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

October is Fentanyl awareness month

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission is highlighting resources that help Texans prevent, recognize and reverse fentanyl poisonings as the state observes Fentanyl Poisoning Awareness Month in October.

"Across Texas and the United States, people unknowingly make a deadly decision by taking pills laced with fentanyl and lose their lives as a result," Gov. Greg Abbott said. "I encourage my fellow Texans to speak openly and have meaningful conversations about the dangers of fentanyl as we recognize Fentanyl Poisoning Awareness Month to help save lives and fight for a future free from fentanyl poisoning."

Texas Targeted Opioid Response provides access to prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery services to address the opioid and fentanyl crisis. The HHSC program addresses opioid and stimulant use disorders by increasing access to overdose reversal medications and reducing overdose deaths through evidence-based programming.

HHSC also contracts with The University of Texas at San Antonio to manage Naloxone Texas, a statewide program that provides overdose prevention education and access to naloxone. Naloxone and opioid overdose response training are available through the Naloxone Texas website.

Fentanyl is a powerful synthetic opioid that is up to 50 times stronger than heroin.

From July 2024 to June 2025, 1,231 Texans died from a fentanyl-related poisoning, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). In the previous 12-month period, DSHS reported 2,151 fentanyl-related deaths.

Memphis health fair to be Oct. 16

Memphis ISD and the Memphis Chamber of Commerce will hold a Health Fair at the Memphis Community Center on Thursday, October 16, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Several free health screenings will be available as well as the flu vaccine. Memphis FCCLA will also hold a stew and cornbread lunch fundraiser at the event.



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Perry addresses water, energy, and education

State Sen. Charles Perry (R-Lubbock) addressed a wide range of issues before a crowd of local citizens and officials as well as Clarendon College RFO students during a town hall at the Harned Sisters Fine Arts Center Tuesday afternoon.

Perry is the main author of legislation that will help Texas develop water resources for the future if voters approve Proposition 4 on next month's state constitutional election ballot. The effort would set aside \$1 billion in state sales tax funds per year for 20 years starting in 2027.

"We're 20 years late doing this, but it's a start," Perry said.

The senator also discussed the state's efforts to increase public education funding in the last regular legislative session with teachers getting a substantial pay raise. He also discussed his work to improve discipline in schools, saying that some kids were ruining school for everyone. An example of how slow the political process can be, Perry said

it took him three sessions to get his bill passed.

"Why would anyone be against removing kids from class for striking a teach?" he asked. "I don't know, but that's the world we live in."

Perry addressed datacenters coming to Texas and said five such facilities are being planned or built in his district. Amidst public concerns about the energy and water usage of the facilities, Perry said the facilities will likely generate some of their own electricity and eventually sell some energy back to the grid, and he said the water usage could be limited if datacenters used closed-loop systems or took advantage of air-cooling methods.

Perry praised research going on at Abilene Christian University on new nuclear reactor technology that he says could help power data centers and also power future desalination projects to make brackish water usable.

The senator also touched on current events as well as the state's

roll in affecting local property taxes. He encouraged students to participate in government and not just go by what they hear on social media.

"You better be involved and engage, or our democracy won't survive," Perry said.

Discussing property taxes and the rise of appraised values, Perry said he will be filing a bill to try to control appraisals, but he said a bigger issue is the way the state has stepped in on local government.

"We're on a dangerous path with the state stepping in to tell locals how they can tax," Perry said. "What will happen is counties and cities eventually won't be able to take care of roads and other things, and then it's going to be a big issue and take a billion dollar bond to fix things."

The senator's final political topic was on the dangers he sees with the unregulated hemp industry in the state, and he closed his statement by encouraging people to have faith and stand on principles in life.



State Sen. Charles Perry spoke to Clarendon College RFO students and members of the public Tuesday afternoon.

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Ready to Ride

Kristen and Jesse Foster get ready to roll out during the fourth annual REFZ Ride for Kids Fun Run held Saturday at the Lions Hall. About 70 participants this year enjoyed a 154-mile scenic ride from Clarendon to Silverton to Flomot to Turkey and back to Clarendon. The poker run was organized by the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce and raised money for the Clarendon Lions Club's Toys for Joy program and for Christ's Kids Ministries. Winners with the best hands of cards were first place - Joycelyn Clark, second place - Allen Webb, and third place Gene Rogers. See more photos inside this week's issue.

CC to host charity basketball game Oct. 14

The Clarendon community is invited to a slam-dunk evening of fun and fundraising at the fourth annual Old Dawgs vs Lady Bulldogs Charity Basketball game, benefiting cancer awareness and the Paws Against Cancer initiative.

The game will happen on Tuesday, October 14, 6:30 p.m. at the Bulldog Gym.

