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Rep. King to visit Clarendon Sep. 3

State Rep. Ken King will visit Clarendon next Tuesday, September 3, as he tours a segment of House District 88 to discuss the upcoming 89th Regular Legislative Session.

The representative will meet citizens at the Bairfield Activity Center at Clarendon College from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Rep. King will solicit feedback from constituents on issues of vital importance to them and their communities.

"Before beginning another legislative session, it is important that I received input and ideas from the constituents of District 88 to help me effectively represent and advocate for our community," King said.

Notices announce upcoming hearings

August brings public notices to Texans as local governments begin to figure their budgets and tax rates for the coming fiscal year.

Public notices in the ENTERPRISE have announced that Donley County Commissioners will hold budget and tax hearings on August 26 at 9 a.m. at the Courthouse.

The City of Hedley will hold its budget hearing on August 22 at 6:30 p.m. followed by a tax rate hearing at 7:00 p.m. Both meetings are at Hedley City Hall.

The Clarendon Consolidated Independent School District will hold hearings on its proposed budget and tax rate on August 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration & Technology Building.

The City of Clarendon, which will hold a hearing on its proposed budget on August 22 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

The Donley Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on its proposed budget for fiscal year 2025 on September 9 at 7 p.m. at the district office at 304 S. Kearney. Details are listed in the notice in this week's ENTERPRISE.

Citizens are urged to watch for these and other public notices in the newspaper in order to do their part in our democracy. The public's involvement is encouraged at these meetings.

Local governments are required by law to post public notices. Citizens must do their part to stay in touch with their elected boards by their attendance at hearings and by reading the news.



TxDOT seeks public input on US 287 study

State exploring feasibility of upgrading 287 throughout Texas in the future

The Texas Department of Transportation wants the public's feedback on the feasibility of upgrading US 287 to interstate highway standards through an online survey that is open through September 16.

The study is focused on almost the entire length of US 287 in Texas, a corridor that spans 671 miles from Port Arthur to Amarillo and plays a major role in moving people and goods through Texas.

Childress District TxDOT public information officer Ginger Wilson told the Enterprise this week there are no imminent plans to upgrade or move US 287 and says

this is only a feasibility study.

"This study began about a year ago to look at possible needs, safety issues, and improvements to travel," Wilson said. "The next step is public surveys. We really want everybody to fill out this survey, and not just people who live on US 287 but anyone who has a connection to US 287 or travels on it."

The comprehensive study will evaluate transportation needs and identify potential multimodal solutions to help improve safety and connectivity. TxDOT is asking the public to participate in a survey to share their experiences traveling

along the corridor, challenges for safety and mobility, and provide insights into priorities for US 287.

TxDOT corridor planning branch manager Lorena Echeverria de Misi said the study is an opportunity for TxDOT to hear from communities, businesses, and the broader public what this corridor should look like and how it can connect communities and foster economic opportunities for Texans for years to come.

Wilson said she has already heard concerns from people about the economic impact on communities of upgrading US 287.

"I want as many people as possible to take the survey because I believe it does make a difference," Wilson said.

"Question eight – the last question on the survey – is open ended, and we encourage people to respond there with their thoughts and opinions."

Wilson also said that if the study ultimately determines that upgrading US 287 is feasible, it would likely be many years or even decades before any changes would be made to the highway.

Members of the public are also encouraged to leave comments about specific locations along the

corridor on an interactive map. Both the survey and the interactive map will be available through Sept. 16 on <https://www.txdot.gov/projects/projects-studies/statewide/us287-corridor-interstate-feasibility-study.html>.

Guided by groups representing northwest, central, and southeast segments of the corridor, this study focuses on safety, movement of people and goods, connectivity with other key corridors in Texas, and new technology, and other priorities.

For more information, contact Ginger Wilson at ginger.wilson@txdot.gov or 940-937-7288.



Back to school

Seven-year-old Tucker Putnam and his three-year-old brother, Teal, put on their best smile before heading off to second grade and Paula's Daycare as the 2024-2025 school year got underway last Wednesday, August 14.

COURTESY PHOTO

Donley, Hall counties lag state, area job growth

State and regional officials touted low unemployment figures last week, but the data shows Donley and Hall counties remains behind in job creation.

Gov. Greg Abbott celebrated the fact that Texas is growing jobs at a faster rate than the rest of the nation, with the state setting records for employed individuals and the size of the labor force.

Meanwhile, the Panhandle Workforce Development Area (WDA) solidified its position as one of the state's top performers with a low unemployment rate of 3.5 percent in July. This marks our region's continued reign as the second-lowest unemployment rate in Texas.

The story is different in Donley County, which has a 5.0 percent unemployment rate for July, up from 4.4 percent one year ago. While the number of employed people has risen from 1,391 last July to 1,395 this year, the number of people looking for work also went up from 64 to 74. Donley County's labor force was 1,455 in July 2023 and was 1,469 last month.

Hall County reported the highest unemployment rate in the Panhandle at 5.4 percent, up from 4.6 percent a year ago. Out of a labor force of 1,106 workers, 1,046 were employed last month. In 2023, Hall County had 1,034 people employed with a labor force of 1,084. Sixty people were looking for work in July, compared to 50 people one year ago.

Regionally, the Panhandle's diverse economy continues to drive job creation. Education and health services remain the dominant employer in the region, accounting for 22.5 percent of total employment according to Q1 2024 data. Trade, transportation, and utilities follow closely behind at 20.5 percent. Manufacturing (14.4 percent), leisure and hospitality (10.1 percent), and natural resources and mining (8.0 percent) are also significant contributors to the job market.

"Our skilled and growing workforce is a magnet for innovative businesses and entrepreneurs seeking to expand and succeed," said Abbott. "As a result, Texas employers added jobs at a faster rate than the nation over the last 12 months and more Texans are working than ever before. The diversity of industries growing across our great state is a testament to the resilience of Texas businesses and the Best Business Climate in America. With increasing investments in education, innovation, and workforce training, we continue to build a bigger, better Texas for all."

