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6 And check out the scenes from the Hoedown!

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

Rabies case found by city in racoon

Clarendon officials confirmed a case of rabies inside the city limits this week.

City Administrator Brian Barboza said animal control picked up a racoon showing possible signs of rabies near the intersection of Seventh and Johns streets on July 15, the racoon was taken to Clarendon Veterinary Hospital to be sent for testing. The positive test results for rabies were received on Monday, July 22.

Citizens are urged to get their pets vaccinated for rabies immediately, and everyone needs to stay away from any wild animals – skunks, racoon, etc. State law requires animals to be vaccinated. Animals must be current on all vaccines; and since a case of rabies has been confirmed in the area, everyone should watch for signs of rabies.

For more information about rabies, visit Texas Department of State Health Services at <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/notifiable-conditions/zoosis-control/zoosis-control-diseases-and-conditions/rabies>.

Bronco Boosters to hold golf touerney

The second annual Bronco Booster Club Classic will be held this Saturday, July 27, at the Clarendon Country Club.

A \$5 chipping contest will be held at 11 a.m. followed by a \$5 putting contest at 11:30. Registration for the scramble begins at noon with a tee time of 1:00 p.m.

The cost is \$220 per team and includes two mulligans and a dinner provided by REFZ. Prizes will be awarded for the top two teams or the top three teams if more than 15 teams enter. There is a maximum of 36 teams allowed.

Additional prizes will be awarded for the Closest to the Pin, Longest Putt, and a Hold in One along with door prize drawings, and raffle prizes.

Proceeds from the Bronco Booster Club Classic will benefit the athletic teams of Clarendon High School. To register, contact Sarah Hatley at 806-670-7643.

CCISD wrapping up summer roof work

Clarendon CISD is wrapping up summer roofing projects as the start of school gets closer.

Superintendent Jarod Bellar said roof projects have been underway on the high school, band hall, field house, and ag building, and he expects that work to be wrapped up by the end of the week.

Classes start for the fall semester on August 14. For more information about back to school dates, see our special section inside this week's Enterprise.



Butch Murray was the winner of the mini-bikes and trailer at the sixth annual Howardwick Hoedown last Saturday in McMorries Memorial Park. Officials said this year's Hoedown was the biggest one ever and raised more than \$9,000 for the City of Howardwick Volunteer Fire Department.

COURTESY PHOTO / SANDY CHILDRRESS

Hoedown earns \$9k for H'wick fire dept.

The sixth annual Howardwick Hoedown was a huge success with a great day of fun and fellowship last Saturday at McMorries Memorial Park.

City Secretary Sandy Lynn Childress said the weather was pretty warm, but it did not deter anyone from having a good time.

"It was the best one year," she said. "It was the biggest turnout we've ever had, and it was the most donations that we've ever had."

A total of \$9,100 after expenses will be going to the City of Howardwick Volunteer Fire Department.

Butch Murray won the mini-bikes and trailer, and several other prizes were raffled off during the day. The Putting Contest winners were the teams of first place, Smoke Rings; second place, 2x2; and third place, The Luceros.

The community event was a great opportunity for fellowship, and many people attended to enjoy the vendors, food prepared by the fire department, and music throughout the day.

Enterprise wins top press award from PPA

The Clarendon Enterprise received 14 awards at the 115th annual Panhandle Press Association Convention in Borger last weekend.

Competing in Division One for weekly newspapers, Sandy Anderson won First Place for the Enterprise for Sports Writing, and the crew of Tara Allred, Ashlee Estlack, and Roger Estlack won First Place for Advertising Designs.

The Enterprise was also first place in Sports Photos by Elaina Estlack, Front Page Layout, News Writing, Spot News Photos, Society & Lifestyles, Human Interest Photos, Special Section, Editorials, and Website.

Serious Columns by Benjamin Estlack and Roger Estlack won second and third place, and Enterprise feature Stories placed second.

