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

TxDOT to begin overlay project

A \$6.4 million overlay project is set to begin on US 287 in Clarendon on April 1.

The project will include all lanes in the city as well as the southbound lanes from Clarendon to the Armstrong County line. The contractor for the project is J Lee Milligan.

TxDOT spokesperson Ginger Wilson said the work in Clarendon will consist of grinding off the top surface of the asphalt and putting down a new finish.

Drivers can expect daily lane closures during the project and are reminded to use caution when traveling through the work zone. This includes reducing your speed, obeying all posted warnings, and avoiding all distractions. Fines double in work zones when workers are present.

Work in the town section is expected to take six weeks to complete, weather pending.

For more information, contact Ginger.Wilson@txdot.gov or (940) 937-7288.

T-shirt deadline near for annual Jones 5K

The 12th annual Chance Mark Jones Roar & Run 5K will be held Saturday, April 27, at the Donley County Courthouse.

The Clarendon Lions Club is hosting the event again in memory of the late Chance Mark Jones to raise awareness of Child Abuse. Jones passed away in January 2011 as a result of abuse.

Those interested in running or walking the 5K (about 3.1 miles) encouraged to sign up before March 29 to be guaranteed the official 5K t-shirt. Registrations are \$30 each.

Race registrations are available at the Clarendon Visitor Center at the Mulkey Theatre or at the Enterprise. Online registration is available at clarendontx.com/events.

St. Mary's planning fish fry on Mar. 22

St. Mary's Catholic Church will hold a Fish Fry on Friday, March 22, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Dine-in and carry-out will be available, and tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7 for children. Proceeds benefit the church building fund.

Call-in orders are welcome at 806-874-3910.

Community church service this Sunday

The Donley County Ministerial Alliance will hold its annual Community Palm Sunday Service this Sunday, March 24, at 6 p.m. at the Community Fellowship Church.

Clarendon Methodist pastor Ryan Quist will bring the message, and refreshments will be available following the service.

Hedley council discuss city street blockage

The Hedley City Council met in regular session last Thursday and discussed issues regarding traffic being blocked on a portion of Bailey Street.

Calvin Holland, who owns property on both sides of the portion of the street he says is closed, that he had been asked to work on the road to the city's limb pile by a previous city council and city secretary

sometime between 2016 and 2018. He said his grandfather donated material for the road, and Holland himself was working on it before the truck broke down and sidelined the job.

Holland maintained that the portion of the road now in question is actually closed and believes that

he is paying taxes on the property.

However, city officials said a current map from the Donley Appraisal District shows the road is still open. Holland countered that he has a map from the county clerk's office, which shows it's closed.

The council took no action on the road and will investigate the issue more. Meanwhile, Holland will

send his documentation to the city.

In other city business, the council met in closed session for less than half an hour to discuss personnel. Returning to open session, the council agreed to extend the probationary period of City Secretary Tammy Brinson and to advertise for a driver for the city truck.

The council also voted to add

Brinson to the city's bank signature cards and to sell or throw away junk in the back room of City Hall.

The council took no action on moving \$7,442.56 from the equipment fund to pay down the old trash truck loan as aldermen worried about what the city would do if it needed that money in the near future if something breaks down.



Hedley receives new fire truck

The Hedley Volunteer Fire Department received a new fire truck from the Texas Forest Service last week. Fire Chief Neil Koetting said the department started applying for the truck about seven years ago, but there have been several delays, the biggest of which was the pandemic. The new truck will serve double duty as the department's Emergency Response Vehicle, carrying the Jaws of Life and other equipment, and as a quick attack truck that can be operated by just one firefighter. The forest service covered most of the cost of about \$200,000 for the vehicle. Shown here are firemen Matt Glover, Neil Koetting, Clayton Beagle, Ernie Copelin, and Larry Ely.

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Judging contest to double city population

The Clarendon College Invitational Judging Contest will attract a huge crowd and likely double the population of the town on Saturday.

As of Tuesday, more than 2,460 contestants were registered for the event.

The biggest single event for the city, the contest more than doubles Clarendon's population for a day each year. The contest attracts high

school FFA students and 4-H students from around Texas and nearby states.

The number of registrations doesn't include the hundreds of parents and coaches who accompany the students to the contest. According to the 2020 US Census, Clarendon has a population of less than 2,000 people.

Past contests have had huge

impacts on the local economy. Restaurants are typically packed for the event, and this year will hopefully be equally successful. Also, the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department and Donley County EMS will hold their annual pancake breakfast and hamburger lunch at the Fire Hall again Saturday morning.

The event also presents a great opportunity for CC to showcase

its campus, faculty, and programs for prospective students. Johnny Treichel, Clarendon College livestock and meats judging coach, said the event is a big recruiting tool for the college.

"This is the only time each year the college has this many potential students on campus," he said. "And we are pleased to have such positive support from the community."

Clarendon aldermen finalize five-year deal with sheriff

The Clarendon City Council ratified a new contract with the Donley County Sheriff's Office during its regular meeting last Thursday, March 14.

The vote closes out about 11 months of haggling between the city and county, leaves in place the current fiscal year's contract, and implements a new five-year deal between the two entities.

Under the terms of the agreement, which was also approved by

county commissioners last Monday, the city will pay the county \$170,000 for law enforcement services in fiscal year 2025, which starts October 1.

The cost will then go up 2.0 percent each year through fiscal year 2029.

Mayor Pro-tem Larry Jeffers said he was glad the city "at least got some negotiation" and noted that at one point the county wanted a contract for \$180,000.

Alderman Tommy Hill said he

still wants to see the county do more on its support of the Burton Memorial Library and asked for that matter to be on a future city agenda.

In other city business, Mayor Pro-tem Jeffers issued a proclamation naming April as Child Abuse Awareness Month in Clarendon. CASA of the High Plains representative Nita Williamson accepted the proclamation on CASA's behalf and said that in 2023 there were 17 cases of child abuse or neglect reported in

Donley County.