The Texas unemployment rate in July of 4.1 percent was 0.2 percentage points below the national rate.

CC Regents approve \$13 million budget

The Clarendon College Board of Regents approved the tax rate and the budget for the next fiscal year for the college district when they met last Thursday, August 15.

CC President Tex Buckhaults said the new budget totals about \$13 million. Donley County

taxpayers will pick up about \$786,000 of that bill with the new ad valorem tax rate of \$0.2549 per \$100 value.

This will be the first year that CC does not tax personal property in Donley County.

The remainder of the budget will be covered by \$6.930 million

from state appropriations, about \$1 million in maintenance taxes in Gray and Childress counties, and the balance from student tuition and fees.

Buckhaults said college staff are getting five percent raises and college faculty are getting raises of three percent or \$2,000, which-

ever is higher.

Capital expenditures planned in the new budget includes replacing roofs on two buildings – part of a rotation plan that will see a roof or two done on all college buildings for a 15 year period – and new drapes for the stage in the Harned Sisters Fine Arts Center.

PGCD receives \$1M for water conservation loans

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) today approved by resolution financial assistance in the amount of a \$1,000,000 loan from the Agricultural Water Conservation Loan Program to the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, which covers Carson, Gray, Donley, Roberts, Armstrong,

Potter, Hutchinson, and Wheeler counties.

The District will use the assistance to provide financing for a loan program that funds agricultural water conservation equipment.

The District could save approximately \$86,300 over the life of the loan by using the Agri-

cultural Water Conservation Loan Program.

The District will use the funds to provide loans to area farmers to purchase irrigation systems and related equipment to improve water use efficiency.

The TWDB is the state agency charged with collecting and disseminating water-related

data, assisting with regional water and flood planning, and preparing the state water and flood plans.

The TWDB administers cost-effective financial assistance programs for the construction of water supply, wastewater treatment, flood mitigation, and agricultural water conservation projects.

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Constitution 101

Enforcing the long-ignored Vesting Clause

Of all the sentences in the Constitution, Article I, Section I is the most important and today is also the most abused.

Our Founders created a document they knew they needed but were afraid of. They feared an all-powerful government that would control them. To help quiet their fears they created the Vesting Clause, which limits the power of government.

Article I, Section I reads, "All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives."

The most important line is "All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress." Another way of saying this is that only Congress can make laws. That's it. No one else, not even the president. In fact, especially the president. How do you protect freedom? You ensure that one man by himself cannot make laws.

Today presidents make laws all the time. They call them executive orders – something we will cover later – but every time an executive order creates law, it should be deemed unconstitutional according to the Vesting Clause.

We saw this with the bump stock ruling in the U.S. Supreme Court. Congress passed a law defining what constitutes an automatic weapon. The president instructed the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to classify bump stocks as automatic weapons changing the definition that Congress had passed. That is why the Supreme Court ruled against it. It had nothing to do with gun control and everything to do with Executive Branch overreach. Congress could classify bump stocks as automatic tomorrow if they wanted to, and the Court could not interfere. The Supreme Court has made several similar decisions lately. While the Justices are being accused of possessing a conservative bias, they are actually enforcing the Vesting Clause that has been long ignored by past courts.

In 1935 the Supreme Court reinforced this idea. In *A.L.A. Schechter Poultry Corporation v. United States*, the poultry corporation was indicted for breaking a New York Poultry Code but argued that the code was unconstitutional because it was made by the president and not Congress. The Court agreed and unanimously stated the president could not make laws even if he believed it necessary and that the Vesting Clause does not allow Congress to delegate their legislative powers.

To protect the people, all laws must go through the process which is what the rest of the sections in Article I describe. Part of the process is created in the remaining of Section I, a bicameral legislature. The old Articles of Confederation had only one legislative body. But as British subjects, our Founders were used to a bicameral legislature as the British Parliament had both the House of Lords and the House of Commons and almost all the new state governments were bicameral.

A bicameral legislature served two purposes. First, it added another layer of protection for the people and states. In order to create laws, a bill would have to pass out of both houses making it that much more difficult to pass. What we call gridlock today is actually a check on government power. Sure, it seems like nothing ever gets done, but the alternative is the government doing too much. My favorite line is "the only thing worse than too much gridlock is no gridlock."

Secondly, a bicameral legislature gave more accurate representation. In England, the House of Lords represented the aristocracy while the House of Commons represented the people. With the U.S. Constitution, the upper house (Senate) represented the elites but also the states themselves (this will be seen in Section III.) while the lower house (House of Representatives) represents the people. We will see in Section II that Representatives are the only people directly elected by the people.

This creation of a bicameral legislature also caused one of the great debates in the Constitutional Convention leading the Great Compromise. When it came to representation, the larger and smaller states disagreed between equal representation like with the Articles of Confederation or representation based on population. They argued that more populated states should have more say. The compromise was that since the Senate represents the states, it should have equal representation (two senators per state). The House represents the people and representation should be based on population. All this was spelled out in the next two sections.

If we want protection from too much government then only Congress should make laws. The other two branches of government must respect that.

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historically speaking

by dr. james finck

Quanah: Great chief and businessman

Quanah Parker, the great Comanche chief, recognized the "handwriting on the wall." Although never conquered or captured, he foresaw that the Indians must submit to the white man's way of life or suffer extinction. Approaching the gate of Fort Sill, Oklahoma, as the last of the Comanche chiefs to surrender, Parker dismounted and set his horse free, saying, "There goes the spirit of the Comanche."

Successfully making the transition to a different way of life, Quanah Parker learned the English language, became a shrewd businessman, and committed himself to improving the lives of the Comanches. He also retained some of his Indian ways, such as long hair in braids and a family of seven wives and many children. Preferring at first to continue living in tents, Parker finally agreed to move into a large house that cattle baron Burk Burnett built for him in Cache, Oklahoma. On the red roof was a large white star for each of Parker's wives.

