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

TxDOT 287 survey deadline Sept. 16

The public has until September 16 to complete a survey for the Texas Department of Transportation to provide feedback on the feasibility of upgrading US 287 to interstate highway standards.

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>.

Scholarship set up in honor of Crump

The CHS Class of 1963 in conjunction with the Clarendon College Men's Rodeo program has established a Randy Crump Memorial Scholarship Fund. For donations contact Michael Metcalf, Scholarships PO Box 968 Clarendon, TX 79226 or for credit cards call 806-874-4803.

Biologists to survey deer population

Biologists will soon begin conducting white-tailed deer spotlight surveys on rural roads in northern Donley County.

A western route will follow County Road 9 to County Road I, and the eastern survey route will be from County Road 20 to County Road O to County Road 23 to County Road P to County Road 24.

These routes stay on public roads and are run after dark and always in a state truck. Local law enforcement and game wardens are always notified for the safety of the surveyors and the surrounding public. Data gathered from these surveys allows the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department to set bag limits and season dates for white-tailed deer as well as monitor trends in the population.

All surveys should be completed by the end of October.

Chuckwagon tickets are still available

The Saints' Roost Museum will hold its 30th annual Col. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff Saturday, September 28, and tickets are available at Every Nook & Cranny. Tickets are \$25.



State Rep. Ken King (center) stands with Donley County Attorney Landon Lambert (left) and County Judge John Howard during last Tuesday's forum at the Bairfield Activity Center. ENTERPRISE PHOTO

King outlines priorities at forum

State Rep. Ken King will be the lone voice representing truly rural Texas when the next Legislative session starts he told a crowd of citizens and students last Tuesday at Clarendon College's Bairfield Activity Center.

King said his House District 88 is the last remaining rural district in Texas as it has no single community of more than 100,000 people. The district snakes across Panhandle and down into the South Plains from Hemphill County in the northeast to Andrews County in the southwest.

"My job is to remind everyone that rural Texas Matters," King said. "Elon Musk can build all the cars he wants in Austin, but without fuel, food, and fiber provided by rural Texas, he can't exist."

High on King's list of things coming up in the next session is education funding.

"There's nothing more dangerous than an uneducated population," King said, noting that 75 percent of the state budget goes

to public education.

King said the last session of the Legislature saw a "horrible fight" over the voucher plan supported by Governor Greg Abbott.

"Abbott polls 90 percent favorable on border security, and that's why people keep voting for him," King said.

When rural Republicans defeated the governor's school voucher plan, King said Pennsylvania billionaire Jeff Yass, who is invested in TikTok and the private school industry, gave the governor a billion dollars to campaign against those fellow Republicans in the primaries.

"I'm one of the few that survived," King said. "A lot of the rural Republicans who were good for places like Clarendon College aren't coming back in the next session."

King said there will be a voucher system approved in the next session because he will be the only Republican against it. He

hopes that after that is in place, the state will start helping public education again.

"We've got to quit all the negative and start building up teachers again," King said. "Texas has done a lot to ruin that profession."

King also warned of the dangers of social media.

"Please, turn off the Hate Book," he said. "That thing is just destroying us and spreading misinformation."

Other upcoming priorities will be further enhancement of border security. He said crossings are dropping, but he also noted that "you don't have border problems three months before a presidential election."

"There's lots of politics going on right now," he said.

Water will continue to be a big issue in Texas, King said, but his biggest focus outside of public education will be improving the state's response to wildfires.

"This is an area where policy

needs to win over politics because people's lives and property are at stake," King said.

King said there will be opportunities for Panhandle representatives to work with hurricane area representatives to improve emergency management measures. He also hopes to get state-owned wildfire-fighting aircraft purchased with at least some of them station in the Panhandle. Currently, the state contracts those services from out of state providers or from the federal government. The process to activate those out of state resources takes days, and there's not a clear chain of command that takes care of that process.

As always, King encouraged people to vote and said a people who don't vote get the government they deserve. He also said if Donald Trump wins, it is likely that some state officials – like Gov. Abbott or Attorney General Ken Paxton – may go to Washington to serve in his administration

Donley Co. considering facility for emergency operations

Donley County Judge John Howard addressed the county's plans for recently acquired property near the Courthouse Square as the featured program at the Clarendon Lions Club Tuesday.

The county acquired a quarter of a block at the southwest corner of Third and Jefferson across the street west of the county jail about a year ago. Recent demolition of the houses on that property caused a stir on social media which resulted in misinformation being generated.

