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

Hospital district, H'wick set hearings

August brings annual public notices to the pages of your local newspaper as local governments prepare to set their budgets and tax rates for the coming fiscal year.

This week's ENTERPRISE includes two small taxing unit notices. The City of Howardwick will hold a budget and tax rate hearing on August 11 at 6:00 p.m. at Howardwick City Hall. The Donley County Hospital District will hold a tax rate meeting at 5:30 p.m. on August 18 at 3 Medical Drive.

Clarendon College has not formally advertised its hearing dates yet, but officials there say the college district will hold a tax rate hearing on August 20 at 5:30 in the VIP Room of the Bairfield Activity Center followed immediately by a budget hearing at 5:45 p.m.

The Clarendon and Hedley school districts will also be posting required notices in upcoming issues regarding their tax rates and budgets as will Donley County and the cities of Clarendon and Hedley.

Also this week, SWEPCO is giving public notice of an application to recover fuel costs, which would like raise electric bills.

Local citizens are urged to read the ENTERPRISE for these important public notices.

School supplies to be offered Aug. 6

Christ's Kids Outreach Ministries will offer free basic school supplies Thursday, August 6, at the Christ's Kids Ministry Center 416 S. Kearney, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. All students are welcome. This service covers basic supplies only. Other items on supply lists will still need to be purchased.

Bronco season tickets on sale now

Reserved seating and season Bronco football tickets are on sale at the Administration Building, 416 S. Allen, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

For ticket pricing, call the office at 806-310-7220.

Also, Bronco fans over the age of 65 can get a Senior Citizen Pass from the Administration Building. The pass will allow senior citizens into any school sponsored home athletic event. If you currently have a senior pass, you do not need a new one.



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Clarendon College faces state funding cut

Clarendon College will lose more than \$639,000 in state funding in fiscal year 2027 as Texas fails to honor its commitments to community colleges.

Three years ago, the Texas Legislature changed the way it funds community colleges, creating financial incentives for institutions that get students to complete degrees, transfer to a four-year college, or take dual credit classes. Clarendon and other state community colleges

rose to the occasion but exceeded the state's expectations for success, resulting in a shortfall in state funds.

CC President Tex Buckhaults says that shortfall means community colleges are getting a pro-rated cut in funding for the upcoming fiscal year. Clarendon will see an 8.6 percent loss totaling \$639,002. Buckhaults says he knows of one school that will see a 25 percent cut.

"Their prediction models weren't really built on us following

a true capitalist mentality," Buckhaults said. "You tell us how to earn, and we go to work to earn the money. Now, they aren't going to pay us what they said they would."

Buckhaults said colleges agreed with state leaders when they proposed changing the funding formula from one based on headcounts and class hours to one based on outcomes, but he said colleges should be funded for their performance as promised.

CC and other colleges have almost no options to make up the shortfall. In addition to the cut in appropriations, Gov. Greg Abbott this spring forbid state colleges and universities from raising tuition and fees, and now Buckhaults says community colleges are getting a message from Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick "strongly discouraging" them from raising taxes.

"There's the old adage that community college funding is a

three-legged stool – state appropriations, student tuition and fees, and local taxes," Buckhaults said. "Now the pharaoh is asking us to make bricks without straw."

Expenses, meanwhile, are on the rise, and Clarendon estimates that its fuel costs alone may increase 17 percent in the upcoming budget. CC and other colleges will have little choice but to cut spending, which will ultimately impact the students and communities they serve.



Broncos back in action

Markeal Anderson (top photo) runs the ball during a drill on the first day of fall workouts at Bronco Stadium Monday afternoon, while Athletic Director Brenton Whitaker (bottom photo) works with linemen. The Broncos expect to have more than 40 young men on the roster as they head into the 2026 season. Fans can meet this year's Broncos next Monday at 8 p.m. at the stadium.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO

Abbott activates resources as area fire danger rises

Governor Greg Abbott announced Tuesday that he directed the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to activate additional state wildfire response resources in anticipation of increased fire weather conditions in areas of the Texas Panhandle.

"I directed the Texas Division of Emergency Management to activate additional state wildfire response resources ahead of increased fire danger in the Panhandle," said Governor Abbott. "Local responders will

continue to have full access to state personnel, equipment, and aircraft to protect lives and property."

According to the Texas A&M Forest Service, August is typically the peak month for wildfires due to hot, dry conditions. Across large regions of Texas, wildfire potential is expected to increase due to dry vegetation, with a heightened concern over the next several days in the Panhandle and North Texas areas.

At the direction of Governor Abbott, the following state wildfire

response resources remain available to support local wildfire response operations:

Texas A&M Forest Service (Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System): State, local, and out-of-state firefighters and support personnel; heavy equipment such as bulldozers and motor graders; and more than 10 federally contracted firefighting aircraft including single-engine air tankers for retardant drops, and an air attack platform for surveillance and spotting;

Texas Department of State Health Services (Texas Emergency Medical Task Force): Wildland Fire Support Packages consisting of medics, ambulances, and all-terrain vehicles;

Texas National Guard: Blackhawk and Chinook helicopters with firefighting capability;

Texas Department of Transportation: Personnel monitoring road conditions;

Texas Department of Public Safety: Texas Highway Patrol

Troopers to patrol roadways and assist stranded motorists;

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department: Game Wardens, State Park Police;

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and Texas Animal Health Commission: Disaster Assessment and Recovery Agents as well as AgriLife Extension Agents to support agricultural and livestock needs;

Public Utility Commission of Texas: Power outage monitoring and

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Don't forget rural Texas

Over the Fourth of July weekend, I watched a documentary about President Theodore Roosevelt. I have always been intrigued by Roosevelt, and his “Man in the Arena” speech on courage is one I return to when I need a reminder of why engaging in the political arena matters, even when doing so is difficult.

More than a century ago, the country was rapidly shifting from a nation of farms and small towns to one of growing cities, factories and industry. As Americans left rural communities for urban opportunity, Roosevelt worried that something valuable might be lost in the rush toward progress.

“There are no two public questions of more vital importance to the future of this country,” Roosevelt said, “than the problem of conservation and the problem of the betterment of country life.” Roosevelt understood that conservation was about more than protecting forests, rivers and wildlife. It was also about preserving the communities that had cared for those places for generations.