The General Excellence in Division One went to the Enterprise this year as well.

Dr. Don Newbury, who has spoken for the Clarendon Chamber banquet and whose columns appear in the Enterprise, was the featured speaker of the weekend.

Tara Huff was also named to the Hall of Fame this year.

PPA officers for the coming year are President Tim Ritter of the Canyon News, Vice President Tara Huff of the Eagle Press in Fritch/Borger, Immediate Past President Jeff Blackmon of Hereford, and Sec-



Enterprise crew members Elaina Estlack, Tara Allred, Benjamin Estlack, Roger Estlack, and Ashlee Estlack.

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Pantex becomes top area employer

Pantex now largest Texas Panhandle employer

Pantex is now the largest employer in the Texas Panhandle, according to an announcement released Tuesday by the nuclear weapons facility.

More than eight decades ago, during World War II, the Pantex Ordnance plant was a major contributor during the global conflict. At its height in January 1943, Pantex employed 5,254 full time employees. When WWII ended, Pantex closed its doors. Then in 1951 the Federal Government reclaimed the site, creating the cornerstone of the nuclear weapons complex.

Since 1975, Pantex has been the nation's primary assembly, disassembly, retrofit, and modification center for nuclear weapons.

The total number of employees has changed throughout the decades. Ten years ago, it remained consistent with approximately 3,100 employees. That number has increased dramatically over the last few years as hundreds of new employees have been hired at Pantex.

"That growth is simply explained," said Colby Yeary, Pantex Site Manager. "Our workload has increased and with that increase – the need to bring on hundreds of new Pantexans to meet production demands. It became obvious that our work force would have to grow to match the more than 70 percent increase in our work load. We've been hiring ever since and now at of the most recent count, Pantex has 4,626 employees."

According to Pantex Field Office Manager, Jason Armstrong, "The economic impact of Pantex on our community – and the entire Panhandle – cannot be overstated. It's something we're very proud of. We rely on Pantexans daily to deliver our national security deterrent by combining their unique talents and abilities, driven by their deep sense of patriotism and dedication. What also cannot be overstated is the importance of Pantex. In light of today's real-world geopolitical con-

See 'Pantex' on page 8.



Wednesday fire

Clarendon fireman Jason Messer sprays water on flames as the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department responds to a fire in the 100 block of S. Goodnight Wednesday afternoon. Witnesses said a travel trailer was burning among debris in that area. No one was injured during the blaze.

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Preamble gives insight to US constitution

Although the Preamble is the most memorized part of the Constitution, it has no legal standing in government, however it does state the government's authority and outline the government's duties.

"We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

The Preamble seems to be an afterthought, as it was written towards the end of the Constitutional Convention. There were several drafts with the final being written by Gouverneur Morris. However, the Preamble's words were perfectly developed as each clause completely explains the founders' beliefs.



historically speaking by dr. james fink

From the development of the nation-state in Europe, kings had ruled by Divine Right. Yet by starting out this document with "We the People," suddenly the founders are claiming that government governs by the consent of the people and hence are accountable by and to the people.

The next four words, "of the United States," established the name of the country as the United States. The Founding Fathers could have gone with a different name here, but they were not quite ready to let state sovereignty go, not completely.

The rest of the document describes the five roles of this new government as the founders saw it. First, "establish justice." In Federalists No. 51 the author wrote, "Justice is the end of government. It is the end of civil society. It ever has been and ever will be pursued until it is obtained, or until liberty be lost in the pursuit.

The Preamble states that laws must apply equally to all. I think most of us would agree this is something we are still working on.

Secondly, "insure domestic Tranquility." Americans were hesitant of creating this new Constitution. One of the events that pushed the states to send delegates to the Constitutional Convention was Shays' Rebellion.

Third, "provide for the common defence." This one is easy: maintain an army. However, in the 19th century this was much different than today.

