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

Homeschool group to meet August 25

The Donley County Home-school Co-Op is having a Potluck Dinner on Friday, August 25 at 6 p.m. at the Family Life Center, 300 Carhart Street.

Bring your families and a potluck dish and join us for an evening of fellowship and fun. All homeschool families are welcome to join us.

Local governments planning hearings

August is planning time for local governments as they begin the process of setting budgets and tax rates for the coming year with notice being given in the pages of THE CLARENDON ENTERPRISE.

The City of Clarendon will have a Public Budget Hearing on Thursday, August 24, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

Donley County will have a Public Hearing on its Proposed Budget and a Public Hearing on Tax Increase on Monday, August 28, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Clarendon CISD will also have a Public Meeting to discuss Budget and Proposed Tax Rate at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, August 28, 2023.

The Donley County Appraisal District will hold its annual budget hearing on September 7 at 7 p.m.

Watch the ENTERPRISE for more public notices about local government operations.

Hedley chicken BBQ to be held Aug. 31

The Hedley Lions Club's annual Chicken Barbecue will be held next Thursday, August 31, at the Hedley Park starting at 6 p.m.

Plates are \$10 each and includes barbecue chicken, potato salad, beans, and tea. To purchase tickets, call Mark White at 806-277-0412, Michael Metcalf at 806-205-0064, or Lucy Poole at 806-282-3755.

Cub Scout leaders sought for new year

Clarendon Cub Scout Pack 437 is asking any interested parents or other adults to consider signing up as Den Leaders for the coming year.

Cub Scouts is open to kids in Kindergarten through fifth grades. Activities include camping, fishing, archery, BB gun shooting, the Pinewood Derby, the Raingutter Regatta, and much more! Cubs also learn about citizenship, patriotism, first aid, outdoor skills, woodworking, nature, sports, and physical fitness all while maintaining an emphasis of doing their duty to God and Country.

To learn more about volunteering as a Cub Scout leader, contact Gaylyne Manns at 806-207-0037 or Roger Estlack at 806-662-4689.



Ava Barlow prepares a snowcone for Hedley student Maddie Moore at the Kindness Corner.

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Hedley's Kindness Corner

One family is setting example of loving others

By Roger Estlack

It's not hard to be kind. That's the message coming from Kindness Corner every Friday in Hedley as one family provides treats and love to school kids and employees.

"We just want to be generous with what God has given us and pour it back into these kids," Melissa Barlow said.

Barlow and her husband, Kerry, live with their granddaughter, 11-year-old Ava, between Hedley and Quail and have gotten involved with the Hedley community over the last seven years through the Methodist Church there.

"We were working Vacation Bible School last summer, and we realized that there's nothing for these kids in Hedley," Barlow said. "They don't even have a place to go buy a candy bar."

So, in August 2022, the Barlows purchased a snow cone machine, set up behind the Hedley Methodist Church to have access to electricity, and started giving away free snow cones after school on Fridays. Soon the Martindale family offered the use of their property and electricity across from the school and under some big shade trees.

Kindness Corner was born, and Barlow says the name just morphed into existence.

"It's just all about acts of kindness and how easy it can be to be kind," she said.

About 50 kids would enjoy the snow cones each week. As the semester progressed and the days became colder, Kindness Corner switched from snow cones to hot chocolate and homemade cookies. When windy weather came with the spring, they introduced canned

drinks and pre-packaged snacks. Then they moved back to snow cones as the school year drew to an end in May.

The Barlows shut down for the summer and then brought the Kindness Corner back for the new school year last week. They are thinking about ways they could continue the practice during the summer months next year.

Barlow said the free treats are for anyone at the school from pre-kindergarten all the way through seniors and are also available for school employees.

"We'll even take someone a snow cone if we see them out working hard in their yard, or we'll bring them a drink," she said. "It's just about being kind, and we just want to share the love."

It's not a fancy operation, just a table and a sign that says, "snow cones," but people get used to it and by the time the season changes, they already know they are there without the sign.

The Barlows don't ask for donations or help, but they have accepted it. Most donations come in the form of people helping at the stand or making homemade cookies, and one person donated snow cone syrup. Sharon Alexander, Kari Lindsey, Kay Manuel, and Bonnie Brown are among those who have helped, and some members of the Methodist church have also made cookies. Lois Marie Stevens is the daughter of Hedley's coach and has been helping while waiting on her visa to go be a missionary in Mozambique.