Over the past year, I have written about school vouchers, data centers, property taxes, the state budget and local control. Each of those debates raises a larger question about the direction Texas is heading and what that future will mean for the people who call rural Texas home.

What kind of future is Texas trying to build, and is there still room in it for a rural way of life?

Too often, conversations about rural Texas begin with what we lack. Some communities have lost population. Hospitals have closed. Main Streets are quieter than they once were, and young people often leave to pursue careers elsewhere. Those challenges are real, but they do not mean rural Texas needs to be rescued from itself.

Many of us live here because we choose to. Others are the fourth, fifth or sixth generation to care for the same ranch or farm. We stay not because it is the easiest place to make a living, but because it is where we find purpose.

There is value in knowing your neighbors, supporting your local school, serving your church, volunteering at the fire department and believing your children and grandchildren might someday want to come home.

That isn't nostalgia. It's a culture worth protecting.

As I have covered the debate over data centers, I have begun to wonder whether rural Texas is increasingly viewed not as a culture of people worth protecting, but as a collection of resources waiting to be developed.

Land to develop. Water to pump. Electricity to consume. Transmission corridors to cross. Tax incentives to offer.

None of those things are inherently bad. Rural Texas needs investment and opportunity, and we should welcome businesses that create jobs, respect local resources and become part of the communities where they locate.

But as our leaders consider this wave of development, they should remember there is a difference between investing in a place and investing in its people.

A data center in a rural county may add millions of dollars to the tax rolls, and that matters. But a larger tax base is not the same thing as investing in a community.

Property taxes help fund government services. They do not, by themselves, bring families, strengthen local businesses, fill school classrooms or build the civic relationships that allow a town to grow and thrive.

Communities are built by families who buy homes and raise children. They are built by business owners who sponsor the football team, parents who fill the school auditorium, volunteers who answer fire calls in the middle of the night and neighbors who show up with casseroles after a funeral or tractors after a storm.

In rural Texas, our communities are ecosystems, not simply economies.

That is why stewardship matters. As Texas enters this new era, policymakers, community leaders and investors alike should think beyond the next quarterly earnings report or legislative session and consider what today's decisions will leave for the next generation.

It means understanding that land is more than an asset, water is more than an industrial input and a community is more than its taxable value.

The measure of progress should not simply be how much land we develop, how many megawatts we consume or how much taxable value we create. It should also be whether a project reflects the community's own goals, strengthens local businesses and leaves rural Texas a place the next generation will still want to call home.

I do not believe the answer is to stop growing. But growth should not happen to rural communities without their input.

Before policymakers commit rural land, water and electricity to projects that will reshape communities for generations, they should slow down long enough to ask better questions.

Why this much growth? Why this much land? Why this much water? Why this much electricity? Why so much, so fast?

And what will the people who already live here gain—and what might they be asked to give up?

Those are not the questions of people who fear progress. They are the questions of people who understand that stewardship is our responsibility to future generations.

Texas does not have to choose between growth and rural communities. But it must choose to value both, because rural Texas is more than open land on a map or resources waiting to be developed.

It is a people. It is a culture. It is a way of life. Do not build the future of Texas by leaving rural Texas behind.



texas rural reporter
by suzanne bellsnyder

Catching up is a hard thing to do

The story goes that a long-ago West Texas man – beloved in his community – talked incessantly about Fort Worth, his favorite city, even though he'd never been there.

He usually referred to it as “Cowtown” or “Where the West Begins.” (The former nickname was introduced by cattle barons in the 1860s; the latter description started in 1923. That's when “Mr. Fort Worth” – late Fort Worth Star-Telegram publisher Amon Carter – included it on his newspaper masthead.)

One slow news day in West Texas years ago, a radio station personality gathered with the “coffee crowd” at the Dairy Queen. He suggested “passing the hat” so the old duffer could visit the city he loved, but had never seen....

It had been a good year for crops, and farmers, so they set the giving pace. Greenbacks splashed into a John Deere “gimme cap” like frogs at a fishing hole. The radio guy had expected only coins. However, two men dropped in twenties, and several, five-dollar bills.

A couple of misers – intent on giving 50 cents each – were shamed into contributing a dollar, so the bunch could brag that everyone gave folding money.

Would you believe they raised \$125? Thankfully, that much cash – at the time – covered cost of train fare, lodging and food for an entire week in what is now the nation's tenth largest city....

Upon his return, he was invited to spend 10 minutes “on the air” for a radio report about his visit to the local community. Most of his buddies figured he'd “rattle on” for much longer than 10 minutes. (It turns out, they were wrong.) “Tell us everything about your

magical visit,” the radio host instructed. What did you see in Fort Worth?”Following was a long stretch of “radio silence,” a situation greatly feared at radio stations. “Dead air” could be their undoing.

“I didn't see it,” the oldster finally confessed. “There was so danged much happenin' around the depot.”....

That's how I feel about May, June and part of July. I didn't see 'em, what with health issues of both my wife and me were of the “must face” variety.

I plan to write remaining summer columns about material that has stacked up. So much to cover, so little space, but I'll try.

(Reacting to the “lettuce scare,” most rabbits are throwing up their paws, ingesting only collard greens, spinach and carrots, hopping about with “I told you so” grins. People who have usually included lettuce in their diets, have largely eliminated it.)....

Poor Taco Bell , with so many allegations about using bad lettuce, now has a “lettuce free” menu. In one state, rumors abound about contaminated lettuce AND pork. One “mom and pop” cafe, formerly known for its “BLT” (bacon/lettuce/tomato) sandwiches, is shunned by its “T” substitute. Patrons consider it to be a tragic disappointment without the “BL” in front.

The lettuce thing impacts other vegetables. For years, NatureSweet ® has



the idle american
by don newbury

produced smiles with just two words on the label of “Cherubs,” packaged miniature tomatoes. The cellophane cover has a red arrow in one corner reading, “Lettuce Out!”

They're likely to settle for “open here,” even if it lacks humor....

Republicans are red-faced about renting a live elephant for the state convention in Houston. Fee for the four-ton African pachyderm was \$25,000, a figure thought to be a bit steep by convention participants.

