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

Blook drive to be held next Thursday

The Donley County AgriLife Extension Service will be hosting an area wide tree and landscape workshop for locals and residents in surrounding counties.

The keynote speaker will be assistant professor and a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Tree and Landscape Plant Health specialist from College Station, Dr Stephanie Adams.

The meeting will be very informative and she encourages participants that have issues occurring with trees and landscape to bring samples or photos to identify symptoms and treatment protocols. The workshop will be held at the Clarendon College Courson Ranch Operations Center south of the Barfield Activity Center on July 9 with registration beginning at 9:30 a.m. and presentations at 10.

The registration fee will be \$10 per participant by cash or check payable to Donley Ag Fund. For more information or special accommodations please feel free to contact the Donley County Extension office at 806-874-2141 or 806-282-7680.

Blook drive to be held this Thursday

Coffee Memorial Blood Center will hold an All American Donor blood drive in Clarendon Thursday, July 2, from 1 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Bloodmobile at Lowe's.

Donors will receive a limited-edition All American-themed T-shirt, a camp chair, a gallon of milk, a pint of ice cream and choice of one free theme park ticket while supplies last.

Make your appointment by calling 877-340-8777 or online at obi.org.

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 by calling 806-662-4689 or coming by the ENTERPRISE.



Clarendon welcomes visitors to celebration

Clarendon is set to welcome visitors for its 149th annual Saints Roost Celebration this weekend to mark the 250th birthday of the United States of America with activities lined up for July 2, 3, and 4.

The annual Depression Lunch will kick off the celebration on Thursday, July 2. The beans and combread meal benefiting the Cross-ties Ministry Center will be held at 11 a.m., but the event will be held at the Lions Hall.

The Coffee Memorial's Bloodmobile will be in Clarendon for a blood drive July 2 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Donations are desperately needed as there is currently a critical

shortage of blood in the Panhandle.

The COEA Junior Ranch Rodeo will close out the first day of the celebration activities Thursday, July 4, at 7:30 p.m. with a dance to follow the rodeo.

The Clarendon Lions Club begin the second day of the celebration with a Bag Bingo at the Lions Hall on Friday, July 3. Bingo starts at 11 a.m. and includes a Mexican pile-on lunch. Tickets are \$40 per person. The bag bingo features several great prizes including designer purses, coolers, tool bags, and more. Seating is limited so tickets should be purchased as early as possible by calling or texting 806-662-4689.

The first night of the COEA Ranch Rodeo will be that evening at 7:30 p.m. followed by live music with the Bo Moore Band and dancing on the Slab.

The big day will begin Saturday, July 4, with the Arts & Craft Fair on the square at 9 a.m. sponsored by the Donley County 4H. Booths must be reserved through the Donley County 4H by calling 806-874-2141. The Les Beaux Arts Club will host a Quilt Show at the Methodist Church and the Cowboy Church from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The theme for this year's parades is "Stars & Stripes Forever" to celebrate America's 250th

anniversary. The Chamber of Commerce's Liberty Electric Kids' Bicycle & Tricycle Parade will begin at 9 a.m. The Kids' Parade will line up at 8:30 at Third and Sully. Line up for the Herring Bank Parade begins at 9 a.m. at Prospect Park with the parade taking off at 10:00. On-site entries for both parades will be accepted, but only entries registered by July 1 will be judged for the awards.

Following the parade, the Al Morrah Shine Club Barbecue will again be held on the square. Tickets are \$20 per person and support the Shriners' work to help crippled and burned children. Tickets will be available on the square or in advance

at the Visitor Center.

Musical entertainment this year on the square will be performed by Farrah Shields and Jaythan Green.

The Clarendon Country Club July Fourth Golf Tournament is also scheduled, and more details are available by calling 806-874-2166.

The Henson's Turtle Race will take place at 1:30 p.m., and the Ranch Rodeo will close out the celebration at the COEA Arena Saturday night beginning at 7:30 p.m. with live music on the Slab afterwards.

For more information and schedule updates, contact the Visitor Center at 806-874-2421 or visit ClarendonTX.com.



Grand Re-opening

Stan and Susan Cosby smile during the grand re-opening of Moffitt Hardware in Hedley last Saturday. The business founded in 1916 closed a couple of years ago for health issues but is now back in business on Main Street and plans to have regular hours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. "We just can't give up on these small towns," Susan said.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO

City council discusses administrator job details

The Clarendon City Council reviewed its job description for the city administrator and evaluated the city secretary during a called meeting on June 23.

Aldermen approved repealing and replacing Ordinance 272, which establishes the administrator's position, after a thorough review and guidance from legal counsel. The action brings the job description more in line with what the job entails compared to when the ordinance was originally passed years ago.

The council also approved the administrator's salary range for the purpose of the search for a new city administrator and discussed hiring an interim administrator.

The council met in closed session for about 13 minutes for the evaluation of City Secretary Machiel Covey. Aldermen had started the process during the regular meeting earlier in June. When the council returned to open session they approved a motion that gave Covey a two percent raise but did not extend her contract, which expires in September 2027.

In other city business, the council approved an agreement with the PRPC to continue the city's recycling program, approved a non-discrimination policy as part of the terms of a TxDOT grant to get new sidewalks in portions of downtown, and got a preliminary look at the city's draft budget for fiscal year 2027.

CC rodeo team wins four titles at national finals

By Ted Harbin, TwisTed Rodeo

Championships happen when individuals excel and a team thrives.

Such is the case for the Clarendon College men's rodeo team, which not only won its third title in six years but also had three nation champions at the conclusion of the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyoming.

