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

Primary runoff set for next Tuesday

Early voting started Monday in Texas Republican and Democratic Primary Runoff Elections and continues through Friday May 22.

Polling will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Donley County Courthouse Annex for the early voting.

Republicans will be choosing their favorite candidates for US Senate, Texas Attorney General, Texas Railroad Commissioner, and Court of Criminal Appeals Place 3. Democrats will be choosing their candidates for Lieutenant Governor and Texas Attorney General.

Runoff Election Day will be next Tuesday, May 26, with Democrats voting at the Annex and Republicans voting at the Fellowship Hall of the Clarendon Methodist Church from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Volunteers needed for flag service

The Clarendon Lions Club and Scouts BSA Troops 433 and 4433 are asking the public for volunteers to help picking up flags at Citizens Cemetery following Memorial Day weekend.

The groups will pick up about 500 flags from the graves of those who fought for our country at Citizens Cemetery next on Wednesday, May 27, starting at 5:15 p.m. All able-bodied persons are asked to help with this project.

Garage sale event sign-ups now open

Mark your calendars for Clarendon's 21st annual "Trash To Treasures" garage sale event, which will be held Saturday, June 6, this year.

The sign-up period is now open for garage sales in Clarendon, Hedley, Howardwick, and the surrounding area.

Residents who wish to participate in this year's "Trash To Treasures" are asked to come by the Enterprise before 5 p.m. on Friday, May 28, to sign up for the promotion.

For just \$25, each household will get a 50-word advertisement in the Big-E Classifieds and the exclusive "Trash To Treasures" garage sale signs.

For more information about the annual Trash To Treasures garage sale event, call 874-2259 or come by the ENTERPRISE office at 105 S. Kearney.



Flames consume a carport and outbuilding during a fire early Tuesday morning in Howardwick. One man lost his home, and several properties were destroyed or damaged.

CHVFD PHOTO

Tuesday fire burns H'wick properties Home of one resident is total loss, fire chief says

A Howardwick man lost his home after an early morning fire tore through his Janny Street neighborhood Tuesday, May 19.

Fire Chief Jacob Hodge said the City of Howardwick Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched at 1:07 a.m. after residents were alerted to a fire by the sound of what was probably a propane tank exploding.

Hodge said the cause of the fire has not yet been determined and said it wasn't clear if the explosion

caused the fire or a fire caused the explosion. Another tank later exploded in the blaze.

Emergency personnel began immediately evacuating residents in the area, and one resident who could not walk had to be removed physically.

Hodge said a strong north wind drove the fire which was moving erratically.

One occupied mobile home – the residence of John Smithers – was totally destroyed along with

an outbuilding, the fire chief said. Smithers was not home at the time of the fire.

The fire then burned a neighboring storage building and a carport with a van under it.

A camper was destroyed as well as a shop building on Olita Drive, and another trailer house was substantially damaged, but Hodge said it was unclear if it was presently occupied.

Mutual aid was received from volunteer fire departments in

Clarendon, Hedley, Groom, and McLean; and by 4:00 a.m., the fire was contained. Most units left the scene by 7:30, but some Howardwick firefighters were still watching hot spots at noon.

"Without the cooperation of area departments and the mutual aid, we could not have done this," Hodge said.

Local officials remind everyone to be very cautious of fire because it can spread quickly in the present drought conditions.

HHS names Moore, Villarreal top students

Madison Moore and Adriana Villarreal are the top students for Hedley High School's Class of 2026 and will be recognized during graduation ceremonies on Thursday, May 21, at 6 p.m. at the Hedley School Library.

Moore will be the class valedictorian with a GPA of 94.6785. She is the daughter of Dallas and Elizabeth Moore. She has attended Hedley from pre-k through her senior year. She participated in FFA events all four years of high school. Maddie also played basketball

during her freshman, sophomore, and junior years. She also competed in track during her freshman and junior years of high school. She was involved in many organizations, including the National Honor Society, UIL Academics, and FFA. She has shown goals



Moore



Villarreal

and lambs since the third grade and recently started showing heifers.

Moore participated in UIL Mathematics, Calculator, and Number Sense. During high school, she was on the Clarendon College Dean's List. She plans to attend West Texas A&M this fall, where

she will major in Animal Science, focusing on genetics and preparing for veterinary school.

Adrianna Villarreal is the daughter of Monecia Villarreal and will be the class salutatorian with a GPA of 92.55.

Adrianna has attended Hedley schools for 10 years and during that time she has played basketball, cheerleading, FFA and been a member of NHS.

After graduating high school, Villarreal plans to attend Clarendon College.

Legion plans Memorial Day service at Rowe Cemetery

The Adamson-Lane, Post 287 of The American Legion in Hedley will hold its annual Memorial Day service at the Rowe Cemetery, Monday morning, May 25, 2026, at 10:00.

If there is inclement weather, the service will be held at the Lions Club Building, downtown Hedley.

The Post members will place American Flags on the graves of 250 Veterans buried in the Rowe Cemetery. The Flags will be placed on the graves on Friday at 9:00 a.m. on May 22, 2026, and remain till 3:00 p.m. Monday. This will be in honor of our departed comrades that have served this Country.

