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THIS WEEK

- 2 Transparency bills attempt to open state government this legislative session.
- 3 The deadline is looming to apply for SBA disaster loans.
- 4 Former city aldermen are honored for their service.
- 8 And Clarendon High School athletes are recognized.

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

Sales taxes grow in local municipalities

Donley County cities each saw increases in sales tax revenues this month with Comptroller Glenn Hegar delivered May allocations last week.

Clarendon's May revenue was up 4.81 percent to \$54,827.98 compared to the same period last year. The city is now running 4.8 percent ahead for the calendar year-to-date with revenue of \$226,482.61.

Hedley was up 5.62 percent with revenue of \$1,779.43 and is now up 24.78 percent for the year at \$7,473.62.

Howardwick's revenue was up 66.05 percent this period, totaling \$2,204.74, compared to \$1,327.72 for May 2024. The lakeside city is now up 32.55 percent for the calendar year-to-date at \$10,111.48. Howardwick City Hall says extended hours at the local convenience store there, recent big events at the country club, and the start of the city's mowing service season likely contributed to the increase in sales taxes.

Donley County Assistance District #1 in the corporate boundaries of Howardwick received \$1,352.31 this month, bringing its total this calendar year so far to \$6,235.22. The district began collecting taxes in October.

These allocations are based on sales made in March by businesses that report tax monthly and sales made in January, February and March by quarterly filers.

Statewide, Hegar delivered \$1.3 billion in local sales tax allocations for May, 4.5 percent more than in May 2024.

Trash to Treasures event set for June 7

Mark your calendars for Clarendon's 20th annual "Trash To Treasures" garage sale event on Saturday, June 7.

The cost is \$25 and sign-ups are due at the Enterprise by 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 29.

Each participant will get a 50-word advertisement in the Big-E Classifieds and the exclusive "Trash To Treasures" garage sale signs. In addition, the Enterprise will print a "treasure map" the week of the event indicating the location of each sale and will promote the citywide garage sale with regional advertising.

For more information, call 874-2259 or come by the Enterprise office at 105 S. Kearney.



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Caffey to lead Broncos as new head coach

Big Spring Defensive Coordinator Jeff Caffey has been named the new athletic director and head football coach for Clarendon CISD.

Superintendent Jarod Bellar said school trustees were scheduled to meet Tuesday night as the ENTERPRISE went to press to confirm Caffey's hire. He will begin his duties this Wednesday, May 14. He succeeds Coach Aaron Wampler who has taken the AD position at River Road ISD.

"We had about 30 applicants," Bellar said, noting that Coach Caffey's success in places like Shamrock helped him stand out in the search.

Bellar and Caffey also know each other from their days working at Springlake-Earth.

"We're excited to have him coming here," Bellar said. "He has a long line of success personally and in his family in coaching."

Caffey is a graduate of White

Deer High School and went to college at Sul Ross State University, where he played football and ran track before starting his career in Ft. Davis. Most recently, he was the athletic director and head football coach in Shamrock before going to Big Spring last year. Clarendon's history and traditions attracted him to apply for his new job here.

"Clarendon always has kids that play tough and play hard," he told the ENTERPRISE.

Caffey has spent some time on campus in Clarendon and met the local athletes.

"I've enjoyed every kid I've met," he said. "They are hungry and want more. That tells you that they want better. I see that in their eyes in both the boys and the girls."

Caffey said he looks forward to meeting as many people as he can in the community and in the school system, especially in the elementary because that's where he says your

athletic program starts. He said there are good people on the Clarendon coaching staff already and he looks forward to hiring some more people who share the same vision.



Caffey



Making history

The Clarendon Lady Broncos made history last week when they defeated Bangs for the Regional Semi-Final Championship. They will face Floydada this week for the Regional Championship. See our complete coverage on page six.

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TxDOT to detour US 287 in Memphis May 19

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Childress District is notifying motorists of a temporary detour on US 287 in Memphis on next Tuesday, May 20, to accommodate railroad crossing replacement by BNSF Railway.

Lane closures will begin Monday, May 19, at 6 a.m. with the closing of both northbound lanes.

Traffic will be switched to the two southbound lanes as north/south single lanes to maintain traffic

flow. On Tuesday, the two southbound lanes will be closed with traffic being switched to the two northbound lanes as north/south single lanes.

When the roadway is ready for installation of the new rails for the crossing, a complete shutdown of US 287 between Second Street and Harrison Street will be necessary to install the rails.

The full detour is expected to be in place approximately four to

six hours. Crews will utilize message boards and flaggers to alert the traveling public of the work and detour.

To safely reroute traffic, the following detour will be in place for installation of the rail across the roadway:

Northbound US 287 traffic in Hall County will be detoured via FM 1619, four miles south of Memphis, to FM 3032 to SH 256, returning to US 287 in Memphis.

Southbound US 287 traffic will be redirected through Memphis using 2nd Street to Davis Street, rejoining US 287 thereafter.

Motorists should anticipate delays both days. TxDOT encourages drivers to plan ahead, obey posted signs, and exercise caution in the area. This temporary detour is necessary to ensure the safety of both workers and the traveling public while improving the condition of the railroad crossing.

City council agrees to light proposal for downtown work

The Clarendon City Council approved an additional contract related to the Downtown Revitalization Project in the 200 block of South Kearney that aims to match the work that was done in the 100 block.

City Administrator Brian Barboza explained that because of new federal government rules, the city would be required to purchase the light posts for the 200 block in the United States if grant money was going to be used for that expenditure. The lights in the 100 block were purchased from Canada, however, and lights purchased from another vendor would not match.

To avoid having different lights, the city could use local tax funds for that expense, which would free up

grant funds to be used for upcoming work in the 300 block, Barboza said. The price tag for eight lamp posts is about \$19,000.

Council members agreed they wanted lights to look the same and be consistent downtown, and they asked if the Clarendon EDC could help cover the cost of purchasing the lights. CEDC board member Roger Estlack told the council the CEDC board was aware of the situation and had discussed it in previous meetings. CEDC members were scheduled to take action on supporting the purchase of the lights this week during their regular meeting.

The city council voted in favor of approving a separate contract with AAJ Concrete to order light poles to



Mayor Jacob Fangman administers the oath of office to Aldermen Tom Thompson, Brittney Wolfe, Ashlee Estlack, and Chelsi Shadle.

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match the existing fixtures.

In other city business, the council approved a bid from Discount Fence to put fencing around the lift station at Goodnight and White streets and also approved a request from the Donley County Senior Citizens to close a portion of Fourth and Gorst streets for their

50th anniversary celebration in August.

The council also canvassed the vote from the May 3 election and administered the oath of office to Mayor Jacob Fangman and Aldermen Ashlee Estlack, Chelsi Shadle, Tom Thompson and, Brittney Wolfe.

Bellar to retire as super

Clarendon CISD Superintendent Jarod Bellar will retire this summer after six and half years with the school.

Bellar told the ENTERPRISE this week that he will step down June 30 at the end of his current contract and take a new position in Kansas.

After 31 years in education in Texas, Bellar said the opportunity to go to Kansas came when the new superintendent in Liberal reached out to him.

