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

Clarendon ready to welcome celebration visitors

Clarendon's tradition of honoring America's Independence will continue this weekend with three days of activities during the 147th annual Saints' Roost Celebration July 4-6.

Plans are set for a good time this weekend, and as the Enterprise goes to press a day early this week, there is still some time to get entered in different events.

All Herring Bank Parade and Liberty Electric Kids Parade entries

are due by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, July 3; and all Best of Donley County Blue Ribbon entries must be turned into the Visitor Center by 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Sign up in person at the Visitor Center or online at ClarendonTx.com/parade or ClarendonTx.com/blueribbon.

The complete line-up for the celebration is as follows:

THURSDAY, JULY 4

The Clarendon Lions Club Smoke Rollin' BBQ Cookoff &

High Rollin' Bingo will be held at the Lions Hall July 4. Bingo starts at 11 a.m., and tickets for that event sold out early this week.

The BBQ cookoff will award a \$150 prize in each of three categories – beef, chicken, or pork – based on a people's choice vote. The cookoff team entry is \$20 per category plus the team provides their own meat. The public can sample and vote at the cookoff for \$5 per person, which includes samples, a side, a drink, and

a dessert. Additional samples/votes can be purchased as well. Call or text 806-662-4689 to sign up for the cookoff.

The Clarendon Country Club July Fourth Golf Tournament will tee off at 1:00 p.m. Entree fee is \$15, green fee is \$12, and cart fee is \$12. For details, call 806-874-2166.

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

rodeo.

FRIDAY, JULY 5

The annual Depression Lunch will be held at 11 a.m. at the Downtown Ministry Center. The first night of the COEA Ranch Rodeo will follow that evening at 7:30 p.m. with a dance afterward.

SATURDAY, JULY 6

The big day will begin July 6 with the Arts & Craft Fair on the square at 9 a.m. sponsored by the See 'Celebration' on page 6.

Blood drive to be held Saturday

Due to a critically low supply of blood, the Coffee Memorial Blood Center will hold a "Back the Brave" Boots & Badges blood drive honoring first responders on Saturday, July 6, during the Saints' Roost Celebration.

The Blood Drive will be hosted by the Clarendon Lions Club, and the Bloodmobile will be parked at the Lions Hall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to take donations.

There is currently only a two-day supply of blood available for the Panhandle area. One major emergency could quickly wipe that supply out.

Clarendon Lions and Coffee Memorial hope people attending the Saints' Roost Celebration will step up and save a life. Donors can schedule their appointments by calling 877-340-8777 or online at obi.org or just walk over to the Bloodmobile on July 6 at the Lions Hall.

Sheriff lists phone numbers for office

The Donley County Sheriff's Office reminds the public that in the event of a phone outage, a cell phone is available to reach the sheriff's office.

Officials say 911 will always be available, but for administrative calls people can usually dial 806-874-3533 or 806-874-3534. In the event of a landline outage, the department has a cell number, 806-277-0414, people can call for administrative purposes.

Enterprise to close early next week

Due to the celebration schedule, the ENTERPRISE office will be closed Tuesday afternoon through Friday of this week.

You can still reach the paper through Facebook.com/TheEnterprise or by emailing news@clarendononline.com.

We will resume regular hours and deadlines next Monday, July 8. We wish everyone a safe and happy celebration!



Children's Lunch Program Needs Help

Volunteers prepare sack lunches at the Christ's Kids Outreach Ministry recently as the program reaches out for help with escalating costs. The program prepares and delivers lunch to an average of 130 kids in Clarendon and Howardwick five days a week. The number of kids is up about 40 percent, but donations are not keeping up with the demand and the increase in food costs. Donations can be made to Christ's Kids, PO Box 45, Clarendon, TX 79226. For more information, contact Felicia Atkinson at 806-205-1096 or Bobby Ellerbrook at 806-662-7650

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ANNDRIA NEWHOUSE

State marker honors life of Clarendon man

A Clarendon pioneer was honored with a Texas Historical Marker in Amarillo recently to commemorate his last impact on the history of the Texas Panhandle.

The late Mathew "Bones" Hooks was honored on June-teenth with the unveiling of the marker in the Amarillo park that bears his name.

Hooks was born in Robertson County in 1857 and started working as a cowboy at the age of seven. He developed a skill at taming wild horses. He moved to Clarendon in 1886 and was instrumental in leading the organization of St. Stephen's Baptist Church here in 1894 to minister to local African Americans. It was the first black church in the Panhandle.

Hooks began a personal tradition of giving white flowers to people that started with

a funeral for a cowboy friend. He later expanded his signature white flower gifts to living people for their achievements or good deeds. It is estimated that he gave about 500 white flowers during his lifetime.

In 1900, Hooks and his wife, Anna, moved to Amarillo and worked for the Santa Fe railroad. There he helped establish the North Heights community for Amarillo's black residents, led efforts to develop a park there (today's Bones Hooks Park), a black school, and black community center. He also developed a social club for boys and fought for equal access to medical care for black citizens in Amarillo.

