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

### Barboza stepping down from city role

Clarendon City Administrator Brian Barboza will be leaving his post in July after the city council accepted his resignation during a called meeting on May 21.

Barboza has accepted a job with the City of Friona, and his last day in Clarendon will be July 17.

Aldermen met in closed session for about 40 minutes with Barboza and also at times with City Secretary Machiel Covey before returning to open session to accept the administrator's resignation "with regret."

The council reviewed the job description of the city administrator, which was approved about 20 years ago and has not been changed. The council took no action on that subject but will be considering it at a future meeting.

Aldermen did approve hiring the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission to help with the search and selection of potential candidates to replace Barboza.

In other city business, the council agreed to temporarily change the hours of the Clarendon Aquatic Center to 4:00 to 8:00 pm Tuesday through Sunday due to a shortage in lifeguards. City officials hope to have the shortage filled soon and be able to resume regular hours from 1:00 to 8:00 pm. Aldermen discussed staffing requirements and asked city officials to find out more information about the requirements for staffing a facility the size of Clarendon's.

### 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.



### The Last Hoorah!

The Hedley Senior Class of 2026 throws their caps in the air after graduation last Thursday, May 21, marking the end of not just the school year but of Hedley High School itself. The Hedley school board will meet May 28 to formally close the high school and junior high.

HISD PHOTO / MANDI GAY

## HISD closing high school, junior high

Hedley ISD plans to drop junior high and high school classes next fall and become a Pre-K through 6th grade district, according to a letter parents received today.

The letter states that a formal resolution will be adopted by the school board at a called meeting next week.

"This decision was not made lightly, but it is one that has been approaching for some time," Superintendent Tracey Langford said in the letter. "Over the past several years, declining student enrollment and the ongoing challenge of hiring and retaining highly qualified teachers have placed the district in a difficult position regarding the future of

our students and staff."

Langford told the ENTERPRISE that enrollment this year was below the threshold of 90, but the bigger problem has been the school's Average Daily Attendance or ADA, which is what state funding is based on.

"We've had an enrollment of 85, but we've also had absences and our ADA this year has been 74.1," Langford said. "Our projected enrollment for next year is 52 for Pre-K through 12."

Langford said some families have moved out of the district, and some teachers have left and taken their children with them. Hedley also has had 27 transfer students

from Clarendon and 11 from Memphis this year. Some of those aren't coming back next year, and some students are going home school, she said.

Going to Pre-K through 6 may also be difficult for the school. Langford told the Enterprise the administration currently projects having about 30 elementary students, but the school really needs more than 60 to remain viable. The 30 known elementary students doesn't take into account the fact that some elementary students may go to other districts when older siblings can't attend Hedley.

Langford said she is going to be working with neighboring

districts to determine the best fit for district consolidation of grades 7 through 12.

"While this is not an easy process, it is, unfortunately, the only viable option at this time," she wrote parents. "As we prepare for what will be the final high school graduation at Hedley ISD, this moment is certainly bittersweet for everyone connected to the traditions, community, and student body that make our school so special."

Langford told the ENTERPRISE the board will have a difficult time making the final decision next week as the district is so close to the hearts of the trustees. The board will hold a called session May 28, at 6:30 p.m.

## Clarendon council welcomes new members

The Clarendon City Council welcomed new members and appointed a mayor pro-tem during its regular meeting on May 14.

Mayor Jacob Fangman reported on the canvass of the May 2 election. He then presented certificates of election and administered the oath of office to returning Alderman Tom Thompson and newly elected Aldermen Brent Knowles and Pharabie Shadle.

The council unanimously re-elected Alderman Thompson to the position of mayor pro-tem.

Aldermen also took action on several agenda items, first approving a resolution authorizing intervention in AEP Texas Inc.'s Application to amend its Rider Mobile Temporary Emergency Electric Energy Facilities before the Public Utilities Commission and approving the city's cooperation in this effort with other municipalities.

The Human Resources Policies and Procedures Manual was amended adding sections about Certification and Education Pay and

Lost and Found Items.

Underwood Law was named as City Attorney for the City of Clarendon, amending a resolution removing Shelton & Shelton law firm as Assistant City Attorney.

The council discussed a quote from AAJ Concrete for ramp replacement in front of Donley County State Bank but took no action.

A quote for handrails in the 200 block of South Kearney from AAJ Concrete was also discussed. The council voted to approve four handrails with two on each side of the street with the funds coming from the Capital Improvement line in Tex-Pool.

A motion was approved to purchase an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) from the Associated Ambulance Authority. The AED will be at the Clarendon Aquatic Center during its season and then kept at the Burton Memorial Library during the rest of the year.

The council approved a request to close portions of Gorst Street and Fourth Street from 1:00 p.m.