To set the record straight, he said, the county is not and will not be building a new jail. Howard said the current jail, the original part of which was built in 1981, meets the county's needs and is "a fortress." There is no way, Howard said, the county could afford to build a new jail and meet the modern state standards that would be required to do so.

The judge did say, however, that the county is considering construction of a new facility that would house the Donley County Sheriff's Office and serve as an Emergency Operations Center.

"About ten years ago, I asked the commissioners, 'Where are we? What do we have? And where are we going?'" Howard said. "We wanted to look to the future and think about what our needs are for years to come."

Since that time, the county has built a new justice of the peace office in Hedley, a new county barn in Hedley, added on to the county barn in Clarendon, and renovated the Courthouse Annex. Repairs also have been made and proposed facelifts have been discussed for county-owned buildings on the east side of Sully Street north of City Hall.

All of these improvements were made without borrowing money, and the county tax rate is lower than it was ten years ago, Howard said.

Howard said the jail doesn't have much space for the sheriff's office, and he noted that dispatchers also serve as jailers, doing two jobs at once. Giving more space to the jailer/dispatchers would require taking in office space used by the sheriff and deputies.

The judge said one that would be good for the county to have is an Emergency Operations Center.

"You don't have to have it but it would be nice," he said. "Any event that results in prolonged destruction – like a tornado – or a loss of power or a toxic spill on US 287 or the railroad is going to require more response than what Donley County can provide on its own, and where do you house that?"

Howard said an Emergency Operations Center could be co-located with a new sheriff's office and could include redundancies in power and communications to remain active during disasters and have workstations available for other emergency officials who would respond from outside the county.

Howard said everything is just the planning and discussion stages right now, but when the county saw an opportunity to purchase property near the jail it moved to buy that in the marketplace. Only one of the homes was occupied, and that renter was given

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Hedley Royalty

Hedley High School will crown its Homecoming Queen and King this Friday at 7 p.m. when HHS hosts Vernon Northside. Members of the court are Taylee Ehlert, Javier Valles, Adrianna Villareal, Sebastian Garcia, Madison Moore, Payton Inman, Malorie Collins, and Tyler Booth. Hedley Junior High will play at 5 p.m., and the varsity Owls will take the field at 7:30.

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Take time to fill out US 287 survey

Communities along US 287 have just a few days left to fill out a state survey about possibly upgrading the highway to interstate standards. The deadline for the survey is September 16, and the link is at the bottom of this column. If you care about the long-term future of Clarendon and other small towns, you should definitely take five minutes and let the state know your thoughts.

Under consideration is a 671-mile stretch of US 287 running from Amarillo to Port Arthur. According to TxDOT, the comprehensive study will evaluate transportation needs and identify potential multimodal solutions to help improve safety and connectivity. The agency wants “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.”

Transportation access is critical to a community's survival. Clarendon understood that in 1887. When the town learned that the Ft. Worth & Denver Railroad would not be coming through the community's original location near present-day Greenbelt Lake, the entire town picked up and moved to be on the railroad. Many towns that were missed by the railroad simply disappeared or stagnated.

In the 20th century, what became known as US 287 also was important to the growth and success of Clarendon, providing a steady stream of revenue through the city for decades. Today, about 16,000 vehicles a day travel through town; and while many do not stop, those that do are vital for restaurants, hotels, convenience stores, and other businesses. From an economic development perspective, traffic count is one of the factors that certain businesses look at when considering locating in a community. The higher your traffic count, the more businesses you can attract.

The state is looking at the big picture of US 287. It must consider what is best overall for the state economy and the travelling public. US 287 is one of the busiest thoroughfares in Texas. Upgrading the highway to interstate standards with controlled access would increase the speed and efficiency of goods and people traveling on that road. However, it is safe to say that there is no good way to upgrade US 287 to an interstate through Clarendon – or Memphis or Hedley or Claude or Childress or a host of other small towns. That almost certainly means some form of bypass would be required.

We know what bypasses do to small towns. You can look at Groom and McLean and see what I-40 did for them when it supplanted old Route 66 and went around those little towns. Shamrock seems to have fared better, but there are still a lot of empty buildings that line the old highway.

South of here, US 287 already skips around places like Electra and Iowa Park. In Vernon, US 287 is practically already an interstate; you don't even have to hit your brakes – just go 75 to 80 mph all the way through town.