Hooks died in 1951, but his legacy lives on. During the celebration on June 19, those in attendance were presented with white flowers by Keith Grays, courtesy of In This Moment Events Center.



Community members hold white flowers donated by In This Moment Events Center to honor the life of Clarendon pioneer Mathew "Bones" Hooks during a June 19 unveiling of a new Texas Historical Marker in the Amarillo park bearing Hooks' name. Hooks was an early civic leader, establishing the Panhandle's first black church in Clarendon in 1894 and making numerous contributions to the Amarillo community during his lifetime.

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State urges caution with fireworks

As Texans make plans to celebrate the Fourth of July, Texas A&M Forest Service encourages everyone to be careful with any outdoor activity that may cause a spark.

Approximately 90 percent of wildfires are caused by humans and their activities, and the Fourth of July is one of the top days for reported wildfires.

Texas A&M Forest Service and local fire officials advise the public to be aware of the very warm and dry conditions that may contribute to wildfire activity as the holiday approaches. While large, resistant wildfires are not expected, little to no rainfall has fallen across north and northeast Texas since early June. Hot and dry weather conditions reduce the moisture content in grass and woody vegetation, which increases the potential for wildfire ignitions.

"As we start to observe typical summer weather with conditions becoming hotter and drier, we anticipate wildfire activity to increase," said Wes Moorehead, Texas A&M Forest Service Fire Chief. "State and local firefighters are prepared to respond quickly but we need Texans to be careful and prevent wildfire ignitions while conditions are hot and dry."

If you plan to set off your own fireworks follow these tips:

Always check for and comply with local government officials burn bans or other restrictions.

Read and follow all warnings and instruction labels on fireworks.

Use fireworks only under close adult supervision and in safe areas away from structures, dry grass and brush.

Keep a hose, bucket of water and wet towels nearby in case of a malfunction or fire.

Dispose of used fireworks in a bucket of water.

Never ignite fireworks in a container, especially a glass or metal container.

To help prevent wildfires during hot and dry conditions avoid placing your grill near flammable vegetation or materials, never leave your grill unattended, and ensure coals are completely extinguished when you are done.

For additional wildfire prevention tips, visit <https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/summerwildfires/>.



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US Constitution 101: Laying a Foundation

I have received a great deal of positive feedback from last week's article, especially regarding the need for many citizens to retake a civics class. For that, I thank you. As an educator at heart, I would like to conduct an in-depth, multi-installment study of our Constitution. These studies will not be every week. With our current political climate, as events unfold before us, they will need to be addressed. It is a good idea to look at what is actually said and not said in our Constitution. I have found that few have read it cover to cover and when cherry-picked, they miss important parts. With that being said, a little background first.

For the first eight years of this nation's history, 1781-1789, it was governed by what is known as the Articles of Confederation. The Articles were a "league of friendship" among otherwise sovereign states. Trying to break away from a strong central government, these 13 independent states purposely created a weak government with the intent that the states would retain most, if not almost all, of their powers. A few exceptions were given to the central government, but it is clear from the document that the authors' greatest fear was losing their freedoms to a strong centralized government.



historically speaking
by dr. james fink

The entire government under the Articles was composed of a single legislative body. Delegates from the states served one-year terms with a maximum of three years; after six years they could run again. Each state chose as many delegates as they wanted between 2-7, but each state only had one vote, so each state's delegates had to come to a consensus.

Article VI placed some restrictions on the state's rights. States could not send or receive ambassadors to or from any foreign nations nor could they make treaties. States were also restricted from making alliances with each other, nor could they put import taxes on foreign goods on top of what the Congress placed.

The rest of Article VI and through Article VIII all deal with war. Only Congress – not individual states – could declare war. States were also restricted from maintaining any standing armies; only militias of the people and a number of naval ships were allowed by Congress. The British Army had secured and amplified King George's tyrannical rule over American colonists, and the authors of the Articles of Confederation did not want to repeat that mistake.

As for legislation, two-thirds, or nine of the 13 states, had to agree for any bill to pass into law. To amend Articles, all 13 states as well as their state legislatures had to agree to the proposal. Such requirements made it almost impossible to pass any laws, and completely impossible to pass amendments. But that was the point. A government that could not pass laws could not become tyrannical. What really crippled the Articles was that the national government had no way to collect taxes from the states. The national government could basically request monies, but the states could simply decline.

For the average American, the Articles worked just fine. They had little to do with the national government nor did they care to. However, there were men like James Madison, Edmund Randolph and most importantly, Alexander Hamilton, who believed the weakness of the government was stifling growth and was doomed to fail. The government could not raise revenue to pay its bills let alone pay down the massive debt it had incurred. Without a revenue stream, no nation or private citizen would ever loan America money, and Congress could not regulate trade – both of which were stifling the economy. Men such as these three tried to fix issues through amendments, but under their system any changes were normally blocked, oftentimes by Rhode Island alone.

