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Museum to hold cookoff Saturday

The Saints' Roost Museum will hold its 31st annual Col. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff Saturday, September 23.

Five chuckwagon teams will be cooking this year. Although admission is free, a \$25 meal ticket is required to enjoy the authentic chuckwagon chicken fried steak meal.

A barbecue lunch concession will also be available this year for those who are unable to get tickets for the chuckwagon meal or who want another option.

Gates will open at 10 a.m. with local and area entertainers performing and a trade show being held on the museum grounds. The chuckwagon meal will be served at 1:00 p.m.

Call the Museum at 806-874-2746 for information.

REFZ Ride for Kids to be held Oct. 4

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce will host the annual REFZ Ride For Kids Fun Run on Saturday, October 4, at the Lions Hall.

Proceeds of the event will benefit the Christ's Kids Ministry and the Clarendon Lions Club's "Toys for Joy" toy drive.

Registration starts at 8:00 a.m. with breakfast. The Fun Run starts at 9:15 a.m. with lunch at noon and awards at 1:00 p.m.

This year's 135-mile scenic ride starts and ends at the Lions Hall and travels to Turkey before returning to Clarendon.

Entry is \$25 per person, and registration is available online at ClarendonTX.com/funrun or in person at the Clarendon Visitor Center.

For more information, call 806-205-0270.

District court hears plea in Donley case

The district court heard a plea one Donley County case when it met in Childress on September 17.

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.

Isabel Marie Iturralde, 39, was placed on three years' probation for the state jail felony offense of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Iturralde was arrested by Donley County Sheriff's Deputy Vincent Marasco on April 29, 2024. Iturralde pleaded to an information filed by the State on May 21, 2024.

Iturralde was ordered to pay a \$2,500 fine, \$305 in court costs, \$400 in attorney's fees, complete 100 hours of community service, and a \$500 out-of-state probation transfer fee. If revoked, Iturralde faces up to two years in prison.



Cast Iron Cowboy star Kent Rollins stands with JA Ranch manager Randall Gates last September during the filming of the first episode of the new series airing on the Outdoor Channel. The JA episode premieres this Sunday night at 8:30. PHOTO BY SHANNON ROLLINS

New show spotlights JA Ranch

Noted chuckwagon cook selects Donley County location for first episode

Kent Rollins wants all of America to appreciate cowboy way of life, and he's starting his newest venture with a spotlight on the JA Ranch southwest of Clarendon.

With more than 40 years of experience in chuckwagon cooking and as a working cowboy, Rollins hand picked the JA as the site for the first episode of *Cast Iron Cowboy*, which airs this Sunday, September 29, at 8:30 p.m. on the Outdoor Channel.

"We wanted to highlight the American rancher and cowboy and their very way of life. The JA had to be the first one," Rollins told the Enterprise. "It's the birthplace of the chuckwagon and the home of the beautiful Palo Duro Canyon and Charles Goodnight."

It also helped that Rollins has been to the history ranch and is friends with ranch manager Randall Gates, making the first episode even more special and authentic.

Rollins said the idea for *Cast Iron Cowboy* started about nine years ago with a California producer who contacted him and kept calling back. Rollins finally agreed to do the show with the stipulation that it had to be authentic and they

would only visit ranches during times when they would actually be working, nothing would be staged.

"Cowboys respect me because I've been on the other side of the fire," Rollins said. "Mother Nature throws a kink in it sometimes, but if they work in it, we cook in it."

As host of the show, Rollins is a well-known cowboy cook and YouTube phenomenon with 6.7 million followers across social media. The new show follows Kent, his wife Shannon, their dog Major, and their 1876 Studebaker Chuck Wagon as they travel ranch-to-ranch across the country feeding cowboys. The series blends cast iron cooking with cowboy traditions, history, and storytelling.

The JA is one of the first places Rollins cooked in 1994, and the first episode has some special moments for the host – a horseback ride with Gates and a visit to the historic JA chuckwagon. With supper started at his campsite, Rollins is greeted by Gates on horseback with an extra horse for the cook. Leaving Shannon in charge of the camp, the men take off for headquarters, and once there, Gates pulls out the ranch's original wagon

– what Rollins calls "the first meals on wheels." Rollins and Gates then open the wagon's chuckbox and discuss the artifacts inside.

"I'd seen the wagon years ago," Rollins said. "It was so neat. If it could only tell the stories it has seen."

As much fun as exploring the JA wagon was, Rollins' favorite thing about the episode is his ride with Gates.

"To get to go horseback with Randall again, it was just such an honor to ride with a dear friend that I consider family," he said. "It was a special day."

Returning to camp, Rollins and Shannon prepare a hearty and delicious meal of "Wagon Wheel" Steaks with Mushroom Gravy, "Armadillo Eggs," and Bread Pudding with Whisky Cream Sauce.

Donley County viewers will recognize several family faces as folks gather for the meal as bow their heads as Rollins says grace.

"The people there are folks who value God, family, and tradition - great people you can ride the river with," he said.

Cast Iron Cowboy will premier during the Outdoor Chan-

nel's "Taste of the Wild Block." The show follows Kent, Shannon, their trusty 1876 Chuck Wagon and wood-fired stove, affectionately known as "Bertha," across the country as they work to preserve the heritage and lifestyle of the American cowboy. Blending live-fire cast iron and Dutch oven cooking with storytelling, cowboy wisdom, and the history, people, and traditions of working ranches across the country.

The Outdoor Channel and MyOutdoorTV are available by satellite and several streaming platforms.

Season One consists of eight episodes with Rollins visiting ranches in Wyoming, Nebraska, Nevada, Oklahoma, Arizona, and Texas, each celebrating the enduring spirit of the American range. The JA episode was filmed about a year ago last September, and

Season Two, which will premier in February, just finished filming.

"We hope everyone enjoys it," Rollins said. "It's part of history, and the good Lord has blessed us to let us do what we do and share it with more people."

CC reports enrollment at 1,528

Clarendon College's fall enrollment is down less than two percent this year with a total headcount of 1,528 in all locations.

Fall 2024 enrollment was 1.1 percent higher with 1,546 students.

Following the 12th class day on September 10, CC reported the Clarendon campus had 281 students, down from 304 last fall, and the Pampa Center was down from 118 last fall to 107 this fall, but the Childress Center was up from 43 last year to 47 this year.

The Amarillo Center had 50 cosmetology students compared to 67 in the fall of 2024.

Distance Education enrollment students taking solely online classes) was at 150, which is up from 126 last year. Dual credit enrollment (students taking college classes through area high schools) was at 798, up from 787 last fall.

Overall, CC officials say the college continues to serve students across the Texas Panhandle through multiple locations and distance learning. While some campuses experienced modest decreases in enrollment, the Childress Center and Distance Education programs saw meaningful growth. Notably, Distance Education enrollment increased by nearly 20 percent, demonstrating the college's expanding reach and commitment to meeting the needs of students who require flexible learning options.