Even though the physical prowess of the college faculty and staff has of yet been unable to overcome the skills and speed of the Lady Bulldogs, the Old Dawgs spirit is still strong and their desire to compete viable.

This isn't just a game. It's a mission in motion. There is no charge for the event; however, donations will be accepted at the door and

collected during half-time. All proceeds from the event will go toward the college's cancer program called Paws Against Cancer, helping employees affected by cancer with resources and hope.

Organizers say every cheer, every laugh, every donation, every three-pointer brings us closer together in the fight against cancer.

Hedley plans 73rd festival this Saturday

Hedley will celebrate its 73rd Cotton Festival this weekend October 10 and 11.

To start the celebration, the annual Chili Supper will be held Friday from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Lions Den.

Saturday will be the big day of the festival with more than 30 vendors coming to Hedley from around the Texas Panhandle. Kids will enjoy a bounce house and train rides, and there will be food and other activities as well.

Bingo games benefitting the Hedley FFA will run from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Building.

The annual kids' parade will start at 10:00 a.m. on Main Street followed by the big parade at 2:00 p.m. Lions will be serving barbecue chicken, pinto beans, and dessert for lunch at the Lions Den.

Hedley ex-students will reunite at the school at 3:00, and drawings for several fundraisers will be held at 6:00 p.m. Tickets for the bale of cotton are available for \$5 each or five tickets for \$20.

Spookfest 25' to be Nov. 1

Spookfest '25 will be a fun-filled evening of trunk-or-treating, games, food, and fun on Saturday, November 1 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The Mulkey Theatre Trunk or Treat will start at 5 p.m. along with games and activities hosted by local organizations. Setup for these events will begin at 4:00, and those interested in have a trunk or activity must call the Visitor Center at 806-874-2421 by Friday, October 24, at noon to have a space reserved.

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce will hold a costume contest during the event. Registration and judging will be in front of the Visitor Center from 5:00 to 6:00.

Following the activities, Robertson Funeral Directors will sponsor a free movie at the Mulkey, Casper the Friendly Ghost, at 7:00 p.m.

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Abbott’s army serving politics instead of Texas

Quietly over the weekend, Governor Greg Abbott authorized the deployment of 400 Texas National Guard members to Illinois and Oregon “to protect federal officials and ensure safety at federal facilities.” So far, there’s no clear explanation of what threat exists, what the troops will be doing, or how this mission benefits Texans.

Can you imagine another state’s troops invading Texas?

The move is opposed by both Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker and Oregon Governor Tina Kotek, who said their states did not consent to the presence of Texas troops. Kotek called the deployment “a dangerous and un-American misuse of states’ National Guard members and hard-earned taxpayer dollars.” Legal experts are questioning whether it’s even lawful for one state’s Guard to be deployed across state lines without invitation – especially for what appears to be a political mission.

The Texas National Guard is a citizen force made up of ordinary Texans – farmers, teachers, linemen, welders, nurses, small-business owners, and students. They train on weekends, raise families, and step up when disaster strikes. During the Panhandle wildfires, Guard units used drones and aircraft to map fire lines and help firefighters. When Central Texas flooded this year, Guardsmen rescued hundreds of people, delivered supplies, and supported local responders. The Guard’s role has always been clear – to protect and serve Texans in times of crisis.

You may support President Trump and you may be concerned about the situation in Oregon and Illinois, but deploying our citizen troops this way should alarm every Texan.

It’s also deeply un-Texan. Our history is built on the idea that government should defend its people – not impose its will on others. Texans have always fought for the right to govern ourselves, not to invade or control someone else’s backyard. We are a state that values independence because we knew what it meant to lose it.

Watching our troops cross another state’s border at the bidding of Washington looks less like the Texas of Sam Houston and more like the politics of D.C. Texans have never needed marching orders from anyone.

Texans being used as a political pawn should trouble anyone who still believes in state sovereignty and self-governance. Every time Abbott lets Washington use us for political theater, we give up a little more of what makes Texas, Texas. We weren’t built to be a prop in someone else’s campaign – we were built to stand on our own two feet.

This move doesn’t make Texans safer. It blurs constitutional lines, risks turning a citizens’ defense force into a political one, and puts us all in danger. It looks less like leadership and more like Governor Abbott chasing a political win instead of doing what’s best for the people back home.

As I write this up this on Monday morning, the issue is playing out in court. Late Sunday night, U.S. District Judge Karin Immergut, a Trump appointee, issued an emergency order blocking the deployment and relocation of National Guard members to Oregon. Oregon and California have sued the administration, arguing the president overstepped his authority. Immergut said there was “no showing that military help is necessary” and called the move a potential abuse of power and issued an order meant to halt the deployments.