For many years, Clarendon has been blessed by three things that keep our town economically stable – Clarendon College, Lake Greenbelt, and US 287. While the college is holding its own, the lake is struggling with the effects of prolonged drought. That makes it more important to hold on to and try to attract more revenue from US 287.

The state's survey is just eight short questions. Most of it deals with when, how, and why you use US 287 and what concerns you have about the current highway as it is. The eighth and final question is open-ended and allows you to say whatever you want about the highway. The survey also allows you to “place a comment on the study map.” There you can drop a pin on a specific location and make your comment. If you think a place is a safety concern, drop a pin there and make your comment. You can also drop a pin in Clarendon and give your thoughts about the future.

Looking at the comments on the map this week is a little alarming. It appears that someone – or perhaps a bot – is making repeated comments in multiple locations, saying things like, “Please bypass Clarendon,” “Please bypass Memphis,” etc. Other comments are more thoughtful and unique, but many still are either open to or actively encourage bypassing our community. Traffic safety is usually the reason given for that stance.

Everyone's opinion is valid, and everyone should go make their thoughts known. One thing that should be kept in mind, however, is the significant investment that has been made by existing businesses to locate in Clarendon and similar communities because of the highway. Those investments mean jobs and tax revenue for our towns. Moving the highway would put those businesses at risk and also make it harder to attract new businesses.

Keep in mind that this survey is just the first step in the long-term development of US 287. If the state decided tomorrow that it was going to bypass Clarendon, it would be many years – possibly decades – before it happens. Highway design, environmental impact studies, and right-of-way acquisition takes a lot of time, and then there's got to be money appropriated. Think about how long we have been hearing about extending I-27 north of Amarillo and south of Lubbock. It's been 30 years or more, and it still hasn't happened yet. But it will someday.

Right now, you have a chance to speak, so don't let the moment pass you by. Take five minutes and go fill out the survey. Here's the link: <https://www.txdot.gov/projects/projects-studies/statewide/us287-corridor-interstate-feasibility-study.html>.



editor's commentary
by roger estlack

Keep information laws working for us

When it's time to take a hard look at our public officials and decide which ones to re-elect – or reject – we need information.

A major source of that information is the government itself. Access to public records and meetings is essential for us to know the facts and speak out about how government is run, during election season or any time.

Among the tools at our disposal are the Texas Public Information Act, the Texas Open Meetings Act and the federal Freedom of Information Act along with transparency provisions in other Texas laws and the state constitution.

As strong as these tools are, we must be vigilant about keeping them sharp.

Our information laws at times require legislative updates to reflect how records are created, stored and used in the modern world. For example, providing easy-to-find online information and searchable-sortable spreadsheet data when it exists, instead of old-fashioned copies, should be the norm. Unfortunately, not all governments do this voluntarily.

Just as important is the need to overcome barriers some governments intentionally use to block information access. Loopholes in the laws must be closed. Enforcement should be fine-tuned.

The nonprofit Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas will explore these transparency issues and

protection of First Amendment rights at its annual conference Friday, Sept. 13, in Austin. Conference registration is available to all who are interested.

The FOI Foundation also hosts regional training sessions to help Texans learn to use the Public Information Act and Open Meetings Act. The next seminar is Oct. 16 in Edinburg in the Rio Grande Valley.

Open records and meetings allow us to go beyond government officials' spoken words or spin and let us to see how decisions are truly made and how governing is carried out.

How is taxpayer money spent? Are contractors who are building roads and bridges meeting deadlines and ensuring safety? Do school districts, cities and counties effectively manage programs and budgets?

Government information belongs to the people, and in almost all cases it needs to flow freely, without delay.

The “public's right to know does not depend on the whims of officials, elected or non-elected,” former Texas Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, who held office when the state's open records law was enacted in 1973, once explained at an FOI Foundation gathering.

“Winning an election or getting a government job doesn't make anybody

smarter than they were before, or less subject to the law. In fact, public officials not only have to obey the law like everybody else, they have an even higher duty,” he said.

The Texas Public Information Act presumes documents are open unless there's an exception in the law to releasing the record. Even then, in most instances a governmental entity must ask the Texas attorney general's office for permission to withhold it. That's a safeguard that provides oversight and can deter the entity from acting in bad faith toward a requestor.

The Open Meetings Act, meanwhile, makes the meetings of many governmental bodies open to everyone unless there's a specific exception allowing a closed session, such as deliberation on a pending real estate transaction or personnel matter. But no action can be taken behind closed doors; the public has a right to know about and observe the body's decision-making.