Contact hours, which measure instructional engagement, also shifted in line with enrollment patterns. Distance Education reported the largest gain in contact hours, while other locations saw slight decreases compared to last year.

"Enrollment numbers tell part of the story, but what they really represent is the continued trust of our students and communities," said CC President Texas Buckhaults. "We remain dedicated to providing accessible, high-quality education across our service area and beyond."

Perry plans Clarendon visit Oct. 7

Texas State Senator Charles Perry has announced an upcoming town hall forum in Clarendon on Tuesday, October 7, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. at the Clarendon College Harned Sisters Fine Arts Center.

"I am excited to spend time in Clarendon and visit with the constituents I am blessed to represent down in Austin," said Senator Perry. "Town halls are one of the best ways for me to hear firsthand what matters most to the people of the Panhandle. I look forward to discussing the work we're doing at the state level on issues from health care to education, and laying out my vision to ensure Texas has water to meet its future needs."

Senator Perry has been a key advocate for water management in Texas, authoring and passing SB 7 / SJR 7 last session. These bills aim to secure long-term water supply by financing infrastructure projects and conservation initiatives, addressing the state's growing water needs.

Senator Perry has served six sessions in the Texas Senate and is the Chairman of the Committee on Water, Agriculture, and Rural Affairs, Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Health and Human Services, and a member of the Finance, State Affairs, and Transportation Committees.

He is also the Chairman of the select committee on Disaster Preparedness and Flooding, where he passed Senate Bill 1, the Heaven's 27 Camp Safety Act. This legislation follows the tragic flooding at Camp Mystic that claimed the lives of 27 young

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Pantex starts new gas lab construction

The ever-changing landscape at Pantex has yet another addition on the horizon with the recent groundbreaking of the new Analytical Gas Laboratory.

The existing facility, which was built in 1944 and assumed gas lab testing in 1968, is being replaced by a 12,750-square-foot building equipped with modern equipment and testing capabilities.

The structure will provide employees with state-of-the-art updates to continue providing analytical support to both Pantex and Y-12.

The new facility, with an estimated investment of approximately \$36 million, will include office space for engineers and scientists and modernized equipment for more accurate and efficient sampling to support production at the two sites.

"The new Analytical Gas Lab facility is a critical component in assuring the long-term quality and reliability of our nuclear deterrent," Operations Division Director, Carl Beard said.

The lab will continue to sup-



Pantex held a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Analytical Gas Laboratory on September 17. The testing lab will replace a World War II-era building and provide new space for scientists and state-of-the-art equipment used to certify the weapons stockpile. PANTEX PHOTO

port production by analyzing gas samples for all weapons programs and several weapons components. New technology will incorporate a digital workflow and more consistent tracking that can follow the samples and identify components more precisely.

"This modernized facility will enable us to continue to adapt to changing times, processes, and technology," PanTeXas Deter-

rence President and General Manager Kelly Beierschmitt said. "This is yet another important accomplishment in our continued role of serving the nation."

"This investment ensures that our nation's capabilities remain at the forefront of defense technology and scientific innovation," Pantex Field Office Manager Jason Armstrong said. "It also reflects our commitment to modernizing

Pantex to meet the demands of our mission."

Pantex continues to invest in its people and infrastructure as well as its role in the nuclear deterrent process, with additional projects underway. With several additional projects underway the site continues to prove its dedication to modernization and continuing its strong legacy of serving the nation.



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Free speech must apply to everyone

“I may disagree with what you say, but I’ll defend to the death you’re right to say it.”

Those were the words of Coach Don Beck to our high school history class back in about 1987. Looking back, I’ve always considered Coach Beck as one my favorite teachers and probably the best history teacher I had at Clarendon High School. He made us memorize a portion of the Declaration of Independence and the Preamble to the US Constitution, and he had a unique lecture style that combined a thick Texas drawl and good common sense to explain the government and history of our nation.

I think most of my classmates would agree that we all learned something in Coach Beck’s class. One of the things we learned was that America’s founders had a *laissez faire* attitude about a lot of things. That was French, Coach Beck said, and basically meant, in his words, “Government, keep your hands off.”

I’ve thought a lot about Coach Beck’s teachings through the years, and his philosophy on Freedom of Speech in particular, especially in recent years when our civic discourse has become so much less than civil.

Two weeks ago, I didn’t really even know who Charlie Kirk was. The name was familiar, and I knew he was involved in conservative politics, but beyond that I would not have recognized him. That all changed September 10 when Kirk was gunned down during the middle of a speech on a college campus.

After that horrible event, I recognized Kirk from having seen him on different social media clips, and it became obvious that he meant a great deal to a lot of people and some of those people didn’t like when critical things were said about the man.

Kirk, from all I’ve seen, I think would agree with Coach Beck. Even if he disagreed with someone, he stood by their right to speak. In fact, he seemed to relish engaging in debates and having a back and forth between himself and people who held opposing opinions. That’s as American as it gets.

Unfortunately, we’ve seen some ugliness come out of the tragedy of Kirk’s death. There have been some terrible things said. The result has been a backlash. I’ve heard many times the sentiment that yes, we have Freedom of Speech but not freedom from consequences. And that’s true, but at the root of it is still Free Speech.

Vile, ugly, insensitive, and offensive language is protected by our Constitution, and I think Kirk would have agreed with that. There will be consequences in the public arena for that. You may be shunned or boycotted for speaking your mind. There’s no getting around that. But those consequences should not come from the government.

When the state government starts forming committees to “look into” free speech on college campuses, we’re going to far. When the state starts looking at people’s personal comments online and threatening their livelihoods, we’ve gone too far. And when the chairman of the Federal Communications Commission bullies and threatens broadcasters to pull a late night comedian off the air, we’ve gone too far. That’s un-American, and we ought to all stand up against it. Charlie Kirk seems pretty consistent on one point – everyone has the right to be heard.

After the FCC chairman got Jimmy Kimmel taken off the air last week, Sen. Ted Cruz, who I generally disagree with lately, called it “dangerous as hell.”

The Texas Republican and diehard supporter of President Trump went on to say: “Going down this road, there will come a time when a Democrat wins again – wins the White House ... they will silence us. They will use this power, and they will use it ruthlessly. And that is dangerous.”

We’re living in a time where from election to election, the pendulum swings hard right then hard left then harder right then harder left. Cruz sees what happened to Jimmy Kimmel and knows that Glenn Beck or Bill O’Reilly could be next if we allow this to happen once.

American must return to understanding that our freedoms are not just for those we agree with. The Freedom of Religion is not just for evangelical Christians but is also for Muslims. The Freedom of the Press is not just for The Clarendon Enterprise but is also for The New York Times, Playboy, and Mother Jones. And the Freedom of Speech is not just for the supporters of Charlie Kirk; it is for people who didn’t like his opinions also.

The only way Liberty works is when we all have it. It’s been said before, freedom for some is freedom for none. That’s what our Constitution stands for, and that’s what America is supposed to be about.