Abbott has doubled down, firing back on X: “You can either fully enforce protection for federal employees or get out of the way and let Texas Guard do it.”

That response made one thing clear: Abbott isn’t defending Texas independence – he’s lending out our people and our resources.

And this isn’t an isolated decision – it’s part of a pattern. Governor Abbott has spent years trading what’s best for Texans for favor with Trump and loud national headlines.

He took \$6 million in out-of-state donations to target rural Republican legislators who opposed his private-school voucher plan – a plan written to please Washington think tanks, not Texas families. He forced through a redistricting bill while flood-relief and infrastructure bills sat on the sidelines. He spent hundreds of millions building a border wall that still isn’t finished – a project long on photo ops and short on results.

Now, in his latest stunt, he’s sending Texas troops into states that neither want nor need them – for a mission no one can explain – all to keep his name in the national news cycle.

Some days, you have to wonder if the first thing Abbott does each morning is look at the whiteboard in his office and ask, “How do we get on Fox News today?”

When is enough, enough? Because this sure isn’t Texas Independence.

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texas rural reporter
by suzanne bellsnyder

Newspapers serve local communities

By Dena Sattler

For more than 30 years, I worked among fellow journalists who were passionate watchdogs reporting on the actions of people in power as a way to hold them accountable.

I’m proud to see that important work continue, from the reporting on local government budgets to investigations of corruption in the halls of Congress. Ensuring transparency and accountability of government remains the goal every day – and no one is above scrutiny.

Unfortunately, Americans are gobbling up outlandish misinformation at a frenetic pace. Some even fall prey to self-serving politicians determined to downplay history to better serve their personal narratives on important, historic issues such as slavery and race relations. Any attempt to rewrite or even erase history is shockingly dangerous to society as a whole, not to mention a deliberate assault on journalists who faithfully write the first draft of history.

This unseemly trend also is a call to action for anyone who believes in the important role of newspapers in our society. Without them, who will see to it that citizens make responsible, informed choices, instead of being swayed by ignorance or misinformation? Who will make sure elected representatives best serve those who elected them?

Government, after all, belongs to the people. Open, transparent government is the foundation of our democracy.

Here in Kansas, however, plenty of important statewide issues rarely receive

the public discussion and debate they deserve. Kansans favor Medicaid expansion and medical marijuana by large margins, yet Republican state lawmakers who enjoy a veto-proof “supermajority” won’t budge.

Instead, they bully their way to the policy pursuits they prefer. They spew misinformation to rally public support for their pet causes.

Of course, such political maneuvering isn’t new. It’s not limited to one side of the aisle, either. And it isn’t unique to Kansas. Politicians of all political persuasions have deliberately misled citizens ever since our great nation was founded.

That said, with today’s extreme divisiveness, it’s easy to see why we need many more truth-telling journalists – reporters who will hold accountable politicians and others who deceive to gain an edge.

At the same time, we too often see situations where officials don’t understand, or simply don’t care about guidelines in place to ensure citizens have access to the workings of their government.

The people who pay the bills are entitled to details on how their tax dollars are spent, and also have a right to observe, in person, meetings where related decisions are made. Here in Kansas, the Kansas Open Records Act and Kansas Open Meetings Act exist to protect such access.

We all know the impact and influence of newspapers nationwide has taken a significant hit at the hands of

corporations who prioritize large profits over strong news operations. Still, legions of dedicated reporters and editors continue to plug away, and too often with seriously undermanned staffing.

The good news is they will not abandon their work as watchdogs for their communities. They will not give up holding leaders accountable. They will not stop calling for a diversity of opinions – even as they face heightened scrutiny, slurs, raids (The Marion County Record in Kansas, among others), and, sadly, threats of violence.

Local news strengthens our democracy. As communities nationwide steadily lose access to this important civic information, kudos to the outside-the-box thinkers in Kansas and beyond who are charting a new course for funding, starting and preserving newspapers today and for future generations.

As a career journalist now taking on a run for public office, I hope to help others who serve better understand and embrace the important role of newspapers and journalists. Officeholders need to acknowledge and defend the power of the press and its part in encouraging public discussion, debate and input in policymaking, as well as transparency and accountability.

I stand with the courageous journalists who do this work every day, and pledge to always help elevate their vital role in preserving our democracy.

A longtime newspaper publisher in southwest Kansas, Dena Sattler now serves as a Kansas Press Association consultant, and is a candidate for Kansas Senate.



Well, fancy meeting you here

My friend – call him Barney – has jumped through hoops and negotiated mazes that are part and parcel of a long and successful professional communications career. Now, he is spending well-earned retirement years on an East Texas farm.

