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

St. Mary's to hold church dedication

St. Mary's Catholic Church will dedicate its new church this Saturday, July 18, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.

Holy Mass of Dedication will be celebrated by Daniel Cardinal DiNardo and Bishop Emeritus Patrick Zurek along with priests of the Amarillo Diocese.

A Meal will be held in the Church Hall after the Mass.

St. Mary's original 1892 church was demolished in 2017 following a motor vehicle accident. Parish members have been raising funds and working to build a new home for the oldest catholic congregation in the Panhandle.

Clarendon to hold cleanup day July 25

Clarendon residents will have an opportunity to dispose of unwanted household trash and debris during a free 40-yard cleanup event on Saturday, July 25.

The cleanup will begin at 9:30 a.m. at 400 N. Front St. and continue until the containers are full.

The event is open only to City of Clarendon residents. Participants must present a photo ID or a current city water bill to verify residency. Commercial dumping is not permitted.

Refrigerators and other appliances containing refrigerant will not be accepted.

City officials encourage residents to take advantage of the event to help keep Clarendon clean.

Reception planned for Brian Barboza

The City of Clarendon will hold a come and go reception for City Administrator Brian Barboza on Friday, July 17 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Barboza is leaving Clarendon to become the City Manager at Friona.

CCISD taking Head Start applications

Clarendon CISD's Headstart program is taking applications for the 2026-2027 school year.

If you are interested in this program, please call the elementary office or call Melissa Hatley at 806-664-1545 to set up an appointment.

Your child must be 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2026.



Howardwick hosting Hoedown Saturday

Organizers are expecting a big turnout this Saturday, July 18, for the eighth annual Howardwick Hoedown in McMorries Memorial Park.

"It's going to be the best one yet," City Secretary Sandy Childress said. "The high is supposed to be in the mid-80s and the sky is going to be cloud covered. It's going to be beautiful."

The second annual Hoedown

Showdown Poker Run will start the day off with registration 8:30 a.m. and line-up on the northside of the Pavilion in McMorries Park. The Poker Run will take off at 9 a.m. and is open to all golf carts, ATVs, and UTVs. The cost to ride is \$20 per hand, and the winner gets half the entry fees. Maps will be provided at the start of the run.

Food will be served starting at

11 a.m. and continue until it runs out, and dancing and music will continue throughout the day. Lunch will be \$6 per person for a loosemeat sandwich meal.

The live on-site raffle with lots of prizes will also be going on all day for those present with winners every hour. Tickets are \$1 per chance, six for \$5 or 25 for \$20. Childress expects to be giving away six to

seven prizes away every hour thanks to all the generous donations to this year's Hoedown.

The fifth annual putting contest will open registration at 1 p.m. and tee off at 2 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person, \$2 per mulligan, and \$5 per chip shot.

Other activities include a mechanical bull-riding contest and a slip-n-slide will be available for

kids, and there will be several vendors in the park as well

Those attending the Hoedown should plan to bring their own seating and their own umbrellas or other shading if they desire.

Hoedown activities will wind down at 4 p.m.

Proceeds from the annual Hoedown go to support the City of Howardwick Volunteer Fire Department.



Clarendon College President Tex Buckhaults and Texas Tech University Vice Provost for Administrative Affairs Cindy Akers sign an agreement to bolster the success of students transferring from Clarendon to Tech.

CC PHOTO

CC, TTU deal will boost student success

Clarendon College and Texas Tech University signed a new agreement last Wednesday, July 8, to expand educational opportunities for students by creating a seamless transfer pathway from CC to Tech.

Through this agreement, students will benefit from a smoother transition as they continue their education and pursue a bachelor's degree. Clarendon College is proud to partner with Texas Tech University to support student success and make higher education more accessible and attainable.

The ceremony featured speakers from both institutions who highlighted the significance of this partnership and its impact on future students.

Larry Wiginton, Chemistry Professor at Clarendon College and

an alumnus of both CC and Texas Tech, welcomed guests and provided opening remarks. His unique connection to both institutions made him the perfect person to begin the celebration.

Attendees also heard from Caleb Crosswhite, Principal Deputy General Counsel at the US Department of Agriculture Office of the General Counsel, who shared a prerecorded video message. As an alumnus of both Clarendon College and Texas Tech University, Crosswhite reflected on his experiences at each institution, spoke highly of the education and opportunities they provided, and expressed his enthusiastic support for the new agreement.

Following Crosswhite's remarks, Cindy Akers, Vice Provost for Administrative Affairs at

Texas Tech University, spoke about the opportunities this partnership will create for students seeking to continue their education through a seamless transfer pathway.

CC President Tex Buckhaults addressed the audience, sharing the rich histories of both institutions and emphasizing the importance of collaboration in higher education. He remarked,

"When community colleges and universities work together, students win. Families win. Employers win. Communities win," Buckhaults said. "The future of the Texas Panhandle and West Texas depends on an educated workforce, strong leadership, and young people who believe they can build successful lives right here at home. Partnerships like this help make that future

possible."

The program concluded with remarks from Jason Hale, Texas Tech University's Senior Associate Vice President of Enrollment Management, who reinforced the value of partnerships like this in expanding educational opportunities and helping more students achieve their academic goals.

As both institutions continue their longstanding traditions of academic excellence, student success remains at the heart of this partnership. This Memorandum of Understanding represents a shared commitment to creating clear, accessible pathways for students to earn their bachelor's degrees while strengthening the future of the Texas Panhandle and West Texas through higher education.

City names Hartman as interim

Floyd Hartman will step in to lead City Hall when Clarendon City Administrator Brian Barboza leaves his post this Friday.

Hartman, a former interim city manager for the City of Amarillo, will serve as Clarendon's interim city administrator during the search for Barboza's successor. In its regular meeting on July 9, the city council approved an agreement with Hartman to employ him on a contract labor basis for six months with an option to renew that agreement. Hartman will be paid \$2,000 per month plus travel expenses.