There is no cause to cheer when anyone is silenced by whatever means. Free Speech is the most fundamental right we have as Americans, and we should never allow anyone to take it from us.



editor’s commentary
by roger estlack

Quanah Parker was great businessman

Quanah Parker, the great Comanche chief, recognized the “handwriting on the wall.” Although never conquered or captured, he foresaw that the Indians must submit to the white man’s way of life or suffer extinction. Approaching the gate of Fort Sill, Oklahoma, as the last of the Comanche chiefs to sur-render, Parker dismounted and set his horse free, saying, “There goes the spirit of the Comanche.”

Successfully making the transition to a different way of life, Quanah Parker learned the English language, became a shrewd businessman, and committed himself to improving the lives of the Comanches. He also retained some of his Indian ways, such as long hair in braids and a family of seven wives and many children. Preferring at first to continue living in tents, Parker finally agreed to move into a large house that cattle baron Burk Burnett built for him in Cache, Oklahoma. On the red roof was a large white star for each of Parker’s wives.

Between 1875 and 1911, Parker served as a mediator between the Indians and the white man. Making many visits to Quanah, Texas, which had been

named for him, he was always well received. He became a close friend of many influential people including Charles Goodnight, Burk Burnett, and President Theodore Roosevelt. On one of his visits to Washington, D.C., to negotiate for the Indians, Parker took occasion to show his sense of humor. One government official was doing his best to persuade Parker to give up his polygamous relationships.

“When you get back home, pick out the wife you like best and tell the rest of them they must get out.”

Quanah Parker listened silently. Then the official repeated his counsel with increased emphasis.

“Just pick out your favorite wife and tell the others they’ve got to move.”

“You tell ‘em,” Quanah responded. Quanah knew full well how his wives would react to something like that, and besides, he had no intention of putting



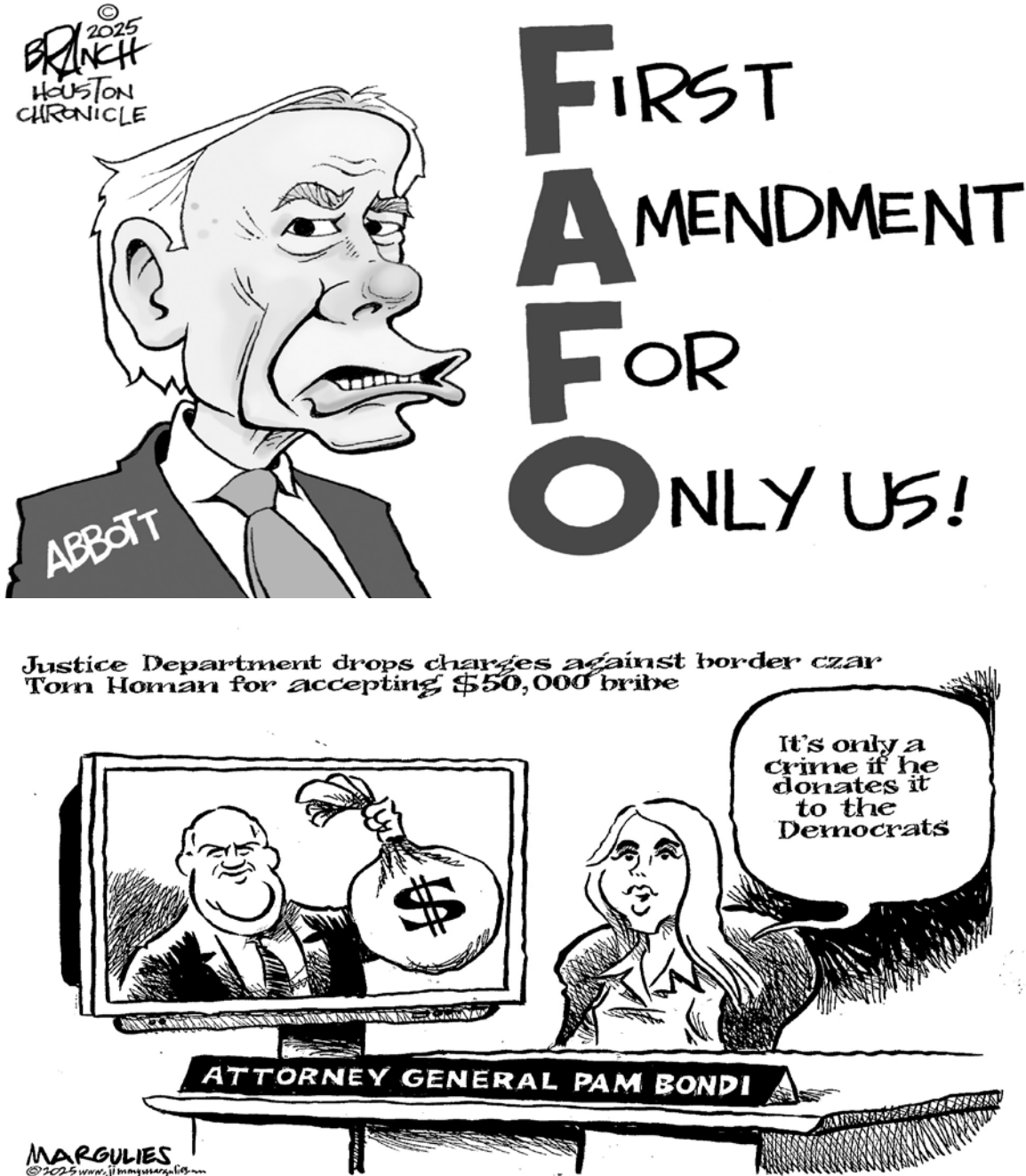
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by george u. hubbard

any of them out.

Quanah Parker went into the cattle business and became quite wealthy. When the Quanah, Acme, and Pacific Railroad was built in 1903 from Quanah to Floydada, Parker contributed \$40,000 to the enterprise. Referring to it as “his” railroad, he took great delight in riding in the engine whenever he pleased and in blowing the whistle and ringing the bells. After each ride, he would proudly announce: “My engine, my railroad.” Quanah Parker was about sixty-six years old when he died of pneumonia and heart failure. In keeping with Comanche custom, a spear-pointed cedar tree was planted at the head of his grave beside that of his mother at Post Oak Cemetery not far from Fort Sill. On his red granite headstone is the following inscription, written by Mrs. Neda Birdsong, one of Parker’s daughters:

Resting here until day breaks and Shadows fall, and darkness disappears, is
QUANAH PARKER
Last Chief of the Comanches

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



Late life comes with droopiness

Only one other example of ongoing embarrassment trumps name-calling many of us faced in elementary school during the final years of the Great Depression.

