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8 And the Lady Broncos are recognized at the celebration.

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

4-H Club soliciting gifts card donations

The Donley County 4-H Club is holding a gift card drive for flood victims in the Texas Hill Country.

Donations are being sought for gift cards to Wal-Mart, Home Depot, Lowe's, and regular Visa gift cards.

If you would like to help out, give your gift card to any 4-H member or you can take them to the County Extension office at the Donley County Activity Center on State Highway 70 North by Friday morning.

Hedley host ball camp July 28-29

Hedley ISD is excited to announce its upcoming summer basketball camp for all incoming 1st through 8th grade students. The camp will take place on July 28 and 29, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. each day in the Hedley school gym.

The cost of the camp is \$25 per participant, which includes a camp t-shirt. Students will have the opportunity to work on basketball fundamentals, improve their skills, and have fun in a supportive and engaging environment led by Coach Allen Grant and Coach Jonathan Hood.

In an effort to make the camp accessible to all students, transportation to and from the school is being arranged for families who are unable to bring their children. Additionally, a scholarship fund is available for students who wish to attend but may need financial assistance. Parents are encouraged to reach out directly to Coach Grant if they would like to request support.

"We want every student who's interested to have the opportunity to participate," said Coach Grant. "This camp is a great way for kids to stay active, build confidence, and connect with their teammates and school community."

The registration link can be found at www.hedleyisd.net, and families are encouraged to sign up early.

For more information or questions, contact Coach Grant at agrant@hedleyisd.net.

Athletic physicals offered on July 11

Clarendon CISD athletes are advised that sports physicals will be given at Clarendon Family Medicine on Friday, July 11, from 1:00-5:00 p.m.

The cost is \$35 per athlete on this day cash only. No appointment is necessary. Paperwork will be available at the clinic.

Physicals are required for all incoming seventh, ninth, and eleventh graders and any athlete who has had a major injury.

If an athlete cannot make it that day, parents will have to call for an appointment and the cost will be \$50 for a physical.



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Cool, wet weather marks 148th celebration

The 148th Saints' Roost Celebration was one of the coolest and dampest in recent memory with gentle wind and light rain during the traditional bingo, parades, turtle races, rodeos, craft fair, and other activities July 3-5.

Crossties Ministries annual Depression Luncheon was held at the Lions Hall this year with a packed house to start the celebration, and the Junior Ranch Rodeo closing out the day at the COEA Arena. Misting rain kept things cool on and off throughout the day, and then the cloud let loose a heavier downpour almost the exact same time the junior rodeo ended.

Friday's Fourth of July was opened with more than 100 people filling the Clarendon Lions Hall to play Bag Bingo with 23 prizes

ranging from coolers to tool bags to designer purses, ranging in value from about \$50 to almost \$600.

A fiesta lunch was held with the bingo and players were encouraged to bring their best homemade salsa for a friendly taste-off. Mandi Gay got the most votes for the Best Salsa and won the sombrero, and Donna Roys took second and third place.

The Clarendon Outdoor Entertainment Association hosted its ranch rodeos on Friday and Saturday evenings, and those results are also listed in a separate article this week.

The big day of the celebration was Saturday, July 5, with locals waking up to cool but humid conditions. The dampness in the air improved as the day went on but the temperatures remained tolerable.

The theme for this year's cele-

bration "Candy Land" because life is sweeter in Donley County, and a new analytical service provided by the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation estimates that 1,700 people attended Saturday's events on the square.

The service from Placer.ai uses location data from mobile devices to analyze foot traffic in businesses and events. With the ability look back at historical data for six years, the CEDC reports this year's celebration attendance was about equal to 2024 and higher than 2023 when about 1,400 people attended.

The Liberty Electric Kids Parade started things off Saturday morning with three age categories plus a motorized division.

Winners were as follows: Motorized: Daisy and Kimber Wil-

liams, first; Asher, Isla, and Zaylee Jaramillo, second; and Paisley Jones and Ashlynn White, third. Ages 0-4: Astrid Jaramillo, first; Miles Wynne, second; and Jenna Hall, third. Ages 5-8: Madilyn Herndon, first; Laura Lynn Hommel, second, and Kendall Danner, third. Ages 9-12: Katon Herdon, first; Esmac Naylor, second; and McKinley Wilhelm, third.