Between 1875 and 1911, Parker served as a mediator between the Indians and the white man. Making many visits to Quanah, Texas, which had been

named for him, he was always well received.

He became a close friend of many influential people including Charles Goodnight, Burk Burnett, and President Theodore Roosevelt.

On one of his visits to Washington, D.C., to negotiate for the Indians, Parker took occasion to show his sense of humor. One government official was doing his best to persuade Parker to give up his polygamous relationships.

"When you get back home, pick out the wife you like best and tell the rest of them they must get out."

Quanah Parker listened silently. Then the official repeated his counsel with increased emphasis.

"Just pick out your favorite wife and tell the others they've got to move."

"You tell 'em," Quanah responded. Quanah knew full well how his wives would react to something like that, and besides, he had no intention of putting

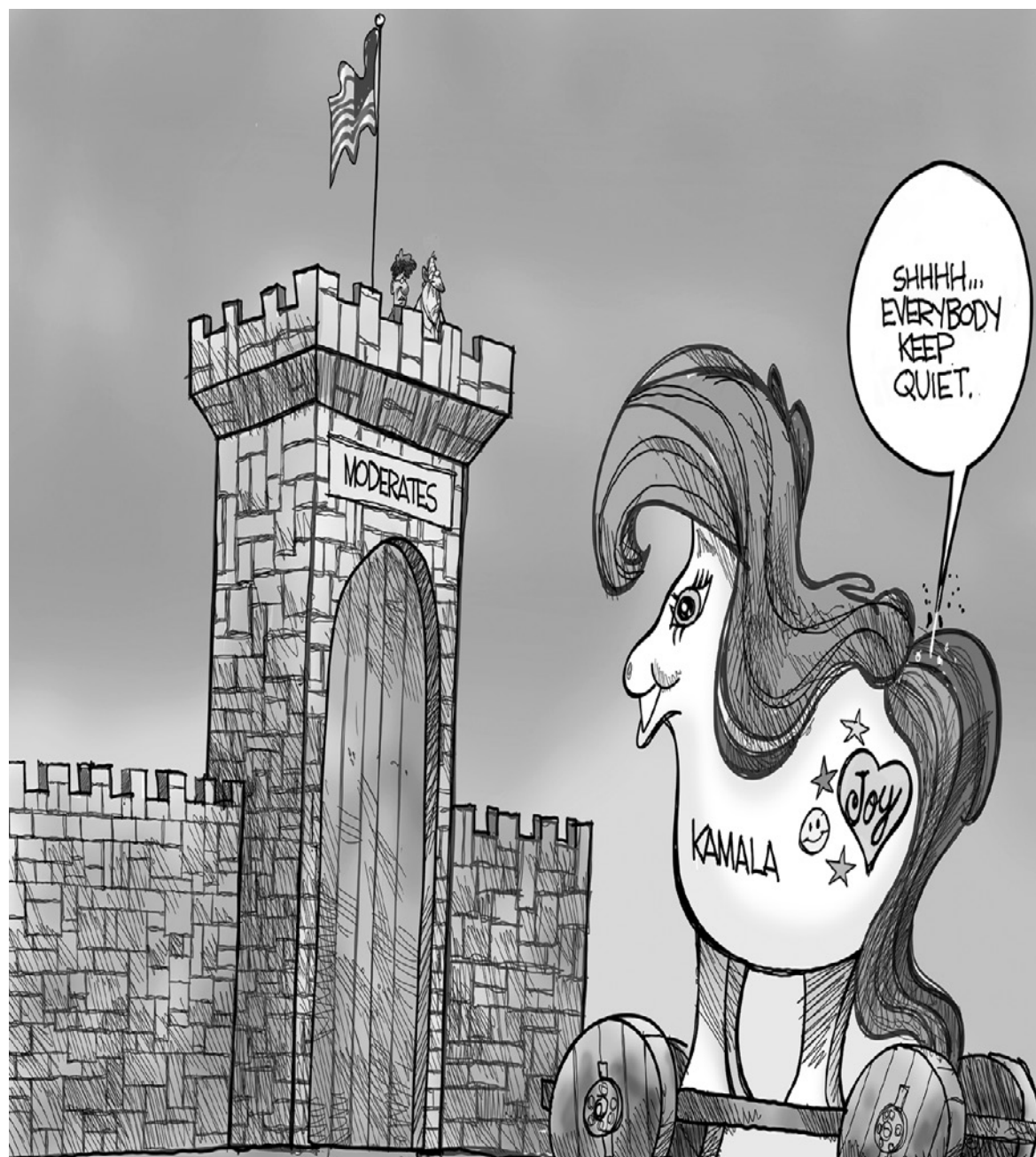


vignettes
tales of the old west
by george u. hubbard

any of them out.

Quanah Parker went into the cattle business and became quite wealthy. When the Quanah, Acme, and Pacific Railroad was built in 1903 from Quanah to Floydada, Parker contributed \$40,000 to the enterprise. Referring to it as "his" railroad, he took great delight in riding in the engine whenever he pleased and in blowing the whistle and ringing the bells. After each ride, he would proudly announce: "My engine, my railroad."

Quanah Parker was about sixty-six years old when he died of pneumonia and heart failure. In keeping with Comanche custom, a spear-pointed cedar tree was planted at the head of his grave beside that of his mother at Post Oak Cemetery not far from Fort Sill. On his red granite headstone is the following inscription, written by Mrs. Neda Birdsong, one of Parker's daughters: "Resting here until day breaks and Shadows fall, and darkness disappears, is QUANAH PARKER Last Chief of the Comanches." 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.



Jury service essential to democracy

Not a Creature Was Stirring...

It was the slowest of hot, muggy days in the thicket. Mercury in the thermometer bulged and lodged in three-digit territory. Someone said he saw a dog chasing a rabbit, and both creatures were walking.