Council members and city employees expressed optimism about the years of experience Hartman will bring to the city. Hartman spent several hours ahead of last week's council meeting to visit with city employees and elected officials one on one.

Aldermen also approved a motion last week to temporarily divide some of the city administrator's daily duties between City Secretary Machiel Covey and Public Works Director John Molder and to pay each of them \$500 per month until a permanent city administrator is hired.

A come and go reception for Barboza will be held on Friday, July 17, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. He is leaving Clarendon to become the City Manager at Friona.

In other city business last week, the council listened to and approved the annual report of the Clarendon Housing Authority as presented by Executive Director Tammy Christopher. The authority was created by the city in the late 1950s, and the mayor appoints members to the authority's board when vacancies arise, Christopher said. The authority maintains 71 apartments, and all are occupied currently except one, which is being repaired. There is a waiting list for people wanting apartments, but the authority cannot build any new housing because it is capped based on the city's population.

The council also voted last week to sell an old animal control truck and water department truck as surplus property and to purchase a used truck for the wastewater department. The human resources policy manual was updated, and the quarterly investment report was approved as presented.

In his administrator's report, Barboza updated the council on several projects, including the paving work recently completed on Fourth Street between Allen and Koogle streets. Concrete work on that job is going to have to be replaced at the cost of the contractor for failing to meet specifications.

Aldermen discuss next sidewalk, light project

Plans for additional sidewalk improvements in Clarendon's Central Business District were considered by the city council during its meeting on July 9.

Where Kearney Street improvements have been largely paid for by downtown revitalization grants from the Texas Department of Agriculture, the next work will be largely paid for by a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation and will focus on targeted areas on Sully Street.

The council considered preliminary plans from TxDOT and made suggestions about the placement and number of streetlights in the new project and also recommended moving one section of sidewalk.

The plan would install new sidewalk and two decorative lights in the 100 block of Sully on the west side of the street from the laundromat to the fire department's driveway. It would also put two lights and new sidewalk on the east side of the 300 block from Third Street south to

in front of City Hall, making sure all county-owned buildings are ADA accessible and stopping before the USDA office parking area.

The TxDOT plan would also install new sidewalks on the east side of the 400 block of Sully and in front of the Lions Hall on Fourth Street, tying in pedestrian access from downtown to the Courthouse Square and the parks system.

The original plan from TxDOT showed the Fourth Street sidewalk

being through the yard of the Lions Hall, but officials agreed it should run along the curb.

There would also be two lights along the Fourth Street sidewalk and two along the sidewalk in the 400 block of Sully.

The council's recommendations now go back to TxDOT for final design work, which is expected to be completed later this fall. No date has been announced for bidding the project or for expected completion of the project.

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Court decision rightly arms permit holders

Today, I want to look at what is probably the second most controversial decision from the Supreme Court recently and one surrounded by a great deal of confusion and misinformation.

The case, *Wolford v. Lopez*, concerns whether registered concealed carry permit holders may carry firearms on private property that is open to the public. Opponents claim, by forcing private business owners to allow guns in their stores and offices, the ruling takes away the rights of private business owners and puts them in danger. That, however, is not the case.

To understand this decision, let's look at the history behind it, particularly the Supreme Court's 2022 decision in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen*, where the Court ruled that the Second Amendment protects the right of law-abiding citizens to carry handguns in public for self-defense. The Court also established a new constitutional standard for evaluating firearm laws.

Before *Bruen*, courts generally used a two-step balancing test. They first asked whether a law affected Second Amendment protections. If it did, they then weighed the government's interest, such as reducing crime or improving public safety, against the Second Amendment protections. This approach often allowed courts to uphold gun regulations if they believed the law reasonably promoted public safety.

The *Bruen* decision changed that approach. The Supreme Court ruled that judges should no longer weigh public safety against constitutional rights. Instead, courts must first determine if a law restricts the Second Amendment. If it does, the government must prove that the law is consistent with the nation's historical tradition of gun regulation. In other words, the government must show that similar laws existed during the nation's early history. If there is no historical tradition supporting the law, it is likely unconstitutional.

This brings us back to the case at hand. In response to the Court's decision in *Bruen*, Hawaii passed a new law in 2023 allowing people with concealed carry permits to carry firearms but imposed several new restrictions. The most controversial provision required permit holders to obtain explicit permission from a property owner before carrying a firearm into a privately owned business that is open to the public, such as a gas station or restaurant.

Supporters of the Hawaiian law argued the restriction respected private property rights while helping reduce the risk of gun violence in places where large numbers of people gather. They believed the law was a reasonable response to the Supreme Court's *Bruen* decision because it balanced constitutional rights with concerns about public safety.

Second Amendment advocacy groups disagreed. They argued that the law effectively eliminated concealed carry because so many places are privately owned but open to the public. As a result, they contended, Hawaii had made it nearly impossible for permit holders to carry firearms during their normal daily activities. Several individuals filed a lawsuit against Hawaii Attorney General Anne E. Lopez. The case eventually made its way to the Supreme Court.

In *Wolford v. Lopez*, the Court ruled that Hawaii's default prohibition violated the Second and Fourteenth Amendments. The Court concluded that the state had failed to demonstrate a historical tradition supporting such a broad restriction and that the law effectively prevented permit holders from exercising their constitutional right to carry firearms for self-defense in many ordinary public settings.

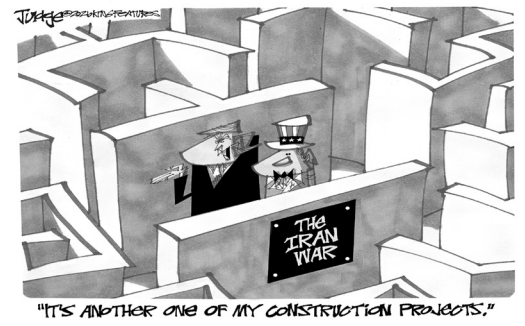
Up to this point, the case has generally been reported accurately. The confusion comes from what the Court said next.

