at noon.

Pageants will follow the pet show. Vendors will be set up from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with local fundraisers and food trucks throughout the day and evening.

A youth ranch rodeo will be held at 7 p.m. and the night will conclude with Music on the Square at 9 p.m. featuring Chad Miller & the Good Fortune, which is a free event sponsored by OnwardEnergy.

For more information, visit caprockroundup.com.

Early deadline set for next Enterprise

Due to holiday printing schedules, the deadline for next week's Enterprise has been moved up to noon next Monday. All news, photos, and ads for next week's issue are due at that time. We appreciate your cooperation.



Clarendon welcomes visitors to celebration

Clarendon is ready this week to welcome visitors to the Panhandle's oldest celebration of American Independence. The 146th annual Saints' Roost Celebration begins Thursday, June 29, and runs through Saturday, July 1.

The Clarendon Outdoor Entertainment Association gets the celebration started Thursday night with the Junior Ranch Rodeo, which opens at 7:30 p.m. Kids events open each night of the rodeo with a Calf Scramble for ages 0-12, and open Junior Donkey Riding, Calf and Mutton Bustin', and Steer Riding. Following the kids' events, ten junior ranch teams will compete for

the best times and scores in Sorting, Doctoring, Trailer Loading, Calf Branding, and the Wild Steer Race.

On Friday, the celebration continues downtown at the Crossties Ministry Center with the Depression Luncheon at the from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. COEA opens the first night of its annual Ranch Rodeo Friday night at 7:30. After the kids' events, ten ranch teams will compete in the Ranch Bronc Riding, Stray Gathering, Wild Cow Milking, and Team Branding. Live music by Seth Ward and dancing on the Slab will follow.

Saturday is the celebration's biggest day with events on the square starting at 9 a.m. Ed Montana

will return to provide live music and serve as master of ceremonies. The Arts & Craft Fair begins at 9 a.m.

The Liberty Electric Kids' Bicycle & Tricycle Parade will begin at 9 a.m. with line-up at 8:30 at Third and Sully. Line up for the Herring Bank Parade will start at 9 a.m. at Prospect Park with the parade taking off at 10:00. The theme for this year's parades is "Adventure Awaits." Pre-registration was required to be considered for prizes in both parades, and the deadline passed June 28. Late comers can still join the parades but will not be eligible for prizes.

New from the Chamber of Commerce this year, Diversified

Waste is sponsoring a Lawnmower Barrel Race at 11:30 a.m. near the grandstand. Sign-ups will be held at the Chamber booth. Entry is \$10 and you must be 18 years or older. Prizes will be given for the best times to complete the race.

The Shriners barbecue will start at about 11 a.m. Meal tickets are \$20 each and are available on the square or in advance at the Enterprise. The Lions Club's Cow Patty Bingo will follow the barbecue, and parade winners will be announced about 1 p.m.

The Henson's Turtle Race will take place at 1:30 p.m. After the turtle races, the Chamber of Commerce will announce the winners

of its new "Best of Donley County" competitions with first, second, and third place ribbons being awarded for the best jellies, jams, baked goods, and quilts. Drop-off for the "Best Of" contest is at the Enterprise on Thursday, June 29, from noon to 5:30 p.m. with judging on Friday.

The COEA will close out the 2023 celebration with the second night of the Ranch Rodeo, starting with kids' events at 7:30, followed by ten more ranch teams in competition. Luke Koepke & The Bad Habits will perform at the Slab for everyone to dance the night away.

For more information about the celebration, call 806-874-2421.



Summer fun

Six-year-old Serenity Cortez enjoys a Saturday afternoon with her family at the Clarendon Aquatic Center last week. The aquatic center will be one of just many fun activities available to visitors this weekend. The center is open from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

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Deadline near for producers to file reports

Agricultural producers who have not yet completed their crop acreage reports after spring planting should make an appointment with the Donley County Farm Service Agency (FSA) before the applicable deadline.

Acreage reports for Donley County are due July 17, 2023, for Cotton, Corn, Peanuts, and Native and Improved Grasses.

"In order to comply with USDA program eligibility requirements, all producers must file an accurate crop acreage report by the applicable deadline," said Leasha Hobbs, FSA's County Executive Director in Donley County. "Our FSA staff is available to assist producers in completing acreage reports, including providing maps."

An acreage report documents a crop grown on a farm or ranch and its intended uses. Filing an accurate and timely acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planted acreage, can prevent the loss of benefits.

