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

NFR send off party to be held Nov. 22

An NFR Sendoff Party & Ribeye Dinner for Clarendon College cowboys Cole Franks, Wyatt Casper, Brody Wells, and Wacey Schalla, and Weston Timberman will be held next Friday, November 22, at the Donley County Activity Center at 7 p.m.

Proceeds benefit Clarendon College Rodeo. Tickets are \$100 and include dinner for two and entry in the \$1,000 cash drawing. Event includes live music and a silent auction. For tickets, contact Bret Franks at 806-440-1366.

Community meal to be November 28

The annual community Thanksgiving dinner will be held Thursday, November 28, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Clarendon School Cafeteria.

Deliveries will be made to handicapped and shut-ins by calling in advance at 806-277-0808. Donations can be mailed to PO Box 45, Clarendon, TX 79226 or at Pilgrim Bank.

DCCF participating in GivingTuesday

As part of a national day known as GivingTuesday, the local Donley County Community Fund (DCCF) is participating in The Panhandle Gives campaign.

For nine days from November 25 through December 3, all funds raised locally will be increased through a match from the Amarillo Area Foundation.

"Participating in this campaign is an opportunity for our local fund balance to grow," DCCF chair Jacob Fangman said.

The DCCF is a local board whose purpose is to raise money for a perpetuating fund while contributing a portion of the money to local organizations.

Over the past eight years, the DCCF has been able to give \$9,000 to local charities while increasing its own fund balance, thanks to support from county-wide residents.

Contributions can be mailed to Donley County Community Fund, c/o Jacob Fangman, Box 906, Clarendon, TX 79226. Checks should be made out to The Panhandle Gives, with DonleyCCF written on the memo line.

Other board members are Shauna Herbert, Sherol Johnston, and Roger Estlack.



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Showing hustle

Cambree Smith drives down the court during the Clarendon Lady Broncos' game against Canyon last week. The Clarendon girls are off to a great start this season, picking up several wins last week. See our completed coverage on page six. COURTESY PHOTO / ADELITA ELAM

Small Town Christmas set for November 30

Traditional yuletide fun will be the order of the day for Small Town Christmas next Saturday, November 30, in Downtown Clarendon.

After a day of supporting local merchants during Small Business Saturday, the Small Town Christmas festivities will begin at 4 p.m. with the 200 block of Kearney Street being closed off to traffic and vendors and booths being set up in the holiday spirit.

Registration for a Christmas Scavenger Hunt will begin at the Courthouse at 3 p.m. with the hunt beginning at 4:00. The walking hunt

will consist of ten teams of four – first come, first serve – with at least one team member being high school age or older. A knowledge of local history will be helpful, and cell phone will be needed for selfies. Chamber Christmas Cash will be awarded to the winning teams.

Santa's Playhouse will open at 321 Kearney, across from the Aquatic Center, with crafts and games for kids. The playhouse will continue through 8 p.m.

At 5 p.m., Santa Claus will be on the Courthouse Square where there will be live music on the

courthouse steps and hot chocolate provided by the Clarendon Lions Club. The courthouse lighting will be held at 6 p.m., and then the fun will shift back to Kearney Street.

Food vendors will be set up on Third Street, and live music and caroling will continue throughout the evening until 9 p.m. Carriage rides will be available, and s'mores stations will be set up on Kearney Street. Merchant booths will be set up on Kearney Street and/or in the Donley County State Bank parking lot between the Masonic Lodge Hall and the Crossties Ministry Center.

In the event of bad weather, those booths will be moved inside those buildings.

Small Town Christmas is being organized by a group of volunteer elves and supported with promotional efforts through the Chamber of Commerce and the Clarendon EDC. Volunteers have been busy preparing decorations and cleaning windows. The group cleaned windows on Kearney Street from US 287 to Third Street this past weekend and will continue in the 300 block on Sunday and would welcome any help.

Aldermen continue trash talk

Trash service was front and center again when the Clarendon City Council held its regular meeting last Thursday, November 14.

Representatives from Waste Connections were present to discuss residents' complaints about trouble with trash pick-up in the city and their company's efforts to improve the situation.

"We want to know, are we doing better?" Waste Connections District Manager Bobby Fira asked.

City Administrator Brian Barboza said complaints from citizens has slowed down considerably and said most issues now seemed to stem from Dumpsters not being picked up at some rural locations.

Fira said the company had some issues with their driver.

"We trained him and thought he knew what he was doing, but obviously not," Fira said. "We think we have our hands around the problem now. Our job is to serve you and pick up trash, and we want to continue to serve you."

Alderman Eulaine McIntosh pushed for improved communications between the city and Waste Connections, and Alderman Mandy Smith said the communications as been a lot like "playing telephone."

Alderman Ashlee Estlack said she thought the citizens deserved some kind of consideration, especially considering the recent garbage rate increase.

"We have paid for a service we didn't receive," Estlack said.

Waste Connections representatives said it could be possible for the company to increase the franchise tax it pays the city as a way to compensate for the service trouble, and city officials discussed being able to then turn around and possibly give a credit on garbage bills.

The council on October 10 had voted to have an attorney send a demand letter to Waste Connections regarding the trash service, but given the improvements since that time, the aldermen voted last week to pause that action for 30 days. The council will revisit the trash service in December to see if service continues to improve.

In other city business, Bill Word addressed the council in public comments regarding changes in when bill payments are considered late. He felt like better notice should have been given and asked the council to consider waving late fees for the last month.

Aldermen voted to accept the depository bid from Donley County State Bank as presented.

The non-functioning storm siren at Fifth and Collinson was discussed. The council voted to spend \$9,000 to repair the siren and also to look at options for replacing the city's entire storming warning system.