He’s learning to be a “yes” man to his wife and daughter, and he’s said “yes” repeatedly to his alma mater, College of the Ozarks. During his 22 years on the Board of Trustees, he has served in many leadership roles, including chairman. The college is well known for its Christian values, promotion of patriotism and dedication to hard work. Students at CofO are provided campus employment, enabling them to attend and graduate “tuition free.”

Nowadays, he is open to taking on projects assigned to him by his wife and daughter, but not always in that order....

Barney and his wife never thought themselves to be “cat people,” but their horizons have broadened to appreciate felines.

“We have no grandchildren, but we enjoy four ‘grandcats,’” he mentioned recently, calling out one, Pippin, as the family favorite. Even as a kitten, Pippin enjoyed being outdoors, where he tolerates walking on a leash, and formerly sneaked out when doors were left ajar.

Barney’s daughter loves Pippin, too, and figured that if the pet had a “catio” (rhymes with “patio”), he could safely spend more time outdoors. Dear ole’ dad hopped right on the project, and the “catio” now provides a bit of heaven on earth for Pippin, as well as the three other cats. The “catio” – more

like the Waldorf Astoria Hotel than a Motel 6 – spans 70 square feet of partially-roofed, screened-in porch, equipped with benches, climbing poles, cat walks, lounging shelves and more. The cats are perfectly content; Pippin pays no mind now to finding doors left ajar; the “catio” exceeds standards of the most discriminating felines....

A man with many interests, Barney and his back-packing buddies paid close attention to suggestions for trekking in the Bob Marshall National Wilderness near Glacier National Park. Warned that they’d be hiking through many miles inhabited by grizzly bears, the group wore “bear bells.” It was theorized that upon hearing the jingling, bears might “vamoose” to avoid the hikers.

They encountered no bears, and ended their adventure on rented bikes in the park. Learning that bears abided there, too, they transferred their bells from their backpacks to bicycles.

Later, they joked that the bells jingling may or may not have “repelled bears, they had no clue about the next and best benefit. It was at ride’s end at one of the park’s most scenic views....

So many people stop there, it has a tunnel for pedestrians to cross safely under the road. As the bikers crossed through the tunnel, no one could miss



the idle american
by don newbury

hearing the bells’ loud and constant jingling. Many stopped instead of exiting.

As they biked slowly, a gaggle of young children came running back through the tunnel, closely followed by parents, who likewise were mystified by the “jingling.” Soon, the confusion cleared. Upon hearing the bells, the children thought it might be reindeer pulling Santa through the tunnel.

Barney isn’t sure if the bells repelled the bears, but will always fondly remember how they attracted a bunch of youngsters....

Speaking of surprises, our daughters, Jana Penney and Jeanie McDaniel were on separate hotel floors with their husbands at a recent Howard Payne University reception in Brownwood. (Their children – cousins Kedren Penney and Addison McDaniel – are HPU freshmen.) Jana and Jeanie both rose early, opting to take the stairs to the coffee bar.

They made the coffee decision a few minutes apart. When one was on the stairs downward, the other was returning from the lobby headed upward. Each heard the other’s footsteps, and each tightened grips on mace spray, just in case.

Their paths crossed on the second floor landing. They laughed heartily without spilling their coffee, and no, it wasn’t the recently renamed “Maxwell Apartment” blend....

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October 10 & 11

Mulkey Theatre • One Battle After Another • 7:30 p.m.

October 12

Mulkey Theatre • One Battle After Another • 2:00 p.m.

October 10 & 11

Hedley Cotton Festival

October 18

Metal Detecting Amateur metal detecting in historic Jericho Gap, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

October 23

Donley County Health Fair. Bairfield Activity Center • 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Call 874-2141

October 26

Golf Scramble. Clarendon Country Club. Call 806-874-2166 to register.

October 31

Howardwick Halloween
McMorries Park, 7:00 p.m. Truck or Treating Call 874-2222 for details.

November 8 & 9

Polar Bear Two-Person Scramble. Clarendon Country Club. Call 806-874-2166.

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Menus

October 13 - 17

Donley County Senior Citizens

Mon: Ham & navy beans, spinach, mashed potatoes, cornbread, bread pudding, iced tea/2% milk.

Tues: Stuffed baked potato, shredded beef, steamed broccoli, hot roll, pineapple cake, iced tea/2% milk.

Wed: Goulash, mixed greens, cornbread, coconut cake, iced tea/2% milk.

Thurs: chicken fajitas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, garden salad, sopapilla cheesecake, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Beef tips & noodles, broccoli & cauliflower, hot roll, chocolate cup cake, iced tea/2% milk

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Closed

Tues: Chicken enchiladas, broccoli & cauliflower, garden salad, garlic breadstick, lemon cake, iced tea/2% milk.