In the Herring Bank Parade, the Clarendon High School Cheerleaders won the first place Float, The Wrights had the best car/truck entry, best Animal entry was MR Cattle, Newhouse Farms had the best Tractor entry, and Country Bloomers Flowers & Gifts had the best Other entry.

The Al Morrah Shrine Club served about 400 plates of barbecue this year. A portion of the proceeds

from the annual barbecue are used in conjunction with the Khiva Shrine Temple in Amarillo to help pay for the transportation of kids to the Shriners' burns and crippled children's hospitals.

The Clarendon Lions Club's Cow Patty Bingo was won by Russell Estlack, Chris D'Costa, and Dyanne Johnston.

Henson's annual Turtle Race was also held Saturday afternoon in its traditional location at Third and Kearney. A total of 130 youth entries competed in four different age divisions. Winning turtle jockeys this year were: age 0-4, Serenity McCord; age 5-8, Dawson Hall; age 9-12, Alix Roberts; and age 13-16, Kassie Askew. Adults then competed in a 17 and up division, and Aula Betts took home that title.



Hold on tight!

Kinze Zongker clings to a sheep during the Mutton Bustin' event last Saturday night at the COEA Ranch Rodeo as part of the 148th annual Saints' Roost Celebration. See more celebration photos inside this week's Enterprise.

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T-2 Cattle Company wins COEA Ranch Rodeo

The T-2 Cattle Co. team took top honors at the Clarendon Outdoor Entertainment Association's annual Ranch Rodeo last Friday and Saturday during the 148th annual Saints' Roost Celebration.

T-2 Cattle's scores beat out 19 other local and regional ranch rodeo teams as working cowboys put their skills to the test. The team was made up of Bronc Horn, Braydon Horn, Cedar Stevenson, Weston Hollowell, and Kade Gate.

The Circle M8 team finished second with Phillip Reynolds, Rye Reynolds, Chance Holcombe, and Jayde Smith; and the Hi-Lo team was third with Cayce Lewis, Rodey Wilson, Ben Crockett, Wyatt Mask, and Jaytin McRight.

Rye Reynolds won both the Top Hand and the Top Horse awards.

Ranch Rodeo event winners were Bronc Ride – Crockett Cattle, Stray Gathering – Cottonwood Cattle, Cow Milking – Latigo Ranch, and Branding – T-2 Cattle Co.

COEA reported ticket sales for 1,124 rodeo spectators this year over the three-day event, which was down from 1,390 who were ticketed at the gate last year.

The Clarendon Economic Development Corporation's new Placer.ai analytics, which looks at the traffic of mobile devices, estimated that about 2,000 people attended the rodeos over three-days. That figure would include volunteers, participants, stock providers, sponsors, emergency personnel, and other people who do not need tickets to enter the event. Placer.ai estimates attendance this year was down by about 100 people compared to last year. According to Placer.ai, Thursday's

rodeo attendance was 724, Friday's was 707, and Saturday's was about 1,200.

C3 Cattle won the Junior Ranch Rodeo with a team comprised of Chance Anderson, Gunnar LeMond, Colt Mason, Reece Myers, and Lane Hardin. The second place team was High Card Ranch with Chance Anderson, Rankin Proffitt, Kain VanRyn, Karli Jones, and Kelby Brownlee. Third place in the junior rodeo went to Myers Cattle and the team of Reece Myers, Chance Anderson, Gunnar LeMond, Stetson Duncan, Colt Mason.

Top Hand winner for the Junior Ranch Rodeo was Kelby Brownlee, and Rankin Proffitt rode the Top Horse.

Junior Calf, Donkey, and Steer Riding and Mutton Bustin' were held all three nights. Overall, Mutton Bustin' champion for the three nights was Miles Decker. Overall Calf

Riding Champion was J.T. Shelton, the Overall Donkey Rider was Asher Osborn, and Steer Riding champion was Rance Peeters.

