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

## Local charged with child sex assault

A Clarendon man is out on bond after he was arrested last week for Sexual Assault of a Child.

Joshua Dunn, age 22, was arrested May 26 for the second degree felony, according to Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn.

The sheriff said his office received a report of the alleged offense involving a 15-year-old girl on May 24.

Dunn was charged following an investigation. He was later arraigned by Justice of the Peace Pat White with bond set at \$30,000.

## Senior Thang to be held on June 13

The public is invited to come join the Donley County Senior Citizens Center for their sixth annual That Senior Thang on Saturday, June 13, at 5:00 p.m.

The Dinner & Show will be held in front of the Donley County Senior Citizens Center and will feature cowboy poetry, live music, and skits and comedy. A 50/50 Raffle will be held with tickets available for \$5 each or five for \$20. A quilt raffle and dollar raffle will also be held.

Dinner for the evening will be a loaded spud with dessert and a drink for a donation to the center.

## Lions Bingo tickets are now available

Tickets are on sale now for the Clarendon Lions Club's Bag Bingo to be held on Friday, July 3, this year at the Lions Hall.

Bingo lovers will have some fabulous prizes to play for when games start at 11 a.m. Some of the prizes include purses, loaded gift bags, coolers, and more. Tickets for the Bingo are \$40 each and include a Mexican pile-on lunch. Seating is limited. Reserve your seat early by calling 806-662-4689 or coming by the ENTERPRISE.

## CCISD taking Head Start applications

Headstart will be taking applications for the 2026-2027 school year. If you are interested in this program, please call the elementary office or call Melissa Hatley at 806-664-1545 to set up an appointment. Your child must be 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2026.



# Paxton freezes Howardwick's tax power

The City of Howardwick is being blocked from raising property taxes this year after Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton claimed the city is not in compliance with Senate Bill 1851.

Paxton's office announced on May 14 it was sending letters to Howardwick and 129 other cities notifying them that they are prohibited from raising ad valorem taxes above the no-new-revenue tax rate after Paxton investigated more than 1,000 Texas cities.

Howardwick City Secretary

Sandy Childress says the city had already complied with the law by furnishing its annual audits and was surprised and frustrated by Paxton's action.

"I have been contacting the attorney general's office every day to find out why they did this and what we have to do become compliant, and they have not responded at all," Childress said.

During the 2025 legislative session, SB 1851 was passed and then enacted into law. This law bars cities from raising property taxes above

the no-new-revenue rate if they do not meet Texas's financial statement audit and transparency requirements. Now, Paxton has notified 130 cities that they are subject to the enforcement provisions and penalties established under SB 1851 and may not adopt property tax increases above the no-new-revenue rate.

The Attorney General's office says it will continue to take additional action and make further determinations as more cities are found to be out-of-compliance with audit requirements.

"I will not allow cities to unlawfully raise taxes on hardworking Texans. That is why I took aggressive action against over 130 Texas cities to hold them accountable and ensure they comply with state law," Paxton said in a press release. "Cities cannot fail to abide by state audit requirements without consequences. My office will continue to aggressively enforce Texas law to protect taxpayers across the state."

Childress still says she hasn't been told what the city did wrong or how to fix it, and she may be in for

a long wait. According to the Texas Tribune, the City of Odessa received a similar letter late last year. As of May 7, the Tribune reported, "In the seven months since issuing the first order, Paxton has not responded to the city [of Odessa] – not to documents nor letters."

Childress said Howardwick doesn't typically raise taxes but she doesn't like the AG's action.

"We don't even have the option to raise taxes now if we needed to," she said. "They should let us take care of our own business."



## The Lights Are Much Brighter There!

Downtown Clarendon is aglow from one end to the other after new streetlamps were installed last week in the 300 block of Kearney Street. The downtown revitalization project's Phase 3 now moves closer to completion with the installation of the eight new fixtures. City officials say there are still a few things to wrap up with the project, and the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation anticipates having new Saints' Roost Celebration banners hung on all the new downtown lights later this week.

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# CCISD coach on leave after felony charge

A Clarendon CISD coach remains on leave following his arrest last week on a charge of Improper Relationship Between an Educator and a Student.

Izaiah Kelley, 23, turned himself in and was arrested on Thursday, June 4, following an investigation that began last Monday, according to Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn. Kelley was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Sarah Hatley on June 5 with bond set at \$30,000, and he was released on bond that day.

The sheriff said the school received an anonymous report about

a possible improper relationship between a student and an employee on Monday, June 1. The school notified local law enforcement and Child Protective Services. CCISD Superintendent Byron May said the school also placed the employee on leave and launched an internal investigation as well.

Blackburn said following an investigation and after consulting with the district attorney's office, Kelley was charged with the second degree felony for the offense which is alleged to have happened May 21.

Dr. May said the school district

will continue to cooperate to the fullest extent permitted by law with law enforcement, the Texas Education Agency, and other state and local agencies relating to educator misconduct.

"Student safety and proper professional relationships between staff and students are top priorities to Clarendon ISD," May said. "Inappropriate relationships or misconduct between District employees and students or minors are never tolerated. The District strictly enforces its student anti-harassment policies and requires professional conduct

from all staff."

May also said employees receive regular training regarding proper professional relationships, appropriate communications, and proper boundaries with students, and he said people with concerns or suspicions should report those.

"The Clarendon ISD administration encourages anyone with concerns of misconduct or a suspected improper relationship between a staff member and a student to immediately contact the Superintendent's office or law enforcement," May said.

## Quilt entries due June 12

The deadline to enter Clarendon's new July 4 Les Beaux Arts Quilt Show is coming up Friday, June 12.