The Memorial Day program will be conducted by members of the American Legion that will include the raising of the colors, the National Anthem, Pledge to the Flag and the ceremony honoring the missing in action and the prisoners of War still unaccounted for.

The Memorial Day address will be given by Jackie Bell, resident of Donley County.

Carlton Turvaville will read the names of the 250 Veterans buried in the Rowe Cemetery.

The program will be concluded with the laying of the memorial wreath and the playing of taps by Chance Fox.



Benson runs at state

Clarendon High School's Madi Benson runs at the state track meet last week in Austin. See page 6 for results. ENTERPRISE PHOTO

CHS names Frausto and Hayes as top graduates

Clarendon High School has announced Elliot Frausto and Kenidee Hayes are the top students for the Class of 2026.

The two outstanding young ladies will be recognized during graduation ceremonies on Kenny King Field at Bronco Stadium this Friday, May 22, at 7 p.m.

Elliot Belle Frausto is the valedictorian with GPA of 6.25833 and is the daughter of Brandon and Jill Frausto. She distinguished herself as an exceptional student, leader, and athlete throughout high school. She graduated at the top of her class while earning an Associate's Degree from Clarendon



Frausto

College. Frausto served as Senior Class Vice President, National Honor Society Vice President, and FCCLA Vice President. She was a multi-sport athlete and competed in cheer, cross country, powerlifting, softball, and track.

Frausto also served as cheer co-captain and helped lead the team to a top ten finish at UIL Spirit Competition. She placed fifth at the THSWPA State Powerlifting Meet. She was a member of the softball team that played in the state semifinals, earning All-District honors. She was accepted to numerous colleges and received multiple offers to compete in collegiate athletics.

Frausto has signed with Angelo State University in San Angelo to continue her cheerleading career. She will pursue a kinesiology degree and plans on becoming a physical therapist.

Kenidee Jade Hayes is the daughter of Brenna Buker and Victor Hayes and is the salutatorian with a GPA of 6.20833. She played varsity basketball for the Lady Broncos for four years. Her freshman year she was awarded with Newcomer of the Year, sophomore year earned 1st Team All District, and junior and senior year received defensive MVP.

Hayes was awarded Lady Bronco Player of the Year her sophomore and junior year along with getting All Region recognition. She was the captain of the Lady Bronco Basketball team her senior season. She also ran cross country and track her freshman, sophomore, and junior year of high school. She was an involved member of National Honor Society, Gifted and Talented, and UIL Academics. She will also graduate from high school with her Associate's Degree from Clarendon College. She plans on attending Texas Tech University and majoring in elementary education.

For more information about Clarendon and Hedley graduates, see the special graduation magazine edition included in this week's CLARENDON ENTERPRISE.



Hayes



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The Local Pharmacy

Why Drug Policy Is Rural Policy

If you live in rural Texas, you already know that your local pharmacist is part of the fabric that holds a town together.

They know who's been sick, who's recovering, who just got home from the hospital, and who is trying to make a prescription last a few extra days because money is tight. They answer questions after hours, track down medicine that should've already been delivered, and spend a good part of their day solving problems that have nothing to do with counting pills.

In small towns, happens across a counter where people know your name, know your family, and notice when you haven't been by in a while.

And just like the rural hospitals, volunteer fire departments, and public schools we talk about so often in these pages, many hometown pharmacies are carrying more weight than ever while operating with less room for error.

Now imagine that pharmacy gone. Not next year. Not someday down the road. Right now. Because across rural Texas, that's exactly what's happening.

More than 4 million Texans now live in what are called pharmacy deserts — places where access to medications and pharmacy care is limited or disappearing altogether. Some rural counties no longer have a pharmacy at all. Others are hanging on by a thread.

And the reason is pretty simple: many independent pharmacies are being paid less to fill prescriptions than what it actually costs to put the medicine in the bottle.

No business can survive losing money every time somebody walks through the door.

That's the part of the healthcare debate that often gets missed. In Washington, the conversation turns into talking points about drug prices and government negotiations. But out here, the issue feels a lot more practical.

When the pharmacy closes, people don't just lose convenience. They lose access.

For an elderly patient, that might mean driving an hour for medication. For a parent with a sick child, it might mean waiting another day to start treatment. For someone managing diabetes or heart disease, it can become the difference between staying healthy and ending up in the emergency room.

Two big policy fights are driving a lot of this conversation right now.

The first involves Pharmacy Benefit Managers, better known as PBMs. Most people have never heard of them, but they sit in the middle of nearly every prescription transaction in America. They help decide what drugs are covered, what pharmacies get paid, and how much patients pay at the counter.

Rural pharmacists will tell you the system has become badly out of balance. Many say reimbursement rates no longer cover the actual cost of dispensing medication, while large middlemen continue collecting rebates and fees behind the scenes.

That's why there's growing bipartisan support for PBM reform — more transparency, fairer reimbursement, and making sure savings actually reach patients instead of disappearing somewhere in the system.

The second debate is over what's called "Most Favored Nation" pricing, or MFN. The idea is to tie U.S. drug prices to the prices paid in foreign countries.

On paper, that sounds appealing. Everybody wants lower prices.

But there's concern about what happens long term when government starts setting prices based on systems in other countries that ration care and tightly control what treatments are covered. Critics argue that eventually it slows innovation and reduces investment in developing new drugs.