Winners of the junior events were: July 3 – Calf Scramble – Adella Bryant, J.T. Shelton, and Rance Peters; Mutton Bustin' – Miles Decker; Calf Riding – J.T. Shelton, Donkey Riding – Sterling Johnson; and Steer Riding – Rance Peters.

July 4 – Calf Scramble – Conner Askew, Brym Swartz, and Shepard Green; Mutton Bustin' – Clara Bryant; Calf Riding – Stetson Duncan; Donkey Riding – Luke Hardin; and Steer Riding – Rance Peters.

July 5 – Calf Scramble – C.J. Bowers, Luke Thornberry, and Tripp Thompson; Mutton Bustin' – Laker Gaines; Calf Riding – J.T. Shelton; Donkey Riding – Asher Osborn; and Steer Riding – Trip Thompson.

City picks new trash company

The Clarendon City Council unanimously approved changing its solid waste service from Waste Connections to Republic Services during a called meeting on June 24.

Waste Connections, which inherited its contract with Clarendon in 2023 when it bought out Diversified Waste Management, has been the subject of citizens' complaints for about a year now due to missed pick-ups and damaged trash bins. Company representatives have worked with the city for the last several months trying to solve those problems while stating that they were losing money in Clarendon under the current contract.

Bids for trash service were opened at the June 12 regular meeting, but the city council decided to take up the issue at a called meeting so aldermen could have time to review both companies' proposals.

Speaking at the June 24 meeting, Matthew Peterson spoke for Republic and gave the highlights of his company's proposal. Republic would replace Clarendon's fleet of Dumpsters and follow a schedule of picking up residential accounts on Tuesday and Thursday and commercial accounts on Monday and Wednesday with a possible third day of service to help keep up with trash at the public school and the college.

Peterson also touted Republic's commitment to being involved in the communities it serves and said the company has the largest fleet of trucks in the industry.

Both companies would increase their rates based on the Consumer Price Index annually. Waste Connections would also impose a fuel surcharge where Republic would not.

Clarendon currently has a residence to Dumpster ratio of 4-1, where the industry standard is closer to 2-1. Republic based its bid on the current 4-1 ratio, and Waste Connections based its bid on moving to a 2-1 ratio. Republic representatives gave an adjusted price for a 2-1 ratio for comparison. The city did not say it would pursue the 2-1 ratio but will work with Republic to see where consolidating Dumpsters might be effective.

Republic's five-year contract with the city will begin October 1.

Lessons not learned by state leaders

All eyes are on the Texas Hill Country as it deals with rescues and recovery due to massive flooding. We pray for the families who are missing their loved ones, and every Texan feels grief for the unimaginable loss of the babies who were campers at Camp Mystic in Hunt, Texas. This is a tragedy that will have a lasting impact on us for years to come.

We cannot avoid natural disasters, such as weather. I know this firsthand, as I have witnessed it as the daughter of a farmer and rancher. Whether it be hail, drought, wildfires, tornadoes, or flooding, natural disasters are unavoidable.

But what should not be unavoidable is the responsibility of our leadership to bring urgency to these issues, which significantly impact the lives of everyday Texans. The Governor and Legislators must take responsibility for the safety of our communities by passing legislation and allocating funding to those areas as a top priority, especially in the more rural parts of our state, which are under resourced both in infrastructure funding and personnel.



guest commentary
by suzanne bellsnyder

In 2023, the Texas Panhandle suffered immeasurable loss due to wildfires, which scorched over 1 million acres of land, endangered communities, and dealt a financial setback that will impact generations of ranching families in our region.

Following the devastation of those wildfires, then Speaker Dade Phelan appointed Representative Ken King to lead an investigative wildfire committee with fellow House members, soon-to-be Speaker Dustin Burrows, coastal Representative Todd Hunter, and local landowners from the Panhandle who had been impacted by the fires.

The committee held an intensive three-day hearing in Pampa, Texas, which I attended, and heard blunt and brutal testimony from ranchers, first responders, local elected officials, and citizens regarding their experiences with the government during the wildfires.

