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## THIS WEEK

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

## CC to host area FFA leadership camp

The Area I FFA Leadership Conference will be held at Clarendon College next week, Tuesday-Thursday, June 18-20.

About 370 FFA members and sponsors are expected to be on the CC campus for games and leadership training.

Chapter officers attend workshops to learn what is in store for the FFA in the new year. It also gives Chapter officers a chance to learn new activities and leadership skills to take home and use in their local FFA Chapters.

## Prayer event starts June 20 at Groom

Organizers of an upcoming prayer event in Groom say God's heart is to bring His people together again in unity and prayer.

From June 20 to June 22, believers from across the Texas Panhandle are invited to join in a historic event: 52 Hours of non-stop worship and praise at the iconic Cross in Groom.

In an unprecedented initiative, churches from every county in the Texas Panhandle will take part, each leading a two-hour timeslot of worship at the cross. All generations and colleges are welcome to participate, as this event marks a significant moment for the Texas Panhandle region.

The event will kick off at 2 p.m. on June 20 and conclude at 10 p.m. on June 22, with each county in the Texas Panhandle having a designated two-hour time slot to lead in worship and prayer. Participants are encouraged to lead as they normally would in their churches.

For information, visit [www.awakenthedawn.txpanhandle.com](http://www.awakenthedawn.txpanhandle.com).

## Summer Celebration to be held July 15

Clarendon will host NewsChannel 10 for a Summer Celebration on Monday, July 15, at the Courthouse Square.

Volunteers are lining up games and events for the evening with activities running from 4 to 8 p.m. NewsChannel 10 will broadcast their 5:00 and 6:00 newscasts live from the Donley County Courthouse Square.

Those interested in having a booth at the event can call Brian Barboza at 806-874-3438 for more information.



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# Route 66 Festival brings tourists to Jericho

The 2024 Route 66 Festival is continuing this week after a big crowd attended Day Two of the celebration in Donley County at the old Jericho townsite.

Numerous vendors were on hand for the Jericho Star Gazing part Friday evening, and a crowd grew steadily throughout the evening with hopes of seeing celestial wonders through the telescopes of the Amarillo Astronomy Club that were set up near the old tourist courts.

Mother Nature provided an extremely pleasant evening with a cool breeze and low temperatures,

but fickle as she sometimes is in the Panhandle, she gathered storm clouds from the north just as the stars began to peak out. As the sun set, lightning dancing in the distance caused the telescopes to be put away and the evening quickly dismissed.

Organizers and townsite owners Blair and Blanca Schaffer were very happy with the turnout and say they plan on hosting more events at Jericho this year. A metal-detecting party recently turned up some interesting artifacts, and the townsite is scheduled to host more Route 66 tourists this week as the

festival's East Bus tour brings a load of Mother Road enthusiasts to the ghost town on Wednesday.

The West Bus tour will explore Panhandle points on Route 66 west of Amarillo on Thursday, and more events are scheduled throughout the week with the festival wrapping up Saturday in Amarillo. Check out more information at [VisitAmarillo.com/TX66Fest](http://VisitAmarillo.com/TX66Fest).

Following last week's Star Gazing Party, Jericho Route 66 decals are now available at the Clarendon Visitor Center. Pick one up weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Blanca and Blair Schaffer



## Changes downtown

Muralist Malcolm Byars and his assistant, Michael Blackwell, both of Amarillo, apply the first layer of paint to the new ranch heritage mural going up on the south wall of REFZ Sports Bar & Grill. The project, funded by the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation, began Monday and is expected to be completed before July 4. Also this week, Liberty Electric ran power to the new downtown welcome sign, and work was started to add downtown merchants' logos to the sign's directory.

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# Jackson to serve on intelligence committee

US Representative Ronny Jackson (TX-13) was appointed last week by Speaker Mike Johnson to serve on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

This powerful committee is charged with oversight of the United States Intelligence Community, including the intelligence and intelligence-related activities of all elements of the United States Government. The Committee is led by Chairman Mike Turner of Ohio.

"I am honored to accept Speaker Johnson's appointment

to the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence," Jackson said. "I am eager to serve on this prestigious committee to conduct key oversight of the intelligence community and ensure their focus remains on national security and protecting the American people at home.

"Far too many bad actors around the world want to see America's national security and status on the world stage destroyed, and it is critical that our intelligence community counters these efforts

and keeps our country safe. Working alongside Chairman Turner, I believe we will be able to restore the American people's complete faith in our intelligence community. I look forward to bringing my experience in the military, and as a doctor, to the committee so that I can be an asset for this incredible team led by Chairman Mike Turner," Jackson said.

"The House Intelligence Committee is working to keep Americans safe and to ensure proper oversight of our national

security agencies," Speaker Johnson said. "I look forward to Representative Ronny Jackson bringing his experience and important contributions to the Committee's work."