The family mission has turned into a blessing, Barlow said, and she notes that there are more kids coming to the Kindness Corner this



Top Photo: Melissa Barlow serves a snowcone. Bottom Photo: Kerry Barlow, Sharon Alexander, Melissa Barlow, and Ava Barlow prove the cold would not stop Kindness Corner last winter.

ENTERPRISE PHOTOS / KARI LINDSEY

year than last.

"It's been really fun," she said. "They know us, and we know many of them by name. Kari Lindsey helps us get to know the kids."

The only kids who can't enjoy the Kindness Corner are the students who have to ride the bus to Clarendon or Memphis. They don't

have time to go to the snow cone stand and wouldn't be able to take the treats on the bus anyway.

"That's been hard. We don't really want to exclude anyone," Barlow said, "but kids in Memphis or Clarendon have a choice of other things. These kids in Hedley don't have anything."

Golf tourney to draw 70+ participants next month

Plans are underway for the Clarendon Country Club to host the 31st annual Western Lone Star Senior Ladies Golf Association Tournament next month, September 10-14, with the theme "Diamonds in the Rough."

More than 70 lady golfers are expected to attend the three-day match play tournament.

Free practice rounds will be held Sunday, September 10, followed by a welcome party. Qualifying rounds will be held Monday, September 11, and the first day of match play will be Tuesday, September 12.

Tuesday evening will have free time scheduled for shopping, although participants will be shopping other days as well. Local merchants are being encouraged to stay open until 8 p.m. on September 12.

Second day matches get underway on September 13, and the tournament concludes on September 14.

The association tournament has been in Clarendon before in 2008 and 2014, and members support motels, restaurants, and stores while they are in town.

Members of the association come from 21 towns in West Texas - Alpine, Amarillo, Andrews, Big Spring, Borger, Canadian, Canyon, Childress, Clarendon, Dimmitt, Dumas, Farwell, Graham, Hereford, Lubbock, Memphis, Muleshoe, Olney, Shamrock, Snyder, and Tulia.

For more information about the tournament, contact Theresa Shelton at 806-654-2994 or Sherol Johnston at 806-674-8590.

Area jobless rates slightly up this month

For the fifth month in a row, the Amarillo Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) recorded the second-lowest unemployment rate in the state of Texas at 3.6 percent.

The Midland MSA had the lowest rate in the state once again at 2.9 percent with the Odessa, Austin-Round Rock, and College Station MSAs coming in a tie for third at 3.8 percent each.

From June to July, the Amarillo MSA saw a marginal 0.3 percent increase in our unemployment rate, going from 3.3 percent to 3.6 percent while the city of Amarillo saw a 0.2 percent increase in unemployment rate, growing to 3.5 percent from 3.3 percent. From July 2022 to July 2023, the Amarillo MSA, city of Amarillo, and Panhandle Workforce Development Area's (WDA) unemployment rates all increased by 0.5 percent. The Panhandle WDA went from 3.2 percent to 3.7 percent.

According to the release, all 26 counties in the Panhandle WDA saw slight increases in unemployment rates. Wheeler County recorded the largest unemployment rate increase at 1.0 percent, going from 3.7 to 4.7. Hutchinson County currently holds the highest unemployment rate in the Panhandle at 5.0 percent. For the third month in a row, Hartley county maintained the lowest unemployment rate at 2.5 percent with 2,516 people employed out of a possible 2,580. Donley County's unemployment rate is 4.6 percent with 1,423 out of a possible 1,492.

The Texas Panhandle's labor market dynamics present both challenges and opportunities for employers. By adapting their recruitment, retention, and development strategies, businesses can position themselves to navigate these changes successfully. Flexibility, innovation, and a people-centered approach will be key to thriving in this landscape.



Artists at work

Bronco Cheerleaders Madi Benson and Emma Roys paint faces during That Senior Thang last Saturday evening. The third annual benefit for the Donley County Senior Citizens Center provided old-fashioned fun while raising money for the popular charity. See more pictures from That Senior Thang on page three.

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RFK Junior: like father, like son

In 1968, the incumbent president Lyndon B. Johnson seemed a shoo-in as the Democratic candidate for president. Even with falling approval ratings, he was strong enough to keep a tight grip on his party — or so he thought.