To file a crop acreage report, producers need to provide:

Crop and crop type or variety; Intended use of the crop; Number of acres of the crop; Map with approximate boundaries for the crop; Planting date(s); Planting pattern, when applicable; Producer shares; Irrigation practice(s); Acreage prevented from planting, when applicable; and Other information as required.

The following exceptions apply to acreage reporting dates:

If the crop has not been planted by the acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after planting is completed.

If a producer acquires additional acreage after the acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 30 calendar days after purchase or acquiring the lease. Appropriate documentation must be provided to the county

See 'USDA' on page 4.

Public reminded to use holiday fireworks responsibly

TNT Fireworks (TNT), the nation's largest consumer fireworks distributor, has launched a new 2023 public safety campaign: Stay Legal. Be Safe. Act Responsibly.

Stay Legal: Local laws vary widely, from the type of product that is legal - to the times in which fireworks can be used. Know your local laws, and only use fireworks that are approved where you live.

Fireworks are not allowed

inside the city limits. It's also very important to only purchase fireworks from a licensed retailer! Visit TNT-Fireworks.com for more information and locations near you.

Be Safe: Be selective when choosing a location. Pick a dry, flat surface such as concrete, dirt, or pavement that is away from structures and vegetation, and is free of debris. Always read and follow the instructions and have a hose or water

source ready.

Act Responsibly: After the show, let your fireworks take a bath to cool down. Soak them in a metal bucket overnight and outside at a site that is away from structures before properly disposing. Have a sober adult handle your display and do not let children use fireworks. Be considerate of neighbors and pets. When the show is over, clean up the area so that it is free of debris.

To keep everyone legal, safe and responsible, TNT recommends the following safety tips:

Never give fireworks to young children.

Stay sober. Never use fireworks with alcohol or drug consumption.

Have a working hose and/or bucket of water nearby in case of emergencies.

Never carry a firework in your pocket or hold a lit firework in your

hand.

Never shoot fireworks from a metal or glass container.

Keep spectators at a safe distance and never aim or throw fireworks at another person.

Never place any part of your body directly over a firework - even when lighting.

To access the full list of TNT safety tips, visit: TNTFireworks.com.



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Following tradition

Delays with city projects nothing new

The more things change, the more they stay the same. I'm always reminded of that phrase when we delve into the archives to prepare our annual Pioneer Edition of The Donley County Leader and discover that our problems today are nothing new.

With the downtown revitalization effort under full steam, it was natural to look back at the last time Clarendon undertook a major renovation of the central business district, which was way back in 1920.

Today, a state grant is helping the city replace sidewalks and install new ornamental light posts in the 100 block of South Kearney Street. The project will be great when it's finished, but it will involve some inconvenience. And of course, there have been and will be some nay-sayers, griping, and project delays. Our current project was slow out of the gate from the bid process and is weeks behind schedule, but, as it turns out, that's nothing new. In fact, one might say we're following tradition.

In 1920, the world was still reeling from the end of World War I and the pandemic of Spanish Flu. There were supply chain issues, labor shortages, and other problems that caused the installation to go less than smoothly. The city had already cut down the historic trees lining Kearney Street to make way for the brick paving. The edge of the paving had to be pulled up to lay the electric cable for the new streetlights, which was popularly called a White Way system in those days.

As materials slowly came in, there was even one news article that reported a local body shop had to shorten the cast iron lamp posts and reweld them. No other explanation was given, but I'm sure some city official and the project supervisor were pulling their hair out.

True to form, some citizens started laying it on the city officials pretty hard, and in November, The Clarendon News reported that, having had enough of the complaints, the mayor, most of the city commission, and the city secretary all resigned, leaving one lone city commissioner to run the city and see the project through to its completion in February of 1921.

When it was done, the City Beautiful – as we called Clarendon in those days – had one of the best White Way systems in the territory with 22 brilliant 250-Watt lamps lighting downtown. The system served our city for a long time, lighting the way for pedestrians and motorists alike before eventually being replaced by modern streetlights.

Clarendon's new system will take longer than it did in 1920, but it's more extensive and more complicated thanks to government regulations. People cared little about how high steps or curbs were 100 years ago. Today's sidewalks, installed with state funds, must meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which is a challenge when every threshold is at a different elevation and slopes can't exceed more than a quarter inch per foot. Our new sidewalks, will have shorter steps to make it easier for people of all ages to ascend and descend, ramping in the center of each block for better access for those with disabilities, and better lighting to provide more security while enhancing the overall appearance of downtown.