The general store cash register had broken the silence twice before two geezers wandered in, and they weren't there to buy anything. Their quest was to find a domino game.

Realizing that commencing with just two players meant that the odds of winning were 50/50, they resorted to one of their oldest pastimes....

One of 'em grabbed the syrup pitcher, carefully pouring a single droplet on the tattered oil cloth table covering. Then came all kinds of silly wagers, such as which fly would discover the sugary treat first, which would become stuck and which would escape and return to flight. It's a "made-up game" closely paralleling the children's book, *What to Do When There's Nothing to Do*.

The unlikely pastime provides credible evidence that the maxim "fits" when life's shadows grow long. In at least two scriptures we are said to be "once an adult and twice a child."

The old pair soon abandoned the "fly game," since even the pesky flies thought it too hot to aimlessly fly....

They spoke of words they abhor, but grudgingly tolerate. You won't hear "no problem" or "right quick" cross their lips. "No problem" is a catch-all response that no longer means anything, and "right quick" is an expression for the younger crowd, one opined. The geezers

"gruffed" about politics, cringing at the thought of broaching a subject that surely would darken their day.

Almost simultaneously, they extracted their wallets. This meant there soon would be multiple pictures of grandchildren, with verbal descriptions – often to the point of excess – for each photo.

Sure enough, one of the old-timers unfurled a packet of photos. So many were unleashed that they almost reached the floor. The other guy – without any grandchildren nor prospect of any – was reminded of childhood days, when perfect attendance at Vacation Bible School warranted pin-on medals. Over the years, he had so many medals hanging from his chest that they – like the string of his buddy's photos – could easily have been tripped over....

"Before you show me pictures of your grandchildren, I want to show you one of my pride and joy," he said, knowing the joke to be so old that describing it merely as rancid would be complimentary.

The old-timer produced a single photo showing his "Pride" (furniture polish) and "Joy" (dishwashing detergent).

There was polite laughter – borderline gratuitous – before the "grandchildless" guy admitted, "No grandkids, but we do have 'grandcats'...."



the idle american
by don newbury

Watching the vignette unfold, the general store owner said, "Men, I don't think I've shown you a picture of my new grandbaby."

In unison, the two buddies answered, "No, and we really appreciate it."

Oh, me. How often have we "faked it" – reaching for superlatives to thrill parents or grandparents – when we really want to say, "Yep, that's a baby."....

The man who has only "grandcats" tells about a friend who has pedaled Science Diet dog food for decades.

He poses an unlikely question upon meeting new friends, asking them if they have dogs. If they do, he unerringly offers a sobering observation.

"I hope you're feeding them Science Diet; if you don't, they will die."....

Such reminds of the pet lover who provided a major distinction between dogs and cats. I thought of several, but remained silent, wanting to "hear her out."

"When you ask a dog to 'stay,' it 'stays'," she said. "When you ask a cat to 'stay,' it purrs, 'I'll get back with you later.'"

Hard to argue with that. Aren't we fortunate to be able to select the pets we like? A final truth for most: We don't have pets; pets have us....

Dr. Newbury, longtime university president, continues to speak and write. *The Idle American*, begun in 2003, is one of the nation's longest-running syndicated humor columns. Contact: 817-447-3872. Email: newbury@speakerdoc.com. Website: www.speakerdoc.com.

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Texas ranchers optimistic amid slow beef herd rebuild

Forage conditions have improved for Texas cattle ranchers, but rebuilding the statewide herd has been slow, said Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service experts.

Jason Cleere, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist in the Texas A&M Department of Animal Science, Bryan-College Station, said soil moisture, grazing conditions and hay supplies this year improved optimism among cattle producers in many parts of the state. But so far, Texas ranchers have not been holding back heifers or buying replacement heifers and young bred cows at rates that indicate growth.

The size of Texas' herd ripples into the supply side of national beef cattle markets from sale barns to grocery store meat counters. The state carries around 14.6% of the nation's beef cattle.

"There is a lot of optimism based on calf prices, the moisture a lot of the state has gotten, and the potential for moisture going into fall," Cleere said. "But in the grand scheme of things our market outlook experts are saying we haven't started rebuilding yet."

Ranchers are dipping their toes into the beef cattle market after two years of statewide drought compared to their dive into herd rebuilding following the historic 2011-2012 drought.

Texas' beef cattle herd shrunk from 5.14 million head to 3.9 million head between 2010 and 2014. But producers rebuilt the herd quickly as they moved to take advantage of all-time high calf prices in 2014.

In 2011, the weekly weighted average price for 500-600-pound steers at auctions across Texas was \$139.73 per hundredweight. By 2014, the weighted average for those steers rose to an average of \$236 per hundredweight, with a peak of \$283

per hundredweight in October.

Feeder steers at 500-550 pounds were selling for \$333.38 per hundredweight in March and have averaged \$316.40 per hundredweight since July 2023.

However, David Anderson, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension economist and professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics, Bryan-College Station, said producers are moving more cautiously this time because the net profit opportunities are much lower than a decade ago.

"The dollars and cents of it isn't the same as last time," he said. "Costs are higher, interest rates are higher, and that makes producers proceed with more caution, which translates into slower rebuilding."

There were 4.65 million beef cattle in Texas in 2019, but the number declined to the lowest point since 1961 by February 2023 after back-to-back years of drought and poor forage production.

Anderson said he expects the January 2025 U.S. Department of Agriculture cattle inventory report to show further declines based on the high numbers of heifers going to feedlots and cows going to meat packers.

Rebuilding a cattle herd takes years, Cleere said. Producers need to keep higher numbers of heifers – the young, future calf-producers – in their herds than cows that are aging out of productivity.

For example, a producer with 100 cows with a cull rate of 15% per year will need to hold back at least 15 heifers just to maintain their herd. If that producer was carrying 150 cows before drought forced them to reduce stocking rates, their decisions on holding, selling or even buying replacement heifers determine how quickly their operation reaches its previous capacity.