"I've always looked to retire eventually and then continue in another state, but Kansas wasn't on my radar," Bellar said.

Bellar will be the new Assistant Superintendent of School Leadership & Support at Liberal, which has a student population of about 5,000.

Bellar's wife, Jennifer, will remain in Clarendon. He said she still has some years of service ahead of her before she can retire in Texas, and also the couple's daughter will be marrying this fall.

Clarendon represents a full circle for the Bellars with Mr. Bellar starting his career as a coach and teacher here in the 1990s. He later returned in January 2019 to take the position of superintendent.

CC receives career grant

Clarendon College was one of three Panhandle area schools to benefit last week when Governor Greg Abbott announced three career training grants to train students for high-demand, good-paying jobs after graduation.

These Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) grants, awarded through the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), will support career and technical education (CTE) training programs by helping the schools purchase and install equipment to initially train more than 230 students for high-demand occupations as emergency medical technicians, nurses, and more.

Clarendon College received a \$97,025 grant to train 11 students as nursing assistants.

Also receiving JET grants in the Panhandle were Amarillo College which received a \$311,476 grant to train 120 students as emergency medical technicians and Frank Phillips College, which received a \$331,298 grant to train 100 students as licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses.

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Transparency bills advancing at state capitol

Sunlight is starting to break through at the Capitol in the final month of the Texas legislative session. Open government measures have won passage in the House of Representatives with bipartisan support, and more House votes are scheduled on legislation championed by the broad-based Texas Sunshine Coalition.

However, this transparency legislation is still waiting to be heard in the Senate. Action is needed soon in the upper chamber to protect Texans' information rights before the Legislature adjourns June 2.

It's simple: Access to information builds public trust in government.

House members approved House Bill 4219 by Rep. Giovanni Capriglione, R-Southlake, requiring governmental bodies to respond to Texas Public Information Act requests, even if no such records exist, and establishing a complaint system for failure to respond. The common-sense measure is now in the Senate, where Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, is the author.

Also moving in the House are HB 2248, by Rep. John Smithee, R-Amarillo, allowing recovery of attorneys' fees in certain Texas Public Information Act lawsuits, and HB 3719, by Rep. Todd Hunter, R-Corpus Christi, restoring access to dates of birth in public records to help lenders, landlords, journalists and voters verify someone's identity when there's a common name.

House Bills 4990 and 4991, by Rep. Terry Canales, D-Edinburg, are gaining traction, too. They require the Attorney General's Office to operate an open government hotline and require open government training for outside lawyers hired by governments to handle Public Information Act requests.

All these bipartisan bills have Senate companions. They are initiatives backed by the Sunshine Coalition, a group of 16 organizations with different missions but united in the notion that transparency allows us all to participate in our government.

While advocating for positive open government legislation, transparency proponents have also been speaking out about measures that would thwart the free flow of information.

For instance, Senate Bill 986 by Sen. Paul Bettencourt, R-Houston, would flip the Texas Public Information Act upside down, undoing the law's structure that has served Texans well for over 50 years. The TPIA emphasizes the power of individuals over the government by requiring government officials in most cases to seek permission from the Attorney General's Office if they want to withhold information from the public.

The Bettencourt bill would allow governmental bodies to decide on their own what information to release to requestors without getting a neutral ruling. If requestors are denied information they would have to navigate a tedious appeals process, without the benefit of knowing what is being withheld from the documents, and may simply give up.

Another troubling Bettencourt bill, SB 2680, would force delays for requestors in filing a TPIA lawsuit when they must resort to the courts to obtain public information.

(Editor's Note: Since this article was written and as public opposition mounted to SB 2680, the Senate rushed a vote and passed the bill. The fight to stop it has now moved to the House of Representatives.)

Before legislators adjourn, let's urge them to stand up for the citizens of Texas and their information rights. Approving sunshine laws – and rejecting proposals that block information – help Texans keep a watch on their government.

Kelley Shannon is executive director of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas. The Sunshine Coalition includes the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas; Texas Association of Broadcasters; Texas Press Association; Texas Public Policy Foundation; Institute for Justice; ACLU of Texas; Every Texan; Common Cause; Grassroots America; League of Women Voters of Texas; SMU School of Law First Amendment Clinic; Texas Appleseed; Texas Association of Licensed Investigators; Texans Uniting for Reform and Freedom; Public Citizen; PublicData.com.



guest column by kelly shannon

Frontier medicine was primitive at best

Qualified doctors were few and far between, and those few who were available had to know a little about everything. Specializations and modern medical practices as we now know them were nonexistent in those days. Not only were many of today's curative medicines not known then, but also anesthetics to deaden the pain of surgery were not available. Whiskey was one of the few effective painkillers and healers.

A few weeks before Sam Bass was killed in Round Rock in 1878, one of his men took a bullet wound in the leg. Passing all the way through the fleshy part of his thigh, the bullet left an open wound that had become infected, and gangrene was setting in. Some of Sam's men went for a doctor, and when he arrived in the outlaw camp and saw the situation, he immediately called for hot water. After washing the wound and applying antiseptics, the doctor told Bass that he needed to probe and clean the interior of the wound. From his pack, Bass pulled out some new silk handkerchiefs and handed them to the doctor who intended to soak them with antiseptic and pull them through the wound.

"Boys, those new handkerchiefs are going to be pulled through that bullet hole, hurt or no hurt," Bass explained to

his men. "Now let a man get to each leg and arm and one to his head and hold him steady. No matter how much he hollers, hold him till the doctor says quit."

The men did their jobs as the doctor successfully cleaned the wound from one end to the other. The patient recovered.

In 1871 Cash McDonald and Green Freeman were wounded in a fight with Indians in Montague County. Knowing that killing the chief was the surest way to stop an Indian fight, Freeman did just that. But in the process, another Indian shot Freeman in the arm, severing the main artery. In the same melee, McDonald caught an arrow in his back. The two men were taken to the home of Cash McDonald's father in the community of Montague, but there was no doctor available there.

So riders set out for Gainesville, about thirty-five miles to the east to summon the nearest doctor. Two days later Dr. Bailey and a young assistant



vignettes tales of the old west by george u. hubbard

arrived from Gainesville. In the meantime, the bleeding in Freeman's arm was kept under control by a tourniquet that had to be loosened periodically to allow blood to circulate into the lower part of his arm.

Someone pulled the arrow out of McDonald's back, but just the wood came out, leaving the steel spike embedded in a joint of the backbone. Working first on Freeman, the doctors could not find the ends of the severed artery because it had shriveled and shrunk. They had to open the arm from the shoulder to the elbow, stretch the artery until the ends touched, and sew the ends together.

Next they instructed McDonald to sit on a chair facing the back of the chair. The other men were instructed to hold McDonald's arms and legs against the chair. Then taking a pair of blacksmith's tongs, Dr. Bailey probed for the spike, and after much tugging and pulling (and groans by McDonald), the doctor succeeded in extracting the spike. Freeman and McDonald both recovered and lived to enjoy old age.

Frontier medicine was primitive at best, but it accomplished miracles on numerous occasions. Medical techniques have come a long way.