And it was in the “funny papers,” for crying out loud. No “real people” were involved, unless the late Charles Schulz – creator of the popular “Peanuts” cartoon starring Charlie Brown and Lucy Van Pelt – is included. Often, Charlie Brown was to kick a football held by Lucy. Each time, though, she retracted it just before his foot arrived, leaving him flat on his back, staring skyward.

He fell for it every time, crimson with embarrassment....

My face was the same shade of red in the early 1940s – when older students affixed the nickname “Droopy Drawers” to me and others similarly attired.

It was the depths of denigration. Upon hearing such ridicule, “victims” in various seasons of “hand-me-down” attire hitched britches and tightened belts, hoping detractors wouldn’t lower their gazes to see if we were wearing “holey socks,” which – by the way – had nothing to do with religion. “Here comes Droopy Drawers with his religious socks on,” was an oft-heard greeting. Sometimes, we’d hitch our britches with one hand and pull our socks “toe-ward” with the other, praying that the holes would be concealed under our heels....

Recent recollections of this nickname caused my acid reflux to “bubble up” when an eyelid problem arose. Actu-

ally, my left upper eyelid wasn’t “arising;” it was steadily drooping, and soon was more nearly shut than open.

Figuring this to be another signal of becoming age 88, I started thinking that an eye patch might make me more dashing. After all, John Wayne wore one in True Grit. And The Lone Ranger masked both eyes, with slits providing just enough light in to round up the bad guys, keep his faithful horse, Silver, going straight and remain within hearing distance of his faithful companion, Tonto. (It was Tonto who somehow worked “Kemosabi” into every conversation.)

I feared being ridiculed yet again by “droopy” nicknames. Luckily, I was rescued by my brother, Dr. Fred Newbury, who continued nail-clipping as he mentioned doctors “out there” who correct eyelid droopiness. Really?...

Was it blind hog luck or providence that I learned of Dr. Ivan Vreck, a miracle worker and pace-setter in medical schools, now a leading Metroplex surgeon in the field? Though trained in complex, full facial cosmetic and reconstructive surgery, he chose to focus his practice in the area around the eyes.

Making artistic sketches and photographs of surgical areas in preliminary visits, he is “cutting edge” (pun intended), performing surgeries for more than a decade. He remains “old school” in matters of care and follow-up, handles



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by don newbury

questions via email and places phone calls to patients on the days following surgeries.

Limited space prevents citing all credentials, but it is noteworthy that the words “with honors” appear on degrees for undergraduate study at The College of the Holy Cross in Massachusetts, then at UT Southwestern Medical Center, where he was president of his class. Completing his ophthalmology residency at Parkland Hospital, he’s published numerous scientific articles in the field of ophthalmic plastic surgery. He was the first applicant from UT Southwestern in more than a decade to be accepted into the prestigious American Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. During his fellowship, Dr. Vreck performed more than 2,000 facial surgery procedures....

Born in Mississippi to an Irish woman and a Croatian father, he was reared in Oklahoma and Texas.

He was interested in medicine at an early age, and his two young daughters seem to be similarly inclined. He’s at the top of my list of surgeons, not only helping me to avoid “droopy” nicknames, but also to keep both lenses in my rose-colored glasses and both eyes wide open.

In a recent dream, I was confident that my lower eyelids were drooping, but in this case, I decided to simplify life, using them as rain gauges....

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Menus

Sept. 29 - Oct. 3
Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Steak fingers, gravy, red skin potatoes, black-eyed peas, hot rolls, chocolate cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Tues: BBQ chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll, fruit cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Spaghetti/meatballs, garden salad, garlic toast, sliced peaches/whipped topping, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Pork roast, English peas, buttered carrots, whole wheat roll, banana pudding, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Chili dog on a bun, baked beans, marinated cucumbers & onions, oatmeal raisin cookie, iced tea/2% milk

Clarendon CISD
Breakfast
Mon: Pancakes, bacon, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Tues: Breakfast burrito, hash-browns, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Wed: Breakfast sandwich, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Thu: Stuffed bagel, cheese stick, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Fri: Donut, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Hedley ISD
Breakfast
Wed: Waffles, sausage, melon, fruit juice, milk.
Thu: Stuffed bagel, cheese sticks, grapes, fruit juice, milk.
Fri: Donut holes, sausage, orange, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Steak fingers, gravy, roll, green beans, corn, peaches, milk.
Tues: Frito pie, beans, veggie cup, dessert, fruit, milk.
Wed: Lasagna, breadstick, broccoli, marinara sauce, apple-sauce, milk.
Thu: Nacho Grande, celery, carrots, frozen yogurt, milk.
Fri: Cheeseburger, salad, sweet potatoes, apple, fruit, milk.

Lunch
Wed: Lasagna, breadstick, broccoli, marinara, cinnamon apple-sauce, milk.
Thu: Boneless wings, chips, celery, carrots, mixed fruit, milk.
Fri: Drumstick, biscuit, salad, sweet potatoes, fruit, milk.

Jackson introduces bill to establish military AI institute

Congressman Ronny Jackson (TX-13) last week introduced the Growing University AI Research for Defense Act or GUARD Act.

This legislation codifies a portion of President Trump’s AI action plan and authorizes the Secretary of Defense to establish an AI Institute at a senior military college (SMC) to advance critical defense technologies, workforce development, and innovative applications for artificial intelligence to strengthen America’s national security and defense capabilities.

Due to Texas A&M University’s designation as a SMC, ongoing collaboration with the Department of Defense, and its unique investments in AI infrastructure, it should be well-positioned to receive this designation, establishing it as a leading AI innovation hub for next generation warfighting advancements.

“As defense competition intensifies between America and our foreign adversaries, it is absolutely critical that we maintain our technological edge and lead the world in defense innovation,” Jackson said.



Memphis Class of 1975 reunites

Members of the Memphis High School Class of 1975 gathered during the Hall County Picnic last Saturday. Shown here are (back) Ed Hutcherson, Demitrice Henderson Stephens, Eva Narvaez Garcia, Barry Weatherly, Robert Galloway, David Richards, Jim Melton, and Rick Spencer; (middle) Debbie Gilbert Wood, Connie Miller Kesler, Nancy Cabler Chastain, Larry Welcher, Dana Coldiron, Audie Moore, John Ballew, Gary McKay and Candy Reyes; (front) Shari Posey Watson, Maria Torres Hacker, Terry Salinas Thompson, Sheri Davis Dixon, Debbie Roden Blades and Dedria Evans Ballew. The original graduating class had 40 members. Ten members have sadly passed away. Twenty-three came to celebrate 50 years since MHS. The remaining class members could not attend in person but were there in spirit.

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AgriLife Research adds small grains geneticist

Junli Zhang, Ph.D., is a new Texas A&M AgriLife Research small grain geneticist at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Amarillo and assistant professor in the Texas A&M Department of Soil and Crop Sciences.

Zhang began his new position on September 1, but he said he’s been building the foundation to take this new position since graduate school. He brings a strong background in genetics, genomics and bioinformatics.