The Court also made it clear that private property owners still have the right to decide whether firearms are allowed on their property. What the state cannot do is automatically assume that every private business is a gun-free zone unless the owner gives affirmative permission. Instead, the default is reversed; property owners must choose for themselves if they want to prohibit firearms.

In other words, the Court did not take away the rights of business owners to restrict guns on their property. If a business owner posts a "No Firearms" sign, then firearms are not permitted. For example, open carry is legal in Oklahoma, but if today I visited a store that posted a sign allowing concealed carry while prohibiting open carry, that storeowner has every legal right to make that rule.

So, while *Wolford v. Lopez* is certainly a victory for gun owners, it does not strip away anyone's right to decide what rules apply on their own private property.

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Dissent is not disloyalty; it's a duty

President Trump has no problem criticizing, condemning, insulting, demonizing and threatening those who refuse to fall in line.

He has branded political opponents "communists," denounced critics as anti-American, lashed out at NATO allies, threatened to cut off trade with Spain, and referred to Iran's leaders as "scum" amid the ongoing war.

In Trump's America, the president is free to call other nations bad actors, label his opponents dangerous, and treat disagreement as betrayal.

But dare to criticize Trump, his administration, ICE, the police state, the war machine, the surveillance state, or the government's steady assault on the Constitution, and you may find yourself treated as the threat.

This is the hypocrisy of the moment: those in power claim an unlimited right to criticize everyone else, while increasingly denying the people the right to criticize them.

Criticize the government, question the police state, object to ICE raids, oppose war, challenge corruption, reject propaganda, refuse to salute the party line, or insist that public officials obey the Constitution, and you may find yourself accused of being anti-American, extremist, subversive, ungrateful, communist, terrorist-adjacent or worse.

This is how free speech dies: not all at once, but by redefining dissent as disloyalty.

Yet the First Amendment was not written to mandate flattery and applause for those in power. It was written to safeguard the right of the people to criticize, condemn, expose, challenge and resist government abuses without fear of being investigated, surveilled, threatened, prosecuted or treated like enemies of the state.

The American Revolution itself began as an act of criticism.

The Declaration of Independence was a bill of complaints against a government that had abused its power, violated the rights of the people, used the military to intimidate civilians, obstructed justice, imposed unjust burdens, and treated resistance as rebellion.

By today's standards, the Founders would likely be labeled extremists, agitators, radicals, anti-government dissidents and threats to national security.

What was once rebellion against tyranny is now being recast as a warning sign of extremism.

That is the police state's playbook for discrediting dissent: start with finger-pointing and name-calling, then turn criticism into subversion, dissent into

danger, and those who demand accountability into enemies of the state.

On cue, President Trump and his allies have increasingly wrapped political opposition in the language of extremism, communism, terrorism and anti-Americanism.

The government's increasing tendency to equate dissent with danger should alarm every American, regardless of party.

We have already seen what this looks like.

Americans who criticize ICE online, write angry emails to government officials, document raids, protest enforcement actions, or speak out against official misconduct increasingly risk visits, warnings, subpoenas, surveillance or investigations by the government's secret police.

The government does not need to jail everyone in order to silence a population. It only needs to make examples of a few.

A knock on the door. A warning from agents. A subpoena. A phone call from law enforcement. A file opened. A name entered into a database. A social media post flagged. A protest monitored. A journalist questioned. A nonprofit investigated. A student visa threatened. A donor list scrutinized. A museum audited. A professor disciplined. A mayor denounced as anti-American. A citizen taught to think twice before speaking again.

This is how a free people are trained to censor themselves.

Let us be clear: violence and true threats can and should be investigated. No one has a constitutional right to assault, threaten, stalk, bomb, kill or terrorize.

But criticism is not violence. Anger is not terrorism. Dissent is not extremism. Opposition is not treason. Petitioning the government for redress of grievances is not a crime. It is the essence of citizenship.

Yet every administration, sooner or later, discovers the convenience of labeling its critics as threats.

The right to criticize government cannot be treated as a partisan indulgence. No matter which party holds power, the people must be free to criticize the government. This is the great danger of the moment. We are being told that patriotism requires amnesia. That



Speak truth to power
by John Whitehead

is a lie.

Real patriotism is not worship of government. Real patriotism is not loyalty to a president. Real patriotism is not blind obedience to police. Real patriotism is not a flag big enough to cover up injustice.

Real patriotism is the willingness to tell the truth about your country because you believe it can and must be better.

Those who criticize America are often the only ones still taking America seriously.

When the government claims the power to decide what history may be taught, what speech may be tolerated, what criticism may be investigated, what protest may be monitored, what viewpoint may be flagged, and what truths may be spoken, the people have a duty to push back.

We must insist that the First Amendment protects the speech government hates most. We must insist that criticizing ICE is not a crime. We must insist that criticizing the president is not treason. We must insist that criticizing police is not extremism. We must insist that criticizing America's failures is not anti-American. We must insist that history belongs to the people, not to politicians. We must insist that no president, no agency, no party and no bureaucrat gets to decide what patriotism requires.

We must insist that the Constitution means what it says.

After all, the government works for us—not the other way around. The moment Americans forget that, the experiment in self-government is over.

So criticize the government. Criticize it loudly. Criticize it relentlessly.

Criticize it when it spies, lies, censors, raids, detains, prosecutes, propagandizes, militarizes, profiteers and abuses.