A good day that just went wrong

When I introduced this weekly column more than 22 years ago, my stated goal was to provide amusement—even if corny and outdated—largely for readers dealing with bodily wrinkles, waistlines, aches, breaks, bends and assorted other groans associated with later life. Sometimes I've tried to make lemonade when negative topics tempted.

Last week, I shared negative thoughts, promising additional details later. Here they are, my ire modified, even if not fully mollified.

Upon reflection, I choose to "throttle back" on a negative oil change/inspection experience, refocusing instead on company policy....

That said, upon arrival, we were forewarned by a pleasant young lady—perhaps a trainee—that there might be a 30-40 minute wait. I could have driven away then, but her engaging smile and warm greeting attracted my wife and me. Farthest from my mind was that the projected wait time to enter the service bay would be missed greatly; more than an hour passed. To her credit, she provided bottled water at "mid-visit." We were trapped in line. I don't know how long the guy in front had been waiting, but, upon entering the bay, he never stopped, exiting without service and yelling scornful words, none to be confused with "adieu."

I requested an oil change and vehicle inspection. About 25 minutes later, after declining other services, I received my bill. I reminded the attendant that I'd appreciate the 25% discount offered FOR OIL CHANGES ONLY. He re-figured the bill.

After more than 100 minutes, we

were on our way rejoicing, our rescue dog Archie particularly eager to get home, and me smoldering. I couldn't believe that the attendant's final words concerned his deep appreciation of our completion of an email requesting an evaluation of service that we'd receive soon. I told him I couldn't wait. I know, I know. More customers than expected probably showed up, and maybe they were short-handed. All seemed to be working hard....



the idle american by don newbury

Now, let's turn to suggestions for corporate consideration:

1) Seek ways for unsatisfied customers to easily reach a REAL person. The current customer service sham isn't working. I completed a "zeroes-in-every-category" email response. Finally reaching a telephone call center, I was directed to a number that triggered the old "mailbox-is-full-call-back-later" message.

2) Stop with the printed windshield stickers inviting customers back 3,000 miles later. "Just a reminder," an attendant said.

3) Urge technicians to remain pleasant—particularly to us senile customers—and when the veteran discount is requested, if technicians check license plates, they should NEVER return with a snide "your-license-plate-doesn't-say-veteran" remark if the license doesn't confirm. (I already had my driver's license designation in hand.) He sheep-

ishly accepted.

4) It is understandable that additional products/services are available, and that each location probably has quotas. However, when lines are long, tempers on edge and the 10-minute oil change assurance blown to smithereens, please forego unsought examinations of wiper blades/various filters/other services UNLESS CUSTOMERS REQUEST. Even if business is slow, how about seeking permission to provide additional services? Asking "May I?" up front is strongly recommended. ("May I" was big in childhood games, right?)

5) As to veteran discounts, get on or get off. Offering 25% discounts for oil changes ONLY invites misunderstanding and/or misgivings. Are you really trying to honor men and women who have served our country? How about this? Offer whatever discount you choose, but for ALL products and services, even if it halves the current "25% off oil changes only" offer....

I truly do commend the workers toiling away in these places. Their work is hard.

Further, I cut some slack for the top brass, figuring profit margins may sometimes be slim, and fierce competition likely ever present.

If my complaints ever reach the top, I hope they'll be considered by real people, but even if by "AI" (artificial intelligence), it would be better than nothing. We "geezer" appeal in the interest of all ages. Bottled water ain't enough....

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Obituaries

Williams

Reverend Roy Shep Williams, Sr., 71, of Clarendon went to be with the Lord on Saturday, May 10, 2025, in Amarillo.

Home Going Celebration will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, May 17, 2025, in the First Baptist Church in Clarendon.

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon, Texas.

Reverend Roy Shep Williams Sr. was born on April 9, 1954, to Susie B. and Rev. O.L. Williams. He was 1 of 10 children. He was born in a family where hard work was a prerequisite; But even more so where strength of mind, body and spirit were the expectation and the standard.

At a young age, his work ethic



Williams

was cultivated working alongside his brothers and father harvesting in the fields. He later found the love for basketball and played for Amarillo High School where he graduated as one of the students of the first African American class at the school after integration. During this time, Roy also worked for the railroad.

Instead of choosing to go to college, Roy began working at the trade that he would later learn would allow for him to make an immensely respectable name for himself; cement masonry. Anywhere you look in Donley County: various homes, Clarendon ISD, Robertson's Funeral, Henson's, as well as red brick that lies on the streets of old town Clarendon, you will see Roy's expert craftsmanship. This rings true not just in the small town where he was born and raised, but also in many of the other towns in our beloved Texas Panhandle.

While many would have seen that as the calling on Roy's life, God had much greater plans for him. As he began working to build a life for himself and his family in the early 1980's, Roy decided to turn his life over to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He not only came to be a strong believer in his faith, soon also

became a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Throughout his 40 plus years of servitude, Elder Williams led countless souls to be saved, and through his own walk, continued to do so until the Lord called him home. He was the lead pastor of Ephesians Church of God in Christ, True Church of God and Christ, and finally St. Stephen's Baptist Church.

On July 28, 1978, Roy was Married to Barbara Shadle of Clarendon. Both strong believers and followers of Christ, they worked tirelessly to build a life centered around the same principles of hard work and faith.

Roy was preceded in death by both his mother and father, his sisters Barbara, Pamela, and Lois, his brother Ellis, his Mother-in-law Cherrye Shadle Howard, and his beloved puppy, Fanci.

Those left to carry on his most cherished memories and legacy are Roy's wife Barbara, his children Roy Jr. and wife Milka, Alexia, Roy III and Wife Renda, Joshua Blake, James and wife Elizabeth, and Angel and husband Jerry. These also include 20 beloved grandsons and granddaughters, along with brothers Reverend Harry Williams, Billy, and Dwight, as well as sisters Sandra and Peggy and his beloved puppy, Joy.

Deadline June 9 for SBA disaster loans

The US Small Business Administration (SBA) is reminding eligible small businesses and private non-profit (PNP) organizations in Texas of the June 9 deadline to apply for low interest federal disaster loans to offset economic losses caused by the drought beginning Aug. 13, 2024.

The disaster declaration covers Donley County as well as the Texas counties of Armstrong, Briscoe, Childress, Collin, Collingsworth, Cottle, Crosby, Delta, Dickens, Fannin, Floyd, Gray, Grayson, Hall, Hunt, King, Lamar, Motley, Swisher and Wheeler as well as the Oklahoma counties of Beckham, Bryan and Harmon.

Under this declaration, SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program is available to small businesses, small agricultural coop-

eratives, nurseries, and PNPs with financial losses directly related to the disaster. The SBA is unable to provide disaster loans to agricultural producers, farmers, or ranchers, except for small aquaculture enterprises.

EIDLs are available for working capital needs caused by the disaster and are available even if the business or PNP did not suffer any physical damage. The loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills not paid due to the disaster.