Chairman Turner praised Jackson's service to the nation.

"Ronny Jackson has 25 years of medical and national security experience and will bring a unique perspective to the House Intelligence Committee," Turner said. "I am looking forward to serving with him."

# Local man receives two-year sentence for DWI

The District Court heard two pleas when it met in Clarendon last Thursday, June 6.

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

Eddie Lynn Floyd, 66, from

Clarendon, was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary for the third degree felony offense of driving while intoxicated third or more.

Floyd was arrested in Donley County on January 19 by 100th Judicial District Traffic Enforcement Officer Todd Gambol.

Floyd was indicted by a Donley County Grand Jury on March 25,

2024.

Floyd was also ordered to pay \$390 in court costs and \$60 lab fee.

Justin Miles Reeder, 37, from Denver, Colo., was placed on four years probation for the third degree felony offense of possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine.

Reeder was arrested by Donley

County Sheriff's Deputy Brian Stevens on April 29. Reeder pleaded to an information filed by the State on May 21.

Reeder was also ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine, \$290 in court costs, \$180 lab fee, and complete 200 hours of community service. If his probation is revoked, Reeder faces up to 10 years in prison.

# State grant to improve Donley Co. broadband

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar last week announced an initial award of \$4.8 million in grant funding to six High Plains counties for broadband infrastructure projects as part of the Bringing Online Opportunities to Texas (BOOT) program. This initial funding will support four broadband projects that will bring reliable, affordable internet service to 648 locations in the counties of Floyd, Hockley, Hall, Yoakum, Donley and Garza.

"The distribution of these funds is just the beginning of a historic investment in Texas," said Hegar, who is chair of the Comptroller-run Texas Broadband Development Office (BDO), which has been legislatively mandated to close the digital divide in this state. "Critical broadband infrastructure projects across the state are starting to get much-needed attention that will help us increase access to reliable, high-speed internet and close the availability gap in Texas."

AMA Communications was awarded \$2.9 million to connect 310 locations in Donley County.

An AMA spokesman told the Enterprise Tuesday the company is currently working on the details for the grant-funded work in Donley County, but they not yet ready to make an announcement.

In 2021, Texas was allocated \$500.5 million as part of the Capital Projects Fund (CPF), a \$10 billion component of the American Rescue Plan Act. Texas received the second-largest allocation of any state.

In 2023, the BDO began accepting grant applications for the BOOT program, which is funded through CPF dollars. Eligible applicants included internet service providers, political subdivisions and public-private partnerships interested in developing broadband infrastructure to connect unserved and underserved locations.

Poka Lambro Telecommunications Ltd., Valor Telecommunications of Texas LLC, AMA Communications LLC and Resound Networks received funding for broadband infrastructure projects in High Plains counties. The awardees met a mandate that they could deliver, upon completion, broadband service that reliably meets or exceeds symmetrical speeds of 100 megabits per second. They also demonstrated they could provide a universally available low-cost option for locations being connected through the BOOT program.

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# Convict 2253 makes a run for president

The conviction of former president Donald Trump on all 34 counts of the Hush Money Case in New York has left us with more questions than answers. The main questions center around jail time for an ex-president and how it affects his campaign for a second term.

By all accounts, jail time does not seem like a possibility. This is his first offense, it is nonviolent, and the insanity of locking up a president may even go beyond what the Democratic deem acceptable. However, if Trump were to serve time it still would not bar him for running for president. Legally he still has the right, and also, it's been done before.

Even though Trump does have an appeal, he is currently considered a convicted felon, but constitutionally that does not preclude him from running again. If Trump were to lose his Jan. 6 trial, then the 14th Amendment clause of being “engaged in insurrection” that would be a different story.

With the Trump hush money case, Republicans are claiming that this conviction is all part of a conspiracy to keep Trump from the presidency, and Democrats claim it's about rule of law. Both can be true at the same time.

However, in 1918 a Democratic president actually did jail a future contender.

The election year was 1920 and the Socialist candidate was Eugene Debs. While the Socialist Party was not a major party, it was one of the most popular third parties ever – second only to the Populist Party a few years earlier.

Debs ran for President in 1912 and won about 6 percent of the popular vote – mostly taken from Democratic candidate Woodrow Wilson, who only garnered 41 percent of the popular vote.

America declared war on Germany in 1917. That year Congress passed the Espionage Act making it illegal to act in any way which hindered the war effort. In 1918 Wilson signed the Sedition Act outlawing “disloyal, profane, scurrilous or abusive language” about the government, president or the war.

In many ways these acts were targeted at Socialists, even though their numbers had waned in recent years as the Democrats had stolen much of their thunder. Yet WWI had brought them charging back as it was seen as a capitalists’ war where the workers would suffer the most deaths. In spite of the Sedition Act, on June 18, 1918, Debs gave a speech at Canton, Ohio, condemning America’s involvement in the war. He claimed it was a capitalist war that exploited workers for the wealthy elite. Debs said, “Wars throughout history have been waged for conquest and plunder.”