This awakens memories of the state democratic convention in Houston 66 years ago. A friend, the late Groner Pitts – Brownwood's “merry mortician” – pulled a good one, delivering two donkeys to what was then the swanky Shamrock-Hilton Hotel. Wearing name-identifying collars, “Peace” and “Harmony” grazed and neighed for hours on the lush front lawn. High-ranking Democrats – figuring that some other high-ranking delegates had authorized the shenanigans – “dummied up.” (This was an expression Archie Bunker often directed to his wife, Edith, on TV's long-ago popular weekly show, All in the Family .) The hoax was discovered hours later.

My guess? Groner orchestrated the whole thing, delivering the animals with a pick-up truck pulling a trailer. Second guess: He may have “borrowed” the donkeys without the owner's knowledge. And, both the pick-up and trailer likely were property of the guy who owned the donkeys....

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1856 election reflects our democracy

On July 16, President Donald Trump addressed the nation to push the SAVE America Act and make our elections safe. In his speech, Trump did not repeat his claim that he won the 2020 election, but he did declassify documents showing Chinese influence in the election and supposed fraud in Michigan.

Whether people agree or disagree with those claims, debates over election fraud are not new in the United States. Historically Speaking, similar accusations have been made over the years but no more so than the presidential election of 1856. In that election, Democrats were accused of paying people to vote, bringing in voters from other states to cast illegal ballots, and rapidly naturalizing immigrants so they could vote before Election Day.

The election of 1856 was one of the most divisive elections in American history. It took place during a period of growing tension over slavery, immigration, and the future of our country.

While the political landscape has changed, many traditional campaign methods remain the same. Political parties continue to mobilize voters through rallies, parades, speeches, newspapers, and local party organizations. Without radio, television, or the internet, voters in 1856 were, in many ways, more politically engaged than people are today.

In earlier elections, voting was largely based on party loyalty rather than the individual candidates. However, with the death of the Whig Party and the emergence of the new anti-slavery Republican Party and the anti-immigrant Know-Nothing Party competing for anti-Democratic voters, parties could no longer depend solely on their traditional supporters. Instead, they worked harder than ever to attract new voters by focusing on the major issues dividing the country and targeting specific groups of people. Campaigns increasingly appealed to voters based on regional loyalties, such as whether they lived in the North or South, religious identity – particularly Protestants or Catholics – and whether they were native-born Amer-

icans or recent immigrants. One area the two new parties could agree on was that the Democratic Party was cheating to win the election.

One of the most common accusations was that they paid people to vote. During the mid-1800s, the secret ballot had not yet been adopted, meaning that voting was conducted publicly. Political parties could easily see how individuals voted, making it possible to buy votes. Democratic political organizations in many large cities were known to offer money, food, drinks, or jobs in exchange for votes. Urban political machines, like Tammany Hall, often rewarded loyal supporters with financial incentives. While these practices were not illegal everywhere, they were widely condemned but difficult to stop.

Another allegation was that Democrats brought in voters from other states to cast illegal ballots. Newspapers accused Democratic organizations of transporting groups of men, sometimes called “floaters,” from one location to another so they could vote multiple times or in places where they did not legally reside. These accusations were especially common in large cities where voter registration systems were weak and election oversight was limited.

Perhaps the most controversial issue involved the naturalization of immigrants before the election. During the 1850s, large numbers of Irish and German immigrants arrived in the United States. Many eventually became supporters of the Democratic Party because Democrats generally favored immigrant rights and opposed the anti-immigrant policies promoted by the Know-Nothing Party. Democrats often encouraged immigrants to complete the naturalization process as quickly as possible so they could vote.



historically speaking
by dr. james finck

In some cities, courts held special naturalization sessions shortly before Election Day, allowing thousands of immigrants to become citizens in time to participate in the election. While these naturalizations were often legal, critics argued that some proceedings were rushed or improperly conducted. Opponents claimed that fraudulent naturalizations allowed people who were not legally qualified to vote.

The Know-Nothing Party made these accusations a central part of its campaign. Because the party opposed immigration and feared growing Catholic political influence, it argued that Democrats relied on immigrant votes obtained through corruption and fraud.

Despite these accusations, most historians agree that election fraud alone did not decide the outcome of the 1856 election. Democrat James Buchanan won the presidential election because of several larger political factors, including divisions within the opposition and a growing sectional conflict over slavery. Buchanan carried nearly every slave state and several key northern states, while Republican candidate John C. Frémont won much of the North but failed to gain support in the South. Know-Nothing candidate Millard Fillmore only won Maryland.

The election of 1856 demonstrates both the strengths and weaknesses of American democracy during the 19th century. Citizens participated in larger numbers than today, but elections were often influenced by corruption, weak election laws, and fierce political competition. The election ultimately reflected a nation deeply divided over slavery, immigration, and political power.

These controversies helped expose weaknesses in the voting system and eventually contributed to reforms such as the secret ballot, stronger voter registration laws, and more closely regulated elections. James Finck is a professor of American history at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma. He can be reached at james.finck@swoknews.com.

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Campaign stop
Mark Nair brought his campaign for the District 13 seat in the US House of Representatives to the Mulkey Theatre last week, hosted by the Donley County Democrats. Nair, who is running against US Rep. Ronny Jackson, is a former Amarillo city council member and a business man and said his campaign priorities are protecting and restoring Panhandle groundwater supplies, health care, clawing back tariff power for Congress, and lowering consumer prices.

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PUCT reminds Texas of rights as temperatures rise

With summer heat firmly in place across Texas, the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) is reminding Texans about consumer protections to help keep their electricity service connected during extreme heat.

These protections include safeguards against disconnection due to financial hardship or extreme weather emergencies, as well as access to bill payment assistance.

“It’s hard to stay cool in the Texas summer heat, and that’s especially true for Texans facing financial challenges,” said PUCT Executive Director Connie Corona. “Our rules help ensure Texans have the power they need to stay safe during extreme summer heat while they work to pay their electric bills without risking disconnection.”

PUCT rules prohibit electric service disconnections for non-payment during extreme weather emergencies, including periods of extreme heat. Retail electric providers (REPs) also must offer deferred payment plans for bills that become due during an extreme weather emergency. The PUCT’s definition

of an extreme weather emergency follows National Weather Service advisory criteria outlined in Chapter 25, Sections 25.29(i) and 25.483.

Consumers experiencing financial difficulties related to higher-than-normal energy bills should contact their electric provider to learn about available assistance options. Texans can also call 2-1-1 for information about programs available in their area.