"Through a declaration by the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, SBA provides critical financial assistance to help communities recover," said Chris Stallings, associate administrator of the Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience at the

SBA. "We're pleased to offer loans to small businesses and private non-profits impacted by these disasters."

The loan amount can be up to \$2 million with interest rates as low as 4% for small businesses and 3.25% for PNPs with terms up to 30 years. Interest does not accrue and payments are not due until 12 months from the date of the first loan disbursement. The SBA sets loan amounts and terms based on each applicant's financial condition.

To apply online, visit sba.gov/disaster. Applicants may also call (800) 659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information. For people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1.

Submit completed loan applications to the SBA no later than June 9.

USDA serves up for your summer cookout safety tips

As friends and families get ready to kick off summer by firing up the grill and serving foods at a cookout, the US Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) shares some tips to keep your celebrations safe.

"Food safety is a year-round priority, but it's especially important during summer months when we're cooking outdoors and handling food in warmer temperatures," said FSIS Administrator Dr. Denise Eblen. "We have simple but effective steps that can keep you and your family safe while enjoying those outdoor meals."

Clean Your Grill: Grill surfaces should be washed with soap and water. Ensure old residue is scraped off. If you don't have access to a faucet, carry bottled water, soap and paper towels. After washing, start your grill and allow the heat to kill any remaining bacteria before cooking.

Prevent Cross-Contamination: Pack raw meats in sealed containers at the bottom of the cooler to prevent juices from contaminating other items. When grilling, use separate plates, cutting boards, and utensils

for raw and cooked foods. Never place cooked food on plates that held raw meat, poultry or seafood.

Cook to Safe Temperatures: Remember that color is not a reliable indicator of doneness. Use a food thermometer to ensure foods reach a safe minimum internal temperature: Beef, pork, lamb, and veal steaks, chops and roasts: 145 F Seafood (fish and shellfish): 145 F. Ground beef, pork, lamb and veal: 160 F. Poultry (whole and ground): 165 F.

Avoid the Danger Zone: The bacteria that can cause foodborne illness grow between 40 F and 140 F — also known as the Danger Zone. If you plan to keep perishable foods on the table for more than two hours (or one hour in temperatures above 90 F), keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold to avoid the Danger Zone. Keep hot foods heated at or above 140 F with chafing dishes or pre-heated grill. Keep cold foods chilled at or below 40 F by placing them on bowls of ice or keeping them inside a cooler near the picnic table.

For more information about food safety, call the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854) or email MPHotline@usda.gov.

DPS steps up for Memorial Day

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is increasing patrols statewide as part of its annual All-American enforcement campaign ahead of the Memorial Day Holiday. From May 12 through May 26, the Texas Highway Patrol (THP) will focus on enforcing seat belt laws and promoting safe driving behaviors to reduce crashes and save lives.

"Our top priority is saving lives on Texas roads," said Texas Highway Patrol Chief Bryan Rippee. "As Memorial Day approaches, we're stepping up enforcement to ensure drivers are buckled up, attentive and following the law. These efforts help protect families and prevent tragedy."

THP will increase enforcement as part of Operation CARE (Crash Awareness and Reduction Effort). Last year, during DPS' 2024 All-American enforcement efforts,

there were more than 122,361 citations and warnings issued. This included over 8,462 speeding violations; 601 seat belts; 2,752 violations for driving without insurance; and 579 felony and fugitive arrests.

To comply with Move Over or Slow Down, Texas law states that a driver must either:

Vacate the lane closest to the applicable vehicles stopped on the side of the road (if the road has multiple lanes traveling in the same direction) or Slow down to 20 mph below the speed limit. (If the speed limit is below 25 mph, the driver must slow down to 5 mph)

Violations of the law result in a misdemeanor that is punishable by a fine of up to \$1,250. Subsequent offences can increase fines, and if the offense results in bodily injury, the penalty can be up to a state jail felony.

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Level: Intermediate
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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May 17
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• 1:00 p.m. • Game 3 to follow if needed

May 16 & 17
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May 24
Clarendon Aquatics Center Season Opening. 1:00 p.m.

May 26
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June 8
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June 11
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Menus

May 19 - 23

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Pork chop/loin, black-eyed peas, turnip greens, cornbread, sliced peaches, iced tea/2% milk.
Tues: King ranch chicken, ranch style beans, garden salad, tortilla, black forest parafait, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, whole wheat roll, cherry/pineapple crisp, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Salisbury steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll, banana pudding, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: cheeseburger, potato wedges, melon, sugar cookie, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens
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Tues: Red beans & rice w/sausage, spinach & onion, banana pudding parafait, cornbread, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Chicken fried steak w/ country gravy, homemade mashed potatoes, broccoli & carrots, sugar cookies, whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Beef soft tacos, refried beans, tortilla chips & salsa, mixed green salad, Mexican brownies, banana, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Bacon cheeseburger, onion rings, mixed green salad, iced gelatin poke cake, iced tea/2% milk.

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Breakfast
Mon: Waffles, bacon, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Tues: Breakfast combo, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Wed: Managers choice, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Thu: Managers choice, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Fri: No School

Lunch
Mon: Popcorn chicken, roll, corn, broccoli, fruit, milk.
Tues: Managers choice, fruit, milk.
Wed: Managers choice, fruit, milk.
Thu: Managers choice, fruit, milk.
Fri: No School



City Servants
Mayor Jacob Fangman stands with former aldermen Terri Floyd, Eulaine McIntosh, and Mandy Smith last Thursday during a reception at City Hall honoring the ladies' service to the community. Floyd and Smith chose not to seek re-election to he city council, and McIntosh lost her bid to stay on the council by two votes this month.

COURTESY PHOTO

Program aims to connect rural college students with universities

By Lane Wendell Fischer, The Daily Yonder.

For many rural students, the road to any college - whether it be out-of-state, in-state, or regional - may not feel like a road at all. It may feel like a winding, overgrown path filled with advisors, unfamiliar processes, and support systems that were never built with small towns in mind.

In Texas and four other states across the country, a team of researchers and educators is preparing to hit the road to help build better higher education pathways for rural students. But they're not just plotting routes on a map, they're planning something deeper: how to show up in small communities with respect, listen without assumptions, and stay long enough to have a real conversation.

Andrew Koricich is the executive director of the Alliance for Research on Regional Colleges, a research and resource hub focused on highlighting the important role of regional colleges in economic and community development.

Koricich is leading this new approach to build paths to higher education by establishing the Rural Talent Lab. The lab, composed of higher education researchers and educators, will partner with state education agencies to increase student access and enrollment in regional colleges.

Here, students can acquire training and skills to find good paying work and support local workforce needs, from welding to nursing to culinary arts.

Over the next four years, his team of researchers and state leaders will hop on a charter bus to visit the rural communities they will be working with. Koricich has one goal in mind for these trips: to listen.

"We've got to stop treating rural communities like pit stops," Koricich said in an interview with the Daily Yonder. "If we're going to do work with rural places - not just

on them - that starts with how we show up."

He's also checking for neckties. "When we go on these community tours, I better not see one person in a suit and tie," Koricich said. "That might feel weird, but it matters. Don't dress like a bum - that's insulting - but don't overdress either. We're just people, sitting around having a conversation."

