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

## Visitors must check in at Clarendon ISD

Effective February 5, anyone entering into any campus at Clarendon CISD will enter onto the campus by means of the Elementary, Junior High, High School or Administration offices.

Each person will be required to show a Driver's License or ID card issued by the state. Each person will sign in and be issued a visitor pass with their name on it.

## Methodists hold annual chili cookoff

The Clarendon Methodist Church will hold its second annual Post-Groundhog Day Chili Cookoff Sunday, February 4, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

A bake sale will be held in conjunction with the cookoff, and anyone is welcome to enter the contest. Attendees can vote for their favorite chili by donation.

For more information or to enter, call the church office Tuesday - Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon at 806-874-3667 or call Katherine at 806-204-1235.

## Candidates forum to be held Feb. 13

The Donley County Republican Club will host a Candidate Forum February 13 at the Bairfield Activity Center at 7:00 p.m.

Local candidates for this spring's primary elections will present their platforms. The forum will be open to the public regardless of party affiliation, and refreshments will be served.

Donations are being accepted by the Donley County Republican Club for the purpose of providing these annual forums and for purchasing food for both Republican and Democratic election workers during the primaries.

Those wishing to make a donation for that purpose can do so by mailing a check to PO Box 789, Clarendon, TX 79226 or by taking a donation to the Donley County Republican Club directly to the Donley County State Bank.

## St. Mary's planning fish fry on Feb. 16

St. Mary's Catholic Church will hold a Fish Fry on Friday, February 16, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7 for children. Call-in orders are welcome at 806-874-3910.

## Tickets on sale for annual chamber banquet

Break out the bell bottoms and get ready for a groovy good time as the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce celebrates the 1960s and 1970s during its "Peace Love Local" awards banquet Thursday, February 29, at the Bairfield Activity Center.

Tickets are on sale now for the event, which will recognize sev-

eral outstanding citizens in Donley County. The awards to be given will be the Saints' Roost Award for a lifetime of service to the community and the Man and Woman of the Year, and Volunteer Organization of the Year, and Business of the Year in addition to recognitions for outstanding youth from Clarendon and Hedley.

Musical entertainment for the evening will be by Jackie Haney & the Geezers Gone Wild, back by popular demand from last year's banquet and featuring Clarendon native Charlie Clinton on the keyboard.

The evening will begin at 6 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and recep-

tion, including the annual Chamber silent auction and gift box pull. The banquet, entertainment, and awards will follow at 7 p.m.

Those attending are encouraged to dress up like the 1960s and 1970s, and businesses are also invited to purchase blocks of tickets by sponsoring tables at the event. Table

sponsors will get to decorate their tables to reflect their business and the theme of the banquet with a prize given for the best table decoration.

Tickets are \$25 each and must be purchased in advance at the Visitor Center. For more information, contact the Visitor Center at 806-874-2421.



## Finishing up

Workers were back on Kearney Street Tuesday making a few changes to the Downtown Revitalization Project and correcting ADA deficiencies found by an inspection. City officials hope good weather this week will allow workers to finish up the concrete work.

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## Seven local boards still looking for candidates

Six candidates have signed up to run for local offices in Donley County during the first week of filing.

The cities of Clarendon, Hedley, and Howardwick; the Clarendon and Hedley school districts; the Clarendon College District; and the Donley County Hospital District all have a total of 21 positions available this year.

As of Tuesday morning, the City of Howardwick was still leading the candidate count with three people having filed for three positions available on the city council. Aldermen Mary Grady and Terry Barnes are seeking re-election, and Johnny Hubbard is also running.

Last week's ENTERPRISE reported that both incumbents at Hedley CISD had filed for re-election to the school board, but that information was incorrect. Dana Bell and Carole Ward have not yet filed to run again.

In the City of Clarendon, Alderman Tommy Hill will be on the ballot for one of three positions on the city council up for election this year. Aldermen John Lockhart and Larry Jeffers currently hold the other two positions.

Mayor Trisha Chambless is seeking a full term in office in Hedley, and two other positions are available on the city council. Those seats are currently held by Aldermen Aaron Hanes and Clayton Beagle.

The Donley County Hospital District has Mark C. White running for re-election to his Place 6 spot on the board of directors, and Jan Farris has signed up for her Place 4 seat again. Two other positions are also up this year. The terms of Nikki Adams - Place 5 and Lori Howard - Place 7 are expiring.

No one has signed up to run for any of the four positions on the Clarendon College Board of Regents. Those seats are currently held by Tommy Waldrop, Janice Knorpp, Lon Adams, and Brittney Word. College terms are for six years, but Word is filling an unexpired term that will be up in 2028.

Likewise, no one has signed at Clarendon CISD for the two expiring positions now held by Wayne Hardin and Wes Hatley on the Board of Trustees

All local boards in Donley County are elected at-large, but hospital board of director candidates must file for a specific place on the board.

Candidate applications are available from the administrative offices of each entity holding elections.

Filing continues through Friday, February 16.

Elections are scheduled to be held Saturday, May 4, 2024.

## CHS students advance in UIL film contest

A group of Clarendon High School students are advancing after competing for the first time in the UIL film competition.

The CHS students decided to put their filming and acting skills to good use during the fall semester by being the school's first group of students to compete in UIL film.

Mrs. Zongker's ninth period class scripted and produced three films for submission to University Interscholastic League film compe-

titition for judging that began mid-January with 1A-3A competing in the same division.

Each film had a seven-minute time limit and had to be fully produced by students with the sponsor only acting in a supervisor role. Of the three films submitted - two were submitted as documentaries and one was a narrative.

The title of the documentaries were "Snack Pak 4 Kids" and "Gem of the Texas Panhandle." The nar-

rative was submitted with a title of "\_\_\_ Did It!"

The two documentary films advanced to the state semi-final round and are awaiting the State Finalist announcement on February 12.

The UIL State Film Festival is scheduled to be on the University of Texas campus on February 28.