And whether people agree or disagree on that larger debate, one thing is clear: none of it solves the immediate problem facing rural Texas pharmacies.

A pharmacy can't stay open if the math doesn't work.

That's why this conversation matters beyond healthcare policy circles. In rural communities, the local pharmacy is infrastructure just like the hospital, the school, or the volunteer fire department. Once it disappears, getting it back becomes incredibly difficult.

"Rural Texans don't need more political slogans. They need policies that keep healthcare local, keep small-town pharmacies alive, and make sure families can still get the medicine they need without driving two counties over to find it.

Because when the pharmacy on Main Street closes in a rural town, the loss is bigger than a business.

It's one less piece of local healthcare. One less place where people are known by name instead of account number. One more sign of how fragile rural infrastructure has become when decisions made far away collide with the realities of small-town life.

And like so many of the kitchen-table issues we talk about in rural Texas, most people don't pay attention until it's already gone.

The decisions being made in Austin and Washington have real consequences on Main Street in places like Spearman, Stratford, Gruver, and hundreds of towns just like them.

Rural Texas does not stay strong by accident. It stays strong when local people pay attention, show up, and fight for the things their communities cannot afford to lose."

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texas rural reporter by suzanne bellsnyder

He was a tool pusher, tooth puller

It's no longer likely that many sons and daughters will enter their parents' professions.

There are exceptions, of course. Seventy-six-year-old Harold Barton is one, son of the late Sonny Barton, who opened his downtown Fort Worth business in 1949, then re-located Barton's Garage in 1963 to its current location.

It could hardly be more obscure — 1615 West Jefferson — but the shop backs up to the more-visible dental practice of Dr. Marshall Brown, who has been serving patients at 1818 Eighth Ave. since 2000. Their back doors are so close, they could almost share hinges....

They've become fast friends. Marshall is Harold's dentist; he's Marshall's mechanic, but with a proviso.

If it's a "computer job," Harold has long since drawn the line. He has little truck for technical doodads embedded in most late-model vehicles.

He has no plans to buy expensive new tools, and why should he? Barton stays busy, working at his own pace. When prospective customers whose cars have computers that are chirping — or failing to chirp — drop by, he sends them on their way....

Their friendship dates back to 2000. With back doors so close, each can retreat to the other's digs at break time. Frequently, there are moments between patients in Dr. Brown's dental chair — or bolts won't budge in Barton's garage — the principals respond to the beckoning of changes of scenes.

In those rare times when they're present in the same place at the same time, Harold is getting his teeth fixed or Marshall is holding a wrench. Assuredly, each each leaves footprints on next-door premises on an almost daily basis....

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Harold has reached the age that health issues sometime intervene. For example, he's on a therapy regimen now. That's why he has a modified work schedule that allows his giving attention to health issues — or whatever — instead of opening the shop.

This brings to mind the late radio comedians, Lum and Abner. They were featured for more than two decades as operators of their "Jot'em Down Store" in Grinder's Switch, AR. Their show was featured for six more years on TV. (Think of an only slightly more "organized" setting than Sanford and Son, a more recent television sit-com.)

The longstanding policy of Lum and Abner? "Open when we get here; closed when we leave."....

Word of mouth from satisfied customers over the years has sustained Harold — and his dad before him.

"I don't think we've ever spent a dollar on advertising," Harold laughed. "But Dad did have a slogan that I remember from childhood, and often hear it quoted now by long-time customers: 'We can fix anything from a broken



the idle american by don newbury

heart to the break of day'." If Harold ever chose to advertise, he might dust off the old 1988 Oldsmobile ad, hopeful to encourage young people. Remember "This is not your father's Oldsmobile?" You may recall that the ad didn't work....

It's never too late for me to meet new friends, and Harold is one. My friendship with Marshall, however, goes back more than 20 years. We're both sports-minded, but he's the one wearing orange "scrubs" to work. He's a tea sipper through and through, often finding the time to attend when big games beckon.

Hey, I might be able to do the two-birds-in-one-shot thing. My car is six years old, and my teeth, 82 years older than my "ride." If my automotive and dental needs occur at the same time — and they might — I'll drop off my car for service, then go through the back doors to Dr. Brown's dental chair. How lucky would that be?

Just don't expect me to pick up a bolt that has rolled away, but understand that upon reaching Marshall's office, conversations will soon veer from far afield — sometimes without notice — to University of Texas football (pun intended). On my last visit, he was yacking about a long-ago game, contending vehemently that the 'Horns should have gone for two....

Dr. Newbury, longtime president of Howard Payne University, lives in the Metroplex with Brenda, his wife of 60 years. Email: newbury@speakerdoc.com. Phone: 817-447-3872.



Growing game between resources

As Chairman of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Intelligence and Special Operations, I have the privilege of overseeing some of the most capable, disciplined, and courageous warriors our nation has ever produced. The men and women of the United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) represent the very best of America's armed forces—oftentimes undertaking the most dangerous missions in defense of our national security and our way of life.

Following the attacks of September 11, 2001, our nation fundamentally shifted the way it viewed Special Operations Forces (SOF). No longer considered a niche capability reserved for limited missions, SOF became central to America's counterterrorism strategy and broader national defense posture. Over the last two decades, these operators have carried an extraordinary burden, serving as the tip of the spear in nearly every major conflict and high-risk operation across the globe.