The goals of the project are to help state education agencies form stronger, longer-lasting partnerships with rural schools and communities, Koricich said.

Once that relationship is established, the Talent Lab will work with their state partners to develop statewide plans built by data-driven research, but most importantly, built by the needs and desires of the rural communities themselves.

What makes this project different isn't just the scope of the work - it's how that work gets done. "This can't be extractive," Koricich said. "We're not coming to take. We're coming to listen, to invest, to stay for breakfast the next morning - and to come back again."

That shift in tone and posture runs through every piece of the project. Instead of arriving with a pre-baked plan, the national team is working to support what rural communities already know: what's needed, what's possible, and what will actually stick.

Each state will take its own approach, guided by local priorities. The national team will offer research and coordination, but not direction. And crucially, they're focused on building trust, not just completing a checklist.

That includes making sure local dollars stay local. The teams will eat at community restaurants, sleep in local hotels, and spend their time in town - not just swoop in for a meeting and head back to the city.

Ty McNamee, an assistant professor of higher education at the University of Mississippi and research

fellow for the project, says that mindfulness is essential - especially in places where outside help has too often come with a side of condescension.

"Rural communities aren't broken," McNamee said in an interview with the Daily Yonder. "Rural students aren't an 'at-risk population.' That language makes it sound like something's wrong with them - and there's not. They're brilliant. They're capable. They deserve systems that believe in them."

McNamee, who grew up in rural Wyoming, knows what it means when institutions fail to meet rural students where they are. He hopes this work flips the script by not just improving opportunities, but rebuilding trust in the process and trust in higher education.

"We're not showing up to fix people," he says. "We're showing up to learn from them."

That means making space for local ideas and trusting local relationships. And, as Koricich puts it, "getting comfortable being uncomfortable."

In many ways, the Rural Talent Lab team is built to be temporary. Their role is to help remove the barriers that have, for so long, prevented long-term partnerships between rural communities, regional colleges, and state education leaders.

The project is set to run for four years. Koricich says the goal is to leave something more lasting behind.

"We hope that by the end, the state teams have built durable relationships with the communities they've visited," he said. "They should be able to go back to those folks later and say, 'We tried 43 things, one of them didn't work - let's try again.'"

That kind of long-term relationship-building takes more than strategy. It takes trust. And that trust is built, Koricich says, not just by the content of the work - but by the method.

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Bronco Send-off

Madison Green and Ian Grant stand with Sparky during a send-off Tuesday morning at Clarendon High School. Green and Grant competed in the Greenbelt Games in Childress.

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PGCD begins precipitation enhancement season

With 2024 being an active year as far as weather goes, 2025's precipitation enhancement season started quietly with the first half of April seeing little in the way of seeding opportunities.

A clash between winter and spring caused an impressive range in temperatures. At the start of the month (April 5), snow was reported across much of the area with Amarillo NWS reporting 2.2 inches. Parts of western Potter County saw upwards of seven inches.

As in April fashion, temperatures then soared to well above average. A high of 91°F was recorded on both April 12 and 17 with 49°F just a few days later on the 19th . This

rollercoaster ride continued through the end of the month and into the first of May.

Moisture and instability increased towards the end of April as a few stronger systems entered the region. This allowed three consecutive days of seeding operations from April 22-24.

This more active period makes April the busiest April since the year 2015 with regards to seeding operations. Total precipitation across the entire district exceeded average values. For Amarillo, precipitation totals added up 4.59 inches with Pampa seeing just under four inches. This is well above normal with average values ranging from near 1.25

inches over the western areas of the district to two inches to the east.

Spring conditions then continued into the first of May with temperatures hovering in the 50s-70s, along with wet conditions. With the parade of systems, the district is now drought free, except for far northeast Roberts County, for the first time since late January.

Looking ahead, the Climate Prediction Center has the Panhandle with a 33-40 percent likelihood of seeing below normal precipitation and a 50-60 percent chance of above average temperatures through July. With the recent rains, the extent and severity of a summer drought may be limited.

Abbott Proclaims 2025 Economic Development Week

Governor Greg Abbott has recognized the critical role that local, regional, and statewide economic development organizations play in strengthening the Texas economy, creating new job opportunities, and enhancing quality of life for all Texans by proclaiming May 12–16, 2025 as Economic Development Week in Texas.

“Texas is where the future is building — where opportunity is abundant, where free enterprise flourishes, and where families and jobs grow,” said Governor Abbott. “The key to Texas’ unrivaled success in economic development is teamwork.

It takes a collaborative effort from organizations across the state to

attract new businesses, investments, and jobs, as well as help existing Texas companies grow.

By working together with all of our economic development partners across the state, we will build a stronger, more prosperous Texas for generations.”

Governor Abbott recently celebrated Texas being ranked the Best State for Business for the 21st year in a row by Chief Executive magazine in recognition of the state’s business climate, workforce, and quality of life. Additionally, Texas won the 2025 Prosperity Cup awarded by Site Selection magazine to the top-performing state for attracting new business investments, earning Texas the “Triple Crown Trophy” for

the best economy in the nation. The Governor also released his five-year statewide economic development strategic plan that establishes a blueprint for continued economic expansion and job creation across Texas.

The Governor’s Texas Economic Development & Tourism Office (EDT) is tasked with marketing and promoting the state of Texas across the nation and around the world as the premier business location and travel destination. EDT works closely with communities and local, regional, and statewide economic development and tourism organizations, as well as partnering state agencies, to ensure Texas remains the best place to live, work, and visit.



Birthday Girls

Bobbie McQueen celebrated her 98th birthday at the Donley Senior Citizens Center on Thursday, May 8. McQueen is shown here with Everleigh, the center’s youngest regular guest who celebrated her birthday in April. McQueen volunteers to work the desk during lunch every Thursday.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Two-person German submarine
6. 60-minute intervals (abbr.)
9. Database management system
13. Vertical position
14. American jazz singer Irene
15. Ancient Greek City
16. Former Senate Majority Leader Harry
17. Japanese seaport
18. Self-immolation by fire ritual
19. Assigns tasks
21. Beloved type of cigar
22. Discounts
23. Cambodian communist leader Pot
24. Important football position
25. Kilometers per hour
28. Lentil
29. Extremely angry
31. Yellow-flowered European plant
33. American state

36. Some are made by rabbits
38. Express with a head movement
39. Affair
41. Cured
44. Youth organization
45. 18-year astronomical period
46. Automobile
48. Focus a shot
49. The NFL’s big game (abbr.)
51. Mouth
52. Infections
54. Curved pieces of a horse collar
56. Shameless
60. Assist in escaping
61. Capuchin monkey genus
62. Cold wind
63. Retired Brazilian NBAer
64. Tropical Old World tree
65. Bulgarian city
66. Speak indistinctly
67. Soviet Socialist Republic
68. Between-meal sustenance

CLUES DOWN

1. Not soft
2. Sharp-pointed dueling sword
3. Line a roof
4. Greek god of the underworld
5. Software
6. Large-headed elongated fishes
7. Shag rugs
8. Type of whale
9. Lacking a plan
10. Spill the beans
11. Some is “heavy”
12. One who has been canonized
14. Indicate times
17. Greeting
20. Broadway actor Josh
21. Seashore
23. Indicates before
25. Electrical power unit
26. Destitute
27. Drags forcibly

29. Impropriety
30. Word forms
32. Equal to 10 meters
34. Neither
35. Computer language
37. Practice of aging film or TV characters (abbr.)
40. A woolen cap of Scottish origin
42. A promise
43. Challenges
47. Official
49. People living in Myanmar
50. Notable tower
52. Type of sword
53. Vaccine developer
55. Listing
56. Summertime insects
57. Concluding passage
58. Guitarist Clapton
59. Damp and musty
61. Central nervous system
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Lady Broncos’ win makes CHS history

By Sandy Anderberg

The 2025 Lady Broncos made history on the diamond last weekend when they defeated Bangs in two games for the Regional Semi-Final Championship.