Clarendon Mayor Jacob Fangman administers the oath of office to Aldermen Pharabie Shadle, Tom Thompson, and Brent Knowles.

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to 10:00 p.m. on June 13 for the Donley County Senior Citizens annual fundraiser.

Aldermen voted to exempt Public Works Director John Molder from the Reimbursement Agreement due to years of service and continuation of appropriate licenses.

A proposal for four new computers for the Burton Memorial Library was approved. The computers from Westgate Computers

will include managed services with helpdesk, Anti-Virus, EDR, Software Management, and Ransomware Detection.

The council discussed driveway concerns from property owners from 4th Street Project between Allen and Koogle and fixing up to right of way with either asphalt or concrete and paying out of Street Department. No action was taken pending more information being gathered.

## Local seniors' scholarships total \$1.2M

Clarendon High School graduating seniors were recognized having been offered approximately \$1,198,686 in scholarships, awards, and grants during commencement exercises May 22 in Bronco Stadium, and Hedley High School students were offered \$20,350 in awards on May 21 at Hedley High School's final graduation.

There may be more awards not reported for the Class of 2026, and some students may not use all the awards they were offered depending on their choice of college path.

The following are awards that have been announced for CHS students:

Gracie Ellis received the Royce L. Money Chancellor's Award for Academic Excellence for \$88,000, the Abilene Christian University Presidential Scholarship for \$20,000, the Davidson Foundation Scholarship for \$10,000, the Brooke Ashton Parker Scholarship for \$1,000, the Bill Talley 4-H Scholarship for \$1,000, the Edith Louis Wilson 4H Scholarship for \$1,500, and the Jim & Pat McAnear Scholarship for \$200.

Madilyn Benson was awarded an Amarillo College Full Academic/Cross Country Scholarship for \$3,400 and the Jim & Pat McAnear Scholarship for \$200.

Alexis Phillips has been offered a Pell Grant of \$7,400, the Morrow Family Scholarship for \$350, and the Jim & Pat McAnear Scholarship for \$400.

Presley Smith will receive the Employee Dependent Waiver for \$3,200, the Jim & Pat McAnear Scholarship for \$200, and the Morrow & Roberson Families Scholarship for \$350.

Elliot Frausto was awarded the Walter B. Knorpp Valedictorian Scholarship for one full year tuition, fees, and books at Clarendon College, a Liberty University scholarship for \$140,320, a Midwestern State University scholarship for \$90,000, an Angelo State University Academic & Cheer Scholarship for \$80,000, a University of the Ozarks- Academic & Athletic Scholarship for \$56,000, an Abilene Christian University for \$48,000, a Hesston College- Academic & Athletic Scholarship for \$20,000, a Concordia University of Texas- Academic & Athletic Scholarship for \$40,000, a Clarendon Ministerial Alliance Scholarship for \$500, and the TEA Highest Ranking Graduate Waiver for a full first year tuition.

Kyler Bell received the Austin College Presidential Scholarship for \$33,000, the Panhandle Plains Windmill Scholarship for \$3,000, the Operation Round Up Scholarship for \$1,000, the Texas High School Coaches Association Scholarship \$2,000, the Les Beaux Art Club Scholarship for \$500, the Billy Talley 4-H Scholarship for \$1,000, and the Jim & Pat McAnear Scholarship for \$1,000.

Kenidee Hayes received the Buff Promise for full tuition for four years, the Walter B. Knorpp Salutatorian Scholarship for one full year tuition, fees, and books at Clarendon College, the Clarendon Minitrial Alliance Scholarship for \$500, and the WT Merit Scholarship for \$1,500.

Kate Shaw was awarded the Austin College Presidential Merit

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# A proposal for a 28th Amendment

As the biggest headlines in the news continues to be political gerrymandering, I have decided the best solution is a new constitutional amendment. While Congress will doubtfully support it, it may be the only solution that the majority can get behind. My proposed 28th Amendment would read something like this:

Proposed Twenty-Eighth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States

Section 1. The districts for the election of Members of the House of Representatives shall be established by an independent and neutral commission constituted under the laws of the United States.

Section 2. Following each enumeration conducted pursuant to Article I of this Constitution, such districts shall be reapportioned according to population.

Section 3. Districts shall contain, as nearly as practicable, an equal number of inhabitants.

Section 4. No county shall be divided between districts.

Section 5. All districts shall consist of contiguous counties, and counties within each district shall border as many other counties within the same district as practicable.

Section 6. In the establishment of districts, no consideration shall be given to partisan advantage, prior election results, incumbency, political affiliation, race, ethnicity, or any factor other than population and geography.

Section 7. Congress shall have the power to enforce and implement this article by appropriate legislation.

As I have said many times in recent weeks, gerrymandering is as old as the nation itself. That fact, however, does not make it right. Both parties, from the Federalists and Democratic-Republicans to the Whigs, and all the way to today's Democrats and Republicans, have used gerrymandering to their advantage.