And yet, the USSOCOM budget has remained relatively flat over the last decade, failing to keep pace with inflation. This stagnant budget has not only created critical modernization gaps but has actually eroded buying power for the Combatant Command, resulting in a 14 percent reduction in purchasing power since 2019. As of the most recent Fiscal Year 2027 President's Budget Request, USSOCOM now accounts for just above 1 percent of the total Department of War Budget, while global demand for SOF has surged to meet the evolving landscape of great power competition.

The operational tempo for SOF has, and will continue to, put significant demands on the force. From operations in the Middle East and Africa, to narcotics in our own hemisphere, SOF remains heavily engaged across multiple theaters. At the same time, we are asking our most agile, precise, and strategically valuable forces to do more with less, while simultaneously expecting the same results.

Last month's high-risk rescue operation of two downed airmen deep inside Iran demonstrated the extraordinary reach and capability of American special operators. In a mission described as

one of the most complex in U.S. history, hundreds of personnel and dozens of aircraft were mobilized for the recovery under hostile conditions, ultimately bringing both home safely. That operation was not just a tactical success. It reaffirmed a foundational American principle: we leave no man behind.

In another notable success earlier this year, U.S. special operations forces executed a precision mission operation targeting Venezuelan dictator Nicolás Maduro. Following months of intelligence preparation, joint-force coordination, and operational rehearsal, that mission showcased the unique ability of SOF to operate in politically sensitive and operationally complex environments where conventional forces are neither designed nor intended to lead.

These missions are not outliers. They are emblematic of what SOF does every day. They keep us safe, often out of public view, and increasingly at the forefront of strategic competition.

As global risks from our foreign adversaries continue to rise, America can no longer afford to remain on peacetime footing.

China is rapidly expanding its irregular warfare capabilities, cyber operations, and advanced technologies specifically designed to counter American military advantages. Iran, Russia, and transnational criminal organizations are becoming more adaptive, networked, and technologically sophisticated. The operating environment is evolving at an unprecedented pace, and SOF units are often the first called upon to respond.

Yet, while the mission set expands, the resources have not kept pace. SOF's culture of discipline, efficiency, and innovation is one of its greatest strengths, BUT there is a difference between being efficient and being under-resourced.

The question before us is not whether SOF can "make do," because



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May 22 & 23
Mulkey Theatre • The Sheep Detectives • 7:30 p.m.

May 23
Clarendon Aquatics Center Season Openings for the season • 1:00 p.m.

May 24
Mulkey Theatre • The Sheep Detectives • 7:30 p.m.

May 25
Memorial Day Scramble • Clarendon Country Club • 806-874-2166

June 6
Trash to Treasures • Only \$25 • Sign up by May 28 @ 5:00 p.m. • 806-874-2259 • Maps at ClarendonLive.com

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Three-Person Scramble • Clarendon Country Club • 806-874-2166

June 7
Route 66 Festival - Jericho Gap 5K/10K Fun Run benefiting the Jericho Legacy Foundation • thejerichogap.com

June 13
"Senior Thang" Dinner & Variety Show 4th & Gorst Streets at 5 p.m. • ClarendonTX.com

June 16-18
Clarendon College FFA Leadership Camp Student leaders from FFA chapters across the Texas Panhandle and South Plains

Menus

May 25 - 29

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Sliced ham, buttered carrots, black eyed peas, whole wheat roll, apple crisp, iced tea/2% milk.

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

Wed: BBQ chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll, peach cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.

Thurs: Soft tacos, Spanish rice, ranch style beans, garden salad, sopapilla cake, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Steak fingers, gravy, red skin potatoes, black eyed peas, hot rolls, chocolate cake, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Closed
Tues: Goulash, mixed greens, cornbread, coconut cake, iced tea/2% milk.

Wed: Chicken fried steak broccoli, mashed potatoes, fruit crisp, iced tea/2% milk.

Thurs: Pollock sticks, Brussels sprouts, French fries, hushpuppies, fruit cocktail, sugar cookies, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Beef stew, garden salad, fruit crisp, iced tea/2% milk.



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting May 19, 2026, with Boss Lion Brian Barboza in charge.

We had ten members present, one attending virtually, and one guest today -- CCISD Athletic Director Brenton Whitaker, who presented our program.

Coach Whitaker comes to Clarendon from Borger, and he talked about his commitment to kids and how he is looking forward to being in Clarendon. He said he plans to build trust with the student athletes and will be working on building pride in the programs and facilities at the schools. He has several years of experience that he brings from East Texas and from Borger. Coach Whitaker says he will be looking for service opportunities for athletes and wants them to be seen in the community in a positive way. He also plans to support the entire school and other programs as well as athletics.

Lions will be setting out flags at residences and business this weekend for Memorial Day, and the club along with other volunteers will be putting flags on the graves of veterans at Citizens Cemetery. Volunteers are asked to help pick up the flags next Wednesday, May 27, at 5:15 p.m.