As formidable as Johnson was, there was one name he could not compete against: Kennedy. When Robert F. Kennedy, brother of slain President John F. Kennedy, threw his hat into the ring late in the race, Johnson knew his days were numbered and withdrew from the election. That was the last time an incumbent president was not nominated for a second term.

Now 56 years later, the incumbent, Democratic President Joe Biden looks to be “a sure thing” for his party’s nomination. But could history repeat itself? Could the Kennedy name once again prove strong enough to shake things up within the Democratic Party?



historically speaking by dr. james finck

1968 was one of America’s most turbulent years. President Johnson had claimed America was winning the Vietnam War, yet the year began with the Tet Offensive, North Vietnam’s largest offensive action to date. At home, the Vietnam protest movement was at its height and most of the anger was aimed at Johnson. Protesters felt Johnson had lied to them about the war. And while he had successfully passed two major Civil Rights bills and created Medicare and Medicaid, the war overshadowed Johnson’s accomplishments and his approval ratings plummeted.

Even with low numbers, Johnson, who had become president with the death of JFK and soundly won the Electoral College vote 486-52 in his 1964 reelection, seemed a sure thing in ‘68. The one name that could disrupt Johnson’s plan: Robert F. Kennedy Sr.

In a time of mayhem, the Kennedy name resonated with voters who still felt the loss of JFK. Surely to Johnson’s relief, not wanting to divide the party, Kennedy announced “under no foreseeable circumstances” would he run for president. The case seemed closed; Johnson would win the nomination.

However, with Kennedy’s announcement, another anti-war Democratic senator from Minnesota, Eugene McCarthy, entered the race. McCarthy seemed a long shot, so it shocked the political world when he won the first primary in New Hampshire.

Now, with the realization that Johnson was beatable, Kennedy changed his mind and decided to enter the race.

While the two had been rivals for some time, Kennedy cited Johnson’s continued support of the war as the main reason for his decision to run. Kennedy hoped to consolidate the anti-war movement in the party.

Seeing the writing on the wall, with Kennedy’s entrance in the election, Johnson pulled out of the race. Johnson’s VP, Herbert Humphrey, entered the race as the pro-Vietnam candidate.

The three candidates – McCarthy, Kennedy, and Humphrey – went on to each win several primaries until Kennedy was assassinated after a victory speech in California. After Kennedy’s death, McCarthy suspended his campaign allowing Humphrey to win. Humphrey went on to lose to Republican former Vice President Richard Nixon.

Jumping forward 56 years, again the Democrats have an incumbent president running for a second term. Like the last time, the sitting president’s approval rating is low, and he is presiding over a divided party — not to mention a nation once again in turmoil. When Biden announced he would seek reelection, it seemed as though no other viable Democratic politicians would challenge him. Yet, just like Johnson in ‘68, one name could be the incumbent president’s downfall: Kennedy.

While not a politician, 69-year-old Robert F. Kennedy Jr., an environmental lawyer living in California, has thrown his hat in the Democratic ring.

Kennedy is a long shot. Once a media darling as an environmental warrior, Kennedy distanced himself from the Democratic Party when he spoke out against the COVID-19 vaccination, has argued since around 2005 that other types of vaccinations cause autism, and promoted other conspiracy theories.

His actions have brought condemnation from Democrats as well as family members, but he has received some support from Republicans. He has been removed from several social media platforms which he calls censorship and is one of the reasons why he chose to run.

While most are not seeing Kennedy as a threat — some of his theories are really out there — it would be unwise to count out anyone with the last name Kennedy, a name that still resonates with the American public. Because if there is American royalty in his country it is the Kennedys. And any connection to John F. Kennedy reminds us of a perceived better time in our country.

Now, one thing might give Robert F. Kennedy Jr. a leg up, and that is if New Hampshire is able to keep their place as the first primary state. Biden is trying to push South Carolina ahead of New Hampshire. But New Hampshire is a wild card and could easily give Kennedy the nod.

It is highly unlikely that Kennedy can get enough votes to win the nomination. But if he were to win New Hampshire first it could expose many of Biden’s weaknesses. And just like in ‘68, it could open the door to other contenders vying for the Democratic prize.

For many older generation of voters – a generation that votes more than any other – they revere both John and Bobby Kennedy. Those two men who gave their lives for public service. Even Republican voters who might have voted against the Kennedys at the time now look back at Camelot fondly.