The work in the 100 block will be followed, hopefully, with successive grants to perform matching projects in the 200 and 300 blocks of Kearney, and ultimately make our main street the best it's ever been.

Also 100 years ago, the city got a new telephone switchboard to greatly expand the communications available in Clarendon. It apparently took some cajoling by city leaders to get the phone company off high center to get that project done. Interestingly, the phone company today is installing fiber internet infrastructure all over town to improve our communications for the modern era... but only after they got some prodding months ago from city officials. History repeating itself.

We hope you enjoy our Pioneer Edition, and we wish you all a safe and happy Fourth of July!

Meanwhile...

This weekend our nation takes time to celebrate the signing of our Declaration of Independence and the God-given freedoms we took ownership of in 1776. It was our Founders' view that we are all Created Equal and that we are all entitled to certain inalienable rights, chief among them Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.

Once the United States was founded, however, the enjoyment of those rights was not immediately extended to everyone. It would be years before blacks and women would enjoy the full rights of citizenship.

Today, we like to think we are more enlightened. But are we? Take a look at the bevy of laws passed in the last year aimed at one segment of society or the current popularity of marginalizing or demonizing people just for the sin of being different.

Freedom is a great thing to celebrate. But it means nothing if it does not apply to everyone. Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of happiness is for everyone. As Emma Lazarus said: "Until we are all free, we are none of us free."

The tale of a dog named Thornburg

Trouble was brewing at the White River Indian Agency near present-day Meeker, Colorado. Following the Civil War, hunters, trappers, and prospectors flooded into Colorado, pushing the Ute Indians aside and usurping their hunting lands. With Chief Ouray away on a hunting expedition in 1879, Ute Jack, Ouray's second in command, was eager to send the Utes into battle against the encroaching whites.

Sensing the gravity of the situation, Nathan C. Meeker, the White River Indian agent, sent out a call for help. In response, Major Thomas Thornburg, commandant at Fort Steele in Wyoming, led three companies of cavalry and one of infantry to reinforce Meeker's employees. About 20 miles northeast of the agency, a band of Utes ambushed Thornburg's force, killing Thornburg and half of his soldiers. The others made their escape back to a wagon train that had accompanied the expedition. (These events constituted the opening scenes of a later tragedy known as the Meeker Massacre in which the Utes killed Meeker and all males at the White River Indian Agency.)

When the surviving soldiers returned to the scene of the ambush, the only living thing they found was a small, hungry, and thoroughly frightened puppy cuddled next to its dead mother. After feeding the puppy and making him more comfortable, the soldiers named him Thornburg in honor of their dead commandant. When they returned to Fort Steele, the soldiers took the puppy with them.

As Thornburg grew to maturity, there was nothing to distinguish him from the other dogs in camp except that he made it clear that he did not like Indians, and he had an almost equal disdain for civilians. As a grown dog, however, Thornburg began to distinguish himself with special acts of loyalty and bravery.

There had been a rash of thievery at Fort Steele, and on one stormy night a sentry heard a commotion with loud barking and growling. Rushing to investigate, the sentry found Thornburg with bared fangs standing over a fallen civilian. When the corporal of the guard also arrived, they found a sack of stolen contents near the prostrate man. Thornburg instantly became the camp hero, and he was granted privileges not accorded to the other dogs who were to be exterminated whenever caught on the parade grounds.

During the melee, the thief had slashed Thornburg with a knife, and thus knives were added to the list of things Thornburg hated.

For awhile, Thornburg had no master. He ate at the fort's kitchen, and he allowed all the soldiers to pet him. But in time a civilian teamster known as Buck Buchanan made friends with Thornburg, and a bonding resulted. As Buck's dog, Thornburg found himself moving to Fort Bridger in southwestern Wyoming.

On one occasion in this new environment, two drunken men in a game of faro began quarreling, and when one raised his arm to stab the other with a knife, Thornburg instantly sprang and sunk his teeth into the wrist of the attacker. Even though the attacker had to go to the hospital to have his wrist repaired, he was later grateful to Thornburg for preventing a murder he did not really want to commit.

Thornburg showed his exceptional qualities in a number of other ways. No unfriendly Indians could sneak up to the fort when Thornburg was there. He



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tales of the old west
by george u. hubbard

always sounded alarms of such occurrences. He also saved a young boy's life by leaping into a raging torrent of water and dragging the helpless boy to its banks. As a gesture of thanks, the boy's grateful parents gave Thornburg a new collar with a silver plate engraved with the dog's name along with the words: "For most distinguished gallantry."