The ladies narrowly won the first game 7-6 thanks to a hitting clinic in the bottom of the fourth where all seven of their runs were scored to lead Bangs 7-2. They were able to defeat the Lady Dragons in two games with a 6-3 win in the closing game.

Overall, the Lady Broncos are supporting an impressive 27-5-1 season record for the 2025 season.

The win was the first time in school history that the softball team has achieved this goal of winning the Class 2A Division 1 Region 1 semifinal game to stay alive in post-season play.

The Lady Bronco softball program began in 2001 when CHS made the decision to add another girls’ sport. There have been many playoff appearances in the 24 years since its beginning, but no team has conquered the regional semifinal game like the 2025 Lady Broncos. Their dominance in the field and on both sides of the plate has been outstanding. Led by a group of seniors and joined by several talented underclassmen, the Lady Broncos are very determined to finish their season with a state title.

In getting the game underway, the Lady Dragons earned

the first score in the second inning and added another run in the third to go up by two runs. But after one more scoreless inning, the Lady Broncos turned up the heat in the fourth and kept their fire lit for the remainder. With two outs, Shelby Christopher gave her all and hit a huge homerun adding three runs on her line drive to right field to lead by two.

Before the Lady Broncos’ magical inning came to a close, Kennadie Cummins found enough mojo to hit a bomb to center field to score Cambree Smith who slammed a double to set up the two-run homer for Cummins. Stolen bases did not come easy for the ladies as they grabbed only two in the entire game. However, Hayden Elam earned a gigantic home plate steal from third base in the fourth after driving a triple to right field for the final Lady Bronco run of the game. The ladies held the lead and stopped a comeback attempt from Bangs to get the win.

K. Cummins was on the mound and went toe-to-toe with a good Lady Dragon pitcher but gained the upper hand for the Lady Broncos. Cummins threw 78 of 121 pitches and struck out one of the 32 batters she faced.

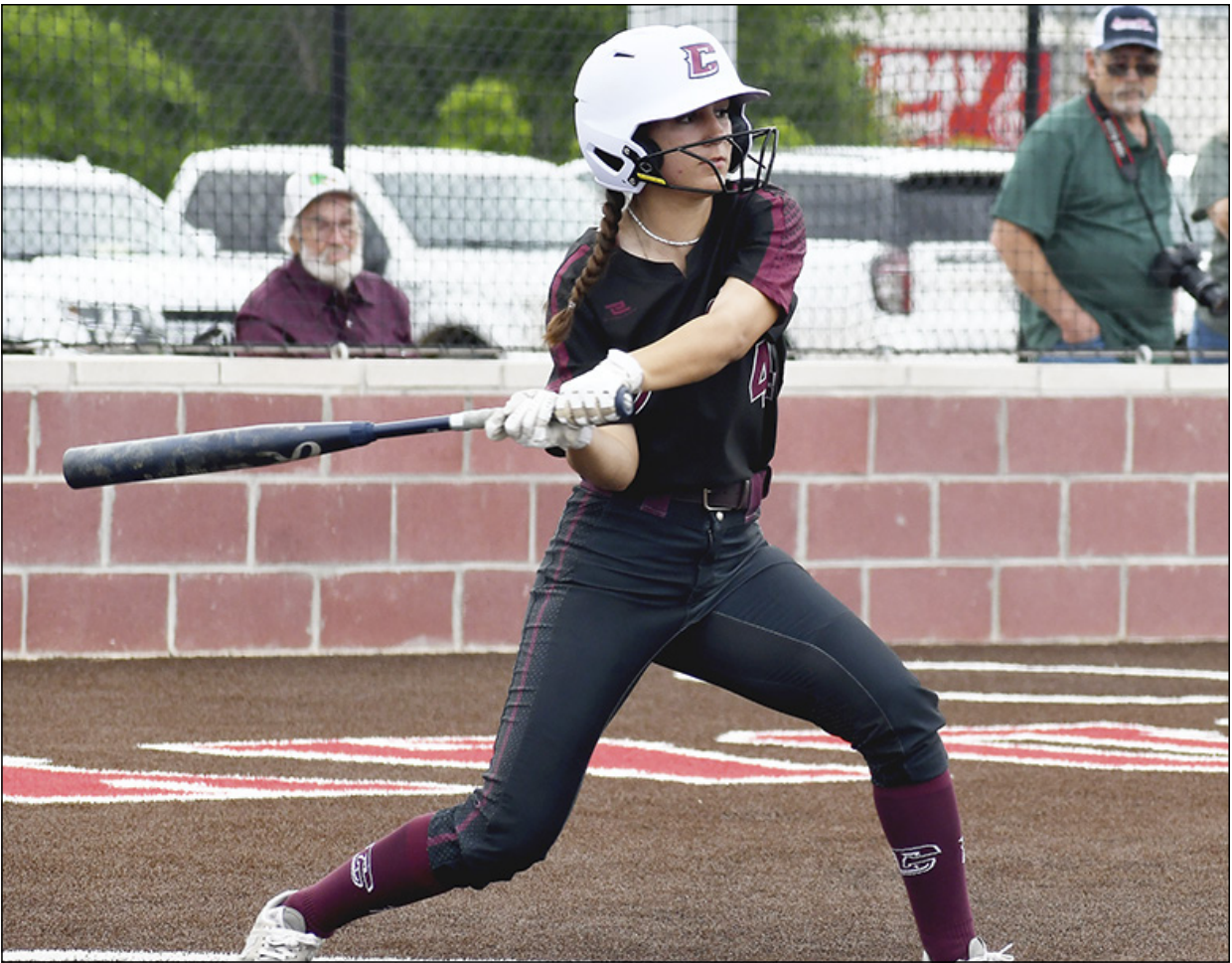
Game two was a dream come true for the Lady Broncos as they blasted their way to the winner’s circle. With the Dynamic Duo sharing duty on the mound, the better team fought to the 6-3 win. T. Cummins took the first four

innings and twin sister K. Cummins stepped in to close it out. Tandie faced 22 batters and allowed seven hits, three runs and one walk while striking out two in her time at the helm. Kennadie took over in the fifth and allowed zero hits, runs, and walks and struck out two of the nine batters she went up against.