The stakes simply feel higher now as Democrats have convinced their followers that President Trump is not just simply the enemy as a Republican but is Hitler trying to instigate the Fourth Reich. This environment makes fair representation even more important.

It would be nice to believe Congress could solve this problem on its own, but as we all know, Congress struggles to work together on almost anything significant. The only thing Congress consistently seems able to agree upon is protecting its own institutional interests such as not releasing the Epstein files or the congressional sexual misconduct and harassment investigation records. That raises an obvious question: Why would Congress pass legislation that might reduce their own political power?

To be fair, there is only so much Congress can currently do regarding elections. Our Constitution gives most election authority to the states: States decide voter registration procedures, polling locations, mail-in voting rules, ballot design, vote-counting procedures, election equipment, and certification processes. States also determine voter qualifications so long as those rules do not conflict with federal constitutional protections or federal law. Most importantly for this discussion, states currently control congressional district maps, while they must follow a few rules.

That said, the Supreme Court has granted the federal government some authority over elections in modern times. One important example is *Wesberry v. Sanders* (1964). While the Constitution requires representatives to be apportioned by population, it does not specify exactly how districts must be drawn. In *Wesberry v. Sanders*, the Court ruled that one person's vote should count as much as another's, requiring congressional districts to contain nearly equal populations, much like my proposed amendment.

However, the case did not establish any requirement that districts be compact, that counties remain intact, that districts avoid partisan favoritism, or that maps be free from political manipulation. Because of this, states remain free to gerrymander districts so long as populations remain roughly equal.

In fact, in *Rucho v. Common Cause* (2019), the Supreme Court openly acknowledged that partisan gerrymandering is unfair and "incompatible with democratic principles." Nevertheless, the Court ruled that partisan gerrymandering claims present political questions beyond the reach of federal courts. In other words, it's not unconstitutional and so the Court is powerless. Combined with decisions such as *Louisiana v. Callais*, the practical result is that states retain broad discretion in drawing districts so long as they generally comply with equal-population requirements and avoid unconstitutional racial discrimination. Districts can be any crazy shape the party in control can imagine.

States may effectively admit that district maps were designed to benefit one political party over another, and under current constitutional rules, federal courts can't intervene.

(A note in case of confusion, in the Virginia case decided earlier this month, it was a Virginia State Supreme Court that ruled against gerrymandering as it broke the Commonwealth of Virginia's Constitution, not the federal one.)

Because the U.S. Supreme Court has largely concluded that partisan districting disputes are matters for the political process rather than the judiciary, I believe my proposed 28th Amendment makes perfect sense. It establishes a clear constitutional standard for congressional districts that can move the country closer to the principle of "one person, one vote" in both theory and practice.

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historically speaking  
by dr. james finck

# Those old time radio comedy shows

Readers with long memories yearn for more clean, creative humor. Sadly, folks in the first half of their lives are clueless about the golden years of radio. It featured 30-minute comedy shows with multiple thigh-slapping moments via radio.

The late Bob Elliott and Ray Goulding teamed up for the Bob and Ray Show, beginning in 1945 when America cried for smiles. Mere mention of their names caused grins for almost 50 years, the final few on TV.

They could have had a "field day"—okay, "field night"—describing a recent "bark in the park night" at Denver's Coors Field, where temperatures dropped more than 40 degrees from Saturday to Monday. Several hundred dog owners had purchased the allotted tickets a few days earlier, when the temperature was in the 80s. The announced attendance of some 16,000 was overblown. In fact, take away absentee season ticket holders, the figure might actually have reached 1,000, and that includes the dogs (mostly huskies.)....

No, it wasn't springtime-in-the-Rockies.

Cameras didn't lie, and Rockies' faithful could have hoped that the TV guys would choose only "up close" camera shots, even if it meant forfeiting repetitive proof that our flag--and the Rocky Mountains--are still there.

An old joke fits. A woman caught her hubby winking several times at their housekeeper. Startled that he'd been seen, he stammered, "Okay, are you going to believe me or what you saw?" On that cold Denver night, I think I'll go

with cameras instead of announced attendance figures....

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Back to Bob and Ray. They were famous for comically reporting on inconsequential events in the duller places.

Here's a sample that's fairly typical: "Our setting on this warm, sunny afternoon is the left field cushion rental booth of the Tucson Cowboys' minor league baseball team." (Bob might have been trying to remember whether the Cowboys were playing the Bisbee Bees or the Las Cruces Farmers.) Then he introduced Ray, purportedly to interview the cushion guy face-to-face at the stadium, but actually he was sharing a microphone with Bob during their early years in Boston.