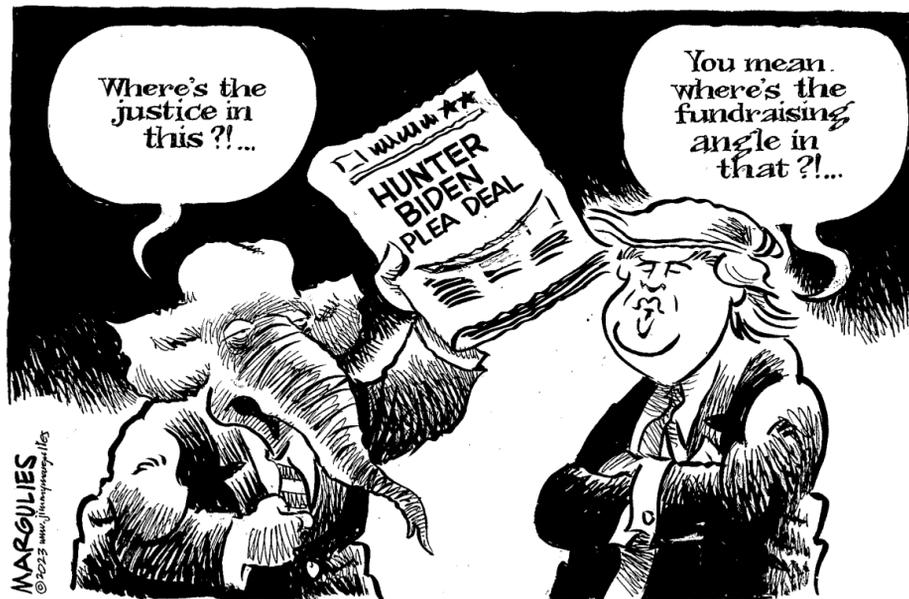
Thornburg also became a mule herder for Buck. The army allowed Buck to keep his own mules in the same corral with the army mules, and Thornburg knew which mules belonged to his master. Whenever Buck wanted to separate his mules from the others, Thornburg would dash into the corral and perform the task. Thornburg was good at this task, and he seemed to enjoy it. But it eventually cost him his life.

One day when Thornburg was separating out Buck's mules, some new shave-tail mules were also in the corral. Shave-tail mules were unbroken mules that were distinguished by having the hair on their tails clipped short. Most of the army mules in the corral knew Thornburg and stayed clear of him, but occasionally the dog would jump at one of them to get him out of the way. On this fateful day Thornburg jumped at a new shave-tail and received a kick that sent the dog flying. It was a kick from which Thornburg never recovered. He died on September 27, 1888.

Today Thornburg's grave is lovingly preserved at Fort Bridger. Surrounded by a white picket fence, the grave contains a headstone on which the following sentiment is engraved: Man never had a better, truer, braver friend.

Sleep on old fellow.
We'll meet across the Range.

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



Where mats don't mean Welcome

Before football coaches have gone any distance in the minefield-laden careers they've chosen, they learn that the welcome mat – so warmly extended before their first game – often is jerked away before there's time to leave a footprint.

Finally deciding to accompany his wife to Europe after breaking promises to do so for decades, one old coach had run plumb out of excuses. After all, they had reached retirement years with reasonable health, enough money and plenty of time.

With a shaky hand, creaking bones and weakening enthusiasm now "coughed up" with a wheeze, the old mentor signed the check for a turnkey vacation. It covered all charges for plane tickets, hotels, meals and guided bus tours. Had he known there'd be such a rude welcome at the first hotel stop, he might have canceled the whole deal....

The sign out front was light years short of welcoming. It was – the old coach felt – insulting, demeaning and in all ways off-putting. The message seemed clear, written in big block letters actually intended for motor coach drivers: No Football Coaches Allowed.

The aged mentor couldn't have been more offended if a panhandler had grabbed his wallet and skedaddled.

His throat tightened as he registered a protest....

The seasoned guide was ready for the barrage, probably having made similar explanations many times for befuddled football coaches.

He said that in Europe, soccer is almost as popular as football is in the

US, and is, in fact, often called football by Europeans.

He explained that many fans – traveling out of town in motor coaches to attend games – often leave hotel rooms in ruins, particularly after losses. "Many hotels decided it wasn't worth it to host such groups, choosing simply to display signs which clearly warned drivers of motor coaches filled with rugby fans to pass on by."