In an attempt to reform the Articles, in 1786 several delegates from five states met at Annapolis, Maryland, to attempt to figure out how to make change possible, especially with interstate and foreign commerce. Realizing the difficulty of their task, the delegates instead made a new proposal. In May 1787 they invited all the colonies to send delegates to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to propose changes to the Articles of Confederation. That meeting would later turn into the Constitutional Convention.

When the delegates finally met that hot summer, they had a difficult task: create a stronger government they knew they needed yet were afraid of. Luckily these men were well schooled in political philosophy and history. They studied all forms of government, both real and theoretical. One such political philosopher, Baron de Montesquieu, whose book "The Spirit of Laws," suggested that a separation of powers was the key to stopping a stronger central government from falling into tyranny. By creating three branches of power and separating them from each other and in some ways pitting against each other, no one branch could get too strong. Last week's article on the U.S. Supreme Court overturning the Executive Branch's decision on bump stocks is a perfect example of separation of powers.

Our Constitution may not be perfect. But, to completely misquote Winston Churchill, it's the worst form of government except for all the rest. Its goal was to accomplish two objectives: protect the people from the government and to protect the government from the people. The Founders were scared of both. Our Constitution has gone through several changes over the years – 27 in fact – but at its heart it remains the same.

I heard something recently that I appreciated: "Maybe instead of trying to change the Constitution we should try reading it." We must reintroduce ourselves with our Constitution. We should read it line by line so that hopefully we gain a clearer understanding of what is in it. As Margaret Thatcher once said, "Constitutions have to be written on hearts, not just paper."

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Flour sacks made great underwear

Flour-sack underwear in Texas was probably just like flour-sack underwear anywhere else in the West during frontier times. The normal procedure was to bleach out the printing and then cut and sew the material to fit the body as needed. Frills such as tucks and ruffles were frequently added to give the female wearer a little more feeling of femininity.

A story from the Texas frontier shows the humor that sometimes creeps into such situations. Although the story is true, the lady's name has not been preserved, so let's just call her Jane.

Reared in Philadelphia where she had been trained for a musical career, Jane married a man named John and moved with him to Texas where they began a life of raising sheep. It was a rather severe adjustment for this Eastern-bred lady who had hardly washed a dish or mended a stocking before making the move. She enjoyed Texas, however, and relished the frontier life.

After two years in Texas, Jane's underwear began to wear out. Her

dresses, made of good strong material, were holding up nicely, but the more delicate fabrics underneath were going to have to be replaced.

"John, do you think you could get me a few yards of white material at the store the next time you go to town?" she asked.

Although wanting to oblige, John explained that they barely had enough money for maintaining the sheep and that he had already borrowed more money than he felt good about. "Could you possibly wait until the wool is sold this fall?"

Jane later claimed she had not yet heard of flour-sack underwear, so when she decided to sew two flour sacks together to make a pair of drawers, she thought she was doing something ingenious and original. It turns out that



vignettes
tales of the old west
by george u. hubbard

Jane had also never heard of methods for bleaching out the printing on the sacks.

She managed to make the drawers, complete with ruffles, tucks, and feather-stitching, and she was very proud of the completed item. She could hardly wait for John to come in that evening so she could show off her handiwork. Dancing in front of him and twirling around as she lifted her skirt, she asked, "How do you like it?"

Breaking out in laughter, John could hardly control himself.

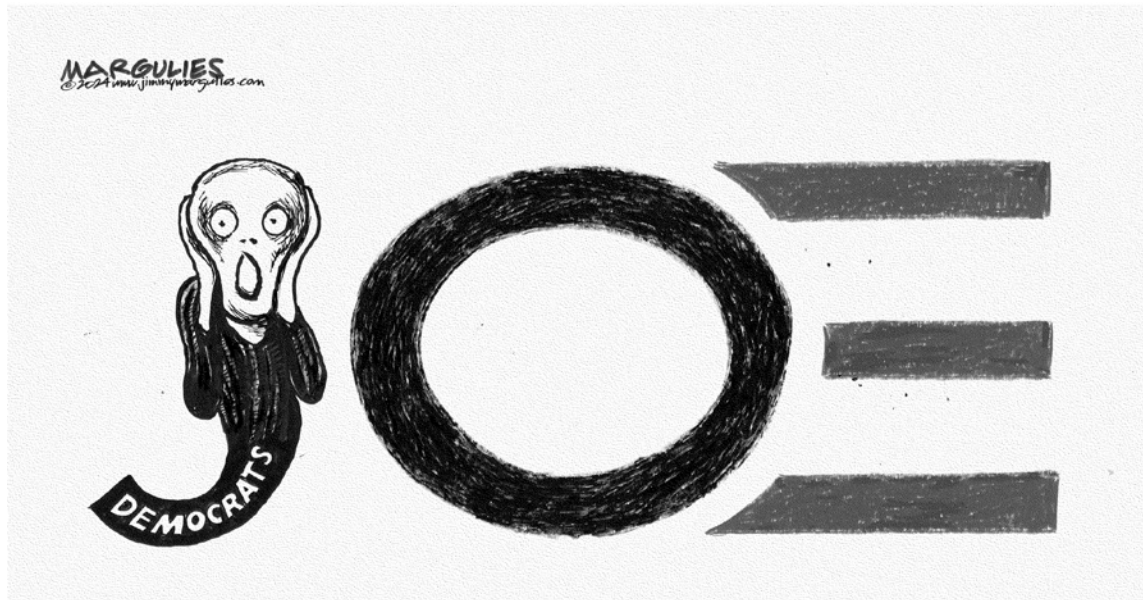
Taken by surprise, Jane was more than a little bit hurt as her husband's laughter continued. When finally he regained his composure, he was able to tell her what he had seen. Quite visible on the rear of his wife's anatomy were large pink letters spelling out "THE PRIDE OF TEXAS."

