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

No decision on CISD superintendent job

Clarendon CISD had not selected a lone finalist to be the school's new superintendent as the Enterprise went to press Tuesday evening.

Trustee meetings for Monday and Tuesday were cancelled, but school officials said the board would be meeting Wednesday, July 23, in a called session.

Watch ClarendonLive.com and Facebook.com/TheEnterprise for any news of finalist at the school.

Early deadline set for next Enterprise

The Clarendon Enterprise will be going to press early for next week's issue as the staff juggles vacations and family commitments. All news, photos, and ads for the July 31 edition are due by 5 p.m. this Thursday, July 24. We appreciate everyone's cooperation with this early deadline.

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.

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

DHDC magic school explores science

For one day only, the Don Harrington Discovery Center will be turning into a renowned school of "wizardry," where ticket holders will learn the science behind magic through themed demos and activities.

Follow the Don Harrington Discovery Center on Facebook and Instagram or visit dhdc.org for more information on their community programs.



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City names Topliff to fill unexpired council seat

Christopher Topliff joined the Clarendon City Council last week, taking the seat of the late Tommy Hill.

During a called meeting, the council heard from two additional candidates for Hill's seat, Ashleigh Sherel-Kidd and Ashlee Wortham, before going into closed session to consider about ten applicants for the job.

After about ten minutes of private deliberations, the council returned to open session and voted unanimously to appoint Topliff to

the position.

According to his letter of application, Topliff has made Clarendon his home for about four years and has a background in environmental science and regulatory compliance.

Topliff will serve out Hill's term, which expires next May.

In other city business last week, the council evaluated the performance of city secretary Machiel Covey in closed session before returning to open session to approve a five percent raise, a monthly cell phone stipend, and a one-year extension of her contract.

The council also approved the

\$350,000 bid of AAJ Concrete to install new sidewalks and lighting in the 300 block of S. Kearney. The same company is presently working in the 200 block. Left over grants funds from the current project will be applied to the 300 block, and the city will take about \$270,000 from reserves to fund the balance.

The city's hazard mitigation plan was approved as presented, and no action was taken on bids for improvements to City Hall.



Mayor Jacob Fangman (left) administers the oath of office to Alderman Christopher Topliff.

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Jesse Burrow and Anna Broussard stand beside their new TrailMaster Challenger 200EX, which they won at the annual Howardwick Hoedown last Saturday in McMorries Memorial Park. For more Hoedown photos, see our coverage on page eight.

COURTESY PHOTO

Hoedown raises \$9.6k for H'wick firefighters

The seventh annual Howardwick Hoedown raised more money than last year and was a huge success with a great day of fun and fellowship last Saturday at McMorries Memorial Park.

City Secretary Sandy Lynn Childress said the turnout was great

and said more food was bought this year than ever before.

A total of \$9,643 after expenses will be going to the City of Howardwick Volunteer Fire Department. That's an increase of more than \$500 compared to last year.

Jesse Burrow and Anna Broussard won the Challenger 200EX,

which was this year's big drawing. Several other prizes were raffled off during the day.

The Putting Contest winners this year were Judy Bland, first; D.K. Robinson, second; and Conrad Lucero, third.

Kay Philley Dye was the winner of the first annual poker run.

The community event was a great opportunity for fellowship, and many people attended to enjoy the vendors, food prepared by volunteers, and music throughout the day.

Armbrust takes plea for cruelty to puppy

Former Clarendon animal control officer Alexandra Armbrust has been sentenced to four years' probation for felony animal cruelty.

Armbrust was sentenced in a plea agreement when the 100th Judicial District Court met in Childress on June 26. District Attorney Luke Inman, along with Assistant District Attorney Harley Caudle, prosecuted the case for the State of Texas, with the Honorable Judge Dale Rabe, Jr., presiding.

Armbrust, 30, from Clarendon, was sentenced for the third-degree felony offense of cruelty to non-live-stock animals.

Armbrust was arrested by Donley County Sheriff's Deputy Jay Longan on July 26, 2024. Armbrust was indicted by a Donley County Grand Jury on June 2.

Armbrust was ordered to pay a \$4,000 fine, \$450 in attorney fees, \$340 in court costs and complete 200 hours of community service.

While serving as animal control officer, Armbrust killed a puppy she had picked up and given to a family. The Donley County Sheriff's Office investigation found that the puppy's owners went to City Hall on July 25 and paid a fee to get their pet back. At that time, Armbrust allegedly returned to the family to whom she had given the puppy, shot the animal in the head, put it in a trash bag, and returned to City Hall to give it to the owners. The city fired her, and Armbrust was later taken into custody.

Armbrust went to work for the city in mid-April 2024 and had just completed her basic animal control training at the time of the incident.

If Armbrust's probation is revoked, she faces up to 10 years in prison.

Enterprise wins General Excellence at PPA

The Clarendon Enterprise received 14 awards at the 116th annual Panhandle Press Association Convention in Amarillo last weekend to claim the General Excellence Award.

Competing in Division One for weekly newspapers, the Enterprise earned 12 first place awards and placed second in two other categories.

