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

Winners of Senior Thang announced

That Senior Thang drew more than 125 people downtown for a successful fundraising campaign Saturday to benefit the Donley County Senior Citizens Center.

Director Denise Bertrand said that \$8,000 was raised for the DCSC and said the event will be back for a seventh time next summer.

Wallace Monument Co. was the winner of the 50/50 drawing and graciously turned the winnings back to the center. That accounts for about \$7,000 of the fundraiser's success.

The quilt raffle was won by Chriss Clifford, and Austin Adams won the Oren Mixer print. The Chicken Drop Bingo was won by Lori Allen and Jamie Jeffers.

Bertrand said she appreciated the support of Charlie Smith with entertainment and Tye Chesser, who handled the master of ceremonies duties for the evening.

"It was all a success," Bertrand said.

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.

THC offers summer camp at Goodnight

The Charles and Mary Ann Goodnight Ranch State Historic Site will offer the Camp Cattalo Family Summer Camp 9 a.m. to noon, June 21-23. Children and adults alike are invited to dive into the vibrant history of the Texas Panhandle. Campers will discover the stories of nomadic Native Americans, bronco-busting cowboys, and resilient pioneer women. Participants under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

To register and for more information about this and other THC summer camps, visit <https://thc.texas.gov/travel/texas-state-historic-sites-summer-camps>



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Council wants to prepare for development

The Clarendon City Council took no action on a draft ordinance calling for a moratorium on data centers and other large scale businesses last Thursday, June 11, but directed the city administrator to contact neighboring cities for suggestions to improve local zoning and codes.

There is no known data center planned for Donley County at this time, but residents showed up to voice their opposition to any future data centers being built.

Jerri Hinton, Linda Naylor, and Chris Topfliff all signed in for public

comment in opposition to the developments.

City Administrator Brian Barboza told council members the language they had before them that night was for discussion and had not been looked at by any attorney. Council members said they felt the city passing a moratorium would not do much more than "make us feel good" because any data center would be constructed outside of the city limits and therefore not subject to any city zoning or regulation.

"I think there are things we

can do and should look at, like RV parks and setback limits," Alderman Ashlee Estlack said.

Mayor Jacob Fangman agreed and said the city should focus on the things it can address.

Council members said things like large trucks driving on residential streets, bulk water sales, RV parks regulations, and building codes were things the city can consider to be ready if a data center was to try to come to Donley County.

Alderman Brittany Sanne said the city needs to hire a code enforce-

ment officer and be ready if a development comes to Donley County.

In other city business, the council approved an interlocal agreement with the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission to lead the search for a new city administrator with Barboza leaving July 17 for another job.

Aldermen discussed salary range for the new administrator and other possible benefits, and a PRPC representative said the hiring process will likely take six to eight months. Aldermen will meet in called ses-

sion next week to discuss hiring an interim administrator.

A 30-year street maintenance and improvement plan was on the agenda for last week, but the city engineers were still working on the plan. The council did, however, meet with a Government Capital representative to learn about ways to finance large scale street projects.

The council also met for over an hour in closed session to perform the annual evaluation of the city secretary, but no action was taken when the council returned to open session.



Clarendon Fire Chief Jeremy Powell receives a check from Greenbelt Electric last week.

COURTESY PHOTO

Stolen cop car stopped in Clarendon by Donley SO

A Fort Worth man was booked into the Donley County Jail early Tuesday morning after he stole a Childress Police Department car.

Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn said his office was alerted shortly before 4 a.m. by the Hall County Sheriff's Office that the stolen vehicle was headed to Clarendon. Blackburn said the suspect had stolen the patrol car from Allsup's in Childress while the officer driving the vehicle was inside the store.

Donley County Deputy Danny Lance spotted the stolen patrol car coming through Hedley. Deputy Sonny Morasco stopped eastbound US 287 traffic in Clarendon while Deputy Kelly Hill set spikes in the construction zone near Kearney Street. After the suspect hit the spikes, Sheriff Blackburn stopped him.