An overarching theme during these hearings, as outlined in the committee’s report, was the lack of funding for first responder resources in rural areas, as well as deficiencies in communication infrastructure and outdated technology.

Based on the committee’s recommendations, King filed a series of bills to address the gaps and improve the state’s infrastructure and resources, thereby enhancing the landscape for Texas communities in the event of future natural disasters.

One of the bills, HB 13, would have established the Texas Interoperability Council, which would be responsible for developing, coordinating, and governing emergency communications equipment and infrastructure statewide, and administering grants to assist local governments in acquiring emergency communications and expanding their emergency communications infrastructure.

HB 13 passed the House overwhelmingly but died in the Texas Senate without ever receiving a hearing. A handful of legislators in the House voted against HB 13, including Representative Wes Virdell, District 52, who represents Kerr County in the Texas Legislature. Kerr County is ground zero for this week’s tragedy, and this bill would have provided funding to counties like Kerr to purchase sirens or other emergency alert equipment, which might have provided the warning the communities needed to avoid the massive loss of lives.

As the rescue efforts are still underway, I acknowledge that today is not the right time to have this debate, but it must happen in the days, weeks, and months ahead. We need to start asking the hard questions of our elected officials. Texas is a booming, growing state, and we need a greater focus on the issues that can improve our state and its communities. Our families should feel safe camping by the river over the 4th of July weekend. Parents should not fear sending their children to summer camp. Communities need to know that the people we elect to represent us are addressing these issues with urgency.

On July 21st, just a few weeks away, the Governor will bring legislators back to Austin for a Special Session. Will HB 13 be added to the call? Will the Senate take this bill more seriously and hold a hearing? Will West Virdell vote against the best interests of his district again, or maybe he will see things differently now?

In typical Panhandle fashion, Ken King has taken the bull by the horns and provided Texas with a road-map to move the state into an era of improved communication by establishing the Interoperability Council and allocating grants to enhance warning systems in our communities.

The time is now for our legislators to turn tragedy into action for our communities. An interoperability council and grant program is now a no-brainer and should be a priority. Let’s do this, Texas.

Suzanne Bellsnyder is the publisher of the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman newspaper and the online Texas Rural Reporter.

Kind words came from a bad man

When it comes to deciding who was the “baddest” of the bad men of the American West, John Wesley Hardin’s name has to be among the leaders. He may not have achieved the fame of the likes of Jesse James or Wild Bill Hickok or Billy the Kid, but none of these people came close to Hardin’s record of killings.

History says that Hardin killed about forty people during his lifetime. He was loved by a few, hated by many, and feared by all. He had a very short fuse. It is claimed that he shot a man whose snoring was keeping him awake one night.

After serving sixteen years in prison for murdering a deputy sheriff, Hardin was released in 1889. He attempted to practice law, but liquor and all-night card games thwarted his attempts to reform. He migrated to El Paso, the wildest gambling town in Texas at that time.

Early in the afternoon of August 19, 1895, an eleven-year-old telegraph delivery boy found Hardin in the Acme Saloon on San Antonio Street. This young lad had delivered several telegrams to Hardin that summer, and he generally knew where to find him. And Hardin always treated the boy kindly.

As the lad walked into the saloon, Hardin was at the bar raising a large glass of whiskey to his lips.

“Another telegram for you, Mr. Hardin.”

Hardin lowered the glass to the bar, put his hand on the lad’s head, and said, “Son, don’t ever do this.” He then reached into his trousers pocket, took out a dime, and gave it to the boy.



vignettes
tales of the old west
by george u. hubbard



Inalienable rights in an age of tyranny

By John W. Whitehead

We are now struggling to emerge from the wreckage of a constitutional republic, transformed into a kleptocracy (government by thieves), collapsing into kakistocracy (government by the worst), and enforced by a police state algocracy (rule by algorithm).

This week alone, the Trump administration is reportedly erecting protest barricades around the White House, Congress is advancing legislation that favors the wealthy, and President Trump is grandstanding at the opening of a detention center dubbed “Alligator Alcatraz.”