Sandy Anderberg won First Place for the Enterprise for Sports Writing, and the crew of Tara Allred, Ashlee Estlack, and Roger Estlack won First Place for Advertising Designs. Entries by Roger and Ashlee Estlack and Kari Lindsey took first place in Human Interest Photos.

The Enterprise was also first place Front Page Layout, News Writing, Spot News Photos, Society & Lifestyles, Serious Columns, Special Section, Editorials, and Website. Feature Stories by Roger Estlack and Sandy Anderberg were first place as well.

Elaina Estlack was second in Sports Photos, and the Enterprise was also second in Headline Writing.

Cub Reporter Benjamin Estlack was named as one of this year's PPA Scholarship Award winners.

Carol Whitmire of the Quanah Tribune-Chief and Shaun and Frank Wink of the Panhandle Herald were named to the Hall of Fame this year.

PPA officers for the coming year are President Tara Huff of the Eagle Press in Fritch/Borger, Vice President Shane Lance of Quanah, Immediate Past President Tim Ritter of the Canyon News, and Secretary Roger Estlack of Clarendon. They are joined on the board by directors Jeff Blackmon of Hereford, Shannon Cook of Canyon, Macee Sater of Groom, Suzanne Bellsnyder of Spearman, and Shaun Wink of Panhandle.

Attending this year's Panhandle Press Association convention from Clarendon were Roger, Ashlee, Benjamin, and Elaina Estlack; Tara Allred; and Emmalyne Roys.



Representing the Enterprise at the Panhandle Press Association Convention were Emmalyne Roys, Elaina Estlack, Roger Estlack, Tara Allred, Ashlee Estlack, and Benjamin Estlack.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO

Untouchables: Predators in America’s elite

Once again, the American police state is choosing to protect predators, not victims.

Jeffrey Epstein – the hedge fund billionaire/convicted serial pedophile and sex trafficker – may be dead, but the machinery that empowered and protected him is still very much alive.

You see, the Epstein case was never just about Epstein – it was about the entire edifice of power that shields the ruling class, silences victims, and erases accountability.

Thus, the latest about-face declarations from the Trump administration – that Epstein had no client list, that he did in fact kill himself, and that there’s nothing more to discuss or investigate

so we should just move on – have only reinforced what many have suspected all along: the system is rigged in order to protect the power elite because the power elite are the system.

In this age of partisan politics and a deeply polarized populace, corruption – especially when it involves sexual debauchery, depravity and predatory behavior – has become the great equalizer.

With the reemergence of Jeffrey Epstein’s ghost in the public discourse, we are once again reminded of just how deep the rot goes.

Politics, religion, entertainment, business, law enforcement, the military – it doesn’t matter the arena or affiliation: all are riddled with the kind of seedy, depraved behavior that gets a free pass when it involves the powerful.

For years, the Epstein case has stood as a grotesque emblem of the depravity within America’s power elite: billionaires, politicians, and celebrities who allegedly trafficked in sex with young girls while insulated from accountability.

It is believed that Epstein, who died in jail after being arrested on charges of molesting, raping and sex trafficking dozens of young girls, operated a sex trafficking ring not only for his own personal pleasure but also for that of his friends and business associates.

According to The Washington Post, “several of the young women...say they were offered to the rich and famous as sex partners at Epstein’s parties.”

Despite the government’s insistence there’s nothing more to see, here’s what the public record already reveals:

Epstein ferried his friends about on his private plane, nicknamed the “Lolita Express” after the Nabokov novel, due to the presence of what appeared to be underage girls on board.

Both Bill Clinton and Donald Trump were counted among Epstein’s friends.

Both Clinton and Trump were at one time passengers on the Lolita Express.

Both Clinton and Trump are renowned womanizers who have been accused of sexual impropriety by a significant number of women over the years. In fact, The Rutherford Institute represented Paula Jones in her landmark sexual harassment lawsuit against then-President Clinton – a case that helped expose how far the political establishment will go to shield its own.

So you have to wonder... when President Trump, who has used his administration’s war on human trafficking to justify expanding the government’s police state powers, quietly dismantles the very government agencies tasked with investigating and exposing sex trafficking... what exactly is going on?

The message from the top is clear: there will be no accountability.

This isn’t justice. It’s a double standard – one set of rules for the untouchables, and another for everyone else.

If it looks like a cover-up, smells like a cover-up, and appears to benefit all the usual suspects, is it so far-fetched to suspect that the government is once again closing ranks to protect the members of its power elite?

We’ve seen it before: from the CIA’s MK-Ultra experiments and the FBI’s COINTELPRO operations to CIA black sites and NSA mass surveillance.

Each time, secrecy protected the powerful and betrayed the people.

And it will keep happening – again and again – unless we confront the truth hiding in plain sight: that abuse of power is not an aberration of the system – it is the system.

Nowhere is that more apparent than in the shadow economy of sex trafficking, where power, profit, and predation converge.

This is America’s seedy underbelly. Child sex trafficking – the buying and selling of women, young girls and boys for sex, some as young as 9 years old – has become big business in America. It is the fastest growing business in organized crime and the second most-lucrative commodity traded illegally after drugs and guns.