"It was pretty awesome," said Tagg Bond, a freshman saddle bronc rider from Edna, Kansas. "I won all four rounds, which was pretty sweet, and then I got to win national championships with my buddies. It was a pretty alright week."

Bond dominated the week of bronc riding. His four-ride aggregate score of 340 was 17.5 points better than the runner-up. He also shared his place on the mountaintop with

two teammates, Andrew Morian, who won the steer wrestling title, and Carson Hildre, who was part of a three-way tie for the bareback riding championship.

"The college finals taught me you've got to draw good, and I did that," Bond said. "I also learned that I can actually win something."

His winning streak started days before, when he won the ProRodeo in Woodward, Oklahoma. It served as the catalyst for his adventure to Wyoming.

"I did that two days before I had to go to the college finals," he said. "I hope I can keep drawing good and win some money this summer."

That's the plan for any rodeo cowboy, and Hildre is taking it to heart. He is also competing in his inaugural year in ProRodeo and is among the top 25 in the bareback

riding world standings.

"It's a pretty cool thing to be able to be in my first CNFR as a freshman and getting the win," said Hildre of Velva, North Dakota. "I'm leading the rookie standings, and I get to be with some pretty good buds of mine."

"I just knew I had to be consistent throughout the whole week. I started my first two rides off with (scores in the) high 70s. I was 85 on my third-round horse and ended up winning the round, and then I was 83.25 on my fourth one. I think the big thing is you had to make work with what you had drawn each day."

Sometimes it's about managing situations, then taking advantage on the occasions that circumstances are in one's favor. Morian did that almost as well as anyone. He placed in all four rounds and won Round



CC rodeo team members at the 2026 national finals.

JACKIE JENSEN PHOTO

3. His four-run cumulative time of 17.1 was almost a second ahead of the field.

"It was a great experience," said Morian, a sophomore from Gardnerville, Nevada. "I was competing against guys that are placing in the

world standings there, but I knew if I just did my job and did what I needed to do, I could get it done.

"I finally felt what's happened in the practice pen all year long was put into play at the rodeo. I tried not

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America on its 250th anniversary

America turns 250 years old this Saturday, and it will be a time of great celebration across the nation as well as right here in Donley County. Clarendon will mark its 149th annual Saints’ Roost Celebration, continuing a tradition that began in 1878 with a group of Christian colonists who were trying very hard to bring civilization to the wilderness of the Texas Panhandle.

More big local celebrations are coming up in the next few years. The 150th Saints’ Roost Celebration will be next summer, and Clarendon will mark its sesquicentennial 150th anniversary in 2028. Donley County was created by the Texas Legislature 150 years ago in 1876, but the county government wasn’t formally organized until 1882, so the county’s sesquicentennial will be celebrated in 2032.

Your editor was pretty young when America turned 200 years old in 1976, but I still remember well the Spirit of ’76 that abounded that year. The bicentennial was a huge deal with all kinds of commemorative events and memorabilia to mark the occasion.

The semiquintennial feels different though. Perhaps it was the advantage of youth that made the bicentennial seem so memorable. Or maybe America was just different then.

America in 1976 was a place where people could still find common ground. It was a time when certain matters were just settled as common sense, and we all had an appreciation for what it meant to be an American. “Bring me your poor, your huddled masses, yearning to breathe free.” We were a nation of immigrants, we were taught. America was the “melting pot.” Everyone from any place on earth could come here and become an American and pursue happiness.

Starting school in the 1970s and through the 1980s, we were taught that all people were equal regardless of the color of their skin or their background. Church reinforced that notion, teaching that “red, yellow, black, or white,” we are all precious in His sight. The story of America, as we were taught, was that people came to this country and built it from the ground up with immigrants from different backgrounds doing the heavy lifting – like Irish and Chinese workers forging the transcontinental railroad.

Freedom of speech was protected, the press – hailed as the Fourth Estate – was respected and even had just brought down a corrupt president, and we all understood that there was a clear wall between church and state. Voting rights were protected – in fact the entire story of America had been one of enfranchising more people with the right to vote from minorities to women to 18-year-olds to ending poll taxes.

In response to scandals and corruption, Texas had recently passed open government laws that reinforced that the people are the ones in charge and that elected officials from the city council to the statehouse must be transparent in their dealings. Texas leaders – Democrats and Republicans – clashed on different issues but had a habit of coming together to advance policies that put Texas first.

Texas also held to another important lesson that we were taught was fundamental to the American experiment. We were taught that we have a republican form of government – a type of democracy in which the People choose their leaders to make decisions for them, and those leaders are bound by a constitution which enshrines the rights of the people. We were also taught that in a republic the majority rules, but it must respect the rights of the minority. A democracy is two wolves and a lamb voting on what’s for dinner. In a constitutional republic, the lamb is protected.

America at 250 feels like a markedly different place. We are meaner, we are ruder, and our government is largely corrupt and dysfunctional.

The 24-hour news cycle has spawned opinion-driven news that caters to the left or the right. People watch their preferred news – FOX, CNN, Newsmax, MSNBC, etc. – and find themselves in silos, which reinforce their own worldview and teach them that not only is the other side wrong, but they are also evil. Social media algorithms then feed us more of the opinions we want to believe. Fair reporting and good journalism is still out there – but you have to seek it out and more importantly you must be willing to accept the notion that sometimes, the leaders on your side are in the wrong.