The PUCT also provides additional protections for consumers who are ill or disabled and have documented that a service disconnection would cause illness or worsen an existing medical condition. More information is available on the PUCT’s Know Your Rights webpage.

In addition, the PUCT’s Consumer Protection Division works with Texans to help resolve utility service issues. Consumers should first contact their electric provider. If the issue cannot be resolved, they may contact the Consumer Protection Division by emailing consumer@puc.texas.gov or calling 1-888-782-8477.

Little Miss Cheer starts Aug. 22

Little Miss Cheer Camp will be on Saturday, August 22, from 9:00 a.m. to noon for Pre-K through First Grade at the school and from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. for grades Second through Sixth. The cost is \$40 per camper, and for families, a second camper is \$30. Each camper will get a t-shirt, game admission ticket, picture with

Sparky and the Cheerleaders, and snacks.

Little Miss Cheerleaders will perform during the pep rally on August 28 and again that evening during the halftime of the football game.

For more information, contact Jenae Ashbrook at the school.

Comptroller predicts \$142.5 million savings during tax holiday Aug. 7-9

Texas Comptroller Don Huffines announced this week that Texas families are expected to save an estimated \$142.5 million in state and local sales taxes during this year’s sales tax holiday, which runs Friday, August 7, through midnight Sunday, August 9.

“Since 1999, Texans have saved more than \$2 billion on everything from coats to crayons and scissors to sneakers in preparation for the back-to-school bell,” said Huffines of the annual sales tax weekend. “But this holiday initiative isn’t just about short-term relief – it’s a cornerstone of financial support for Texas families, reducing the cost burden of essential educational supplies and clothing.”

During the three-day event, Texans can purchase a wide range of items tax-free, including most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks priced under \$100.

Diapers – both cloth and dis-

posable – are also exempt from sales tax, and certain sanitizers and wipes with a drug facts label are tax-free year-round. The exemption applies whether shoppers buy items in stores, online, by telephone or by mail.

Shoppers using layaway also can benefit. Items placed on layaway or final payments made on existing layaway purchases during the holiday are tax-free, provided the individual item price remains below \$100.

If a retailer mistakenly charges sales tax on a qualifying item, customers may request a refund directly from the seller. For more information about sales tax refunds, go to the Comptroller’s website.

The Texas Legislature determines both the dates of the sales tax holiday and the list of qualifying items each year. A full list of tax-free items is available at TexasTaxHoliday.org.

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coordination with utility providers; Railroad Commission of Texas: Monitoring of the state’s natural gas supply and communication with the oil and gas industry;

and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality: Air/water/wastewater monitoring.

These resources are mobilized in addition to state resources previously

ously deployed by the Governor to support local wildfire efforts.

Texans are urged to implement wildfire prevention measures, including avoiding activities that may cause sparks or flames, making an emergency plan, following instructions from local officials, and keeping emergency supplies easily available.

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Mulkey Theatre • Minions & Monsters • 2:00 p.m.

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August 10

Meet the Broncos • Clarendon CISD • 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

August 11

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Clarendon CISD • First Day of School

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Wed: Meatloaf, cheesy potatoes, side salad, cornbread, cherry cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.

Thurs: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll, sliced peaches, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Polish sausage, cabbage, whole wheat roll, black forest parfait, iced tea/2% milk

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Goulash, mixed greens, cornbread, coconut cake, iced tea/2% milk.

Tues: Stuffed baked potatoes, shredded beef, steamed broccoli, whole wheat roll, pineapple cake, iced tea/2% milk.

Wed: Steak fingers, red shin potatoes, black-eyed peas, whole wheat roll, chocolate cake, iced tea/2% milk.

Thurs: Roast, gravy, baked potatoes, spinach, whole wheat roll, banana pudding, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: BBQ beef on a bun, tater tots, coleslaw, chocolate chip cookies, apricots, iced tea/2% milk

Clarendon CISD

Breakfast

Mon: No School

Tues: No School

Wed: Breakfast sandwich, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Thurs: Pancake wrap, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Fri: Cinnamon roll, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch

Mon: No School

Tues: No School

Wed: Crispy chicken sandwich, veggie cup, salad, fruit, milk.

Thu: Salisbury steak, gravy, roll, broccoli, corn, fruit, milk.

Fri: Corn dog, French fries, tomato cup, fruit, milk.

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Morrow family reunites in Clarendon last Saturday at the Community Center.

COURTESY PHOTO

Morrow clan reunites in Clarendon

By John Tom Morrow

Descendants of I.B. and Jewel Morrow held their annual family reunion in Clarendon last Saturday at the Clarendon Community Center.

The Morrow family gets together for this event the first Saturday in August each year.

John Earl and Tammy Morrow sponsored the reunion, which is a lot

of hard work. The food was great, and the entertainment was provided by Lori Yannis and Attlan Overstreet.

Pictures were passed around in iPhones, making it easier to have more contact with each other during the year. We appreciate everyone for coming.

The Morrrows present were

John Earl and Tammy Morrow, Mary Morrow Brown, John Tom Morrow, Michael Morrow, Attlan Rane Overstreet, Mark and Wanda Taylor, Starlet Taylor, Kevin and Gayle Roberson, Michael and Cassie Lewis, Lori Yannis, Kevin Swink, Katie Robinson, Tommy “Bubba” Robinson, T.A. Morrow, Elwin Taylor, and Jarrett Taylor.

People make the ‘Wick the place to be

He Says – I’m telling you, if I can catch our neighbor Craig’s handyman, I’m going to kiss him on the forehead! He mowed that rough, gully-filled upper part of our lot that my mower can’t! It looks so much better!

She Says – That was sweet, and Nelson next door mowed our northside, too! I think he’d run from you kissing him, though. Remember the air-drying incident? Yes, we do have good neighbors all over the ‘Wick! Whenever anyone asks me how I like living here, I have a pat answer – It’s great! Howardwick is full of kind, generous, smart people and just enough crazies to keep it interesting. You just have to figure out if they are fun crazy or scary crazy!