Wed: Chicken fried steak w/ country gravy, broccoli, mashed potatoes, whole wheat roll, fruit crisp, iced tea/2% milk.

Thurs: Ham & pinto beans, sweet potatoes, marinated cucumbers & onions, salad, cornbread, sliced pears, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Bacon cheeseburger on whole wheat bun, potato wedges, fruit, sugar cookies, iced tea/2% milk

Clarendon CISD

Breakfast

Mon: No School

Tues: Breakfast combo, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Wed: Breakfast pizza, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Thu: Breakfast cookie, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Fri: Breakfast burrito, hash browns, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch

Mon: No School

Tues: Chicken fajitas, beans, carrots, salsa, hot cinnamon apples, sherbet, fruit, milk.

Wed: Sloppy Joe sandwich, salad, cucumbers, peaches, milk.

Thu: Creamy BBQ chicken wrap, corn, broccoli, salad, apples, dessert, milk.

Fri: Fish stick, potatoes, green beans, roll, fruit, milk.

Hedley ISD

Breakfast

Mon: No School

Tues: Scrambled eggs, toast, potatoes, bananas, fruit juice, milk.

Wed: Breakfast pizza, strawberries & blueberries, fruit juice, milk.

Thu: Morning griddle sandwich, melon, fruit juice, milk.

Fri: Breakfast burrito, hash browns, apple, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch

Mon: No School

Tues: Tex Mex stack, beans, carrots, cinnamon apples, sherbet, fruit, milk.

Wed: Chicken alfredo, breadstick, salad, California blend vegetables, peaches, milk.

Thu: Nachos Grande, corn salad, broccoli, apple, cookie, milk.

Fri: Country fried steak, roll, mashed potatoes, green beans, strawberries, fruit, milk.



40th Anniversary

Herring Bank employees stand with Mike Graham last Wednesday during a celebration marking his 40th anniversary with the bank. A come and go reception attended by community members and retired bank employees helped celebrate Graham's steadfast service to the bank and its customers.

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TMA urging early mammograms

Women should begin routine annual mammography screenings at age 40, according to guidelines by the American College of Radiology and Society of Breast Imaging (ACR/SBI).

Breast cancer screening guidelines vary on the initiation age for mammograms (40 versus 45 versus 50 years of age) and screening frequency (annual versus biennial). At its 2025 annual meeting, the Texas Medical Association (TMA) House of Delegates adopted policy supporting the ACR/SBI recommendation that women of average risk begin undergoing annual mammograms at age 40, with no upper age limit.

“More and more younger people are being diagnosed with cancer, so it made sense to lower the [screening] age,” said Terri L. Woodard, MD, co-chair of the TMA Committee on Cancer, which advocated support for the change. “All decisions about mammography screening should be using shared decision-making between patients and their physicians.”

TMA also wants to raise awareness among patients and physicians on the importance of the guidelines and to encourage state funding of programs that allow greater access to mammography. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

“Screening saves lives,” Dr. Woodard said.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer diagnosis affecting women, aside from skin cancer. Breast cancer cases are increasing among Texas women under age 50.

The TMA committee also advocates improving access to mobile mammography screening units to help Texans in underserved areas where screening opportunities are more scarce.

Dr. Woodard noted patients’ access to health care is uneven. “It made sense to try to improve access to people who might be limited by finances, by transportation issues, and so forth,” she said.

Both TMA initiatives aim to increase awareness and action among Texas patients, because cancer is so common. Approximately one in eight women in the U.S. is diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime and one in 43 women will die from it, physicians note. Breast cancer accounts for 30% of new cancer diagnoses each year. According to the Texas Department of State Health Services, an estimated 21,083 Texas women were diagnosed with breast cancer in 2024 and 3,535 were estimated to have died from it.

Dr. Woodard is a Houston reproductive endocrinologist and fertility

specialist who works primarily with patients who are at risk or who have had cancer. She has seen patients put off getting screened, only to receive a cancer diagnosis later.

“Many women in their 40s have so many competing priorities,” said Dr. Woodard. “We’re working, we’re taking care of children, we’re taking care of parents; and a lot of times we don’t put ourselves first. Sometimes we need to hear that this is something that you should and need to do.”

She said some women of reproductive age who have recently been pregnant experience delayed cancer diagnoses.

“They find a mass and they figure, ‘It’s related to breastfeeding. It’s probably nothing.’ And they go on without being evaluated.”

Dr. Woodard’s goal is simple: to raise awareness.

“We want fewer women to die of cancer,” she said. “We want people to have access to screening and literally save their lives.”

TMA is the largest state medical society in the nation, representing more than 59,000 physicians and medical student members. It is located in Austin and has 110 component county medical societies around the state. TMA’s key objective since 1853 is to improve the health of all Texans.