Against such a backdrop of government-sponsored cruelty, corruption and shameless profiteering at taxpayer expense, what, to the average American, is freedom in an age when the government plays god – determining who is worthy of rights, who qualifies as a citizen, and who can be discarded without consequence?

What are inalienable rights worth if they can be redefined, delayed, or revoked by executive order?

Frederick Douglass posed a similar challenge more than 170 years ago when he asked, “What, to the American slave, is your Fourth of July?”

His question was a searing indictment not just of slavery but of a government that proclaimed liberty while denying it to millions – a hypocrisy that persists in a system still governed by institutions more committed to power than principle.

Every branch of government – executive, legislative, and judicial – has, in one way or another, abandoned its duty to uphold the Constitution. And both parties have prioritized profit and political theater over justice and the rights of the governed.

The founders of this nation believed our rights come from God, not government. That we are born free, not made free by bureaucrats or judges. That among these rights – life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness – none can be taken away without destroying the very idea of government by consent.

And yet that is precisely what’s happening.

We now live under a government that has become judge, jury, and executioner – writing its own laws, policing its own limits, and punishing those who object.

This is not what it means to be free.

When presidents rule by fiat, when agencies strip citizenship from naturalized Americans, when police act as both enforcers and executioners, and when courts rubber-stamp the erosion of basic protections, the distinction between a citizen and a subject begins to collapse.

What do inalienable rights mean in a country where:

Your citizenship can be revoked based solely on the government’s say-so?

Your freedom can be extinguished by surveillance, asset seizure, or indefinite detention?

Your property can be taken, your speech censored, and your life extinguished without due process?

Your life can be ended without a trial, a warning, or a second thought, because the government views you as expendable?

The answer is stark: they mean nothing – unless we defend them.

When the government – whether president, Congress, court, or local bureaucrat – claims the right to determine who does and doesn’t deserve rights, then no one is safe. Individuals become faceless numbers. Human beings become statistics. Lives become expendable. Dignity becomes disposable.

It is a slippery slope – justified in the name of national security, public safety, and the so-called greater good – that leads inevitably to totalitarianism. Unfortunately, we have been dancing with this devil for far too long, and now, the mask has come off.

This is what authoritarianism looks like in America today.

In fact, read the Declaration of Independence again, and you’ll see the grievances America’s founders laid at the feet of King George – unjust laws, militarized policing, surveillance, censorship, and the denial of due process – are the very abuses “we the people” suffer under today.

Had Thomas Jefferson written the Declaration about the American police state in 2025, it might have read like a criminal indictment of the crimes perpetrated by a government that:

Polices by fear and violence: raiding family homes in the dead of night with SWAT teams that shoot pets and traumatize children; targeting vulnerable individuals – including the disabled

“I won’t sir,” the boy promised. “Thank you.” He turned and went on his way.

Toward midnight that evening, Hardin was in a drunken brawl in the Wigwam Saloon farther up the street, when he was shot in the back of the head and killed. The telegraph delivery boy went to the undertaker’s parlor as soon as he could get off work the next day to see Hardin’s body and to pay last respects to the man who had been kind to him.

We may never know the contents of the telegram, but we do know that the delivery boy heeded Hardin’s advice. That delivery boy grew up, married, and became my father. Whenever he would tell the story, he would usually end by saying, “Thus ended the life of a desperado who had been universally feared. Yet I received only kindnesses from him.” George U. Hubbard is an author and former resident of Clarendon.

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Winners of the annual Henson's Turtle Race this year were Kassie Askew, Alix Roberts, Dawson Hall, and not pictured Serenity McCord.

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Crossies Ministry volunteers served food at the annual Depression Luncheon at the Lions Hall last Thursday.

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Menus

July 14 - 18

Donley County Senior Citizens
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Tues: Sliced ham, ranch potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll, coconut cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Chicken fried steak, country gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, whole wheat roll, cherry/pineapple crisp, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Chicken fajitas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, garden salad, sopapilla cheesecake, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: BBQ beef on a bun, tater tots, coleslaw, chocolate chip cookie, apricots, iced tea/2% milk.