While RFK Jr. has a major uphill climb to dethrone Biden, he may be the one candidate who can. James Finck, Ph.D. is a professor of history at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma and writes for the Southwest Ledger. You can follow Historically Speaking on Facebook or at [Historicallyspeaking.blog](https://www.historicallyspeaking.blog).

Geronimo: From Outlaw to Hero

Was Geronimo an outlaw, or was he a hero? Actually, he was both, but at different times.

Born in 1829 near Turkey Creek, a tributary of the Gila River in what is now eastern Arizona, Geronimo became the leader of the Chiricahua Apaches. In spite of his leadership abilities, his people called him Goyathlay, meaning “one who yawns.” The Mexicans, however, gave him his more common nickname of Geronimo, which is Spanish for “Jerome.” It is believed that the Mexicans appealed to St. Jerome for aid when fighting Geronimo.

When Geronimo was twenty-nine years old, a surprise Mexican attack resulted in the deaths of his wife, children, and mother. For the rest of his life, Geronimo hated the Mexicans with a passion, and he made many raids into Mexico seeking a measure of revenge. Geronimo also resisted American attempts to move him and his followers to reservations. Therefore, he was almost constantly battling both Mexicans and Americans.

In 1875, U.S. authorities branded Geronimo as the major opponent to their efforts to collect and move all the Apache tribes onto reservations. After capturing Geronimo the following year, the Americans uprooted the Chiricahua Apaches, and forced them to move. Their destination was the San Carlos reservation on the Gila River, a barren stretch of land in eastern Arizona.

Most of the Apaches made the move, but Geronimo didn’t. He escaped, and with a band of followers, he made his way into hiding in Mexico. Then in 1877, while visiting on the Warm Springs reservation in New Mexico, Geronimo was captured and sent to San Carlos. He stayed there for four years, but he and his brother-in-law, Juh, managed to slip out from time to time and lead additional raids on both Americans and Mexicans.

In 1881, Geronimo had had enough of life on the reservation. Escaping from San Carlos with a group of followers, he set up a secret camp in the Sierra Madre mountains and returned to full-time raiding of Mexicans and Americans. The following year a U.S. army force, led by Apache scouts, captured Geronimo and returned him to the San Carlos reservation where he spent three unhappy years learning to be a farmer. But farming was not for Geronimo. He fled again in 1885 with 35 warriors and 109 women, children, and youths.

After being surrounded by U.S. troops in March 1886, Geronimo surrendered to General George Clark. He escaped again, however, and was recaptured eight months later by General Nelson Miles. The overall effort to capture and subdue Geronimo used 5,000 U.S. troops, 500 scouts, and a large number of Mexican soldiers. His final capture marked the formal end of America’s wars with the Indians of the west.

This time Geronimo was sent to Florida for imprisonment, then to Alabama, and finally to Fort Sill, Oklahoma. At the age of 57, Geronimo was tired, and his health was beginning to fail. His days on the

warpath were over. But his exploits had been legendary, and his hero status was now emerging.

Now that he was no longer a threat to anyone, Geronimo stayed at Fort Sill as a prisoner who was frequently allowed to come and go. In 1904 he went to Saint Louis to attend the World’s Fair which celebrated the acquisition of the Louisiana Purchase. At the fair he sold trinkets and a variety of Geronimo souvenirs. Theodore Roosevelt had a great admiration of Geronimo, and in 1905 Geronimo went to Washington as an invited guest for Roosevelt’s presidential inauguration. Geronimo even rode as a special guest in Roosevelt’s inaugural parade.

Returning again to Fort Sill, Geronimo agreed in 1906 to dictate his biography for publication. He then spent his declining years farming, and he adopted the white man’s religion of Christianity, considering it superior to the religion he had previously known in matters such as love and peace. Geronimo was still a proud Indian, however, and much of his philosophy of life is embedded in the following two quotations of his.

I cannot think we are useless or God would not have made us. There is one God looking down on us all. We are all the children of one God. The sun, the darkness, the winds are all listening to what we have to say.