Street closures in front of City Hall were approved for the Community Egg Hut on March 23 and the Chance Mark Jones Roar & Run 5K on April 27.

A request by Christ's Kids Outreach Ministries for \$1,000 was also approved.

The council discussed the possibly budget savings of closing the municipal court and contracting with the Justice of the Peace for those ser-

vices.

It was noted that most of the court's budget is actually attorney's fees paid by the city and not the cost of employing the judge or running the court. No action was taken.

An amendment was approved to the city employee handbook governing per diem expenses, and also a waiver was granted by the city council to WTG Fuels, LLC, regarding certain restrictions in an industrial zone.

New nurse practitioner joins Clarendon clinic

A new Family Nurse Practitioner at Clarendon Family Medicine is no stranger to the community and is looking forward to serving the people here.

Sarah Ybarra, FNP-C, has been shadowing clinic personnel for a couple of weeks and began seeing patients Monday.

Ybarra is originally from Amarillo, but she spent a lot of time growing up with her relatives in the Holland family in Donley County. The small-town life appealed to her, and she and her husband J.J. moved to Groom about nine years ago to raise their children - Kaylynn, Tristen, Rose, and Hope - in a rural setting. J.J. worked on wind turbines and has since taken a job with the City of Groom, and Ybarra hoped to someday work for the clinic in Clarendon.

"My husband would come here for care, and I always thought if there was an opening, I would

apply," Ybarra said. "When I finally saw a job posting, I couldn't believe it. I applied, and they called me in."

Ybarra started her career in nursing 19 years ago, following a desire to help people after her mother - an X-ray technician - took her to work one day as a middle schooler.

"I just loved the environment of her job, and I liked taking care of people," she said.

She started in nursing with a degree from Amarillo College and then furthered her education at West Texas A&M University and also served two years in a pediatric clinic, which she really enjoyed.

"I think that's something I can add here in Clarendon," she said. "I hope my willingness and ability to work with newborns and up will bring in more patients. I also think people already come here from Groom, and more might come now."

Ybarra says the Golden Rule guides her philosophy of medicine.



Sarah Ybarra, FNP-C, (left) joined Dr. Dustin Pratt and nurse practitioners Peter Jones and Kathryn Broussard at Clarendon Family Medicine this week.

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"I want to take care of people the way I'd want my kids, parents, or grandparents to be cared for," she said.

She finds the medical field to be rewarding in terms of helping

people, and she also says everyone at the clinic has been very welcoming. She's enjoying being in the Clarendon community and is excited about working at the clinic here.

"Everyone here has been super

nice. Dr. [Justin] Pratt keeps our happiness as employees in mind. I think he's doing a great job."

She is now seeing patients full time, and appointments can be made by calling 806-874-3531.



Mayorkas' echoes one from 1800s

Last month Congress made the historic decision to impeach Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas.

Personally, I am surprised that this is the first impeachment under the Republican House of Representatives. I was expecting it to happen much sooner and to a person much bigger – namely Joe Biden. Republicans have shown restraint after having their own president impeached twice and instead went after a Biden lieutenant.

Historically speaking, what is more interesting is that while we have now had four presidential impeachments, Mayorkas is only the second cabinet member to be impeached, and the first in 148 years.



historically speaking by dr. james finck

The first was Secretary of War William Belknap during the Grant administration and involves southwest Oklahoma. It is worth noting that neither Belknap nor any of the presidents were removed from office. Impeachment is done by the House of Representatives and simple determines if there is enough evidence to have a trial. If an official is impeached by the House then the Senate conducts a trial to determine guilt.

While recent scholarly works about President Grant, especially Ron Chernow's 2017 New York Times bestselling book "Grant," has helped rehabilitate his reputation, the fact remains that his tenure had its share of corruption. Grant's presidency was in the beginning stages of what is known as the Gilded Age, a time period known for greed and corruption at every level and Belknap got caught in the fray.

Born in New York and attending college at what is now Princeton, Belknap made a name for himself as a lawyer in Iowa and entered politics as a Democrat. When the Civil War broke out, he joined the Union Army as a major. He fought in several engagements including Shiloh and rose through the ranks until he reached major general. After the war he was brought into the Grant administration as Secretary of War.

During the war, soldiers bought most of their supplies from people known as sutlers. After the war these same men set up shops in Western forts and made good profits as they monopolized sales. At first, sutlers were chosen by the forts' commanding officers. Belknap changed that practice when he took over and his department could solely license sutlers in all forts.

One of his personal hardships was satisfying his wife's financial needs on his meager \$8,000 salary. Carita Belknap had grown up in a wealthy Kentucky family and wanted to impress her fellow Washingtonians. She pushed for a family friend, Caleb P. Marsh, to receive the license for the store at Fort Sill in the southwest corner of Indian Territory. The problem was the current sutler, John S. Evans, did not want to give up his lucrative position and made a bargain with Marsh and Carita that he would split the payments if allowed to retain his post.

The deal was accepted, and Carita began receiving \$600 a year. While no evidence exists, there were later rumors that Belknap had similar deals with other sutlers around the west. Carita only received one payment for her part of the deal as she died of tuberculosis, but her widowed sister Amanda, who was living with the Belknaps, not only replaced Carita in the scheme but also took in her place as Belknap's new wife.

Amanda would prove even more lavish than Carita as belle of the ball amongst the Washington D.C. socialites. So much so that some began questioning how she could afford so much on her husband's government salary. At the same time, some in the Army – most notably George Custer – began questioning the prices from sutler stores and where all the money was going. As rumors started to swirl about possible kickbacks, Democratic Congressman Hiester Clymer launched a congressional investigation. It did not take long for the investigation to lead to Marsh, who, under oath, spilled everything to Congress. Belknap tried to pin the blame on his wives and say he was unaware of their wrongdoings. But Marsh's testimony made that impossible.