Needless to say, Jane quickly learned the art of bleaching.

George U. Hubbard is a former resident of Clarendon and the author of *The Humor & Drama of Early Texas*, available from fine booksellers everywhere.



"AND, ACCORDING TO OUR EXPERTS, WE'VE ALSO IDENTIFIED THE LOSER IN THE PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE."



We have met the enemy; it's us

Walt Kelly is most remembered for his comic strip published more than a half-century ago.

Its central figure, Pogo – campaigning to fight world pollution – made an incisive statement that still rings true.

You remember it: "We have met the enemy and he is us." It's about money. The golden rule has become twisted, however. Now, "them" who have the gold rule.

Coach Jim Schlossnagle's leaving Texas A&M to head the baseball program at the University of Texas provides additional supporting data, but most of the financial implications concerning his move are far beyond salary implications....

Hurt to the core minutes after playing for the national baseball championship, he committed two colossal errors in a news conference. They were the kind resulting in "bench banishment" if his players had made such goofs.

He shouldn't have accused a sports-writer of being selfish, and it would have been the better part of wisdom if he had omitted his passionate "heart and soul" description of his efforts.

Millions of others are equally committed without \$1.35 million annual compensation. (To be fair, at his first UT news conference, his first order of business was to offer an apology to the reporter he had offended... earlier.)....

That said, he is a great coach – proven, committed, successful – and yes, well compensated. But additional "wants" projected for the future at A&M already are in place at UT. Perhaps most importantly, his long friendship with the UT athletic director – with

whom he worked during his 17-year tenure at TCU – is immensely important.

Texas A&M is a great university, and most Aggies are good folks. Understandably, many feel

stunned and left out to dry by Schlossnagle's departure. (As my Uncle Mort said the other day, they're probably designing a "bubble-head" doll of Schlossnagle, perhaps complete with a needle for Aggie fans given to voodoo activity. He points out that bubbles can float skyward when the Aggies score, but can sometimes wander aimlessly off course.)....

Now, back to Pogo. We are the enemy, because we have shown TV giants that we have insatiable sports appetites.

TV has responded accordingly. It calls the shots, the NCAA carries them out and the public buys in.

We should not blame Schlossnagle. His decision – untimely as it was – simply focuses on what big-time sports have become. When we hear, "It's not the money, it's the principle of the thing," we can be sure of this: Mostly, it's the money, whether salary, facilities or equipment....

Big-time college sports are out of control. It's a mess. Trustees and regents should work toward the re-establishment of sports being an integral part of education. For the real "biggies" in college sports, let them go their way. The rest



the idle american
by don newbury

could then get on with what intercollegiate athletics should be about.

But they won't.

Back to Schlossnagle: Stefan Stevenson wrote a definitive piece for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. Schlossnagle clears up many details, most of which are believable and understandable....

I fondly recall when sports were integral parts of the educational process, long before the current "tail-wagging-dog" approach favored at many schools.

Two of my all-time favorites were Baylor's Grant Teaff and Texas A&M's R. C. Slocum, both football coaching legends. The former spent 21 years at Baylor, signing on for \$25,000 and receiving \$50,000 in his final year. I once asked Slocum about his agent. His response was sharp, "I never had an agent!" That was then, and this is now. The Aggies are grimacing, devoid in national championships in football, basketball or baseball since 1939....

My mind flits back to a quarter-century ago, when there were moments that the Lone Star State's TWO flagship universities sometimes cooperated. One example involved a valued friend, Dr. Kenneth Ashworth, former Commissioner of the Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Upon retiring, he taught doctoral classes, once weekly, at both UT and A&M.

His business cards were printed in maroon on one side and burnt orange on the other....

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July 3 & 4
Despicable Me 4 • Gates open @ 6:30 p.m. • Movie starts @ Dusk • Sandell Drive-In Theatre

July 4
Lions Club Bingo & BBQ • Lions Hall, 11 a.m. See ClarendonTX.com for updated details.