He urged listeners to resist conscription and reject the war, advocating for a socialist future where the working class could rise and take control of their destinies. He was arrested after the speech and given a 10-year sentence. Debs had already run for president three times, the last time being 1912. He ran for Congress in 1916 allowing another Socialist to run for president instead, but he decided he needed to try once again in 1920. At their national convention the Socialists Party announced that “Convict 2253” would represent their party. Debs faced many uphill battles.

Not only was he in prison and represented a third party, but the national attitude had changed by 1920.

The country was coming off three liberal progressive presidents who had greatly empowered the government and whose beliefs culminated in WWI. Republican nominee Warren G. Harding ran on the “Return to Normalcy” platform – something America was craving.

Debs was also hampered by losing his greatest weapon: his voice. A powerful speaker, Debs could capture audiences, but unlike his competitors he would not be allowed to hit the campaign trail. Harding became famous for what Republicans called his “front porch” campaign where he gave speeches to crowds gathered at his home. The Socialist response was to call Deb’s campaign the “Front Cell” campaign.

In or out of prison Debs had no chance in this election.

He only received around 3 percent of the vote. By the next election his party would not even get 1 percent.

Debs would not complete his entire sentence. When the war and the Sedition Act ended, many asked Wilson to pardon Debs. Wilson refused. Yet after Harding took over the White House, he commuted his sentence to time served. Debs left the Atlanta prison to the cheers to hundreds and was greeted by thousands at his home in Indiana. Along the way he made a stop to the White House where Harding wanted to meet him. At his height Debs only received 6 percent of the vote, but his party was influential in politics and labor.

While he is mostly forgotten today, Debs does hold the title of as the only person to run for president from prison – at least so far.

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# The fence cutters’ fight for survival

The Fence Cutters Fight for Survival It can be safely claimed that barbed wire transformed the West as much as any other isolated springs and did fences block roads and trails, they also isolated springs and ponds from thirsty cattle. Thus, the Indians were not the only ones who did not like fences. To ranchers whose cattle grazed the open range and who drove their cattle to the northern markets, barbed wire was a tool of the devil that threatened their very existence. The situation became one of land ownership versus the open range, and it became quite volatile. It also led to a new category of frontiersmen-that of “fence cutters.”

The terrible drought of 1883 was especially hard on the cattle of Texas. Thirsty and emaciated cattle were dying by the hundreds. With little enough water anyway on the parched and cracked land, the fact that many water sources were fenced off and unavailable to the cattle made fence cutting a necessity.

Organizing themselves loosely but secretively, fence cutters would frequently stay out late at night and then come home without letting their wives know where they had been or what they

had been doing. Such excursions resulted in a few less fences than before. Occasionally there was bloodshed along with the fence cutting, but the fence cutters usually tried intimidation first.

A Castroville farmer woke up one morning to find a card with a bullet hole in it attached to one of his fences. The card read, “If you don’t make gates, we will make them for you.” After cutting a fence in Live Oak County, the fence cutters dug a grave and dangled a rope in it. The note they left read, “This will be your end if you rebuild this fence.”

Repairing a fence in Coleman County that had previously been cut, a sheep man found a coffin on his front porch. The attached note said, “This is what you will need if you keep fencing.” The resourceful sheep man was not easily intimidated, however, and he used the coffin as a watering trough.