The House acted quickly in bringing articles of impeachment against Belknap, but before they could finish he turned in his resignation to President Grant, who accepted it.

In a similar light with the 2016 Congress, the 1876 Congress had to decide if they had the power to impeach an ex-official now private citizen. In both cases the answer was "yes." The 1876 House issued five articles of impeachment including "criminally disregarding his duty as Secretary of War and basely prostituting his high office to his lust for private gain." The belief was Belknap should not be able to escape justice simply by resigning.

The Senate held a lengthy trial, considered all the evidence and acquitted Belknap of all charges by around 40 votes. Those who voted no tended to feel that Congress had overstepped its bounds in impeaching a private citizen. An actual investigation was also conducted by the Justice Department, but not much really happened after the Senate's acquittal.

Though disgraced, Belknap retained his law practice after the trial and practiced in Philadelphia and Washington. He remained popular among the soldiers and active in their interests. Belknap died of a heart attack in 1890 in Washington D.C.

In some ways Belknap's trial has more similarities to President Trump's second impeachment hearing than Mayorkas. Mayorkas is still actively serving as Homeland Security Secretary so his hearing will have a greater effect if convicted. However, with the makeup of the Senate, there is little doubt that Mayorkas will be acquitted.

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Texian colonists react to oppression

It is ironic that John D. Bradburn, an American in the service of Mexico, is credited with igniting the spark that ultimately led to Texas independence.

Spending his earlier life as a merchant in Columbia, Tennessee, Bradburn augmented his income by stealing slaves and selling them in neighboring states. Caught in the act on one occasion in 1828, Bradburn was jailed, but he cut himself out using a file smuggled into him by a confederate. Making his way to Mexico, Bradburn spent the rest of his life as a Mexican official, antagonistic toward the gringos. Marrying a titled heiress, Maria Josefa Hurtado de Mendoza, Bradburn performed many services for the Mexican government and rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the Mexican militia.

Bradburn's antagonism toward the Americans showed itself most strongly in 1832 when he established a fort and a custom-house at Perry's Point (renamed Anahuac after the ancient capital of the Aztecs) on Trinity Bay in Texas.

As commander of the Mexican forces at Anahuac, Bradburn issued repressive orders and arrogantly demanded strict obedience from the colonists. This made him very unpopular among the Texians, who were not people to be pushed around. One of Bradburn's more unpopular moves was in establishing the customs station for collecting fees and duties from the colonists and from nearby shipping.

Relationships between Mexico

and the Texas colonists were already strained. President Vicente Guerrero abolished slavery in 1829, and he followed this unpopular move in 1830 by banning further American immigration into Texas and by canceling the Texians' exemptions from Mexican fees and duties. And now Bradburn's hated customs station was taking money and resources sorely needed by the colonists.



vignettes tales of the old west by george u. hubbard

Further fuel was added to the fire by the presence of popular young lawyer, William B. Travis, from Alabama. Travis and his law partner, Patrick C. Jack, had been retained to recover two runaway slaves who were in Bradburn's garrison. Bradburn and the hotheaded Travis clashed almost immediately, and Bradburn sought to end that difficulty by arresting both Travis and Jack and incarcerating them in an empty brick kiln. But when Bradburn threatened to send his prisoners to Vera Cruz, where they would probably be executed, the colonists rose up in defense of Travis and Jack.

On June 10, 1832, a rebel force of colonists invaded Anahuac and captured Bradburn's force. Bradburn agreed to release Travis, Jack, and other Anglo prisoners in exchange for his soldiers, provided all the rebels would leave the

town. The rebels released the cavalrymen, but when Bradburn learned that some of the rebels were still in Anahuac, he refused to release his prisoners. The rebels withdrew, drew up a series of resolutions expressing their complaints, and prepared for further battles.

About two weeks after the initial engagements, Henry Smith and John Austin led a group of men to Brazoria to obtain a cannon for use at Anahuac. Returning to Anahuac, they attacked and defeated a Mexican garrison at Velasco that was blocking their way. When fighting again broke out at Anahuac, Col. Jose de las Piedras, Bradburn's superior officer, came down from Nacogdoches to put an end to the hostilities.

According to the colonists' demands, Piedras freed Travis and Jack on July 2, and 11 days later Piedras removed Bradburn from command. The victorious colonists gave Bradburn 24 hours to disappear, and he was smart enough not to require all that time. Bradburn made his way to New Orleans and then back to Mexico.

These battles are commonly acknowledged as the first military engagements in liberating Texas from Mexico. They occurred because of the overbearing despotism of an American with misplaced loyalties.

George U. Hubbard is an author and former resident of Clarendon. Read these and other stories of Texas history in his book, *The Humor & Drama of Early Texas*, available from fine booksellers everywhere.



God's blesses Branson, Missouri

Hills are greening up, fiddlers are tuning up and visitors from around the globe are showing up as the entertainment mecca of Branson, MO, gears up for a record-breaking season in the beloved Ozarks.

It's a magical place known for musical excellence where God is honored – and where there are so many fiddlers – it's difficult to predict whether "Cotton-eyed Joe" or "The Devil Went Down to Georgia" gets more play.

Most of us can't get enough of either number, unflustered if the instruments go up in smoke as the music intensifies....

Such strains are anticipated, as are tears in the eyes of veterans, first responders, law enforcement officers, medical personnel and firefighters. They stand in response to thunderous roars of rafter-shaking thanks in the more than 100 venues at what has become what is arguably America's favorite family place. Some 11 million folks are expected to visit Branson by year's end, when Christmas shows attract masses.