Fourth, "promote the general Welfare." While today we see our active government try to control every aspect of our lives, in the 19th century the most the government did was protective tariffs to help new industry and sell cheap land in the West for settlement.

Fifth, "Secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity." This one was - and is - a work in progress. While the Constitution was designed to secure freedom for all people forever, in reality, those freedoms are coming in stages.

The Preamble, while not legally binding, serves as an interpretative guide to the Constitution. Its aspirational language has been referenced in numerous Supreme Court decisions to understand the broader context and purpose of the Constitution's provisions.

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Mrs. Robbins protected the drovers

As a rule, women did not accompany the drovers on the cattle drives to the north. The days were long, the work was hard, and schedules had to be maintained. Although women frequently have greater physical and emotional endurance than men, they were nevertheless considered to be out of place on the trail drives.

Every rule, however, has its exceptions. On a particular drive up the Chisholm Trail, a newlywed man named Robbins brought his bride along for a honeymoon trip. Robbins owned many of the cattle being driven, and despite the objections of the trail boss, Doley Miller, Robbins insisted that his wife's presence

would not be detrimental to the progress of the drive. Mrs. Robbins was a beautiful woman, and Miller was sure that some kind of trouble would result, but he finally relented.

All went well until one day when 600 Comanches in full war dress confronted and stopped the drovers. Demanding twenty head of cattle, the Indians appeared intent on obtaining their demands until one of their leaders spotted Mrs. Robbins.

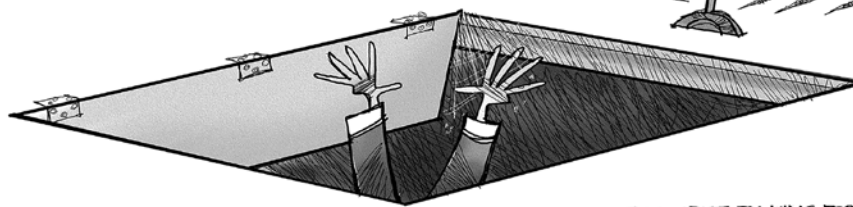
Instantly transfixed by her beauty, he rode up to her, leaned down from his horse, and stared eagerly at her for what seemed a long time without moving or speaking. Finally he turned to Mr. Robbins and said, "Me give you five horses for your squaw." Now any woman who



vignettes tales of the old west by george u. hubbard

finds herself valued at five horses by an Indian should feel highly flattered. It was an offer not to be refused; nevertheless, Mr. Robbins did refuse it. His hesitation in responding might have been misinterpreted as a consideration of accepting the offer, but in Robbins' mind it was not a question of whether or not to accept the offer, but how to say no in a way that would pacify the Indian and avoid conflict.

Directing Miller to cut out two cows and give them to the Indians, Robbins succeeded in mollifying his wife's Indian suitor. Withdrawing peacefully from the scene, the Comanches gave the drovers unmolested passage through the remaining portions of their territory. Thus instead of being a source of trouble, it was Mrs. Robbins' presence that now guaranteed safe passage for the drovers, all because of one Indian's infatuation with her. George U. Hubbard is a former resident of Clarendon and is the author of The Humor & Drama of Early Texas, available from fine booksellers everywhere.



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Holding on is a good lesson for life

I'm not sure who the TV weather guy was, which city he served or exactly what he said, but if his observation passed down through the ages is even close to accurate, it still has wide application today.

The man must have had his news antenna aimed far beyond the weather. He was a philosopher as well.

This Ohioan not only predicted the weather, but also included an account of the colorful president of Ohio University. And, it was during flood conditions, for crying out loud....

President Roger Alden, unquestionably an icon in both education and business, called on his remarkable conciliatory skills when students went on a rampage about the university cafeteria. He calmed them; order was quickly restored.

But wait! Cafeteria personnel were miffed that students were critical of their food, so they threatened to strike. Again, President Alden quickly "charmed" them, and once again reigned supreme.