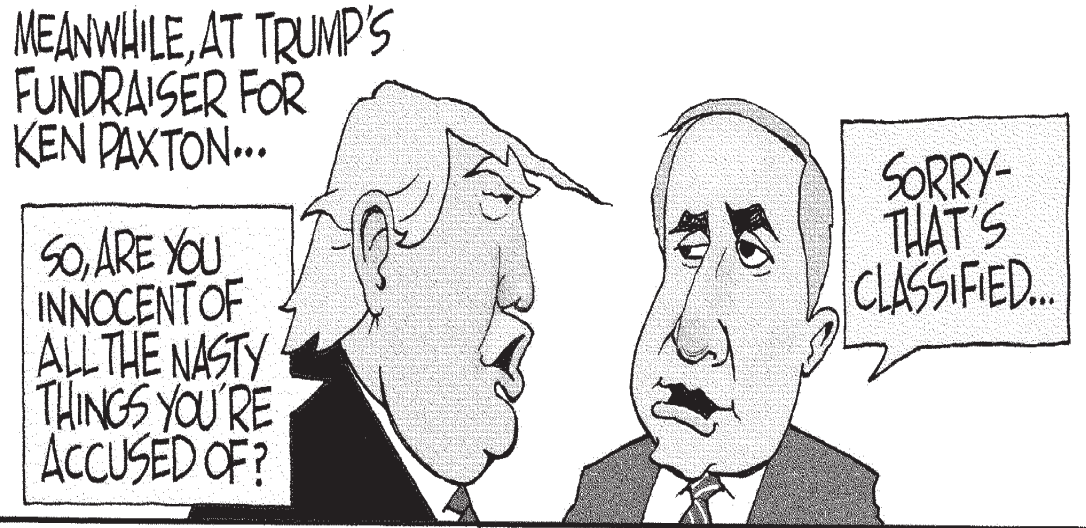
I was born on the prairies where the wind blew free and there was nothing to break the light of the sun. I was born where there were no enclosures.

Geronimo died of pneumonia at Fort Sill in 1909.

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



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August 25
Broncos v Panhandle • 7:00 p.m. • Home

August 25 & 26
Barbie • 7:30 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

August 27
Barbie • 2:00 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

September 1
Broncos v Trinity Christian • 7:00 p.m. • Away

September 8
Broncos v Roscoe • 7:00 p.m. • Away

September 21
Donley County Senior Citizens Bingo Night. 5:30 p.m.

September 23
Col. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff Authentic chuckwagons compete for top prizes • Live entertainment, trade show, and museum tours • See SaintsRoostMuseum.com for information and tickets

Menus

Aug. 28 - Sept. 1
Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Mushroom steak, baked potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll, chocolate cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Tues: Goulash, mixed greens, cornbread, peanut butter bar, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Pork loin, gravy, long grain rice, turnip greens, whole wheat roll, pumpkin pie, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: chicken strips, macaroni & cheese, potato wedges, garden salad, whole wheat roll, sliced peaches with whipped topping, whole wheat roll, sliced peaches with whipped topping, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Chicken broccoli rice casserole, carrots, broccoli & cauliflower, peach cobbler, whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Herbed pork chop, baked potato, country green beans w/ bacon & onion, applesauce cake w/cinnamon icing, whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Chicken fried steak with gravy, homemade mashed potatoes, broccoli, snickerdoodles, apricots, whole wheat buttermilk biscuit, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Oven fried cod, seasoned rice, buttered carrots, peach parfait, whole wheat buttermilk biscuit, iced tea/2% milk.

Clarendon ISD
Breakfast
Mon: Sausage kolache, yogurt, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Tues: Cheese omelet, toast, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Wed: Power breakfast, biscuit, gravy, scrambled eggs, bacon, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Thu: Breakfast strudel, cheese stick, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Fri: Xtreme burritos, corn, cucumbers, cookie, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Meat and cheese chalupas, beans, corn, salsa, orange smiles, pudding, fruit, milk.
Tues: Chicken and waffles, fresh veggie cup, potatoes, strawberries & bananas, fruit, milk.
Wed: Chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, carrots, squash, grapes, fruit, milk.
Thu: Breaded mozzarella sticks, marinara, tomato cup, salad, pears, fruit, milk.
Fri: French toast, sausage, fruit, milk.