The following students had roles in the film competitions with two teacher interviews: Rowdy

Bebout, Kyler Bell, Kashlyn Conkin, Zane Cruse, Benjamin Estlack, Avery Halsey, Ronan Howard, Toby Leeper, Jacob Murillo, Zakary Roberts, Cutter Seay, Kate Shaw, Wes Shaw, Koltyn Shields, Presley Smith, Kase Zongker, Cutter Ashbook, Mrs. Bessent, and Mrs. Benson.

The students who have advanced to the state semi-final round were Estlack, Halsey, Howard, Leeper, Murillo, and Seay.

## Drought loosens grip on Texas agriculture

Drought continues to linger in patches of the state, but Texas agricultural producers face much better cropping outlooks going into spring, according to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service experts.

AgriLife Extension agronomists Jourdan Bell, Ph.D., Amarillo; Reagan Noland, Ph.D., San Angelo; and Ronnie Schnell, Ph.D., Bryan-College Station, agreed that soil moisture conditions have improved compared to last year. However, they are still concerned that cropping conditions could decline without additional timely moisture, especially in drier areas.

Around 97 percent of the state was experiencing some level of drought on Sept. 26, 2023, with around two-thirds of Texas mired in severe to exceptional drought, according to the US Drought Monitor. As of Jan. 16, 2024, that figure had dropped to 58 percent of the state experiencing levels of drought with about 13 percent experiencing severe to extreme drought and zero areas reporting exceptional drought.

Exceptional drought is indica-

tive of significant widespread crop and pasture losses and emergency-level water shortages in reservoirs, streams and wells.

"Ask me in a week or so after these rain systems move through," Bell said. "Our area is projected to get one inch, and that would be an ideal amount to get some dry-sown wheat up and to help established fields. But we'll definitely need more to keep the positive trend going."

John Nielsen-Gammon, Ph.D., Texas state climatologist and Regents Professor in the Texas A&M Department of Atmospheric Sciences, Bryan-College Station, said most of the state will receive a "good amount" of rain over the next week.

Nielsen-Gammon expects multiple storm systems could deliver drought ending moisture in areas like Central and East Texas that remain abnormally dry.

"About half the state has decent moisture, another 20 percent that is abnormally dry, so that leaves about one-third of the state,

like Far West Texas, southern parts of the state and pockets in North and East Texas dealing with drought," he said. "Drought in much of South Texas is related to long-term rain deficits, so for parts of the state these rains could be enough to knock that drought out, because there are a couple separate systems in the forecast. It's just a matter of who catches conditions-altering amounts."

The long-term outlook is not as promising, said Nielsen-Gammon. All six climate models, run by weather agencies like the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, show Texas will be drier than normal in late spring, which is the peak rainy season for most of the state.

"Having all six models forecasting the same outcome tells me there is a strong likelihood it plays out that way," he said. "It doesn't mean bone dry. It just means less rain than we receive during the months that rainfall typically peaks."

Additionally, seasonal fore-

casts suggest summer weather patterns will be hotter and drier on average, he said.

Bell said the El Niño impact has been minimal in the Panhandle. Some areas have decent moisture, while others are very dry. She reported similar wheat conditions, including dry-sown fields that have yet to receive rainfall and fields that received enough moisture to germinate but then failed. Irrigated fields are variable. Irrigated wheat in the Northern Panhandle looked good, but in some areas the lack of sufficient irrigation capacity has limited winter forage production.

Much of the Panhandle received heavy rains last May with amounts ranging up to 20 inches, she said. Some areas received more than 11 inches in two hours as multiple storm systems moved through the region.

But while the flash rain events set rainfall records and created heavy runoff, Bell believes those events did not help the soil moisture profile like slower, steadier rainfall might have.



# Nation has plenty of groundhogs

By Tom Emery

Punxsutawney Phil may be the most famous groundhog of all. But he's got plenty of cousins.

Groundhogs are common across America, and are one of the nation's largest rodents. Also called "woodchucks" or "whistle pigs," the species may revel in their own day on the calendar.

Chesty and rotund, groundhogs are 20-25 inches long, including the tail, and weigh from seven to fourteen pounds. They prefer areas like crop fields, pastures, or meadows near wooded areas and shy away from flood-prone regions, since they spend much of their lives underground.

They are commonly found along fences, roads and ditches, and in brushy, overgrown patches, though groundhogs can also survive in more populated areas.

"They've adapted very well in some urban areas," said Stan McTaggart, the Wildlife Diversity Program Manager at the Illinois Department of Natural Resources in Springfield, Ill. "Traditionally, you think of groundhogs on farmsteads, but they have adapted well in some urban spots.

"Topography is crucial to where a groundhog lives," continued McTaggart. "They don't do well in areas with conventional tillage, and they need places that are well-drained."

Favorite foods for groundhogs include grasses, leaves, ferns, and fruit, and they love to raid gardens and fields. They tend to be solitary, and breed in March or April. The lifespan of an average groundhog is three years. Young groundhogs start searching for their own living areas at only two months.

When Punxsutawney Phil and other celebrity groundhogs are pulled from their quarters, they can get testy, with good reason. Groundhogs are one of the few mammals that hibernate, falling into a deep slumber in October or November that lasts until mid-to-late February.

During hibernation, the body temperature of a groundhog can dip from 97 degrees Fahrenheit to only 34 degrees, and their breathing may drop to one breath every six minutes. In hibernation, a groundhog's heart beats as few as four times every minute.

With sharp claws and powerful legs, groundhogs love to dig. Their burrows are surprisingly sophisticated, and normally include toilet chambers. But that penchant for digging can lead to trouble.

"We get a lot of calls from homeowners when groundhogs dig those holes too close to foundations," remarked McTaggart. "They are also an enemy of farmers, and one reason is that livestock can get hurt when they step in holes dug by groundhogs."

While they look cuddly, groundhogs can have a nasty disposition with people or other animals, and are more than willing to fight a turf war. "When they're cornered, they can be aggressive," said McTaggart. "They can stand their ground."