The addition Clarendon's 149th annual Saints' Roost Celebration will be held in partnership with the Clarendon Methodist Church and the Arena of Life Cowboy Church from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on July 4.

There is no charge to enter quilts, and admission to the Quilt Show is free for all visitors.

Entry forms are available at Stocking's Ice Cream Parlor, Burton Memorial Library, and the Donley County Senior Citizens Center. Completed forms may also be mailed to Leanne Howell, PO Box 928, Clarendon, TX 79226. For additional information, call Leanne Howell at 432-296-3883.



## Bringing Back Jericho

Dannon Ortiz and his grandfather Blair Schaffer remove old roofing material from the tourist courts and Jericho last week. The Jericho Legacy Foundation received a grant to stabilize and rehabilitate the long-neglected structure, which is one of the last remaining structures from the town's heyday along Route 66. The effort is part of the nationwide centennial celebration of the Mother Road.

COURTESY PHOTO

## Forest service awards funds to Hedley Fire Department

The Hedley Volunteer Fire Department was among the beneficiaries when the Texas A&M Forest Service recently approved \$29.3 million in funding for grants to Texas volunteer fire departments through the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program.

Hedley received a grant of \$25,000 to purchase fire and rescue equipment.

"We're going to buy complete new bunker gear for five firefighters," Fire Chief Clayton Beagle told the Enterprise.

HVFD will have to provide a match of ten percent, Beagle said.

In the fourth funding round of the year, the program awarded 531 grants addressing volunteer fire department requests for personal protective equipment, slip-on units, fire and rescue equipment, water tenders, small brush trucks and training aids.

Texas A&M Forest Service has administered the grant program under the Texas Legislature since 2002. Recognizing Texas volunteer fire department's critical ongoing needs for vehicles, equipment, safety gear and training, the 89th Texas Legislature appropriated approximately \$88 million in funding for the biennium (fiscal years 2026-27) – the most ever allocated – to keep up with annual demand.

Texas uses a tiered approach to wildfire response, establishing local fire departments and counties as the first on the scene. More than 85% of Texas fire departments are volunteer though and grant funding helps maintain well-trained staff, safe and equipped firefighters.

"With increased funding from the Legislature, we've been able to provide support to more volunteer fire departments than ever before," said Jason Keiningham, Texas A&M Forest Service Capacity Building Department Head. "We're proud to do everything in our power to help our partners in the fire service."

The Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department did not apply for this particular grant program, but Fire Chief Jeremy Powell said CFVD has received money from the forest service every time it has applied and most recently received a \$15,000 emergency grant to cover repairs to a truck lost in the Eight Ball Fire.

Howardwick did not receive funding among the awards announced last week, but officials there say they are expecting to be reimbursed for expenses from the Eight Ball Fire under other emergency funding.

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## The people's power begins with the ballot

*"We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men and women are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."*

At first glance, one might assume this comes from the Declaration of Independence, especially as we approach its anniversary in just a couple of months. But if you read closely, you may notice a subtle difference. This passage is actually from the Declaration of Sentiments, written in 1848 at the Seneca Falls Convention.

Following the structure of the Declaration of Independence, the authors listed grievances against the treatment of women in American society. They concluded with a powerful demand, "Now, in view of this entire disfranchisement of one-half the people of this country ... in view of the unjust laws above mentioned, and because women do feel themselves aggrieved, oppressed, and fraudulently deprived of their most sacred rights, we insist that they have immediate admission to all the rights and privileges which belong to them as citizens of these United States." In short, they were demanding the right to vote be extended to women.

These women understood the fundamental importance of the vote. Consider a few of their grievances. They wrote, "He has compelled her to submit to laws, in the formation of which she had no voice," and "Having deprived her of this first right of a citizen, the elective franchise, thereby leaving her without representation in the halls of legislation, he has oppressed her on all sides." Their argument was clear: rights meant little without representation. Without the right to vote, they had no political power and were subject to the decisions of others.

For the next 70 years, women fought tirelessly for suffrage. Yet today, that struggle often feels forgotten. In Oklahoma, for example, if history holds, then only about 20% of eligible voters are expected to participate in the upcoming primaries. In an election to help determine the future of our state, most citizens fail to recognize the importance of this fundamental privilege.

Voting is one of the most crucial practices in a democratic society because it ensures that government reflects the will and interests of the people. During the French Revolution, two important political thinkers wrote about the events. While they completely disagreed with each other over the revolution, Thomas Paine and John Stuart Mill both defended the importance of voting, though they approached it from different angles. Together, their ideas help explain why voting is not just a privilege but a fundamental civic duty that supports freedom, accountability, and good governance.

Paine emphasized freedom and the rights of ordinary people. He did more than anyone else to convince Americans to revolt. In his pamphlet, "Common Sense," written 250 years ago, Paine argued that government should exist to serve the people, not to control or exploit them. After our revolution, Paine went back to England but eventually fled to France before he was arrested for his writing supporting the French Revolution. While in France, he wrote a pamphlet called "Dissertation on First Principles of Government," where he fought for universal suffrage. He wrote that voting is essential because it is one of the clearest ways people give or withdraw consent. Without elections, government becomes detached from the people it governs and risks becoming oppressive.

Paine's argument highlights voting as a form of political equality. If all citizens are affected by laws, then all should have a voice in making them. Voting allows ordinary people to influence decisions about taxation, war, public services, and rights. He also believed that citizens could judge political issues when given access to information and free expression. Therefore, participation in elections is not only a right but a safeguard against tyranny. When people vote, they help ensure that leaders remain accountable and responsive to the needs of society.