This is the darkness at the heart of the American police state: a system built to shield the powerful from justice.

Unless something changes in the way we deal with these ongoing, egregious abuses of power, the predators of the police state will continue to wreak havoc on our freedoms, our communities, and our lives.

We need to restore the rule of law for all people, no exceptions.

John Whitehead is a constitutional attorney and president of the Rutherford Institute.



Speak truth to power
by John Whitehead

Dancing was a ‘tool of the devil’

Although dancing was a popular and well established social activity on the frontier, it was looked upon as a tool of Satan by many of the more conservative clergy. Children in families that frowned on dancing often found it difficult to stay at home while friends and neighbors were reveling in music and dance, and it was not at all uncommon for such children to sneak out of the house at night and listen to the music while concealed outside the home or building where a dance was being held.

In Lebanon, Texas, just south of Frisco, one old-timer expressed his feelings that “nothing ever took more joy out of the hearts of young men and women living in Lebanon during the 1890s than the attitude of the church

fathers toward dancing.” Many men were “churched” for dancing, i.e., they were brought before the church fathers and called to repentance.

One devoted church member was so caught up with joy and happiness on one occasion that he danced a jig on the front porch of the Lebanon barbershop. He had always danced jigs and had never felt that they were harmful. But on this occasion, he was summoned to a church court to answer for his sin.

“What prompted you to do such a



vignettes
tales of the old west
by George U. Hubbard

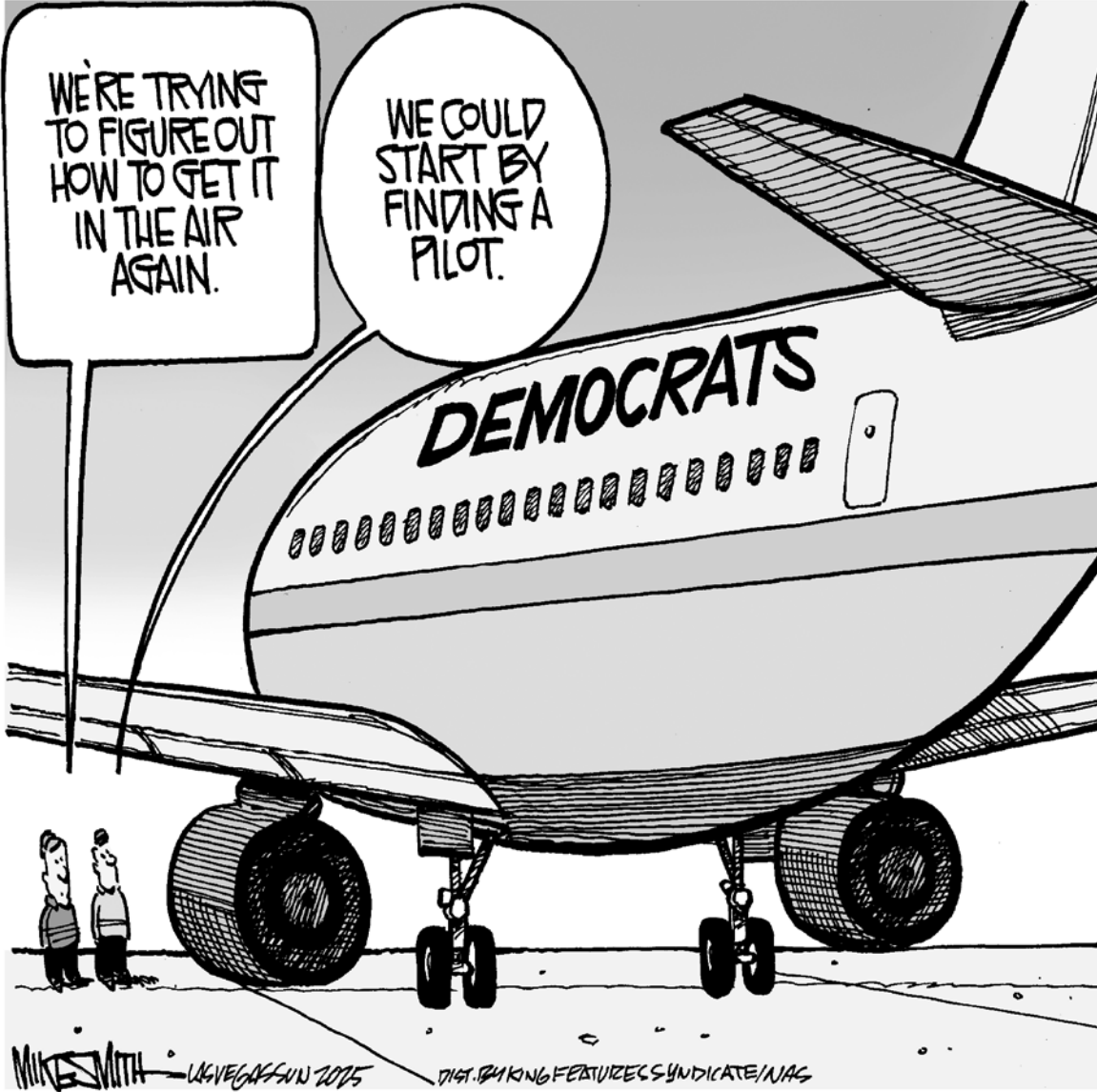
thing?” they asked him.