"How many cushions have you rented today?" Ray asked the vendor, whose "hems" were exceeded only by his "haws." He stammered, indicating that an accurate count might be hard to come by, since some cushions were out for repair, some stolen and a few fallen through bleacher cracks. Apologetically, he added, "Offhand, I'd say 'none.' Business is lousy."....

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Overall, we are a frustrated bunch, trying to take on technology head-on, and it keeps smacking us in the nose.

And it's getting worse. We thought kudzu grew fast.

What about the frustrated mom, trying to rouse her son from slumber?



the idle american  
by don newbury

"You'd better get your AI body and iCloud mind out of bed and go to work," she fumed....

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Time was, we thought our only enemy was creeping tension. Technology doesn't creep, it leaps, threatening us at every turn. It's particularly true when words and numbers are scrambled in deceitful advertising.

We are bowled over by the cries of fellow Americans who've also been hobbled by deficiencies in both arithmetic and English.

Grocers' ads overwhelm, period. They have gone too far, fooling us with in-store signs and newspaper ads such as, "Fresh eggs, \$2.50 a dozen; \$4.50 for 18." Do the math....

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Think how many companies might have made it, but missed by a number--or letter--or two. What if the motel chain missed the mark, proposing "Motel Five?" Also considered unfit were WD-39, Phillips 65, Heinz 56, Six-Up, Colt .44 and even Route 65. (There are many more, but these examples came quickly to mind.)

Now, Sam's Club hits us with re-sizing. For years, I've bought Member's Mark half-and-half in half-gallon containers for about \$3.50.

Today, they sell it only in quart cartons, \$2.72 each. I realized too late that I'd forgotten to allow for, uh, inflation AND deceit. Sam's should now call it fourth-and-fourth....

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# Who pays when feds weaponize power

One way or another, the American taxpayers always get screwed by politicians eager to spend our hard-earned dollars on programs and projects that do little to improve our lives, safeguard our freedoms, or secure our future.

Donald Trump -- the billionaire trust-fund baby/reality TV showman who transformed himself into a populist champion of working-class Americans -- has proven to be no different, and in many ways worse, than the politicians who came before him.

Trump has given new meaning to government corruption, graft, grift, profiteering, self-dealing and pay-to-play politics.

From the proposed White House ballroom and its taxpayer-backed security upgrades, to the high-dollar UFC spectacle planned for the White House lawn, to pardons that function less like mercy than loyalty rewards, to government access increasingly conditioned on political obedience, Trump has turned the presidency into a private rewards program for himself, his donors, his allies and his enforcers.

Every new abuse is wrapped in the language of patriotism, security or justice. Every bill lands, sooner or later, on the backs of the American people.

Thus, rather than draining the swamp, Trump has shown himself to be the veritable swamp monster, mired in the muck and determined to keep it that way.

Trump's latest grift? A taxpayer-funded slush fund, dressed up as justice, purportedly to compensate those who claim they were targeted by the "weaponization" of the Biden Justice Department and Democrats.

As part of the same settlement, the government also reportedly agreed to bar the IRS from auditing Trump, his family, the Trump Organization and related entities over tax filings and claims predating the agreement -- a breathtaking act of self-protection disguised as legal closure that helps shield the president and his empire from the very kind of government scrutiny ordinary Americans are expected to endure without complaint.

Taken together, the payout fund and the audit shield expose the real purpose of this so-called anti-weaponization crusade: not to end weaponized government, but to decide who gets protected by it, who gets paid by it, and who gets crushed by it

Read between the lines of the deliberately vague information provided about this "Anti-Weaponization Fund," which will be seeded with \$1.776 billion

in taxpayer funds, and it starts to look suspiciously like a fund to reimburse those convicted, investigated or politically inconvenienced for crossing legal lines in service to Trump's agenda.

The message is unmistakable: commit crimes that benefit those in power, and those in power will absolve you, reimburse you, excuse you, or reward you.

These are not miscarriages of justice being corrected. They are protection payments, signals to future operatives: do what we need you to do, and we will take care of you.

But who will compensate "we the people" for the damage done when the government weaponizes its powers against us?

Who will compensate the people surveilled without warrants, raided without cause, censored for their views, bankrupted by fines and fees, brutalized by militarized police, jailed without due process, dragged through the courts, disappeared into detention centers, or treated as enemies of the state for exercising their constitutional rights?

Who will compensate the victims of a police state that has been weaponized by Republicans and Democrats alike?

That is the real question. The Trump administration claims this fund is about redressing government weaponization.

Yet at the very same time, it is weaponizing the government against the citizenry: against protesters, immigrants, law firms, judges, journalists, universities, critics, whistleblowers, and anyone else who stands in the way of executive power.

This is what it means to weaponize the government.

When law firms are punished for the clients they represent, barred from federal buildings, stripped of security clearances, threatened with the loss of contracts, or pressured into providing



speak truth to power  
by john whitehead

hundreds of millions of dollars in legal services aligned with the administration's priorities, that is government weaponized against the right to counsel.