These major transparency laws place power in the hands of the people. That's something we should treasure and use.

Making this state and nation a better place is our responsibility as Texans and Americans. Demanding change when necessary – and soaking up all the information we can along the way – helps get the job done. Kelley Shannon is executive director of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas, a nonprofit organization based in Austin that advocates for open government and free speech. For more information go to www.foift.org.



guest column
by kelly shannon



Can you get a kazoo through security?

Stephen Cox is not an imposing figure. Still, he has the countenance and features to be a Clark Kent look-alike, even if considerably smaller in stature.

You remember Clark, right? He's the guy who morphed quickly from his role as a reporter for a large metropolitan newspaper into Superman, the movie and comic book figure who flew around Gotham City beating the daylight out of the bad guys.

Cox, now thirty-something, even has eyewear like Kent's. The distinguished San Antonio music educator appears to be much younger than his actual age, but he – like Kent – remains super cool in all circumstances, though never donning a cape, leaping over buildings in a single bound or putting the hurt on anybody....

He's so genteel, always careful to give others the benefit of doubts.

Cox has long been known as the kind of mentor whom students remember fondly for the rest of their lives. Beloved by his wife, children and a host of others, he has been a “hit” wherever he has struck up the band. If Mr. Holland had not preceded him, there easily could have been a “Mr. Cox's Opus.”

By all measures, he is simply the best....

Such respect is heaped on him by acclamation; no vote is needed. He's “Mr. Wonderful” – one of the last guys on the planet one would expect to run afoul of airport TSA personnel.

Obviously never having laid eyes on this simple musical instrument, the agent didn't initially believe Cox's

explanation about the kazoo in his pocket detected by x-ray. To him, it looked lethal. To Cox, it was a joke, since everyone can play kazoos easily if they have breath and “sing” such syllables as doo, too, who or vrrr into the kazoo.

Unflappable, Cox told the agent about the music convention he'd attended, then details about the simple instrument. He remained calm and wasn't asked to play his kazoo. Isn't there a poem admonishing us to keep our heads about us, when others are losing theirs? Soon, he was allowed to board, his kazoo in hand....

My, how things have changed, particularly airport security. I recall boarding a plane in Dallas, long before 9-11.

En route to Amarillo for a speaking engagement, I was unaware that pheasant hunting season began with the next sunrise. Dozens of boarders placed their shotguns in overhead bins, counting the hours until dawn.

“Those guns aren't loaded, are they?” flight attendants joked....

I had a Stephen Cox experience shortly after 9-11. My wife and I were returning from a trip to Alaska, where she purchased ulu knives to gift our sons-in-law come Christmas. They were miniature versions of ulu knives that are

used largely in Alaska.

One might guess them to be “pizza-slicers” if seen on kitchen counters in the USofA.

As we prepared to leave, suitcases filled quickly, so she stuffed the knives into her carry-on bag....

At security check, a mean-spirited woman who looked capable of playing tackle on an NFL team lectured us sternly about dimensions, weights and what could NOT be included in our carry-ons. I yawned, thinking that no such items were in my pouch.

Wrong! My wife – weary as her carry-on bag became “too heavy” – innocently extracted the ulu knives and stuck them into my bag, unbeknownst to me. To this day, she swears she considered them to be Christmas gifts, not dangerous weapons.

“What do we have here?” the agent sneered. “They're going to stay with me.” I tried to explain that Brenda thought they'd be nice Christmas gifts. I also failed to feign Cox's innocence, hopeful that the tears streaming down my cheeks would help. The agent, however, wasn't buying it. I could only hope the confiscated knives wound up under Christmas trees of young Eskimos who dreamed that Santa would somehow avoid security checks as his sleigh flew throughout the world on Christmas Eve....

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.



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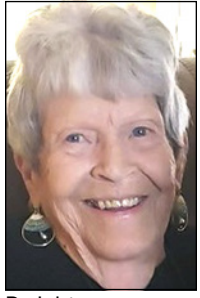
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Obituaries

Dwight

Betty Joyce Dwight, affectionately known as Granny Betty passed away on Thursday, September 5, 2024, at the age of 84 in Hedley. Betty will be remembered for her kind spirit and loving nature. She leaves behind a legacy of warmth and cherished memories among all that knew her. Betty was a wonderful mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. Her favorite things were spending time with her family, and the love of reading.