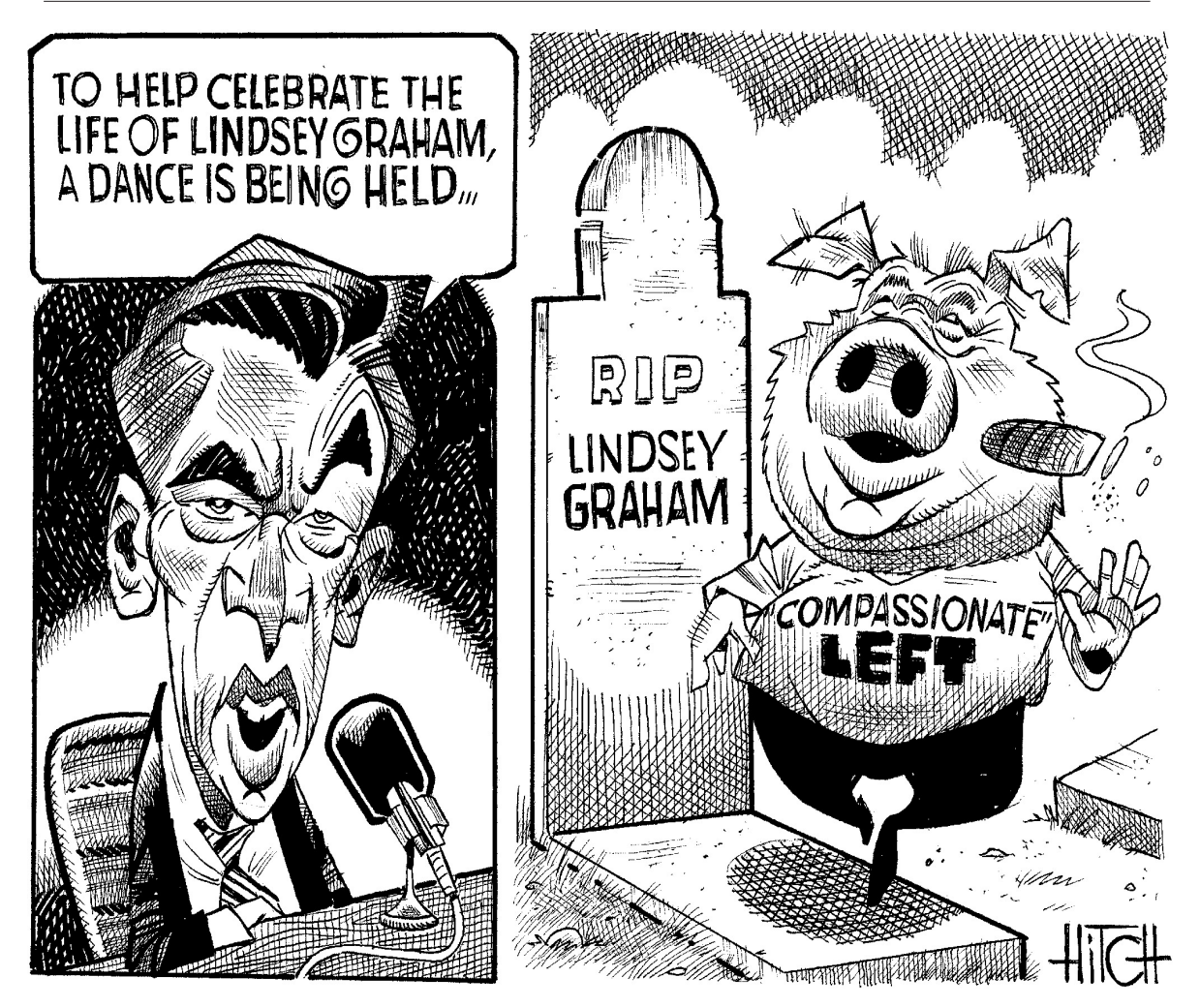
Criticize it when it rewrites history, calls truth anti-American, mistakes obedience for patriotism, and forgets that "We the People" are the masters and the government is the servant.

That is the duty of a free people.

As I make clear in *Battlefield America: The War on the American People* and its fictional counterpart *The Erik Blair Diaries*, the police state does not need everyone to agree with it. It only needs enough people to fear disagreeing with it.

We do not owe the government our silence.

We owe the Constitution our vigilance. Constitutional attorney and author John W. Whitehead is founder and president of The Rutherford Institute.



Summer time can get poppin' hot

"Hot? Did you say hot?" "Sure did, Windy, have a seat and join us," said Doc. We were huddled up in the coolth of the air conditioner blast in that certain part of the dining room at the Mule Barn truck stop. Yes. It was hot.

"Ain't like Death Valley, how-somever," Windy said. "Now boys, that there's HOT!"

"You been to Death Valley, Windy?"

"Shore did, Steve. Wellsir, it was a long time back, 'bout the time of when I ferget who was president. One of them guys who ain't president any more. But I was jest percolatin' 'round and got me

this here wran-glin' job over there at Furnace Crick. Hot? Say, it was so hot it melted your whis-kers! But they needed these dudes wrangled and I packed mules for 'em ... until the accident ... "Accident?" "Oh Doc, it was terrible. One day I was packin' pic-a-nic supplies for 'em, and I had me eight mule loads of that Jiffy Pop popcorn, you know ... 'cuz



home country
by Slim Randles

they liked popcorn, ya see. Wellsir, it were so danged hot that popcorn started a-poppin' inside them cans, and it flat blew the lids off them cans. Right out there in the dang desert ..."

Windy paused a moment to wipe away a tear.

"And that there popcorn went all over the ground ... and ... and them mules saw it and thought it was snow ... and froze to death!"

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Sizzling Summer Sounds

Follow the dots to see what was left behind at the pond.

How many toes does a frog have?

Do you ever stop to listen to all the sounds being made around you? You may hear them, but do you know what is making each one?

Find a piece of paper and a pencil. Listen to all the sounds in your house. List them and write what you think is making each sound.