While Paine focused on political legitimacy and equality, Mill approached voting from the perspective of representative democracy and intellectual development. The key for Mill was that democracy works best when citizens are actively engaged and well-informed. He also wrote during the French Revolution, but he was critical of its radicalness. In his work, "Considerations on Representative Government," Mill argued that political participation — including voting — helps develop individuals' reasoning abilities and moral understanding. For Mill, voting is not just a mechanism for choosing leaders, but it also is a process through which citizens grow intellectually and become better participants in public life.

Mill also emphasized the importance of protecting minority rights within a democratic system. He warned that majority rule could sometimes lead to the "tyranny of the majority," where the interests of smaller groups are ignored or suppressed. Voting helps prevent this danger by encouraging a system of representation where diverse voices can influence policy. A healthy democracy requires not only participation but also thoughtful participation, where citizens consider how their decisions impact others. This is why Mill supported expanded suffrage, including women's right to vote, at a time when many others opposed it.

In modern society, these ideas remain highly relevant. Voting allows citizens to influence policies that affect education, health care, the economy, and civil rights. It also serves as a peaceful method of resolving political disagreements, replacing conflict with structured decision-making. When citizens vote regularly, they help ensure that government remains connected to the people it represents. When they do not vote, political power can become concentrated in the hands of a few, weakening democratic accountability.

Historically speaking, voting also carries historical significance. Many minority groups struggle, some even giving their lives for the right to vote. Their efforts expanded democracy and made it more inclusive. Paine once said, "That which we obtain too easily, we esteem too lightly. It is dearness only which gives everything its value."

I would argue that we did not obtain voting lightly; it took bloody wars and movements. But maybe we are too far removed or uneducated in these trials. Maybe, as this year is the 250th anniversary of the document that gave us our freedom, we can reinvest ourselves in what has made America so special.

The best way to honor America is by exercising the privileges extended to us. By voting this year we honor those who fought to secure our freedoms while helping preserve them for future generations.

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**historically speaking**  
by dr. james finck

## We can't afford much more winning

*"We're gonna win so much, you may even get tired of winning."*

—Donald Trump

Donald Trump promised Americans they would get tired of winning.

If this is what winning looks like, America can't afford much more of it.

We are losing ground economically. We are losing credibility abroad. We are losing tourists, workers, stability, trust, constitutional guardrails, and whatever remained of the illusion that the government answers to "we the people."

The tourism economy is taking a hit, with international visitors increasingly reluctant to come to the United States. Even migration—the lifeblood of America's economic growth, innovation, labor force and national renewal—is now moving in the wrong direction. Fewer people are coming in, more Americans are leaving, and by some estimates the country has already crossed into negative net migration.

That is not the mark of a nation "winning." It is the mark of a nation people are increasingly choosing to escape.

Even the looming World Cup—normally an economic windfall for tourism, travel and hospitality—is being shadowed by the administration's immigration crackdown, detention protests and threats to disrupt international travel at key airports.

That is what happens when a nation treats visitors, immigrants and dissenters as threats first and human beings second: people stop coming, businesses suffer, and fear becomes official policy.

The economy, despite the administration's relentless victory laps, is flashing warning signs: downgraded growth, strained consumers, rising costs, depleted savings, and policy chaos that leaves families, small businesses and entire industries guessing what fresh disruption tomorrow will bring.

We are being worn down by the losses.

Meanwhile, the man who promised to end wars has presided over their continuation and expansion. The man who promised to bring prices down has helped drive uncertainty up. The man who promised to drain the swamp has turned government into a spoils system for loyalists, cronies, contractors, oligarchs and power brokers. The man who

promised law and order has treated the law as something to be weaponized against enemies and waived for friends.

This is not winning.

This is the slow-motion defeat of a constitutional republic by spectacle, grievance, greed and brute force.

The losses are piling up.

Americans were told they would get prosperity. What they got was an economy in which corporate profits and stock market gains mask the fact that ordinary households are stretched thin, savings are shrinking, debt is mounting, and the cost of basic necessities keeps eating away at wages.

They were told tariffs would punish foreign governments and bring jobs home. What they got were higher costs passed down to consumers, retaliation, supply disruptions, and a trade policy built less on strategy than on political theater. Even the courts have begun treating the tariff agenda as what it is: economic policy by executive improvisation, with judges striking down or narrowing tariff maneuvers while the administration keeps looking for new legal workarounds.

They were told immigration crackdowns would make America stronger. What they got was a nation frightening away the workers, students, tourists, entrepreneurs and families who have long helped power its economy.

They were told America would be respected again. What they got was a country increasingly viewed as unstable, hostile, unpredictable and unsafe—not merely by adversaries, but by allies, visitors, investors and would-be partners.

They were told the wars would end. What they got was more war talk, more military escalation, more blank checks for the war machine, and more excuses for expanding executive power in the name of national security.

They were told the Constitution would be restored. What they got was a president who declared, "He who saves his Country does not violate any Law."

Listen carefully when any ruler



**speak truth to power**  
by john whitehead

says something like that.

That is not constitutionalism. That is the language of kings, dictators and strongmen who believe their intentions place them above the law.

The Constitution was written precisely to prevent that kind of thinking from taking root in America.

Trump's "winning" is simply the latest branding campaign for an old con: convince the people they are winning while stripping them of the power to govern themselves.

The losers are "we the people."

This is the hard truth Americans must face: a government that promises to make you "win" by taking power away from someone else will eventually take power away from you, too.

Rights are not partisan. Due process is not partisan. Free speech is not partisan. Privacy is not partisan. Limits on executive power are not partisan. The Constitution is not supposed to be a campaign prop, a legal technicality or a speed bump on the road to political victory.