July 5 & 6
Double Feature: Despicable Me 4 & Horizon American Saga • Gates open @ 6:30 p.m. • Movie starts @ Dusk • Sandell Drive-In Theatre

July 5 & 6
Despicable Me 4 • 7:30 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

July 4, 5, & 6
Saints' Roost Celebration
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July 7
Despicable Me 4 • 2:00 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

July 12 & 13
Despicable Me 4 • 7:30 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

July 14
Despicable Me 4 • 2:00 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

July 20
Howardwick Hoedown. 11 a.m. at McMorries Memorial Park featuring Food, Craft and Vendor Booths, Music, Raffles, Cornhole and more!

Menus

July 8 - 12

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Mon: Polish sausage, cabbage, mashed potatoes, whole wheat roll, black forest parfait, iced tea/2% milk.

Tue: Soft tacos, Spanish rice, ranch style beans, garden salad, pears, iced tea/2% milk.

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

Thurs: Smothered steak, gravy, buttered carrots, broccoli & cauliflower, whole wheat roll, lemon cake, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Beef stew, garden salad, cornbread, peach crisp, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Baked chicken w/onion gravy, mashed red skinned potatoes, broccoli, ginger molasses cookies, buttermilk whole wheat biscuits, iced tea/2% milk.

Tue: County style BBQ ribs, baked beans, broccoli & cauliflower salad, buttermilk whole wheat biscuit, iced tea/2% milk.

Wed: Chicken fried steak, country gravy, homemade mashed potatoes, country green beans w/ bacon & onions, iced tea/2% milk.

Thurs: Lasagna, roasted sweet potatoes, chopped spinach, cranberry white chocolate chip cookies, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Chicken strips, white gravy, sweet potato fries, mixed green salad, rice Krispie treat, iced tea/2% milk.



One Year in Service

Leo's Barbershop #2 and Clarendon Chamber of Commerce officials held a ribbon cutting Monday to mark the first anniversary of Leo Garcia's second barbershop. Garcia's first shop is in Memphis.

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NNA files complaints about postal rates, deliveries

The National Newspaper Association last week delivered letters from more than 200 newspaper titles to the Postal Regulatory Commission, complaining about inadequate mail delivery and escalating postage rates.

The comments were part of a review by the PRC of its postal rate regulations, which it is required by Congress to do periodically. The Commission last completed a rate review in 2021 at which time it gave the US Postal Service authority to raise postage rates beyond inflation levels. The result for community newspapers has been an increase by 35-50 percent in postage costs in the past four years. The PRC announced earlier this year, following widespread complaints by mail users that it would initiate a new inquiry on its regulations. Its determination will set USPS's legal authority to increase rates for at least five years.

NNA Chair John Galer, publisher of the Journal-News, Hillsboro, IL, asked NNA members and newspapers in state newspaper organizations to send him their thoughts on the impact of the past few years of postage increases.

Responses registered a state of alarm on the future of the industry, specific complaints about delivery failures, losses of subscribers and unresponsive local postal authorities when delivery was not properly executed. Galer included the letters in NNA's comments to the Commission. NNA is also working with mailing industry partners on more detailed comments on the mechanisms involved in the rate regulation, including one provision that allows USPS to increase rates more when mail volume declines, which many in the industry consider a reward for poor performance.

"NNA has met with the Com-

mission recently to explain our situation," Galer said. "We needed the Commissioners to understand that this situation cannot continue. The PRC is inclined to blame the Postmaster General for using every inch of rate authority that the Commission extended. But it was the Commission that laid the table for this disaster. With proper rate regulation, we would not be in the situation we now find ourselves in. Now, we have to be concerned not only for the future of our own newspapers but for the plummeting of mail volumes that threatens the very basis of universal mail service. It was not unusual this year to see complaints not only about late newspaper delivery but also about checks in the mail arriving slowly or not at all. Even first-class mail has become unreliable in many areas."

Public comments are being accepted by the PRC until July 9.

Texas remains near bottom in kids well-being

By Freda Ross, Lone Star News Service
Texas is near the bottom in this year's annual Annie E. Casey Foundation Kids Count Data Book, which studies trends in child well-being.

The report focused on four areas, economic well-being, education, health, and community and family. Overall, this year's results either remained the same as last year or worsened, putting Texas in 43rd place.

Coda Rayo-Garza, director of research and data for the advocacy group Every Texan, said lawmakers

should prioritize different issues. The report showed 33% of Texas children live in households with a high housing cost burden and 70% of fourth graders are not proficient in reading.

Texas saw a slight improvement in the family and community category covering children living in single parent families and in high poverty areas but still ranked 47th overall. Rayo-Garza acknowledged the improvements but stressed there is still a lot of work to be done.

The Texas numbers mirror

national statistics.

Leslie Boissiere, vice president of external affairs for the Annie E. Casey Foundation, said across the country there are worse educational outcomes for students of color, kids in immigrant families and children from low-income families or attending low-income schools. She emphasized the gaps they face can affect their ability to succeed and thrive as adults. She added there are a number of approaches in the report states can implement to help improve the well-being of children.