Dwight

Betty was preceded in death by two sons, Danny Dwight and Paul Dwight. A great grandchild, Madison Ann Powers. Mother, Ruby Lois Lair, and Father, James W. Stout and two brothers, Boyd and Jimmy Stout.

Betty leaves behind two children, Timber Lee Potts, Kirk Dwight and wife Beverly. Five grandchildren, James Lee Potts, and wife Staci, Tessa Powers, Christopher Dwight and wife Alisha, Kristen Dwight, and Haley Dwight and husband David Martinez. Three great grandchildren, Tristen Powers, Chevy Miller, and Evangeline Jade Potts. Betty also leaves behind two daughter in laws, Ginger Dwight Pickens, and Pam Dwight. Her step grands and greats are Haley Dwight's children, Diego and Jas Martinez, Chris Dwight's daughter Kylie, and Beverly Dwight's Daughter, Megan Steinke and boys Mason and Odie

Steinke. A graveside service celebrating Betty's life was held on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at Rowe Cemetery in Hedley with Rev. Anthony Knowles, officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to the Rowe Cemetery fund. Sign the online guestbook at www.robertsonfuneral.com

Crump

Randal "Randy" Lynn Crump, 56, of Clarendon, passed away on Sunday, September 1, 2024, in Texola, Oklahoma. Funeral services were held Monday, September 9, 2024, at the Clarendon College Matlock Arena with Joe Neal Shadle, Josey Shadle, Ike Hanes, and Brad Shadle officiating. Burial followed in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon.



Crump

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

Randal "Randy" Lynn Crump was born on April 12, 1968, to Janie Ivey Gibson and Morris Crump in Memphis, Tx. He graduated from Clarendon High School and went on to attend Clarendon College.

He married the love of his life, Buckie, on June 1, 2014, in Clarendon. They recently celebrated their 10-year anniversary. Randy and Buckie dated in high school, but were reconnected by fate many years later.

Randy worked in Hereford for Johnny Trotter as the cowboy boss

before he moved to Clarendon to start his career at TXDOT. Randy retired from TXDOT in November of 2023 and began working at Bird Electric as a heavy equipment operator and was recently promoted to a safety professional.

Team roping was Randy's life. He would rope with anyone, anywhere, any time and any age. He was a winner and has many buckles and saddles to show for it but would give them away in a heartbeat. He enjoyed ranch rodeos, fishing and watching any kind of sport he could get on TV.

In addition to all of his rodeo activities, he loved spending time with his family, especially his grandkids. He was a protector, loving, the best hug giver, a man with the biggest heart, and he loved to tell jokes and stories.

Those left to cherish his memories and honor him are his wife, Buckie Crump; his 6 pack of children, Carissa Crump; Dustin Crump and wife, Jordan; Jacee Crump; Cody Crump and Charlie; Nash Baker and wife, Larissa; Cameron Baker and fiance, Ryder; his mother, Janie Ivey Gibson; his father, Morris Crump and wife, Linda; his brother, Ray Crump and wife, Mike; and his sister, Laura Bailey and husband, Jason.

He greatly cherished his soon to be, 8 grandchildren. Kitana, Vanessa, Wyatt, Kennedy, Eidynn, Tobias, Mercy, and new baby Crump.

He will be greatly missed and remembered by his numerous nephews and nieces, Mike Crump and wife, Julie; Chris Crump and fiance, Rebecca; Avery Bailey, and Ethan Bailey; cousins, friends and his large rodeo family.

The family request memorials be sent to the Dalton O'Gorman Scholarship Fund.

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ANSWER:

County:

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a year's notice that the county was not going to be in the rental business and that the HUD agreement for that residence would not be renewed.

The properties were purchased for \$139,000, and the county paid Grant Construction \$24,690 to demolish the houses. Howard said Commissioner Dan Sawyer is planning to donate gravel to create a parking area, and a carport was left standing for the county's use.

The Blocker Apartments to the south of the property was not acquired by the county.

The county has no immediate plan to build an Emergency Operations Center, and Howard said Sheriff Butch Blackburn doesn't have much interest in a new office. Howard federal grant funds could possibly be acquired to help build such a facility. To pursue that option requires working with US Rep. Ronny Jackson's office and would require the county to get an architect involved and get cost estimates.

Blackburn said he's not against the idea if there's grant money to pay for it; but if there's no grant money, he's not in favor of asking Donley County taxpayers to pay for it.