The Constitution is the contract that binds the government down.

Without it, all we have are rulers and subjects.

That is why the real measure of any administration is not how loudly it boasts, how many enemies it punishes, how many executive orders it signs, how many troops it deploys, how many agencies it purges, or how many headlines it dominates.

The real measure is whether the people are freer, safer in their rights, more secure in their property, more protected from government abuse, and more capable of holding power accountable.

By that measure, we are not winning.

We are losing in all the ways that matter.

A president can call it winning. A party can call it winning. The media can package it as winning. The crowds can chant along.

But as I make clear in my book *Battlefield America: The War on the American People* and in its fictional counterpart *The Erik Blair Diaries*, if the price is the Constitution, then we all lose.

**Constitutional attorney and author John W. Whitehead is founder and president of The Rutherford Institute.**



**"SO WHEN'S THE MONSTER TRUCK RALLY?"**

## Windy Wilson goes to the Think Tank

Here he came, Windy Wilson himself. Marched right up to the official round table of the World Dilemma Think Tank at the Mule Barn coffee shop. Windy whipped off his beat-up old Stetson, grinned and bowed to us there as if fitting to the membership of the Supreme Court of Dang Near Everything.

"May I kindly join you, compadres?" Windy said.

Steve pointed to several empty chairs and Windy homesteaded on one in particular. He seated himself as though he were surrounded by servants and looked ... regal. That ain't easy for an over-the-hill cowboy camp cook, either.

We looked at each other and grinned. We're in for it this morning. But ol' Windy wasn't ready to spill the beans. He was waiting for one of us. To do what?

Loretta came by with more coffee and topped off our tanks. "Hey Windy," she said, "Haven't seen you in a while. Hear you've got a new hobby."

She smiled and left.

"New hobby?" said Dud. "Okay, spill it old timer."

"Aw, jest got tired of my own cookin' and thought I'd get better acquainted with Mame the Dame Dilworth. So I'm practicin'. Thass all."

"Practicing?"

"Sure, Doc. I'm sure you know how it is with single women, they want a guy who's suffisticated and knows lotsa stuff. So I been practicin.' You know, borryin' from dead smart guys who wrote stuff a long time ago and they don't mind if I use it, cuz they're dead. I did mention on that, right?"

"Yes you did," said Doc. "So give us some of that. Let 's see how you're



**home country**  
by slim randles

doing."

Windy stood, grinned, and waved to the half-vast coffee-swilling audience in the room.

"Friends, roommates, countrymen ... lend me your ears! Never in the course of human events has so many owed so much to so few.

"I've come to bury Caesar, not to raise him. The good a man does lives on, while the bad is oft interrupted by the bones."

We were stunned. Finally, Doc broke the silence. "Windy, the only thing you need to improve that is a new hat."

"What if I jest brushed out this 'un?"

"Good start, Windy. Good start."

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## JULY 2ND

CROSSTIES MINISTRY'S **DEPRESSION LUNCH** 11:00 AM AT LIONS HALL

ANNUAL COEA **JUNIOR RODEO** 7:30 PM AT COEA ARENA

 The Donley County State Bank Kids Rodeo Events Nightly - July 2, 3, & 4

## JULY 3RD

CLARENDON LIONS CLUB **BAG BINGO** 11:00 AM AT LIONS HALL

## JULY 3RD & 4TH

COEA **RANCH RODEO** 7:30 PM

Music & Dancing on the Slab each night. Saturday: **LOGAN ELLIS & THE FEVER DREAM**

## JULY 4TH

DONLEY COUNTY 4-H **CRAFT FAIR** 9:00 AM AT COURTHOUSE

LES BEAUX ARTS CLUB **QUILT SHOW** 9 AM AT METHODIST CHURCH & COWBOY CHURCH

 **KIDS PARADE** 9:00 AM

 **HERRING BANK PARADE** 10:00 AM

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Community Calendar

**June 12 & 13**  
Mulkey Theatre • The Breadwinner • 7:30 p.m.

**June 14**  
Mulkey Theatre • The Breadwinner • 7:30 p.m.

**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 will learn new skills and practice team-building

**June 27**  
"Red Dirt Comedy Tour" w/ William Lee Martin • Mulkey Theatre. See ClarendonTX.com

**July 2, 3, & 4**  
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**July 3**  
Lions Club Bingo • Lions Hall, 11 a.m. • ClarendonTX.com

**July 4**  
Fourth of July Scramble • Clarendon Country Club • 806-874-2166

**July 11 & 12**  
Two-Person Scramble • Clarendon Country Club • 806-874-2166

# Menus

June 15 - 19

**Donley County Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Chicken pot pie, peas & carrots, garden salad, strawberry shortcake, iced tea/2% milk.

Tues: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, whole wheat roll, cherry/pineapple crisp, iced tea/2% milk.

Wed: Pile-on, chips, beef, pinto beans, cheese, Spanish rice, garden salad, sliced peaches w/ whipped topping, iced tea/2% milk.

Thurs: Pulled pork sandwich on hoagie roll, roasted potatoes, coleslaw, cantaloupe, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Baked fish, baked potatoes, peas & carrots, hushpuppies, plum cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.

**Hedley Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Chicken strips, potato wedges, garden salad, whole wheat roll, brownie, iced tea/2% milk.

Tues: Enchilada casserole, pinto beans, Spanish rice, garden salad, sopapilla cheesecake, iced tea/2% milk.

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

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

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



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting June 9, 2026, with Boss Lion Pro Tem Eric Gehman in charge.

We had ten members present this week.