He Says – And when you said that to Greg’s new girlfriend the first time we met her, she asked, “And which one are you?” You were speechless! I laughed so hard. But it’s true, I love it out here. When people complain about the Amarillo traffic I tell them to come to Howardwick. We have the worst roads in the county but the most beautiful skies,

clean air, quiet nights, loads of wild-life and friendly people. (Some of whom are a little “wild.”)

She Says – Why do you always leave me to make the negative comments?

He Says – What negative comments?

She Says – Well, for one thing, some of our neighbors out here need continual reminding to break down cardboard boxes before throwing them in the dumpsters!

He Says – Yeah, that is a problem. You need to do a Facebook video on how to crush those boxwine boxes flat!

She Says – I can do it! And another big negative is the way some property owners have really ratty looking lots, but the city is working to the nth degree of legality to get them cleaned up. Those are my big complaints, other than the Red River water bill! It’s the people out here that make the difference, and



he says, she says by richard & mary green

WTAMU to hold Homecoming celebrations

West Texas A&M University is going Hollywood for its 2026 Homecoming celebrations.

Students chose “Lights! Camera! Buffs!” as the theme for this year’s festivities, which run October 19 to 24.

Registration is now open for the October 24 WT Homecoming parade. Deadline is October 10 to register floats, cars, livestock, bands and more for the annual parade along Russell Long Boulevard.

Registration is \$50 for nonprofits, \$75 for businesses and free for WT student and campus organizations.

“The WT student body voted for ‘Lights! Camera! Buffs!’ for this year’s Homecoming theme,” said Ronnie Hall, WT Alumni Association executive director. “West Texas

pride will shine as the students, alumni and friends come together for a spirited Homecoming week.”

The parade – which will be hosted by NewsChannel 10 personalities – will be broadcast on KFDA’s MeTV (digital channel 10.4 and cable channel 127) and will stream on WT’s home page and social media platforms and KFDA’s NewsChannel 10 Plus streaming services.

Homecoming 2026 also will include The Phoenix event honoring the 2026 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients, reunions, a cook-out, block party and more, all culminating in the gridiron match between the Buffs and the Western New Mexico University Mustangs at 6 p.m. October 24 in Bain-Schaeffer Buffalo Stadium.

many of them give back to the community. I personally know Kay Dye helps with Meals on Wheel, Beverly McCaskill directs exercises classes at the Donley County Senior Citizens Center, Sherol Johnston helps with free food distribution, and our volunteer fire department is always on call! Our Mayor, Johnny Floyd, is an easy “mark.” Just let him know you need something, and he’ll help “gitterdone.”

He Says – And look how the town is supporting our newest business, The Little Red Hen! Judging by the people and vehicle count when I drive by, people love the food being offered. The sausage gravy is yummy.

She Says – And it’s so nice and handy! Since I’ve quit cooking, you need someplace close.

He Says – Dang! Now if we only had a Dollar General! I sure miss that place. We need them! Our cat, Jaguar, gets her Friskies soups there and she is a picky, picky eater.

She Says – Who would have believed 10 years ago that Clarendon would be sitting here without a Dairy Queen or a Dollar Store?

A full schedule of events will be available at wtamu.edu/homecoming.

At the parade, check-in will begin at 11 a.m. October 24, and all participants must be in place by 12:30 p.m. for the parade’s kickoff at 1 p.m.

Prizes will be awarded for student organizations, people’s choice winners and community groups. Click here for parade guidelines.

Maintaining strong community ties is a component of the University’s long-range plan, WT 125: From the Panhandle to the World.

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Obituaries

Cranford

Anthony Bill Cranford, 64, of Clarendon passed away on Wednesday, July 29, 2026.

Family directed memorial services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, August 7, 2026, at First Methodist Church in McLean with Rev. Thacker Haynes officiating.

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Anthony was born on December 21, 1961, in Miami, Florida, to Billy Jack Cranford and Mercedes Alvarez.

He grew up in Miami alongside his four sisters and graduated from high school before proudly enlisting in the United States Marine Corps, where he served until the mid-1980s.

Following his military service, Anthony moved to Arizona and began a career in masonry that spanned more than 40 years. He was known for his strong work ethic and dedication to his craft. In 2000, he married Elizabeth Cranford. Together they made their home in Clarendon in 2015, where they have been residents ever since. During the last six years, Anthony fulfilled his dream of owning and operating his own trucking company.

Anthony had a lifelong passion for cars, firearms, and airplanes. He especially cherished the time he spent with his children, making lasting memories through visits to military bases and museums. His love for history, service, and family was evident in the life he lived and the relationships he treasured.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Mercedes Alvarez.

He is survived by his loving wife, Elizabeth Cranford of Clarendon; three sons, Anthony Anderson of Miami, Florida, Rick James and wife Jessica of Parker, Colorado, and Ryan Cranford of Clarendon; four daughters, Melissa Anderson of Miami, Florida, Mercedes James and husband Jonathan Jensen of Greeley, Colorado, Elsa Babb of Miami, Florida, and Victoria Cranford of Clarendon; his father, Billy Jack Cranford; four sisters, Norma Jean Gonzalez, Carolyn Anderson, Gabby Alvarez, and Lala Armbrust; thirteen grandchildren,

Emmett and Gabriel James; Mekah, Luna, Starr, Cerilla, and Octavia Jensen; Kayla, Max, and Logan Anderson; and Nate, Natalie, and Noel Babb. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends who will miss him dearly.

Anthony will be remembered for his dedication to his family, his years of hard work, and the kindness and strength he shared with those who knew him.

Asher

Catherine “Kitty” Joyce Asher, 89, of Clarendon passed away on Monday, July 27, 2026, in Clarendon.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, July 30, 2026, at Community Fellowship Church in Clarendon with Rev. Larry Capranica officiating.

Kitty was born on June 1, 1937, in St. Paul, Minnesota, to Ferdinand and Florence Prokosh. She was one of twelve children and was blessed with a large, loving family.

On June 1, 1957, she married the love of her life, Jerome James “Jerry” Asher, in St. Paul, Minnesota. In 1968, they moved to Lelia Lake, Texas, where they built a life together and made their home for many years until Jerry’s passing on February 10, 2010. They loved life on the farm, embracing both its simple joys and the hard work it required.

Kitty began her banking career at just 17 years old, working at First National Bank before continuing her career at Hedley Community Bank and Herring Bank in Clarendon, where she faithfully served her community until retiring in her 70s. While Jerry was serving in the U.S. Army, Kitty also worked at the Army Base Bank in Tacoma, Washington. She was known for her strong work ethic, friendly smile, and genuine dedication to everyone she served.