If everything were to move forward with a grant application, Howard said federal appropriations wouldn't happen until fiscal year 2026 or 2027 at the earliest.

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Wed: Chicken fried steak, country gravy, homemade mashed potatoes, seasoned squash, chocolate pudding parfait, whole wheat buttermilk biscuit, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Asian sweet chili pork, Chinese fried rice, egg rolls, chopped spinach, mandarin orange sections, almond cookies, iced tea/2% milk.
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Lunch
Mon: Fish sticks, potatoes, okra, roll, strawberries, milk
Tues: Chicken fajitas, beans, carrots, salsa, cinnamon apples, sherbet, milk.
Wed: Chicken alfredo, breadstick, salad, green beans, peaches, milk.
Thu: Popcorn chicken, roll, corn, broccoli salad, dessert, apple slices, milk.
Fri: Pig in a blanket, potatoes, tomato cup, snowball salad, milk.

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Mon: Pancakes, bacon, bananas, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Tues: Croissant ham & cheese, oranges, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Wed: Breakfast sandwich, pears, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Thu: Maple pancake sausage sandwich, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Fri: Breakfast bagel, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Country fried steak, gravy, roll, potatoes, okra, strawberry, fruit, milk.
Tues: Tex-Mex stack, beans, carrots, salsa, hot cinnamon apples, sherbet, fruit, milk.
Wed: Potato bowl, roll, tomato cup, snowball salad, fruit, milk.
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Fri: Pizza, garden salad, green beans, peaches, fruit, milk.

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Reader Leaders

Clarendon College's Bulldog Basketball players surprised Clarendon Kindergarten students last Friday with book readings and letting them try on some college jerseys.

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Pantex, Y12 honored as leaders in sustainable electronics procurement

Consolidated Nuclear Security (CNS) has been recognized as a 2024 EPEAT Purchaser Award winner, celebrating leaders in sustainable electronics procurement. The award comes from the Global Electronics Council (GEC), the non-profit organization that manages the EPEAT ecolabel.

CNS operates the Pantex Plant in Amarillo and the Y-12 National Security Complex in Oak Ridge, Tenn., for the National Nuclear Security Administration. EPEAT allows the two sites to efficiently address the lifecycle impacts of the electronics purchases, including computers, displays, printers, copiers, network equipment, mobile phones, servers, photovoltaic modules, inverters, and televisions. Pantex and Y12 were both recognized for purchasing sustainable electronic products in four categories. This is the fourth

consecutive year Pantex has been recognized, and the eighth year for Y-12.

As shown in the infographic prepared by GEC, Pantex realized a cost savings in excess of \$60,000 for purchasing sustainable electronic products. With these purchases, greenhouse gases equivalent to taking 17 typical passenger cars off the road for a year, and the energy savings is equivalent to the annual energy consumption of 10 average U.S. households.

Also shown, Y-12's purchases with a cost savings in excess of \$160,000. These purchases reduced greenhouse gases equivalent to taking 192 typical passenger vehicles off the road for a year. The energy saved is equivalent to the annual energy consumption of 278 average US households.

"Knowing our sustainability efforts make a significant difference

in the environmental impact of our operations is the ultimate reward," said CNS Sustainability and Stewardship Manager Jan Jackson. "Having our efforts validated by the Global Electronics Council helps assure our communities that we are making progress in sustainability and stewardship of the sites."

By using EPEAT in purchasing contracts, vendors are required to only provide electronics that meet strict sustainability criteria. These products are more energy efficient, less toxic, longer lasting, and easier to recycle and also address labor and human rights issues along the entire supply chain.

Buying these sustainable products minimizes the environmental impact of operations for both sites as they support their national security missions.

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Owls fall to Tigers

Hedley Owl Kyler Booth gains yards as the Groom defense tries to take him down. The Hedley Owls lost to Groom 51-0 at half last week on the road. Payton Inman was awarded player of the game by Sixmania for Hedley.

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Hedley Owl Takoda Edwards gains yards last week against Groom.

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The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting September 10, 2024, with Boss Lion Pro Tem Brian Barboza in charge.

We had 14 members in person, two attending virtually, Sweetheart Emma Roys, and four guests this week – Rita Gehman, guest of Lion Eric Gehman; and Ben and Ella Estlack and Skylar Williams, guest of Lion Roger Estlack.