Lion Christina Brady led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Lion Larry Capricana led the invocation and the song for the week.

Lion Anndria Newhouse reminded everyone of the community blood drive coming up on July 2, and she also had sign-up sheets for those able to help with the Lions Bag Bingo on July 3 and the Lions Cow Patty Bingo on July 4. Tickets for the Bag Bingo will go on sale this week for \$40 per person, which comes with a Mexican pile-on lunch and 20 games of bingo for fabulous prize bags. Sign-up at the Enterprise or watch for the online link this week at Facebook.com/ClarendonLions-Club.

Lion John Howard reported on the progress of the Courthouse stone conservation work, which should be completed in September, and Lion Byron May reported on the public school, which is still filling a few positions and also getting ready to welcome high school and junior high students who formerly went to Hedley ISD.

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



## Run the Gap

Blanca and Blair Schafer hold up a Route 66 Festival sign and members of the City of Howardwick Volunteer Fire Department stand by the entrance during the Run the Gap 5K/10K at Jericho Sunday morning. Ninety-six people registered for the race with 89 of those actually participating. Attendance, however, was much higher with runners, vendors, and guests totaling about 250 people! The Run the Gap race is part of the national Route 66 centennial celebration this year.

COURTESY PHOTOS

## He Says 'no' to her wanting to mow

He Says – Hello green grass! It's good to see you again. Yes, the rain has turned my grass green, finally! But wait! Now I must mow the yard every week; but that's okay, too, because I like to mow.



he says, she says

I think most guys like to climb aboard a riding mower and just go in circles. It is doing something mind-numbing instead of something tedious like washing windows!

She Says – I think I might be the only woman in the 'Wick that does not mow! Our next-door neighbor, Macy, mows. Tanis mows. Nikki used to mow quite a few yards. I used to think she and Heidi Phelps were drag-racing their mowers down Angel Street. I want you to teach me to mow!

He Says – No, that's my job, and I want to do it as long as I can, and then we'll hire someone.

She Says – You think I can't. I have an excellent driving record...I wasn't the one that was mowing and had to be pulled out of the drop-off to the creek!

He Says – Don't get me started. You drive like a Southwest pilot lands a plane---fast and then stops on a dime!

She Says – You exaggerate. The really fast drivers are the semis going through Clarendon! Man, they see a greenlight on Koogle and they are off to the races.

He Says – Change of subject, eh? But, right. That's one of my pet peeves. The speed limit signs are posted; they just flat ignore them. Another thing, did you ever notice how many slow drivers drive in the left lane going to Amarillo?

She Says – Only when you are yelling at them. I have noticed that as you've aged, you have accumulated a LOT of pet peeves.

He Says – Hmmm. Things that really bother me...Well, golfers who don't repair their divots on the greens – that's a big one. Bad haircuts, and, oh, yes!!

One of the things that really upsets me is people, mostly girls and ladies, wearing jeans with BIG holes in the legs! My Mama would patch holes in our jeans until they just weren't wearable anymore. And now, I see ads where jeans with ready-made holes in them sell for big bucks! I don't understand that!

She Says – LOL. And the girls in our family deliberately wear them around you just to hear you rant and offer to buy them a new pair – without holes or tears. I don't own a pair, but I'm liking the idea of getting one.

He Says – Please don't. I'll let you use the mower.

She Says – I don't want to mow. Saturday, June 13 That Senior Thang at the Donley County Senior Center

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**ANSWER:**

## Jackson secures wins for Panhandle region

US Rep. Ronny Jackson secured key defense priorities for Texas' Thirteenth Congressional District and America's warfighters last week during the House Armed Services Committee's (HASC) markup of the Fiscal Year 2027 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).

The legislation advanced out of committee with strong support, 44-12, and is expected to be considered by the full House in the coming weeks.

"America faces rapidly evolving threats that demand a modern, lethal, and resilient military," said Rep. Jackson. "This year's NDAA will strengthen and modernize our national defense, revitalize our Defense Industrial Base, support our warfighters, and invest in the technologies and capabilities needed to deter our adversaries and win on the future battlefield. I'm proud to have championed policies that support Sheppard Air Force Base, Bell Helicopter, and the Pantex Plant in my district, bolster our Special Operations Forces, and provide our military with the resources needed to deter our adversaries and safeguard American citizens."

"Chairman Jackson is driving critical efforts to ensure America's national defense community remains the most capable and effective in the world," said HASC Chairman Mike Rogers (AL-03). "Through his lead-

ership of the Intelligence and Special Operations Subcommittee, he is advancing investments in the FY27 NDAA that accelerate emerging technologies, strengthen our strategic advantages, and provide our warfighters with the capabilities they need to succeed in increasingly complex threat environments. Chairman Jackson understands that preserving America's technological and operational edge is essential to deterring our adversaries and safeguarding our national security."

The Pantex Plant, which employs numerous Donley County residents, specifically benefits from the bill. It accelerates the timeline for completion of the High Explosive Synthesis, Formulation, and Production Facility at the Pantex Plant, moving the start of operations from 2034 to 2032.

The bill also directs a briefing on options to enhance the security and operational flexibility of National Nuclear Security Administration activities at Rick Husband Amarillo International Airport, including potential relocation opportunities within the airport complex.

Jackson's efforts also authorize an additional \$20 million to accelerate development of the Material Staging Capability project at the Pantex Plant and organizes a briefing on the progress of the Pantex Material Staging Capability project,

including its finalized conceptual design and initial cost estimates.