We have demonized the immigrant and marginalized minorities. One party is in control of all three branches of government and just cries all the time about how elections are unfair. In Texas, a pair of billionaires have bought and paid for the governor, the lieutenant governor, and most of the statehouse and are actively working to harass religious minorities and impose their twisted “Christian” beliefs on everyone. They tell us we’ve been lied to about the separation of church and state for 250 years. They scream warnings about a non-existent Sharia Law “takeover” by “radical Islamists” while at the same time plastering the Ten Commandments on walls and forcing all school children to read Bible stories.

In Washington, civility is gone, decorum is gone, what’s good for the people is gone, and all the focus – by design – is on the whims and wishes of one man. And that man does not respect those who disagree with him, he attacks them, takes them to court, and uses the levers of power to punish them. Even members of his own party are not safe from him. And yet people continue to follow him, even when all his actions are the exact opposite of how we teach our own children to behave.

But America is resilient. Our nation’s history and purpose – dedicated to the proposition that everyone is created equal – is one of growth. We have our missteps, our setbacks, and our mistakes. But America has overcome those in the past and generally worked to correct itself, make itself better, and find ways to compromise and move forward. This Independence Day, let us rededicate ourselves – individually and collectively – to working together, to listening to each other, and to respecting each other – even those we may disagree with. America has always been great, but it only becomes greater when we build a bigger tent with a longer table, when everyone has a seat, when everyone has a voice, and when the rights of everyone are respected and protected. That’s America, and that’s worth celebrating.



editor’s commentary
by roger estlack

Considering ‘endowed by their creator’

We are just days away from celebrating the 250th anniversary of our founding document and the creation of the United States. While the U.S. Constitution is our law, the Declaration of Independence is our purpose and, in many ways, our goal. With so much to say about this document, I wanted to break it into two parts and today focus on the phrase, “endowed by their Creator.”

As with so many things today, even the celebration of America has become controversial. Loving the nation is often viewed as partisan, and flying the flag is frequently seen as an indicator of political affiliation. In this debate over American exceptionalism, one of the recurring arguments concerns religion and whether America was established on religious principles.

While I personally believe God had a hand in the creation of the United States, as a historian I also recognize that the Constitution was written as an Enlightenment document and contains no mention of God or any deity. I do not believe that was a mistake or an oversight, especially since references to God appear in many state constitutions. However, the same cannot be said of the Declaration of Independence.

In his original draft, Thomas Jefferson wrote, “We hold these truths to be sacred & undeniable; that all men are created equal & independent, that from that equal creation they derive rights inherent & inalienable, among which are the preservation of life, & liberty, & the pursuit of happiness.”

Most people can immediately recognize the difference between this version and the final text.

Before the Committee of Five introduced the Declaration to Congress, they revised the passage to read, “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

Many historians believe the change to “endowed by their Creator” was made by either John Adams or Benjamin Franklin, just as Franklin is often credited with changing “sacred and undeniable” to “self-evident.” Yet references to a Creator were not foreign to Jefferson himself. While it is easy to argue that two Deists, Jefferson and Franklin, were simply referring to Nature, or “Nature’s God,” as Jefferson wrote in the first paragraph of the Declaration, I think it

is instructive to jump ahead a few years to the Constitutional Convention and a famous speech delivered by Franklin.

The Convention was struggling to accomplish anything and had been searching history for answers when Franklin introduced his well-known resolution calling for prayer:

“In this situation of this Assembly groping as it were in the dark to find political truth, and scarce able to distinguish it when presented to us, how has it happened, Sir, that we have not hitherto once thought of humbly applying to the Father of lights to illuminate our understandings? In the beginning of the contest with G. Britain, when we were sensible of danger we had daily prayer in this room for the Divine Protection. — Our prayers, Sir, were heard, and they were graciously answered ... I have lived, Sir, a long time and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth — that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without [H]is notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without [H]is aid?”

While I do believe the use of the word “Creator” reflects our Founders’ belief in and reliance upon God, there is even more significance to the phrase. The Founders could have chosen other words. They could have said nature, reason, or natural law. Instead, they used a word that pointed to a moral authority above government. It places human rights, dignity, and moral worth above human institutions. It says that human beings possess value and rights not because governments approve of them, but because they originate from God.

In Christianity, human beings are understood to be created intentionally and in the image of God. That belief gives human life sacred value. If rights come from a Creator, then they are not temporary political privileges. They are part of the moral structure of creation itself.

This leads directly to the next clause in the Declaration, “All men are created equal.” When this was written, the United States did not extend these rights equally. Enslaved people, women, and many others were excluded. Yet the principle itself, that rights are universal



historically speaking
by dr. james finck

and inherent, became something later generations could use to challenge injustice.

Clearly, Jefferson did not view all people as equal. What Jefferson was challenging with this line was the traditional European view that society was naturally divided between kings, nobles, and commoners. The Declaration rejected the idea that some people were born to rule while others were born to be ruled. So, if we take what Jefferson wrote at face value, that just all white men were created equal, that in and of itself was extremely revolutionary. There was no other place on the face of the Earth that believed in this idea.

But the principle goes even deeper than that. If our rights and self-worth come from a Creator, then government cannot define them. Legitimate government exists to secure those God-given rights, not to grant them. The Declaration establishes a moral standard by which governments are judged and reminds us that liberty requires both conviction and courage.

Viewed in this light, the Declaration of Independence became a powerful weapon against slavery and segregation. As Justice Clarence Thomas noted in a recent speech, Frederick Douglass, Abraham Lincoln, and Martin Luther King Jr. used the principles of the Declaration to fight injustice, not to support it. The Declaration is one of the greatest antislavery documents in history because it established the principle that all people possess equal rights bestowed upon them from God. The ideas of equality and liberty were so powerful that America could not permanently maintain slavery and segregation without contradicting its own founding principles. In this view, both the Civil War and the civil rights movement were efforts to make America live up to the promises contained in the Declaration.