The tour guide explained that in Europe, most folks refer to buses as "coaches." He said it is not to be taken literally by any individual, "particularly on my bus," he whined. "'No Football Coaches Allowed' is really for drivers of motor coaches delivering rowdy fans..."

No matter how much the tour guide tried to mollify, the old coach found it difficult to settle down.

Stomach churning, he thought sleep might help.

Not so. He dreamed negatively of his career that was heavy on the loss side....

He dreamed of trudging from the stadium after the final whistle of an 0-10 season, unintentionally jostled a fan exiting on crutches.

"No offense. No offense," the coach apologized.

"You got that right," the fan



the idle american
by don neubury

snapped, "And your defense ain't any better..."

Memories continued to surface. At one new job, reporters and photographers crowded the press conference, hailing the new coach who was to be the savior of a team that usually finished dead last in the half of the standings that made the top half possible.

"I am fired with enthusiasm as I take this job," he gushed. "You can quote me on that."

Things didn't go well. After the 0-10 season, he stumbled through his final interview, remembering that when he took the job, he was "fired with enthusiasm!" He opined that he was leaving the same way, "fired with enthusiasm!"...

He also remembered one stop where the "quarterback club" was a weapon, not an organization.

Also dredged from memory was the recommendation of a fellow coach. "Early on, I was warned that in coaching, I should never own a home that didn't have wheels on it," the coach said. "So, I decided to spend my entire career living in a mobile home, always ready to move to the next place. It is important to remember that fans will name a street after you one day and chase you down it the next."

A final thought from the old mentor was the likelihood that most fans will be with you all the way – win or tie....

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JUNE 29 & 30 • JULY 1

CLARENDON OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT ASSOCIATION

RODEOS

JUNE 29: JUNIOR RODEO 7:30 pm
JUNE 30 & JULY 1: RANCH RODEO 7:30 pm
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Community Calendar
June 30 & July 1
 Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny
 • Sandell Drive In • Grill opens at 6:30 p.m. • Movie starts at dusk

June 30 & July 1
 Transformers: Rise of the Beasts • 7:30 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

July 2
 Transformers: Rise of the Beasts • 2:00 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

June 29, 30, & July 1
 Saints' Roost Celebration • Craft Fair, Parades, BBQ, Turtle Race, Ranch Rodeo, Live Music, Dancing, and more

July 15
 Donley County Senior Citizens Bingo Night • 5:30 p.m.

Menus

Donley County Senior Citizens
 Mon: Beef stroganoff, black eyed peas, spinach, whole wheat roll, strawberry short cake, iced tea/2% milk.
 Tues: Closed
 Wed: Oven fried chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, cheery/pineapple crisp, iced tea/2% milk.
 Thurs: Sliced ham, buttered carrots, black eyed peas, whole wheat roll, apple crisp, iced tea/2% milk.
 Fri: Cheeseburger, potato wedges, melon, sugar cookie, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens
 Mon: Chicken strips, cream gravy, cowboy mashed potatoes, brown rice, buttered carrots, peach parfait, whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.
 Tue: Closed
 Wed: Chicken fried steak w/ white gravy, homemade mashed potatoes, country green beans with bacon and onion, apple cobbler, buttermilk biscuits, iced tea/2% milk.
 Thurs: Sausage & hashbrown casserole, broccoli, brown rice, banana pudding, buttermilk biscuit, iced tea/2% milk.
 Fri: Polish sausage on a whole wheat bun, coleslaw, sweet potato fries, sugar cookie w/ orange glaze, iced tea/2% milk.

the lion's tale

by scarlet estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting June 27, 2023, with Boss Lion Landon "El Jefe" Lambert in charge.

We had 12 members in person, two attending virtually, Sweetheart Laney Gates, and three guests this week – Ella Estlack, guest of Lion Roger; and Matthew and Monroe Newhouse, guest of Lion Anndria.

District Governor Roger Estlack made his official visit to the club. He said District Governor-Elect Ryan Monroe is gearing up to take office Saturday and plans are coming together for next year's state Lions convention in Amarillo. DG Roger said the Clarendon club has grown by being more versatile in membership. We are a small club that has made a big impact and is an example to others. The governor said he will soon be a PDG, which stands for Power Done Gone, and encouraged us to continue to "Boldly Serve" and "Spread the Word."