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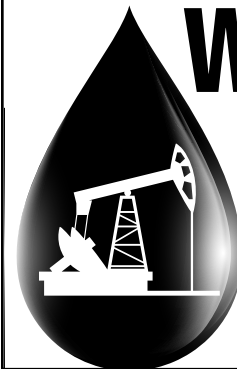
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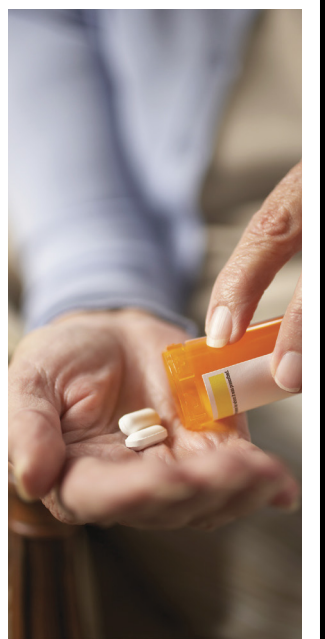
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House Bill 3297, which was passed by the 88th Legislature and signed into law by Governor Greg Abbott in 2023, abolishes the Vehicle Safety Inspection Program for non-commercial vehicles.

Beginning January 1, 2025, non-commercial vehicles will no longer need a vehicle safety inspection prior to registration. However, all non-commercial vehicles in the state will be subject to a \$7.50 inspection program replacement fee. This fee will be added to your

total when you register your vehicle with the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles.

New vehicles (those of the current or preceding model year on the date of purchase) purchased in Texas that have not been previously registered in Texas or another state are required to pay an initial inspection program replacement fee of \$16.75 to cover two years.

While comprehensive vehicle safety inspections will be eliminated for all non-commercial vehicles, Texans whose vehicles are registered in emissions counties will still be required to have emissions tests.

Emissions tests are required in major metropolitan areas, including Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston,

Harris and Montgomery counties; Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall and Tarrant counties; Travis and Williamson counties; and El Paso County. Bexar County will be added to the list of counties requiring emissions tests in 2026.

All commercial vehicles in all counties will still be required to obtain a passing vehicle safety inspection. Because they will be required to pay for that safety inspection, commercial vehicles will be exempt from the inspection program replacement fee. All vehicles will still need to be registered; the registration process will continue to be managed by the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles.

Golden Needles met to work on Arkansas Crossroads Quilt

The Golden Needles Quilters met June 27 at the Donley County Senior Citizens Center with six members present.

The club worked on a Arkansas Crossroads Quilt pieced by Louella Slater. The quilt was showing off beautiful purples, pinks, and greens on white embossed crosses.

We are encouraging anyone who wants to learn to hand quilt or just meet new people to join us the third Thursday of each month from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the DCSC. Our next quilting will be on July 19.

Attending this month were Allene Leathers, Dortha Reynolds, Frances Smith, Janan Koontz, Gay Cole, and Louella Slater.

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Donley County 4H. Booths must be reserved through the Donley County 4H by calling 806-874-2141. The theme for this year's parades is "A Salute to Service" and honors America's men and women in uniform. Entry forms are available at the Visitor Center and online at ClarendonTX.com/parade.

The Chamber of Commerce's Liberty Electric Kids' Bicycle & Tricycle Parade will also begin at 9 a.m. with some fabulous prizes provided by Stocking Ice Cream Parlor. The Kids' Parade will line up and register at 8:30 at Third and Sully. Pre-registration by July 3 at 5:00 p.m. is required to win the kid parade prizes. Entry forms are available at the Visitor Center and are online.

Line up for the Herring Bank Parade begins at 9 a.m. at Prospect Park with the parade taking off at 10:00. The Herring Bank Parade features \$850 in cash prizes with \$250 available for the best float, \$150 for the best car or truck entry, \$150 for the best animal or riding unit, \$150 for the best tractor or farm equipment entry, and \$150 for the best "other" entry. Only entries registered by 5:00 p.m. on July 3 are eligible to win the prize money.

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

The REFZ Lawnmower Races will also be held July 6 on the square with sign-ups beginning after the parade, and the Chamber of Commerce will display the winners of its second annual Best of Donley County competition on the square, featuring blue ribbon winners in jellies, jams, and baked goods.

Also from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Coffee Memorial's Bloodmobile will be at the Lions Hall for a blood drive. The supply is short right now, and donations are needed badly.

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

For more information, contact the Visitor Center at 806-874-2421.

Obituaries

Mincey-Waits

Jo Dee Mincey-Waits, 75, of Amarillo died Sunday, June 30, 2024, in Amarillo.



Mincey-Waits

Services will be 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 3, 2024, in the First Methodist Church in Clarendon with Rev. Chris Downer, officiating. Burial will follow in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon.