If threatened, groundhogs will click their razor-sharp teeth and emit a sharp whistle (hence their nickname "whistle pig") to alert other woodchucks.

Groundhog Day is derived from Candlemas, a Christian-themed mid-winter celebration in Europe with a legend that sunshine on Candlemas meant that forty days of snow and cold were to follow.

In Germany, the legend evolved into a superstition that the day was sunny if badgers and similar animals saw their own shadows. German immigrants in Pennsylvania in the 18th and 19th centuries imported the belief to America, and the first official commemoration of Groundhog Day was held in Punxsutawney in 1887.

Many zoos mark Groundhog Day with their own resident woodchucks, creating prime photo opportunities. Sometimes, though, celebrity groundhogs could care less. In 1990, the Henson Robinson Zoo in Springfield, Ill. had to remove one of its groundhogs, Arnold, from the school circuit because of his bad habit of biting.

While some television meteorologists and other critics deride groundhogs for their accuracy – or lack thereof – in weather prediction, the question is usually moot. If a groundhog sees his shadow, then six more weeks of winter are in store, while no shadow means an early spring.

But in much of the nation, six more weeks of winter after February 2 means an end in mid-March – which would be considered an early spring.

In recent years, the groundhog has become an increasing part of American pop culture. The annual celebration in Punxsutawney, Pa. attracts as many as 30,000 onlookers who brave early morning darkness and sub-freezing temperatures to see if Phil sees his shadow.

Other groundhogs, such as Staten Island Chuck in New York and General Beauregard Lee in Atlanta, who spends some of his time in his own scale-model Southern mansion, have their own followings.

Even everyday groundhogs have a reason to smile on February 2. "Groundhogs aren't a keystone species for anything, like a beaver is in a wetland or a stream," said McTaggart. "But they certainly have their place. They're a unique animal."

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# The sad tale of Emperor Norton

In a very real sense, it can be said that there were two major cultures in the early American West: (1) the entrepreneurial culture in San Francisco, and (2) the rugged culture in the rest of the West. San Francisco was different – a diamond in the rough. San Francisco was a Mecca for entrepreneurs who profited by proximity to the gold fields, and by taking advantage of the agricultural and other natural resources made possible by fertile land and a favorable climate. San Francisco was also the focal point for commerce with Asia and the Far East, and ships to and from the rest of the world were continually sailing through the Golden Gate.

San Franciscans thought big. Millionaires were constantly being created. Many lost everything through further enterprises. Many became millionaires again. Many became "peculiar." The more peculiar a person became, the more the San Franciscans loved him. Of those who were so loved, one, Joshua Norton, led the pack.

Born of Jewish parents in London, England, Joshua Norton made his way to San Francisco in 1849 when San Francisco was more a village than a city. Determined to accumulate wealth, Norton stayed in San Francisco while others rushed to find gold in the High Sierras. Norton bought lots, lots above the water, and lots below the water during high tides, and he improved them and sold them at a profit. Having a Midas touch, he quickly became a millionaire, and he also became a man from whom bankers and investors sought investment advice. They considered him a genius, and they referred to him informally as Emperor Norton.

Having established an enviable record of success, Norton turned toward more grandiose endeavors, and he embarked on a scheme to corner the rice market of the world. Because of the high regard others had for his business acumen, he had no trouble securing

investors and seed money. But after a short period of success, something went wrong. The bubble burst, and his investors lost their money. Norton tried desperately to reimburse them, using his own money in the attempt, but all was lost. He was now penniless, a pauper.

Norton disappeared and then reappeared several months later, having lost his mind as well as his money. Clad in a red and blue military uniform with golden epaulets and with a feather in his cap, he declared himself Emperor of the United States and Protector of Mexico. Needing funds with which to buy food and other necessities, he went to a local printer and ordered certificates of various monetary denominations. Considering it all to be a joke, the printer printed a supply of certificates and gave them to Norton free of charge. It is said that all the restaurants and all the merchants of San Francisco honored Norton's certificates. There is a story, however, that the waiter in a Central Pacific dining car, who did not know of Norton and his situation, refused to honor one of his certificates. Flying into a rage, Norton made such a scene that the conductor rushed in, recognized Norton, and apologized to him. The Central Pacific Railroad pacified Norton by giving him a pass good on all their trains and with free service in their dining cars.

During this period of his life, Norton had two very close friends: two mongrel dogs named Bummer and Lazarus. (The dogs are featured in their own story elsewhere in this collection.) Rarely was Norton seen without his dogs. When he attended synagogue each Saturday, Bummer and Lazarus were there with him sleeping at his



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tales of the old west  
by george u. hubbard

feet. When he attended mass at Old St. Mary's Church on Sundays, the dogs were with him. At the opera and at the theater, three seats were always reserved for the Emperor and his retinue. Even at the state capitol in Sacramento, a seat in the gallery was reserved for Emperor Norton. At the end of each day, Norton returned to his royal palace, a flea-bag room rented at fifty cents a night.

After a few years Norton's uniform began to show signs of wear. Actually, it was ragged. Appearing before the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, Norton protested that it was a disgrace for the Emperor of the United States and Protector of Mexico to be seen in such shabby clothing. The Supervisors unanimously voted him a clothing allowance of \$30 a year.

If Norton was going to be an emperor, he was going to act like an emperor. He regularly sent messages to the Kaiser and to the Czar suggesting to them how they should run their countries. Pranksters would occasionally respond, thus giving Norton the satisfaction that he was being heard. Concerned at one time about relations between the United States and Great Britain, Norton sent a telegram to Abraham Lincoln ordering him to marry the widowed Queen Victoria. Lincoln graciously responded that he would consider the matter.

Unfortunately, all good things must eventually come to an end. While walking along Kearny Street on a cold January morning in 1880, the aging Emperor Norton collapsed on the sidewalk. He died before passers-by could get him to a hospital. The city went into mourning. Flags were flown at half-mast. Thirty thousand people followed the funeral procession to a grave donated by The Pacific Club. San Franciscans would miss their Emperor.