Hedley ISD
Breakfast
Mon: Sausage kolache, yogurt, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Tues: Cheese omelet, toast, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Wed: Biscuit, gravy, scrambled eggs, bacon, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Thu: Breakfast pizza, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Fri: French toast, sausage, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Meat & cheese chalupas, beans, corn, salsa, oranges, pudding, milk.
Tues: Chili cheese totchos, breadstick, veggie cup, potatoes, strawberries & bananas, milk.
Wed: Pizza, carrots, squash, grapes, milk.
Thu: Hamburger, tomato cup, garden salad, pears, chips, milk.
Fri: Xtreme burritos, corn, cucumbers, cookie, milk.



Order of the Arrow

Clarendon Scouts BSA was well represented at Camp MK Brown near Mobeetie this weekend with seven of the 14 candidates for the Order of the Arrow being from Troops 433 and 4433. The OA is scouting's national honor society, which recognizes Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. Local members honored this past weekend were Kacie Eugea, Asst. Scoutmaster Vanessa Eugea, Emily Dzamko, Jaxon Robertson, Elaina Estlack, Benjamin Estlack, and Daniel Estlack.

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High prices prompt cattle producer optimism

Optimism greeted beef cattle producers from around the country attending the Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course recently for two primary reasons — high cattle prices and continued consumer demand, despite the higher beef prices.

Unlike in previous decades, Americans today eat higher-grade beef and pay a premium for it.

Beef cattle producers broke out their timelines at the Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course to see where their industry had been, where it is today and where it might be headed.

David Anderson, Ph.D., Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service livestock market specialist and professor in the Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Department of Agricultural Economics, set the mood for the first day of the Short Course with his analysis of today's market and a forecast.

"We have a lot of reasons for

optimism in the cattle market going forward," Anderson said.

Three market issues will determine where the beef industry moves in the longer term — demand, drought and speed of rebuilding, Anderson said.

"We have a product people want to buy," he said.

The combination of high consumer demand with the current tight beef supplies added up to Anderson's prediction that high beef prices will continue.

Moving forward, Anderson said drought and feed costs will determine the speed of rebuilding the herd, affecting how soon the prices come back down. Record corn production this year combined with fewer cattle on feed could affect feed costs. The question is: Are the current beef prices high enough to start herd rebuilding?

The answer to that question seems to be no. Right now, there is

little evidence of the herd rebuilding, he said. Beef heifers held back as cow replacements are the lowest in 50 years, and that number is not expected to increase significantly in 2024.

Anderson said producers are not holding heifers back yet, but they are sending fewer cows to slaughter, indicating the selloff is slowing down, "but we have not turned the corner yet."

He predicted the industry could expect beef production to decrease by 6% in 2024 and to see even less production in 2025, which means there will continue to be tighter and tighter production for a product consumers like.

"And we're producing the highest USDA quality graded beef in history," Anderson said. "We are supplying exactly what consumers want. This is really a positive picture for the overall market going forward."

Buckingham opposes changes to Endangered Act

Texas Land Commissioner Dawn Buckingham last week announced the General Land Office (GLO) has submitted comments to the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service regarding the potential economic impact of the Biden Administration's proposed rule changes to the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

"Unfortunately, the Biden Administration is turning the Endangered Species Act into a political tool to push an agenda rather than ensuring true conservation efforts are implemented.

This administration is pro-

posing to roll back reasonable improvements made to this law and are simply ignoring the successful accomplishments of private preservationists, state, and local land managers by adding more federal red tape regulations, said Commissioner Buckingham.

"I am extremely concerned about the economic impact these rule changes will have on state land, mineral, oil and gas revenues, and I am prepared to seek relief in court to stop the Biden Administration from implementing their proposed regulations."

The ESA rule changes include: Eliminating the reasonable consideration of economic impacts — like

lost revenue for oil and gas production — when deciding whether a new species warrants ESA protections. Expanding protections for threatened — but not endangered — species. Expanding requirements for federal agencies to consult with the wildlife service or the National Marine Fisheries Service before taking actions that could affect threatened or endangered species.

In the letter, Commissioner Buckingham expresses concerns that "these ESA listing determinations can impact thousands of acres of Texas land, water, and energy resources, and significantly affect the lives of landowners, ranchers, and farmers."

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The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting this week at the Clarendon CISD Administration & Technology Center with Boss Lion David Dockery in charge.

We had 11 members in person, one member attending virtually, and one guest this week. Doni Herrera was the guest of Lion Darcy Grahn.