When judges are derided, defied or threatened for ruling against the president's agenda, that is government weaponized against the separation of powers.

When universities are threatened with funding cuts, investigations and ideological purges for failing to toe the government's line, that is government weaponized against academic freedom and independent thought.

When journalists and critics are branded enemies, liars, radicals, criminals or traitors for questioning official narratives, that is government weaponized against the First Amendment.

Trump, adept at twisting facts and spinning lies, insists these end-runs around the rule of law are for our safety.

This is the devil's bargain that we are being asked to enter into with Trump: empty promises and a one-way street to a dictatorship in exchange for our freedoms.

There can be no doubt about the nature of what is taking place right now.

This is government weaponized into war.

President Trump's justification for defying the courts and doing whatever he wants in pursuit of his political agenda (arresting protesters, carrying out mass arrests and deportations, muzzling critics, seizing funds, dismantling agencies, usurping congressional powers) is that "this is war."

Here's the thing, though: Trump may be using the language of war to bypass the Constitution at every turn, but the only war being waged is a war against the Constitution, the rule of law and the American people.

Likewise, this so-called Anti-Weaponization Fund is not justice.

It is hush money for the powerful, paid for by the powerless.

It is the weaponized government rewarding its own while leaving the rest of us to foot the bill.

As I make clear in my book *Battlefield America: The War on the American People* and in its fictional counterpart *The Erik Blair Diaries*, all freedoms hang together.

They fall together, as well. Constitutional attorney and author John W. Whitehead is founder and president of The Rutherford Institute

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**Memorial Day Service**

Members of Hedley's Adamson-Lane Post of the American Legion held their annual Memorial Day service at Rowe Cemetery Monday morning. Jackie Bell delivered the keynote address, and, following tradition, the roll call of all the veterans buried in the cemetery were read aloud with family members or friends answering "here" in their memory.

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Clarendon High School's Class of 2026 on Kenny King Field at Bronco Stadium during graduation ceremonies last Friday.

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**Seniors:** Continued from page one.

Scholarship for \$132,000, the Community Leaders Scholarship for \$6,000, the Lady Roo Basketball Alumni Scholarship for \$2,000, the JB Moseley Alumni Scholarship for \$1,000, the Future Roo Nation Scholarship for \$500, the District I Farm Bureau Scholarship for \$3000, and the Morrow, Deboard, the Thomas Lynch (Jack) Roach, IV Memorial Scholarship, and Land Families Scholarship for \$350. Shaw also received the Knorpp Cup Award from Clarendon High School.

Mary Jo Dushay received the Big 5 Horse Association Scholarship for \$5,000, the 9999 Ranch Scholarship, the Gett Betts Memorial Masonic Scholarship to Clarendon College for \$400, the Onita Thomas Scholarship for \$200, the PEAK Scholarship to Clarendon College, and the Tex Selvidge Memorial Scholarship to Clarendon College.

Heston Seay earned a Presidential Merit Scholarship to Hendrix College and the Onita Thomas Scholarship for \$200.

Joshua Blais received a Clarendon Masonic Lodge Scholarship for \$500.

Millie McAnear received the Texas Tech Thoma Scholarship for full tuition for \$114,100, a Texas Tech Merit Scholarship for \$20,000, the TTU Raider Guarantee for \$798, the Lions Club Sweetheart Scholarship for \$500, the Greenbelt Electric

Scholarship for \$1,000, the Panhandle Plains Windmill Scholarship for \$14,000, the Jim & Pat McAnear Scholarship for \$300, an OSU Merit Scholarship for \$18,000, an OU Study Abroad Scholarship for \$2,000, the OU Sower Award for \$36,000, and the Baylor Distinction Award for \$80,000.

Tyler Cavanaugh received the OU Sower Award for \$36,000.

Rowdy Bebout received the GI Bill.

Ayden Bordonaro was awarded the Jacob Dean Smith Memorial Scholarship for \$500, and the West Texas A&M Merit Scholarship for \$1,500.

Emmarie Holland received the Jim & Pat McAnear Scholarship for \$400.

Nolan Burrow received the Rynlee Dawn Burrow Memorial Scholarship, the Homer Estlack Scholarship for \$500 to Clarendon College, and the Onita Thomas Scholarship for \$200.

Shane Hagood received the Onita Thomas Scholarship for \$200.

Berkley Moore received the Onita Thomas Scholarship for \$200.

Kaendan Moffett was awarded the Jim & Pat McAnear Scholarship for \$400.

Shelby Christopher received the Onita Thomas Scholarship for \$200.

Hedley High School seniors

received the following recognitions: Paeton Glover received the Hedley Lions Club Scholarship for \$200.

Shailyn Hanes was awarded the Hedley Lions Club Scholarship for \$200.