Lion Judge John Howard brought the program today to discuss the county's plans for property it acquired on the at Third and Jefferson streets, west of the Donley County Jail. Contrary to social media comments, the county is not building a new jail and did not take the property by eminent domain. It was purchased at a fair price, and he said the county will be pursuing grant funds to someday build an emergency operations center that would serve as an office for the sheriff's department and as a central location for communications and operations in the event of a disaster.

We approved an application for membership from Sweetheart Emma Roys whose reign is ending. Welcome, Lion Emma!

Patriots Day flag service duties will be Lions Robin Sell and Lindy Craft setting out flags, and Lions Emma and Anndria Newhouse picking them up.

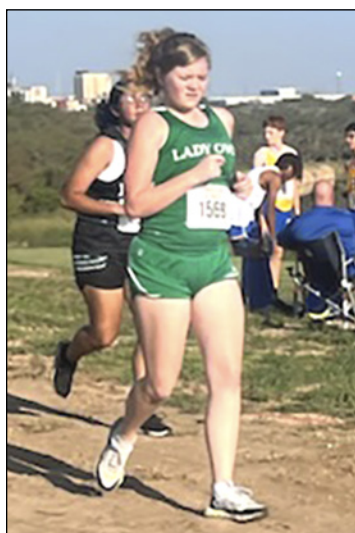
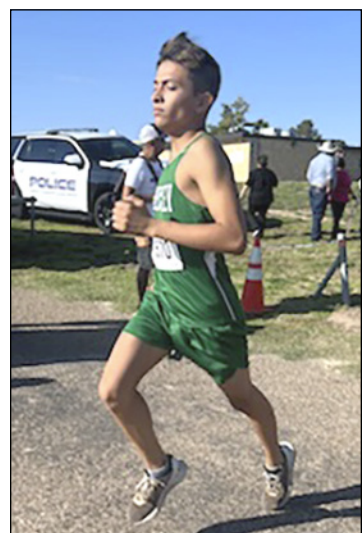
The club was reminded of the Hedley Chicken BBQ this Thursday evening, September 12, with members encouraged to go help the Hedley Lions serve BBQ. Also, Lions will be helping with the REFZ Ride for Kids Fun Run on October 5.

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



Josue Pripto runs the ball last week. The Hedley Junior High Owls lost 34-13 to Groom on the road last week.

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Hedley's cross country runners competed in the Lubbock Invitational Cross-Country Meet last Saturday at Mae Simmons Park.

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Engine additive
- 4. A type of test
- 8. Curtail
- 10. Irish surname
- 11. The opposite of good
- 12. Got rid of
- 13. Central parts of a church building
- 15. Stylistically
- 16. Intestinal
- 17. Negative potential outcomes
- 18. Lived up to a standard
- 21. Snag
- 22. Time units (abbr.)
- 23. Ad __
- 24. "Partridge" actress Susan
- 25. For each
- 26. __ Paulo, city
- 27. League titles
- 34. More intensely black
- 35. Slang for lovely
- 36. Petrarch is known for them
- 37. Old Eurasian wheat
- 38. Body part
- 39. Swedish rock group
- 40. They're worth avoiding
- 41. Rising and falling of the voice
- 42. Wings
- 43. Enzyme import for respiration

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Idyllic
- 2. South Pacific island nations
- 3. Shrub of the olive family
- 4. Boundaries
- 5. Encircle
- 6. Weights
- 7. Samberg is one
- 9. Sheep sound
- 10. European country
- 12. Respected group of people
- 14. Trigraph
- 15. Prosecutors
- 17. Assign a nickname
- 19. Huge size
- 20. Partner to cheese
- 23. Fastballs
- 24. Principle underlying the universe
- 25. Distinct units of sound
- 26. Title of respect
- 27. Against
- 28. Foot (Latin)
- 29. One point east of due south
- 30. Concerning the blood
- 31. Type of pentameter
- 32. North American peoples
- 33. Layers of rock
- 34. Georges __, French philosopher
- 36. Lengthy tale



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Bronco Grant Haynes runs the ball for the Broncos on Friday against Sanford-Fritch. ENTERPRISE PHOTO



The Bronco Cheerleaders dance with the Little Miss Cheerleaders during last weeks send off. ENTERPRISE PHOTO

Broncos narrowly lose to Sanford-Fritch

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon Broncos played strong against the Sanford-Fritch Eagles last Friday after coming off a loss to Panhandle last week. The game went down to the wire with the Broncos coming up short at 24-28.