I called my ancient Uncle Mort, letting him know that we had landed in Branson along with the spring-breakers, and that I was keeping count of the different types of string instruments that would include a gigantic harp. By week's end, though, I admitted that I hadn't seen a single lyre. "Well, there was at least one liar at every show you attended," Mort cackled....

The Pandemic greatly challenged Branson, but it wasn't a knock-out blow. Branson faithful held on tight, with most attractions surviving and once again

thriving. Maybe it tightened the bonds of family and faith on both sides of the stage lights.

It's an understatement to say there's "something for everybody" in Branson. While this is indeed true, even more is coming. Two years from now, they're opening a \$400 million, 320-room hotel with seven restaurants and an "immersive" water park.

We took careful notes of extremes during this visit. Specifically, we checked out places specializing in ice cream dishes. Two stood out among the dozen or so businesses offering dairy treats....

One place we'd never seen before is called "The Yard." It glistens. Also noticed in a tiny downtown location was "Boo Boo Baba's." It has a makeshift sign: "Root Beer Floats, \$1.99." We bought two.

"The Yard" is beyond upscale, capitalizing on all things bovine, including stuffed cows, calves and other animals, with milk shakes served in pint and quart jars for patrons with "hang-the-cost" attitudes.

"Hey, we're on vacation," someone said, ready to fork over a \$20 bill for a treat that's both a culinary delight and a work of art....

A unique mood is established upon entry. A sign advises: "Live like somebody left the gate open."

The humongous desserts are indeed artfully assembled. They made me think of a favorite tie which always is a landing spot for food that misses my mouth. I don't know whether to frame it or eat it.

A fun scene at "The Yard" occurs when tykes, not yet kindergarten age, tug at their dads' pant legs, begging for one of those "big-uns." Several of the most exotic dishes would feed a scout troop....

I'll be "in and out" with many observations and suggestions concerning our trip in upcoming weeks, never claiming to be an authority by any measure. You won't notice any reference to the many recognized golf courses in the area, simply because I don't know anything about the sport.

I agree with the guy who says too much time is spent on golf unless it is providing a livelihood, in which case, go for it.

A woman, as clueless about golf as I am, said it well. "I'm not even sure which end of the caddy to hold."...

Alas, our recent trip ended too soon. We saw the blossoms appear on the Bradford pear and redbud trees, but wished for additional blooms to come later.

We can dream, however, of the many wildflowers that soon will cover the mountainsides until fall and winter take over.

And we can hope for other visits up the way....

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Obituaries

Bates

Madeline Bates, 79, of Howardwick died on Friday, March 15, 2024.

Madeline was born November 18, 1944, in Slaton, Texas to Martin and Dolores Grabber Schuette. Growing up in Amarillo, Madeline had attended schools there and was a proud graduate of St. Mary's Academy in 1962. She married Kenneth Bates on December 4, 1964, in



Bates

Amarillo. Prior to her retirement, Madeline had worked in Bushland as a bus driver, had a bookkeeping business, was the office manager of Crown Travel, as well as spending many years with Atmos as a call center quality control specialist. She loved to read and work crossword puzzles, enjoyed gardening and the outdoors. She and Ken moved from Amarillo in 2012 and she loved being at Greenbelt Lake. Madeline loved her dog, Roxie, however, her greatest joy of all were the friends she loved and her grandkids that she loved dearly. Madeline was a Catholic.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Martin and Dolores Schuette; and by a son, Jared Bates in December of 1988.

Survivors include her husband, Kenneth Bates of Howardwick; a son, Eric Bates of Lubbock; a daughter Melanie Hinson and husband Daniel of Groom; a brother Bill Schuette and his wife Carolyn of New Ulm, Texas; three grandchildren, Tucker, Nate, and Landree Hinson; and by her and Ken's best friends, Dick Sims of Hereford and Don McAvoy of Howardwick.

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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ANSWER:

CLARENDON VOL. FIRE DEPT & CLARENDON EMS

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SATURDAY, March 23 | **CLARENDON FIRE STATION**
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Introducing



Sarah Ybarra, FNP-C; Dustin Pratt, MD; Peter Jones, FNP-C; and Kathryn Broussard, FNP-C.

Clarendon Family Medine is pleased to announce Sarah Ybarra, Family Nurse Practitioner, has joined our staff. Sarah is orginally from Amarillo but spent a lot of time with relatives in Clarendon growing up before pursuing a career in nursing. She and her husband, J.J., and their four children live in Groom. She is now accepting appointments and new patients.

CLARENDON Family Medical Center

¿Qué Pasa?

Community Calendar

- March 22 & 23**
Kung Fu Panda 4 • 7:30 p.m. • Mulkey Theater
- March 24**
Kung Fu Panda 4 • 2:00 p.m. • Mulkey Theater
- March 22**
Lady Broncos v Booker • 4:00 p.m. • Home
- March 23**
Clarendon Elementary Pony Parents Community Easter Egg Hunt. 11 a.m. start at Donley County Courthouse. Free.
- March 23**
Clarendon College Invitational Judging Contest All Day at Clarendon College.
- March 23**
Broncos v Kress • 12:00 p.m. • Away
- March 26**
Broncos v Wellington • 4:30 p.m. • Away
- March 26**
Lady Broncos v Fritch • 4:00 p.m. • Away
- March 31**
Easter Pancake Breakfast hosted by City of Howardwick Volunteer Fire Department, 9 a.m. Community Egg Hunt, 11:30 a.m. McMorries Memorial Park.