The legislation also benefits Amarillo's Bell Helicopter facility. It advances full development of the Bell MV-75 Cheyenne II Future Long-Range Assault Aircraft (FLRAA), authorizing \$2.141 billion for research, development, testing, and evaluation, along with \$127.2 million for advance procurement of operational test aircraft. It also supports the incorporation of the Nacelle Improvement Program on 24 United States Marine Corps MV-22 aircraft.

The bill directs a V-22 Readiness and Modernization Report across the Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps to outline investment plans, readiness improvements, mid-life upgrades, and accelerated nacelle modernization efforts for all V-22 variants.

It also fully facilitates the Navy's H-1 Structural and Power Improvements for NextGen Effects (SPINE) program to enhance the performance, survivability, and effectiveness of H-1 aircraft.

At the Texas Tech University Health Science Center (TTUHSC) in Amarillo, the bill authorizes \$10 million to establish a Joint Neuroscience Demonstration Program focused on developing treatments for the long-term effects of brain injuries in servicemembers.

## Jackson secures \$5.5 million for Panhandle ag priorities

US Rep. Ronny Jackson (TX-13) last week announced House passage of the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2027, which includes \$5.5 million in funding for critical community projects across the Texas Panhandle.

The funding supports agricultural innovation, emergency preparedness, public safety, and rural economic development across the region.

"These investments deliver real results for the Texas Panhandle," said Rep. Jackson. "From supporting cutting-edge agricultural research at Texas A&M and West Texas A&M to strengthening emergency preparedness and public safety in Canyon and

Randall County, this funding will help our communities remain strong, safe, and economically competitive. It is the honor of a lifetime to represent Texas' Thirteenth Congressional District, and I will continue fighting to ensure our farmers, ranchers, producers, first responders, and rural communities have the resources they need to succeed."

Rep. Jackson's Included Community Project Funding:

Texas A&M University Advanced Crop Breeding and Forage Systems Project: \$2 million to support agricultural research at the Texas A&M AgriLife High Plains Research and Extension Center in Canyon focused on developing more productive and resilient wheat, corn, peanut, and forage crop varieties.

West Texas A&M University

Remote Rangeland Monitoring and Livestock Management System Project: \$2 million to help producers remotely monitor livestock health, water systems, and pasture conditions through advanced monitoring technologies and predictive analytics.

City of Canyon Emergency Power Resiliency Project: \$500,000 to install emergency power generation at critical municipal facilities, helping to maintain public safety services and ensure the continuity of government operations during disasters, power outages, and severe weather events.

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### CLUES ACROSS

- Sealed with a kiss
- Large sandwich
- Swiss city
- Japanese persimmons
- When you hope to get somewhere
- Wings
- A name of God
- Elected official (informal)
- Abnormal breathing
- "Seinfeld" character
- Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
- Something for sale
- Gets rid of
- One who touts
- Blemished
- Less than exciting
- Born of
- N. German town
- Notes
- Move away from land
- Vulcanite
- More ignoble
- Child actor Kirk
- Written works
- Sea vessel
- Residue
- Engraved
- Having sufficient skill
- One and only
- Erase
- Broad inlets
- Nightmarish street
- Play again
- Formerly (archaic)
- Add a color to change the color
- Move swiftly and lightly

### CLUES DOWN

- Scottish island
- River in the Netherlands
- Asian people
- Fuzzy fruit
- Ninth month (abbr.)
- An idealistic social reformer
- What you owe
- Colorless mineral
- Overjoyed
- Rattling breaths
- Tropical Old World tree
- A citizen of Senegal
- Greek mythological beauty
- Wrath
- Instrument to measure wind speed
- Luxury carmaker
- Bitterly regret
- Not or
- Google certification
- Midway between northeast and east
- Space station
- Relating to the cars
- Congressman
- Yelled at
- Rudely assertive
- Defunct European money
- Shared one's soul
- Onion rolls
- A way to state clearly
- Relating to a lobe
- Underlying message
- Hollywood pig
- Indicates pitch
- Filament of a feather
- Small ornamental ladies' bag for small articles
- Diminish



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# Governor Abbott deploys state resources to combat screwworm

Governor Greg Abbott last week mobilized state resources following confirmation of a New World Screwworm (NWS) detection in Texas. The Governor also issued a disaster declaration for Zavala and Uvalde Counties.

"I am issuing an updated statewide disaster declaration to make two things very clear," said Governor Abbott. "First, I authorize the use of all available resources of state government to respond to this disaster and reassign resources from across the state as needed to address NWS.

Second, I am making all state personnel available to accelerate the movement of sterile flies into Texas and the construction of the new sterile screwworm production facility in Edinburg. We have eradicated this pest before, and we will do it again."

The Governor was joined by Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) Executive Director Dr. Lewis R. "Bud" Dinges, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) Executive Director David Yoskowitz, Ph.D., Director of the New World Screwworm Directorate for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rear Admiral Michael Schmoyer, and other elected officials and state responders.

The Governor's disaster declaration deploys all available state resources to respond to this threat and prioritizes resources to Uvalde and Zavala counties.

The NWS is not a worm. It is a parasitic fly whose larvae burrow into and feed on the living flesh of warm-blooded animals, particularly livestock, wildlife, pets, and, in rare

cases, humans. If left untreated, it can cause serious injury or death.

Because of Texas' early and decisive actions, the State was prepared to respond to this threat. Texas is working closely with state and federal partners to execute a robust containment and eradication strategy.

Governor Abbott is also making all personnel, including those from Texas' University Systems, available to accelerate the movement of sterile flies into the state and accelerate the construction of the federal government's NWS Sterile Fly production facility in Edinburg.

The Sterile Insect Technique is a proven eradication method the federal government has successfully used in the past. Sterile Insect Technique deployment continues. Sterile male flies are being released to mate with wild females who only mate once in their lifetime, producing non-viable eggs and collapsing the population naturally.