Some of the fence builders were sympathetic to the needs of the cattle,



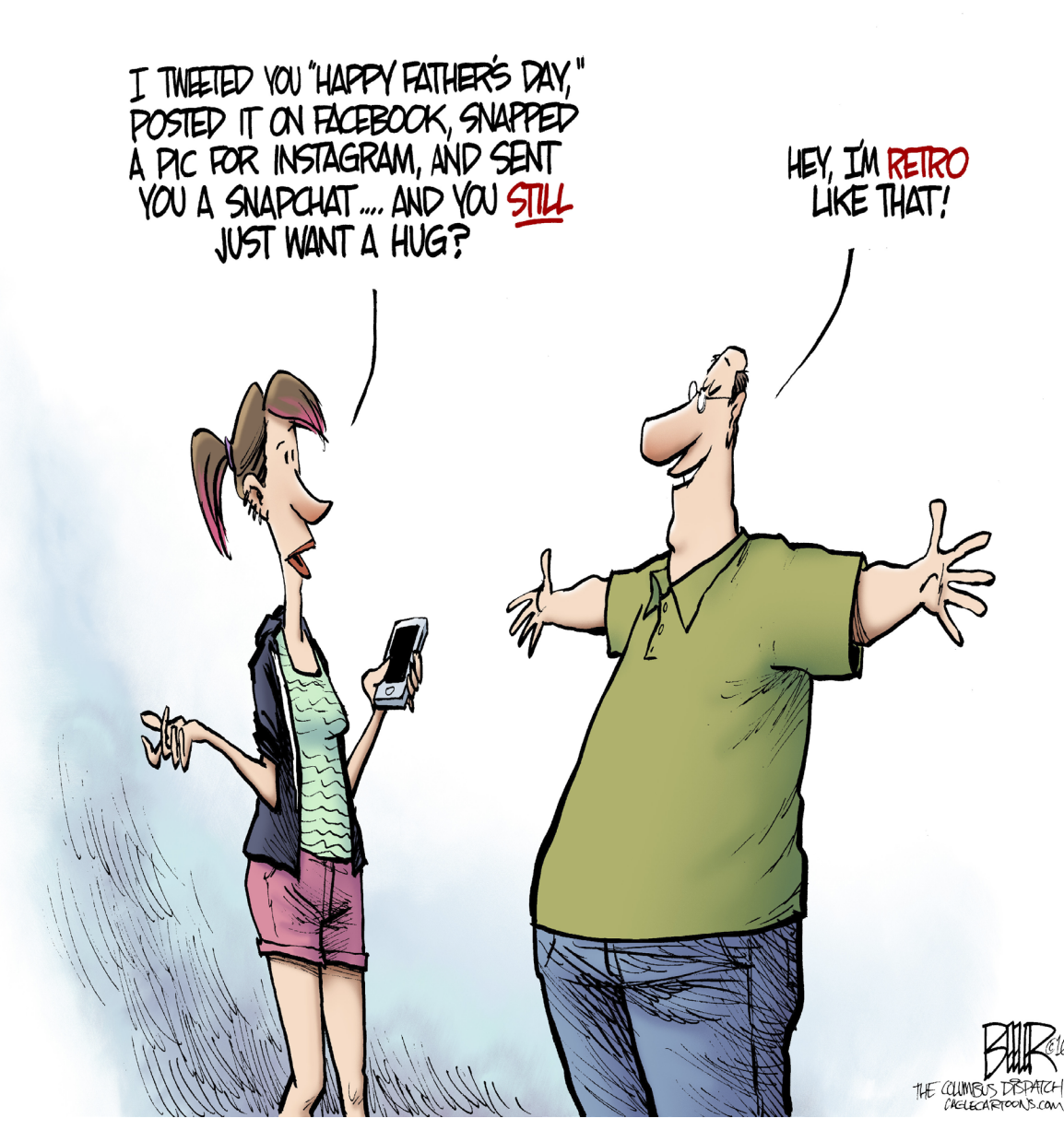
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by george u. hubbard

especially during the 1883 drought. At Gonzales, Doc Burnet found some of his neighbor’s cattle standing at the gate of his pasture looking longingly at the water within. Opening to use his water at any time. He also offered to pull up his fencing until the drought ended. Burnet never had any trouble with fence cutters.

Men like Doc Burnet were the exception, however, and tensions continued to mount. Many fence cutters employed armed guards to protect them while they cut. In defense, landowners began placing sticks of dynamite along their fences. Finally, in an attempt to diffuse the situation, the Texas Legislature made fence cutting a felony. At the same time they made it illegal to erect fencing on public lands or around land belonging to another. The invention of refrigerated railroad cars further diffused the situation by enabling cattle to be slaughtered locally and their carcasses shipped to market.

In the end, the West was transformed. Although large ranches did and still do exist, land ownership and fencing brought permanent change.

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



# Graduates out in the real world

For the most part, handshakes, backslaps, hugs and teardrops – some joyously wept from grateful souls who achieved much, and some from others who barely sneaked by to graduate – now are part of history.

In bygone years, school superintendents and university presidents considered graduation events to be successful if everyone left venues in the same state of health and well-being as when they entered. (Nowadays, with some commencement exercises canceled or altered greatly because of safety concerns, most leaders would settle for the “mild stuff” – even squirrels running amok on stages in the berserk manner described in the novelty song about the First Self-Righteous Church of Pascagoula.)

It should be noted that there are far more places for exercises to go wrong now. Long ago, most schools had just one “warm-up” for graduation, it being from elementary to high school. Nowadays, youngsters graduate from kindergarten to first grade, then elementary to junior high or middle school, then to high school and the “biggie” at senior year’s end. I wouldn’t be surprised, up the way, if ceremonies mark progression from diapers to underwear, and/or nursery school to kindergarten....

One superintendent of my acquaintance says he hopes his commencement-induced “tummy knots” will loosen soon. I understand, but like most other folks, wonder what lies ahead. Civility seems threatened.

I asked him if anything at this year’s graduation program caused him to smile on the way home.

“As a matter of fact, there was,”

he answered, seemingly eager to share remarks by one of his school’s brightest graduates. (I am choosing not to reveal his name, nor his school’s, nor the graduate’s.)....