Outside of work, Kitty found great joy in caring for her family and sharing her many talents. She loved cooking for those she loved and was especially known for her baking. Whether preparing treats for community events or ensuring her family never left her home hungry, she expressed her love through food. She also enjoyed crafting, painting,

and reading. An accomplished artist, Kitty created beautiful paintings that reflected her creativity and appreciation for God’s creation. Today, her family continues to honor her legacy by proudly displaying her artwork in their homes. Kitty was also an avid reader who especially loved reading her Bible. She also loved watching westerns with her son-in-law Greg, (a family joke)!

Her faith was the foundation of her life. She was a dedicated Christian, who loved God and her church. Kitty faithfully taught Sunday School at the Church of the Nazarene, sharing God’s love with generations of children. Among her belongings, her family found a handwritten note that beautifully reflected her heart: “Anytime I can help at least one of God’s children know God, it is all worth it.”

Kitty loved her family with all she had. She would do anything for anyone in need and had such a kind spirit. Kitty loved to have fun and absolutely loved life. No one worked harder or played harder than she did in her whole lifetime.

Kitty also enjoyed square dancing at the Lions Club during the 1970s. She was a member of the Hedley Lioness Club and volunteered with the Donley County Senior Citizens, always finding ways to serve others and strengthen her community.

Kitty was reunited with her beloved husband, Jerry Asher, who are now walking the beautiful streets of Heaven together; her parents, Ferdinand and Florence Prokosh; her eleven siblings; and her great-granddaughter, Trinity Brogdon.

She is survived by her daughter, June Franklin and husband Greg of Lelia Lake; her son, Robert “Bobby” Asher of Grants Pass, Oregon; her grandchildren, Shawn Brogdon, Cori Hinojosa, Nick Hinojosa, all of Clarendon, Amber Asher of Amarillo, and step-grandchild Josh Franklin of Sanger, Texas; her cherished great-grandchildren, Camerie Shadle, Carter Crump, and Kilee Wilson, all of Clarendon; and many extended family members and dear friends who will forever treasure her memory.

Kitty will be remembered for her unwavering faith, artistic spirit, generous heart, and deep love for her family. Her kindness, wisdom, quiet strength, and gentle presence will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to the Clarendon Senior Citizens in Kitty’s memory.

TxDOT: Speeding and Distracted Driving Put School Children at Risk

AUSTIN – While kids and families are gathering school supplies, Texas drivers should be gearing up for the return of school-related traffic. That means paying extra attention in school zones and always driving like a Texan: kind, courteous and safe.

School zones can be chaotic places, with people in a rush and children not always watching for cars while they hop on and off buses or in and out of cars. Drivers can become impatient or distracted, which leads to mistakes.

In 2025, there were 877 traffic crashes in Texas school zones, a 12 percent increase from the previous year. Also last year, 2,358 collisions involved school buses. Distracted driving and speeding were the most common contributing factors in these crashes.

To help keep kids safe, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is urging drivers to slow down, avoid distractions and follow the rules of the road during its “Be Safe. Drive Smart” Back to School campaign. Parents and guardians can also help teach their kids about ways to stay safe when walking or biking to school.

Look for flashing school zone lights in the morning and afternoon

and obey school zone speed limits. Traffic fines increase in school zones.

Stay alert and put your phone out of reach. Using a handheld electronic device while driving in an active school zone is against the law.

Stop and yield the right of way to pedestrians and other vulnerable road users in crosswalks. The Lisa Roy Smith Act of 2021 protects people in crosswalks and enhanced the penalties for failing to follow the law. Seriously injuring someone who is lawfully in a crosswalk is now a state jail felony.

Know where to go. Drop off and pick up your kids in your school’s designated areas, not the middle of the street.

Be on the lookout for children gathered at bus stops.

Watch out for kids who might dart across the street or between vehicles.

Tips for sharing the road with school buses

Follow school buses at a safe distance. Remember they make frequent stops.

Keep an eye out for children exiting the bus and crossing the street.

Stop for school buses. Do not pass a school bus if you see flashing red lights or an extended stop sign,

regardless of which direction you’re headed, unless the bus is on the opposite side of a divided highway. Continue once the bus has moved, the lights stop flashing or the bus driver signals it’s okay to pass.

Violations can result in a fine of up to \$1,250 for a first offense.

Tips for children walking or biking to school: Use sidewalks. If there’s not one, it’s best to walk on the left side of the street, facing traffic. Cross the street only at intersections or crosswalks. Wait for the walk signal and look left, right and left again before crossing. Pay close attention to crossing guards and obey their instructions. Make eye contact with drivers before crossing the street. Never assume a driver sees you. Always wear a helmet when riding a bicycle or scooter. Stay alert. Phones or other devices are distracting and can take your eyes and ears off the road.

“Be Safe. Drive Smart” is an important part of TxDOT’s Drive like a Texan: Kind. Courteous. Safe. initiative. Drive like a Texan is about embracing the pride, camaraderie, and responsibility of being a Texan on the road. By making thoughtful choices, we can all help keep each other safe. Learn more at DriveLikeATexan.com.

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Texas land commissioner orders feds to stop ‘illegally’ clearing state border tract

Alejandro Santos Cid, The Texas Tribune

Texas Land Commissioner Dawn Buckingham sent a cease and desist letter on Friday to Customs and Border Protection and federal contractor Barnard Construction, accusing the company of illegally clearing state land in Presidio County, on the U.S-Mexico border.

Buckingham’s letter came less than two weeks after the city of Presidio and Presidio County’s economic development organization sued the Trump administration saying the federal government’s plans to install barriers and other detection technology on the border along the Rio Grande will damage communities and cause flooding in the Big Bend area.

In Friday’s letter, Buckingham told CBP and its contractor Barnard that the latter had trespassed and “significantly altered” the GLO-managed land by using “heavy construction equipment to blade the terrain and remove all vegetation in its path.” The pictures that the GLO provided show land that has been dug up and crushed by excavators. It’s not clear what the land is being cleared for.