Now, 250 years later, that promise remains unfinished. Every generation is called upon to ask whether we are living up to the ideals proclaimed in Philadelphia in 1776. Our Declaration does not claim that Americans had achieved perfect equality or perfect liberty; it declares what ought to be true and establishes a standard against which the nation can measure itself.

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Folks sure can be strange sometimes

We sure are strange sometimes. Most of the time, we make sense. We’re “sensible” and we do things for a reason. But there are times when we do things that make no sense at all, and we don’t care. Just take pocketknives, for instance. Most men wouldn’t leave the house without one. I sure wouldn’t. In fact, I’ll bet if you stopped 10 men in business suits on the sidewalk in New York City or London and asked them to turn their pockets out for you, at least eight of them would be carrying a pocketknife. And one of them would be bound to call the police because of your weird request.

Why is this, do you suppose? If you asked each of them, you’d get a heming and hawing and they’d probably say

they need it for sharpening pencils. Of course, they don’t “use” pencils any more, and if they did, there’d be an electric sharpener to bring them to a point.

But the bottom-line truth is, we aren’t sure just why we feel naked without a little, dull, old pocket knife on us. The truth goes back before history, before human speech, before microwave ovens. We have that stupid little knife on us because with it, we’re armed. Yes. We carry one because men have always car-



home country
by slim randles

ried some kind of sharp object for protection. It might have been an obsidian knife, a steel rapier, an Italian dagger, a Scottish skean dhu, but it was on us, because we felt more secure with it.

Men with sharp objects survived to sire other men who carried sharp objects, so that’s why, a million years later, we have that dumb little pocket knife with us that couldn’t spread Cheez Whiz on a cracker. But don’t leave that thing home, because without it, you’d be helpless against the world.

Brought to you by readers of my next book, “Cock-a-Doodle Death.” Both of them.

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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

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

JULY 4TH

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9:00 AM AT COURTHOUSE

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9 AM AT METHODIST CHURCH
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KIDS PARADE

9:00 AM



HERRING BANK PARADE

10:00 AM

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BARBECUE

AFTER THE PARADE

HENSON'S ANNUAL

TURTLE RACE

1:30 PM AT 3RD & KEARNEY

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¿Qué Pasa?

Community Calendar
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
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July 11 & 12
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Menus
June 6 - 10

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Mexican pile on, tortilla chips, Spanish rice, garden salad, sliced peaches w/whipped topping, iced tea/2% milk.
Tues: Philly steak sandwich, peppers & onions, coleslaw, fruit crisp, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Chicken strips, gravy, potato wedges, salad, whole wheat roll, brownie, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Polish sausage, cabbage, mashed potatoes, whole wheat roll, black forest parfait, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Goulash, mixed greens, cornbread, coconut cake, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Goulash, greens, cornbread, cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Tues: Stuffed baked potatoes, shredded beef, steamed broccoli, whole wheat roll, pineapple cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Chicken fried steak w/ country gravy, broccoli, mashed potatoes, whole wheat roll, fruit crisp, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Smothered steak, buttered carrots, broccoli & cauliflower, whole wheat roll, lemon cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: BBQ beef on a bun, tater tots, coleslaw, iced tea/2% milk.

Rodeo:

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to let the big moment get the better of me.”

That’s tough, because Casper is the goal of ever intercollegiate rodeo athlete. Cowboys and cowgirls compete in 10 regional events throughout the school year, and only the top three individuals – and top two teams – from each region advance to the CNFR.

Clarendon dominated the men’s race in the newly created Caprock Region. Hildre won bareback riding, and Morian outlasted teammate Riley Barber in bulldogging. Bond finished his inaugural year in intercollegiate rodeo as the No. 2 bronc rider in the region, but the ultimate prize is his.

In addition to this being Clarendon’s third men’s national title – the Bulldogs also won team titles in 2021 and 2023 – Bond, Hildre and Morian become the sixth, seventh and eighth cowboys from the Texas Panhandle college to win individual championships. They join saddle bronc riders Wyatt Casper (2016) and Riggan Smith (2019); all-around cowboy/bareback rider Cole Franks (2021); bareback rider Weston Timberman (2023-24); and all-around cowboy/bull rider Wacey Schalla (2024).

“Weston Patterson pushed me to go there,” Bond said of a fellow Kansan who was part of the 2021 national-title team. “He told me I could be a good bronc rider and go other places, but he said Bret Franks was just going to help me out a lot. He has for sure.”

In some capacity, Franks has been coaching most of his adult life. He has been head coach at Clarendon since 2015. He won his first men’s team intercollegiate championship when he was the coach at his alma mater, Oklahoma Panhandle State University. He guided the 1997 and ’98 teams to titles.

Morian is also the college’s first time-event titlist, and it shows the talent the Bulldogs have in multiple disciplines. The others either rode bucking horses or bulls, and four of the five previous college champs have gone on to qualify for the National Finals Rodeo.

“I don’t think there’s any other college that practices more than we do,” Morian said. “It’s just really the winning mindset and the work ethic put together. I think it’s just unbeatable.”

Woman can’t wake hubby to save her life

He Says – I can usually fall asleep just about anywhere.

She Says – Yes, you can fall asleep anywhere and quickly, too. Just count to three: 1. Close your eyes, 2. You are asleep, no need for 3! And, you sleep hard, too. I’ve always been a light sleeper. You used to joke that I could hear a grasshopper taking a leak in our driveway!