Cleere and Anderson agreed that historically high prices are factoring into producers' decisions to hold heifers that will produce a calf around nine months after reaching maturity.

"Prices have been so good, that a check in the hand for that heifer looks better than the potential future earnings from her producing calves," Anderson said.

"It's putting producers to a decision on prices they are seeing now or what those prices might be when she has a calf."

The rapid rebuild in 2015 led to price drops that left many producers in a position where they overpaid for replacement heifers in relation to sale prices they realized for her subsequent calves, Cleere said. Tighter margins are leading to more conservative decisions this time.

Despite improved forage outlooks, Cleere said some areas of Texas remain in extreme drought while others are beginning to dry, which also weighs on producers' decisions about stocking rates.

Cleere said this is a time for producers to focus and optimize their operation's output – whether it be protecting forage and hay fields from armyworms, deworming and vaccinating to minimize potential losses, or utilizing low-cost inputs like growth implants that can help pack pounds on calves.

"The good news is the market fundamentals are there for what should be a good run of cattle prices," Cleere said. "With the hay and forage conditions like they are for a lot of producers, I think we'll see some producers holding back heifers, but even with high prices, they're facing higher costs and need to focus on every pound their calves can gain and every dime they can make at the sale barn."

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 28, 2024, for authority to reconcile its eligible fuel expenses and revenues for the period of January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2023 (Reconciliation Period). SWEPCO's request, if granted, will affect all SWEPCO's 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 \$535,102,966 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 calculates that it has under-recovered its Texas retail fuel, fuel-related, and purchased-power costs by \$34,806,030, excluding interest. Including interest, SWEPCO's cumulative under-recovery balance is \$36,112,325 as of December 31, 2023. SWEPCO seeks to have the fuel over-/under-recovery balances, including interest, established by customer class as of the end of the Reconciliation Period. 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 certain prior fuel-related proceedings, including those expenses paid to reimburse municipalities for their participation.

Persons with questions or who want more information on this petition 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 is available for inspection at the address listed above.

Persons who wish to formally participate in this proceeding, or who wish to express their comments concerning this petition should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, Office of Customer Protection, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call (512) 936-7120, or toll free at 1-888-782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may call (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas (toll free) at 1-800-735-2989. A request for intervention or for further information should refer to Docket No. 56643.



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting with Boss Lion Richard Green in command.

We had 10 members present, one attending virtually, Sweetheart Emma Roys, and two guests this week – Rita Gehman, guest of Lion Eric Gehman; and Clarendon Athletic Director Aaron Wampler, who presented our program.

Coach Wampler said his department this year is focused on core values that will make student athletes successful not only on the field but also in life. For the boys' program, coaches focus on five core values – Integrity, Discipline, Toughness, Faith, and Love. Problems in life, the coach says, often arise from a lapse in one of those values.

Wampler's staff is charged with keeping their focus on the kids – to love on them and support them, he said.

Wampler said he was pleased with the Broncos' scrimmage performance against Stratford last Friday and looks forward to another test against Abernathy on the road this week.

The regular season starts September 6, and District competition starts October 11 against Wellington.

Lion Landon Lambert encouraged everyone to come help build two ramps this Saturday in Howardwick starting at 7:30 a.m. at 109 Janny Street and then at 129 Arthur. Volunteers will also be on hand from Howardwick and Amarillo, so the work should be done by 1:00 p.m. Volunteers will be fed lunch also.

Flag service volunteers were discussed for Labor Day weekend, and Sweetheart applications are due from Clarendon High School senior girls by Monday at noon in the Superintendent's office.

Lion Roger Estlack handed out flyers about TxDOT's US 287 Corridor Interstate Feasibility Study. The state is conducting surveys to get public feedback on the idea of upgrading US 287 to interstate standards. More information is in this week's ENTERPRISE. The survey is open until September 16 and is available online at Txdot.gov by searching US 287 Corridor Interstate Feasibility Study.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON DONLEY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The Donley Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2025 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on September 9, at 7:00 p.m. at the office of the Donley Appraisal District at 304 S Kearney, Clarendon, Texas.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

- The total amount of the proposed budget is \$324,680.
- The total amount of increase from the current year's budget is \$16,107.
- The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget is 3.
- The number of employees compensated under the current budget is 3.

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office located at 304 South Kearney St. The phone number of the Donley Appraisal District is (806) 874-2744.

At the same meeting there will be a public hearing for the taxing units to express views concerning the reappraisal plan for 2025-2026.

¿Qué Pasa?

Community Calendar

August 23 & 24
It Ends with Us • Gates open @ 6:30 p.m. • Movie starts @ Dusk • Sand-ell Drive-In Theatre

August 23, 24, & 25
Deadpool & Wolverine • 7:30 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

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

September 28
Col. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff Authentic chuckwagons compete for top prizes • SaintsRoostMuseum.com for information and tickets

Menus

August 26 - 30
Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Pile-on, tortilla chips, pinto beans, Spanish rice, garden salad, sliced peaches, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Pork roast, English peas, buttered carrots, whole wheat roll, banana pudding, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: BBQ beef on a bun, tater tots, coleslaw, chocolate chip cookie, apricots, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: BBQ chicken, baked potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll, cheery cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Smothered steak/gravy, buttered carrots, broccoli & cauliflower, whole wheat roll, lemon cake, iced tea/2% milk.