Menus

March 25 - 29
Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Beef stew, garden salad, cornbread, apple crisp, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Soft tacos, tortillas, Spanish rice, ranch style beans, garden salad, baked apples, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Pork roast, pinto beans, macaroni & tomatoes, cornbread, butter cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Chicken spaghetti, broccoli, garden salad, garlic toast, chocolate pudding, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Closed

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Baked ziti w/Italian sausage, garlic red potatoes, broccoli, applesauce cake w/ cinnamon icing, mandarin orange sections, garlic Texas toast, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Cranberry glazed pork roast, baked fresh sweet potato, chopped spinach, orange brownies, whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Chicken fried steak, country gravy, mashed potatoes, country green beans w/bacon & onion, ginger molasses cookies, whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Bacon cheeseburger on whole wheat bun, onion rings, coleslaw, spring mix salad, rice Krispie treat, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Closed

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Breakfast
Mon: Breakfast sandwich, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Tues: Breakfast strudel, cheese stick, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Wed: Breakfast pizza, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Thu: Breakfast bread, yogurt, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Fri: No School

Lunch
Mon: Fish sticks, potatoes, okra, roll, fruit, milk.
Tues: Sloppy Joe, beans, carrots, salsa, sherbet, fruit, milk.
Wed: Chicken alfredo, breadstick, salad, green beans, fruit, milk.
Thu: Popcorn chicken, roll, corn, broccoli salad, dessert, fruit, milk.
Fri: No School

Hedley ISD
Breakfast
Mon: Breakfast pizza, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Tues: French toast, sausage, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Wed: Biscuit, gravy, scrambled eggs, bacon, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Thu: Pancake wrap, yogurt, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Fri: No School

Lunch
Mon: Corn dog, potatoes, tomato cup, fruit cup, milk.
Tues: Nacho Grande, salad, cucumbers, apricots, milk.
Wed: Pizza, veggie cup, garden salad, fruity gelatin, milk.
Thu: Breaded pork chop, gravy, roll, broccoli, corn, milk.
Fri: No School



Donley County 4-H member Jase Conway had the 10th place heavy weight Duroc at the Houston Livestock Show.

COURTESY PHOTO / DONLEY COUNTY AGRILIFE EXTENSION

Business group criticizes Texas 'Fair Access' law

The Texas Association of Business Chambers of Commerce Foundation (TABCCF) released a new economic impact study this week illustrating the financial impact of Texas' Fair Access law, passed in 2021, that prohibits financial institutions from doing business with public entities in the state of Texas based on certain corporate governance policies.

The study, developed by TXP and authored by economist Jon Hockenyo, brings to light new data and analysis on the adverse economic impacts of Texas laws that prohibit public contracting with certain banks based on their independent business decisions. Notably, the new study finds that Texas' 'Fair Access' laws will result in: \$668.7 million lost in economic activity; \$180.7 million in decreased annual earnings; 3,034 fewer full-time, permanent jobs; and

\$37.1 million in losses to State and local tax revenue.

"Texas is the premiere destination for businesses, large and small, thanks in large part to the economic environment created by the Governor, Lt. Governor, Speaker and the entire legislature," said TABCCF Executive Director Stephanie Matthews. "It's second to none. Companies want to move here, and we want them to move here. However, as this latest study shows, certain laws can have a negative impact on businesses and place additional, unnecessary burdens on our state's taxpayers. It is important for our state's policymakers to understand the implications of these laws in order to ensure Texas remains the top US state for business."

According to the Texas Tribune, the Texas Fair Access law prohibits most state entities from contracting

with companies that have reduced or cut investments in the oil and gas industry.

"These findings illustrate that when government attempts to mandate values, no matter what kind of businesses, the market loses," said Jon Hockenyo, author of TAB's latest study, The Potential Economic and Tax Revenue Impact of Texas' Fair Access Laws.

Texas' pro-business climate has propelled the state to the 8th largest economy in the world. However, less competition in the municipal bond market is leading to higher interest costs, which in turn increases the debt burdens of local governments, straining resources and levying additional costs on Texas taxpayers. This could partially undermine the historic \$18.1 billion property tax reduction package passed by the Texas legislature in 2023.

Retired School Personnel to meet

The bi-monthly meeting of the Donley County Retired School Personnel Association will meet Monday, March 25, in the Family Life Center at 6:00 p.m. The program will be the election of new officers for the 2024-2025 year. Snacks will be served, so all members bring a snack and a prospective new member.



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting March 19, 2024, with Boss Lion Pro Tem Richard Green in charge.

We had 13 members present, three attending virtually, and Sweetheart Emma Roys this week.

Lion Brian Barboza was recognized on his birthday today.

The Sweetheart reported that One Act Play will be in district competition Wednesday and said baseball and softball teams are playing also.

Lion John Howard reported the city and county had come to an agreement on the sheriff's contract, and he alerted domestic fowl owners that the avian flu has been found in Moore County and told everyone to keep their chickens safe.

Lion Jacob Fangman said the city is recruiting lifeguards for the upcoming season at the aquatic center.

Lion Anndria Newhouse and Lion Roger Estlack reported on the Pony Parents Community Egg Hunt this coming Saturday morning and also the college judging contest that day as well as the fire department and EMS breakfast and lunch fundraiser.


Lion Larry Capranica reminded everyone of the Community Palm Sunday service this Sunday at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Fellowship Church. He said fingerfood will be available after the service.

The Boss Lion also said the Howardwick fire department will have a pancake breakfast, followed by a community egg hunt, on Sunday, March 31, starting at 9 a.m. There being no further business, we were adjourned to spread Lionism and good cheer.



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TxDOT encouraging drivers, riders, walkers to always obey safety laws

Katie Parker still gets nervous just crossing the street.

Eight years ago, a careless driver plowed into her and her dog, Riley, while they were out for a jog. Parker was hit with such force that she was thrown more than 60 feet. Riley, a Great Dane, was killed on what was supposed to be a pleasant morning jog.

The mental and physical toll from the 2016 crash continues for Parker. The physical scars have mostly healed, but she doesn't feel safe while walking or driving. Her story is an example of the impact crashes can have on survivors.

"The crash changed my life," Parker said. "I lost my dog, and my sense of safety when crossing the street.