Johnathan David Ramos, age 30, of Fort Worth, was charged with Evading Arrest in Motor Vehicle with a Deadly Weapon. At press time Tuesday, he was awaiting arraignment on the Donley County charge as well as additional charges out of Childress.

Clarendon VFD receives grant from GEC

Greenbelt Electric Cooperative and the Community Involvement Committee (CIC) of Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc. are giving back to local communities with donations totaling \$8,000 to 16 volunteer fire departments, including the Clarendon VFD.

"At Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, prioritizing the well-being of our Members and their communities is paramount. We believe that few organizations embody this commitment as well as our local volunteer fire departments," CIC Chairperson Bren-

nan Umsted said. "The individuals who serve as volunteer firefighters across our 16 Member service territories selflessly donate their time, talents, and resources to ensure that our communities are safe. I'm proud to be a part of a cooperative that prioritizes this kind of community

investment." Departments receiving donations are Clarendon, Levelland, Moro, Idalou, Borden, Adrian, Quitaque, Irion, Wayside Emergency Team, Spearman, Crockett County, Stratford, Boise City, Sundown, Coleman, and Earth.



Getting some kicks

Clarendon Chamber of Commerce volunteers Ashlee and Roger Estlack and Bob Weiss stand with the Clarendon booth at the Route 66 Festival last Saturday in Amarillo. Brandi and John Havens also helped with the booth. Several hundred people stopped and learned more about Clarendon and all the events that are coming up in Donley County this summer and fall.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO

Gov. Abbott stops fee increase at CC

Clarendon College officials had to back away from a plan to pay for a new distance learning server after Gov. Greg Abbott froze college tuition and fees last month.

CC President Tex Buckhaults said replacing the server will cost more than \$50,000 and the college planned to raise its distance education fee by \$1 per hour.

The day after CC approved the increase, Buckhaults said the governor blocked it, and it will now have to be repealed.

"I directed all public institutions of higher education in Texas to freeze undergraduate tuition and fees. Higher education must be attainable for Texas students and families," said Governor Abbott.

Local man jailed on assault

A Clarendon man remains in jail facing multiple charges after he resisted arrest last week.

Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn said his office was called about 5:25 a.m. on June 5 to respond to a domestic situation in which P.J. Owens, age 37, was allegedly assaulting a woman. Owens was already on felony probation for previously assaulting the woman.

When Blackburn and Deputy Sonny Marasco arrived to arrest

Owens, the man resisted and was wrestled to the ground after being tazed.

Owens was arraigned Justice of the Peace Sarah Hatley on four counts of Assault on a Peace Officer with bond set at \$40,000 for each count and on one count of Assault Causing Bodily Injury to a Family Member with bond set at \$3,000.

Owens was still in custody Tuesday as the ENTERPRISE went to press.

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How do we decide what matters?

I love to listen to podcasts, and it was The Mel Robbins Podcast that introduced me to a problem-solving exercise called the Five Whys.

The premise is straightforward. When you're trying to understand a problem, you ask why. Then you ask why again. Then again. By the time you've asked the question five times, you've usually moved past the symptom and arrived at the root cause.

I've been thinking lately that politics might benefit from the same exercise. Not because I think it would make us agree. It probably wouldn't. But it might help us better understand something very important: Why do you support the candidates you support?

You would assume most of us can answer that question quickly enough. We support them because of taxes, schools, immigration, healthcare, agriculture, the economy, faith or public safety. We support them because they're conservative or liberal, Republican or Democrat, because they share our values or because they oppose the people we disagree with.

But what happens if we keep asking why?

Over the past year, I've spent a lot of time talking to people across rural Texas — school superintendents worried about budgets, hospital board members worried about staying open, farmers worried about water, business owners worried about finding workers, and parents worried about what kind of future their children will inherit.

The issues change from town to town, but the underlying concerns are remarkably similar. People want stability and opportunity. They want their communities to survive and their children to have a chance to build a life close to home. They want to believe that hard work still matters.

Take public education. Some people support public schools because they believe education is the pathway to opportunity. Others support school choice because they believe parents should have more control. On the surface, those appear to be competing positions. But if you keep asking why, you may discover that both people are ultimately talking about the same thing: creating a better future for children.