He Says – Yeah, and I am hard to wake up; I know where this is going...that cold winter night in Red River, right?

She Says – Yes. I was remembering it when I got up to turn the air conditioner down last night. It’s been so warm, hot, actually, and I laughed at that memory. We managed a small lodge and lived on site. Our apartment entry was on the second floor balcony and the bedrooms and bathrooms were on the third. It had been established early in our marriage that the bedroom phone would always be Mary’s side of the bed because Richard would not wake up to answer any dreaded late night phone calls. This was in the early 2000’s, before cell phones were in heavy use. We were across the street from a major watering hole (bar) with live music on weekends. One frigid night after the bar had closed, the musicians decided they were having too good a time to quit playing and they kept on ‘jamming. The door and windows were open to let some of the smoke out as well as the music.

A little after 2:00 a.m., the phone rings, and it’s the lady in Room 110, facing the bar. She asked if there was anything I could do about the noise

(music) from across the street. This was usually a summer-time issue with the owner of the bar, but I was more than peeved and proceeded to march across the street,

wearing my flannel pjs and the same big old red robe I’m wearing right now. I flew through the open door of the bar and warned them I was calling the Marshall if they didn’t cease and desist the jam session immediately. I must have been scary. They jumped up, apologized, and started loading up. Feeling self-righteous and a little like Wonder Woman in my red robe, I bounded up the stairs to our apartment door only to find that I had locked myself out and did not have a key.

I rang the doorbell that rings throughout the apartment to no avail. Richard wouldn’t hear it. Then I remembered that we had a phone in the tool room, downstairs next to the laundry. I flew down the stairs, across the parking lot, through the carport and into the dark and frigid tool room. Dancing around in the dark with my arms in the air, I felt the string to the overhead light and Bingo! There was light and the phone. I dialed the lodge number and it rang and rang and rang and the automatic message came on, “The party you are dialing is not answering, try again later.”



he says, she says
by richard & mary green



Play ball!

The grow-ups have taken the field for a new adult softball league in Clarendon. Shown here are Chris Reuter, Pharabie Shadle, and Caitlyn Burrow in a recent game.

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I cursed and then dialed again. It rang several times and then was either answered or knocked off the nightstand, but was silent. “Hello,” I yelled, “Richard? Richard?” Nothing. I fairly screamed, “Richard!!” “What?” he finally said. “Richard, you need to come down stairs and let me in. I’m locked out of the apartment!” Silence. “Richard! Wake up and go downstairs and unlock the door and let me in!” “Where are you?” “I’m in the tool room. I locked myself out and it’s freezing and I need you to let me in!” “Why are you in the tool room?” “To use the phone to tell you to open the door and let me in!” “I forgot there is a phone down there. Where have you been?” “Richard, I’m going to kill you if you don’t come to the door of the apartment right now and let me in!”

I hung up and ran the path up the stairs to the front door again. It was not open, but I knew it would take him a few minutes to come downstairs. I pushed the doorbell repeatedly and, finally, the door flew open and I nearly knocked him down barging in.

He was more conscious than not at this point and asked, “What’s going on? Where have you been?” I did not try to kill him. He cuddled me sweetly to warm me up for the next two minutes and then he was, once again, sound asleep.

Remember – The Little Red Hen 806-822-0534 Saturday, July 18-- The Howardwick Hoedown! Food, Games, Prizes, Entertainment!!



the lion's tale
by roger estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting June 30, 2026, with Boss Lion Brian Barboza presiding.

We had ten members present and one attending virtually this week.

The Boss Lion thanked the club for the opportunity to serve and lead for the past year. We will be installing new officers next week, and Lion Brian will be moving to Friona next month. The club wished him well and thanked him for his service in Clarendon.

Lion Anndria Newhouse reported on the blood drive this Thursday at Lowe’s and reminded everyone of the critical blood shortage in the Panhandle.

Lion Roger Estlack announced the new door has been installed in the flag room, and plans were discussed for the July Fourth weekend flag service. The club also discussed plans for Friday’s Bag Bingo and Saturday’s Cow Patty Bingo.

We hope everyone has a safe and fun Fourth of July!

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

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4th of July! God Bless!

Obituaries

Lovell

Shirley Eileen Nelson Lovell went to be with her Lord and Savior June 4, 2026, at the age of 91.

A Memorial Service to celebrate

Shirley's life will be held Friday, July 10, 10:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Claude, Texas.

Cremation and arrangements are under the care of Robertson Funeral Directors.

Shirley was born August 7, 1934, in Claude, to Lloyd Vernon and Avis Christian Nelson. Her devout Christian faith carried her daily and was lovingly felt by numerous lives she touched along the way.

She graduated from Claude High School in 1952, attended Hardin-Simmons University, then Texas Tech University --- where she graduated in 1957 with a Bachelor of Applied Arts (Home Economics and Home Economics Education). After graduation, she worked at Dotty Dan Manufacturing in Lamesa, Texas, as a designer of children's clothing for boys. Shirley furthered her education at Texas Woman's University, pursuing a Master's in Home Economics. From 1962 – 1964, she taught High School Home Economics in Floydada and Claude.

In the early 1960's, Shirley met Joe T. Lovell, and they were soon married on April 12, 1963. As she and Joe began to build their life together, they established Claude as the community where they would raise their daughters (Leah Marie and Sheila Jo) and be blessed with over six decades of marriage. She loved her calling as a wife and mother and devoted herself completely to her family. She also enjoyed time with dear friends and sisters, Bible studies (both with adults and children), school activities, journaling and scrapbooking family memories, cooking, gardening, birdwatching, walking her little dog, and many memorable trips with loved ones. Later in life, she was thrilled to welcome new members to her family ----- sons-in-law, grandchildren, and two sweet great-granddaughters. Shirley's face always lit up as she continuously expressed her gratitude for God's blessings. As she graciously followed her journey on earth, she scattered beautiful seeds of her kindness and steadfast faith.