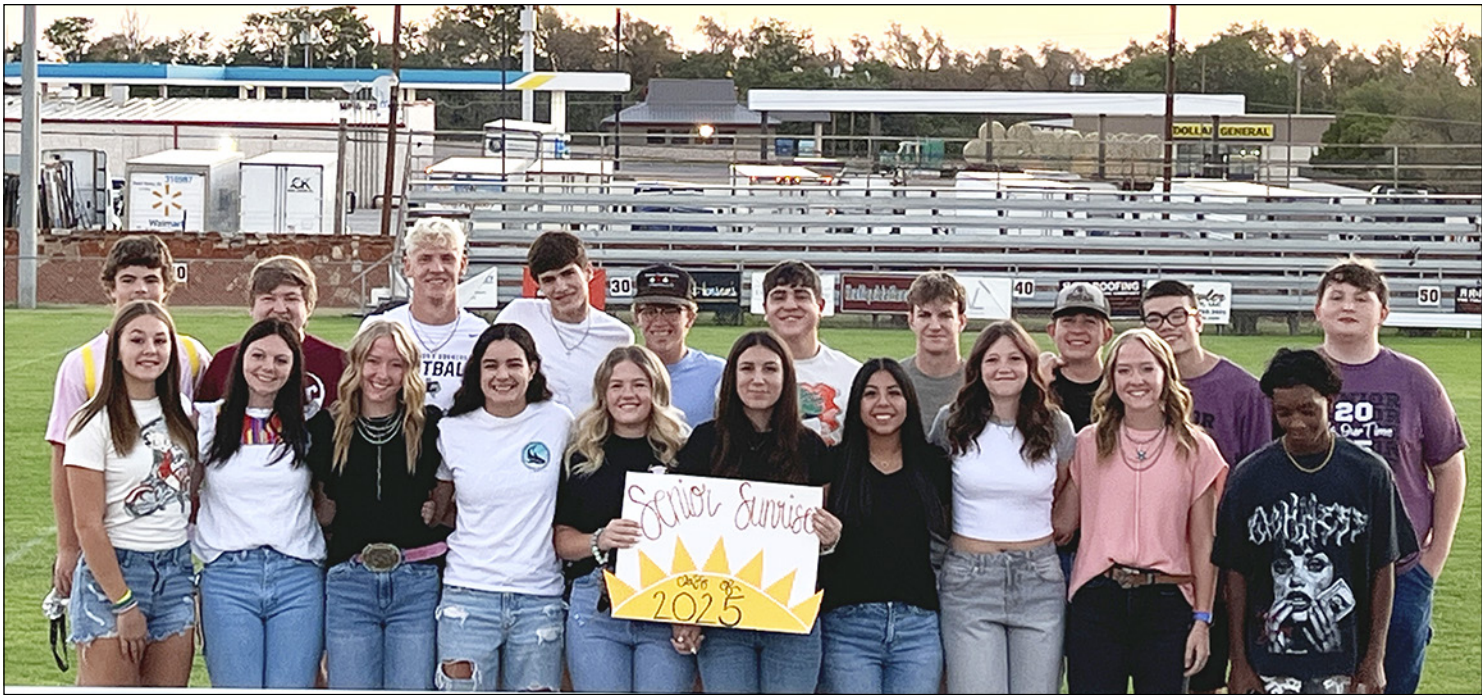
Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Country style BBQ ribs, baked beans, classic macaroni salad, chocolate chip cookie, mandarin oranges, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Chicken, broccoli & rice casserole, roasted red potatoes, chopped spinach, mandarin orange cake, whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Chicken fried steak, country gravy, homemade mashed potatoes, broccoli cauliflower blend, snickerdoodles, whole wheat buttermilk biscuit, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Beefy tater tot casserole, baked sweet potato, buttered peas & carrots, ginger molasses cookies, whole wheat buttermilk biscuit, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Bacon cheeseburger on whole wheat bun, onion rings, mixed green salad, banana, no bake cookies, iced tea/2% milk.

Clarendon CISD
Breakfast
Mon: Sausage kolache, yogurt, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Tues: Cheese omelet, toast, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Wed: Power breakfast, biscuit, gravy, eggs, bacon, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Thu: Breakfast pizza, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Fri: Dutch waffle, sausage, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Meat & cheese chalupas, beans, corn, salsa, orange smiles, pudding, fruit, milk.
Tues: Chili cheese totchos, cornbread muffin, fresh veggie cup, strawberries & bananas, fruit, milk.
Wed: Chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, carrots, squash, grapes, fruit, milk.
Thu: Cheeseburger, chips, tomato cup, garden salad, pears, fruit, milk.
Fri: X-treme burrito, corn, cucumbers, rosy applesauce, dessert, fruit, milk.

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Breakfast
Mon: Kolache, bananas, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Tues: Cheese omelet, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Wed: French toast, sausage, pears, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Thu: Breakfast pizza, oranges, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Fri: Biscuit, gravy, eggs, bacon, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

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Mon: Meat & cheese chalupas, beans, corn, salsa, orange smiles, pudding, fruit, milk.
Tues: Chili cheese totchos, cornbread muffin, fresh veggie cup, fruit, milk.
Wed: X-treme burrito, corn, cucumbers, dessert, fruit, milk.
Thu: Cheeseburger, chips, tomato cup, garden salad, pears, fruit, milk.
Fri: Pizza, carrots, squash, grapes, fruit, milk.



Senior Sunrise
The class of 2025 enjoyed the sunrise on Wednesday for the first day back to school. ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ROGER ESTLACK

Dove Creek Equine Rescue plans grief, healing retreat

Dove Creek Equine Rescue in Canyon has announced the Healing Hearts Grief Retreat, scheduled for Saturday, September 22, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

This transformative day-long retreat is designed to offer solace, reflection, and connection for those navigating the journey of grief. The retreat will be held in a serene indoor arena, with full bathroom access, ensuring a comfortable and welcoming environment for all participants.

Loss is a common experience that can disrupt lives, prompting change and reflection. Whether it's the loss of a loved one, a home, a dream, a friend, a job, a pet, or a business – allowing for the loss and going through the grieving process is a vital part of healing.

This process creates space for joy to re-enter lives. Without embracing this challenging yet essential step, individuals may find themselves stuck. The presence of horses in this journey aids in connecting with oneself, helping to rediscover peace and joy, and rekindling our senses and awareness along life's path.