New technology zaps screwworm flies

Texas A&M AgriLife and the Office of Radiological Security, ORS, part of the National Nuclear Security Administration, NNSA, is teaming up on a national effort to combat New World screwworm, NWS, including producing sterile flies in the US via electron beam, or eBeam, technology to halt fly reproduction.

Texas A&M AgriLife and NNSA are exploring safer alternatives to high-radioactivity technologies to address New World screwworm and other invasive arthropods. The eBeam is a potential safer alternative to high-radioactivity cobalt-60 gamma sterilization. The effort will expand collaboration with other academic institutions to advance the best radiological security practices nationwide.

“This collaboration demonstrates how research and innovation can drive solutions to protect human and animal health,” said Phillip Kaufman, Ph.D., head of the Texas A&M Department of Entomology. “We must continue advancing critical science so we are prepared not only for the New World screwworm but for other invasive arthropods that will challenge us in the future.”

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, USDA, has determined that the U.S.-Mexico border is a crucial

area for the fight against the devastating pest, which recently appeared within 70 miles of the border.

“This collaboration with NNSA enables Texas A&M AgriLife to contribute innovative agriculture research that is essential to our nation’s food security,” said Suresh Pillai, Ph.D., director of the National Center for Electron Beam Research at Texas A&M University, Bryan-College Station. “We are proud to support their mission to enhance the security of the United States.”

Pillai is a Texas A&M AgriLife Research professor and associate department head of the Texas A&M Department of Food Science and Technology, as well as a member of the Institute for Advancing Health Through Agriculture.

The National Center for Electron Beam Research will lead sterilization activities against New World screwworm and was instrumental in the development of eBeam protocols for sterile insect technique, or SIT, against the pest. SIT involves releasing large numbers of sterilized male screwworms into the environment to halt their reproduction and populations. SIT is a proven solution to eradicate NWS and is essential to U.S. agriculture security.

Researchers at the eBeam center and the Texas A&M Department

of Entomology, with the support of NNSA, identified eBeam technology as a potential alternative to cobalt-60 gamma sterilization for New World screwworm. After extensive modeling and testing on a surrogate species, Cochliomyia macellaria, with similar biology to New World screwworm, Texas A&M researchers are now confident that eBeam can effectively sterilize male screwworms Cochliomyia hominivorax, without relying on high-activity radioactive material.

“Our mission-driven partnership with Texas A&M is essential to advancing American innovation in eBeam applications and enhancing our national security,” said Kristin Hirsch, director of ORS. “With the support of Texas A&M AgriLife experts, NNSA is able to help combat the spread of the NWS, building stronger food systems and safer communities across the country.”

The NNSA collaboration with Texas A&M AgriLife aims to increase U.S. prosperity and open new doors to industry in building eBeam infrastructure – advancing investment in the U.S. and safeguarding vital food systems. Learn more about New World screwworm and find emerging control information at <http://tx.ag/screwworm>.

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As colder months approach, this support aims to ensure families stay safe and warm without the added stress of high utility costs. Eligible residents may receive help with past-due balances or current bills. Funding is limited and will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

“We understand the burden that rising energy costs can place on families,” said Christina Cristan, NCRT, CCAP, Energy Assistance Director. “Our goal is to provide relief and stability to those in need, especially as we head into the winter season.”

To apply, individuals must meet income guidelines, must not have been assisted with utilities in program year 2025, and provide documentation such as birth certificates, proof of income, identification, and a current utility bill.

Applications can be available at any PCS office and after October 13, 2025, through PCS website www.panhandlehelp.org. A full list of contact information and office locations are available at www.panhandlehelp.org as well as a copy of the application which may be printed.

For more information, contact Christina Cristan, Director of Energy Assistance, at (806) 372-2531.



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting October 7, 2025, with Boss Lion Brian Barboza ringing the bell.

We had 12 members present and one attending virtually, and we were joined by four young ladies who have applied to be our next Sweetheart – Gracie Ellis, Elliot Frausto, Millie McAnear, and Presley Smith.

Each Sweetheart candidate was allowed to introduce themselves and talk about their involvement in different activities as well as their education and career plans. The ladies also discussed potential areas of community service they saw as needed in the community. The Sweetheart ballot will close following next Tuesday’s meeting.

The Ride For Kids Fun Run was reported to be a success with Lions and Christ’s Kids volunteers helping the Chamber with the benefit. We appreciate everyone who helped, participated, and supported this year’s Fun Run.

The Hedley Lions will be helping with this weekend’s Cotton Festival, and everyone is encouraged to support that event.