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



# World Cancer Day is February 4

By Stephanie Taylor, HHSC ASC Researcher  
World Cancer Day on Feb. 4 is recognized worldwide to raise awareness and encourage the prevention, detection and treatment of cancer.

The Paris Charter established World Cancer Day in 2000 to promote research for cures and prevention, improve patient services and mobilize the global community against cancer. One of every five deaths in the U.S. is due to cancer, making it the second-leading cause of death, exceeded only by heart disease. According to the Texas Cancer Registry (TCR), 99,642 adults ages 50 and older were diagnosed with cancer in 2020. This is a decrease from the 108,726 adults in that age group who were diagnosed in 2019. Among those older adults diagnosed with cancer in 2020, 46,433 were female and 53,209 were male.

In 2020, the top five most common cancer areas in the body for adults ages

50 or older in Texas were the breast, prostate, lung and bronchus, colon and rectum, and kidney and renal pelvis, according to the TCR.

"Age is the most important risk factor for cancer," said Ramona Magid, chief prevention officer with the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas. "Healthy lifestyle choices can possibly reduce the chances of getting cancer. Higher risk lifestyle choices include smoking, alcohol consumption, physical inactivity, obesity and eating an unhealthy diet. It's important to consult with a health care provider to determine the appropriate cancer screening tests based on individual health history and risk factors."

The most important cancer risk factors that can be changed are body weight, diet and physical activity. At least 18 percent of all cancers diagnosed in the U.S. are related to preventable

conditions like excess body weight, physical inactivity, excess alcohol consumption and poor nutrition.

Avoiding tobacco products, staying at a recommended weight, being active throughout life and eating a nutritious diet can greatly reduce the risk of developing or dying from cancer. These same behaviors are also linked with a lower risk of heart disease and diabetes.

The Texas Health and Human Services Exercise statewide health and wellness initiative encourages people and communities to adopt healthy lifestyle habits. People are encouraged to download the Texercise Health Chart using the Aging Well Resources Order Form to track their health information.

The Texas Department of State Health Services also provides cancer resources for patients, caregivers and families.

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# Obituaries

## Russell

Danny Thomas Russell, 75, of Hedley passed away on Sunday, January 21, 2024, at his home.



Russell

Information and arrangements are under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Danny Thomas Russell was born in Haskell, Texas on July 10, 1948, to Henry and Nettie (Hix) Russell. Growing up, Danny attended Van Horn schools and later graduated from Lake Worth High School. He served his country by joining the United States Army in 1966 and served through 1969. After his duty, Danny attended technical college where he became an elevator engineer. He retired in 2007 after nearly 40 years of service traveling the state working on elevators.

Danny was an avid outdoorsman who loved fishing and hunting. He was even late to his daughter's birth because he was deer hunting. Danny also enjoyed being in his proliferous garden. He took pleasure in canning the fruits of his labors. Danny deeply appreciated the company of his closest friends, Jimmy Patterson, Jimmy Patterson II, Ernie Copelin, and Alek Lukas.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Nettie Russell; 3 brothers, Dale, Hugh, and Bill Russell; and sister, Marie Russell.

He is survived by two daughters, Janice Russell of Hohenwald, Tennessee and Julie Seymour and husband, Randy, also of Tennessee; two brothers, Gene Russell and wife, Vi, of Ft Worth, Texas, and Robert Russell of DE; three sisters, Maxine Heim of Arizona, Gerri Bellar of Colorado, and Wanda McDonald of Hurst, Texas; two granddaughters, Katie Smith and husband, Hunter, of Hohenwald, Tennessee, and Tessa Seymour also of Tennessee; five great-grandchildren, Savannah, Eva, Justin, Gracie, and Athena of Tennessee; and numerous nieces and nephews.

After living in Claude for some time, Helen and C.E. moved to Clarendon in 1973. Helen worked for Biven's Pharmacy for 16 years as store manager and cosmetician.

In 2000, they moved to Hedley and spent their time enjoying their land and running cattle. After C.E. passed in 2005, Helen moved to Clarendon where she went back to work part time for The Clarendon Outpost as their jewelry department manager.

Helen was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Clarendon and deeply loved her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She was an excellent cook and baker. Helen's chocolate and coconut crème pies were fought over at church luncheons, and she always had a banana nut bread ready for anyone who stopped by to see her. She loved her family, and any child she ever kept became a part of her life forever. She acquired many friends over the years that became family to her.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Buster and Modene Shields; husband of 57 years, C.E. Welch; brothers, Jimmy and Billy Shields; sister, Jo Ann Cobb; and daughter-in-law, Sherry Lynn Hales Welch.

She is survived by her son, Tex Welch and wife, Terri, of Amarillo; two brothers Rev. Rob Shields of Waxahachie, Texas and John Shields of Queen Creek, Arizona; numerous nieces and nephews; and her special children, Scott Bivens, Donna Ripple Courville, Cooper Downer, Alysse and Malerie Simpson, Austin Adams, and Kati Gillespie.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Calvary Baptist Church or Rowe Cemetery in Hedley.

## Welch

Helen Louise Welch, 92, formerly of Clarendon passed into her Heavenly home on Thursday, January 25, 2024, in Amarillo.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at Calvary Baptist Church in Clarendon with Chris Downer officiating. Private family burial followed at Rowe Cemetery in Hedley. Arrangements are under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.



Welch

Helen was born on August 16, 1931, in Wellington, to Buster C. and Modene (Mitchell) Shields. She graduated from Quail High-school. Helen married C.E. Welch on December 11, 1948, in Wellington, and they had one son, Tex Welch.

**the lion's tale**  
by roger estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting January 30, 2024, with Boss Lion David Dockery in charge.

We had 13 members in person, three members attending virtually, Sweetheart Emma Roys, and three guests this week. Earl Griffin, Jr., was the guest of Lion Landon Lambert, and Ben and Ella Estlack were the guests of Lion Roger Estlack.