Prior to arriving in Amarillo, he served as an assistant project scientist in the Department of Plant Sciences at the University of California, Davis.

He earned his doctorate from the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho, where he developed a strong background in wheat genetics and breeding.

He has been using advanced quantitative genetic methods to find useful genetic materials and gene loci for wheat breeding. His concen-

tration was on the drought tolerance, water-use efficiency and yield components of wheat, all things he will continue to focus on as a researcher in Amarillo.

Zhang said he will utilize some of the germplasm he previously worked with, along with his skills in plant breeding, field experimental design and management, and marker-assisted selection to help introduce new traits into Texas material and improve biotic resistance and overall quality.

“In recent years, a lot of these genes and pathways have been discovered in various plant growth pathways in model plants like Arabidopsis and rice, and I want to apply that knowledge here to hopefully help improve breeding efficiency and enhance traits such as grain size and nitrogen efficiency.”

Increasing biomass and nitrogen-use efficiency in the droughty environments of Texas is one of Zhang’s goals. Increased biomass can improve yields in dryland wheat

and forage production, particularly when wheat serves as a dual-purpose crop.

“I also want to improve the health value of wheat, not just work on higher yields, but higher nutrient content and fiber to improve wheat’s value as a stable food,” he said.

Zhang said he will also be exploring the germplasm bank to genetically address one of wheat’s biggest diseases in this region – wheat streak mosaic, transmitted by the wheat curl mite.

Some resistance has been built up to these abiotic stresses; however, new sources of resistance are needed, because it is expected that someday the current resistance genes will be overcome and “we need to get ready.”

“We know there are many resources out there, but what works in this region with the different wheat challenges is the question,” he said. “My goal is to determine what can help producers improve their wheat crop through the field of genetics.”

Panhandle PBS plans Night of Friendship, Flavor

Join Panhandle PBS in the Legacy Room at Arts in the Sunset October 22 for an unforgettable evening of flavor, conversation and culinary celebration at “Savor the Goods: A Night of Friendship and Flavor with Lidia Bastianich.”

Doors will open to general admission ticketholders at 6:15 p.m. with a seated dinner and program to follow. The multi-course menu will be inspired by Bastianich’s celebrated recipes, prepared in collaboration with chef Marcus Snead of Toscana and chef Ruthie Landelius of Black Fig Food.

From rustic Italian classics to refined seasonal pairings, each dish will reflect the warmth and authenticity Bastianich is known for. Prior to the dinner, VIP ticketholders will attend an exclusive Q&A session with award-winning chef Lidia Bastianich.

Attendees may recognize her from her long list of public television cooking series, but Bastianich’s culinary journey began long before her PBS debut. When her family fled from communist Yugoslavia to Italy during her childhood, Bastianich helped in the refugee camp kitchen. It was there she acquired commercial cooking skills, her grandmother Rosa’s farm-to-table approach, and sophisticated techniques from her Aunt Nina – all of which shaped her into a celebrated chef and restaurateur.

Eventually, her family resettled in Astoria, Queens, where she had her first foray into the food industry working in a bakery owned by Christopher Walken’s family. Later, she and her husband would open their first restaurant in Queens.

It was after opening her third restaurant, Felidia, that she captured

the attention of legendary chefs Julia Child and James Beard. After dining at Felidia, Child invited Bastianich to be a guest on her PBS show. That catapulted Bastianich into the world of public television, and she went on to have a multitude of her own award-winning programs, including “Lidia’s Kitchen,” “Lidia’s Family Table,” “Lidia’s Italy,” “Lidia’s Italy in America,” and a series of “Lidia Celebrates America” themed specials. In addition to her television series, Bastianich has co-authored multiple cookbooks with her daughter, Tanya, and is a celebrated chef and restaurateur.

Tickets are on sale now, including individual general admission and VIP, as well as options for VIP tables and sponsor tables. For more information, visit panhandlePBS.org/SavorTheGoods or call 806-371-5479.



Alex Garcia carries the ball for the Owls last week against Lefors. The Owls will play Chillicothe on the road Friday.

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Obituaries

Whitmarsh

Lynda Gayle Whitmarsh, 83, of Amarillo, formerly of Pampa and Howardwick, passed away on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at her home.



Whitmarsh

Services were held on Monday, September 22, 2025, at the Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Pastor Aaron Hill, worship and discipleship pastor at Coulter Road Baptist Church, officiating. Burial followed at Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors and Crematory.

Lynda was born on October 5, 1941, in Vernon to Ray Boyd and Freda Lawson Boyd. She spent most of her childhood in Vernon until her family moved to Pampa in 1953 where she graduated from Pampa High School in 1960. During high school, Lynda met the love of her life, James Whitmarsh, and the two were married on March 5, 1960. After graduating, Lynda went to work at the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company where she worked her way up from telephone operator to framework technician. The com-

pany was eventually acquired by AT&T and Lynda retired after 35 years of dedicated service.

Lynda was genuine and steadfast, which was evident in the way she was able to make friends and build a community anywhere she went. Her door was always open and there was always plenty of food and games to be found inside. She enjoyed playing all sorts of card games, bingo, and trips to the casino; and she seemed to have the best of luck every time. Lynda and James spent lots of time traveling together over the years going all over the country in their RV. They even had season passes to Disney World. However, there was nothing Lynda loved more than her family; she made going to every family reunion, wedding, funeral, concert, birthday party, and graduation a priority. Lynda and James were passionate about supporting their girls and were proud boosters of the Pride of Pampa Band. They chaperoned every bus, went to every concert, and helped serve food from the band truck at the carnival every year.

Lynda was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Howardwick before moving to Amarillo where she joined the Coulter Road Baptist Church. She was a member of the Pioneers Volunteer Network and spent much of her time working to improve her community. Lynda was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. She will be missed greatly by anyone who was

fortunate enough to have met her.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, James Whitmarsh; her parents, Ray and Freda Boyd; her daughter, Katrina Bradford; one grandson, David Bradford; two siblings, Kathy Crawford and Kevin Boyd; and one nephew, Michael Boyd.

She is survived by her two daughters, Cheryl Levens and husband John and Cynthia Whitmarsh and husband Andrei Kiiachko; son-in-law, Steve Bradford; seven grandchildren, Michael Levens and wife Brooke, Christian Levens and wife Paloma, Dmitri Kiiachko, Vanessa Kiiachko, Theodore Kiiachko, Matthew Bradford and wife Michelle, and Chelsea Bardwell and husband Joseph; seven great-grandchildren, Adeline Bardwell, Levi Bardwell, Jackson Bardwell, Magnolia Levens, Grayson Levens, Philip Bradford, and Edmund Bradford; two siblings, Phyllis LaRue and husband Dean and Danny Boyd; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be sent to the First Baptist Church of Howardwick, 235 Rick Husband Blvd, Howardwick, Texas, 79226; The Pioneer Volunteers Network, 8547 E Arapahoe Rd Unit J-312 Greenwood Village, Colorado, 80112; or the Coulter Road Baptist Church, 4108 S. Coulter St., Amarillo, Texas, 79109.