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

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Hedley cross country runners participated in the Shamrock meet last week with several good times. In the high school division, the Owls won third place team with Takoda Edwards placing ninth, Alex Garcia was 12th, Payton Inman was 15th, Damien Alston was 17th, and Josue Prieto was 20th. The Junior High Owls were second as a team with Jeremiah Shelley coming in third and Paul Berry tenth followed by Jose Martinez in 11th place and Maddex Gay in 15th. The varsity Owls will run at the regional meet in Lubbock on Monday, October 20.

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CLUES ACROSS

- Comedic actor Rogen
- Bits per inch
- Tire pressure measurement
- Angels great Mike
- Own (Scottish)
- Notable F1 racing team
- Upper bract of grass
- Tax collector
- Electronic counter-countermeasures
- Informal loan clubs
- Skeletal muscle
- Popular fish type
- Salts of acetic acid
- Arriving early
- Worded
- Single Lens Reflex
- Amphibians
- Warm greeting
- Belonging to a thing
- Segmented worm
- Concerns
- Audacious
- Wings
- Type of drug
- Wind chill formula scientist Charles
- Island close to the U.S.
- “To the ___ degree”
- Daniel __, French composer
- A way to march
- Where golfers begin
- Spiritual leader
- Of she
- Mental disorder concerning body odor (abbr.)
- Tall, slender-leaved plant

CLUES DOWN

- Engine additive
- Amounts of time
- Fragrant brown balsam used in perfume
- Color properties
- One who hands over
- Thieves of the sea
- Put in
- Nocturnal rodents
- Pouches
- Systems, doctrines, theories
- Greek alphabet letter
- Greek goddess of youth
- Satisfy
- Partly digested food
- Dictator
- Parts per thousand (abbr.)
- The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
- A major division of geological time
- Angry
- St. Francis of __
- Romanian monetary unit
- Stale
- Go quickly
- Commercials
- Canadian city
- One who slices
- Perform perfectly
- Nest of pheasants
- Tactile sensations
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The Lady Broncos XC team placed first last week at the Wheeler Stampede. COURTESY PHOTO

Lady Bronco XC runners reign supreme in Wheeler

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Bronco cross-country team is getting used to being at the top of the leaderboard this season.

The team, once again, demolished their opponents at the Wheeler Stampede last week and topped the field with big finishes in the two-mile race. They towered over second place Wellington by 24 points out of a field of 52 competitors.

Four of the Lady Bronco runners finished in the top 10 of the 3200m run and the other members did a great job. Emmarie Holland led the way with a fourth-place finish at a time of 13:40.20. Holland's time was just under a minute behind the

number one time.

Elliot Frausto was right behind Holland in sixth place with a time of 13:55.89. Addy Havens, who ran strong all last season, finished in a time of 13:56.10 for seventh place, and former State qualifier Madi Benson ran eighth at a solid time of 14:00.50.

Laken Smith ran 23rd with a time of 15:42.59, Lexi Phillips ran the race in a time of 15:52.71 for 25th place, and Mary Jo Dushay ran the distance in a time of 20:55.80 for 49th place.

Tristen Ybarra ran the 5,000-meter race in a time of 17:52.24 for fourth place and only trailed the top

runner by 35 seconds. Aiden Burnam was ninth overall out of a field of 29 runners with a time of 22:08.25.

Linley Hogle ran the 3200-meter for the Lady Colts crossing the finish line at 15:17.32 in a field of 83 participants and Adleigh Moore finished 57th with a time of 18:44.79. Colton Henson finished fourth for the Colts with a time of 14:37.42 in a field of 30 runners.

All of the cross-country runners will compete in the District meet to be held in Wheeler on Wednesday, October 8.

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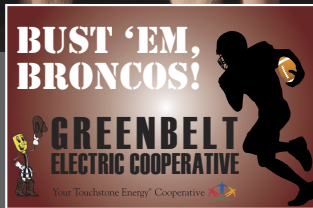
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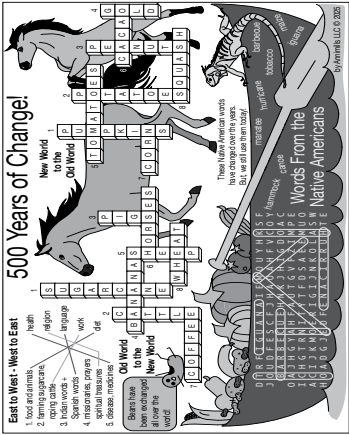
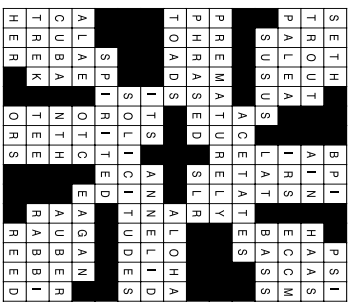
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10:00 AM and bids will be publicly read aloud at 10:00 AM on October 22, 2025 at the City of Clarendon, City Hall at 313 Sully Street, Clarendon, Texas 79226.
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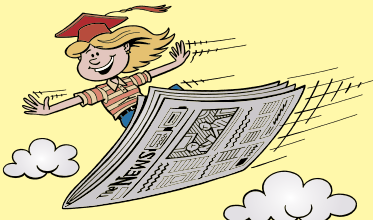
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Old World to the New World