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

Jo Dee was born August 8, 1948, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to Dorothy Dee and Vestal Vaughn, Jr. She married James Dewey "Jim" Mincey on February 14, 1981 in Lubbock. She had been a resident of Clarendon for 27 years where she worked as a Registered Nurse in Home Health prior to her retirement. She loved going to the lake, working home health, crafts, paintings, and adored playing card games and bingo. She was a former paramedic for Clarendon EMS in the 1980's

and early 90's and was a former member of the Clarendon Firebells. She was inducted into the Texas Panhandle Nurse Honor Guard in August 2023. She was also a former member of the First Methodist Church in Clarendon. She always loved being around her grandkids and great grandkids.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Jim on September 1, 2006; and a sister, Vicki Lacy.

She is survived by her sons, Dewey Mincey and wife Kayla of Amarillo, John Klattenhoff and wife Elayne of Midland, Wayne Buckner and wife Traci of Orr City, and James Buckner of Carthage; her daughters, Cathie Flud and husband Josh of Lubbock, Jo Ann Cline and husband Bret of Jet, Oklahoma, Eileen Hood of Amarillo, Georgi Housh and husband Danny of Canyon, Samantha Hinton of Clarendon, and Edie Mincey of Midland; her sisters, Amy Windisch of Westmont, Illinois and Kim Douglass of Huntington Beach, California; 26 grandchildren; and 22 great grandchildren.

The family request memorials be sent to the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department / PO Box 364 / Clarendon, TX 79226.

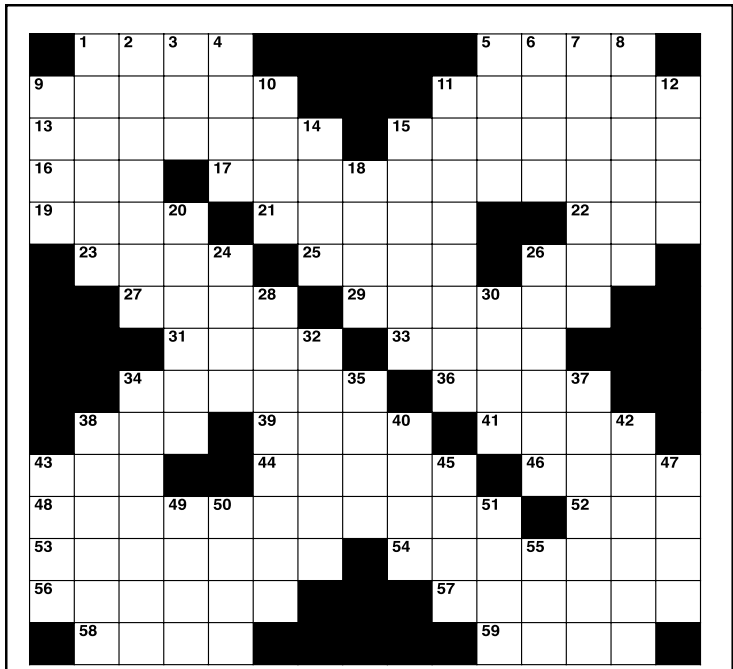
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- 1. Six (Spanish)
- 5. Invests in little enterprises
- 9. Large dung beetle
- 11. Gored
- 13. Partially paralyzed
- 15. Still a little wet
- 16. Legal field media company
- 17. Not working
- 19. 500 sheets of paper
- 21. Church structure
- 22. Sheep disease
- 23. Small drink of whiskey
- 25. Weaving tradition
- 26. Pestilence
- 27. Body part
- 29. Nabs
- 31. Places to stay
- 33. Witnesses
- 34. Looked for
- 36. Arranges
- 38. Political action committee
- 39. Middle eastern nation (alt. sp.)
- 41. Hair-like structure
- 43. Parts producer
- 44. Greek city
- 46. Subway dwellers
- 48. Norm from "Cheers"
- 52. Clean a floor
- 53. Vied for
- 54. Canned fish
- 56. Inspire with love
- 57. Sent down moisture
- 58. Wrest
- 59. Partner to carrots

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Mounted
- 2. Assign
- 3. Wrath
- 4. Self-immolation by fire ritual
- 5. Parts of an organism
- 6. Person from England
- 7. Tropical plants of the pea family
- 8. Body part
- 9. Practice boxing
- 10. Containers
- 11. Contrary beliefs
- 12. Bleached
- 14. Pre-Islamic Egyptian
- 15. A group of similar things ordered one after another
- 18. Innermost spinal cord membranes
- 20. Cassava
- 24. A restaurant's list of offerings
- 26. Annoy constantly
- 28. Orchestrate
- 30. Z Z Z
- 32. Astute
- 34. Highly decorated tea urn
- 35. Teach to behave
- 37. Endurance
- 38. Urinating
- 40. Barbie friend dolls
- 42. Repents
- 43. Man-eating giant
- 45. Jewish calendar month
- 47. Accelerated
- 49. Husband of Sita in Hindu
- 50. Lump of semiliquid substance
- 51. Lying in wait
- 55. Cease to exist