The first quarter of play saw the teams in a head-to-head battle with no score until the final two minutes of the game when senior Colton Caudle scored on a pick-six with 1:43 left in the opening quarter of play.

The extra point was good and gave the Broncos the early lead.

Fritch struck early in the second on a 25-yard pass for their first score of the game. The Broncos were in a good position to make the stop, but the QB scrambled and threw a strike to his receiver just steps outside the endzone.

The Broncos stormed back and added eight more to the scoreboard in the second quarter, but Fritch answered with a touchdown of their own right before the half.

The teams hit a stalemate in the third until the final seconds of the quarter when the Broncos went back on top by 10 going into the

final period. The Eagles were able to put 14 points on the board in the last eight minutes and were able to hold the Broncos to only eight to get the four-point win.

Senior lineman Dalton Coles suffered a concussion during the game. Both teams prayed together for his recovery following the game. He is home and doing well but is out for at least two weeks as he recovers.

The Broncos will face off against Highland Park in their first home game of the season on Friday, September 13, at 7:00 p.m. in Bronco Stadium.



Bryce Williams placed 7th and Tristen Ybarra placed 8th in Lubbock on Saturday. COURTESY PHOTO / AMBER WILLIAMS



The Lady Broncos team finished 7th at the Lubbock meet. COURTESY PHOTO

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Cross-country runners show out in Lubbock

By Sandy Anderberg

The Broncos and Lady Broncos competed in the Lubbock Invitational Cross-Country Meet last weekend at Mae Simmons Park and ran very respectable times in their divisions.

The Lady Broncos' team finished seventh with an overall time of 1:11:10.9 spread out between five runners. They were just under two minutes from the first-place team of Sundown whose team finished with a total team time of 1:09:18.1.

Madi Benson topped the Lady Bronco field with an eighth-place finish and a time of 13:16.7 out of 196 runners. Freshman Addy Havens was 13th at 13:33.9, and Elliot Frausto was 24th with a time of 14:01.6.

Gracie Ellis ran the two-mile course in a time of 14:14.7 and 32nd place, and Lexi Phillips finished in 108th place with a time of 16:04.1.

On the men's side, Bryce Williams ran the three-mile course in a time of 18:10.4 for seventh place, and Trysten Ybarra ran eighth with a time of 18:23.2 out of 177 division 2A runners.

The Broncos and Lady Broncos will run September 14 in the Badger Run at John Stiff Park or the Groom Invitational at 'The Cross'. The junior high Colts and Lady Colts will run in Groom.

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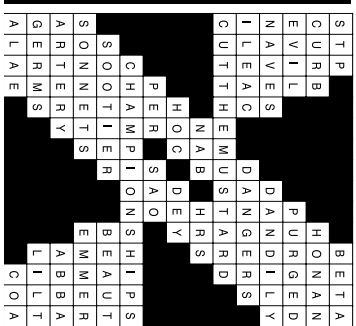
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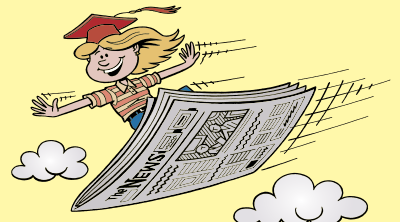
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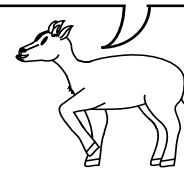


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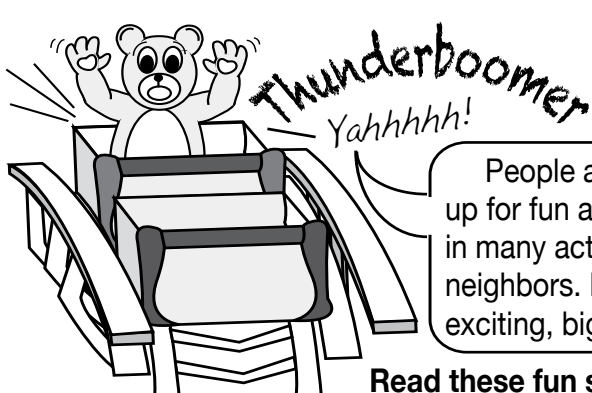
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People all over the country are gearing up for fun at a fair! At town fairs you can join in many activities with your friends and neighbors. Large county or state fairs have exciting, big midways, exhibits and crowds.

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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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
- children pet and feed animals



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