The policy differences still matter — how we fund schools, protect water, keep hospitals open, support agriculture. But the starting point is often much closer than our politics would have us believe.

Most people are not sitting around the kitchen table talking in talking points. They are talking about whether they can afford groceries, whether their insurance will go up again, whether the school can find teachers, whether the crop will make, whether the hospital will still be there when they need it.

Instead, we're handed a steady stream of controversies, distractions and tribal battles designed to keep us angry, afraid or outraged. We are asked to care deeply about every national fight, every manufactured crisis, every personality-driven feud that can be turned into a fundraising email or a campaign ad. Meanwhile, the things that actually shape people's lives are treated like background noise.

Maybe that is because solving real problems is hard. It requires patience, compromise and a willingness to stay with issues long after the cameras leave.

Manufacturing outrage is easier. It is easier to tell people who to fear than to explain how to lower an insurance premium. It is easier to pick a fight than to fix a school finance formula. It is easier to turn neighbors against each other than to build the kind of trust required to solve problems in a community.

Somewhere along the way, we seem to have built a political culture that rewards the fight more than the fix.

That is why I think the Five Whys exercise is worth thinking about. Not so we can interrogate our neighbors about why they vote the way they do, but so we can ask a harder question of the people asking for our vote.

Why are the things that matter most to ordinary people so often missing from the political conversation? Why does a political system that claims to represent us spend so much time pulling us away from the issues closest to our lives? And why do we keep accepting that as normal?

So maybe the Five Whys is worth turning on ourselves, too. The next time you pull a lever or fill in a bubble, ask why. Then ask again. If you follow it far enough, past the party and the personality and the things that made you angry last week, you may find that what you actually want is pretty simple — and that the politics demanding your loyalty is not always the politics most likely to deliver it.

Because when you follow the "why" far enough, you eventually arrive at the kitchen table. You arrive at the grocery bill, the insurance premium, the school budget, the water question, the hospital board, the outstanding farm note, the Main Street business, and the future of the place you call home.

That is where politics becomes real. And that is where politics ought to begin.

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texas rural reporter
by suzanne bellsnyder

Lee Resolution, road to independence

This year, as we focus on the American Revolution, it is important to understand that the revolution was not as neat and tidy as it is often portrayed. It was not even a foregone conclusion that the colonists wanted independence. In fact, one of the strongest forces uniting the colonies was their pride in being British. Many colonists viewed Britain as the freest and most democratic nation in the world.

Although the colonists began military action against the British in April 1775 at Lexington and Concord, a year later, in June 1776, the Second Continental Congress had still not altered its primary goal. The delegates were fighting — not for independence but for what they believed were their rights as British subjects. While the subject of independence had been raised in Congress, it was not seriously considered until June 1776.

As I wrote back in January, the most important push for independence came from Thomas Paine's "Common Sense," published Jan. 10, 1776. The pamphlet inspired John Adams to join his cousin, Sam Adams, in pushing Congress further toward independence, but there was still considerable resistance. One problem was that proposals for independence came from the Massachusetts delegation. In many ways, the conflict was viewed as a regional issue because most of the protests and fighting had occurred in New England. As hard as John Adams fought to move the body in that direction, much of the South remained content with the status quo.

The one Southern colony that joined in protesting, though nowhere near as aggressively as Massachusetts, was Virginia. Virginians had experienced their own conflicts with the royal governor and were represented by fiery patriots such as Patrick Henry, who had already declared, "Give me Liberty or Give me Death!" The turning point came when the Virginia Legislature instructed

Richard Henry Lee to propose independence. Lee did so on June 7, 1776, introducing the following resolution:

"Resolved, That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States; that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown; and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved; that it is expedient forthwith to take the most effectual measures for forming foreign Alliances; and that a plan of confederation be prepared and transmitted to the respective Colonies for their consideration and approbation."