Please sign the online guest register at www.carmichael-whitley.com

Abbott announces \$1.4 Million for veteran groups

Governor Greg Abbott has announced that Funds for Veterans' Assistance (FVA) grants totaling more than \$1.4 million were awarded to seven organizations in the Panhandle as part of the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) Grants Across Texas Tour. Administered by TVC, the funding will provide services to over 520 veterans and their families across 60 counties.

"In Texas, we care about the well-being of our veterans," said Governor Abbott. "These Fund for Veterans' Assistance grants will provide home modifications, financial assistance, clinical counseling and other crucial services so that the brave men and women who served in our nation's military can prosper in the Panhandle. Texas will always remember and honor the sacrifices that our veterans and their families have made for our country."

"The Panhandle is home to many veterans who live in rural areas as well as towns," said TVC Commissioner and Marine veteran Mike Hernandez. "Those in rural areas still need the same resources and these

grant awards will make resources more available in the region. I want to sincerely thank each of our award recipients for serving our veterans. Your organizations are recognized for making a difference in lives of those who served."

Commissioner Hernandez presented the grants to the organizations at the Texas Panhandle War Memorial in Amarillo. The FVA grant recipients and their services include:

Panhandle Community Services: \$300,000 for financial assistance and \$500,000 for Housing for Texas Heroes; Refuge Services, Inc.: \$200,000 for clinical counseling; Potter County: \$75,000 for Veterans Treatment Court; Hale County Meals on Wheels: \$95,000 for support services; Lubbock County: \$10,000 for support services; Lubbock Regional MHMR Center: \$250,000 for financial assistance; and Rusted and Weathered, Inc: \$60,000 for Housing for Texas Heroes

In May, Governor Abbott announced a record-breaking \$46.3 million in over 200 grants to 175 organizations across Texas. This is

projected to provide direct services to nearly 40,000 veterans, their dependents, and surviving spouses.

Since 2009 through the current 2025-2026 grant cycle, more than \$359 million in grant funding has been awarded through more than 1,600 FVA grants.

The grants support a wide range of services from emergency financial assistance to transportation, legal services to family support services, and home modification to rental and mortgage assistance. The TVC awards grants in five categories: General Assistance, Housing for Texas Heroes, Veterans Mental Health Grants, Veterans Treatment Courts, and Veteran County Service Officers.

Funding for these grants is generated primarily by the Texas Lottery's games designated for veteran support. People can also donate when registering their vehicles or when getting a hunting or fishing license.

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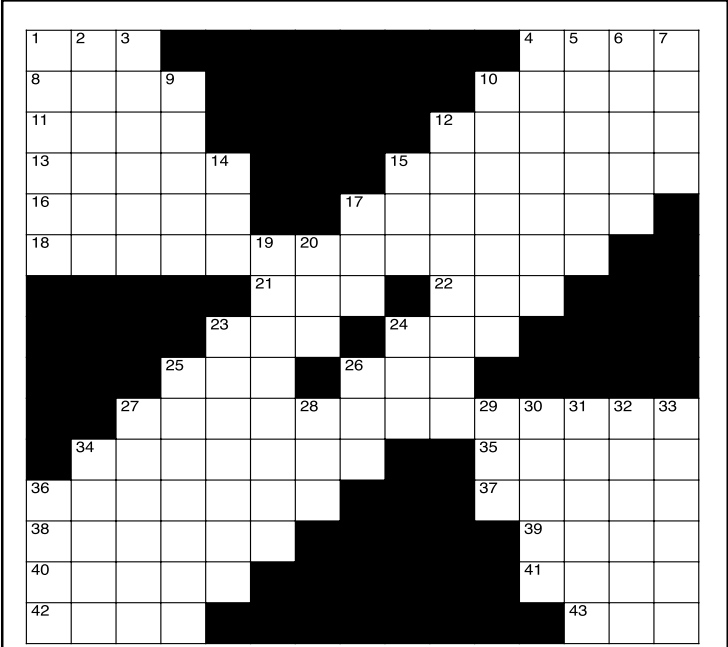
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4. Muslim mystic

8. Towards the mouth or oral region

10. Monday (Spanish)

11. Frame for a coffin

12. Rub out

13. John __, English educator 1467-1519

15. Small round particle

16. Chilean seaport

17. News service

18. Pay for dinner

21. Glamorous city

22. Subway rodent

23. "The Raven" author

24. Buddhist festival
25. Cost, insurance and freight (abbr.)

26. Indigenous person of Thailand

27. "The Blonde Bombshell"

34. Series-ending episodes

35. Bluish greens

36. Aquatic mammal

37. Unit of measurement

38. Eye membranes

39. Indian god of dissolution

40. People of Scotland

41. Leak slowly through

42. Rock icon Turner

43. Midway between south and southeast

CLUES DOWN

1. Large hat covering

2. "From what is earlier" (Latin)

3. Celtic

4. Retirement region

5. A way to change posture

6. Touches

7. A small island

9. Rubbish

10. A citizen of Laos

12. A place to dance

14. 19th letter of Greek alphabet

15. Mild expression of surprise

17. 17th letter of Greek alphabet

19. Descriptions
20. Men's fashion accessory

23. Thieves of the sea

24. Prohibit

25. Card game

26. French and Belgian river

27. Underling

28. Downwind

29. Type of medication

30. German city

31. Animal disease

32. Martini ingredients

33. Get away from

34. Stuffed (French)

36. Type of precipitation



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Braxton Bruce gains yards for the Colts last week at home against the Greyhounds. COURTESY PHOTO / AL ELAM



Colton Henson finished sixth last week at the Greenbelt Gallop. COURTESY PHOTO / AL ELAM



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting September 23, 2025, with Boss Lion Pro Tem Chanel Silva in charge.

We had 11 members present and on attending virtually this week along with four guests from Clarendon College, including Athletic Director Mark James and Volleyball Coach Desiree Marmolejo.

Coach James presented our program and discussed the great success the volleyball team is having this year under Coach Marmolejo. They are 20-3 on the season and have faced some tough opponents. The Lady Bulldogs next home game will be October 4, and the public is encouraged to attend and cheer for Clarendon College.

The REFZ Fun Run for Kids is coming up also on October 4. The poker run helps raise money for the Lions' Toys for Joy project as well as the Christ's Kids Summer Lunch program. Volunteers are needed to help that day, and riders can sign-up ahead of time at clarendontx.com/funrun.

There being no further business we were adjourned.

Colts slam Gruver at home, 40-24

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon Junior High Colts have had a strong season and were able to slide by the Greyhounds 40-24 at home last week. Their first-half dominance over their opponent gave them the commanding lead they needed to get the big win.

Quarterback T.J. Smith was on fire in the first two quarters of play and was responsible for four of the Colts' touchdowns in the first half to give them a 32-0 lead at the break. Darren Smith was responsible for the last Colt touchdown from his running back position. It was Smith's first TD of the year.