Offensively, the Lady Broncos were crazy strong. They got their bats working quickly and sent a message to the Lady Dragons that they meant business. Right out of the gate, K. Cummins took it to center field and got to run the bases for the first score. After an H. Elam, single, T. Cummins stepped up for a double to score Elam who had landed on second because of a steal and went to third on an error.

After taking advantage of errors in the field by the Lady Dragons, Clarendon was able to put players on the bases in the fourth and bring in two more runs to take a commanding lead. A big shot to right by T. Cummins resulted in a triple that scored Elam for the last run and the win. Bangs was helpless to get anything going in their last at bat.

The Lady Broncos will try to continue their winning streak in Canyon at the Canyon High School Softball Field against Floydada on Friday at 11:00 a.m. and Saturday at 1:00 p.m. Game three, if needed, will begin 30 minutes after game number two.



Senior Riley Jantz bats last week against the Lady Dragons at Holiday.

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Senior Hayden Elam slides into third base last week against Bangs.

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Elliot Frausto goes for the catch last week against the Lady Dragons.

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USPS board selects new postmaster general

The US Postal Service Board of Governors this week announced the selection of David Steiner as the nation’s 76th postmaster general. Steiner has served on the board of FedEx and is a former CEO of Waste Management. He is set to take over sometime in July.

“NNA offers its congratulations, and we look forward to working with PMG Steiner to help change course and restore the confidence of publishers in the USPS,” NNA Chair Martha Diaz Aszkenazy, publisher, The San Fernando (California) Valley Sun, said. “The selection of Steiner clearly heeds the administration’s call for a change in direction that is desperately needed.”

She continued, “The last five years have been a disastrous period for NNA members. The pattern of service failures and twice-a-year punitive rate increases has driven publishers out of the mail. It has been no more beneficial for the USPS which has experienced skyrocketing costs and financial losses. USPS cannot survive continued pursuit of higher rates and poorer service.”

NNA is eager to work with PMG Steiner to address crucial issues like rate increases, lack of measurement for newspapers delivered and quality of service overall. We seek a stable and efficient USPS.




The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting May 13, 2025, with Boss Lion Richard Green in command.

We had twelve Lions present, one member attending virtually, and Sweetheart Lauren Cenicerros.

Lion Roger Estlack shared the annual flag service information. For businesses that would like annual flag service, the annual fee is \$25 with a one-time \$35 set-up fee for a new service. The upcoming flag service at Citizens Cemetery will be next week on Wednesday, May 21, at 5:30 p.m. to set out flags on veterans’ graves for Memorial Day.

Lion Larry Capranica reminded everyone about Baccalaureate this Sunday at 6:00 at Assembly of God.

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




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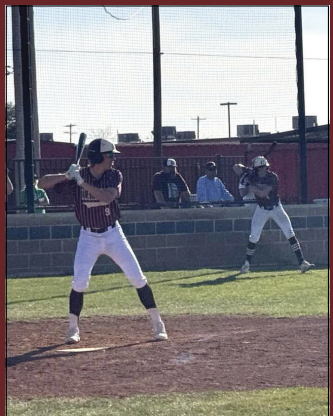


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p.m. Practice: Fourth Mondays,
7 p.m. Chris Wilson - W.M., Russell
Estlack - Secretary, 2 B 1, ASK 1

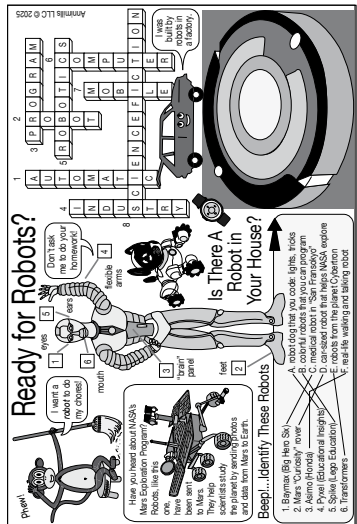
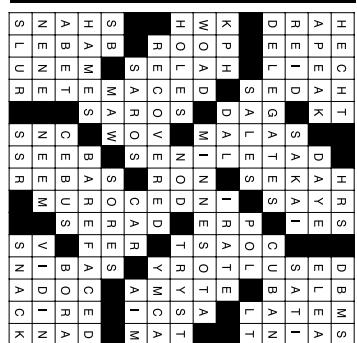
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Estlack, Secretary

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CLARENDON COLLEGE IS SEEKING bids for
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at mark.james@clarendoncollege.edu.

CLARENDON COLLEGE WILL BE accepting
Requests for Proposals for its Property and
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2:00 p.m., May 21, 2025. Proposers will be
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call Mr. Reim at (512) 345-8921. Final pro-
posals will be due July 8, 2025. The College's
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FEDERAL GRANT APPLICATION NOTICE
Federal Grant Application and Private Non-
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Clarendon CISD Parents, Family Members,
and Community Members:
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vate non-profit equitable services.
Public Notice for Public Comment on Possible
Federal Grant Applications United States Code
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chapter IX, Part C, Section 7846(a)(7), and
Public Law (P.L.) 114-95, Every Student Suc-
cess Act (ESSA), Section 8306, states the fol-
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a plan or application for a grant: "any appli-
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for public comment on the application and
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• Title I, Part A- Improving Basic Programs
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tion
• Title IV, Part A- Student Support and Aca-
demic Enrichment
Any member of the community wishing to
provide a comment regarding Clarendon
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by emailing the Director of Special Programs,
Jennifer Bellar, at bellar.jen@clarendonisd.net
or by attending one of these public meetings:
May 19th at the Clarendon CISD VCR at 3:00
p.m. or on June 9th at 7:00 p.m. You may pro-
vide input by emailing the Director of Special
Programs, Jennifer Bellar, at bellar.jen@clarendonisd.net. All comments must be received
by Clarendon CISD no later than June 9, 2025
at 4:00 p.m. Any comments received by the
deadline set forth herein will be considered
by Clarendon CISD before it submits its grant
application.
Any member of the community or family
member of school children wishing to review
and/or revise the District Family Engagement
Policy is invited to attend an open meeting
on May 19th at 3:00 p.m. or on May 20th at
11:00 a.m. at the CCISD VCR.
The District Decision Making Committee of
CCISD will evaluate Title I, II, IV goals and
plan as well as the Parent-Family Engagement
policy and programs at an open meeting on
May 19th at 3:00 p.m. at the Clarendon CISD
VCR. Any input received prior to the meeting
will be considered. You may provide input by
emailing the Director of Special Programs,
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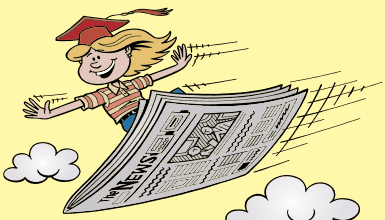
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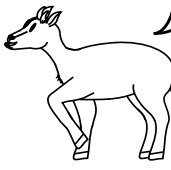