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



On Saturday, May 9, the Goodnight Ranch State Historic Site hosted its second annual Goodnight Invention Convention, drawing visitors from across the Texas Panhandle and beyond. The event spotlighted remarkable inventions from the era of Charles and Mary Ann Goodnight, including Mr. Goodnight's iconic creation, the Chuckwagon. The Frontier Regiment of the High Plains recreated a historic encampment reminiscent of those at Fort Elliott, while two members of the Official Longhorn Herd from Fort Griffin enjoyed attention from onlookers.

COURTESY PHOTOS

Red Hen stirring up excitement in the 'Wick

He Says – I am a weird duck, you see, I like to cook! I like to cook on a stove, in the oven, on my grill and especially on my Blackstone griddle! Sunday morning I made Mary her favorite breakfast burritos!

She Says – Yes, and it was delicious. I love to see a man with a spatula in one hand and a platter of bacon in the other!

He Says – Food is very important to me. I can recall my favorite or my worst meal at most restaurants. My fondness for cooking actually began in Taos, New Mexico where my friend Jack Bush and I took cooking lessons on a lark. The University of New Mexico Taos branch offered culinary courses at the high school home-ec department on Wednesday afternoons. Jack and I would play golf, go to class, dine on what was prepared that day and bring our wives leftovers for dinner. We had a ball!

She Says – That class was the best Christmas gift I ever gave you. Jack's wife and I loved hearing you two gossip about other class members like a couple of old women.

He Says – Those were good times! We were divided into teams of three and each team prepared something that was part of the bigger meal. The instructor split Jack and

me up right off the bat. That move was spot on as we were the class... S h e Says – he says, she says

by richard & mary green
Clowns. He Says – No, we were the leaders! We were the first to bring wine to use in dishes!

She Says – Of course, you were. He Says – Hey! You don't make snide remarks when I grill my bourbon-orange juice salmon or beef shish kabob!

That Ramen slaw I took to the fish fry went over pretty good.

She Says – You just keep improving---in every area but clean-up! Man! Do you make a mess, using every pot, knife, spoon and skillet. But---I don't mind cleaning up after you, as long as you are doing the cooking. I don't like to cook!

He Says – I'm beginning to realize that for a fact. You are a pretty good cook!

She Says – No, I'm not, and I admit it. You know, Shannon Brewster LOVES to cook and it shows in her food. She's a delicious cook and



a pretty redhead, too.

He Says – Well, we will both have another dining option when Janie Avila's Little Red Hen opens here in the 'Wick.

I'm excited about it. She's evidently making sure everything is working and ready to serve customers.

She Says – Let me guess, you're hungry.

Rich's Red River Ramen Slaw: 1 pkg cole slaw mix 2 bunches chopped green onions 1 Cup slivered almonds 1 Cup sunflower seeds 2 pkgs Ramen Beef Noodles 1 Cup vegetable oil 1/3 Cup apple cider vinegar 3/4 Cup sugar

Make dressing: Take beef flavor packets from noodles and mix with oil, vinegar and sugar.

Chill dressing (even overnight is ok) Just before serving: Put almonds, sunflower seeds and noodles in large bowl and mix with dressing. Serve.

Saturday, May 23 – Howard-wick 2nd Junk Removal Day

Saturday & Sunday, June 6-7 – Clarendon Country Club 3 Person Tournament Friday Night Scrambles – 6 pm – Clarendon Country Club

Soon! The Little Red Hen opens

Sales Tax Holidays for water-efficient, Energy appliances set for May 23-25

Acting Texas Comptroller Kelly Hancock is reminding families and businesses that they can save on the purchase of certain products during the state's Water-Efficient Products and Energy Star sales tax holidays.

Created by the Texas Legislature, both holidays take place Saturday, May 23, through Monday, May 25.

The Texas Comptroller's office estimates shoppers will save \$15.7 million in state and local sales tax on purchases made during these holidays.

"Texans know the value of a dollar, and every opportunity to keep more money in the hands of families and businesses matters," Hancock

said. "These sales tax holidays help Texans make practical purchases that can lower costs, conserve resources and stretch household budgets a little further."

During the Water-Efficient Products Sales Tax Holiday, products displaying a WaterSense label or logo can be purchased tax free for personal or business use. These include showerheads, bathroom sink faucets and fixtures, and landscape irrigation controls.

The sales tax holiday also applies to lawn and garden products that help conserve water outdoors.

Items qualifying for the exemption include soaker or drip-irrigation hoses; moisture controls for sprinkler or irrigation systems; mulch;

and plants, trees and grasses. These items can be purchased tax free for residential use only.

There's no limit to the number of water-efficient or water-conserving products you can purchase tax free.

For more information on the Water-Efficient Products Sales Tax Holiday, visit the Comptroller's website.

During the Energy Star Sales Tax Holiday, certain products displaying the Energy Star logo can be purchased tax free, including air conditioners priced at \$6,000 or less, refrigerators priced at \$2,000 or less, ceiling fans, fluorescent light bulbs, dishwashers, dehumidifiers and clothes washers.

Jackson bill would combat illicit trafficking

Representative Ronny Jackson (TX-13) introduced the Strategic Export Control and Border Security Enhancement Act, legislation to strengthen America's strategic trade controls, improve border enforcement capabilities, and prevent the diversion of weapons of mass destruction, advanced conventional weapons, and dual-use technologies to malign foreign actors.