“I was happy.” “Don’t you know that dancing is an evil practice?”

“I accept that now, and I will never do it again.” “Are you sorry for what you have done?”

“I am sorry that I sinned, and I will never do it again. But I am not sorry for dancing a jig.”

“You just talked yourself out of the church,” the fathers pronounced. Despite the attitudes of some of the clergy toward dancing, dances were the only source of social entertainment in many frontier communities, and they were well attended with jovial relationships and strict rules of proper conduct. George U. Hubbard is an author and former resident of Clarendon.



Have you tried sweet and sour burgers?

By Slim Randles, Home Country

When the word got out about the new creation down at Delbert Chin’s Gates of Heaven Chinese restaurant, the boys naturally had to try it out.

Not that the members of the Mule Barn truck stop’s world dilemma think tank are really boys ... at least not for many years now ... but they do have a boy-like curiosity about new things in our community.

Herb Collins told the coffee-drinking group about it, because his wife went to the Gates of Heaven regularly with her girlfriends.

“I’m serious, guys,” Herb said. Steve looked at him. “Delbert wouldn’t do that.”

“He did.”

Dud looked stunned. “Sweet and sour hamburgers?”

“Yep.”

“Wouldn’t that make people sick?”

Steve said, looking at Doc.

“Nothing Delbert would cook would ever make people sick,” Doc replied. “His kitchen is cleaner than a hospital surgery. But sweet and sour hamburgers doesn’t... click?”

“Lunch, today?” Steve asked.

So the boys went to Gates of Heaven for lunch and they all ordered the sweet and sour hamburgers. Delbert came out of the kitchen, smiling.

“You boys don’t need ketchup or mustard with these burgers,” he told them. “They’re fine just like they are. I have pickles, though ... you want pickles.”

The burgers came, with a side order of those petrified noodles in place of French fries, and the eating began. Delbert watched their faces. He knew this was the Supreme Court of our valley when it came to introducing something new to eat. There were nods and there were inquisitive facial expressions.

“Well?” asked Delbert.

“Del,” said Doc, “your cooking is always wonderful ...”

There were concomitant nods around the table.

“... but I think maybe I’ll stick to the sweet and sour pork or shrimp. Hamburgers need ...”

“Ketchup?” said Steve.

“Mayo?” said Dud.

“Hey, they’re good, though,” said Doc. “I like the way the sauce gets soaked into the bun.”

“That’s right.”

“Me, too.”

“Oh shut up,” said Delbert, heading for the kitchen.

If you want to get Delbert’s recipe for sweet and sour burgers ... shame on you.

To reach Slim (and please do), try Slim Randles at homecountry8.com or (505) 306-6009.

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Mulkey Theatre • Superman • 7:30 p.m.

July 27
Mulkey Theatre • Superman • 2:00 p.m.

July 27 - 30
Calvary Baptist Church • Vacation Bible School • 6:00 p.m. - 8:80 p.m.

August 2 & 3
Jack & Jill Scramble • Clarendon Country Club • Call 806-874-2166

August 7
Clarendon CISD • Returning Students Registration • 2:00 p.m - 5:00 p.m.

August 8
Clarendon CISD • New Students Registration • 9:00 a.m.

August 9
Bronco Booster Tournament
Clarendon Country Club • Call 806-874-2166

August 11
Meet the Teachers • Clarendon CISD • 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

August 11
Back to School Bash • Clarendon Elementary • 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

August 11
Meet the Teachers • Hedley ISD • 5:00 p.m

August 11
Meet the Owls • Hedley ISD • 6:00 p.m

August 12
Hedley ISD • First Day of School

August 13
Clarendon CISD • First Day of School

August 16
Donley County Senior Citizens Center
50th Anniversary Celebration • 4th & Gorst Streets • See ClarendonTX.com

August 23
Night Scramble • Clarendon Country Club • 806-874-2166

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Menus

July 28 - Aug. 1

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Beef stew, garden salad, cornbread, plum crisp, iced tea/2% milk.
Tues: Polish sausage, cabbage, mashed potatoes, whole wheat roll, black forest parfait, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: BBQ chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll, apple cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Meatloaf, cheesy potatoes, green beans, cornbread, cheery cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Chicken teriyaki, Chinese fried rice, stir fried vegetables, peas, whole wheat roll, chocolate pudding w/whipped topping, iced tea/2% milk.
Tues: Stuffed baked potato w/ ham, broccoli, whole wheat roll, pineapple cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Chicken fried steak w/ gravy, homemade mashed potatoes, green beans w/bacon & onion, whole wheat roll, banana pudding, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Roast roast. Brown gravy, potatoes, onions, carrots, green beans, whole wheat roll, fruit cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Chicken strips, gravy, French fries/taters tots, garden salad, whole wheat buttermilk biscuit, brownie, iced tea/2% milk

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Putting Contest winner Judy Bland (right) accepts her prize.