Abbigail Hood received the Hedley Lions Club Scholarship for \$200, the Monroe Family "Lila Kate & Kylie Monroe/Tom Hoobler" Memorial Scholarship for \$300, and the Angelo State University Distinguished Scholarship for \$1,500 per year.

Madison Moore received the TEA Highest Ranking Graduate Scholarship, good for one free year of tuition at a public university valued at approximately \$9,300.00, the West Texas A&M University Merit Award for \$1,500 per semester, the Hedley Lions Club Scholarship for \$200, the Monroe Family "Lila Kate & Kylie Monroe/Tom Hoobler" Memorial Scholarship for \$300, and the Hedley ISD School Board Scholarship for \$350.

Matthew Rodriguez was awarded the Imagine American Foundation along with the Universal Technical Institute of DFW scholarships for \$1,000, and the Hedley Lions Club Scholarship for \$200.

Adrianna Villarreal received the Hedley Lions Club Scholarship for \$200 and the Gett Betts Masonic Scholarship to CC for \$400.

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# Menus

- June 1 - 5**  
**Donley County Senior Citizens**  
 Mon: Chicken strips, gravy, macaroni & cheese, baked beans, whole wheat roll, coconut cake, iced tea/2% milk.  
 Tues: Pork loin, black eyed peas, turnip greens, cornbread, sliced peaches, iced tea/2% milk.  
 Wed: Pot roast, gravy, potatoes, carrots, green beans, whole wheat roll, peach cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.  
 Thurs: Beef tips/noodles, broccoli & cauliflower, hot roll, chocolate cupcake, iced tea/2% milk.  
 Fri: Pollock, Brussel sprouts, roasted potatoes, hushpuppies, fruit cocktail, sugar cookie, iced tea/2% milk.
- Hedley Senior Citizens**  
 Mon: Spaghetti, garden salad, garlic toast, brownie, iced tea/2% milk.  
 Tues: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, green peas, whole wheat roll, sliced peaches, iced tea/2% milk.  
 Wed: Chicken fried steak w/ country gravy, broccoli, mashed potatoes, whole wheat roll, fruit crisp, iced tea/2% milk.  
 Thurs: Meatloaf, cheesy potatoes, green beans, cornbread, fruit cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.  
 Fri: Pulled pork sandwich, hoagie roll, French fries, coleslaw, cantaloupe, iced tea/2% milk.

## Broncos awarded All-District accolades

By Sandy Anderberg

The 2026 Bronco baseball team did a good job on the field this season and were recognized for their achievements.

Several Broncos were named to the All-District first team and some were named members of the second team.

Junior Braylon Rice did a good job on the mound this season and was named the Pitcher of the Year in our district. Along with Rice, Brentley Gaines was named to the first team because of his effort from the mound as well. First team outfielders were Caleb Herbert and Klay Wilkins and Parker Haynes was honored the First team Utility player.

Second baseman Shaun Childers and Hayden Moore were named to the second team All-District in the first baseman and outfielder respectively. Congratulations to all those named to the district teams.



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting May 26, 2026, with Boss Lion Brian Barboza in charge.

A small pride of Lions gathered under the threat of rain clouds to have a jubilant meeting with a rousing rendition of The Yellow Rose of Texas for this week's song.

Club members discussed upcoming improvements to the Lions Hall as well as assignments for flag services this week and for Flag Day.

Lion Landon Lambert reported on the county, and other upcoming events were brought up.

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



## Honored Service

Clarendon CISD last week recognized the years of service for several teachers and staff members. Those recognized were Jennifer Martinez, five years; Monisha Griffith, five years; Erica McAnear, five years; Cheryl Johnson, 20 years; Susan Anders, five years; Lindsey Baker, five years; Angela Blais, five years; Tim Leeper, five years; and Ron Bureson, 40 years. Also recognized but not pictured were Kimberly Harper, five years; Angela Roberson, five years; Medina Gribble, 30 years; and B.J. Owens, retiring after 28 years of service.

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## Mother nature finally brings rain to the 'Wick

He Says – Wouldn't it be great if everyone could agree on things as easily as everyone agrees we need rain? This is the 7th spring we've been in the 'Wick and I think it's been the worst one weatherwise.

She Says – Good you said weatherwise, because I think the spring you got hung up on the barbed wire fence for 17 stitches, then broke your knee at the Whistle Stop and then picked up a live bat so it could bite you and you get a thousand rabies shots was a pretty bad Spring. But you are right, after such a mild winter this has been a rotten Spring...weatherwise.

He Says – Hey! Now! That wasn't all the same spring! Was it?

She Says – Let's add, no – it was the year before that you broke your leg playing golf at Branson.