Hours later, the campus was crippled by flood waters that all but engulfed university buildings before subsiding....

Here's what the weather guy allegedly said: "Earlier this week, students protested the Ohio University food service, and President Alden quickly allayed their concerns. Then, cafeteria workers balked, but again, President Alden was equal to the situation."

Then came his classic line about the flood, perhaps rubbing right up against verbatim.

"Today, God tried to close Ohio University, and President Alden is hold-

ing his own."... *****

Stories about folks "holding their own," and this holds true throughout the world. Fingerprint prints are everywhere, left by folks trying to hang on.

To sharpen our focus, the community of Branson, MO, has dreamed big, even when staring straight into the squinty eyes of adversity. Case in point: Opening of its world-class, multi-million-dollar aquarium coincided with COVID's arrival. So much for a grand opening.

It held on, as have dozens of other venues in this vacation destination that is gradually regaining a foothold following the pandemic.... *****

Thankfully, much about Branson is predictable. Folks at the more than 100 shows and attractions are as happy to see visitors as Minnie Pearl was in her weekly half-century comedy routine at The Grand Ole Opry: "I'm just so proud to be here."

Shows are top quality, clean, patriotic and generally "priced right."

We landed at the Pierce Arrow Theater on a recent visit. Three take-aways: Producer Dan Britton can really hit the low notes, now included in the Guinness Book of Records. Baritone Michael Cole is an absolute phenom, springboarding to fame 15 years ago with a high finish in network TV's America's Got Talent.

And, comedian James Sibley remains



the idle american by don newbury

one of the funniest guys on the planet.... *****

It is noteworthy that Cole can't remember when he wasn't singing, having busted loose at age four in his church choir in rural New York State. A five-sport star in high school, he chose music, or maybe it was chosen for him.

"I don't remember ever going anywhere in the car without the radio blaring music, and I sang along with the artists." He, his brother and sister were "back seat harmonizers" later to be recognized on national TV.

He joined Pierce Arrow three years ago and loves life in Branson with his wife and two sons, ages 12 and 3. His mom and dad have moved their ministry to nearby Hollister, his brother is in marketing for Silver Dollar City and his sister is an area realtor.... *****

Sibley, appearing in overalls that may have been custom-made by the Acme Tent and Awning Company, is a humor genius.

Most of his comic jabs are self-inflicted. One great story revealed a lie he told his grandchildren. He said that when the ice cream truck came by playing music, it meant they were out of ice cream. He admits to being one year younger, since his parents held him back one year!

Long live Branson! May it ever hold on!.. *****

Dr. Newbury, longtime public speaker and university president, continues to speak and write. His column, begun in 2003, is Texas' longest in syndication. Contact: 817-447-3832. Email: newbury@speakerdoc.com. Website: www.speakerdoc.com.

TWC partnerships expand for Texans

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) has partnered with the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) and the United States Postal Service (USPS) to offer statewide in-person identity (ID) verification for unemployment benefit claims. Unemployment claimants who were notified by TWC to verify their ID after July 1, 2024, now have the option to go to a participating USPS location to complete the ID verification.

As part of TWC's fraud prevention initiative, individuals who apply for unemployment benefits may be required to verify their ID. In cases of suspected identity fraud, this process helps TWC ensure imposters are not able to receive another person's unemployment benefits.

"TWC is here to support Texans by making the ID verification process more accessible," said TWC Executive Director Ed Serna. "This initiative highlights how TWC is taking aggressive steps to prevent these critical resources from being taken advantage of by fraudsters."

Individuals can verify their

identity at participating USPS locations using a state driver license, state ID card, US Armed Forces or uniformed service ID card, or a U.S. Passport. Individuals will need to visit the Unemployment Benefits Identity Verification web page and follow all instructions to indicate they will be verifying in person at a USPS location. Upon registering to use the USPS option and receiving an Enrollment Code, users are given a list of participating USPS office locations near them. Claimants must report to the participating USPS location within seven (7) days of registering and show their documents to USPS staff, who will verify their identity. The USPS will automatically notify TWC after the ID verification is complete.