“This is not about border security — it’s about the sovereignty of the state of Texas. It is absolutely unacceptable for any federal contractor to enter and deface Texas state lands,” Buckingham said in a written statement. “As the steward of over 13 million acres, it is my duty to defend the people of Texas’s interests and immutable control of their state lands from any encroachment — and I won’t apologize for it.”

Turmoil around the prospective CBP plans for expanding the border barriers in Presidio County

has grown over the past weeks as residents organize to oppose the border wall. Hundreds of neighbors who own land across the border have received letters throughout the year from CBP, urging them to let contractors on their land or risk losing it through eminent domain.

Buckingham said in the letter that Barnard illegally entered three different sections of land, part of a 10,000-acre hunting, recreation and grazing lease held by Trans Pecos Ice LLC, a property management company, but managed by GLO.

She said the damage by the company devalued the GLO’s lease and the ability for it to generate revenue. The agency manages 13 million acres of land, including leases that make money for the Permanent School Fund.

“I am committed to maintaining a positive relationship with CBP, but we will not allow rogue actors who breached our agreement to undermine the incredible work we do for Texas,” Buckingham said in a news release.

The letter said that Trans Pecos may have given Barnard permission to cross the GLO lands to access other patches of the border that the company privately owns, but emphasized that the lease with the GLO doesn’t allow modifying the state’s land. The federal government has awarded Barnard, a Montana firm run by a donor of President Donald Trump, several federal contracts worth billions of dollars to build the border wall.

“We are still investigating the extent of the communications between Trans Pecos and Barnard. Regardless, the lease does not allow for any land modifications, excavation, or construction on the property

without the GLO’s express written consent, which has not been given to Trans Pecos, Barnard, or CBP,” the letter said.

Local media have previously reported collaboration between both companies to build the wall on Trans Pecos’ border land across Presidio, Jeff Davis and Hudspeth, the same counties where the financial organization is leasing soil from the GLO.

A CBP spokesperson said Friday evening that the agency has been made aware of the situation and that the contractor is responsible for verifying where they have legal access to property.

“CBP values its partnership with the TX GLO, and we are working to resolve this issue with the Contractor and the TX GLO to ensure this does not happen in the future,” the spokesperson said.

Barnard didn’t immediately respond to a request for comment. The Tribune has also reached out to Benjamin Siddons and Ryan Seiders, Trans Pecos’ registered agent and manager, respectively, according to Secretary of State’s filings, but they have not responded. Seiders is also the co-founder of popular cooler brand Yeti.

The GLO has not received any response from CBP, Barnard or Trans Pecos yet, the agency told The Texas Tribune. The GLO didn’t answer a question about the nature of the project CBP is developing on the land.

In the letter, the GLO urged CBP, Barnard and Trans Pecos to return the land to its original condition and to develop a “proposed reclamation plan to present to GLO for approval.”

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY TO RECONCILE FUEL COSTS

Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) applied to the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) on June 30, 2026, for authority to reconcile its eligible fuel expenses and revenues for the period of January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2025 (Reconciliation Period). SWEPCO’s request, if granted, will affect all SWEPCO Texas retail customers who pay fixed fuel factors. The request has no effect on SWEPCO’s non-fuel base rates.

During the Reconciliation Period, SWEPCO incurred a total of \$397,331,767 in eligible fuel, fuel-related expenses, and purchased-power costs to generate and purchase electric energy for its Texas retail customers, as well as expenses associated with environmental consumables and emission allowance costs incurred by SWEPCO and allocated to its Texas retail customers. As of the end of the Reconciliation Period, SWEPCO calculated that it had over-recovered its Texas retail fuel, fuel related expenses, and purchased-power costs by \$45,293,744, excluding interest. However, subsequent to the close of the Reconciliation Period, as approved by the Commission in Docket No. 59179, SWEPCO implemented a net interim fuel refund of the over-recovered balance as of October 31, 2025, in the amount of \$42,027,369, plus cumulative interest in the amount of \$436,693 through January 31, 2026, during February through April 2026.

SWEPCO also requests a prudence finding for certain fuel-related contracts and arrangements entered into or modified during the Reconciliation Period. Finally, SWEPCO requests recovery of its reasonable rate-case expenses associated with this fuel reconciliation proceeding and a prior fuel refund proceeding, including those expenses paid to reimburse municipalities for their participation.

Persons with questions, or who want more information on SWEPCO’s application, may contact SWEPCO at 428 Travis Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101, or call toll-free at (888) 216-3523 during normal business hours. A complete copy of this application and related filings are available for inspection at the address listed above or at the following website: <https://www.swepco.com/company/about/rates/tx>.

The Commission has assigned Docket No. 59827 to this proceeding. Persons who wish to intervene in or wish to express their comments concerning SWEPCO’s application should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should refer to Docket No. 59827 and should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Commission at (512) 936-7120, or toll free at 1-888-782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas (toll free) at 1-800-735-2989. Unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, motions to intervene will be due 45 days from the date SWEPCO filed its application with the Commission.

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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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PUBLIC NOTICE

MEMPHIS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET
TAKE NOTICE THAT A MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF HALL COUNTY, TEXAS, WILL BE HELD IN THE COMMISSIONERS' COURTROOM AT THE HALL COUNTY ANNEX, 101 S. 9TH ST., MEMPHIS, TX 79245 IN MEMPHIS, HALL COUNTY, TEXAS. COMMENCING AT 9:00 A.M., ON MONDAY, THE 10TH DAY OF AUGUST 2026.

DONLEY COUNTY

SMALL TAXING UNIT NOTICE

The Donley County Hospital District will hold a tax rate meeting at 5:30 p.m. on August 18, 2026, at 3 Medical Drive Clarendon, Texas 79226 to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2025. The proposed tax rate is 0.1670 per \$100 of value.

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property. The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

HOWARDWICK

SMALL TAXING UNIT NOTICE

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING AND HEARING, AUGUST 11, 2026 AT 6:00 PM TO CONSIDER THE CITY OF HOWARDWICK PROPOSED 2026-27 BUDGET AND PROPOSED NO-NEW REVENUE TAX RATE, TBA

The City of Howardwick will hold the Public Meeting/Hearing on Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 6pm at City Hall, 245 Rick Husband Blvd, Howardwick. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the budget for 2026-2027 and the 2026 no-new revenue tax rate which will be adopted. The public is welcome.