Next, open a window or sit in the yard. Listen to all the noises in your neighborhood. Before you start to write, guess how many different sounds there are. Write your list and then count the number of sounds you heard. Were you close in your guess?

Read each clue. Write a word in the crossword that describes a sound that the clue might make.

Try to finish the puzzle without looking at the word bank.

ACROSS	DOWN
2. crickets _____	1. steaks _____
5. motorboats _____	3. motorcycles _____
6. children _____	4. waves _____
7. fires _____	7. thunder _____
9. fans _____	8. bullfrogs _____
11. air conditioners _____	10. snakes _____
13. geese _____	12. cows _____
14. cannons _____	14. saws _____
15. birds _____	16. brakes _____
17. firecrackers _____	17. dogs _____
18. ducks _____	

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¿Qué Pasa?

Community Calendar

July 17 & 18

Mulkey Theatre • Moana • 7:30 p.m.

July 18

Howardwick Hoedown • 11 a.m.
at McMorries Park, Food, Vendors,
Music, Raffles, and Cornhole • See
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July 19

Mulkey Theatre • Moana • 2:00 p.m.

August 8

Bronco Booster Tournament •
Clarendon Country Club • Call 806-
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August 15 & 16

Jack & Jill Scramble • Clarendon
Country Club • Call 806-874-2166

August 29 & 30

Men's & Women's Club Champion-
ship • Clarendon Country Club • Call
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September 7

Labor Day Scramble • Clarendon
Country Club • Call 806-874-2166

September 19 & 20

One-Person Scramble
Clarendon Country Club • Call 806-
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September 27

Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon
Cookoff • SaintsRoostMuseum.com

October 1 - 3

Old Texas Route 66 Motor Tour at the
Jericho Gap • thejerichogap.com

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Menus

June 20 - 24

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Pork loin, black-eyed peas, turnip greens, cornbread, sliced peaches, iced tea/2% milk.
Tues: King ranch chicken, ranch style beans, garden salad, tortilla, black forest parfait, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, whole wheat roll, cherry/pineapple crisp, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: BBQ beef on a bun, tater tots, coleslaw, chocolate chip cookies, apricots, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Baked fish, baked potatoes, peas & carrots, hushpuppies, blueberry cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Stroganoff, black-eyed peas, spinach, whole wheat roll, strawberry shortcake, iced tea/2% milk.
Tues: Pork loin, long grain rice, peas & carrots, whole wheat roll, pumpkin roll, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Chicken fried steak, 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: Steak fingers, red skin potatoes, black-eyed peas, whole wheat roll, chocolate cake, iced tea/2% milk.



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting with Boss Lion Eric Gehman in charge.

Upcoming events were discussed. We wished a speedy recovery to Lion Richard Green, who had a cardiac spell over the weekend, and club members were encouraged to attend a reception at City Hall for Lion Brian Barboza, who is leaving us to move to Friona.

Business for this week centered on installation of officers for the coming year with Past District Governor Roger Estlack performing the installation duties. New officers are Boss Lion Eric Gehman, First Vice President Mary Green, Second Vice President & Service Chair Anndria Newhouse, Third Vice President Christina Brady, Secretary/Treasurer Roger Estlack, Tail Twister & Membership Chair Landon “L Jefe” Lambert, Lion Tamer Chris Reuter, Song Leader Larry Capranica, Communications & 5K Chair Ashlee Estlack.

We look forward to great Lions year under these leaders!

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

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Howardwick Hoedown set for this weekend

He Says – First of all, I want to thank and praise the Texas Department of Transportation for the completed road repairs in the Kearney-Hwy 287 area! Job well done! Maybe... maybe... this will slow down some of these cars, trucks, semis that roar thru Clarendon. The people who rocket through town with no regard for the speed limit and apparently have no fear of the law. In my opinion, we are very lucky that one of our Donley County citizens has not been run over, crashed into or killed by these speed demons. At times, it is mucho difficult to get on or even cross 287!



**he says,
she says**
*by richard &
mary green*

She Says – I agree.
He Says – Mary sounds fired up. Are you ready for the Howard-

wick Hoedown?

She Says – Yep! Saturday, the 18th. It's going to be such a fun day with all the prizes and good food. By the way, I signed you up for the Dunkin' Booth.

He Says – Dunkin' Booth? I didn't hear about that.

She Says – Well, there isn't one, YET. But I volunteered for you to be dunked if there should be one.

He Says – Hmm, we'll see. I sent a note to the Weather Bureau in Amarillo, demanding that the temperature not exceed 80 degrees on the 18th...waiting for an answer from them. Also, tickets for the \$1.00 Raffle will only be sold at the park during the Hoedown, and Sandy has come up with a few tickets for that Llama vehicle! Tickets for that are \$25.00 each.

She Says – Plan now to go! Just be sure to bring your own lawn chairs, canopies, umbrellas, coolers, etc. And there will be lots of ven-

dors. See you there!

Mary's Note – The day after drafting the above, Richard had a serious cardiac “event” in our Howardwick kitchen. Every day we give thanks for another day of life and that is especially true today. Special thanks go to modern medical science that created the ICD, Implanted Cardiac Defibrillator that kept Richard alive and literally kicking. He was transported to BSA in Amarillo where every medical staff member remarked that the little machine “did its job!”

Special thanks, too, to the 911 operator who kept me calm (sorry I don't remember her name,) and to the ambulance attendants, Denver and Jenci, who treated my boy with care and respect. Our little community is so sweet! I just love the people of Donley County, Texas!

Don't miss it! Saturday, July 18 is annual The Howardwick Hoedown!