He Says – Back to the weather, Miss Memory Queen! We had such a mild winter that even the frigg'in' grasshoppers kept hopping, then at the end of March the temps start bouncing back and forth like a ball – hot, cold, hot, cold and always with

the WIND! I know it is the Texas Panhandle, but give us a break!! And dry. It's been so dry that the yards won't green up and you can't water enough to help. Plus, who can afford Red River Water prices to water enough to keep stuff alive?

She Says – Last Friday night we sat on the deck as those huge, dark and stormy looking clouds danced right on top of us; and the lightning flashed and the thunder roared. Oh, it was beautiful! And by 9:00 o'clock it did the Texas two-step over toward Oklahoma. We got nary a drop!

He Says – But, thank you, Mother Nature, because the next night, Saturday, the skies finally opened up. I just opened the patio door, relaxed in my chair, closed my eyes and listened to rain, thunder and



he says, she says  
by richard & mary green

lightning. It was the best music!

She Says – Spring is my favorite time in the 'Wick. The trees along the creek sides and down the streets are just overflowing with their new leaves in so many shades of green, but this year there were no wildflowers to show off with them. Do you think it's too late for the wildflowers? We usually see huge areas of Indian paintbrush and wild daisy and thistle. I haven't seen many yucca buds, either.

He Says – Well, it's been so dry that we'll be praying for rain for weeks to come...just to catch up! I hate to think what summer will bring. We certainly need this constant wildfire threat to end.

All of the Volunteer Fire Departments must be totally worn out! Just think again how many times these men and women have been called to duty, interrupting their family life. Once again, we salute each of you and pray for your safety. You are our friends, neighbors and just regular folk, except when that alarm sounds. God be with you!

## Pantex completes milestone production unit

The Pantex Plant has achieved a significant milestone in nuclear deterrence by completing the first production unit (FPU) of the W76 Mk4B reentry body.

This accomplishment highlights the dedication to the United States' nuclear deterrent by sites from across the Nuclear Security Enterprise (NSE) and the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA).

Pantex completed the FPU three months ahead of schedule. The W76 Mk4B builds upon the W76 warhead, which comprises the largest percentage of strategic weapons in the US nuclear inventory and is a key component of the Trident II (D5) missile system. This milestone is of immense importance, primarily because it represents a critical step in maintaining and enhancing the United States' nuclear deterrence capabilities.

The effort was a collaborative achievement involving Pantex, Kansas City National Security Campus, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Sandia National Laboratories, the United States Navy, and Lockheed Martin.

Each entity played an integral role, navigating challenges that included component producibility, testing-hardware availability, and facility capacity. Effective communication and collaboration among the sites were crucial to overcoming these challenges and achieving the FPU.

"Reaching this milestone required a great deal of effort not only from Pantex employees, but thousands of workers at NSE sites across the country, including NNSA and Department of Warpersonnel," said Kelly Beierschmitt, president and general manager of PanTeXas Deterrence, LLC, the management and operating contractor for the Pantex Plant. "The success of this program has required the highest standards of safety, security, and



PanTeXas Deterrence President & General Manager Kelly Beierschmitt and Pantex Field Office Deputy Manager Marcus Lea answer questions from the media following last Wednesday's W76 Mk4B first production unit milestone ceremony. ENTERPRISE PHOTO

quality from everyone involved. I personally want to commend these workers for their contributions to the effectiveness and completion of this milestone while ensuring our nation's nuclear deterrence."

Beierschmitt told the ENTERPRISE Pantex expects to maintain the same level of productivity throughout the W76 Mk4B program.

"We've been managing the W76 units for many, many years," Beierschmitt said. "Our production technicians are experts in this process. The tooling is specifically tailored to this program, and we see no major supply chain risks coming from Lockheed Martin, Kansas City, or any of the other production sites. We ought to have a smooth trajectory to the LPU – the Last Production Unit."

Beierschmitt said the program's LPU will be several years out.

"Achieving the W76 Mk4B FPU ahead of schedule demonstrates the NSE's ability to accelerate mission delivery to meet the nation's needs," said Pantex Field Office Manager Jason Armstrong.

"The collaboration among NSE labs, plants, and sites that led to this milestone is truly commendable and is what enables us to deliver to the Navy what's required to meet our national security objectives."

"As Pantex began working with the other sites on the program, we identified the opportunity to complete the FPU early, which benefits the nation by delivering the NNSA's national security mission ahead of schedule," said Pantex W76 program manager Norbert Chmura. "Recently, Pantex successfully completed a number of production responsibilities early, which meant our facilities were available for an earlier start time on the W76 Mk4B. While that sounds easy, pulling a program forward requires additional effort from all of the NSE sites working on the program. The accelerated timeline is indicative of the great teamwork by all involved."