By way of background, much seemed to be predictable. Some 800 seniors “pumped and circumstance” their way into the stadium, and several thousand relatives and friends showed up, hoping the graduates would take seriously both the “rights and responsibilities” printed on their diplomas.

It was a long ceremony, of course – what with all graduates receiving a dozen seconds each in the spotlight crossing the stage. There were many speeches, of course.

Were there ever speeches! Students who achieved greatly academically – as well as heads of student organizations – were granted a few minutes each to share their thoughts, most of which centered on gratitude to teachers, coaches, band directors, counselors, and, of course, parents and other relatives. Most, my friend said, were well-chosen words. (I cautioned that I’ve been congratulated for a few “well-chosen words,” both words in print and expressed verbally. Sadly, though, there were addendums, something about the few “well-chosen words” interspersed randomly with several hundred that weren’t!))....

I hasten on, because my friend’s face brightened as he described the



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by don newbury

young man whose remarks “took the cake,” earning the evening’s most thunderous applause.

“He had ‘Paul Harvey kind’ of timing, obviously spending hours deciding precisely what he wanted to convey,” the superintendent said.

“The graduate was unhurried, quickly establishing eye-contact with the throng to create an appearance of serious intent and spirit of thanksgiving. I wish I could remember his exact words, but generally, here’s what the lad said.”....

“I would like to begin my remarks this evening by especially thanking my mother, even though she’s no longer with us.”

Swiveling to survey the crowd, the graduate seemed to “drink in” the audible sighs from the audience, all seeming to share the tender moment.

Several seconds passed before he loosed the bombshell retort that immediately turned a moment of sadness into laughter that bordered on side-splitting.

“Yeah, she left several minutes ago, probably out of sheer boredom.”....

I congratulate him for his creativity. I’ll throw in a bouquet to his mom, too, if she knew what he intended to do, and went along.

Okay, I’ll extend the gift to all the graduates of our land, prayerful that they’ll strive to make our world a better place.

My generation fell short of what we’d hoped. Maybe we all should re-read the words on our diplomas....

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June 14 & 15

Inside Out 2 • Gates open @ 6:30 p.m. • Movie starts @ Dusk • Sand-ell Drive-In Theatre

June 14 & 15

Inside Out 2 • 7:30 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

June 16

Inside Out 2 • 2:00 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

June 18 - 20

Clarendon College FFA Leadership Camp Student leaders from FFA chapters across the Texas Panhandle and South Plains will learn new skills and practice team-building.

June 21 & 22

Inside Out 2 • 7:30 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

June 23

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July 4, 5, & 6

Saints' Roost Celebration Craft Fair, Parades, BBQ, Turtle Race, Ranch Rodeo, Live Music, Dancing, and more! See ad on page 9 for details.

July 20

Howardwick Hoedown. 11 a.m. at McMorries Memorial Park featuring Food, craft and Vendor Booths, Music, Raffles, Cornhole and more! See ClarendonTx.com for more information.

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Menus

June 17 - 21

Donley County Senior Citizens

Mon: Cheeseburgers, whole wheat bun, lettuce, tomato, onion pickle, potato wedges, melon, sugar cookie, iced tea/2% milk. Tue: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, whole wheat roll, cherry/pineapple crisp, iced tea/2% milk. Wed: Spaghetti w/meatballs, garden salad, garlic toast, sliced peaches w/whipped topping, iced tea/2% milk. Thurs: Chicken teriyaki, long grain rice, stir fry veggies, whole wheat roll, butter cake, iced tea/2% milk. Fri: BBQ beef on a bun, tater tots, coleslaw, chocolate chip cookie, apricots, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Herb baked fish, baked fresh sweet potato, creamed spinach, brownie, whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk. Tue: Beef brisket w/gravy, scalloped potatoes, brown rice, California blend vegetables, peach parfait, whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk. Wed: Chicken fried steak, country gravy, homemade mashed potatoes, buttered peas & carrots, ginger molasses cookies, whole wheat buttermilk biscuit, iced tea/2% milk. Thurs: Country style ribs, classic macaroni salad, Brussel sprouts, snickerdoodles, banana, whole wheat buttermilk biscuit, iced tea/2% milk. Fri: Bacon cheeseburger on whole wheat bun, steak fries, garden salad, no bake cookies, iced tea/2% milk.

### Wildcat Bluff plans event to salute the plains

Wildcat Bluff Discovery Center in Amarillo will host an unforgettable evening at the on June 21 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. This adults-only event promises a night full of entertainment, good food, and fun activities.

Enjoy the captivating sounds of the band, Touching Voodoo. Food Trucks: Savor delicious food from a variety of food trucks. Relax with a drink from the open bar. Be amazed by exciting nature demonstrations. Challenge your friends to some giant lawn games. Indulge in the classic treat of s'mores and more!