She is survived by her daughter Leah Gregory and husband Mike of Rociada, New Mexico; daughter Sheila Jenkins and husband Kevin of New Braunfels, Texas; grandson Grant Gregory and wife Katie (and great-granddaughters Clare Joe and Sloan Kay) of Trementina, New Mexico; grandson Sam Gregory and wife Shelby of Hartley, Texas; grandson Gabe Gregory and wife Laney of Rociada, New Mexico; grandson Ben Jenkins and Tira Holland of Aviano, Italy; granddaughter Brooke Jenkins of Leander, Texas; sister Marilyn Nelson-Perry of Springfield, Missouri.

She was preceded in death by her husband Joe (2025), parents Lloyd (1972) and Avis (1987), sister Sharon (2023), and sister Mary Eloise (1931).

Shirley's life was a beautiful testimony of faith, kindness, and deep love for family and friends.

We kindly ask that memorial donations be sent to Hudson House Claude. 301 Trice Street, PO Box 190, Claude, TX 79019.

Bollinger

Roberta Ruth Bollinger, 89 of Clarendon passed away on June 27, 2026.

Private graveside services and burial were held in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon.

Roberta Ruth Lindley Bollinger was born October 19, 1936, in Brice, Texas to Dennis and Ruth (Cross) Lindley. Her family moved to Donley County in 1942. She attended Clarendon schools, gradu-

ating from Clarendon High School in 1954, Clarendon College in 1956 and West Texas State College (WTAMU) in 1958 with a degree in elementary education. She was offered a teaching contract from Dalhart ISD soon after graduating. She was introduced to Marion Edward Bollinger and was married in Dalhart, Texas on May 22, 1959. She taught second grade in Dalhart for 2 years and took a break to have her children. They soon moved to Stratford where she taught first grade for 22 years. They moved to Clarendon in 1988, she taught in Lakeview 12 years and in Memphis for a year after Lakeview consolidated. She retired in 2001 with 37 years. She continued to substitute for Hedley ISD several years. She enjoyed crocheting, embroidering and spending time with her daughter, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Roberta was also a member of First Baptist Church of Clarendon.

Roberta was proceeded in death by her parents, her husband Marion Bollinger in 2005, son Dennis Bollinger, great granddaughter Ashleah Herndon and sister-in-law Wilma Lindley.

She is survived by her daughter, Gwen Sharp and husband Tim of Clarendon, brothers Harold Lindley of Clarendon and Thomas Lindley and wife Cynthia of Claude. Grandchildren: Kara Hill and husband Joel of Amarillo, Shawna Herndon and husband Brandon of Clarendon, and Corey Barker of Amarillo; Great Grandchildren; Lindley Hill, Haidyn Hill, Landyn Hill, Landrey Hill, Kelton Herndon, Madilynn Herndon. Nephews: Jay, Ray and Todd Lindley.

Arrangements are made by Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon and officiated by Chuck Robertson.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Gentiva hospice.

Deyhle

Charles Edgar, "Charlie" Deyhle, Jr., DVM

On Monday, June 29, 2026, our dear Charles Edgar Deyhle, Jr., "Charlie", 73 of Horseshoe Bay, Texas took his final and most glorious flight.

Charlie, the son of Frances and Dr. Charles Deyhle, Sr. was born July 26, 1952, in Memphis and grew up in Clarendon. As a boy he loved bikes, cars, mechanics, music, baseball and as soon as he could hold a shovel, began working at the Clarendon Veterinary Hospital, under his father's watchful eye. His passion for aviation began early, soloing when he was 15 and earning his private pilot's license at 16, even before receiving his driver's license.

After graduation from Clarendon High School, Charlie attended Texas Tech University and became a member of Kappa Alpha Fraternity. It was there he met his sister's roommate, Jamie, the one he would love for the rest of his life. Soon after graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science, he married Jamie Avant on August 17, 1974, in Dilley, Texas.

The adventure then led the couple to College Station, making their home in a 12 X 50-foot trailer house. Charlie would boast about having 2 window units, and a front row seat to the trains that rattled the little house with every passing. Charlie worked checking water meters while attending Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine and somehow found the time to become the Texas A&M Intramural Handball Champion. He graduated with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1977.

He then joined his father at the Clarendon Veterinary Hospital. The young veterinarian and Jamie immersed themselves in Clarendon's community and were blessed with two children, Charles Blake and Leia Kate. After 19 years, the family moved to Canyon, where Charlie was the owner-operator of Deyhle Veterinary Services, specializing in animal health management for intensified beef cattle stocker, and feedlot operations in Texas, New Mexico, Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado and Nebraska; consulting also in Australia and Mexico.

Throughout Dr. Deyhle's career he was recognized as Distinguished Alumnus of A&M's College of Veterinary Medicine, and was presented the Mark Francis Award. He was commissioned in 1982 to join the Governor's Task Force on Agricultural Development. He served as President of the Academy of Veterinary Consultants, and was honored by his peer members as Consultant of the Year in 2001; and by the Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Lab as Veterinary Diagnostician of the Year. The American Association of Bovine Practitioners awarded him the Food Animal Practitioner of the Year. He was a lifetime member of the American Veterinary Medical Association and the Texas Veterinary Medical Association. He served on the Task Force instrumental in the development of the Externship Program for the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine at West Texas A&M University; which developed into a College of Veterinary Medicine at West Texas A&M University.