Lion Ashlee Estlack reported on upcoming activities for the Saints' Roost Celebration, and plans were set for the Cow Patty Bingo on Saturday. Volunteers were lined up for the July Fourth flag service.

The club will not meet next Tuesday, July Fourth, due to the holiday.

Friends of the Library to raffle Cowboys items

The Friends of the Library have clarified that their raffle this weekend for the Dallas Cowboys memorabilia collection will include the collection and display cabinet as one prize.

Previously, the Friends had considered raffling the collection and cabinet separately, but that created confusion.

The raffle sales will continue through July 1 with the drawing at the end of the day. Tickets may be purchased at the Burton Memorial Library, 217 S. Kearney St., Clarendon, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. weekdays. Ticket cost is \$1 each or six tickets for \$5.



Clarendon High School students Cutter Seay and Ben Estlack stand outside the office of Congressman Ronny Jackson last week in Washington, DC.

Clarendon students enjoy time in Washington

Last week, my friend Cutter Seay and I went on the trip we won for the Washington DC Summer Program.

We started our trip on Father's Day by flying to Washington, DC. Once we arrived, we got acquainted with our Close Up Foundation leaders and our workshop groups. The workshops are the groups with whom we did mock debates and political discussions.

Over the next couple of days, Cutter and I saw just about every monument, with my favorite being the Jefferson Memorial.

In addition to seeing the monuments, we also got to visit with staff members of our US Representative, Ronny Jackson, and our US Senator,

John Cornyn. After meeting with the staff members, we were given gallery passes to the House of Representatives and the Senate to see Congress in action.

That evening when we returned to the hotel, we began by having a debate over concealed carry permits. After the debate, the moderators chose two representatives from either side of the argument to be members of the mock Congress. I was selected as the committee chairman of the concealed carry legisla-

tion. My group decided to amend the bill and pass the bill with a unanimous vote.

The next day was our final day in DC, and we got to spend the day in the city. We finished the evening with a dance. We returned home Friday morning.

I'm so happy that we had the opportunity to go on this trip and wish I could go again. I would like to thank former Congressman Mac Thornberry, Superintendent Jarrod Bellar, and the selection committee for making this program happen for us.

On a separate note, this upcoming Sunday is my sister Ella's 15th birthday, and I would like to wish her a happy birthday. Love you, sis.



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by benjamin estlack

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Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) policy holders should note that the acreage reporting date for NAP-covered crops is the earlier of the dates listed above or 15 calendar days before grazing or harvesting of the crop begins.

Producers should also report crop acreage they intended to plant, but due to natural disaster, were unable to because of a natural disaster.

Prevented planting acreage must be reported on form CCC-576, Notice of Loss, no later than 15 calendar days after the final planting date as established by FSA and USDA's Risk Management Agency.

FSA offers continuous certification for perennial forage. This means after perennial forage is reported once and the producer elects continuous certification, the certification remains in effect until a change is made. Check with FSA at the local USDA Service Center for more information on continuous certification.

Producers can access their FSA farm records, maps and common land units through the farmers.gov portal. Through a new mapping feature, producers can import and view other shapefiles, such as precision agriculture planting boundaries. This allows producers to view, save, print and label their own maps for acreage reporting purposes. To access mapping features and other helpful on-line tools, producers need level 2 eAuth access linked to their Business Partner customer record. Visit farmers.gov/account to learn how to create a farmers.gov account.

In addition to mapping tools, a farmers.gov account offers a variety of self-service opportunities for FSA and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) customers, including managing FSA farm loans and NRCS conservation contracts.

Video tutorials, including how to use mapping tools, are available on the farmers.gov YouTube channel. Learn more about a farmers.gov account.

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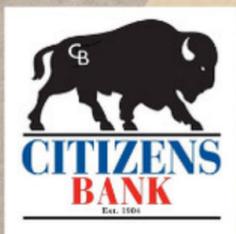
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Ways to Develop Healthy Summer Habits

By Chelsea Couch, HHSC Exercise Coordinator

Developing healthy behavior habits, such as engaging in physical activity and healthy eating, is important for aging and living well, but the high heat associated with Texas summers can limit our ability to be outside.

There are things you can do to stay healthy during the Texas summer months. These include:

Proper hydration: Proper hydration is important for our health and can impact our mood and productivity.

During the summer months with soaring temperatures, it is even more crucial to stay hydrated. Tips for staying hydrated include drinking water first thing in the morning, carrying a water bottle with you while running errands and opting for water when eating out. Learn more by downloading the Textercise Importance of Hydration fact sheet using the Aging Well Resources

Order Form.