Laurie Higgins-Kerley and her team of Led by Horses Equine Coaches will be leading the retreat. They, along with the compassionate "Healing Herd," will offer their guidance in a safe and nurturing space. Laurie's team brings a wealth of experience in equine-assisted coaching, creating an environment where participants can connect deeply with themselves, the horses, and one another.

Three partial scholarships are available for this retreat for those who need financial assistance. If you are interested in applying for a scholarship, please email Laurie Higgins-Kerley at laurie@LedByHorses.org. Spaces for the Healing Hearts Grief Retreat are limited to ensure a personalized experience, so early registration is encouraged.

Join us at Dove Creek for a day of healing, compassion, and discovery.

Quilt club works on cross roads

The Golden Needles Quilting Club met Thursday, August 15, at the Donley County Senior Citizens Center.

Members in attendance were Gay Cole, Louella Slater, Dortha Reynolds, and Allene Leathers.

The club worked again on the Arkansas Cross Roads quilt of Louella's.

They planned their next quilting, which will be September 19 at the center when they will be working on Christmas gifts for the Meals on Wheels program. The club would love to have extra help cutting, pressing, and sewing. If you'd like to join, please come.

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Brian Miller of TxDOT Donley County maintenance (left) accepts his 20 years of service award from Childress District Engineer Darwin Lankford. TXDOT PHOTO

TxDOT honors Miller for service

The Childress District of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) presented service awards to 11 district employees on Wednesday, Aug. 14.

The awards were presented by Childress District Engineer, Darwin Lankford. Those recognized for five years of service were Randy Boyd – Wheeler County maintenance, Andrea Crownover – Knox County, Zachary Loudermilk – Dickens County maintenance and Clint Newbrough – Childress District head-

quarters. J.B. Covey – Hall County maintenance, Annabel Jurado – Childress District headquarters, and Wes Kajs – Foard County maintenance were both honored for their 10 years of service.

Celebrating twenty years of service were Crawford Mason – Motley County maintenance, Brian Miller – Donley County maintenance and Dwayne Redder – Knox County maintenance.

Kevin Taylor – Childress Dis-

trict Headquarters received his 30 years of service award and Darrell Reynolds – Briscoe County maintenance and Terry Simpson – Motley County maintenance both were recognized for 35 years of service.

“I’m always honored to present service awards to our employees who reach various milestones in their TxDOT career,” stated Lankford. “I appreciate their commitment not only to the state of Texas, but to the district and communities as well.”

TMA urges parents to update kids’ shots

As kids are returning to school, physicians have an important reminder for parents: Make sure your children are up to date on all immunizations.

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) has a list of required vaccines by grade level.

For Texas Medical Association (TMA) physicians, the aim is to keep people healthy. Doctors stress the importance of getting vaccinated because vaccines defend people from dangerous diseases that can cause them harm. If enough people in a group – such as a classroom or school – are vaccinated, that lessens the likelihood a disease will spread there.

“The more people are not vaccinated the more that protection is eroded, and we unfortunately can see examples of that across our state when we see outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases where the coverage rates are lower,” said Jason Terk, MD, a pediatrician in Keller and former chair of the Texas Public Health Coalition.

As a result, diseases once curbed by vaccines – such as measles and pertussis – are spreading.

This year 376 cases of pertussis – or whooping cough – have been reported in Texas, more than double the number reported in 2023.

Dr. Terk said whooping cough is extremely unpleasant because the patient can cough for a couple of months or even longer. It is a contagious disease that can be prevented with the tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis vaccine (either DTaP or Tdap, depending on the individual’s age). Whooping cough is particularly dangerous for infants.

Texas also is seeing an increase in the number of meningococcal disease cases, according to DSHS. The vaccine-preventable disease can infect the lining of the brain and spinal cord and cause swelling that requires hospitalization to be treated.

While no measles case have been reported in Texas so far this year, outbreaks have hit several states according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Across the U.S., 211 cases of measles have been reported so far this year, 87% of which in people who are unvaccinated or of unknown vaccination status.

The measles-mumps-rubella immunization coverage in Texas is under the 95% needed for adequate protection in an area, called “community immunity” (sometimes called “herd immunity”).

Community immunity occurs when enough people have been vaccinated for the community to curb

spread of a disease and help protect those who cannot be vaccinated, like young infants.

“Measles is a really scary disease because it’s so incredibly contagious,” said Dr. Terk, who also chaired TMA’s Council on Science and Public Health. “The virus tends to hang around the environment. If an individual with measles has been in a particular space, that space in and of itself is going to be contagious for an hour after they leave.”

Nine in 10 unvaccinated people exposed to the virus that causes measles will become infected, Dr. Terk said.

Parents should ask their physicians now about immunizations if they have not done so yet, Dr. Terk suggested, because ideally, they want to ensure their children get all necessary vaccines before school starts.

TMA’s Vaccines Defend What Matters page also has information and resources for parents regarding vaccinations.

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CLUES ACROSS

- Mongolian city __ Bator
- Coconut palms
- Rounded knob
- Japanese city
- Type of sandwiches
- A type of shape
- Son of Shem
- French modernist painter
- Grandmother
- Mammary gland of female cattle
- Hill or rocky peak
- Secret political clique
- Songs to one's beloved
- "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
- Father
- Chinese philosophical principle
- Restrict the number or amount of
- Combined into a single entity
- Brother or sister
- Evil spirit
- Materials in the earth's crust
- Partner to cheese
- Of the sun
- Baseball great Ty
- After B
- Place to relax on the beach
- Folk singer DiFranco
- Partly digested food
- Small dog breed
- Japanese honorific
- Salts
- Beard moss genus
- Mountain pass
- Type of sword
- Albanian language
- Metric weight unit
- Italian Seaport
- Longtime late night host
- Extremely angry
- Wading bird
- Days in mid-month
- Omitted from printed matter
- Upper body part