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9	1	5	4	7	2	3	8	6
7	8	6	3	1	9	4	2	5
6	2	4	5	3	2	7	9	8
1	6	4	8	9	3	8	2	7
3	2	3	7	9	6	1	8	5
8	5	6	2	7	4	9	3	1
5	9	8	3	4	7	7	6	2
5	6	8	8	3	4	7	2	1
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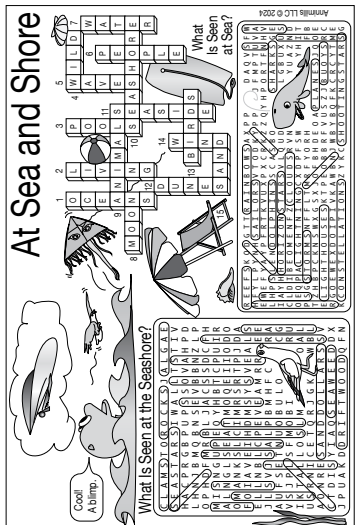
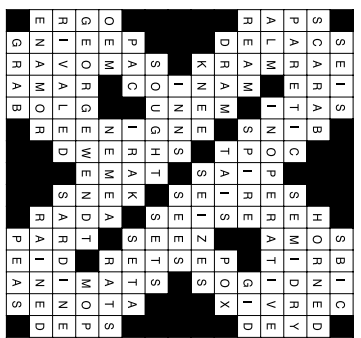
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What have you seen at the seashore?
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At Sea and Shore

Hey! Look at that! You never know what you'll see in the sky, on the shore and even in the sand when you go to the seashore. What you see may depend on whether the tide is going out or coming in. Study the area where the land meets the sea. Is it rocky with waves crashing or is it a long stretch of white sand peacefully meeting the water? You might watch little crabs hiding and scurrying in the rocky areas. Different kinds of shells might be easier to find along sandy stretches. It's fun to find driftwood too!

Cool! A blimp.

Read the clues to fill in our seashore and ocean crossword puzzle:

- five vast _____ link across the planet, covering about 71% of Earth's surface
- tidal pools are home to many _____ things: seaweed, seastars, snails, crabs, etc.
- _____ are rocky; some may be seen separately at low tide
- a _____ beach is one that is natural, untouched by people
- energy from strong winds on the surface of the ocean causes _____ to form
- _____ have explored only about 5% of the world's oceans
- the ocean is mostly made up of _____, but there are many elements: sodium, chlorine, magnesium, calcium and more
- tides are the result of the gravity of the _____ pushing and pulling the ocean
- the ocean is Earth's largest habitat, with _____ such as whales, sharks, sea lions
- coastline; where the land meets the ocean
- a _____ resort is a place built for people to have fun and be active
- grasses and bushes anchor the sand _____ and keep the beach stable
- many kinds of _____ live by the ocean: seagulls, sandpipers, albatrosses

14. beaches change shape due to constant erosion by the steady force of coastal _____ and crashing waves

15. _____ is made of fine grains of earth and rocks worn down by the wind

What Is Seen at the Seashore?

People bring shovels and pails to dig and collect items from the seashore. Find and circle the items below that you can see at the shore.

clams
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foam
rocks
coral
algae
seagull
snails
jellies
pelican
tide pool
sea stars
seaweed
seahorse
lobsters
mussels
mollusks
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I feel so cranky.

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TxDOT asking for feedback on \$104 billion 10-year plan

To help keep a thriving Texas economy moving, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is drafting a record-breaking 10-year transportation plan, and the public is invited to weigh in on potential projects in communities across the state.

The draft 2025 Unified Transportation Program (UTP) proposes \$104.2 billion in transportation spending, making it the second year in a row that the UTP plan exceeds \$100 billion. The UTP provides a road map to help develop projects around Texas to improve safety, address congestion and connectivity, and preserve roadways for Texas drivers. The UTP also addresses public transportation, maritime, aviation, rail, freight and international trade, and bicycle and pedestrian connectivity. TxDOT works with its transportation partners to identify projects to be included in the UTP and updates it every year.

The UTP serves as TxDOT's strategic 10-year blueprint for advancing projects statewide," said Executive Director Marc Williams. "Collaborating with our transportation partners and communities ensures that we continue connecting you with Texas while prioritizing safety, delivery, innovation and stewardship."

TxDOT invites the public to learn about the draft 2025 UTP in a virtual public meeting on Tuesday, July 2, at 2 p.m. (CDT), and offer comments during a virtual public hearing on Wednesday, July 31, at 2 p.m. (CDT). The public may join the meetings virtually by phone or online at TxDOT.gov.

The draft 2025 UTP public comment period begins Friday, July 5, and ends Monday, Aug. 5, at 4 p.m. (CDT). To learn more about different ways to comment, visit the UTP Public Involvement webpage. Both the public meeting and hearing presentations will be recorded and available for viewing at a later time. An online comment form link is also available for submission in English, Arabic, Cantonese, Hindi, Mandarin, Spanish and Vietnamese.

Public comments and feedback are important in developing the plan. Available in English and Spanish, the UTP Fact Sheet provides an overview of the program. The Texas Transportation Commission approves the UTP annually in accordance with Texas state law at its August commission meeting and publishes the approved UTP on TxDOT.gov.

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