Lee came from one of Virginia's most influential families, the same family that would later produce Robert E. Lee. The Lees had been in Virginia for more than a century and had long served as political, military, and civic leaders. Richard Henry Lee was educated in England before returning to Virginia to manage his family's estate. He served in the Virginia House of Burgesses, where he became an outspoken critic of British policies and a defender of colonial rights. After the revolution, Lee served under the Articles of Confederation, including a term as President of Congress, and later represented Virginia in the first United States Senate.

Lee's resolution transformed the debate from one of protest to one of independence. Until then, many colonists still hoped for reconciliation with Britain. His resolution forced Congress to decide whether the colonies should become a separate nation or remain under the British monarchy. Because many delegates believed the proposal was premature, the vote was postponed



historically speaking
by dr. james finck

until July. Nevertheless, the fact that a Virginian had introduced the measure compelled the Southern colonies to take the issue far more seriously.

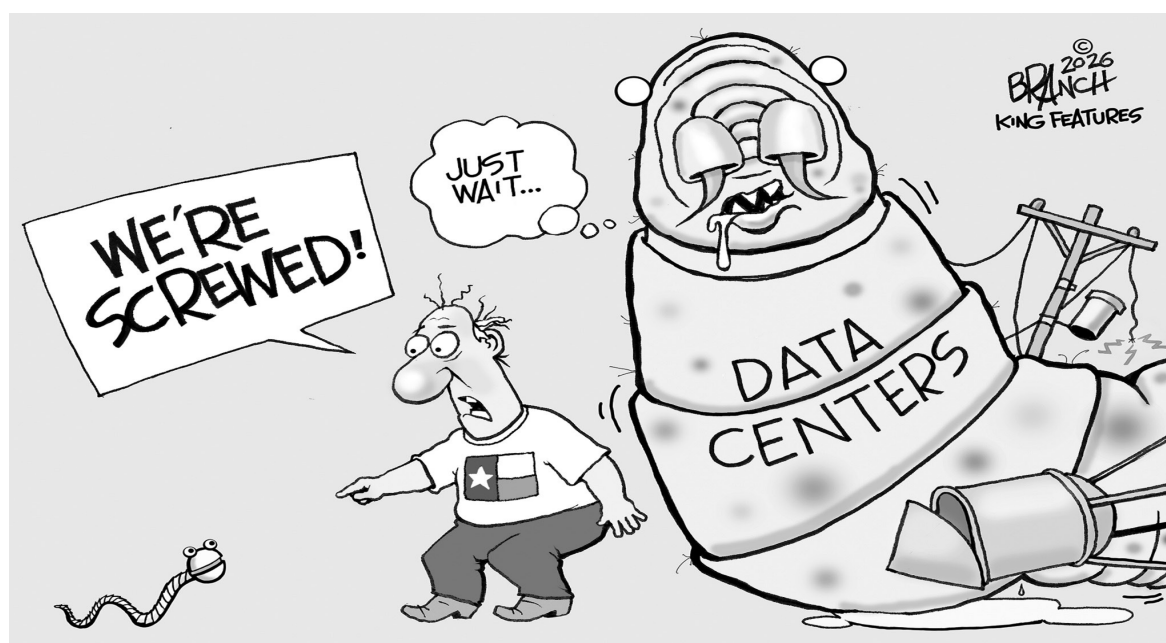
With the resolution now on the table, Congress created three committees to address its three major components. The first was the Committee to Draft a Model Treaty, composed primarily of Pennsylvanians John Dickinson, Benjamin Franklin, and Robert Morris, along with Virginian Benjamin Harrison. The most influential member and principal author, however, was John Adams. The proposed treaty focused mainly on commerce and friendship rather than a formal military alliance with France or Spain, and it was formally adopted in September 1776.

The second committee was tasked with preparing and drafting a plan of confederation. This committee was much larger, consisting of one delegate from each colony. Despite opposing independence, John Dickinson of Pennsylvania chaired the committee and wrote most of the document. This committee eventually produced the Articles of Confederation, which served as the nation's first framework of government and remained in effect until the adoption of our Constitution in 1789.

The third committee is by far the most famous, and I will discuss it in greater detail soon. It was the committee appointed to draft the Declaration of Independence.