The items in this puzzle were brought **to** the Americas **from** other countries. **Study the clues below. Use the words to the left to fill in the puzzle:**

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tomatoes

used for meat, hides

New World to the Old World

The items in this puzzle were brought **from** the Americas **to** other countries. **Study the clues (below) to fill in the puzzle:**

“chocolate bean”

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Wayland launches fast-track certification pathways for future teachers in Texas

PLAINVIEW – Wayland Baptist University’s Don A. Williams School of Education is opening new doors for individuals who want to enter the teaching profession through innovative fast-track pathways.

Responding to a statewide shortage of certified teachers, the university is offering both an Alternative Certification Teacher Program (ACP) and flexible degree-based pathways designed to help future educators quickly move into classrooms.

“These programs give people who may never have considered teaching a clear path to certification,” said Dr. James Anderson, Interim Dean of the School of Education. “Whether you’re a recent graduate or someone with a degree in another field, Wayland has an option that can help you become a fully certified teacher.”

The ACP program provides a one-year route to teacher certification. Candidates complete 50 hours of classroom observation, online coursework, and supervised teaching experiences while working under

an intern certificate. The program is structured in modules and can be completed entirely online, making it accessible across the state.

Wayland also offers a master’s degree pathway, which combines certification requirements with graduate coursework.

Students complete 19 hours of education classes in the first year – more than halfway to a Master of Education degree – while earning certification. By continuing for a second year, participants finish the full master’s degree.

“This option has been especially popular,” Anderson said. “Instead of just paying for certification, students are investing in a graduate degree that qualifies for financial aid and even TEACH grants. It’s a tremendous value.”

The School of Education also provides fast-track undergraduate programs that allow paraprofessionals, transfer students, and others to earn bachelor’s degrees in education while working full-time. Flexible online and evening classes make these programs accessible to a wide

range of students.

“Many of our students are paraprofessionals already serving in schools or athletes planning to coach,” Anderson said. “These pathways let them complete the requirements for certification without putting their careers on hold.”

All programs are designed to be completed online, with Wayland faculty and certified mentors providing statewide support. Candidates are observed in their own classrooms, receive feedback from university supervisors, and take the required state exams. Upon completion, they become fully certified teachers ready to meet the demand across Texas.

“Our goal is simple,” Anderson said. “We want to equip more certified teachers for classrooms across Texas, and we want to do it in a way that works for people’s lives and careers.”

Interested candidates can learn more about Wayland’s teacher pathways by scanning the QR codes on program flyers, visiting wbu.edu, or contacting the School of Education directly.

AgriLife offering virtual backyard chicken seminars

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will host two free virtual workshops this fall as part of its Backyard Chicken seminar series.

The workshops, presented as part of a series by AgriLife Extension and the Texas A&M Department of Poultry Science, are designed to help individuals enhance their knowledge of poultry care and egg quality.

The Backyard Chicken Basics workshop is scheduled for October 20-24, and the Egg Grader Training workshop is December 1-4. Each day will feature a one-hour webinar, beginning at 11 a.m.

Workshops will cover a different module each day. Online registration is available at <https://tx.ag/BackyardChickenSeries25> and <https://tx.ag/EggGraderTraining25>, respectively. All the sessions will be taught by Gregory Archer, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension poultry specialist and professor, Department of Poultry Science, Bryan-College Station

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The first series teaches the basics of home poultry management. These sessions will focus on the fundamentals of backyard flock management.

Topics covered include: Oct. 20: Introduction, housing and lighting. Oct. 21: Breeds and nutrition. Oct. 22: Selling eggs and poultry, food safety. Oct. 23: Health and disease. Oct. 24: Chickens, gardening

and the environment.

The December classes will focus on egg grader training. These sessions will provide practical training in egg composition, food safety and U.S. Department of Agriculture grading standards.

Topics covered include: Dec. 1: Egg composition and biology. Dec. 2: Egg microbiology and food safety. Dec. 3: Interior egg quality and defects. Dec. 4: USDA grading standards.

For more information on the series, contact Archer at gregory.archer@ag.tamu.edu. For more information on AgriLife Extension poultry programs, visit poultry.tamu.edu/extension.

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