Defensively, the Colts were solid once again. Colton Henson grabbed one interception and had several tackles from his safety spot. Zy Matthews, who also plays a safety, had a forced fumble that he recovered, and racked up several Colt tackles.

Coaches Semans and Kelley are enjoying their hard-working team.

"The boys have continued to work hard and find ways to compete every day," Semans said. "We are experiencing a lot of success and are looking forward to working hard to continue winning," Semans and Kelley said.

The Bronco junior varsity squad also took on the Greyhounds at home last Thursday night. Despite playing hard, the Broncos lost 6-49. According to Coach Aaron Smith, the Broncos' only six points came from Don'Jac Orr. Smith credited Brentley Gaines as having three catches from quarterback Braxton Gribble.

The Colts and Broncos will hit the field strong this week as they prepare for a road trip to Lockney next Thursday, September 25, at 5:00 and 6:30 p.m.

The varsity Broncos lost to Gruver 49-0 last Friday. Clarendon CISD again did not provide stats to the Enterprise by press time. Clarendon plays Lockney on the road this week.

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Lady Broncos XC dominate Greenbelt Gallop

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Bronco cross country team showed their strength in the annual Greenbelt Gallop at Kinkaid Park last week. The seven ladies ran well enough to finish the event as team champions and leading the way was senior Madi Benson who finished second in the race with a time of 14:26.

Addy Havens ran fourth at 15:22, and Emmarie Holland was fifth with a time of 15:33. Elliot Frausto ran the course in a time of 15:53 for sixth, and Lexi Phillips was thirteenth at 17:29.

Laken Smith was 19th at 18:32, and Mary Jo Dushay was 29th with a time of 24:01.

Brilynn Bruce ran in the junior varsity division and finished with a time of 20:38 for the two-mile course.

Linley Hogle ran in the junior high girls' division and crossed the line in second place with a time of 17:05, and Adleigh Moore ran 13th at 23:13. Colten Henson was the lone runner in the junior high boys' division, and he finished sixth at 17:05.

The Lady Broncos will participate in the Lubbock Invitational at Mae Simmons Park on September 27. They will also compete along with the junior high runners in the Wheeler Stampede on October 1 in Wheeler.



Lady Bronco Addy Havens placed fourth last week at the Greenbelt Gallop.

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Lady Bronco Emmarie Holland finished in fifth place last week at Kinkaid park cross country meet.

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Bronco Tristan Ybarra runs at Greenbelt lake last week.

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Michael Shattuck carries the ball for the JV Broncos last week at home.

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The Amarillo Film Society and the Greater Amarillo Film Commission, with generous support from the Tecovas Foundation and the Amarillo Area Foundation, are proud to announce the details for the second annual Amarillo International Film Festival, October 9-11, 2025, at Arts in the Sunset.

Sixty-two films, including narrative and documentary features and student, narrative and documentary shorts, will fill the three-day festival. Films from Austria, Canada, Guatemala, Mexico, Russia, Spain and the United Kingdom will be included, along with films from California, Colorado, Illinois, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, Rhode Island and Utah. Texas filmmakers hail from Amarillo, Austin, Dallas, Denton, Euless, Rockwall, San Antonio, Spring, The Colony, Weslaco, and Wichita Falls.

A VIP screening of four documentary short films will follow a VIP reception to kick off the festival Thursday evening. Two seminars will take place between film blocks: Friday's "Making the Micro-Budget Movie" with director John Putch and Saturday's "Filming in Texas" with Stephanie Whallon and Fred Poston.

For more information, including festival passes, full sponsor list, a detailed schedule and details for all selected films, visit amarillofilmfestival.com.

Perry:

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Texans. In their honor, SB 1 sets clear standards to keep camps safe, requiring emergency plans, weather alerts, staff training, and prohibiting cabins in dangerous floodplains.

At the town hall, Perry will meet with local residents to discuss legislative priorities and hear concerns directly from the community. The event aims to provide an open platform for Clarendon residents to engage on key issues affecting the region, including water, agriculture, healthcare, and rural development.

The event is free and open to the public. If you have questions or would like additional details, contact Jennifer Foster at Jennifer.Foster@senate.texas.gov.

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Scenes from the 90th annual Hall County Picnic



90th Hall County Picnic draws large crowd

The 90th annual Hall County Picnic was celebrated Saturday with lots of activities in Memphis with most events taking place around the courthouse downtown.

The weekend festivities began with the Memphis homecoming bon fire Thursday night and a hamburger cookout on the square Friday for lunch, followed that evening by the Cyclones game.

A cowboy breakfast and a 5K kicked off Saturday's events. Activity and food booths lined the square and a cornhole tournament was held as well. The annual Hall County Picnic Parade took off at 11 a.m. with great fanfare and participation

from several businesses and organizations. Bob and Sherry Tribble served as parade marshals.

Parade winners were: Civic - first Memphis Lions Club Queen, second Memphis Volunteer Fire Department, and third Hall County EMS; Antique Cars & Tractors - first 1930 AA Ford - Dean Elliott, second 1972 Nova - Michelle Branigan, and third 1969 Roar Runner - Shayne Branigan with Abby and Sierra; Miscellaneous - first, Class of '65, second Class of '75, and third Wild Cards; Bicycle Riders - first Corey Welch; School & Youth Groups - MHS Cheerleaders - Candyland, second MMS Cheerleaders - Under the Sea,

and third Memphis Band; Motorized Vehicles - first Hazel Ollinger and Uree Hutcherson - Hawaiian Dancers, second Finn Ollinger - Go, Cyclones, and third TTU Guns Up! - Haylee Altman and Kaelyn Jones; Commercial - first Memphis Convalescent Center - 90th birthday, second Lighthouse Electric Coop, and third Mike's Farm Supply - Tuff and Stella; Horseback Riders - first Will Rogers Range Riders, second Cheyenne Perkins, and third Amber Montgomery; and Judges' Choice - Wellington State Bank - Toy Story.