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Poker Run winner Kay Dye (center) with City Secretary Sandy Lynn Childress and Fire Chief Eddie Chavira.

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4-H helps Hill Country

Donley County 4-H participated in the Texas 4-H gift card drive to send to the flood victims in Texas Hill Country. Donley 4-H club officers, Brance and Kyler Bell and Kassie Askew assisted in collecting the cards and gathered \$1,000 worth.

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Obituaries

Hardin

Ruby Jewel Hardin, 97, of Clarendon, passed away Monday, July 21, 2025, in Clarendon.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, July 24, 2025, at First Baptist Church in Silverton with Rev. G.J. Walton officiating. Burial will be at 2:00 p.m. in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon.

Viewing will be Wednesday at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the care of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Ruby Jewel was born May 12, 1928, in Clarendon to Richard and

Edna Jewel Yates Dingler. She married Warren Hardin on August 25, 1947, in Clarendon. A lifelong resident of Clarendon, she spent the last decade in Silverton before returning home last year.

Ruby was a devoted homemaker who found joy in gardening, baking and decorating cakes, sewing, and painting. She also loved playing 42 with her many friends. A woman of faith, she was a former member of the First Presbyterian Church in Clarendon and most recently a member of the First Baptist Church in Silverton.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Warren Hardin, in 1991; a brother, Richard Dingler Jr.; and two sisters, Joyce

Watkins and Frances Grimland.

She is survived by her daughter, Paula Garvin and husband Lane of Silverton; her sisters, Jo Cowan of Perryton, Glenna Cash of Topeka, Kansas, and Catherine Cosper of Amarillo; her granddaughters, Brooke Whitworth of Silverton and Kurby Mitchell and husband Brandon of Wellington; three great-grandchildren, Landry Whitworth, Baron Mitchell, and Merick Mitchell; as well as several nieces and nephews.

The family requests that memorials be made to the Clarendon or Silverton Volunteer Fire Department, Citizens Cemetery Association, or the First Baptist Church Youth Group in Silverton.

Speeding doesn't save time, it costs lives

Whether it's catching a fish or smoking a brisket, Texans know the importance of patience. So, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is reminding drivers to use that patience behind the wheel and drive like a Texan: Kind. Courteous. Safe.

Speed contributed to nearly 160,000 traffic crashes in Texas in 2024, resulting in 1,467 deaths. That is 35 percent of all traffic crash fatalities in the state, making speed the number one contributing factor in crashes.

"Speeding is not an accident, it's a choice," TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams said. "When you choose to drive even just a little over the speed limit, you're not only risking your own life, you're risking

the lives of every other person on the road with you and that's not being a good Texan."

Law enforcement to focus on speeders To help prevent deadly, speed-related crashes, TxDOT is launching its Be Safe. Drive Smart. campaign that features country singer-songwriter Parker McCollum calling on his fellow Texans to slow down and be safe.

The campaign runs alongside a special speed law enforcement period. From July 18 through Aug. 3, officers across Texas will focus extra attention on motorists who are driving too fast, reminding them to slow down and match their speed to road conditions.

Safe driving means more than just following the speed limit Driv-

ers should follow these tips to stay safe and avoid a ticket: Match your speed to road conditions. Slow down and allow for more distance to stop when traffic is heavy, roads are slick or road construction is ahead. Watch for road signs alerting you of reduced speed limits. Remember that traffic fines double if you speed in a school zone or a work zone when workers are present.

The Be Safe. Drive Smart. campaign is an important part of TxDOT's Drive like a Texan: Kind. Courteous. Safe. initiative. Drive like a Texan is about embracing the pride, camaraderie and responsibility of being a Texan on the road. By making thoughtful choices, we can all help keep each other safe. Learn more at DriveLikeATexan.com.

Bulldogs receive national recognition

The Clarendon College Bulldogs have earned the Team Excellence Award from the National Association of Basketball Coaches.

The recognition represents achievement in the classroom by men's college basketball teams and individual players.

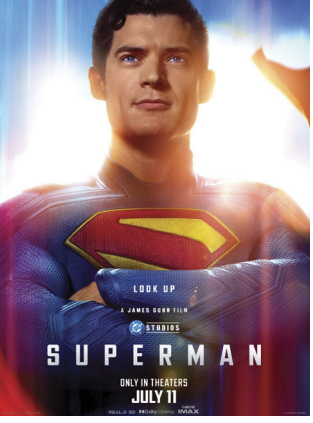
The NABC Team Academic Excellence Awards recognize programs that completed the 2024-25 academic year with a team GPA of 3.0 or higher. The NABC Honors Court, meanwhile, includes junior, senior and graduate student men's basketball players who finished the 2024-25 year with a cumulative GPA

of 3.2 or higher.

The NABC's academic awards are presented annually to teams and athletes from all levels of college basketball.

"Education is one of the NABC's five core values, and we are proud to recognize the academic accomplishments of these programs and individual student-athletes across our sport," said NABC Executive Director Craig Robinson. "The dedication and hard work of these athletes, along with their coaches and support staff members who prioritize academic success, deserves to be widely celebrated."