Charlie often said he felt extremely grateful to have spent over 46 years doing work he truly loved. He answered his phone 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and formed lifelong friendships with his clients. He logged more than 16,000 hours flying to feedyards and ranches. He held ratings as Airline Transport Pilot, Commercial Pilot, Instrument, Multiengine and Helicopter Pilot.

Charlie was a lifelong Methodist, serving in many capacities in Clarendon and Canyon, and later, a member of The Church of Horse-shoe Bay, he came to dearly love. He would talk often about feeling the presence of God while alone, flying through the heavens overlooking all of God's creation. He would ask, "How could anyone not believe in God?"

Even with his busy career, there was no doubt that family was the center of Charlie's life. His wife, children and extended family meant everything to him. His four grandchildren brought a new level of joy. He treasured his friendships as well as took pride in mentoring young cattlemen, and celebrating their successes.

Charlie worked with integrity as hard as any man can work, but also played hard, with joy and gusto in all he did. Passions beyond family included flying, the mountains of Colorado, music, his '92 Ford Mustang, his dogs, hiking, country dancing and after retirement, a fiend at pickleball-or just driving around with his wife of almost 52 years-who always called him her "Superman". This was a man who never sat still.

His was without question, a life well lived.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frances and Chuck Deyhle and his brother-in-law, Jim Hill.

He is survived by his wife, Jamie; son, Blake Deyhle of Richmond, Virginia; daughter, Leia Anderson and son in law, Michael Anderson; grandchildren, Wells, Lillie, Carly and Anna Grace, all of Houston. Sisters Sandy Hill of Loveland, Colorado, Becky (John) McKinley of Amarillo, Jenny (Jodie) Rapp of Austin; brothers in law Jim Avant of Houston and Jeff (Cindy) Avant of Dilley, as well as many cousins and nieces and nephews who loved him dearly.

The family would like to express deep gratitude for the loving care Charlie received over the last several months from "Charlie's Angels". David Cooley, Elizabeth Martinez, Tiresa Greene, Felicia Williams and Takerra Asbury were invaluable and will not be forgotten.



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CLUES ACROSS

- __ chat
- Statue near the Pyramids
- A process to change the look
- Herb
- Think about excessively
- Bass vocal part
- Supreme Allied Cmdr. of NATO
- A major division of geological time
- New Zealand parrot
- Cognitive contents
- Lump of yarn
- Atomic #109
- Let go of
- Indian title of respect
- Whereabouts unknown
- Electronic data processing
- Drivers' licenses count
- Snakelike fishes
- They precede C
- Popular personal computers
- Intermediate community stage in ecological succession
- Wings
- Indicates position
- Pleasantly smooth or soft
- Jeweled headdress
- In slow tempo
- __ Falls
- Reassertions
- Eras
- Hyphen

CLUES DOWN

- Corporate executive
- A plant used for flavoring food
- Opinion or belief
- Sheep in their second year
- Intensities of sound
- Indicates support for
- Expression of laughter
- OJ trial judge
- Pointed ends of pens
- True bugs genus
- Lawyers argue theirs
- Clothes parts
- Closes tightly
- World Heritage site in Nigeria
- Islamic calendar month
- Commercial
- "Westworld" actor Harris
- They __
- Religious guilds
- Woman (French)
- Parts per billion (abbr.)
- Brew
- Spiritual leader
- Indigo bush
- Burn with a hot liquid
- Older citizen
- Scarf fish genus
- Morning
- Line passing through the center (abbr.)
- Double S-shaped curve
- Small, thin person
- Older
- Mars crater
- Humanities
- Word element meaning ear
- To the __ degree
- Residue
- It cools your home

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Longtime 4-H volunteer, Robin Ellis (fourth from the left), was honored for her commitment to the youth of Donley County 4-H with the Salute to Excellence Award during the annual luncheon held at State Roundup. Also pictured are the presenters as well as Blaine, Tymber and Jace Ellis, Guy Ellis and Donley County Agent Leonard Haynes.

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Morian makes Clarendon College history

By Holly Smith

Clarendon College had its first ever timed-event cowboy, a steer wrestler, win the 2026 College National Finals Rodeo.

Andrew Morian, a freshman from Gardnerville, Nevada, stopped the clock in 3.7 seconds to win the third round and put him first in the average on 3, headed into the championship round with a total time of 12.2 seconds.

Morian came to Clarendon to pursue his college bulldogging career with Clarendon's Men's Assistant Coach, Wyatt Smith. Morian set the Caprock Region on fire placing in eight of the 10 college rodeos during the regular season and winning four of those. He also picked up team roping, with partner Wyatt Williams and ended up being the Caprock Region Men's Reserve All-Around Cowboy.

Andrew Morian will be a name you'll hear for years to come. For only being a freshman, his mindset surpasses his age. His ability to

handle pressure in big moments is something you can't teach. Morian qualified for the Extreme Bulldogging Finals in Abilene, Texas, back in March.

"Being up against the best in the world, the guys who have and are making the NFR is a lot of pressure," Morian said. "But I believe that when I'm prepared for something, there is no reason I can't compete with the top guys. And there is no other practice than Coach Smith's that doesn't leave you unprepared."

Coach Smith, a 2014 steer wrestling NFR qualifier, had Morian and the Men's Team running steers almost every day leading up to the CNFR.

"Andrew worked his butt off all year," Smith said. "He is one of the most talented athletes I've coached here at Clarendon College. We had a great team of bulldoggers and they all pushed each other to have the end result we did. I couldn't be more proud to be their coach."