Taken together, these three committees shaped the future of the United States. The independence committee explained why the colonies were separating from Britain. The confederation committee designed how the states would be united. The foreign alliance committee addressed who would support the new nation abroad. James Finck is a professor of American history at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma. He can be reached at james.finck@swoknews.com. This article appeared in The Lawton Constitution.

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Cowboys talking about awards shows

Doc hadn't even finished loading his coffee with fake sugar before Steve piped up.

"I think it's disgusting and weird and unnatural and it should be outlawed!" the tall cowboy said, coming to rest at the philosophy counter of the Mule Barn truck stop.

"Aw Steve," said Doc, "the coffee isn't that bad."

"Coffee? Nay, I say unto you, Doc. It ain't the coffee ... it's them Academy Awards on the television. You see them? All them good-looking women Scotch-taping themselves into those dresses so they almost stay on? Those weird guys they're with who only shave on Tuesdays?"

"And this makes you angry?"

"Sure does, Doc. Those folks make a lot more money than I do and all they have to do is dress up and talk to those red carpet cameras."

"Well, Steve," said Dud, "we can

do just as good as they can. Stand up."

Steve looked around and then stood slowly. Dud picked up a bottle of Tabasco sauce and, using it as a microphone, turned to the breakfast crowd in the Mule Barn.

"Good morning, folks, and we're so happy you could join us here on KRUD this morning to welcome our list of celebrities. Oh, look, it's Steve, the pride of farrier life and heavy anvils. Steve, wherever did you get that outfit?"

"Well," said Steve, grinning, "it's a creation of Levi Strauss, and please note the genuine brass rivets."

"Give us a twirl there, cowboy." And he did, to great applause. "And your

headwear today, Steve, that would be what ... Stetson?"

"Yessir. A genuine John B. Stetson original. Five ex beaver fur felt."

"The sweat stains?"

"Those were added later, actually, Dudley. A genuine cow pen fillip to offset the otherwise stunning look of my entire ensemble."

"So as not to overwhelm the onlookers, I suppose?"

"Precisely. We don't want ordinary people to think they'll never achieve this look, you see."

"An admirable pursuit," Dud said. "Noblesse oblige, I believe," said Steve.

"Not until lunch," said Loretta, topping off the coffee mugs. "Breakfast special is bacon and a short stack."

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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

AL MORRAH SHRINERS' **BARBECUE** AFTER THE PARADE

HENSON'S ANNUAL **TURTLE RACE** 1:30 PM AT 3RD & KEARNEY

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Community Calendar

June 19 & 20
Mulkey Theatre • Toy Story 5 • 7:30 p.m.

June 21
Mulkey Theatre • Toy Story 5 • 2:00 p.m.

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 26
Mulkey Theatre • Toy Story 5 • 7:30 p.m.

June 28
Mulkey Theatre • Toy Story 5 • 2:00 p.m.

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

July 2, 3, & 4
Saints' Roost Celebration • Craft Fair, Parades, BBQ, Turtle Race, Ranch Rodeo, Live Music, Dancing, and more!

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 22 - 26
Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, whole wheat roll, banana pudding, iced tea/2% milk.
Tues: Sweet & sour chicken, long grain rice, stir fry veggies, peas, whole wheat roll, chocolate pudding, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Enchilada casserole, garden salad, pinto beans, Spanish rice, sopapilla cheesecake, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Sliced ham, buttered carrots, black eyed peas, whole wheat roll, peach crisp, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Chili dog, baked beans, cucumber & onion, oatmeal raisin cookie, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Chicken & dressing, peas, squash, whole wheat roll, pumpkin pie, iced tea/2% milk.
Tues: Pork loin, long grain rice, peas & carrots, whole wheat roll, pumpkin pie, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Chicken fried steak w/ country gravy, broccoli, mashed potatoes, roll, fruit crisp, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Smothered steak, buttered carrots, broccoli & cauliflower, whole wheat roll, lemon cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Beef stew, garden salad, cornbread, fruit crisp, iced tea/2% milk.



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting June 16, 2026, with Boss Lion Pro Tem Eric Gehman in charge.