Texans may still verify their identity online through ID.me. Claimants who do not have access to a computer or smart phone may also use computer stations at one of the more than 170 local Workforce Solution offices around Texas or other community resources.

Satellites to be used to detect wildfires

The Biden-Harris administration Tuesday announced it is taking additional steps to safeguard western communities in the face of increasingly dangerous and intense wildland fires by building advanced wildfire detection capabilities using satellite technology.

The Department of the Interior and US Department of Agriculture (USDA)'s Forest Service have signed an agreement with the Department of Commerce's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to use the NOAA Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite - R series (GOES-R) data to rapidly detect and report wildfire starts. Supported by a \$20 million investment from the President's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law-\$10 million each from Interior and Agriculture- this new agreement will use advanced remote sensing capabilities to improve the speed and accuracy of wildfire detection.

President Biden's Investing in America agenda, through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, is bringing much-needed assistance to communities across the country - deploying innovative tools to tackle wildfires, increasing the resilience of lands facing the threat of wildland fires, and better supporting federal wildland firefighters. The law includes \$5 billion for these Departments over five years to invest in preparedness, fuels management, post-fire restoration, and fire science.

"This partnership is one of the many ways we are investing in technology to improve firefighter and community safety," said Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack. "Wildland firefighting will always require highly skilled individuals working on the ground, but with more real-time information we can reduce the risks to crews and pilots, and improve our response time, reducing the risk to impacted communities."

Use of NOAA's GOES-R satellite data will enable the Interior and Agriculture Departments to detect wildfires early, provide firefighters a more detailed look at wildfire conditions, allow faster hot spot

detection, and provide the ability to track wildfire progression in real time. GOES-R series satellites are frequently capable of detecting wildfires before they are spotted on the ground or reported to 911. The satellites can also be used to pinpoint the exact location of a fire after smoke reports occur. These improved capabilities will support interagency efforts to protect people and communities from increasingly devastating wildfires.

GOES-R satellite observations are not only valuable for detecting wildfires but are also critical for observing and monitoring smoke from those fires. The ability to monitor smoke plumes in near real time is particularly useful in directing firefighting efforts from the air. Deploying airplanes and helicopters for wildfire suppression efforts is often hampered by poor visibility. GOES-R satellites can help guide decisions for deploying flights by providing information on the exact location and drift of smoke from a fire.

The smoke detection and monitoring information also enable better air quality forecasts to help safeguard public health. These improvements help equip communities with the information they need to assess risks and develop climate solutions-a key objective of the National Climate Resilience Framework.

Today's effort supports recommendations by the Wildland Fire Mitigation and Management Commission, which was established through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and charged with making recommendations to improve federal policies related to the mitigation, suppression, and management of wildland fires in the United States. In September 2023, the Commission released a comprehensive report (PDF, 5.3 MB) to Congress outlining 148 recommendations to improve the nation's relationship with wildfire. This collaboration advances recommendations for expanded use of wildfire detection systems and improved collaboration across organizations and jurisdictions.

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2				3				6
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	5	7			1			

Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:
 Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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

July 26 & 27
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• Gates open @ 6:30 p.m. • Movie starts @ Dusk • Sandell Drive-In Theatre

July 26 & 27
Twisters • 7:30 p.m. • Mulkey Theatre

July 28
Twisters • 2:00 p.m. • Mulkey Theatre

August 10 & 11
Jack & Jill Scramble • Clarendon Country Club • Call 806-874-2166 for details

August 24
Night Scramble • Clarendon Country Club • Call 806-874-2166 for details