Morian will continue his educa-



Clarendon College's Andrew Morian won the CNFR bulldogging title this year.

COUTESY PHOTO / JACKIE JENSEN

tion in Ag Business and Economics and rodeo career at Tarleton State University. He is in the running for the Ote Berry Steer Wrestling World Tour Championship in Las Vegas, Nev., this December.



Donley County Extension Agent Leonard Haynes was honored with a 25-year service award during the District 1 awards luncheon recently.

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Donley 4-H members Emily McCurdy and Gracie Ellis competed at Texas 4-H State Roundup in College Station. Emily competed in the Talent Showcase with her piano solo and placed 5th in the competition. Gracie finished in 17th place overall in the Horse Judging. She was also presented a \$10,000 Texas 4-H Foundation scholarship sponsored by the Davidson Foundation onstage during the nightly assembly.

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CLARENDON



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 Corey Blais - W.M., Russell Estlack - Secretary. 2 B 1, ASK 1



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 Regular Board of Directors meeting third Tuesday each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Clarendon Visitor Center, 110 S. Kearney.



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CLARENDON

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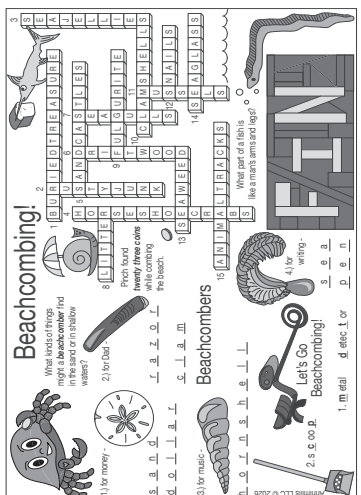
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PURPOSE OF HEARING: Structure(s) located on the property at 887 Lloyd Dr, Howardwick, TX 79226 was found to be in violation of the City's minimum housing/dangerous building code as outlined in the International Property Maintenance Code, 2009 Edition, and the International Wildland-Urban Interface Code, 2009 Edition; Substandard Structure.
 PROPERTY/LEGAL DESCRIPTION: R9282: Lot Eight Hundred Eighty-seven (887), of the Red Feather Addition, to the Town of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas, together with Mobile Home Certificate #00462950.
 LOCATION / HEARING DATE / TIME: City Hall, 245 Rick Husband Blvd, Howardwick, Texas 79226; July 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. Interested parties may present their case as to why this building should not be declared a public nuisance. The City Council may order the abatement of the nuisance including repair, renovation, removal, or demolition of the structure.
 HEARING BODY: Howardwick City Council
 OWNER OF RECORD: Edward Stephenson, Deceased

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PURPOSE OF HEARING: Structure(s) located on the property at 228 Billy Dr, Howardwick, TX 79226 was found to be in violation of the City's minimum housing/dangerous building code as outlined in the International Property Maintenance Code, 2009 Edition, and the International Wildland-Urban Interface Code, 2009 Edition; Substandard Structure.
 PROPERTY/LEGAL DESCRIPTION: R8113: Lots One Hundred Fifty-seven (157), One Hundred Fifty-eight (158), and One Hundred Fifty-nine (159), Huron Addition, Donley County, Texas.
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NEWSPAPERS IN EDUCATION



Beachcombing!

Yeah, yeah, I know all about the beach so I'm stuck hosting the page. Listen closely, because I don't repeat myself.

A **beachcomber** is a person who likes to search the sands and shallow waters for things to use, to make into something else or to sell because they have some value. Pretend that you and your family live on the beach and are beachcombers. What do **you** think you might discover?

What kinds of things might a beachcomber find in the sand or in shallow waters? Read the clues to find out:

Across

- box of valuable jewels in the ground
- forts with moats around them
- trash
- glass tube formed in sand when lightning strikes the sand
- soft-bodied water animals live in these
- carry their "homes" on their backs
- plants that live in the ocean
- broken pieces worn smooth
- paw prints

Down

- reddish-brown coated piece of metal
- have tentacles that can sting
- have large oval shells and long stiff tails
- pieces of trees, furniture, etc. washed ashore
- birds that live by the seashore
- soft-bodied water animals with narrow, dark-blue shells

buried treasure, seagulls, mussels, clamshells, sand castles, sea jellies, animal tracks, snails, horseshoe crabs, rusty junk, litter, seaweed, sea glass, driftwood, fulgurite.

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senior happenings
by marilyn defries

The Donley Country Senior Citizens Center would like to tell all participants involved with our annual donation event, “That Senior Thang”, how much we appreciated your attendance & also, the hard work from the volunteers! We look forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming July 4th celebrations in town. Just a reminder, we have BINGO the 3rd Thursday night at the center AND Beverly’s Exercise Class is at 1pm on Monday, Wed & Friday - come join us!

Clarendon CISD Board of Trustees approves new hires

The Clarendon CISD Board of Trustees met in regular session June 1 and approved several new hires.

Individual motions were approved to accept the Superintendent Byron May’s recommendation and offer contracts to Amy Dorris – campus principal, Eric Boettcher, and Breanna Watts.

Dr. May also gave a report on Hedley CISD and discussed the upcoming July board meeting in his Superintendent’s Report.

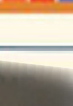
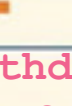
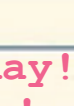
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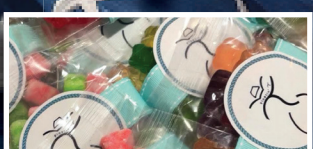
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