Visit [texas.gov/propertytaxes](https://www.texas.gov/propertytaxes) to find a link to our local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property. The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

WELLINGTON

SMALL TAXING UNIT NOTICE

The Mesquite GCD will hold a meeting at 7:00 PM on August 17, 2026 at 802 9th Street Wellington, Texas 79095 to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2026. The proposed tax rate is 0.046 per \$100 of value.

The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in Mesquite GC by 6%.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CLARENDON CISD

2026-2027 PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF NON-DISCRIMINATION IN CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Clarendon Consolidated Independent School District offers support to school districts for career and technical education programs in vocational agriculture, business and technical preparation, aviation technology, hospitality and tourism services and family and consumer sciences. Admission to these programs is based on enrollment in Clarendon CISD secondary schools.

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Clarendon CISD will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX & 504 Coordinator, Jennifer Bellar at 806-310-7220 and/or Erin Shaw at 806-310-7220.

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Para información sobre sus derechos o procedimientos de quejas, comuníquese con el Coordinador del Título IX en y el Coordinador de la Sección 504, Jennifer Bellar, 806-310-7220 y/o en Erin Shaw at 806-310-7901.

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WAIT STAFF AND COOKS: Two Rivers Family Restaurant is hiring part-time wait staff and cooks. Contact Clint Thomas, 817-692-2044.

PRN-RN: Collingsworth General Hospital in Wellington, Texas is now accepting applications for a PRN- RN.

Applicants with a positive disposition, organizational and socialization skills desired. Contact Isabella Rodriguez, HR Director at 806-447-2521 Ext 348 if you have any questions or complete an application online at www.collingsworthgeneral.net

NURSING ASSISTANT: Collingsworth General Hospital in Wellington, Texas is now accepting applications for a full-time Nursing Assistant.

Applicants with a positive disposition, organizational and socialization skills desired. Benefits include: health, dental, vision insurance and 401K. Contact Isabella Rodriguez, HR Director at 806-447-2521 Ext 348 if you have any questions or complete an application online at www.collingsworthgeneral.net

MLT/MT: Collingsworth General Hospital in Wellington, Texas is now accepting applications for a Part-Time Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT) or Lab Medical Technologist (MT).

Applicants with a positive disposition, organizational and socialization skills desired. Contact Isabella Rodriguez, HR Director at 806-447-2521 Ext 348 if you have any questions or complete an application online at www.collingsworthgeneral.net

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What's your favorite frozen dessert? Ice cream is one of the world's most popular treats. Read my clues to find out the history of ice cream and to fill in my crossword puzzle:

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According to a letter written by his daughter, Mr. Marchiony started to make ice cream sandwiches so that grown-ups wouldn't have to be seen licking cones in public.

The Sweet History of Ice Cream

- The ancient Greeks of Athens enjoyed _____ mixed with honey and fruit (400 B.C.).
- Some people think that the Emperor Nero ordered ice to be brought back from the mountains and mixed with _____ or juice and fruit for banquets (Rome, 54-68 A.D.).
- "Ice cream" in _____ during the Tang Dynasty (618-907 A.D.) had milk mixed into it and maybe even some rice. Some stories say Marco Polo may have brought fruit ices from China to Italy.
- The popularity of "ice cream" moved throughout Europe with the French people adding _____ to make the ice cream richer tasting.
- Making ice cream was simple at first - sweetened cream in a bowl or pot was put into ice to cool. The _____ it got, the more solid it became.
- In 1843, Nancy M. Johnson of Philadelphia got the first _____ for a small hand-cranked ice cream freezer. It made smoother ice cream.
- Some newcomers to America, like Italo Marchiony from Italy, sold lemon ices and ice cream from _____ in little glasses that people often would walk away with or break.
- He started to make little _____ bowls by hand, which was a lot of work. He invented a machine that could make 10 waffle cups at a time and got a patent for it in 1903.
- In 1904, Mr. Marchiony sold ice cream at the World's Fair in St. Louis. He ran out of waffle cups and began to roll up waffles from a waffle maker into _____ and filled them with ice cream, starting "walk-away" ice cream cones.
- In 1920, Good Humor sold their ice cream from white _____ driven through neighborhoods.
- The _____ - _____, a favorite ice cream, was first sold by J. F. McCullough in 1938.
- In 1983, Ben and Jerry's ice cream was used to build the world's largest ice cream _____.
- Thanks to the invention of _____ most people have ice cream in their homes.
- Vanilla is the most popular _____ followed by chocolate!

Words in the grid: sundae, cream, soft-serve, colder, carts, trucks, eggs, China, flavor, refrigerators, cones, ice, patent, waffle, chocolate syrup.

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LEGAL NOTICE:

This Texas Lottery scratch ticket game will close on August 7, 2026. You have until February 3, 2027, to redeem any tickets for this game: **#2723 Lucky 7s Tripler** (\$5) overall odds are 1 in 4.26. These Texas Lottery scratch ticket games will close on September 2, 2026. You have until March 1, 2027, to redeem any tickets for these games: **#2637 \$50, \$100 OR \$500!** (\$10) overall odds are 1 in 9.43, **#2609 \$100, \$200, \$500 OR \$1,000!** (\$20) overall odds are 1 in 9.49. These Texas Lottery scratch ticket games will close on September 16, 2026. You have until March 15, 2027, to redeem any tickets for these games: **#2622 Lucky No. 7** (\$2) overall odds are 1 in 4.33, **#2656 Crazy 8s** (\$2) overall odds are 1 in 3.99, **#2683 Emerald 7s** (\$5) overall odds are 1 in 4.23, **#2720 Chameleon Cash** (\$5) overall odds are 1 in 4.18, **#2705 Lucky Match** (\$10) overall odds are 1 in 3.62, **#2685 Diamond 7s** (\$20) overall odds are 1 in 3.51, **#2589 500X** (\$50) overall odds are 1 in 3.36. **Texaslottery.com** is the official source for all pertinent game information. Game closing procedures may be initiated for documented business reasons. These games may have prizes unclaimed, including top prizes. In addition, game closing procedures will be initiated when all top prizes have been claimed. During closing, games may be sold even after all top prizes have been claimed. Must be 18 or older to purchase a ticket. **PLAY RESPONSIBLY.** For help with a gambling problem, ncpgambling.org. © 2026 Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

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