Exercise indoor: Indoor activities are a great way to stay active without being exposed to extreme temperatures. Using fitness videos at home or visiting a local community/senior center are great ways to engage in indoor physical activity to prevent dehydration and overheating.

Being informed: Knowing about resources and services to support healthy aging can assist older Texans in aging and living well. The aging services networks (e.g., Area Agencies on Aging) provide an array of services to support older Texans to age in place.

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission has a variety of resources to support healthy aging. These include:

The Aging Well Resources Order Form includes aging resources for being healthy, being connected and being informed. To learn more, view the Aging Well Resources

Order Form.

Textercise, a health promotions initiative, provides free physical activity and nutrition resources to educate, motivate and engage adults age 45 and older in healthy behaviors. To learn more, visit the Textercise website.

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program assists people with buying the food they need for good health. To learn more, visit the SNAP website.

Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) provide older adults, their families and caregivers with nutrition services, including home and congregate meals as well as evidence-based fitness programs. To connect with the nearest AAA, call Texas Health and Human Services at 800-252-9240.

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Obituaries

Alexander

Berkeley Elizabeth "Berk" Alexander, went to be with God on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 9:07 a.m. at the age of 24. Although her family is devastated and already miss her terribly. God knew how absolutely amazing she was and decided He needed her more.



Alexander

Berk was born to Chrissy Hommel and Stacey Alexander on March 12, 1999. She was and always will be one of her Mom's biggest blessings. She brought so much joy. Berk attended Clarendon High School where she provided many laughs to all who were around her.

Berk went on to graduate with her Associates one year after High School, then LVN school, and finally Mortuary School, which was her calling in December 2022. Two months after graduating, she gave birth to her biggest blessing, her precious baby boy Lhiryc Finn Smith. Her love for him was out of this world. Anyone who knew Berk knew of her infectious, beautiful smile, her sweet soul, amazing sense of humor, and her never ending love for her baby boy and her family.

Berks survivors, those who will miss her so big include, her 4 month old son, Lhiryc Finn Smith; her one and only true love, Romello Smith; her mother, Chrissy Hommel and husband Chad; her sister, Finley Cunningham; her brother, Mason Lowrie and wife Gail; her brother, John Casey Alexander; her sister, Mamie Alexander; Grandparents, Beth and Toby Hicks and Barbara Hill; her father, Stacey Alexander; many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

A private family burial was held in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon. Memorial services were held Sunday, June 25, 2023 in Robertson Funeral Directors Saints' Roost Chapel in Clarendon with Rev. Lance Wood, officiating.

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

Christopher

Larry Lowell Christopher, 76, of Clarendon died Sunday, June

25, 2023, in Amarillo.

Services were held on Wednesday, June 28, 2023, in the First Baptist Church in Clarendon with Casey Carter and Joe Neal Shadle, officiating. Burial followed in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon.

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

Larry was born November 13, 1946, in Wichita Falls, Texas to Jesse Lowell and Bonnie Ernestine Morgan Christopher. He married Juanice Morris on April 1, 1966, in McLean. He had been a resident of Clarendon most of his life where he was a carpenter prior to his retirement. He loved hunting, shooting guns with his kids, and playing 42. He also loved his grandkids and his beloved dog, Skeeter.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his great granddaughters, Holleigh Joe Christopher, and Rynlee Dawn Burrow.

He is survived by his wife, Juanice Christopher of Clarendon; his sons, Keith Christopher and wife Kristy, Clay Christopher and wife Tammy, and Jason Christopher and wife Chandra all of Clarendon; his nine grandchildren, Wesley and Kaysea Christopher, James and Laura Christopher, Jacob Christopher, Caitlyn and Byron Burrow all of Clarendon, Elizabeth Christopher and Ryan Lambert of Amarillo, Justin Christopher and Lori Watson of Lubbock, Trinity and Tate Sanderson of Wellington, and Shelby Christopher and Emma Christopher of Clarendon; 9 great grandchildren, Jesse, Nolan, and Weston Burrow, Blake and Kody Christopher all of Clarendon, Hayden Lambert of Amarillo, Lainey Sanderson and Jett Sanderson of Wellington, and Miles Watson of Lubbock; his sisters, Linda Judd, Karen and Buster Wortham of Clarendon, and Barbara and Russell Graham of Amarillo; his sisters in law, Carol Wyant, JoAnn and Hoyt West, and Connie Fricks all of McLean; and a slew of nieces, nephews, and extended family.