Lion Ted Shaller reported on the blood drive from last week. While recent blood drives have only received five or six donations, with the Lions' help with promotions, last week's drive collected 22 pints. Lion Shaller is also working with Coffee Memorial for a future drive at the college and possibly a recognition program for high school juniors and seniors who donate blood.

Lion Tex Buckhaults reported on the college, where the men's basketball is 5-1 in conference play and the women are 4-1. Softball is starting February 2, and the meats judging team placed second in Ft. Worth and first in Denver.

Sweetheart Emma reported on the high school where both basketball teams are doing well and beat Quannah last week.

Lion Jacob Fangman reported on the city, and Lion Lambert reported on the county.

The club discussed the shortage in the funds for the new HVAC system. Just a few donations can get us to the goal, and the club will discuss options next week.

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

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5	1	3	4	7	8	9	6	2
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**NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST**

Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO or the Company) publishes this notice that on September 29, 2023, it filed its Statement of Intent and Application for Authority to Amend Transmission Cost Recovery Factor (TCRF) with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) in Docket No. 55438. The filing was made in accordance with the Public Utility Regulatory Act (PURA) § 36.209 and 16 Tex. Admin. Code (TAC) § 25.239. The TCRF will recover SWEPCO's reasonable and necessary costs for transmission infrastructure improvements as well as changes in wholesale transmission charges under a tariff approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to the extent that the costs or charges have not otherwise been recovered. In this application, SWEPCO seeks to recover its transmission capital investments from July 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023. SWEPCO also seeks to recover through the TCRF approved transmission charges that are not otherwise being recovered through current rates. This notice is being published in accordance with PURA § 36.103 and 16 TAC § 22.51(a)(1).

**STATEMENT OF INTENT TO CHANGE RATES**

SWEPCO requests that the Commission approve an increase of \$3,461,491 above the revenue requirement approved by the Commission in SWEPCO's last TCRF proceeding, Docket No. 54040 for its Texas retail customers. This amounts to a 0.86% percent increase in SWEPCO's overall annualized Texas retail revenue requirement. SWEPCO proposes that its requested rate change become effective on November 3, 2023, which is 35 days after the filing of the Statement of Intent and Application. The proposed effective date is subject to suspension and extension by actions that may be taken by the Commission.

All customers in SWEPCO's Texas retail rate classes will be affected by this change. The impact of the rate change on various customer classes will vary from the overall impact described in this notice.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Persons with questions or who want more information on SWEPCO's Statement of Intent and Application may contact SWEPCO at 428 Travis Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101, or call toll-free at (888) 216-3523 during normal business hours. A complete copy of the Statement of Intent and Application and related filings is available for inspection at the address listed in the previous sentence.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136. A request for intervention or for further information should refer to Docket No. 55438. Unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, motions to intervene will be due 45 days from the date SWEPCO filed its Statement of Intent and Application with the Commission.

# ¿Qué Pasa?

Community Calendar

**February 2**  
Mean Girls • 7:30 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

**February 3 & 4**  
Mean Girls • 2:00 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

# Menus

Feb. 5 - 9

**Donley County Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Chicken spaghetti, broccoli, garden salad, garlic toast, chocolate pudding, iced tea/2% milk.  
Tue: Cheeseburgers, potato wedges, melon, sugar cookie, iced tea/2% milk.  
Wed: BBQ chicken, baked potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll, cherry cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.  
Thurs: Enchilada casserole, tossed salad, pinto beans, Spanish rice, churro, iced tea/2% milk.  
Fri: Goulash, mixed greens, cornbread, peanut butter bar., iced tea/2% milk.

**Hedley Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Cheese ravioli with alfredo sauce, oven roasted parmesan potatoes, chopped spinach, butterscotch bars, whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.  
Tue: Smoked sausage w/peppers & onions, hashbrown casserole, buttered peas & carrots, snickerdoodles, apricots, whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.  
Wed: Chicken fried steak w/ gravy, homemade mashed potatoes, country green beans w/ bacon & onions, black forest cake, whole wheat buttermilk biscuits, iced tea/2% milk.  
Thurs: Herb buttered tilapia, buttered rice, broccoli, Amish sugar cookies, mandarin oranges, whole wheat buttermilk biscuit, iced tea/2% milk.  
Fri: Breaded pork on whole wheat bun, sweet potato fries, broccoli cauliflower salad, rice Krispie treat, iced tea/2% milk.

**Clarendon CISD**  
Breakfast  
Mon: Pancakes, bacon, fruit juice, fruit, milk.  
Tues: Breakfast strudel, cheese stick, fruit juice, fruit, milk.  
Wed: Breakfast sandwich, fruit juice, fruit, milk.  
Thu: Breakfast blend, yogurt, fruit juice, fruit, milk.  
Fri: Oatmeal, cinnamon toast, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Lunch  
Mon: Cheeseburger, salad, sweet potato fries, fruit, milk.  
Tues: BBQ on a bun, beans, veggie cup, dessert, fruit, milk.  
Wed: Meatloaf, breadstick, broccoli w/cheese, fruit, milk.  
Thu: Boneless chicken wings, chips, celery, sherbet, fruit, milk.  
Fri: Steak fingers, roll, gravy, green beans, corn, fruit, milk.

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

Lunch  
Mon: Meat & cheese chalupas, beans, corn, salsa, orange, pudding, milk.  
Tues: Chili cheese totchos, breadstick, veggie cup, potatoes, strawberries & bananas, milk.  
Wed: X-terem burritos, corn, cucumbers, rosy applesauce, cookie, milk.  
Thu: Hamburger, chips, tomato cup, garden salad, pears, milk.  
Fri: Pizza Carrots, squash, grapes, milk.