Don't miss out on this fantastic evening of fun and excitement. Come and enjoy the best that the Wildcat Bluff Discovery Center has to offer. Tickets are \$35 per non-member and \$30 per member. More information, visit wildcatbluff.org.

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### NRCS seeks conservation innovation ideas

The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Texas is accepting applications until July 1, 2024, for Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) for Fiscal Year 2024.

A total of up to \$1,000,000 is available for the Texas CIG competition in FY24. All non-Foreign, non-federal entities (NFE) and individuals are invited to apply, with the sole exception of federal agencies. Projects may be between one and three years in duration. The maximum award amount for a single award in FY24 is \$300,000.

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Conservation; Innovation in agricultural systems, technology, testing, outreach, and partnerships for the Broad-Scale Application of Climate Smart Agriculture; Innovation in natural resource assessment leading to improved conservation planning and application efficiency; Coastal conservation and Aquaculture; and Social Science to implement watershed scale conservation buffer program.

Applicants must submit their applications via Grants.gov by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on July 1, 2024. For new users of Grants.gov, see Section D of the full Notice of Funding Opportunity for information about steps required before applying

via Grants.gov.

The opportunity can be found easily on Grants.gov through the basic search criteria by using the opportunity number, searching the CFDA of 10.912, or from this direct link: <https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/354658>. It can also be found by filtering for All Department of Agriculture.

The agency anticipates making selections by July 25, 2024, and expects to execute awards by Sept. 14, 2024. These dates are estimates and are subject to change.

Completing all steps required to start an application can take a significant amount of time, plan accordingly.

### Cruz bill would help predict, prevent wildfires

US Sens. Ted Cruz (R-Texas), Ranking Member on the Senate Commerce Committee and Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.), Chairwoman on the Senate Commerce Committee, recently introduced the Fire Ready Nation Act, bipartisan legislation that will help emergency managers and firefighters better predict, respond to, and prepare for wildfires.

The bill makes several reforms to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), as well as deploy more federal meteorologists to wildfire frontlines so that responders can incorporate more accurate and timely forecast information into their response plans.

Upon introduction, Sen. Cruz said, "Texans have seen devastating wildfires consume hundreds of thousands of acres across the Lone Star State, particularly in the panhandle. Better forecasting and preparation for such disasters will greatly reduce the damage from fires in the future, helping to protect Texans' homes

and the livelihoods of many farmers and ranchers across the state.

I am grateful to partner with Chairwoman Cantwell on this critical legislation to help keep Texans safe and deadly wildfires under control."

This year alone, 170 wildfires have consumed 1.25 million acres in Texas, destroying ranches, killing thousands of cattle, and forcing evacuations. In the panhandle, the Smokehouse Creek fire alone scorched almost 1.1 million acres, setting the record for the largest wildfire in Texas history. Dry, hot, and windy weather combined with dried-out vegetation increased the speed and severity of the wildfires that hit the Texas Panhandle earlier this year, making it more difficult for Texans to respond to the swift-moving flames.

To help address these challenging wildfires, the Fire Ready Nation Act would:

Establish a fire weather services

program within NOAA to provide products and services that improve wildfire risk communications and forecasts, which would help Texans understand where the greatest risks of fire is so that they can evacuate and protect farms and livestock.

Create a fire weather testbed to test new fire hazard technologies, including the use of uncrewed systems, so that current fire behavior and location can be updated more frequently.

Require NOAA to conduct post-fire weather surveys and assessments to identify gaps and recommendations to improve future forecasts, so that NOAA can improve fire forecasts for areas like the Texas Panhandle, which experiences faster moving grassland wildfires.

Codify the Incident Meteorologist Service, which deploys forecasters to help firefighters understand weather patterns affecting wildfires, including the Smokehouse Creek Fires.



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting June 11, 2024, with Boss Lion Pro Tem Richard Green in charge.

We had seven members present, two attending virtually, Sweetheart Emma Roys, and two guests – Ben Estlack, guest of Lion Roger Estlack, and Johnny Treichel, who presented our program. Mr. Treichel has been working at Clarendon College for 22 years and is an alumnus of CC. He coaches the livestock judging team and is the administrator over the meats team.

About 48 students are in the program, which he said takes good kids and surrounds them with people who will steer them in the right direction. He said it's rewarding to see so many kids go off and be successful not just professionally but also personally. Judging is a mental game, and participants have to persevere through challenges and through defeats, just like in life, Treichel said. Treichel also said CC will be hosting the Area I FFA Leadership Contest next week with about 370 people expected to attend.

The club discussed the upcoming Bag Bingo & BBQ on July 4. Details will be announced soon.

There being no further business, we were adjourned.

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Hedley Junior High student Lily Stasio plays in All-State game.