The family request memorials be sent to Donley County Senior Citizens or Citizens Cemetery Association in Clarendon.

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Agencies from across the South Plains and Panhandle regions assisted with search and rescue efforts. Donley County EMS personnel and volunteer firemen from Clarendon and Hedley were among those responding.

Stewardship webinar to be held on July 6

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will present the webinar "Ranchland Friend or Foe?" on July 6 from noon to 1 p.m. The webinar will discuss the importance of understanding different plant and animal species and the roles they play in ranchland management.

The webinar is part of an ongoing Department of Rangeland, Wildlife and Fisheries Management, RWFM, Stewardship Series.

The cost is \$35, and advance registration is required at <https://tx.ag/RWFMStewardshipWebinars>.

After payment is received, a follow-up email will be sent from the event organizer with instructions on how to access the webinar.

Dianne Robinson, research associate with Texas A&M AgriLife Research, is the featured speaker for July. Robinson will highlight a few of the many plant and animal species on Texas ranchlands during the webinar and discuss which species are invasive and which are aggressive natives. She will also cover some of the misunderstood native species.

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"The work done by these teams, and those who support them, will further the NNSA mission for years to come," NPO Manager Teresa Robbins said. "Their commitment to excellence and creative solutions make them among the best in the Nuclear Security Enterprise."

From streamlining routine maintenance tasks to installing essential machines for operations and finding environmentally friendly

solutions, the winning teams' work impacts day-to-day infrastructure tasks integral to serving the nation.

"Safety, a reliable infrastructure, and efficient operations are the heartbeat of our sites," CNS President and CEO Rich Tighe said. "These award-winning projects highlight the outstanding dedication to the safe modernization of our infrastructure and ultimately to our important national security mission."

At Pantex, three teams were recognized with awards. One was honored for completing a planned site electrical outage with a scope impacting the largest number of production facilities and personnel the plant has ever undertaken. Another team was recognized for replacing three high-risk chillers to provide a better work environment for critical mission support areas.

The third award at Pantex went to the High Explosives Science and

Engineering project construction team, worked together with an environmental project team to relocate 15,000 cubic yards of excess soil on site, saving approximately 70,000 heavy truck miles, reducing fuel consumption by 12,500 gallons and reducing carbon dioxide emissions by about 130 tons.

At Y-12, four groups were recognized. One team removed a contaminated legacy building without impacting the environment or putting people at risk. The team's efforts made way for continuing innovation and construction on-site. Another team earned accolades for shrinking a maintenance backlog by 66 percent, ensuring continued employee safety. Additional teams recognized at Y-12 included one that proactively planned for climate change and another that successfully completed a machine maintenance program despite multiple supply chain issues.

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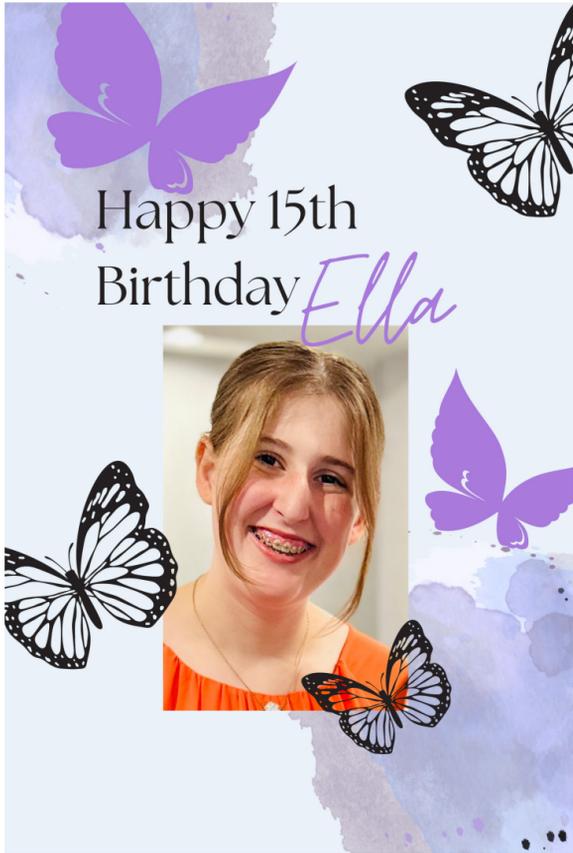
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