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Thurs: Roast w/brown gravy, baked potato, spinach, whole wheat roll, banana pudding, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Bacon cheeseburger on whole wheat bun, onion rings, fruit, chef's choice dessert, iced tea/2% milk

Scenes from the 148th

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CELEBRATION

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Parade winners

In the Herring Bank Parade, the Clarendon High School Cheerleaders won the first place Float, best Animal entry was MR Cattle, Newhouse Farms had the best Tractor entry, and Country Bloomers Flowers & Gifts had the best Other entry.

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In the Liberty Electric Kids Parade winners were as follows: Motorized: Daisy and Kimber Williams, first; Asher, Isla, and Zaylee Jaramillo, second; and Paisley Jones and Ashlynn White, third. Ages 0-4: Astrid Jaramillo, first; Miles Wynne, second; and Jenna Hall, third. Ages 5-8: Madielyn Herndon, first; Laura Lynn Hommel, second, and Kendall Danner, third. Ages 9-12: Katon Herdon, first; Esmae Naylor, second; and McKinley Wilhelm, third.

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In the Herring Bank Parade, The Wrights had the best car/truck entry.

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SUDOKU

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8	1	6	8	9	4	2	9	7
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1	9	9	4	2	7	6	8	8
8	7	2	8	1	6	9	4	9
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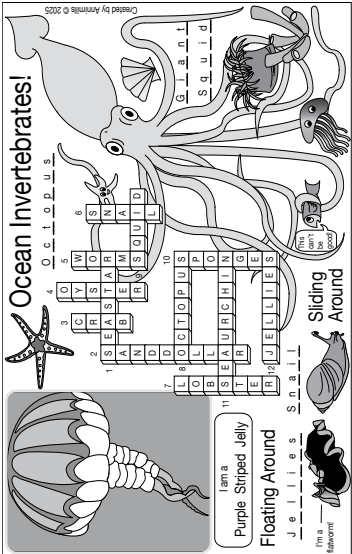
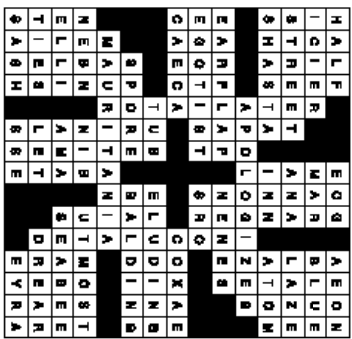
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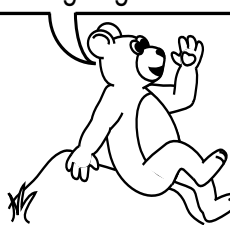
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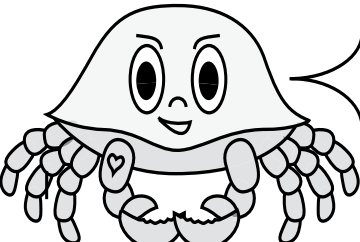
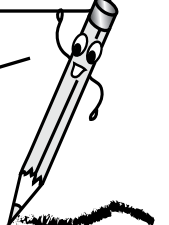
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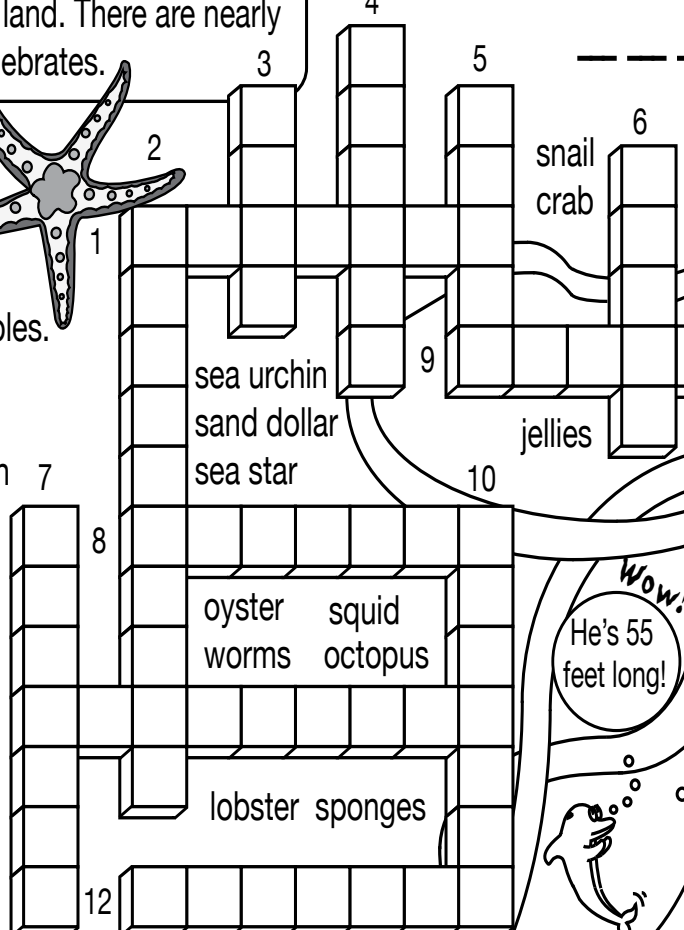
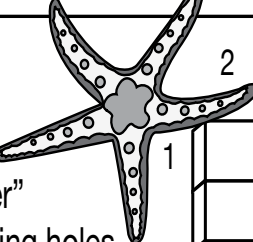
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2. I look a bit like a large coin. Do you see a "flower" when you look at me? Those are rows of breathing holes.
3. I move sideways and burrow in sand or hide between rocks. My pincers protect me!
4. I am headless, but I know the secret of making a grain of sand into a pearl. I have a two-part, hinged shell.
5. We chew tunnels in sand and eat tiny pieces of animals and plants!
6. When I am shy, I pull my head and foot into my shell.
7. I have an exoskeleton (hard shell outside body) and am a scavenger, eating the remains of animals.
8. I can change color to protect myself. I am "well armed" and I wrap myself around my prey.
9. I have 8 arms, and 2 tentacles that are longer and retractable, which I use to catch prey!
10. We stick to rocks. Divers harvest, people use for bathing, cleaning.
11. I am round with long, pointed spines that protect me from enemies and help me move along the sea floor.
12. We look like umbrellas floating gently in the water - but we might sting you!