The bill would codify the Department of State's Office of Export Controls and Border Security (EXBS) within the Office of the Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security. Under the Trump administration, EXBS is tasked with coordinating with U.S. allies and partners to improve export

controls, strengthen border enforcement, combat sanctions evasion, and prevent sensitive American technologies from falling into the hands of hostile regimes and criminal networks.

"President Trump has taken decisive action to secure America's borders and protect our national security, and this legislation builds on that success by strengthening our ability to work with our allies to stop the distribution of dangerous weapons, illicit technology transfers, drug trafficking, and human smuggling before they threaten the United States," said Rep. Jackson. "As China, Iran, North Korea, and transnational criminal networks continue working to exploit weak

international enforcement systems, America must lead a coordinated effort to close those gaps and defend our technological and military superiority."

The legislation supports the Department of State's efforts to develop a unified strategy for U.S. export control assistance programs to: Reduce sanctions evasion and illicit trafficking risks; Prevent the diversion of sensitive and dual-use technologies to adversaries Strengthen secure and resilient global supply chains; Promote U.S. strategic trade standards internationally; and Support lawful U.S. exporters through diplomatic engagement and export promotion consistent with national security objectives.

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Click It or Ticket increased enforcement May 18-31

We are Texans. We wear our Lone Star belt buckles with pride, but it's the buckle in your car or truck that matters the most. It's the one that can save your life.

That's why the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is working with law enforcement and encouraging people to drive like a Texan – kind, courteous and safe – and always buckle up. Remember, Click It or Ticket: every rider, every time.

Camron Murrell of College Station was just 19 years old when he was killed in a nighttime crash on a back road off Interstate 10 in Liberty County, Texas, in 2020. He was driving with a close friend when he veered off the road and hit a tree. Camron wasn't wearing a seat belt, and neither was his passenger. They died instantly.

"Every time he was in my car and wouldn't put his seat belt on, I would say 'buckle up!'" said Camron's mother, Priscilla Wolf. "And it

may seem I was on him about it all the time, but he still didn't listen."

Seat belts save lives, but only when worn. In 2025, 965 people who died in traffic crashes on Texas roads were not buckled up. While that was a 10 percent decline from the previous year, which had 1,072 unbuckled fatalities, more lives could have been saved.

"A seat belt can be the difference between walking away from a crash and never making it home, but only if you're wearing it," TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams said. "Whether you're going just a few blocks or many miles, buckle your seat belt every time, day and night."

Studies show 1 in 10 Texans do not take the simple step of buckling up – that's more than 3 million people. Law enforcement will be increasing patrols for two weeks starting May 18, watching out for people not wearing their seat belt.

Texas law requires all drivers

and passengers to buckle up or face fines and court costs up to \$200. Children younger than 8-years-old must be in a child car seat or booster seat unless they're taller than 4 feet 9 inches. If they aren't properly secured, the driver faces fines up to \$250 plus court costs.

Click It or Ticket is one of the most effective traffic safety initiatives in history. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates the Texas campaign has saved more than 8,600 lives, prevented 157,000 serious injuries and resulted in \$35 billion in economic savings since its launch in 2002.

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



Molder marks 35 years with city

Public Works Director John Molder celebrated 35 years of employment with the City of Clarendon last week. Molder moved to Clarendon from Dumas and later joined the navy in December 1977, serving six years until December 1983. He started with the city on May 20, 1991, with Alton Gaines and James Watts on the same day. He married Jeannie Molder on December 29, 1999, and was appointed Director of Public Works in April 2009 after the passing of former city superintendent Jim Roberts. He has managed many projects including replacing the southeast water tower twice and the west water tower with the USDA project; installing over 800 auto read meters, eight miles of new water lines, and two lift stations; raising and extending the airport runway; the highway expansion; and many street projects. When he was first hired, the mayor was James Sharrar, the city secretary was Donna Edwards, and there was no administrator. He has seen many council members, mayors, employees, and administrators through the years. Happy anniversary, John!

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CLUES ACROSS

- Government lawyers
- Greek goddess of the dawn
- The back of a person's neck
- Not close
- Mild yellow Dutch cheese
- NHL legend Bobby
- In a less flashy way
- A ballplayer would love to do this
- Living room piece
- Charity
- Shepherd dog
- City in Finland
- A citizen of Iran
- Loomed over
- Moved slowly
- Vaccine developer
- Small finch
- Avoids capture
- Previously
- What a kid does on Halloween
- Openwork fabrics
- Monetary unit
- Get away
- Using dry humor
- Something you might hit
- Ocean
- Soviet Socialist Republic

CLUES DOWN

- Abstain from
- Breed of sheep
- Admirer
- Mocking pieces
- Expedition to observe animals
- A major division of geological time
- Act that is legally void
- Andiron
- WW2 combatants
- Many not ands
- A tool
- Cuban city
- Looked at
- He voiced "Ola!"
- Showing wild excitement
- Criticize
- Banknotes
- "Thundercats" character
- Tired
- Markings
- Printers need it
- Gets up
- Women's patriotic group
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CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
 US 287 E • 874-3156 • REV. SETH SHIPMAN
 SUN. SCHOOL: 10 A.M. • SUN. SERVICE: 10:30 A.M.
 SUN. EVENING: 7 P.M. • WED.: 7 P.M.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
 300 S. CARRHART • 874-2495
 SUN. BIBLE CLASS 9:30 A.M. • SUN. SERVICE: 10:30 A.M.
 SUN. 6 P.M. • WED.: 7 P.M.