CLUES DOWN

- Two-toed sloth
- Cooking ingredient
- Iranian city
- Accuses
- Corrie
- Delivered a speech
- Collection of sacred books
- Theatrical
- Very fast airplane
- Arm bones
- Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- __ fide: legit
- Gemstone
- Counsels
- Corporate bigwig
- Cool!
- Touch lightly
- Small Milky Way constellation
- Satirical website
- Border lines
- Soft drinks
- Capital of Guam
- Six-membered ring (chemistry)
- Bar bill
- Car mechanics group
- Notable Bill Murray character
- Health care for the aged
- Gurus
- A passage with access only at one end
- Reduce
- Spy organization
- The upper surface of the mouth
- Plants of the lily family
- Type of reef
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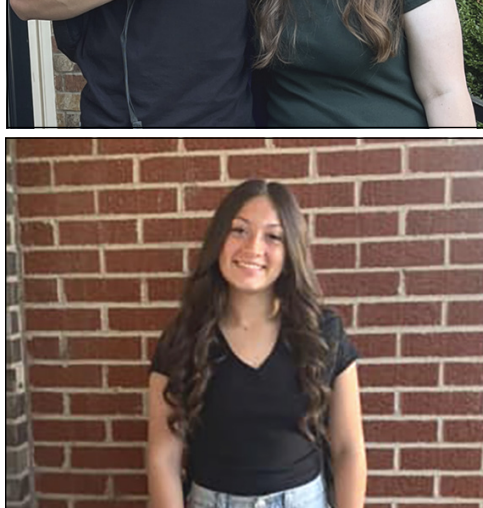
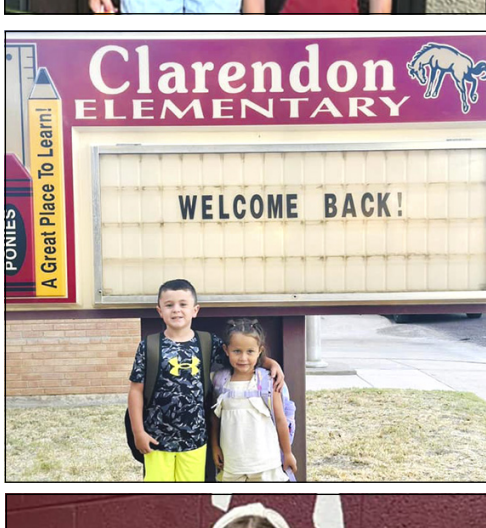
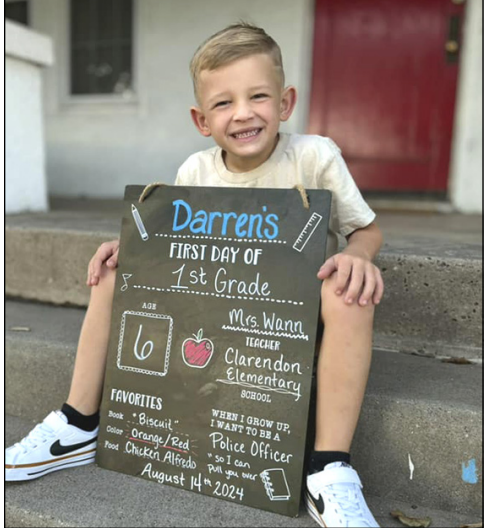
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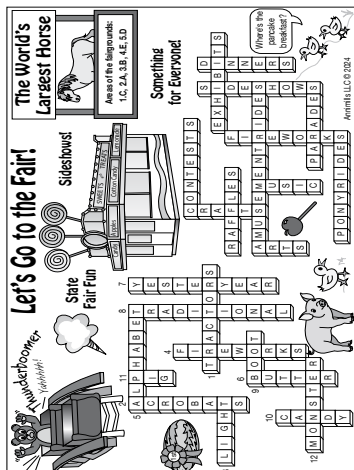
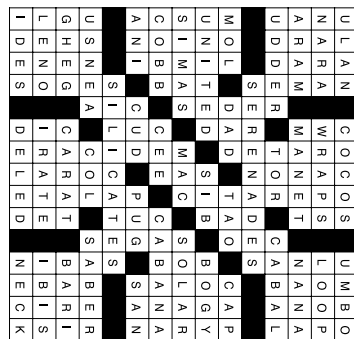
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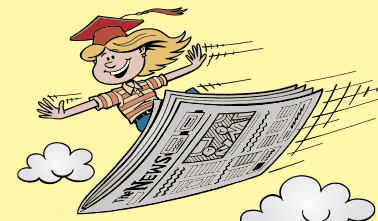
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Let's Go to the Fair!

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Read these fun state clues to fill in the crossword:

- Washington - visit the Hobby Hall to see crafts, collections and displays; kids can pedal mini _____ through a maze
- Kentucky - entertains with _____, illusionists, musicians and stunt people
- Indiana - see the "best" in the state; basketball, sports, a _____ show, and livestock competitions
- New Jersey - lots of games, rides, a circus and _____
- Minnesota - visit the _____ village, where kids can add their own word to a special dictionary
- Ohio - first to have Butter Cows - it takes over 2,200 pounds of _____ to make them; kayak pond and kids' fishing pond
- North Carolina - visit the Village of _____, where people make arts and crafts in past styles
- New England's Big E - _____ American buildings house crafts, products and treats from the six New England states: Maine lobsters, Vermont maple syrup, Rhode Island clams...
- Iowa - glassblowing, Cowboy _____ Camp, over 60 different snacks on a stick
- California - _____ area with photo stations; monster trucks
- Texas - hosts _____ races; a rodeo, marionettes (puppets) and stunt dogs
- Colorado - rodeo, _____ trucks, colored Stomp Lights

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fireworks

monster
tractors
pig
acrobats
candy
butter
light
Boot
alphabet

Can you match each area of the fairgrounds to the events there?

- midway
- barn
- food court
- petting zoo
- race track

- where animals sleep and eat
- to buy snacks, dinner
- game booths, rides
- monster trucks, fast cars
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