Hedley Junior High Owls placed second in Groom Tournament last weekend. ENTERPRISE PHOTO / MANDI GAY



Kyle was named perfect attendance winner for the three weeks for Hedley High School. ENTERPRISE PHOTO / MANDI GAY



Lucas was named perfect attendance winner for the three weeks for Hedley Junior High. ENTERPRISE PHOTO / MANDI GAY



Paul and Brynlee were named perfect attendance winners for the three weeks for Hedley Elementary. ENTERPRISE PHOTO / MANDI GAY

## Herbstritt to lead Childress TxDOT operations

Matthew Herbstritt, P.E., has been named the Childress District Director of Operations by District Engineer Darwin Lankford, P.E.

In August of 2023, Herbstritt assumed the Director of Construction role after serving as the Childress Area Engineer, a position he held since 2017. His career with TxDOT began in 2008 as a summer employee.

Herbstritt graduated from Texas Tech University in 2011 and worked in the private sector until December of 2012 when he returned to the Childress District as an Engineering Assistant.

He is pursuing his Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree at West Texas A&M University and anticipates completing that program in 2025. Herbstritt and his wife, Tracee, are the parents of two sons, Ethan and Cooper.

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## Lady Bronco Powerlifters claim second place

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos strong-armed their way to a second-place finish at the Childress powerlifting meet last Thursday with a team lift of 4,530 pounds for the 10-member team.

Laney Rummel lifted at the 106-pound weight and received a first-place finish with 335 total pounds. Rummel posted 140 in the squat, 70 in the bench, and 125 in the deadlift. Elliot Frausto also placed first in the 103-pound class with a

total lift of 455 pounds. Her lift consisted of 175 in the squat, 80 bench, and 200-pound deadlift. Shelby Christopher lifted and overall weight of 490 in the 197-pound class, and Elyza Rodriguez lifted a total of 585 pounds in the 134-pound class. She had a squat of 220, benched 130, and deadlifted 235 pounds. The entire team did a good job at the meet and were able to post great totals.

In the 139-pound class: Shelbi Coles 8th with 385 pounds, squat 135, bench 80, deadlift 165 and

Riley Jantz 9th at 370 pounds, squat 125, bench 75, deadlift 170; 133-pound class: Maloree Wann with 425 pounds, squat 150, bench 90, deadlift 185 and Gracie Wilkins 520 pounds, squat 205, bench 115, deadlift 200; Bayleigh Bruce 135 class with 440 pounds, squat 165, bench 75, deadlift 200; 135 class Zane Cruse 4th 525 pounds, squat 180, bench 125, deadlift 220.

The next meet for the Lady Broncos will be February 8 in Childress.

## Lady Bronco JV stomps Wheeler and Quanah

The Lady Bronco junior varsity has had a stellar season and gained two more wins last week by defeating the Lady Mustangs and Lady Indians. They earned the win on the road over Wheeler 57-1 and 82-2 against Quanah at home. Every player racked up big points in both of their games.

Neither team stood a chance against the quickness of the Lady Broncos who were able to score effortlessly in the wins. Defensively, the ladies stopped everything their

opponents tried and picked off several passes and had numerous steals.

Gracie Ellis pumped in 21 points against Wheeler to lead the team on the scoreboard and Cambree Smith was just as effective with 18 points. Jayla Woodard hustled her way to 12 points and was perfect from the free throw line. Madi Benson helped with four and Kinslee Hatley added two.

The Quanah game was another dominating game for the Lady Broncos with all five players scoring in

double figures. They proved to be too much for the Lady Indians and stifled everything they tried. Quanah's only points came in the third quarter of play.

Smith put in 25 points and Benson and Ellis had 17 apiece in the win. Hatley hit three from the arc to post 13 and Woodard added 10.

The Lady Broncos will finish their season with a trip to Shamrock on February 2 and taking on Wellington at home on February 6, both beginning at 4:00 p.m.

## Bronco JV splits games last week

The Bronco junior varsity lost a game to Wheeler but rebounded and earned a big win over Quanah at home on Friday.

The Broncos struggled in Wheeler's gym on the offensive side of the court. After a fairly even first quarter, the Mustangs opened a nine-point lead going into the break which set the Broncos back. They did not score in that quarter but came out in the third and added seven points to their score. A big fourth quarter for the Broncos allowed them to make up some ground, but time was on their side and the Mustangs took the 34-24 win.

Anthony Brown finished the game with 11, Michael Randall had nine, and Tyler Bell put in four.

The game against the Quanah Indians was a better game for the

Broncos as they defeated them 37-22. Great offensive execution was key for the Broncos as they had a good opening half. Solid defense along with their continued success on the offensive end gave them a firm grasp on the game going into the final seven minutes.

Bell stepped up and played a good game pumping in three from the arc and going two for two from the free throw line to finish with 11. Randall also stepped up big adding three from the arc as well. Brown was strong from his position and helped with 10. John Weatheron put in a three-pointer and Caleb Herbert added two.

The Broncos will go to Shamrock February 2 and play Wellington at home on February 6 beginning at 5:00 p.m.

## Lady Colts sneak by Shamrock

The Lady Colts began slowly against the Lady Irish on the road last Monday night but came on strong to get the 28-26 win.

Trailing by five early on, the ladies roared back to tie the game at nine all at the break. Improved offense and defense helped the Lady Colts gain the momentum to overtake the Lady Irish by five points in the third. Shamrock staged a come-

back late in the game, but the Lady Colts were able to stay strong and hold them off to get the win.

Eli Rodriguez finished with 11 points and Sequoia Weatheron helped with nine. Addie Havens and Makynna Williams put four points each on the board to help in the win.

The Lady Colts will travel to Wheeler February 3, playing at 5 p.m.

## Colts fight hard in loss to Shamrock

The CJH Colts were outsize against the Irish at home last Monday night but played hard nonetheless in their 33-17 loss.

After trailing the taller Irish team for three quarters of play, the Colts did not quit. They continued to fight hard and were able to outscore Shamrock in the final six minutes of play, but time was not kind, and the win was out of reach. They did a good job of coming back and played hard throughout.