With the W76 Mk4B FPU now complete, Pantex and its NSE partners continue to work together to navigate future challenges and strengthen the nation's defense

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**ANSWER:**



# Jackson resolution supports special forces

US Representative Ronny Jackson (TX-13), Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee's Intelligence and Special Operations (ISO) Subcommittee and Co-Chair of the Congressional SOF Caucus, announced last week the introduction of a resolution in support of SOF Week 2026, recognizing the service and sacrifice of the United States Special Operations Forces (SOF) community and expressing Congressional support for formally designating the week of May 18-21, 2026, as "SOF Week."

Rep. Jackson led the resolution with ISO Subcommittee Ranking Member Jason Crow (CO-06) and Congressional SOF Caucus Co-Chairs, Representatives Richard Hudson (NC-09), Kathy Castor (FL-14), and Scott Peters (CA-50).

"America's Special Operations Forces represent the very best of our military. They are highly trained, deeply committed, and consistently called upon in the most dangerous and complex missions around the world," said Rep. Jackson. "As Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee's Intelligence and Special Operations Subcommittee and Co-Chair of the SOF Caucus, I

am proud to lead this resolution recognizing the service of our special operators and reaffirming our commitment to support them and their families."

"I served in special ops. I know how hard this job is," said Rep. Crow. "I'll always support the men, women, and families in the Special Operations Forces community who make many sacrifices for our nation. They always get the job done to keep the American people safe."

The men and women of U.S. Special Operations Forces (SOF) play an indispensable role in our national security," said Rep. Hudson. "As Fort Bragg's Congressman, I am proud to represent these heroes and honor them for their service to our country."

"America's Special Operations Forces deserve support and investment in innovation to keep them at 'the tip of the spear' of our military operations. I am especially proud to offer this bipartisan resolution alongside my SOF Caucus Co-chairs as thousands of special operators, military leaders and defense industry partners convene in my hometown of Tampa for SOF Week 2026 to share insights and inform mission and

advocacy priorities for SOF," said Rep. Castor. "The professionals who serve at U.S. SOCOM Headquarters from across the Tampa Bay area and those stationed across the globe are central to America's national security. They and their families deserve top-tier trainings, resources and care, and the SOF Caucus is committed to ensuring that through our strong bipartisan collaboration. I am grateful to work with Rep. Jackson, Peters and Hudson to lead this important bipartisan resolution."

"San Diego is a proud military town that is home to Naval Special Warfare's headquarters in my district," said Rep. Peters. "Our Special Operations Forces (SOF) community conducts some of the most dangerous and challenging missions confronting our country unknown to the American public. Their quiet professionalism too often goes uncelebrated. I support the designation of SOF Week to honor the great skill and sacrifice of these courageous servicemembers and their families who live in San Diego and throughout the country."

The resolution coincides with SOF Week 2026, the premier annual gathering of the global special oper-

ations community hosted in Tampa, Florida, by the United States Special Operations Command and the Global SOF Foundation.

The event brings together military leaders, operators, policymakers, allied partners, innovators, and defense industry leaders to collaborate on emerging threats, evolving operational requirements, and next generation capabilities supporting the SOF mission.

The resolution highlights the significant contributions of the SOF community across a wide range of missions essential to national defense, including unconventional warfare, counterterrorism, hostage rescue, and direct action operations that deter adversaries and protect American interests.

Additionally, it recognizes the unique burdens carried by SOF personnel and their families, including frequent deployments, operational secrecy, and sustained high-risk assignments, and reaffirms Congress' commitment to ensuring they have the resources and support they need.

Additional co-sponsors include Representatives Cory Mills (FL-07) and Austin Scott (GA-08).



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# Jackson's veterans bill passes committee

US Representative Ronny Jackson (TX-13) last week celebrated the passage of his Blast Overpressure Research and Mitigation Task Force Act by the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs during its recent markup focused on delivering real solutions for America's veterans and military families.

The bill now advances for further consideration in the House of Representatives.

"The successful passage of this bill through committee is an important step toward ensuring our servicemembers and veterans receive the care they deserve," said Rep. Jackson. "Under Chairman Mike Bost's leadership, Republicans are focused on delivering real results for America's heroes. My bill ensures our government is finally taking a unified approach to protecting brain health, improving treatment, and delivering better long-term outcomes for the men and women who have sacrificed for our country, especially our Special Operations Forces."

Specifically, this legislation

would:

Align the Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of War's research agendas and acquisition strategies focused on mitigating blast overpressure and its long-term effects,

Establish physiological and cognitive performance baselines for active-duty servicemembers and veterans.

Prioritize translational research into sleep therapy, blast-related gut health issues, mobile diagnostics, and neurological recovery.

Monitor sensory decline, including vision, hearing, vestibular function, and stress-related impairments.

Improve continuity of care by integrating diagnostic tools and data-sharing between the Defense Health Agency and Veterans Health Administration.

Provide annual reports to Congress detailing research progress, clinical advancements, coordination outcomes, recommendations, and best practices.



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