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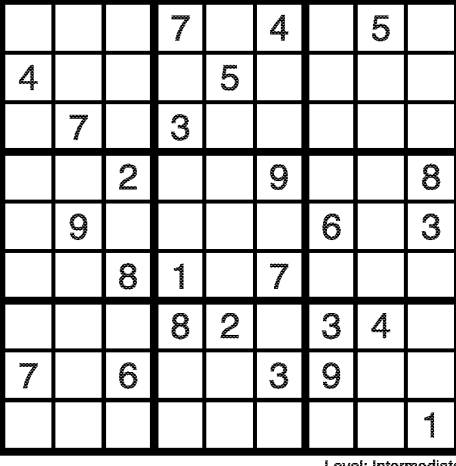
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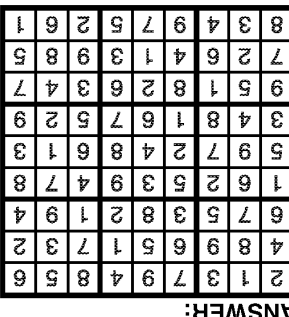
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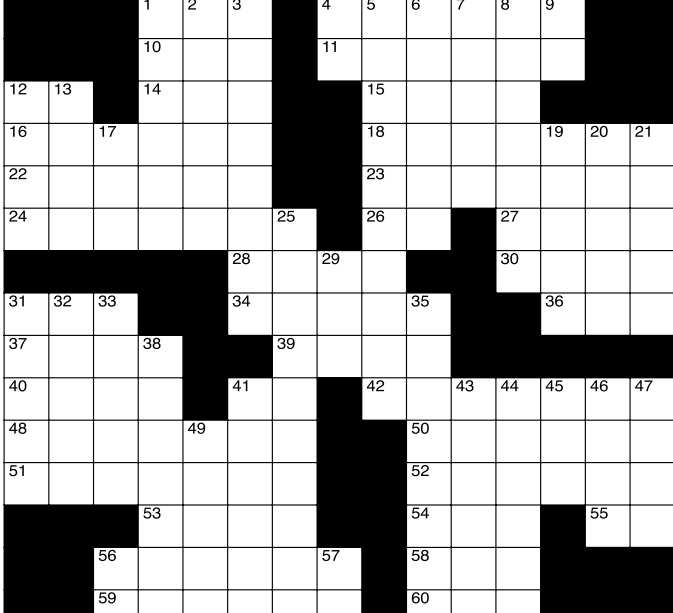
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Level: Intermediate



ANSWER:



CLUES ACROSS

1. Pacific standard time
4. Extracts through heating and melting
10. Express delight
11. More curvy
12. Expression of uncertainty
14. Indicates before
15. Daughter of Hera and Zeus
16. Southwestern CA city
18. Unified
22. Less attractive
23. Base of jellies
24. A large and noisy party
26. He was traded for Luka
27. Wolverine genus
28. "Happy Days" actress Moran
30. Root of taro plant
31. Student environmental group (abbr.)

34. Silk garments
36. Unique power
37. Ray Liotta cop film
39. Leak slowly through
40. Notion
41. Atomic #55
42. Fixed in one place
48. About heat
50. Type of baseball pitch
51. Seedless raisin
52. Large wading birds
53. Similar
54. Time zone
55. Atomic #34
56. Program
58. Old world, new
59. Contrary belief
60. "To the __ degree"

CLUES DOWN

1. Plain-woven fabric
2. Classed
3. Suppositions
4. Midway between south and west
5. Tropical American trees
6. Leveled
7. Published false statement
8. Adolescent
9. Junior's father
12. Aurochs
13. Not low
17. Boxing's GOAT
19. Short musical composition
20. Small immature herrings
21. Eavesdropper

25. Parcels of land
29. Anger
31. Irritations
32. Hindu holy man
33. Wicker basket for fish
35. Natural object
38. Transporting in a vehicle
41. A dog is one
43. Smaller portion
44. Sew
45. Belonging to a thing
46. Horsley and Greenwood are two
47. Scottish language
49. Producer
56. Exclamation of surprise
57. Russian river

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Texas Tech to Earn \$14M for Advanced Semiconductor Power Devices Program

By Ashlyn Grotegut, Texas Tech University

Texas Tech University's Whitacre College of Engineering has secured a \$14 million grant from the US Department of Defense to lead the Advanced Semiconductor Power Devices Program, aiming to design high-performance, reliable power electronic devices using wide and ultrawide bandgap semiconductors.

These technologies will enhance defense and industrial systems by improving performance in harsh environments, supporting innovation and strengthening national security.

National Security Advancement: The research supports next-generation defense systems, including radar and electronic warfare, ensuring technological superiority in critical applications.

Economic and Industrial Impact: The development of efficient power devices enables more reliable and energy-saving operations in manufacturing, electrical grids and heavy equipment sectors.

Educational and Collaborative Growth: The initiative fosters interdisciplinary research and hands-on training for students across multiple universities, building future expertise in semiconductor and power systems technology.

Texas Tech University's Edward E. Whitacre Jr. College of Engineering will earn \$14 million from the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) Army Research Laboratory for an Advanced Semiconductor Power Devices Program that will develop reliable, high-performance and power electronic devices with wide and ultrawide bandgap

semiconductors.