Lions Leaders

Clarendon Lions Club officers installed Tuesday were Secretary/Treasurer Roger Estlack, Tail Twister Landon “L Jefe” Lambert, Boss Lion Eric Gehman, Lion Tamer Chris Reuter, Third Vice President Christina Brady, and Song Leader Larry Capranica. Not present were First Vice President Mary Green, Second Vice President Anndria Newhouse, and Communication Chair Ashlee Estlack.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO

Funding available for row crop, vegetable producers

By Kay Ledbetter, AgriLife Extension

Texas row crop and vegetable producers looking to cut input costs, improve soil health and boost long-term profitability have access to a new round of financial incentives through a statewide conservation effort.

The Texas Conservation and Sustainability Initiative, a Texas A&M AgriLife-led program, is open to farmers, ranchers and small forest landowners. It offers direct payments for implementing or continuing proven soil health and water management practices.

Payments to adopt select conservation practices range from \$30 per acre to more than \$1,500 per acre, depending on the practice.

For many producers, this means getting paid to try something new or getting paid for what they're already doing.

“This is about reducing risk for producers,” said Jason Vogel, Texas A&M AgriLife Research project manager, Department of Soil and

Crop Sciences. “If you want to try a new practice, there's funding to help. If you're already doing it, there's funding to reward that too.”

Highlighted row-crop incentives include: Cover crops – \$80 per acre. Reduced tillage – \$30 per acre. No-till – \$30 per acre. Soil carbon amendments, e.g., biochar – \$275–\$1,500 per acre. Nutrient management, slow-release manure per compost – \$275 per acre. Conservation crop rotation – \$30 per acre. Irrigation water management for rice – \$150–\$300 per acre.

The practices included are good for both the land and producers' bottom line, Vogel said.

Benefits can include: Lower labor and fuel costs. Reduced weed pressure. Natural fertilizer from decomposing residues. Improved pest suppression. Higher yields over time. Better water retention and reduced compaction. Cooler soil temperatures during extreme heat. In short: healthier soil, healthier crops, healthier margins.

Producers don't have to navigate the process alone, Vogel said.

Participants will receive: A customized conservation plan. Technical assistance from the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board. On-farm support from Texas A&M AgriLife ambassadors. Soil testing and practice-specific guidance.

“Whether you're new to regenerative practices or fine-tuning what you already do, the program provides both the dollars and the expertise to make it work,” Vogel said.

The program is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service. It is led by AgriLife Research scientists Julie Howe, Ph.D., soil chemistry and fertility professor and associate department head, and Nithya Rajan, Ph.D., agronomy and agroecology professor and director of the Hood Family Center for Greenhouse Gas Management in Agriculture and Forestry, both in the Department of Soil and Crop Sciences.

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CC agreement with ETAMU helps RFO students

Clarendon College has entered into a new articulation agreement with East Texas A&M University that creates a seamless transfer pathway for students completing the College's nationally recognized Ranch and Feedlot Operations (RFO) program and pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Agribusiness.

The agreement establishes a clear transfer pathway that allows Clarendon College RFO graduates to maximize the transfer of their coursework while continuing their education at East Texas A&M University.

The partnership supports students seeking to build on the hands-on education they receive at Clarendon College while preparing for leadership careers in the agriculture industry.

"This agreement represents another important step in expanding educational opportunities for our students," said Dr. Tex Buckhaults, President of Clarendon College. "Our Ranch and Feedlot Operations program has earned a national reputation for excellence, and we are proud to partner with East Texas

A&M University to provide our graduates with a seamless pathway to continue their education. Together, we are helping students build on the exceptional foundation they receive at Clarendon College while preparing them for leadership roles in the agricultural industry."

Dr. Byron Housewright, Associate Dean of Operations for East Texas A&M University's College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, emphasized the importance of the partnership.

"It has traditionally been difficult for these students to transition to a bachelor's degree and maintain credit hours. This is an important relationship as CASNR seeks to attract outstanding transfer students and continue strengthening our focus on ranching and cow/calf production."

Dr. Bryan Rank, Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at East Texas A&M University and a graduate of Clarendon College's Ranch and Feedlot Operations program, reflected on the impact the program has had on his career.

"As an alumnus of the Ranch and Feedlot Operations program, I am excited to have this agreement with Clarendon College to streamline the transfer process for students who choose to pursue a bachelor's degree. The Clarendon College RFO program is one of the top ranch management programs in the country, and the education I received there continues to serve me today."

For decades, Clarendon College's Ranch and Feedlot Operations program has been recognized throughout the livestock industry for producing highly skilled graduates prepared to lead in ranch management, feedlot operations, and agricultural business.

This articulation agreement further expands educational opportunities by providing students with a smooth transition to complete a four-year degree while building on the strong academic and practical foundation established at Clarendon College.

For more information about the Ranch and Feedlot Operations program at Clarendon College, visit www.clarendoncollege.edu.



The Champ

Coltley Watts was the Regional Champion in the 800 and 1600 runs at the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation regional meeting last weekend and is headed for the state competition. He also took a third in the long jump.

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ANSWER:

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-65.

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Tire pressure measurement
- 7. Clairvoyance
- 10. 007's creator
- 11. Adult male
- 12. God of battle (Scandinavian)
- 13. Cloths spread over a coffin
- 15. Breeze through
- 16. Ladyfish genus
- 19. We all take them
- 21. Earl's jurisdiction
- 23. Members of U.S. Navy
- 24. Rummy-like card game
- 25. Affected by injury
- 26. Member of a Semitic people
- 27. Withdrew from a union
- 30. Woman's cloak
- 34. Spanish river
- 35. Prohibit
- 36. Something you can take
- 41. Dish soap brand
- 45. Ottoman military commanders
- 46. Ancient Italian-Greek colony
- 47. Makes somber
- 50. Discuss again
- 54. A tool to inject
- 55. Support
- 56. Informal term for money
- 57. Catch doing something wrong
- 59. Prehistoric people
- 60. Large African antelope
- 61. Vehicle
- 62. Georgia rockers
- 63. High resolution microscope
- 64. Pitching statistic
- 65. Attempt