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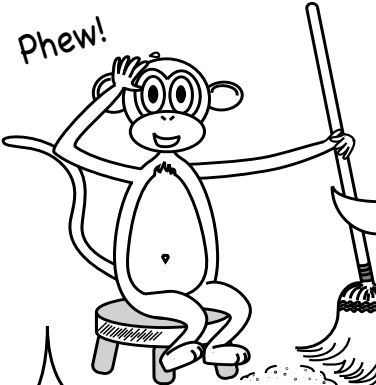
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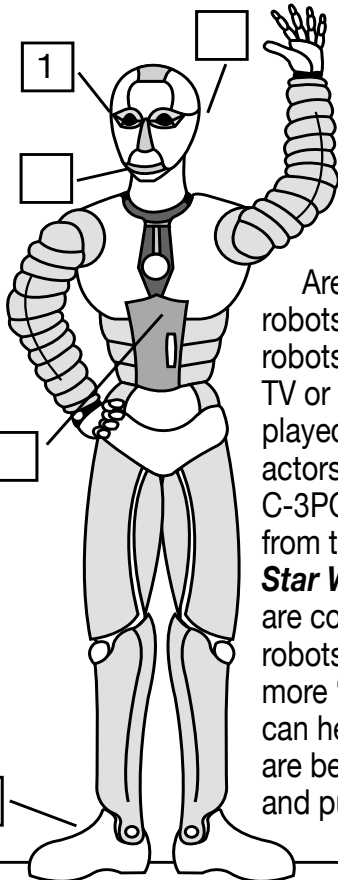
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of doing the same
chores over and over.
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The kind of robot I *really* want is only found in
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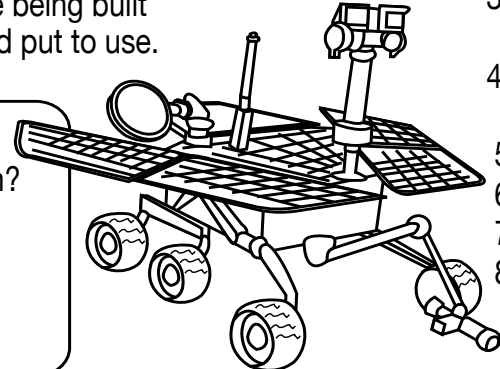
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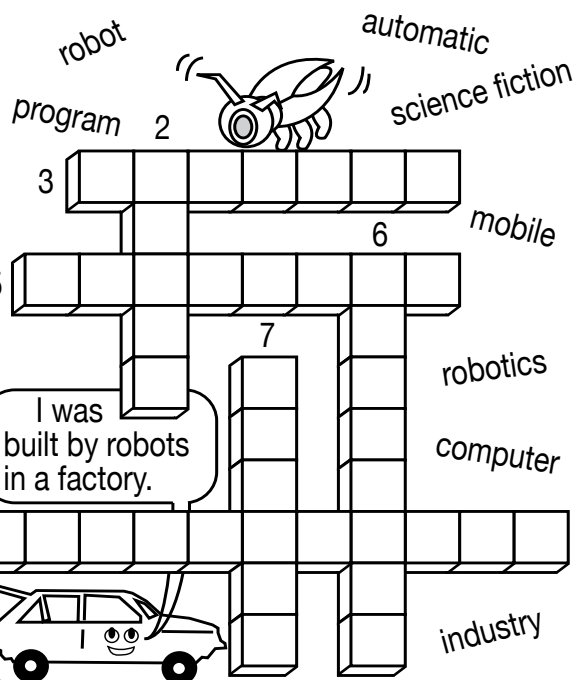
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homework!

Are **you** ready for
robots? A lot of the
robots we see on
TV or in movies are
played by human
actors. Remember
C-3PO and R2-D2
from the movie
Star Wars? Many
are computer generated
robots. But, more and
more "real" robots – that
can help humans directly –
are being built
and put to use.

Have you heard about
NASA's Mars Exploration Program?
Robots, like this one, are sent to
Mars. They help scientists study
the planet by sending photos and
data from Mars to Earth.



I'm **not**
cleaning
Chitter's
room!



**Fill in this puzzle to show how much
you know about robots:**

1. working, moving or acting by itself
2. machine that automatically does a job
3. set of directions put into the computer
to tell the robot what to do
4. business, work that produces things
we use, such as cars and bicycles
5. field of work designing, building robots
6. the "brain" of the robot
7. able to move from place to place
8. fun stories that show how a real or
imagined scientific thing such as a
robot might change our way of life

Clarendon High School athletes were honored Monday night for their accomplishments during the 2024-2025 school year with the annual Athletic Banquet hosted by the Bronco Parents.

Individual students were recognized by grade for all the sports they have participated in with several students being recognized for exceptional efforts and accomplishments.

In football, senior Dalton Coles received the Clyde Wilson Fighting Heart Award, junior Heston Seay was honored as the Defensive Player of the Year, and Grant Haynes was the Offensive Player of the Year. Mason Sims was the all around Player of the Year for football.

In cross country, senior Bryce Williams and junior Madi Benson were the Runners of the Year.

For girls' basketball, juniors Kashlyn Conkin and Kate Shaw were the co-Offensive Players of the Year, seniors Tandie Cummins and Hayden Elam were the co-Defensive Players of the Year, and senior Kennadie Cummins received the Fighting

Heart Award. Junior Kenidee Hayes was the all-around Player of the Year.

All-State Academic Honors for girls' basketball were awarded to K. Cummins, T. Cummins, and Hayden Elam.

In boys' basketball, senior Kaleb Bolin was named the Offensive Player of the Year, senior Colton Caudle was the Defensive Player of the Year, senior John Weatherston received the Fighting Heart, and senior Mason Sims was the all-around Player of the Year.

Junior Elliot Frausto was the girls' Powerlifter of the Year, and sophomore Zak Roberts was the boys' Powerlifter of the Year.

In golf, junior Gracie Ellis was the girls' Player of the Year, and junior Heaston Seay was the boys' Player of the Year. Senior Ben Estlack was named Academic All-State for golf.

Seniors Lauren Ceniceros and Dalton Coles were the tennis Players of the Year.

Juniors Kaleb Mays and Madi Benson were the Track Athletes of

the Year.

In baseball, Caudle was the Defensive Player of the Year, Sims was the Offensive Player of the Year, and senior Mason Allred was the all-around Player of the Year. The Fighting Heart Award went to Bryce Williams.

For Academic All-State in baseball, Allred was named First Team, Williams was named Second Team, and Grant Haynes was Honorable Mention.

In softball, individual honors were not announced since the season is not yet over. In All-State Academic honors went to seniors Maloree Wann – First Team; T. Cummins, K. Cummins, and Chelsea Wright – Second Team; and Shelbi Coles and Hayden Elam – Honorable Mention.

Seniors Bryce Williams and Mason Sims were named the Outstanding Broncos for the Year, and Tandie Cummins and Madi Benson were the Outstanding Lady Broncos for the Year.

Coaches and cheerleaders were also honored during the evening.



2024-2025 Senior CHS Athletes.

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2024-2025 Junior CHS Athletes.

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2024-2025 Sophomore CHS Athletes.

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2024-2025 Freshmen CHS Athletes.

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