High-electron-mobility transistors, metal-semiconductor field-effect transistors and broadband high-efficiency power amplifiers are among the key components to be designed and fabricated. These devices will enable improvements in high-power systems for defense, radar and communication applications – strengthening technological capabilities, fostering innovation in semiconductor materials and supporting national security in harsh environments.

In addition, the devices will have industrial applications such as controlling and converting large amounts of electrical energy. This efficiency will promote overall process productivity through precise and reliable operation of machinery with reduced energy consumption. This could impact motor drives for manufacturing, power supplies for heavy equipment, switchgear in electrical grids and industrial heating systems.

“The Advanced Power Semiconductor Devices grant marks a significant milestone for Texas Tech University, positioning us at the forefront of innovative research in high-power semiconductor technology,” said Hieu Nguyen, associate professor of electrical and computer engineering (ECE). “Ultimately, our work aims to enhance national security and drive technological innovation, benefiting Texas, the nation and the global community.”

The researchers will conduct comprehensive performance evaluations across various applications, including high-power/high-voltage systems, electronic warfare, surveil-

lance, radar, multifunctional radio frequency communications, sensing, and power electronics for harsh environments. They will emphasize device packaging, failure analysis, heat dissipation and thermal management to ensure robustness and longevity. Additionally, the project will analyze the structure and other qualities of wide and ultrawide bandgap semiconductors, correlating gained insights with experimental results to inform future innovations.

This initiative is led by Stephen Bayne, vice chancellor for Innovation & Collaboration and the executive director of the Critical Infrastructure Security Institute. His team comprises ECE Professors Ayrton Bernussi, Donald Lie and Ravi Joshi; ECE Associate Professors Nguyen, Brian Nutter; Global Laboratory for Energy Asset Management & Manufacturing (GLEAMM) Senior Director Argenis Bilbao; and Chemical Engineering Assistant Professor Joseph Gauthier.

The program also integrates research and education plans at different levels with Associate Professor Manuel Garcia of Angelo State University and Assistant Professor Pranaya Pokharel of Midwestern State University.

“This program will not only advance cutting-edge materials and device design but also foster interdisciplinary collaboration and educational opportunities for our students,” Nguyen said. “They will gain experience in the device design/simulation, epitaxial growth techniques, device fabrication and characterization of semiconductor power devices.”



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WT names local students to honors, graduation lists

The final tally was 1,048 graduates for West Texas A&M University's Class of May 2025, which included two graduates from Clarendon.

Jentrye A. Bellar graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor's of Science in Biology, and Renee Michal Rogers earned Cum Laude honors receiving her Bachelor's of Science in Psychology.

Overall, the University awarded 773 baccalaureate degrees, 272 master's degrees and three doctoral degrees to spring graduates at the May 16 and 17 commencement ceremonies, following procedural confirmation from the University's seven deans. The three levels of honor recognition are Summa Cum Laude (3.90-4.00), Magna Cum Laude (3.75-3.89) and Cum Laude (3.50-3.74).

The oldest graduate was 75, and the youngest were 19. The graduating class includes 120 with a perfect 4.0 GPA and 23 veterans; 47.9 percent of the undergraduates are the first in their family to earn a college degree. Students from 38 states in the nation and 21 different countries graduated.

Five local students were also on WT's honors lists. The Dean's List (overall grade point average of 3.50 to 3.99) included senior Education major Aspyn Graham-Tuttle, senior Plant Soil & Environmental Science major Weston Hatley, and senior Renee Rogers. The President's List (a 4.0) included senior Applied Arts & Sciences Rebecca Chessner, and senior Nursing major Avery English.

A student-centered approach of recruiting and retaining the very best is part of the University's long-range plan, WT 125: From the Panhandle to the World. That plan is fueled by the historic One West comprehensive fundraising campaign, which reached its initial \$125 million goal 18 months after publicly launching in September 2021. The campaign's new goal is to reach \$175 million by 2025; currently, it has raised more than \$165 million.

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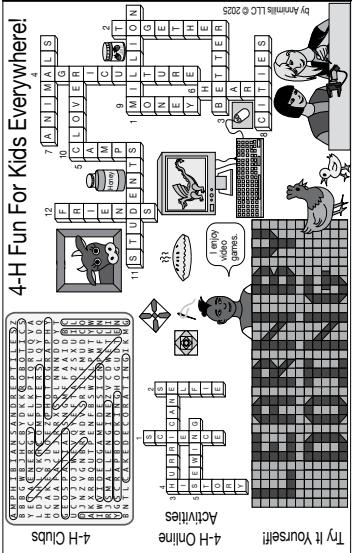
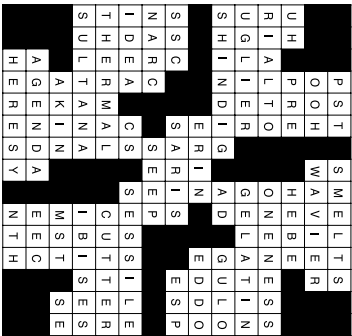
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2025, at OJD Engineering, 2420 Lakeview
Drive, Amarillo, TX 79109, at which time and
place all bids received will be publicly opened
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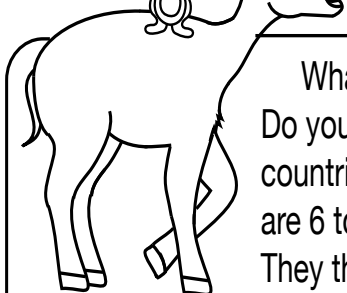
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...project this week and next week too.