Parker is joining TxDOT this spring during its "Be Safe. Drive Smart." campaign to remind Texans why it's important to follow traffic laws to keep pedestrians and cyclists safe.

"Too many people are killed or seriously injured every year in Texas walking, jogging or biking in their communities," TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams said. "We want all Texans – whether you're

behind the wheel, on foot or on a bike – to watch out for each other and follow the rules of the road so everyone gets where they're going safely."

In 2022, 922 people died in traffic crashes involving pedestrians and bicyclists in Texas, accounting for one out of every five fatalities on the state's roadways. It's a part of a rising trend in recent years as pedestrian fatalities increased 30% and bicyclist fatalities increased 28% in the five years from 2018 to 2022.

Be Safe. Drive Smart. urges all Texans to learn and follow the laws for safe driving, walking and biking. As part of this effort, TxDOT is sending teams of walking billboards to cities around the state to put key safety reminders in front of drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists in crash-prone areas.

If you're driving in Texas, state law requires you to:

Stop and yield for pedestrians, bicyclists and other vulnerable road users in crosswalks.

When turning, yield the right of way to pedestrians and bicyclists.

Pass bikes at a safe distance and give bicyclists room to ride.

Always follow the speed limit

and drive at a safe speed.

If you're walking:

Cross the street only at intersections and crosswalks.

Obey all traffic signs and signals, including at crosswalks.

Use sidewalks. If there's no sidewalk, walk on the left side of the road, facing oncoming traffic, unless the left side is obstructed or unsafe.

If you're riding a bike:

Always stop at red lights and stop signs.

Ride in the same direction as traffic and use bike lanes or ride as near as possible to the right-hand curb.

Use hand signals when turning or stopping.

At night, ensure your bike has a white light on the front and a red light or reflector on the back.

TxDOT's Be Safe. Drive Smart. campaign and pedestrian and bicyclist safety initiative are key components of #EndTheStreakTX, a broader social media and word-of-mouth effort that encourages drivers to make safer choices while behind the wheel to help end the streak of daily deaths. Nov. 7, 2000, was the last deathless day on Texas roadways.



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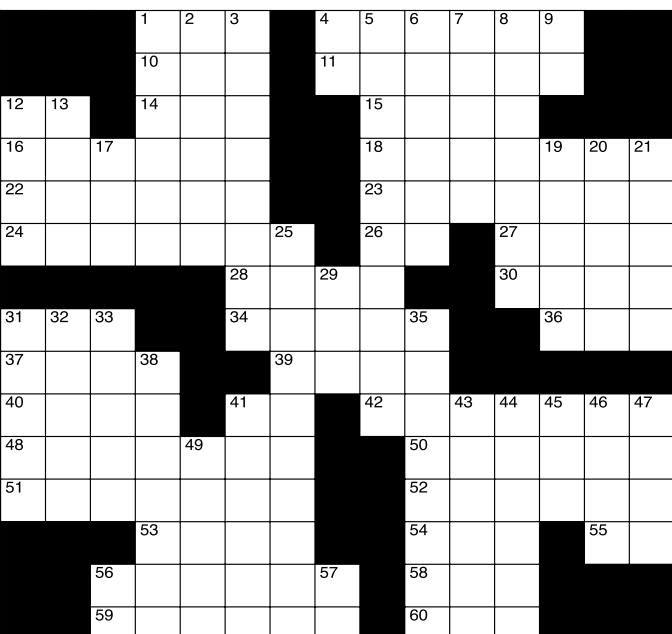
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- 14. Human gene
- 15. Two
- 16. A famous one is blue
- 18. Utter repeatedly
- 22. Ring-shaped objects
- 23. Spoils
- 24. Occurs
- 26. Commercial
- 27. Near
- 28. Products you may need
- 30. Pledge thrown down as a challenge
- 31. TV network
- 34. Silk or cotton garments
- 36. Soviet Socialist Republics
- 37. Retired American football coach Dean
- 39. Hot dish
- 40. A type of gin
- 41. Atomic #84
- 42. Sawhorse
- 48. About ground
- 50. Medicine man
- 51. Seedless raisin
- 52. Capital of Albania
- 53. Appendage
- 54. OJ trial judge
- 55. By the way (abbr.)
- 56. Bicycle parts
- 58. Barbie's friend
- 59. Moved one's neck to see
- 60. Commercials

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Make up for
- 2. Baltimore ballplayer
- 3. Salary
- 4. Influential world body
- 5. Engravers
- 6. Declared as fact
- 7. One who steals
- 8. Jewelry
- 9. Hospital employee (abbr.)
- 12. Nonsense (slang)
- 13. Town in Galilee
- 17. Value
- 19. A fake name
- 20. Sheep in their second year
- 21. Town in Surrey, England
- 25. Appropriate for a particular time of year
- 29. Creative works
- 31. Recesses
- 32. W. Pacific island group
- 33. Tolkien character
- 35. Ancient symbol co-opted by the Nazi party
- 38. Pioneer
- 41. Scribe
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- 44. Lowest members of British nobility
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Lady Broncos shut out Gruver in two innings

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon Lady Broncos beat Gruver before their opponents knew what was happening. After Clarendon's Elyza Rodriguez makes a great bunt that allowed Kennadie Cummins to get the first score of the game and then able to cross the plate on a wild pitch, Gracie Wilkins slammed a line drive to right field for an in the park home-

run that also scored Tandie Cummins to go four up in the opening inning. Wilkins also recorded one sing, four RBIs, and three runs in the win. The Lady Broncos went on to shut out the Lady Hounds at 18-0 in just two innings. K. Cummins was on the mound for the win and allowed no hits or runs and struck out seven at the plate. Cummins went the distance

and struck out the first three at bat in the opening inning and went three up three down in the second with help from Smith at first to continue her no-hitter. The ladies took every opportunity to make good contact with the ball at the plate and posted 11 hits on the day. Elliot Frausto had a good day hitting as she posted three doubles,

two RBIs, and two runs. Shelby Christopher was red hot as well and knocked down one double, one triple, two RBIs, and two runs, while Shelbi Coles had a single, two RBIs, one run, and one stolen base. T. Cummins slammed a double and a triple with two RBIs and three runs. Cummins' had a big hit in the second when she doubled on a line

drive to left field scoring Rodriguez, Bruce, and K. Cummins. Rodriguez had one single, two RBIs, one run, and one stolen base in the win. Bayleigh Bruce and Smith added one run and one RBI, and K. Cummins posted three runs. The Lady Broncos will take on Booker at home on Friday, March 22, at 4:00 p.m. and travel to Fritch on March 26.