CHURCH OF NAZARENE
 209 S. HAWLEY • 874-2321 • PASTOR: ALLEN POSEY
 SUN. SCHOOL: 9:30 A.M. • SUN. SERVICE: 11 A.M.
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COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
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 PASTOR: LARRY CAPRANICA
 SUN. SCHOOL: 10 A.M. • SUN. SERVICE: 11 A.M.
 SUN. EVENING: 6 P.M. • WED. COMMUNITY KIDZ 5:30 P.M.
 WED. ADULT BIBLE STUDY: 6 P.M.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 120 E. THIRD ST. • PASTOR: DR. KEN MCINTOSH
 SUNDAY SERVICE: 5 P.M.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD
 4TH ST. & HWY. 70 SOUTH • PASTOR: JASON HOUSTON
 SUN. SCHOOL: 9:30 A.M. • SUN. SERVICE: 10:40 A.M.
 WED. BIBLE STUDY: 6:30 P.M.

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 300 BUGBEE AVE. • 874-3833 • REV. LANCE WOOD
 SUN. SCHOOL: 9:45 A.M. • SUN. SERVICE: 10:55 A.M.
 SUN. EVENING: 6 P.M. • KID'S ACTIVITIES: WED. 6 P.M.
 YOUTH STUDY: WED. 7 P.M.
 COLLEGE MINISTRY: WED. 9 P.M.

CLARENDON METHODIST CHURCH
 420 S. JEFFERSON • 874-3667 • BRO. RYAN QUIST
 SUN. SCHOOL: 9:45 A.M. • SUN. SERVICE: 11 A.M.
 SUN. YOUTH: 6:00 P.M. • WED. BIBLE STUDY 6:30 P.M.

JESUS NAME APOSTOLIC CHURCH
 720 E. MONTGOMERY • REV. 874-2078
 REV. CALVIN BURROW
 SUN. SERVICES: 3 P.M. • WED.: 7 P.M.

RISE UP KINGDOM MINISTRIES:
 501 S. MCCLELLAND • PASTOR: JOSY SHADLE
 SUNDAY DISCIPLESHIP CLASS: 9:30 A.M.
 SUN.: 10:00 A.M.

CHRIST'S KIDS OUTREACH MINISTRY:
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 SUN. BREAKFAST 9:30 A.M. • SUN. PRAISE & WORSHIP 10 A.M.
 SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:30 A.M. • WED.: 5 P.M.

KINGDOM HALL JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
 12120 US 287 (JUST WEST OF CLARENDON) • 874-5020
 PUBLIC MEETING & WATCHTOWER STUDY: SUN. 10 A.M.
 BIBLE STUDY, CONGREGATIONAL THEOCRATIC MINISTRY
 SCHOOL & SERVICE MEETING • TUES.: 7 P.M.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
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 SUN. MASS 11 A.M.

ST. STEPHENS BAPTIST CHURCH
 300 N. JEFFERSON ST. • PASTOR: ROY WILLIAMS
 SUN. SCHOOL: 10 A.M. • SUN. SERVICE: 11:15 A.M.
 WED.: 7 P.M. (WEATHER PERMITTING)

TRUE CHURCH OF GOD & CHRIST
 301 N. JEFFERSON • ST. PASTOR: JEFF RILES
 SUN. SCHOOL: 10 A.M. • SUN. SERVICE: 11:15 A.M.
 WED.: 7 P.M.

THE GATHERING
 623 W. FOURTH • PHYLLIS COCKERHAM
 SUNDAY: 10 A.M. • WED.: 7 P.M.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST
 110 E. SECOND ST. • MINISTER: STEWART MESSER
 SUN. BIBLE CLASS: 10 A.M. • SUN. SERVICE: 11 A.M.
 SUN. EVENING: 6 P.M. • WED.: 7:30 P.M.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
 300 N. MAIN ST. • PASTOR: STAN COSBY
 SUN. SERVICE: 11:30 A.M.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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 SUN. SCHOOL: 10 A.M. • SUN.: 11 A.M. & 6 P.M.
 WED.: 7 P.M.

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MARTIN

MARTIN BAPTIST CHURCH
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 SUN. EVENING: 6 P.M. • WED.: 7 P.M.

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Senior Madi Benson runs at the State Meet last week at the University of Texas.

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Benson competes at State Meet

By Sandy Anderberg

Clarendon senior runner and four-time state performer made her last run of her high school career on the campus of the University of Texas last weekend.

Madi Benson topped off her state trip with an impressive sixth-place finish in the 800m run. In a strong field of 800m runners, Benson

ran the distance in a time of 2:20.65 which was just off the winning pace of 2:18.83 leaving her less than two seconds behind the first-place time.

Only four seconds separated the strong field of 2A runners who placed in the top nine athletes.

Benson gave her all at the State Meet to finish a high school year that awarded her many accolades. She

has been a leader on the cross-country course and track through junior high and high school and has won numerous district, regional, and area awards in her time at CHS. She was also a force to be reckoned with on the basketball court.