Menus

July 29 - August 2
Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, banana pudding, whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Meatloaf, cheesy potatoes, green beans, cornbread, fruit cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Chicken spaghetti, broccoli, garden salad, garlic toast, fruit cup, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Pork chops/loin, black-eyed peas, turnip greens, cornbread, sliced peaches, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Cheeseburgers/whole wheat bun, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickle, potato wedges, melon or fresh fruit, sugar cookie, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Baked chicken w/onion gravy, mashed potatoes, chopped spinach, raspberry peach crumble, whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Meatloaf, baked fresh sweet potato, California blend vegetables, snickerdoodles, whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Chicken fried steak, country gravy, homemade mashed potatoes, brown rice, buttered peas & carrots, peach parfait, biscuit, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Grilled Italian sausage w/peppers & onions, roasted red potatoes, carrots & green beans, Amish sugar cookies, biscuit, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Bacon cheeseburger on whole wheat bun, onion rings, mixed green salad, chocolate butterscotch rice Krispie, banana, iced tea/2% milk.

the lion's tale

by roger estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting July 23, 2024, with Boss Lion Richard Green in charge.

We had 15 members in person and two attending virtually. Also at the meeting were Sweetheart Emma Roys, District Governor Chris Rogers, and four guests – Raegan Weldie, guest of Lion Chelsea Covey; Matthew and Monroe Newhouse, guests of Lion Anndria Newhouse; and Ella Estlack, guest of Lion Roger Estlack.

The Boss Lion congratulated the Enterprise on its press awards this week and reported that Lion Brian Barboza represented the club at the district meeting Saturday. He also reported the Lions Cornhole Tournament at the Howardwick Hoedown was very successful and, with teams and spectators, drew about 80 people to the Hoedown.

DG Rogers reported on his goals for the coming Lions year and said he's trying to get to all the clubs in the district by November. Our international theme this year is "Make Your Mark" as entrepreneurs of service, and DG Rogers said we will accomplish this in our district by 1) developing leadership skills in new members, 2) supporting Lions Clubs International Foundation, which has given about \$250,000 to the Panhandle area in the last four or five years, 3) continuing to market and promote what Lions do in our communities, and 4) doing our part to meet Mission 1.5 to grow Lions membership worldwide to 1.5 million members. The DG presented a this year's international president's pin to PDG Roger Estlack.

Lion Larry Capranica reported that Community Fellowship Church will have its Vacation Bible School this week. Lion Chelsea reported that the Library is hosting a kids camp Tuesday and Wednesday this week, and Lion Anndria said Christ's Kids has some openings for drivers for its summer lunch program.

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



District Governor Chis Rogers (center) of the Lake Tanglewood Lions Club made his official visit to the Clarendon Lions Club Tuesday. DG Rogers said the Clarendon club serves as an example of service to other clubs in the district. Also shown here are Lion Roger Estlack and Boss Lion Richard Green.

Local unemployment rate increases

Donley County's labor market grew but so did unemployment over the last month, according to the Texas Workforce Commission.

Information released this week shows a civilian labor force of 1,514 in Donley County, up from 1,474 last month and compared to 1,484 one year ago. The number of people looking for work grew from 60 people last month to 78 this month and up from 62 one year ago.

The local unemployment rate is 5.2 percent compared to 4.1 percent in May and 4.2 percent in June a year ago.

Texas' civilian labor force reached a new record-high total in June, marking the 6th consecutive month of growth. After adding 49,100 people over the month, Texas' seasonally adjusted civilian labor force achieved a new high of 15,311,500 in June.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate registered at 4.0 percent, which is 0.1 percentage point below the national unemployment rate.

The state's seasonally adjusted total nonfarm employment, which is estimated independently of the civilian labor force statistics and refers to the number of filled jobs within Texas, showed a decrease of 1,200 jobs—from 14,190,000 in May to

14,188,800 in June. However, Texas' nonfarm job count grew by 267,400 positions since June 2023. This reflected a 1.9 percent annual growth rate, which outpaced the nation by 0.2 percentage points.