Brentley Gaines and Braxton Gribble led the way with nine points each hitting three three-pointers each. Dakotah Jameson put in six points and was perfect from the bonus line, and Hudson Howard added three. Aiden Burnam, Creed Robinson, and Brance Bell had two points each. Overall, the Colts put in seven threes and made 66 percent at the bonus line.

The Colts host Wheeler at home on February 3 beginning at 5 p.m.

## CISD Trustees accept audit

The Clarendon Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees met in regular session January 8.

Laura Gerber of Johnson and Sheldon, P.C., presented an audit report for the year ending August 31, 2023. The board voted to accept the audit as presented.

Administrative reports were presented by Athletic Director Aaron Wampler, Elementary Principal Cynthia Bessent, CJH Principal Jennifer Pigg, CHS Principal John Mof-fett, counselors Erin Shaw and Jenae Ashbrook, Federal Program Director Jen Bellar, and Superintendent Jarod Bellar

Trustees approved and authorized an agreement between Clarendon Consolidated Independent School District and Live Oak Public Finance, LLC for Financial Advisory Services.

A Trust Deed for Trust Property in the City of Howardwick was also approved.

The board also met earlier that same evening in a called session and enjoyed a meal prepared by Christi Benson and served by her students in honor of Board Appreciation Month.

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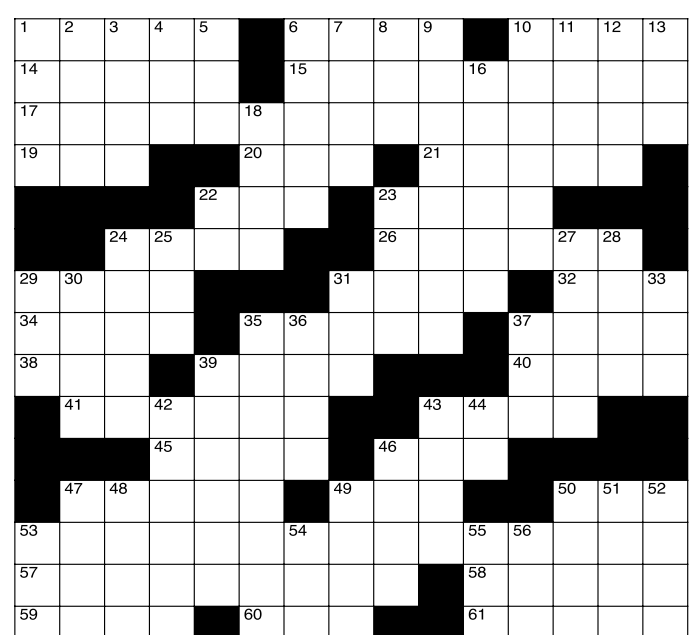
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- Variety of pear
- Religion native to China
- Type of tooth
- Fitted out
- Make every effort
- Autonomic nervous system
- Complete
- Alternate name
- River in France and Belgium
- Miami's mascot is one
- Turf
- Most cognizant of reality
- Broad volcanic crater
- Canadian surname
- Satisfaction
- Traitorous Greek mythological prince
- Collide
- Immune response
- Feline
- High opinion of one's own appearance
- Thin strip to align parts
- Containers
- Convicted American spy
- Breathe noisily
- Taxi
- Pancakes made from buckwheat flour
- Swiss river
- I.M., architect
- Have surgery
- Formal withdrawal
- Dutch and German surname
- Square measures
- 2,000 lbs.
- Degrade someone

### CLUES DOWN

- Siberian river
- Blessing
- Substitutes (abbr.)
- Principle underlying the universe
- Work unit
- Yellow edible fruits
- Gemstone
- A place ships dock (abbr.)
- Evergreen tropical tree
- Reality TV star Richards
- Nonflowering aquatic plant
- Stakes
- Antidiuretic hormone
- Make warm again
- Light beams
- Lethal dose
- Terrorist group
- Kids love him
- Naturally occurring solid
- German surname meaning "man from Saxony"
- Popular cuisine
- Partner to cheese
- Type of horse
- Diego
- Defensive nuclear weapon
- Most shrewd
- It may be for shopping
- Midway between south and southeast
- A stock of foods
- The bindings of books
- Swiss river
- Megabyte
- Sammy \_\_, songwriter
- Dutch colonist
- Clare Booth \_\_, American writer
- Sun or solar disk
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# Broncos strong-arm Wheeler

**By Sandy Anderberg**  
The Broncos ended the first half of district play with big wins over the Mustangs of Wheeler and the Quannah Indians last week. They were able to defeat Wheeler 55-42 with three players finishing in double figures.

A strong defensive presence hindered the Mustangs after a tight first half of play. One point separated the team at the break. Teamwork was the name of the game in the final two quarters as the Broncos were able to get the job done on both ends of the court. Wheeler could not stop the inside strength of Mason Sims who finished with 17 and hit 50 percent of his free throws. They struggled to slow down Lyric Smith as well who also finished with 17 hitting one three-pointer and two of four from the bonus line.

Anthony Cenicerros was a hindrance to the Mustangs as he was able to hit three from the arc and finish at 75 percent from the free throw line for 15 points. Also scoring was Leyante Prince, Kaleb Bolin, and Levi Gates with two each.

The Broncos had another tight first-half game with Quannah at home and struggled to shake them until the second half of play. Tied at 21 all at the break, the Broncos came on strong in the opening quarter of the second half to take a commanding 14-point lead.