We had seven Lions in person, one attending virtually, and four guests this week – Bob and Jowlene Weiss, Chelsye Teiger, guests of the club; and Melissa Parr, who presented our program.

Lion Roger Estlack reported on plans for the upcoming Bag Bingo and Mexican Pile-On on July 3 and the annual Cow Patty Bingo on July 4. Bag Bingo tickets are available online through the club Facebook page or in person at the Enterprise. Cow Patty Bingo squares are on sale this week at Herring Bank and will be available at Donley County State Bank starting on Monday.

Melissa represents Tralee Crisis Center in Pampa, a service that covers much of the Eastern Texas Panhandle, including Donley County. Tralee offers services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and other forms of abuse and is free of charge. Tralee helps hundreds of people in the area and has been around since 1984. The accept donations of money as well as donations of clothing and furniture for people who are having to start their lives over after escaping from abusive relationships. Check out their website at traleecrisiscenter.org or call their hotline, 800-658-2796.

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

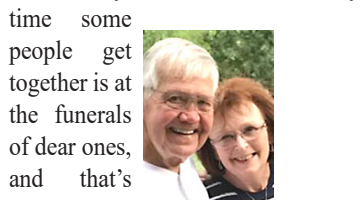
Reunions are time to have some fun

He Says – Mary's family is having a little family reunion soon, and I'm really looking forward to it!

She Says – "Little" is the key word here. There might be 20 people attending. The last Green Reunion with just Richard's siblings and extended family had somewhere between 50-60 people, but the more the merrier. We had it in Red River, New Mexico, which is perfect for groups of all ages. The Greens are very competitive in all things, so our activities were mostly contests. We enjoyed a lot of mountain activities – including napping for the youngest and the oldest age groups. We decorated and flew kites, played corn-hole, had a team scavenger hunt and best of all – visited a lot!

He Says- I love the games! I think the scavenger hunts are my favorite. People come up with surprising versions of the items needed. There was "stuffed dog" listed and one team brought over a couple from Kansas with a live little white yapping dog that, they assured the judges, had just eaten an hour before. I saw a guy coming out of a restroom wearing a golf shirt and I asked him if he by any chance had any golf tees handy. He did! Took us to his car and gave us a handful. We would have been the only team to turn them in, but my grandson Aiden, who was five at the time, told another team we had a bunch of them and he gave them some (unbeknownst to our

team.)
She Says – I love reunions, both with family and friends. The only time some people get together is at the funerals of dear ones, and that's just wrong! You need to be with people you care about whenever you can. High school reunions are fun, too. Richard was MC for his class a couple of years ago, and he was just coming off radiation treatment for prostate cancer. His opening remark to his classmates was, "First thing I would like to say to the ladies here is how very sorry I am to have not been more sympathetic about hot flashes." That got a LOT of laughs.



he says, she says
by richard & mary green

He Says – And I still see my Borger Buddies. There are four of us guys that graduated with the class of '59. WOW! Anyway, we and our wives have kept in touch and try to get together once or twice a year. While we're getting older, it never gets old to bring up memories, talk about new adventures – and ailments.

She Says – It never fails that two conversations are held. One where we discuss current ailments

and praise medical science for keeping the lot of us afloat this long; and one where we talk about who has passed on and telling stories about their youthful years.
He Says – But it's FUN! We've been to Memphis, Branson, Fredericksburg, Lake Texoma (caught a lot of stripers!)
She Says – It will be sweet to see my sisters again. We call ours The Tres Hermanas Reunion. Not all the grandkids can make it and there are no little kids to watch tear around. The games will go on and the laughter is always plentiful, as is the love.

Currently Thursday-Sunday The Little Red Hen in Howardwick 7:00 a.m.- noon
July 2-4 Saints' Roost Celebration
July 2 – Crossties Ministries Depression Lunch, Lions Hall Clarendon 11:00 a.m.; Junior Rodeo COEA Arena 7:30 p.m.
July 3 – Bag Bingo! Lions Hall Clarendon 11:00 a.m.
July 3-4 Ranch Rodeo COEA Arena 7:30 p.m.
July 4 – Craft Fair Donley County Courthouse 9:00 a.m.; Quilt Show Methodist Church & Cowboy Church 9:00 a.m.; Kids Parade 9:00 a.m.; Herring Bank Parade 10:00 a.m.; Al Morrah Shriners Barbecue – After the Parade; Henson's Annual Turtle Race, 1:30 p.m. at 3rd and Kearney

Obituaries

Hardin
Dwight Mandel Hardin, 67, of Clarendon died Friday, June 12, 2026, in Clarendon.