### Stasio nominated for All-State Games

Hedley Junior High student Lily Stasio has been nominated for All-State Games basketball camp hosted at Dallas College this summer. Coach Stevens nominated Stasio, who will be in eighth grade

this fall, and she was among 57 kids accepted into the program from across the state. Coaches from large high schools and colleges teach the kids new skills, and the camps raise money for kids in foster care.

### PUC emphasizes consumer protections for summer

Amid rising summer temperatures, the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) is reminding Texans of its consumer protection rules that prohibit the disconnection of an individual's electricity service for non-payment during extreme weather. PUCT rules also require electric providers to offer deferred payment plans for bills that become due during extreme weather.

"Anyone who has experienced a summer in Texas knows that having reliable power to cool your home or business is a matter of health and safety," PUCT Chairman Thomas Gleeson said. "Ensuring the power stays on for all consumers during extreme weather, regardless of their financial situation, is a top priority for the PUCT. We want to make sure Texans are prepared and aware of the rules and financial resources in place to protect them as temperatures begin to climb."

The PUCT's consumer protection rules prohibit electric providers from disconnecting any customer's service for non-payment during extreme weather emergencies. The PUCT's definition of an extreme weather emergency follows National Weather Service advisory

criteria and is outlined in the rule (Chapter 25, Section 25.483 and 25.29i). The rule also requires transmission and distribution utilities to notify the PUCT of extreme weather emergencies on each day that an emergency has been issued for a county in its service area.

The PUCT has additional protections for consumers who are ill or disabled and have established that any disconnection in service would cause illness or the worsening of an existing illness. For more information on these protections, visit the PUCT's Know Your Rights webpage.

In addition to these rules and resources, the PUCT's Consumer Protection Division is always available to work with Texans to reconcile issues related to their utility service. Consumers are encouraged to first contact their electric provider to resolve their issue, and if they are unable to reach a resolution, they can contact CPD by emailing [consumer@puc.texas.gov](mailto:consumer@puc.texas.gov) or calling 1-888-782-8477.

The PUCT's Power to Save website provides energy saving tips and other helpful consumer resources.

### Health and Human Services Launches 'Healthy Texan Week'

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission is launching the inaugural Healthy Texan Week June 10-16 to promote healthy eating habits and proper nutrition.

HHSC is partnering with community organizations to host nutrition-focused events throughout Texas that will feature cooking demonstrations, recreational activities and educational materials on health and wellness.

In a proclamation issued May 29, 2024, Gov. Greg Abbott stated that promoting wellness at the community level can improve the lives of Texans.

"During Healthy Texan Week and throughout the year, let us all take a proactive role in our health; educate ourselves as best we can; and support our neighbors, friends, and loved ones along the journey toward holistic wellness," Abbott stated in the proclamation.

Healthy Texan Week is organized by the HHSC SNAP-Ed program, which helps people optimize

their SNAP benefits and teaches them how to prepare and cook healthy meals.

"HHSC recognizes the pivotal role that community engagement plays in enhancing public health outcomes," said Summer Stringer, associate commissioner of Community Access at HHSC. "Healthy Texan Week embodies our commitment to working hand-in-hand with local organizations and communities to promote nutrition and wellness."

Healthy Texan Week coincides with the recent launch of the HHSC "Good Food, Good Move" website. The online resource provides tips on making quick and affordable meals, ways to add exercise to your daily routine, and a searchable list of healthy recipes.

For more information about Healthy Texan Week and how to find a local community event, visit [goodfoodgoodmove.org](http://goodfoodgoodmove.org). To learn more about SNAP food benefits and SNAP-Ed resources, visit the HHSC food services website.

### Panhandle pioneer pilots to be honored

Seven women who helped change the course of history will be honored with the unveiling of their exhibit at the Texas Panhandle War Memorial and Education Center on June 12 at 7 p.m.

America was officially part of the Second World War following the attack on Pearl Harbor. Trained pilots were all needed overseas to fight the war and this led to a shortage of qualified pilots on the home front. The Army was also in desperate need for pilots to deliver newly built aircraft. This resulted in women pilots being used for this role. The

first squadron of female pilots was formed in the late summer of 1942 named the Women's Airforce Service (the WAFS) and changed to the Women's Flying Training Detachment (WFTD) in September of 1942, and then finally the Women's Air Service Pilots (WASPS).

These women would ferry aircraft all around the United States, test aircraft after they had been repaired, towed gunnery targets, flew demonstration flights for male pilots, and even taught male pilots as flight instructors. They were limited to day flying.