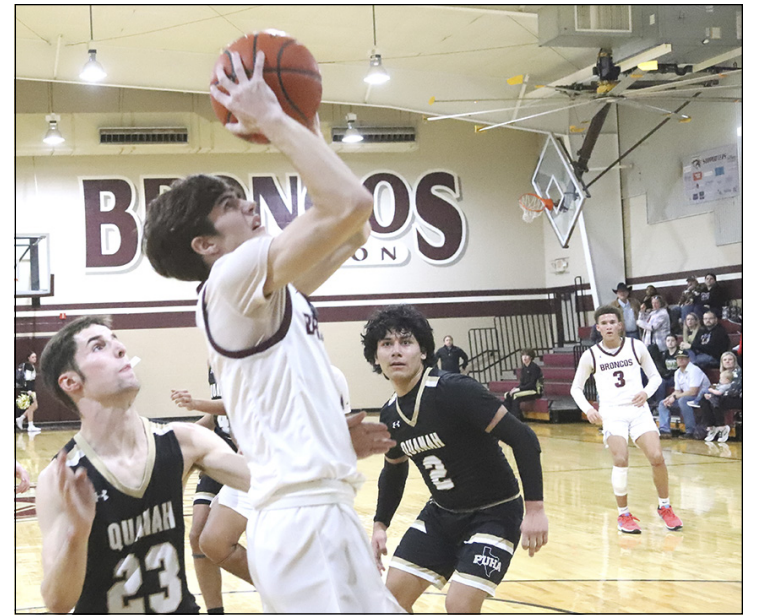
Cenicerros and Jaxan McAnear had success with the three ball and put in three apiece to help in the win. Once again, Cenicerros led the way with 22 points and shooting 80 percent from the bonus line. McAnear finished with nine points. Smith was strong offensively with 14 points and finished at 80 percent from the bonus line as well. Prince put in six and Sims helped with four.

The Broncos will travel to Shamrock Feb. 2 and take on Wellington at home on Feb. 6.



Bronco Lyric Smith lays in two last week against Quannah.

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Bronco Kaleb Bolin goes up for two against Quannah.

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Berkley Moore fights for a shot against Quannah.

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Lady Bronco Tandie Cummins drives to the basket against Quannah.

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Kate Shaw goes up for a shot last week.

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# Lady Broncos knock down two wins last week

**By Sandy Anderberg**  
The Lady Broncos are right where they want to be in their final games of the season as they were able to add to their winning season last week.

They defeated Wheeler on the road 64-27 and stopped Quannah cold at 70-22 to stay on top of the district standings.

Three ladies were able to break into double digits in the game with the Lady Stangs with Kashlyn Conkin leading the way with 14. Tandie Cummins put in 12, and Berkley Moore added 11. Despite having three players in double figures, the Lady Broncos struggled as a team to get shots to fall at times. But they were able to play as a team as they have done all year and get the win. A huge second quarter of play on both ends of the court gave the Lady Broncos the momentum they needed to get the job done.

Kenidee Hayes finished with nine, and Kate Shaw put in eight. Kennadie Cummins had seven, and Graci Smith helped with two.

The Lady Broncos were strong against a struggling Quannah team at home and were able to easily put points on the board. They took a commanding lead in the opening quarter of play and held the Lady Indians to only 10 points in the first half. Defensively, the ladies were too much for Quannah and they were not able to execute offensively.

Courtlyn Conkin was back in the rotation, but the Lady Broncos are still playing without Hayden Elam and Presley Smith who are out due to injuries. The Lady Broncos are deep in talent, and they were able to execute the way they wanted on the offensive end of the court.

Hayes put in 15 points hitting two three pointers and making all three bonus points. Smith played strong and added 12 points from the inside and hit two of two free throws. C. Conkin, Moore, Shaw, and K. Conkin all finished with eight points, T. Cummins had seven, and K. Cummins added four.

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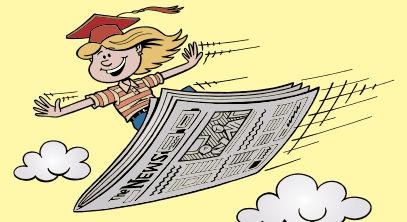
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## 2024 The Year of the Dragon

## Chinese New Year Celebration

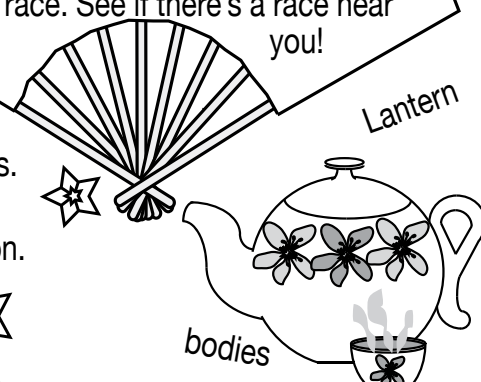
The Chinese New Year celebration starts this year on Saturday, February 10th and will last 15 days, ending with the Lantern Festival on Saturday, February 24th. The Chinese Calendar has a 12-year cycle with each year represented by an animal. This year is the Year of the Dragon, the most powerful animal. It is said that the people born in each animal's year have some of the characteristics of that animal.

The New Year is a time of family. In many large cities there are lots of fun family events: dinners, parades, concerts, races, zoo visits and fireworks. Vendors sell flowers, fruits, candies and pastries. The U.S. Postal Service has even had a stamp with the design of a dragon on it to celebrate this holiday. Everyone can join in the fun!

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle about the Chinese New Year:

- This year, 2024, is the Year of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- It is to be full of \_\_\_\_\_ - following the quiet Year of the Rabbit.
- The dragon is one of the best known symbols in \_\_\_\_\_.
- It is mostly a symbol of good \_\_\_\_\_.
- The dragon is said to come from the sky - a heavenly, \_\_\_\_\_ creature.
- Dragons are wise and said to visit the Emperor to \_\_\_\_\_ him.
- Chinese dragons have long \_\_\_\_\_, short legs, five toes, sharp teeth and claws.
- Some are pictured with \_\_\_\_\_ and some are not, but they all can fly.
- A dragon dance is part of the \_\_\_\_\_ Festival held on the last day of celebration.
- A team of \_\_\_\_\_ makes up the dragon and controls the head and body.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ the dragon the more luck it will bring.
- \_\_\_\_\_ born in the dragon's year are said to be smart, leaders and risk takers.

Later, during the year, many areas have a Dragon Boat Festival. The boats are long, brightly painted, and shaped like dragons. The crews paddle to a drumbeat to win the race. See if there's a race near you!



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