Hedley Owl Spotlight

The week of March 11- March 16 was busy for the students of Hedley. On Tuesday, the Senior Class of 2025 had their ring ceremony in the school's library. This event allowed the students to receive the rings they designed individually. Wednesday, Hedley ISD held the Coffee Memorial Blood Drive. Phlebotomists from the Coffee Memorial Clinic came and collected blood from willing donors.

The next day on Thursday, the Hedley JH had a track meet in Groom. Lily Stasio placed 10th in the 100m, 1st in the 2400m, and 7th in high jump. Cristina Silvestre placed 19th in Shot Put and 23rd in Discus. Payton Inman placed 2nd in the 100m, 3rd in 400m, and 2nd in long jump. Sebastian Garcia placed 3rd in the 100m and 11th in the 400m. Andrew Arreola placed 12th in the 100m. Josue Prieto placed 21st in the 200m, 18th in the 400m, 8th in Shot Put, and 3rd in Discus. Takoda Edwards placed 8th in the 2400m and 16th in long jump. Hedley placed 3rd, 10th, and 9th in the relays. Kutter O'Keefe placed 28th in Shot Put and Discus.

Hedley also had spring picture day on Thursday as well. Saturday, the High School participated in a track meet in Groom also.



(Top Photo) Hedley Junior High track competitors. (Bottom Photo) Taylee Ehlerth throws the discus in Groom.. COURTESY PHOTOS / MANDI GAY

Conservative to speak at CC Thursday

Be Yourself, Be Bold is the topic of a speech by Stephen Davis this Thursday at the Clarendon College Bairfield Activity Center. The political activist will address current issues and how he went from being a follower of leftist ideals to a staunch conservative. The program begins at 7 p.m. and the public is invited.

Hedley to hold Pre-K Roundup

Hedley CISD will be hosting a Pre-K and Kindergarten Roundup on April 2. If you have a child that will be age four by September 1, they will be eligible for Pre-K. If the child is age five before September 1, they will be kindergarten eligible. The Roundup will be from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30. The students will go through a regular school morning and will be released for pick up at 12:30. Parents are asked to bring shot records, birth certificates and social security cards at this time. Registration will occur at a later date. Please contact the school office at 806-856-5323 to let them know if your child will be coming so they can get an appropriate lunch count for the day.

CISD now accepting Head Start sign-ups
Head Start is currently taking applications for the 2024-2025 school year. Applications are being taken on April 9th and 10th. Your child must be 4 years old by September 1, 2024. You can call the Elementary Office at 806-310-7220 and set up an appointment. You must bring proof of child's age and immunization record, proof of income, proof of public assistance/Services (TANF, 551, Medicaid) and Documentation of Child's Disability (if applicable). You must meet one of the following to qualify: Family meets income guidelines, family receives TANF or 551, or child is in foster care or homeless. If you have any questions, please call 806-310-7220.

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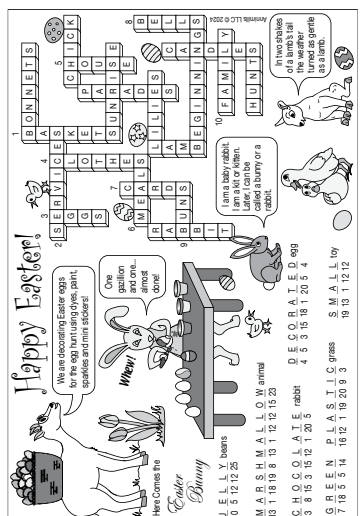
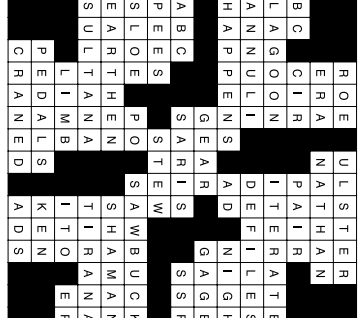
Clarendon Lions Club Regular meeting each Tuesday at noon. David Dockery, Boss Lion. Roger Estlack, Secretary

Clarendon Alcoholics Anonymous Group 806-661-1015, 806-671-9766, 806-205-1840, 24 hour hotline 877-421-4334. Mon. & Sat. 7 p.m. 416 S Kearney St.

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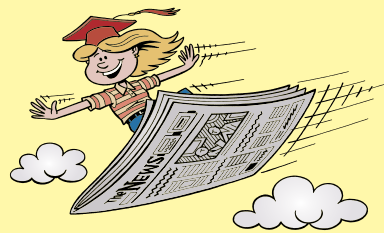
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We are decorating our Easter... ...eggs using sparkles and mini stickers.

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Kids: color stuff in!

Easter is an important Christian holiday. It is a joyous and fun day. Families spend a lot of time cleaning, shopping and cooking to get ready. On Easter morning children wake up to find Easter baskets filled with treats and toys. There may be hot-cross buns, fruit and eggs for breakfast. Next, the family may go to a church service, often dressed in new spring clothing. When they get home they share a large meal, often with ham or lamb. Later, everyone watches the children hunt for Easter eggs!