"While there was a slight decrease in employment, the civilian labor force showed strong growth last month, adding nearly 50,000 Texans," said TWC Chairman Bryan Daniel. "With an unemployment rate below the national figure and an increasing labor force participation rate, we see a strong Texas economy and job opportunities for many Texans."

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) had the lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs with a not seasonally adjusted rate of 2.9 percent in June, followed by the Amarillo MSA at 3.4 percent, and College Station-Bryan MSA at 3.7 percent.

"Texas employers are expanding thousands of job opportunities in the construction, private education and health, and manufacturing industries," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Joe Esparza. "With strong year-over-year growth in these sectors, I encourage Texans to consider training for in-demand occupations in their communities."

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Clarendon Alcoholics Anonymous Group 806-661-1015, 806-671-9766, 806-205-1840, 24 hour hotline 877-421-4334. Mon. & Sat. 7 p.m. 416 S Kearney St.

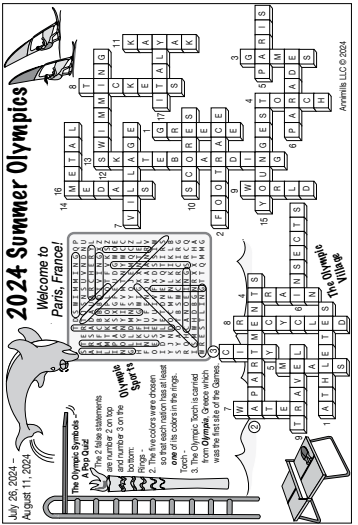
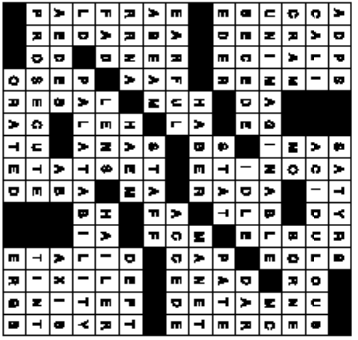
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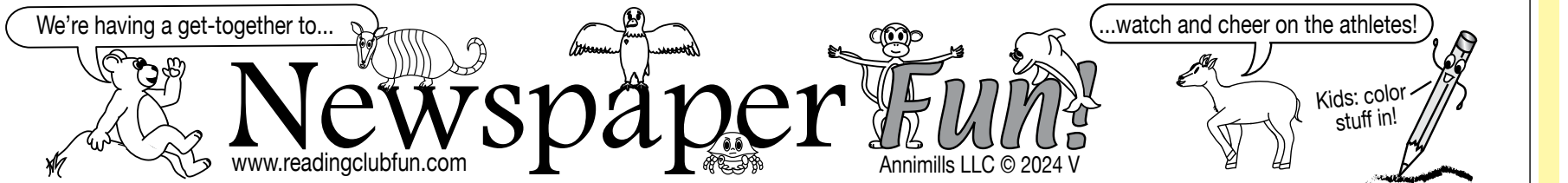
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Are **you** catching all the excitement of the Summer Olympics in Paris, France? The athletes have been training for years and are among the best in the world. They will compete in events in 32 different sports such as gymnastics, table tennis and judo.

Read the clues to fill in the crossword puzzle:

- The first Olympic games were held in Olympia, _____.
- The games' first competition was a _____, which was run barefoot.
- Our modern winter or summer _____ are held every two years.
- The Olympic _____ is being carried from Olympia, Greece across the Mediterranean Sea to Marseille, France. Runners will carry the torch throughout France for 68 days before the final runner arrives in Paris on Friday, July 26, 2024, for the games' opening ceremony!
- This year, the host city of the summer games is _____, France.
- Over 10,000 athletes will be on boats for the opening ceremony _____!
- The athletes will live together in the Olympic _____ during the games.
- About 10 million _____ may be sold for people to watch the games.
- People all over the _____ watch T.V. and cheer for the athletes.
- We hold our breath while we wait for the _____.
- _____ cross and breakdancing will be part of the Olympics for the first time.
- _____ will be one of the most watched sports this summer.
- Paris will feature _____, a sport that first appeared at the 2020 Olympics in Japan.
- This year's Olympic medals will have a piece of the original _____ - a special kind of wrought **iron** - that was used to build the famous Eiffel Tower 135 years ago.
- The _____ person ever to win a Gold Medal was 13-year-old diver Marjorie Gestring.
- Michael Phelps, a U.S. swimmer, has won 28 Olympic _____, more than any other athlete.
- Look for the 2026 Winter Games to be held in Milan-Cortina, _____!

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Olympic Symbols - A Pop Quiz!

Do **you** know the three main symbols used for the Olympic Games? The Olympic Rings and the Olympic Torch are the first two and are very well known around the world. There also is a motto that is in Latin which means "faster-higher-stronger" and refers to the competing athletes. Read each statement about the symbols, and then circle "T" if it is true or "F" if it is false.

The 5 Olympic Rings:

- stand for the five major areas of the world: Americas, Africa, Asia, Europe and Oceania. T F
- are colored red, blue, green, yellow and black - chosen so that each nation has at least six of its colors in the rings. T F
- are linked on a flag of white to show harmony in the world. T F

The Olympic Torch:

- design is a new one chosen for each Olympics. T F
- if it is sunny, is lit by the sun using a special mirror. T F
- is carried from Athens, Greece (the first site of the games) to the city where the games are being held. T F
- is a symbol of peace and friendship. T F

Obituaries

Tuttle

Claudia Gail Tuttle, 71, of Ralls, Texas died Thursday, July 18, 2024, in Ralls.



Graveside Services was held on Tuesday, July 23, 2024, in Llano Cemetery in Amarillo with Calvin Burrow, officiating.

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

Claudia was born July 7, 1953, in Amarillo to William and Ethel Louise Deuwall Vinson. She married Giffert Tuttle, Sr. on April 11, 1975, in Springfield, Ohio. She had been a longtime resident of Ohio before moving to Texas where she had been a resident of Pampa and Clarendon for several years. She owned and operated Claudia's Quality Janitorial Services for 4-5 years and worked as a Manager at Duckwalls. She also ran the concessions at the Pampa Rec Center for 8 years. Her hobbies included quilting and sewing.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and her husband, Giffert Tuttle, Sr. on December 6, 2021.

She is survived by her sons, Giffert Tuttle, Jr. and wife Tonya of Springfield, Ohio, Gary Tuttle and wife Tina of Pampa, Michael Tuttle and wife Amy of Jayton, Brent Tuttle and wife Sharlene of Clarendon, and Chad Smith of Amarillo; her daughters, Patricia Fuller and husband Terry of Springfield, Ohio, Peggy Quigley and husband Jeff of Cheyenne, Wyoming, Penny Longan and husband Jakie of Clarendon, and Chris Davis and husband Marvin of Clarendon; a brother, Bill Vinson and wife Linda of Amarillo; a sister, Charlotte Payne and husband Robert of Georgia; 32 grandchildren; 40 great grandchildren; and one great great grandchild.

In lieu of flowers, the family request memorials be sent to the Alzheimer's Association.

Gold Needles Club finishes work on a friendship quilt

The Golden Needles Quilting Club met last Thursday, July 18, at the Donley County Senior Citizens Center.

The club finished up a friendship quilt that was pieced in 1937. The fabrics were vintage flour, sugar, and feed sacks. Each block was embroidered with ladies' names, and lots of the ladies were local. The quilt will later be displayed at the senior citizens center. Go see if you recognize any names!

The club meets the third Thursday of each month. Bring your needle and come quilt with us at the DCSC at Fourth and Gorst.

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

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