Our program this week was brought by Lion Jarod Bellar, Clarendon School Superintendent., who discussed changes to the school finance system in Texas. Right now, the state's basic allotment is \$6,160 per student times the average daily attendance. Lion Bellar said one lasting effect of the pandemic has been that daily attendance is lower than it was pre-pandemic. The school used to have an average attendance of about 97 percent, but today that is as low as 93 percent, which impacts funding.

Lion Bellar also demonstrated inflation trends since 2019 compared to the basic education allotment, which has basically been flat over the last few years.

New legislation will compress the school tax rate from about 99 cents per \$100 valuation down to about 82.63 cents. This will cost the school districts money, but the state is supposed to make up the difference. From 2000 to 2018, the state's share of public education funding dropped from 45.6 percent to 36 percent, moving more burden to local taxpayers.

With the current legislation and if the school adopts the 82.63 cent tax rate, the average homeowner in Clarendon CISD should save \$380.68 on taxes. Lion Bellar noted, however, that rising appraisals have kept taxpayers from feeling previous tax relief.

Lion Bellar also said it is likely that the Legislature will be called into a special session in October to discuss school finances and vouchers at a time when education officials are busy with the school year and not able to make their voices heard in Austin.

Next week's meeting will be held back at the Masonic Hall as donations continue to come in to replace the air-conditioner at the Lions Hall. Lion John Howard, Donley County Judge, will have the program and will discuss a possible countywide assistance district.

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

State invites citizens to join committee

The Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) has announced an opportunity for citizens to actively participate in shaping the future of veteran support and services by joining the Fund for Veterans' Assistance Advisory Committee.

This committee provides grant recommendations to the Fund for Veterans' Assistance (FVA) grant program. By working with community stakeholders and veterans' organizations, committee members ensure that the Fund's resources are supporting veterans' needs. In accordance with established protocols, the Committee will make recommendations to TVC Commissioners regarding which veteran serving nonprofits and local government entities qualify for FVA grants.

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CLUES ACROSS

- Russian painter
- Very fast jet
- Phillipine municipality
- Intestinal
- Small freshwater fish
- Algerian coastal city
- Vomit
- Famed astronomer
- Ghanaian currency
- Improved the condition of
- Int'l association of interpreters
- Infections
- Dish made with lentils
- Thou
- Former CIA
- Unit used to compare power levels
- Members of Pueblo people
- Myanmar monetary units
- Polished
- Signed a contract
- Nothing
- Once-ubiquitous department store
- Neural structures
- Thick piece of something
- Slang for trucks with trailers
- Longing
- Senior officer
- Levels of frequency
- Bird's beak
- Move rapidly downwards
- Koran chapters
- Stretches out
- Top of the human body
- A Chinese temple and Indian town are two
- Fertility god
- Sea eagle
- Dry
- Zodiac sign
- "Horizon Call of the Mountain" character
- Have the ability to
- Take somewhere

CLUES DOWN

- "Iron Man" actress Leslie
- Wings
- Adjust the spacing
- They're usually locked
- Atomic #43
- Wise individuals
- Horse mackerel
- Pearl Jam's debut album
- Confines
- Colorless crystalline compound
- Unsatisfactorily
- Plant of the parsley family
- Determines time
- Causes the birth of
- Small ornament on a watch chain
- Richly decorated cloth tapestry
- Vito Corleone was one
- Igbo musical instrument
- Put in harmony
- Japanese alcoholic drinks
- Tinseltown
- Closes tightly
- Songs sung to one's lover
- One thousandth of an inch
- Small drink of whiskey
- Political divisions in ancient Greece
- Helps little firms
- Baby's eating accessory
- Very long periods of time
- Small block of wood
- Town in Surrey, England
- Enquiry
- Murdered
- Bura-_: Chadic language
- Crater on Mars
- Mammal genus
- Sock
- Make
- Stony waste matter
- Partner to cheese
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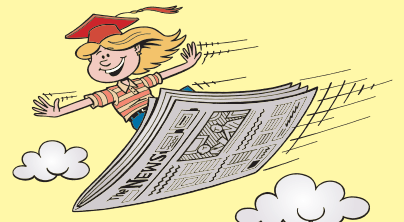
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Animals Dig It!