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Indoor plant
- 2. Marketable
- 3. Rather
- 4. Collected
- 5. A bag-like structure in a plant or animal
- 6. Irish hip-hop trio
- 7. Ageless
- 8. Course requirements
- 9. Pokes at
- 13. TV channel
- 14. They ____
- 17. Cooking material
- 18. Investment account
- 20. Iron-containing compound
- 22. Swiss river
- 27. Small coin (French)
- 28. Electronic countermeasures
- 29. Taxi
- 31. Helps little firms
- 32. Unhappy
- 33. Midway between northeast and east
- 37. Glowing
- 38. Item to be addressed
- 39. An informal body of friends
- 40. Intrinsic nature of something
- 41. Neural structures
- 42. Brews
- 43. A place for ships
- 44. One who sings holiday songs
- 47. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 48. Scottish town
- 49. The most worthless parts
- 51. Sticky
- 52. Put to work
- 53. Precursor to the EU
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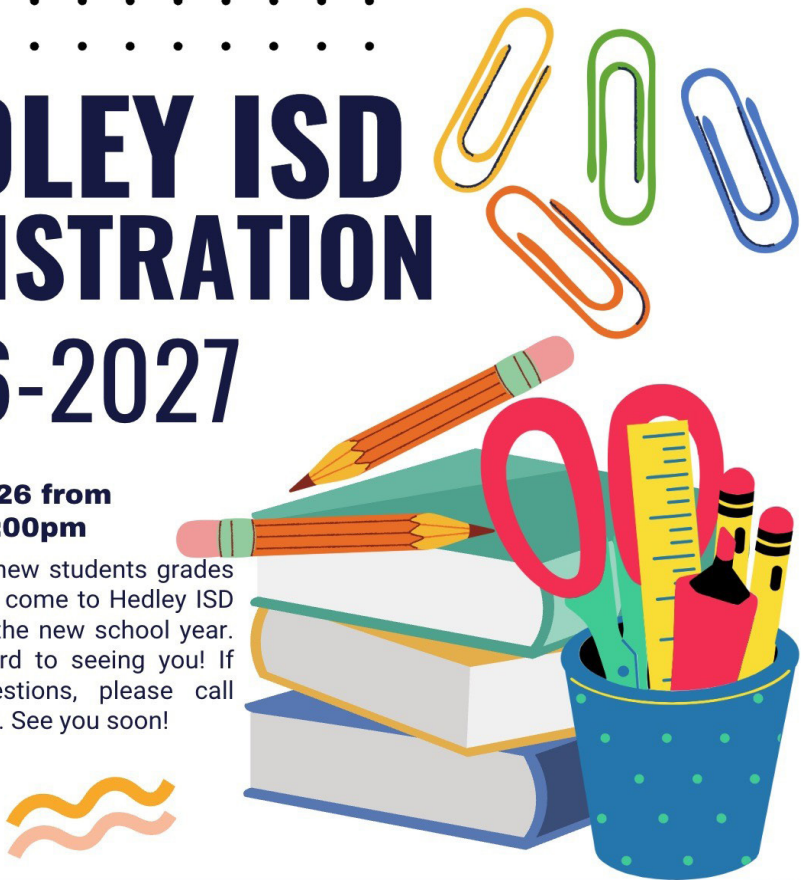
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Lots 11 and 12 in Block 55, Original Town of Estelline, Hall County, Texas

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PUBLIC NOTICE

MEMPHIS

THE HALL COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 25, 2026 at 5:15 p.m. at the Appraisal Office, to consider the recently developed Periodic Reappraisal Plan for all property within the boundaries of the district.

WELLINGTON

BID NOTICE

The City of Wellington will be accepting sealed bids on leasing approximately 160 acres at the sewer plant. Specifications and bidding requirements may be obtained by contacting Justin Mixon, City Manager at (806) 447-2544. Bids (marked "Lease") should be sent to City Hall, 802 10th Street, PO Box 949, Wellington, TX 79095. Bids will be received until 1:30 p.m. on Friday, July 24, 2026 in City Hall, 802 10th Street, Wellington, TX 79095, at which time and place all bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED DESIRED FUTURE CONDITIONS

Mesquite Groundwater Conservation District TO: ALL INTERESTED PERSONS.

In accordance with Texas Water Code § 36.108, the Board of Directors of the Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District ("District") will receive public input at a hearing on the proposed Desired Future Conditions ("DFCs") of groundwater resources located within Groundwater Management Area 6 ("GMA 6"). Date, Time, and Place of Public Hearing The date, time, and place of the public hearing is as follows: Date: July 30, 2026. Time: 7:00 p.m. Daylight Saving Time Location: 303 8th St. Memphis, Texas 79245

The District is one of 5 groundwater conservation districts located wholly or partially within GMA 6, including Clear Fork Groundwater Conservation District, Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District, Gateway Groundwater Conservation District, and Upper Trinity Groundwater Conservation District.

At the last GMA 6 joint planning meeting on April 14, 2026, the district representatives voted to approve the proposed DFCs. These proposed DFCs were mailed to each of the districts in GMA 6 on May 11, 2026, triggering a 90-day public comment period to close on August 10, 2026. Public comments may be submitted orally, in person at the District's office at 802 9th St, Wellington, Texas 79095; in writing by mail at 802 9th St. Wellington, Texas 79095; in writing during the District's hearing; or by email to whitney@mesquitgcd.gov. A copy of the proposed DFCs and any supporting materials may be requested by email at whitney@mesquitgcd.gov, and is also available on the District's website at www.mesquitgcd.gov. The District's proposed DFCs for the next 50-year regional planning cycle are:

- For the Cross Timbers Aquifer within the boundaries of the Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District, the Desired Future Condition is that condition whereby no less than 75% mean available drawdown remains at the end of the period from 2020 – 2080.