Services were held on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at the Clarendon Church of Christ, with Chris Moore officiating. Burial followed at Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon.

Arrangements are under the care of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Dwight was born on March 5, 1959, in Clarendon to Homer Watt and Annette Nash Hardin. He was raised in Clarendon and graduated from Clarendon High School in

1977. His career took him into satellite installation and technical support work, and he later earned a degree from DeVry University. After many years away, he returned home about ten years ago and worked locally at Allsup's and Garrison's before his health declined.

He was known for being outgoing and friendly, with interests that included shooting, gambling, spending time with his dogs, online gaming with friends, and listening to the symphony. He was also a loyal Dallas Cowboys fan.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his brother, Wayne Hardin of Clarendon; his sister, Cynthia Lindley and husband Tommy of Claude; his dog, Smoothie; and several extended family members.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to the Citizens Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 983, Clarendon, TX 79226.

Art museum plans nighttime event

The Amarillo Museum of Art at 2200 S. Van Buren will host its annual Art After Dark event Friday, June 26, offering an evening that blends visual arts with live entertainment, food and interactive experiences.

The event will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. at the museum and is designed as a modern museum experience aimed at broadening participants' understanding and appreciation of art.

Art After Dark incorporates art, music, food and drinks as a fresh way

to explore the exhibitions currently on view. Guests also can participate in hands-on art activities and gallery hunts throughout the evening.

Admission is \$35 per person, while Amarillo Museum of Art members are admitted free. Memberships and tickets will be available at the door.

For more information, contact Alex Gregory, curator of art, at 806-371-5057 or argregory@actx.edu, or Kim Mahan, executive director, at 806-371-5050 or kbmahan@actx.edu.

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3	5	2	7	1	8	6	4	9
1	9	4	3	6	5	2	8	7
5	8	7	1	2	6	9	4	3
4	1	6	5	9	3	8	7	2
9	2	3	4	8	7	1	5	6

ANSWER:



Top golfer
Emma Howard sets up a shot in Wellington during the Greenbelt Junior Golf Associations summer tour on Monday. She finished the meet in first place.

COURTESY PHOTO / HEATHER SEAY

Abbott launches free NWS inspector training

Governor Greg Abbott last week launched a free online course to expand the number of certified New World Screwworm (NWS) inspectors across Texas.

This course is allowing more Texans to inspect their animals and certify the documentation required to safely move them, which is critical to ensuring cattle and livestock commerce continues uninterrupted.

Developed by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension in partnership with USDA-APHIS, the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), the first-of-its-kind program launched on Saturday.

“The State of Texas will use every tool to protect our cattle industry and wildlife while we eradicate this pest,” said Governor Abbott. “AgriLife and TAHC moved quickly to launch this training. Now more people, including private industry, will be able to inspect and certify animals for movement. Through this program, Texas will protect our ranchers, ensure the security of our food supply, and keep business strong.”

“Stopping the spread of NWS will not be possible without our inspectors knowing what to look for, that’s why today’s announcement is critical to keep our cattle industry on track,” said USDA Secretary Brooke Rollins. “We encourage everyone who is able to help us identify and report suspected cases to help eradicate this pest as fast as possible. Grateful for Governor Abbott, TAHC, TPWD, and AgriLife for being amazing partners in this fight!”

The course is an online, modular program delivered through the AgriLife Learn platform. It includes narrated modules, demonstration videos, and knowledge checks covering NWS biology and life cycle, surveillance and reporting, species-specific inspection and treatment protocols, roles of state and federal agencies, and movement permitting requirements.