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History Makers

The 2025 Clarendon High School Lady Broncos Softball Team was recognized during the Herring Bank Parade as part of this year’s Saints’ Roost Celebration. As the most successful softball team in CHS history, the Lady Broncos made it to the state finals under the leadership of Coach Brad Elam. Each team member received their UIL medal in a ceremony at the end of the parade.

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The Clarendon Lions Club held its second annual July Fourth Bag Bingo last Friday with more than 100 people attending the event, which gave away 23 tool kits, coolers, designer bags, and other great prizes. In the homemade salsa contest held along with a fiesta dinner at the event, Mandi Gay won first place and a fancy sombrero, and Donna Roys took home both second and third place honors. Both ladies received gifts cards as well.

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The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting July 8, 2025, with Boss Lion Brian Barboza in charge.

We had ten members present, two attending virtually, and two guests this week – Courtney Monroe and Kylee Glover of Country Bloomers Flowers & Gifts, who presented our program.

Last week’s July Fourth Bag Bingo and the Cow Patty Bingo on Saturday were big successes. A big “Thanks” goes out to all the members and friends of the club who made these events happen. Special thanks to Gaitlin Duncan for providing a “patty maker” Saturday, who understood the assignment and completed its task in short order.

Courtney and Kylee discussed the flower shop business while demonstrating how a dozen red roses are professionally arranged. Courtney is marking 20 years as the owner of the business, which was originally started in the 1990s by Julie and Gerald Mulanax. The business covers about a 30-mile radius from Clarendon. Courtney started as a “runner” for Harlan’s Flowers when she was in the eighth grade and was excited to have the opportunity to purchase Country Bloomers not long after graduating from college. Kylee now hopes to follow in her mom’s footsteps. Following the program, Kylee drew the name of Lion Ben Estlack as the winner of the demonstration arrangement.

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

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