Prevention requires the release of millions of sterile flies in targeted regions, and the USDA is now importing and dispersing those flies in South Texas.

Resources are being leveraged from the TAHC at [tahc.texas.gov/emergency/nws.html](http://tahc.texas.gov/emergency/nws.html) and USDA at [screwworm.gov](http://screwworm.gov) for producers, veterinarians, and the public.

Last year, Governor Abbott directed state agencies to establish the joint Texas New World Screwworm Response Team, which brought together livestock producers, veterinarians, wildlife experts, and federal partners to prepare in advance. He also issued a statewide

disaster declaration to mobilize resources and strengthen Texas' prevention and response efforts before any case was detected.

Protecting Texas livestock, wildlife, and pets requires vigilance from every Texan. Here is what Texans need to do immediately:

Inspect livestock, pets, and other animals daily for any wounds, even small ones like tick bites, navel on newborns, or other openings.

Treat wounds promptly and work to reduce fly populations around your operations.

Immediately report any suspected NWS infestation to TAHC. Anyone can report a suspected case, not just veterinarians. Do not move the animal.

You can report suspected cases to the TAHC 24-hour veterinarian call line: 1-800-550-8242

If you observe deer, feral hogs, exotic game animals, or other wildlife showing signs of infestation or unusual wounds, report it immediately to the TPWD or your local TPWD wildlife biologist. TPWD wildlife biologists can be reached at (512) 389-4505.

This is a highly treatable condition if acted upon quickly.

Closely monitor outdoor pets, especially those with exposed or untreated wounds.

Follow all quarantine, identification, and animal movement requirements issued by TAHC.

For the latest updates and resources, Texans should visit the Texas Animal Health Commission ([tahc.texas.gov](http://tahc.texas.gov)), Texas Parks and Wildlife Department ([tpwd.texas.gov](http://tpwd.texas.gov)), and USDA ([screwworm.gov](http://screwworm.gov)).



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**THE MEMPHIS HOUSING AUTHORITY** has apartments for rent. One-, two- and three-bedroom units are available at this time. Interested persons should visit the Housing Authority office at 216 South 6th St. to pick up an application. For more information, call 806-205-6303, fax 806-205-6318 or email director@memphishousing.com.

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**HEDLEY SR. CITIZENS** is hiring a cook. Hours and days are Mon. thru Fri. 8 am till 1:30 pm. Pay is determined by experience. NO PHONE CALLS. Please apply in person only at 112 Main St. Hedley Texas

#### CLARENDON

**WESTERN SKIES HOTEL** is hiring a housekeeper. Come by or call 806-874-3501 to apply.

**CITY OF CLARENDON** is accepting applications for a Animal Control/Code Compliance Employee for the Code Department. Starting pay is \$15.00/hour with increases after certification(s) and 90-day evaluation (upon approval), this is a full-time position. Uniforms provided, benefits include health insurance, retirement TMRS, paid vacation, sick leave and holiday pay. Applicants must have a high school diploma/GED, valid driver's license, and be able to pass a drug/alcohol screen. A successful candidate must be able to perform a variety of tasks associated with Animal Control, including investigation of animal cruelty and neglect issues based on complaints and observation; resolution of animal nuisance complaints; removal of animal carcasses from public property; capture, impound, quarantine, and to euthanize animals when appropriate; enforces municipal and state codes, ordinances, and regulation related to animal control. Applications and a full job description are available at City Hall, 313 S. Sully, P.O. box 1089 Clarendon Texas 79226. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. The City of Clarendon is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

#### WELLINGTON

**COLLINGSWORTH GENERAL HOSPITAL** in Wellington, Texas is now accepting applications for a full-time RN. Applicants with a positive disposition, organizational and socialization skills desired. Benefits include: health, dental, vision insurance and 401K. Contact Isabella Rodriguez, HR Director at 806-447-2521 Ext 348 if you have any questions or complete an application online at [www.collingsworthgeneral.net](http://www.collingsworthgeneral.net)

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**PART-TIME AND FULL-TIME DISPATCHER/JAILER** positions open at Collingsworth County Sheriff's Office. Applicants must be 18 years or older and have a high school diploma or GED. PART-TIME pay is \$19.24/hour. FULL-TIME benefits include \$40,000 salary, health and life insurance, retirement, paid training and vacation days. Contact Jail Administrator Krystle Tarver for an application, 806-447-2588, or come by 810 Belton. (TFN)

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### CLARENDON

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE 2026-2027 DONLEY COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT BUDGET**  
 Donley County Hospital District will hold a public hearing at 5:30 pm on June 23, 2026, at the Associated Ambulance Authority Building, 3 Medical Drive Clarendon, Texas 79226. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the Donley County Hospital District 2026-2027 budget that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

#### CHILDRESS

**PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 59**, Texas Property Code, ACI STORAGE, located at 306 19th Street NW, HWY 83 South, Childress, TX, will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy landlord's lien. Sale will start on Monday, June 15 at 9 a.m. Property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash. Seller reserves the right to accept any bid and to withdraw property from sale. Property must be removed immediately and unit cleaned. TENANT NAME AS SHOWN ON RENTAL CONTRACT: Kim Andrews, Colby Arbuclce, Carla Durely, Mario Gonzales, Michael Imhof, Jordan Nelson, Jose Paita, Sanita Walker.