I'd make cheese! Wow!



4-H Fun For Kids Everywhere!

What do **you** know about the world-famous 4-H organization?

Do you know that about 7 million young people from more than 50
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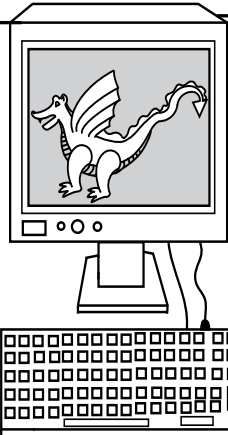
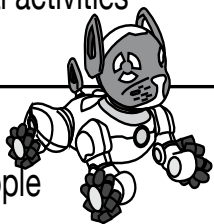
They think about their interests and then set out to complete their own
hands-on projects: experiments, cooking, robotics, etc. 4-H members "learn by doing."

Across the U.S., there are as many as 90,000 local 4-H clubs, which are run by about
500,000 adult volunteers. Ask a parent to help you find a club near where you live.

Also, 4-H offers hundreds of fun, educational activities
for kids on their website. Check it out!

The 4-H:

1. has more than 6 _____ kids and young people
as members in the U.S. and Canada.
2. encourages kids to get _____ and plan interesting projects.
3. teaches that we keep learning all our lives – and we can
work to make the best even _____!
4. was started by a few people living in different areas; one
was a superintendent of schools named A. B. Graham who
began a club where kids could learn about _____ – the
science of caring for animals and the land, and raising crops.
5. has a symbol that started as a 3-leaf _____ with an H on each leaf:
head, heart, hands; later, the 4th leaf and "H" was added for *health*.
6. Head is for thinking and knowledge, the _____ is for spiritual strength,
the Hands are for doing and Health is for "better living."
7. members who live on farms may work with _____; enter competitions.
8. members in clubs near or in large _____ may work on areas
such as: photography, cooking, neighborhood projects.



I enjoy
video
games.

speaking, wise
_____ handling,
and more.

10. has _____ all over the country
for fun, learning and
physical activities.

11. may work with classroom teachers
to help _____ learn how to care for animals
or pets, gardening, robotics, theater, etc.

12. club in your area will let you have fun while
working on projects that you want to learn
about. Think about joining with your _____!



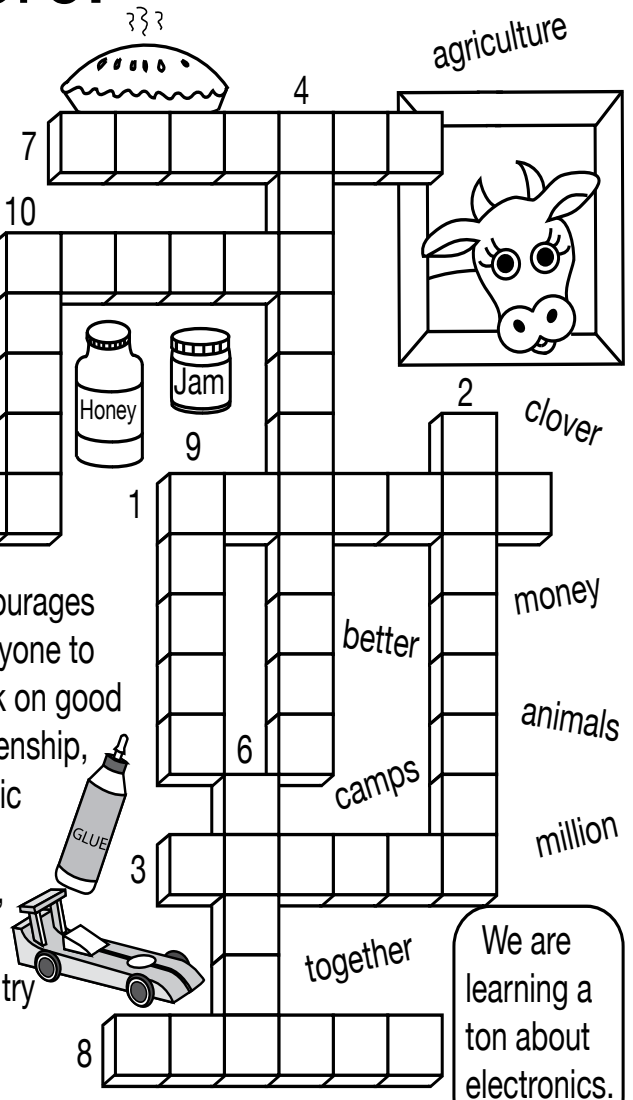
9. encourages
everyone to
work on good
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speaking, wise
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