Happy Easter!

I am a baby rabbit. I am a kit or kitten. Later, I can be called a bunny or a rabbit.

I helped to dye all the eggs.

Whew! One gazillion and one... almost done!

When we "ducks are out of water" we never have to "duck and cover" when it rains because spring showers just "roll off our backs!"

We helped, too!

sunrise beginnings

Parades

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meals lamb buns chick family cards rabbit house bonnets hunts services baskets clothes lillies

1 This puzzle has 2 parts to it. First, read the clues below to fill in the puzzle about Easter customs.

1. the Easter Bunny leaves _____

2. go to church _____

3. color, dye and decorate _____

4. wear new _____

5. clean the _____

6. share large _____ with family

7. send Easter _____ and greetings

8. church _____ ring

9. bake hot-cross _____

10. visit _____

In "two shakes of a lamb's tail" the weather turned as "gentle as a lamb."

When you are finished with the clues, notice that there are 10 unused words left around the puzzle.

The second step is for you to fill in the rest of the puzzle with the words that are left.



Jeffers issues Child Abuse Awareness proclamation

Mayor Pro-Tem Larry Jeffers with Nita Williamson of CASA of the High Plains at last week's city meeting.

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Jackson says District 13 to receive more than \$200M in federal funds

Congressman Ronny Jackson (TX-13) said last week that more than \$200 million is designated for the 13th Congressional District in the Fiscal Year 2024 government funding package signed into law last week by President Joe Biden.

Jackson's efforts led to the appropriation for the district, including key funding for nuclear modernization of the Pantex Plant, advancement of district-specific university programs, support for law enforcement, water resource improvements for the district, and more.

"I take extreme pride in securing more than \$200 million for Texas' Thirteenth Congressional District, benefiting our families, farmers, producers, local businesses, rural communities, and national security," Jackson said. "Modernization of the Pantex Plant has been one of my top priorities in Congress and as a member of the House Armed Services Committee. Successfully securing over \$184 million for major construction at the site is a huge accomplishment and will be key

in our efforts to update such a key national security facility.

"This government funding package that was signed into law last week also departs from the wasteful and abhorrent spending levels seen in the Biden and Nancy Pelosi-era and instead prioritizes fiscal responsibility," Jackson said.

"By drastically cutting unnecessary government spending, House Republicans are redirecting resources to where they have the most significant impact, including in places like Amarillo, Wichita Falls, and Runaway Bay. This funding will enhance our communities, bolster our infrastructure, enrich local education, fortify military operations, sustain our agriculture sector, and allocate funds for veteran healthcare."

Jackson secured the following projects across District 13, including: \$101.3 million for HE Science & Engineering Facility at Pantex; \$83 million for HE Synthesis, Formulation, and Production facility at Pantex; \$2.1 million for West Texas A&M's Feedlot Educational Train-

ing Facility; \$1.1 million for Texas Tech's Infant Risk Center in Pampa; \$1.2 million for Enhancement of STEM Capacity at Midwestern State University; \$1.2 million for Texas Tech Veterinary School STEM Research Capacity; \$242,000 for the Randall County Sheriff's Office to get a Rapid DNA System; \$1 million for the City of Amarillo to establish a real-time regional crime center; \$1.75 million for critical repair to Runaway Bay's Wastewater Infrastructure; \$476,000 for Red River Authority Pump Station and Tank Renovations in Hall and Motley Counties; \$1 million for Red River Authority Water Systems Improvement in Vernon; \$3.8 million for Amarillo International Airport's Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Training program; \$2 million to initiate critical infrastructure for US 287 in order to support the Ports-to-Plains Corridor Interstate and enhance regional trade; \$2 million for the construction of an access road for public access to Cross Bar Ranch; and \$2.2 million for the widening and upgrade of State Loop 335.

DHDC program features Afghanistan community

Beyond: Unity in Community is an innovative cultural exhibit at the Don Harrington Discovery Center (DHDC) that highlights different refugee communities in Amarillo and celebrates the unique lifestyles and contributions of members of our community.

According to US Department of State data, Amarillo has the largest refugee population per capita of any city in Texas and is home to two refugee resettlement agencies that resettled nearly 7,000 refugees in the area between 2007-2017. Beyond: Unity in Community is a unique and fun, educational exhibit that celebrates refugee communities in the Panhandle while providing learning opportunities for all. DHDC received a federal IMLS grant to create the Beyond exhibit.

The second installment of Beyond will showcase the Afghanistan community of Amarillo. The Beyond exhibit's Afghan installation will feature the traditional housing style of Afghanistan, the foods grown there, native animals, traditional Afghan instruments and music, traditional clothing, pictures of the country, and art from an Afghan artist. Large-scale architectural landmarks of Afghanistan are also highlighted in this exhibit, with a 16' tall vinyl banner of the Minaret of Jam, a 12' tall mural of

the Buddha of Bamyan, and a 14' by 20' wide replica of the Arch of Boch Qala. DHDC designed and built this exhibit in-house in collaboration with the Afghan community of Amarillo and the Refugee Language Project.

The first Beyond installation showcased the Karen community, originating from Myanmar. There are around 5,000 Karen resettled in the Amarillo area, and DHDC designed the Beyond exhibit in collaboration with the Karen Community of Amarillo, Texas, and the Refugee Language Project, with support from the Karen Organization of Minnesota.

The Beyond exhibit is now, in time for Easter Weekend and the Persian New Year on March 21.

Beyond provides culturally relevant learning opportunities to engage refugee youth more effectively with STEM concepts and potential careers in STEM. Culturally relevant educational content will be more engaging for refugee youth in our community because it is more personalized to their experiences, centers these students in the content and learning, and makes clearer connections between STEM and their own world. Youth will be able to see themselves in the world of STEM and discover the positive impacts their cultures have had on the field.

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