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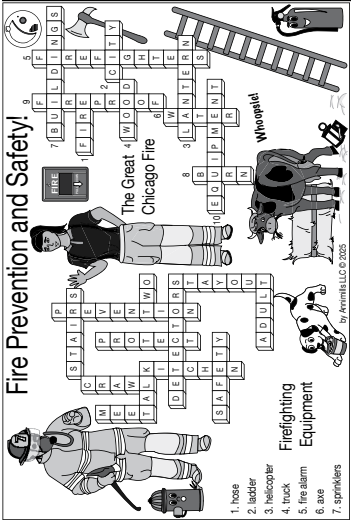
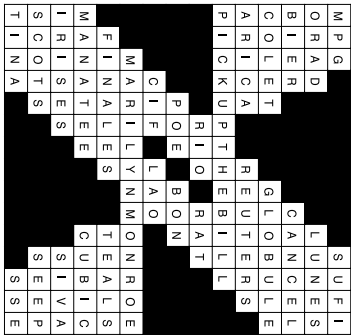
Clarendon Lions Club Regular meeting each Tuesday at noon. Brian Barboza, Boss Lion. Roger Estlack, Secretary

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

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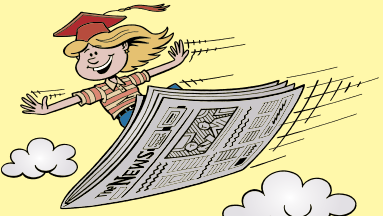
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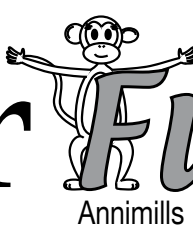
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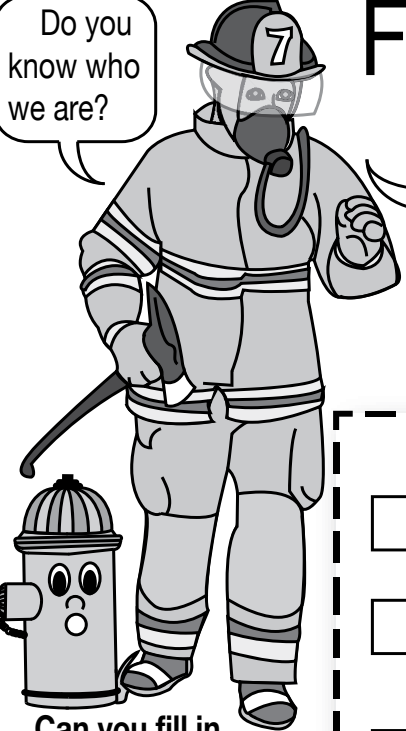
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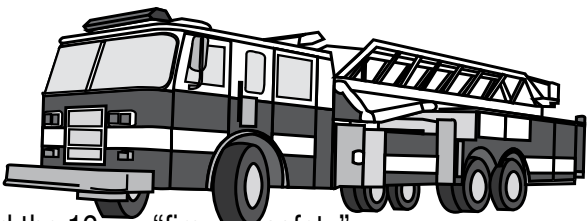
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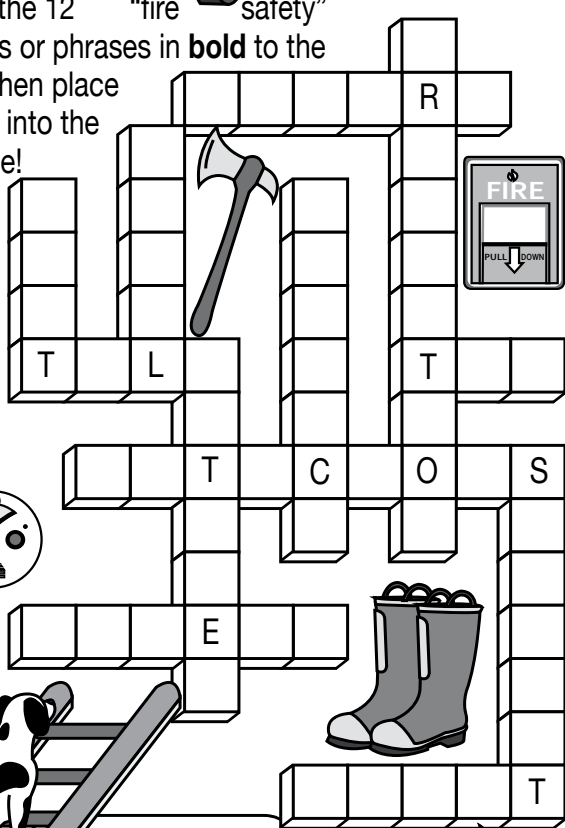
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- ☐ Do you have smoke **detectors** on every level of your home? Test them monthly and change the batteries at least once a year.
- ☐ Do you know **two** or more ways out of the house?
- ☐ Never use elevators (**stairs** are much safer) if there is a fire.
- ☐ Smoke rises, so if there is a fire, stay low: **crawl** under the smoke.
- ☐ Have you picked a place to **meet** the rest of your family once you are all out of the house?
- ☐ Once you are out of the house, **stay out** of the house.



Find the 12 "fire safety" words or phrases in **bold** to the left, then place them into the puzzle!



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Extension offers guidance on screwworm prevention

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service has released a new fact sheet, “Wildlife Monitoring and Management for New World Screwworm,” to help Texans protect wildlife from the threat of this potentially devastating parasite.

Learn how to spot and report New World screwworm in free-ranging wildlife. This new AgriLife Extension fact sheet gives Texans the steps and education they need to act quickly.

Developed by experts from AgriLife Extension, Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, the science-based resource provides rural and urban Texans with the information to monitor for and report possible infestations in free-ranging wildlife.

“Wildlife are a cherished natural resource and play vital roles in our ecosystem health,” said Marcus Blum, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension statewide wildlife specialist and assistant professor in the Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Department of Rangeland, Wildlife and Fisheries Management. “Texas is home to more than 100 mammal species that are at risk if the fly reestablishes itself here. This fact sheet was designed to help Texans play an important part in their protection.”

Blum, the publication’s primary author, said that in addition to iconic mammals such as white-tailed deer, mule deer and black bear, other warm-blooded wildlife, like birds, are also vulnerable.

Unlike livestock and domestic animals, most free-ranging wildlife are elusive and typically avoid human contact.

“Because it is difficult to monitor and treat free-ranging wildlife that become infested with New World screwworm larvae, large-scale mortalities are possible,” said Roel Lopez, Ph.D., Department of

Rangeland, Wildlife and Fisheries Management department head and director of the Natural Resources Institute. “By equipping people with information on how they can monitor for and report possible cases in wildlife, we’re hoping to avoid that scenario should the pest emerge in Texas.”

Lopez is a co-author on the publication and has first-hand experience in tackling a New World screwworm outbreak in wildlife. He and Phillip Kaufman, Ph.D., head of the Texas A&M Department of Entomology, were on the frontlines of Florida’s 2016 New World screwworm eradication efforts.

The New World screwworm, *Cochliomyia hominivorax*, is a parasitic fly that lays its eggs in wounds of living, warm-blooded animals, including humans. Once hatched, the fly larvae burrow into and feed on live flesh, causing extensive damage and even death.

Prior to its eradication from the southern U.S. in the 1960s, the fly caused significant negative impacts to livestock and wildlife.

The recent northward movement of the fly from Central America across Mexico has prompted a proactive, multiagency response to prepare for the possibility of reemergence in the U.S.

Currently, there are no confirmed cases of New World screwworm in Texas. However, landowners and producers are encouraged to remain vigilant and report any suspected cases of infestation in an animal.

Anyone who finds fly larvae infesting a living animal should immediately report the sighting. For wildlife, contact your local Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biologist or call 512-389-4505.

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