- For the Cross Timbers Aquifer within all of Groundwater Management Area 6, the Desired Future Condition is that condition whereby no less than 93% mean available drawdown remains at the end of the period from 2020 – 2080.

- For the Seymour Aquifer, the Desired Future Condition for that part of Pod 7 Baylor, Haskell, and Knox Counties, located in Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District is that condition whereby the total decline in water levels will be no more than 18 feet during the period from 2010 – 2080.

- For the Seymour Aquifer, the Desired Future Condition for that part of Pod 8 Baylor County, located in Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District is that condition whereby the total decline in water levels will be no more than 18 feet during the period from 2010 – 2080.

- For the Seymour Aquifer, the Desired Future Condition for that part of Pod 8 in Baylor County, located in Rolling Plains Groundwater Conservation District is that condition whereby the total water level decline will be no more than 18 feet during the period from 2010 – 2080. Hearing Agenda 1. Call to order, declare hearing open to the public, and take roll. 2. Receive public comments on Proposed DFCs. 3. Adjourn Public Hearing on the 2026 (4th Round of Joint Planning) Proposed DFCs for the Cross Timbers and Seymour aquifers. Issued this 1st day of July 2026.

/s/ Whitney Wiebe Whitney Wiebe, General Manager, Mesquite Groundwater Conservation District

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Aldermen get first look at plan to pave city streets

The Clarendon City Council got its first look at a draft 30-year street improvement plan during its regular meeting last Thursday, July 9.

The plan designed by OJD Engineering would pave and curb all unpaved streets in the city and upgrade currently paved streets that lack guttering. The plan also covers maintaining existing paved streets and does not touch historic brick streets.

The estimated cost of doing all the necessary paving and guttering is about \$11 million, and annual maintenance of the system is projected to cost about \$350,000.

City council members asked several questions about the plan and asked for more information about existing infrastructure – water and sewer lines – that are still needing to be replaced.

Public Works Director John Molder said much of the town is in good shape with pipes now but there are still some areas that should be addressed before they are paved. The council asked Molder to mark those locations on the map for further discussion.

The street improvement plan is still in its early stages, but the council knows street conditions have long been the number one complaint from city residents. Aldermen will be considering whether to pursue a phased plan – paving sections of the city over a long period using shorter term bonds – or paving the entire city at one time and pay for it with a long-term bond.



Molder recognized
City Administrator Brian Barboza presents Clarendon Public Works Director John Molder with a personalized street sign for “John Molder Lane” during a recent city council meeting to commemorate his 35-year career with the city as well as his service to America as in the United States Navy.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO

New WIC cards to better serve families

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission launched upgraded EBT cards for clients of the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children, popularly known as WIC, to make it easier for families to manage their benefits.

The new WIC card integrates with the upgraded myWIC app, allowing clients to track benefits and purchases in real time. With the new card, WIC benefits can be added remotely. Clients will also be able to freeze and unfreeze their benefits in the myWIC app for enhanced security.

“We want Texas families to feel supported every time they use WIC,” HHS Executive Commissioner Stephanie Muth said.

“These upgrades make it easier for families to see their benefits, plan their shopping and feel confident they are getting the nutritious foods they need.”

The cards were distributed to clients at their scheduled appointments and can be used beginning July 1. Clients must create a PIN for their new cards in the myWIC app or by calling the Texas WIC Card Management Line at 833-966-1382.

Texas WIC clients receive fruits and vegetables, milk, eggs, cheese and other healthy foods to help meet their family’s nutritional needs. WIC also offers free classes on breastfeeding and healthy eating, along with one-on-one nutrition counseling.

Women can apply for WIC as soon as they learn they are pregnant. Anyone with children under the age of 5 can apply for WIC, including dads, foster parents, guardians or grandparents.

The HHSC WIC program serves more than 760,000 women, infants and children each month. For more information or to apply for benefits, visit TexasWIC.org or call 800-942-3678.



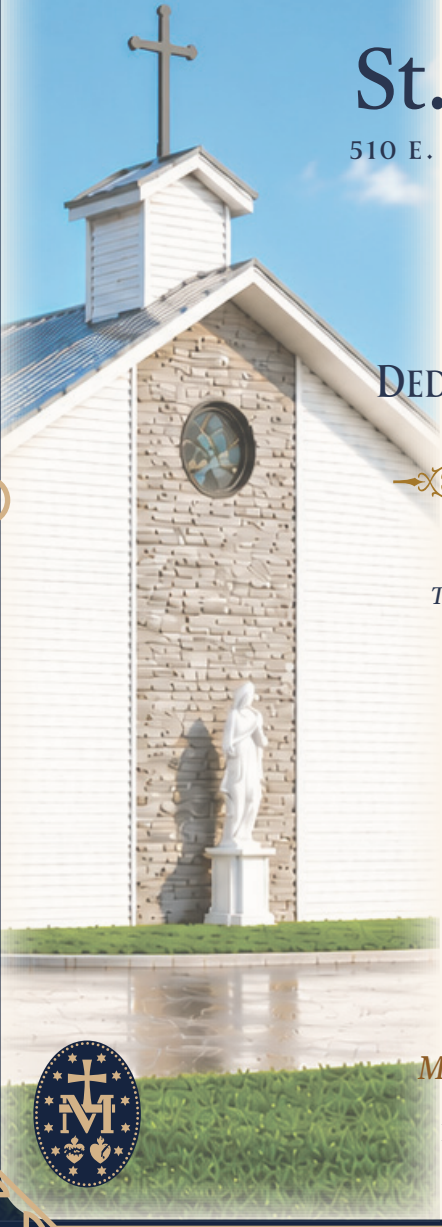
Red Dirt Comedy
Stand-up comedian William Lee Martin performs to a nearly sell-out crowd at the Mulkey Theatre last month. Martin has already booked his third appearance in Clarendon with a performance at the Mulkey planned for next summer on July 24.

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