Read the clues to fill in the puzzle with names of animals that dig:

I dig to bury bones. I have plenty of food, but I think it's still a way for dogs to keep other dogs from taking their food. Have **you** ever watched animals to see what they do? Have you noticed a squirrel digging to stash acorns? Or a bird pecking the ground, pulling out a worm and carrying it away to a nest to feed baby birds? **Animals dig to:**

- find food
- make a shelter
- hibernate or sleep during the cold months
- hide from other animals
- travel
- hide food to keep for later
- have their young

Can we dig it now? Can we? Huh? Huh?

Stop badgering me.

1. have long slinky bodies, dig burrows for homes
2. scaled reptiles, burrow underground for shelter, dig to hibernate
3. mammals, dig with feet, claws, go underground to get roots, plants
4. related to kangaroos, slightly larger than mice, dig for food
5. mammals, leathery armored shells, dig to uncover grubs
6. spineless animals, live underground, come out when it rains because it is hard to breathe
7. have shells with hinges, burrow into the sand to keep from being eaten
8. found in deserts in Africa, 20-30 live in large underground networks
9. mammals that tunnel, making bumps in the soil (hills named after them)
10. mammals with long snouts, dig up insects to eat, especially ants
11. dig holes for shelter (hole that soldiers dig for protection is named after this)
12. very large mammals, dig dens and drag in leaves and branches for bedding
13. toothy mammals, dig shelters, called lodges, that are partly underwater
14. like small squirrels, stripes on backs, burrow to hibernate and store nuts, seeds
15. insects, dig lots of connecting pathways underground to join nests into colony

armadillos 1 snakes 2
meerkats 3 4
6 7 bilbies foxes 8 9 10
5 aardvarks 11 beavers 12 13
14 gophers 15 weasels
chipmunks ants earthworms
bears
clams
moles

Meerkats stand watch. We bark a warning if we see danger and others run to hide in one of many holes we have dug.



Visioning

Antro Plaza Committee members met last week to begin planning for the development of the old hotel site at the corner of First and Kearney streets. The committee was appointed by the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation consists of Christi Benson, Lauren Austin, Linde Shadle, Che Shadle, and Roger Estlack. Discussions centered on developing the site to be used for outdoor gatherings and events to complement downtown revitalization efforts.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO

QuickBooks online training for farmers, ranchers goes live

Producers needing to learn better record-keeping practices no longer have to wait for a training in their area, as the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is now offering a Beginning QuickBooks Online Training for Farmers and Ranchers.

The primary goal of the online version of this training course is to help farmers and ranchers improve their financial recording-keeping and analysis capabilities, which allows them to make better management decisions, said DeDe Jones, AgriLife Extension risk management program specialist, Amarillo, who developed the initial curriculum in 2005.

Jones said she created the course to teach in the Texas Pan-

handle. However, she has taken her traveling computer lab and expanded the outreach to Austin, Stephenville, San Angelo, Vernon and Midland. These in-person classes are limited to 15 people to allow hands-on training. To date, more than 50 classes have been held with over 650 people trained.

"I get calls from all over Texas and even outside of the state asking for live workshops, and it's hard to accommodate everyone," Jones said. "The difference between this class and previous workshops I've taught is that QuickBooks seems to be phasing out their desktop program, so this course will focus completely on the online version and will be

available to producers all over the U.S."

Jones said while the examples used are tailored for farmers and ranchers, anyone can take this course to learn how to use QuickBooks.

The online course fee is \$55. The class material and format are very similar to the live classes Jones typically teaches, but the electronic version is broken into 10 different learning modules with several videos per module.

This allows participants to stop and start as needed and work at their own pace.

Each course section uses real-world examples to focus on core financial practices such as basic

accounting principles, understanding forms and registers, creating accurate financial statements, setting up customers and vendors, and using billing, purchasing and inventory management options. Participants will learn to enter transactions into the program and analyze costs and profits.

Jones said she plans to continue to teach live workshops, as she enjoys interacting with producers and believes the hands-on approach used with the traveling computer lab benefits many participants.

"However, QuickBooks Online offers an excellent alternative to producers needing to improve their bookkeeping skills," she said.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON DONLEY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The Donley Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2024 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on September 7, at 7:00 p.m. at the office of the Donley Appraisal District at 304 S Kearney, Clarendon, Texas.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

- The total amount of the proposed budget is \$308,573.
- The total amount of increase from the current year's budget is \$10,266.
- The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget is 3.
- The number of employees compensated under the current budget is 3.

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies.

A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office located at 304 South Kearney St. The phone number of the Donley Appraisal District is (806) 874-2744.