#### WELLINGTON

**THE CITY OF WELLINGTON WILL BE** accepting sealed bids on leasing approximately 160 acres at the sewer plant. Specifications and bidding requirements may be obtained by contacting Justin Mixon, City Manager at (806) 447-2544. Bids (marked "Lease") should be sent to City Hall, 802 10th Street, PO Box 949, Wellington, TX 79095. Bids will be received until 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 23, 2026 in City Hall, 802 10th Street, Wellington, TX 79095, at which time and place all bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### SPECIAL EDUCATION RECORDS

Held by Eastern Panhandle Shared Services Arrangement, Shamrock, Texas. Eastern Panhandle SSA is giving notice to destroy the Special Education records of students with disabilities (including speech) who graduated or were dismissed from Special Education between June 2018 and May 2019. These records involve students who attended the following schools: CANADIAN ISD, CLARENDON CISD, FORT ELLIOTT CISD (BRISCOE & MOBEETIE), HEDLEY CISD, HIGGINS ISD, KELTON ISD, MCLEAN CISD, MIAMI ISD, SHAMROCK ISD, WELLINGTON ISD, WHEELER ISD. Parents or students have the right to obtain these records rather than have them destroyed. These records may be needed to assist in obtaining Social Security benefits, exemptions for college tests or other purposes. These records will not be destroyed until July 15th, 2026. If you wish to have these records, please contact: Chelsey Robertson, Director Eastern Panhandle Shared Services Arrangement 517 S Wall St Shamrock, Texas 79079 806-256-2592 ext. 5

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**What Should We Pack?**  
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 shampoo, comb, pants, pajamas, mountains  
 toothbrush, facecloth, bathrobe, shoes, underclothes  
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**What Will We Pack It In?**  
 You can pack your belongings in a knapsack, nylon bag or:

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**Forest's Stuff**  
 Find and circle 10 compound words, including the word that will appear when you unscramble the letters above. \* (2 small words put together to make a new one)

**Keep Your Paws Off...**

# Texas captures more economic growth than other states

Texas increased its share of the US economy more than any other state between 2000 and 2025, according to a new analysis of federal economic data released today by Texas 2036.

The report, "The Texas Economic Miracle," finds Texas grew from producing 7.2 percent of US GDP in 2000 to 9.4 percent in 2025, meaning nearly one out of every 10 dollars generated in the American economy now originates in Texas.

The report argues the state's economic story is not simply about growth. It is about scale and velocity. Among the nation's 10 largest state economies, Texas posted the fastest long-term growth rate over the past 25 years while also expanding its share of the national economy more than any other state.

"Texas' growth story is unique when compared to other states, including large states such as California, New York and Florida," said Jeremy Mazur, Director of Infrastructure and Natural Resources Policy at Texas 2036. "In simple terms, the Texas economy got bigger faster, accelerating the state's impor-

ance to US growth and prosperity."

Using US Bureau of Economic Analysis data from 2000 to 2025, the report found Texas: Increased its share of US GDP by 2.2 percentage points — the largest gain of any state; Grew from the third-largest state economy to the second-largest; Posted a 5.61 percent compound annual growth rate, the fastest among the 10 largest state economies; and Outperformed the national economy in long-term economic growth.

The report also found several large legacy economies, including Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New York, lost shares of the national economy during the same period.

"The demographic shifts we are tracking in Texas, including slowing migration, an aging population and workforce composition changes, are the upstream forces that will weigh heavily on whether the state can maintain this economic trajectory," said Tracy Ayhart, Texas 2036 Vice President of Data and Research. "The numbers today are strong. Whether they stay that way depends on decisions Texas makes right now."

Texas 2036 researchers argue

the state's growth has broad national implications because Texas now plays an increasingly outsized role in overall US economic performance.

"Texas is not just growing, it is becoming an increasingly essential driver of the American economy," said David W. Leebron, Texas 2036 President and CEO. "As a long-time Houstonian, I have found that sustained growth does not happen by accident. It requires deliberate, long-term investment in the infrastructure, workforce and systems that make prosperity possible. This report makes clear both how far Texas has come and how much is at stake in the decisions we make in the years ahead."

The report concludes that sustaining Texas' economic momentum will depend heavily on long-term investments in water infrastructure, electric reliability and workforce readiness as population and industrial growth continue.

The analysis examines aggregate GDP growth and state share of national GDP using US Bureau of Economic Analysis data in current dollars from 2000 through 2025.

## DPS Launches Operation Safe Summer

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is launching Operation Safe Summer — a coordinated initiative to provide enhanced patrols in high-volume pedestrian corridors in central areas of Austin, San Antonio, Houston, Dallas and Fort Worth this summer. The operation aims to strengthen public safety and deter criminal activity so visitors and residents can safely enjoy events across our state.

"This summer is particularly special for Texas, as we welcome millions of visitors for a variety of events — including the 2026 FIFA World Cup," said DPS Colonel Freeman F. Martin. "Under Operation Safe Summer, DPS is proactively responding to the anticipated influx of tourists and crowds, offering support to our local law enforcement partners to ensure all events taking place this summer, and the areas around them, remain safe, secure and enjoyable for residents and vis-

itors alike."

DPS will work in partnership with local police departments in each participating city to provide expanded patrol coverage to maintain visible and consistent safety in urban areas expected to host significant crowds and high visitor traffic. Troopers will be assigned to areas experiencing elevated pedestrian activity, such as stadiums, entertainment districts and concert venues.

Operation Safe Summer is a collaborative effort to deploy state resources in support of local agencies, helping to safeguard and maintain high-traffic corridors that contribute to both public safety and quality of life.

Patrol coverage will emphasize consistency in keeping these areas safe and orderly, and operational adjustments will be made as needed based on pedestrian-traffic patterns, event schedules and real-time public safety considerations.

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