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

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**Clarendon Lions Club** Regular  
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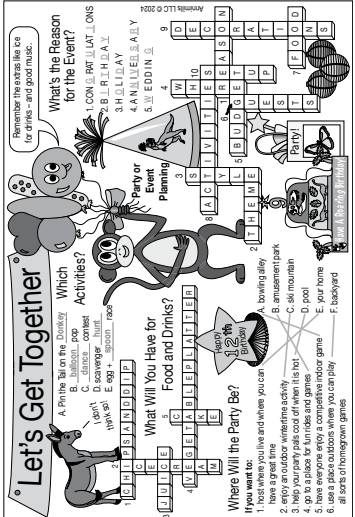
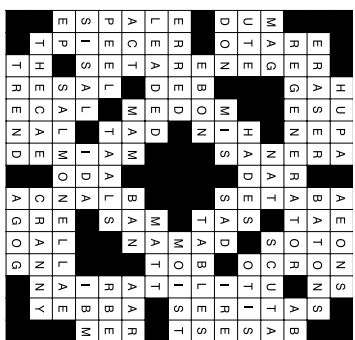
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- relax
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- picnic
- long talk
- hike; stroll
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- miniature golf
- do something new
- wash, wax, buff car

**For Dad:**

- welcome him when he comes home from work
- chip in for cool sunglasses
- coffee, quiet, newspaper
- make a card or cake
- clean and wash car
- breakfast in bed
- hang hammock
- clean playroom
- take out trash

C'mon...stop playing video games long enough to at least make Dad a nice Father's Day card!

Happy Father's Day and we're not kidding!

Fill in the spaces with vowels to spell out how we feel about our Dads.  
My Dad likes to cook outside. He is the **K**ng of the Gr\_\_ll!

Just like my Dad, I can see well at night and have excellent hearing.

**For Dad's Day**

**Father's Day:**

- is held on the third Sunday in \_\_\_\_\_ in the USA, but may be on a different date in other countries.
- is a day to honor our \_\_\_\_\_ and grandfathers.
- is celebrated in many countries around the \_\_\_\_\_.
- in \_\_\_\_\_ is full of fun runs, pot-luck lunches and presents or hand-made artwork for dads.
- is a newer idea in \_\_\_\_\_. Children may give cards or flowers to their dads. Families may eat out at a restaurant or go to a movie together.
- in \_\_\_\_\_ (Chichi no hi) may include gifts of fancy beef (like Kobe beef) or eel for dads. Children may make an origami paper item with a message or put a little gift inside it.
- in South \_\_\_\_\_ is celebrated by people going fishing during the day and having a seafood feast at dinnertime.
- in \_\_\_\_\_ is sometimes celebrated by families hanging a skeleton outside of their homes to represent "Padre Esqueleto" or "Father Skeleton."

**Let's Get Together**

What's the Reason for the Season? Which Activities?

1. Have a picnic and enjoy the outdoors.  
2. Enjoy an outdoor recreational activity.  
3. Give Dad a gift to show appreciation.  
4. Go to a movie to relax and enjoy.  
5. Have a special meal with Dad and family.  
6. Clean and wash the car.  
7. Take out the trash.  
8. Hang a hammock.  
9. Buy Dad a newspaper.  
10. Make a card for Dad.

**World's Best Dad!**

My Dad wears more than one hat. He teaches fire safety and is a volunteer fireman too!

Can you find and circle all of these words that tell about Dads?

**Getting to the Top of Things!**

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**A Dad is a...**

Every dad does things differently. Each has his own style. When you finish this puzzle you will have a list that tells about Dads.

1. Study each picture. Write the beginning letter of each picture in the box.

2. Next, unscramble the words (they begin with the letter in the box).

3. One word in each group does not tell anything about fathers. Cross out that word. The first one is done for you.

rfai = fair  
nif = ~~fin~~

twicac =  
mdnola =

estesa =  
wgit =

slaph =  
khon =

engeercit =  
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## Internships available for disabled youth

By the Texas News Service

Teens and young adults in Texas who have disabilities have an opportunity to get a paid internship this summer.

The Texas Workforce Commission offers its Summer Earn and Learn program for students between the ages of 14 and 22.

The students are placed with large and small businesses to earn a paycheck and learn valuable work experience.

Joe Esparza, the commissioner representing employers, said all 28 workforce development boards across the state participate in recruiting students and employers

“The employers are obviously benefiting because they’re investing in their communities, and they get somebody who’s motivated to work,” Esparza explained. “I think having that opportunity gives these students a chance to interact with customers, to learn IT systems, to just engage in something that they are very interested in.”

He said more than 14,000 students have been placed in internships since the program started in 2017.

More than 1,300 employers across Texas participated in the program last year, giving students hands-on experience. Some of the businesses include the Amarillo Zoo,

the Fort Worth Botanic Garden and Odessa College. Esparza noted the internships last five to eight weeks and student participants attend work readiness training to prepare them for their work experiences.

“We at the state level always encourage employers to get involved and create programs,” Esparza emphasized. “In most every business, there’s usually an opportunity to bring somebody in as an internship and it’s a great opportunity for them to learn new skills and become part of the workforce there.”

Some of the students have been hired full-time by the companies at the end of their internships.



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