Those meeting TAHC eligibility standards who pass the final exam may apply to become a TAHC Certified NWS Inspector, authorized to

issue official NWS Treatment/Movement Certificates for lawful movement of livestock out of infested zones.

Phase one immediately opens eligibility to the following groups, in addition to existing authorized personnel, including thousands of Texas veterinarians: Licensed veterinarians (not already in the Authorized Personnel Program); Veterinary technicians; Texas A&M AgriLife Extension agents and Disaster Assessment and Recovery agents; Texas Department of Agriculture inspectors; Texas Department of State Health Services Meat Safety inspectors; Texas Racing Commission inspectors; Animal control officers; Livestock deputies; and Designated personnel from temporary livestock aggregation points.

Additional groups may be added in future phases as the program evolves. The course is also available to any Texan for educational purposes.

Livestock owners, managers, veterinarians, government personnel, and allied industry professionals are encouraged to enroll. To access this free online course, please register an account, add course to your cart, and check out.

NWS is caused by the larvae of a parasitic fly that lay eggs in open wounds. The larvae feed on living tissue of warm-blooded animals. NWS is not a contagious disease. It does not spread directly from animal to animal. NWS is not a food safety issue. Screwworms do not infest meat or other food products. The food supply remains safe.

Report suspected cases immediately: Livestock or pets: Texas Animal Health Commission at 1-800-550-8242. Wildlife: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department at 512-389-4505. More information: screwworm.gov

The course directly supports the state’s aggressive NWS response. Under Governor Abbott’s leadership, Texas has deployed sterile insect technique releases, established quarantines in infested zones, and committed all available state resources to protect the livestock industry while maintaining business continuity.

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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.

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DODSON

PROCLAMATION OF JULY 2026 AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH

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 D. and teaching me water safety.
 E. and keeping out thunderous storms.
 F. and later giving me warm, dry clothes.

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Flag Day

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USDA funds Texas Tech on Prebiotics, Maternal Health

Through a recently awarded \$630,435 grant from the US Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (USDA NIFA), Prasanth Chelikani, professor of physiology at Texas Tech University's School of Veterinary Medicine, is addressing a growing public health challenge using a One Health approach.

Research shows that obesity, diabetes and hypertension during pregnancy increase medical complications for mothers and are linked to a heightened risk of metabolic diseases in their children later in life. This study will examine whether specific prebiotic fibers – a type of dietary fiber that supports beneficial gut bacteria – can help protect pregnant mothers and their offspring from obesity, high blood pressure and related metabolic issues.

"Majority of clinical drug trials exclude pregnant women, and despite the recent surge in anti-obesity medications for weight control, they are not recommended for pregnant women due to lack of safety data," Chelikani said. "As an alternative and safer strategy, in this project, we will assess whether the consumption of diets enriched in prebiotic fibers will improve maternal health and protect the offspring against obesity and metabolic diseases later in life."

Because a transgenerational human study involves substantial time, cost and ethical considerations, the Chelikani lab will use preclinical rodent models that mirror key

features of human disease, including obesity, severe hypertension and stroke risk. This approach provides a practical and rigorous pathway to evaluate mechanisms by which dietary prebiotic fibers alter gut microbiota to improve maternal and offspring metabolic health and identify potential intervention windows.

"Over two decades, Dr. Chelikani has addressed complex questions relating to obesity, diabetes, and nutrition and advanced biomedical research via high-quality rodent models that are essential for understanding and studying diseases and conditions," said Annelise Nguyen, associate dean of research and graduate programs at the School of Veterinary Medicine. "His research activities have played a pivotal part of our graduate program in One Health Sciences, training the next generation of scientists to continue addressing One Health challenges."

School of Veterinary Medicine Dean Guy Loneragan believes Chelikani's work is of paramount importance, as it aims to inform diet-based or microbiome-guided strategies that align with USDA's Agriculture and Food Research Initiative priorities in food and human health.

"Findings of his critical research will help inform approaches to improve health outcomes for women and their kiddos," Loneragan said. "In addition to being a fantastic scholar, Dr. Chelikani is a wonderful person and a hugely valued part of our School. I am excited to watch his research unfold."

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