Benson will continue her running career at Amarillo College next fall.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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SHERIFF SALE

CHILDRESS COUNTY

NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF CHILDRESS

By virtue of Orders of Sale issued out of the Judicial District Court of CHILDRESS County in the following cases on the 23rd day of March, 2026 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell at 1:00 as P.M. on the 2ND DAY OF JUNE, 2026, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the OFFICIAL door of the Court-house of said CHILDRESS County, in the City of CHILDRESS, Texas, the following described property located in CHILDRESS County, to wit: Cause No. TX-04075 CHILDRESS COUNTY VS CONTRERAS ALEGANDRO (ALEX)

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A Bid Bond in the amount of 5% of the bid, issued by an acceptable surety, shall be submitted with each bid. OJD Engineering is acting as the Agent for the City that is a party to this contract. A certified check or bank draft payable to OJD Engineering, or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (at par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond.

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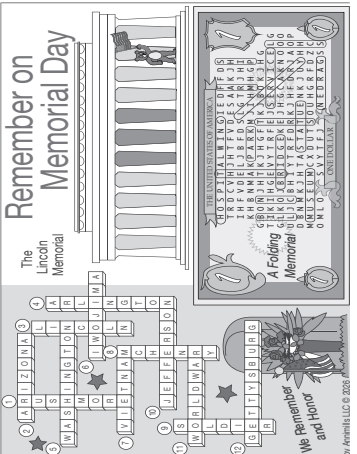
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Fill in the puzzle with the names of things and places that honor our leaders and war heroes:

- Mount _____ in South Dakota has the faces of four presidents carved on a granite cliff.
- The USS _____ (Hawaii) is a floating memorial where the ship was sunk in Pearl Harbor.
- A beautiful marble building in Washington, D.C. with a statue of our 16th president seated inside is called the _____ Memorial.
- Many U.S. heroes are buried in the _____ National Cemetery in Virginia.
- This four-sided pillar in Washington D.C. is 555 feet high. It honors our country's first president and is called the _____ Monument.
- The _____ Statue shows Marines raising the U.S. flag after a World War II battle.
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Grilling season brings mixed prices for Texas consumers

As Memorial Day approaches and grills fire up across Texas, consumers will see a mixed picture at the meat counter.

Beef prices remain well above last year's levels, while pork and chicken continue to offer more affordable options, according to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economists.

Beef remains the most expensive protein heading into grilling season, said David Anderson, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension agricultural economist and professor in the Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Department of Agricultural Economics.

Consumer price index data from March showed choice beef averaging more than \$10 per pound across a range of cuts, up from roughly \$8.75 a year ago, Anderson said.

He said the higher prices primarily stem from the nation's cattle herd shrinking to its smallest size since 1961, limiting lean beef supplies.

"Fundamentally, nothing's changing the fact that beef is going to be expensive and more costly than it was last year," Anderson added. "Tighter supplies, good demand, that's driving prices."

However, some prices at wholesale levels have improved, he said. Rib-eye prices recently averaged about \$11.50 per pound, down from about \$13 a year ago, while New

York strip prices remained steady near \$10.45 per pound. Tenderloin prices were slightly higher than last year.

Ground beef also continues to climb. Wholesale prices for 90% lean ground beef reached \$4.52 per pound last week, compared to \$3.75 a year ago.

Pork prices remain relatively stable, Anderson said. Retail pork averaged \$4.87 per pound in March, slightly below the \$4.95 recorded a year ago.

Wholesale pork rib prices increased to about \$1.90 per pound from \$1.55 per pound last year because of tighter supplies. Pork trimmings used in sausage production held steady.

Pork bellies, the source of bacon and a growing favorite among backyard smokers, averaged \$1.57 per pound wholesale, down slightly from last year.

Anderson said retailers are increasingly stocking whole pork bellies as interest in smoking and diverse cooking styles grows.

Chicken may provide the best value, or at least the lowest price, this grilling season, Anderson said.

Retail chicken prices averaged \$2.41 per pound in March, slightly below last year's prices. Wholesale chicken prices dropped more sharply. Boneless, skinless chicken breasts averaged \$1.80 per pound last week, down from about \$2.75

a year ago. Chicken wings also declined to roughly 90 cents per pound wholesale – a noticeable drop from \$1.99 per pound in early 2025 and their peak at \$3.80 per pound in 2022.

"What that might suggest is maybe we'll see some deals come Memorial Day, some specials on chicken, because grocery stores have been able to price some of that in at a lower cost to themselves," Anderson said. "That benefits us, the shopper."

Higher fuel and fertilizer prices continue to pressure poultry, pork and beef producers and the broader food supply chain. Anderson said fertilizer costs raise feed prices for livestock producers by increasing the cost of corn and soybeans.

Diesel prices also affect transportation costs across the industry, from hauling livestock to delivering meat products to grocery stores.

"I don't think we've seen the full effect of that through our food system yet," Anderson said. "That's going to affect everything."

Despite those challenges, Anderson said consumers may still find opportunities to save this summer, particularly on chicken and some pork products.

"But I would expect some special features around the holidays on a lot of items, including beef," Anderson said. "Folks are going to notice some relatively less expensive pork and chicken versus the beef side."

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