The council discussed amending the code of ordinances to include short-term rentals as being subject to the city's hotel occupancy tax. Alderman Estlack said it appears the way the ordinance is written that it already applies to those businesses. The city attorney will review the ordinance to determine if it needs to be updated.

The council approved closing a portion of Kearney Street and Third Street for the Small Town Christmas event on November 30.



Double Play

Clarendon High School seniors Kennadie and Tandie Cummins signed letters of intent to play softball for Vernon College last week during a signing ceremony in the Bronco Gym. Coach Brad Elam praised the girls for the willingness to put in the work needed for several years to play at the next level. Also shown here are their parents Danny and Shonda Cummins. ENTERPRISE PHOTO

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Presidential Do-Overs

It's not often in life that we get a do-over, and in politics it's even rarer. Most of the time, once a candidate is associated with defeat, they are never considered for office again. What is even rarer is a president losing reelection and getting a second shot. In fact, that has only happened once before in our long history. There has been a lot of talk about how it happened, and so historically speaking, it seems worthwhile to look at the last time there was a presidential mulligan to see the possibly similarities.

The 1884 election has become a favorite of mine since 2016 because of the similarities between the two elections. Republicans ran James Blaine, a powerful senator and past Secretary of State who had tried to destroy evidence of his corruption. (Think Hillary Clinton's emails.) Democrats ran Grover Cleveland, a reformer who wanted to "clean up Washington" but had a sex scandal in his past. Donald Trump had his "drain the swamp," and also had a sex scandal. (Who can forget Stormy Daniels and well, fill in the blank for whatever scandal you want?)



historically speaking by dr. james finck

At the time Republicans completely dominated the presidency, but the party had become divided during the past administration between the reformers and the traditionalists. When Blaine, a traditionalist, decided to run himself, many of the reformers abandoned the GOP and voted for Cleveland. With the Republicans divided, voters overlooked Cleveland's private misdeeds and elected him over Blaine's public scandals giving the Democrats their first win since 1856.

Once in office, Cleveland's biggest difficulty was keeping his own party together. It was a makeshift party of Southern segregationists, Northern urban immigrants and reform Republicans called Mugwumps. Between various groups, Cleveland was forced to balance several issues such as the gold standard, growing labor violence and issues with patronage (giving government jobs to supporters). He managed these issues by focusing on the one issue that could unite the party and separate them from the Republicans: the tariff.

I honestly can't make this up. Trump might as well be a Gilded Age president with the way he has used the tariff. The difference between Trump and Cleveland is that Cleveland lowered the tariff in a huge political move while creating a surplus in the Treasury. Yet for all the good Cleveland did during his presidency, he was not able to keep the Mugwumps in the party. They drifted back to the Republicans during his tenure. He also could not compete with the Republican coffers leaving him way behind in fundraising.

One scandal that seriously affected his reelection in 1888 was returning some Confederate battle flags to Southern units which upset Union soldiers and reminded everyone that Cleveland had gotten out of the war by paying a substitute to take his place. Even without the bad mark on his record, with a united Republican Party and full coffers, the GOP was able to take back the White House in 1888 by running Benjamin Harrison.

Harrison had a forgetful run during his presidency, not really because of anything he did, but because presidents really did not do much in the Gilded Age. He is most famous today for his lack of personality. It was said he could move a large crowd with his speaking ability but could not hold the attention of a couple people in a room. While Harrison did little to relieve the suffering of average Americans during the Gilded Age, what was seen by many as the final straw was raising the tariff by 12 percent while also blowing through the surplus Cleveland had left in the Treasury. These moves were unpopular enough for Democrats to take back Congress in the 1890 mid-terms.

When the Democrats convened in 1892, Cleveland was not seen as a candidate; he had returned to his law practice. Democrats thought they could take advantage of Harrison's unpopularity by going with the only living Democrat who had won a presidential election, Grover Cleveland.

He won on the first ballot. With Republicans sticking with Harrison, it almost looked like the 1892 election would be repeat of 1888. This was almost the case with the 2020 and 2024 election until Biden backed out late. I did say almost. There was one difference in the 1892 election, the addition of arguably the most important third party in political history the Populist Party.

By the 1890s farmers were financially strapped and did not feel the two major parties were doing much to alleviate their pain. Farmers in the Western states organized themselves into a party that called for government assistance, silver added to the gold standard and radical ideas like the government nationalizing the railroads. They nominated Union Civil War General James B. Weaver for president and Confederate Major James G. Field as vice president. Knowing they could not win in 1892, many Populists in the Western states fused with Democrats who promised to support "Free Silver."

In the end, it came down to two presidents known for their honesty, but voters decided they were happier under Cleveland than Harrison and decided to give him another shot.

Cleveland has not gone down in history as a great president, partly because of the way he governed, but also because of the contention he caused his own party. He did not play nice with the party bosses who put him in the White House and he fought with Congress way more than most presidents. He even broke the record on presidential vetoes. He is, however, credited with strengthening the power of the presidency – something that future presidents like Teddy Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson would jump on and increase. His main claim to fame has always been as the sole president to serve two nonsequential terms, but that is something he will now have to share with Trump.

James Finck is a professor of American history at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma.

Expand college education in prison

Access to higher education isn't just valuable for students in traditional classrooms; it's essential for those within Texas prisons, where it can reshape lives, boost public safety, and enhance economic growth.

Yet, a new report from Texas 2036 shows a stark 50 percent decline in incarcerated Texans enrolled in college programs – from 7,203 in 2011 to just 3,581 in 2022. This drop isn't for a lack of interest among inmates; it's due to limited educational capacity within the prison system.

Texas prisons house more than 134,000 individuals, and each year over 45,000 reenter society. Within three years, nearly half are rearrested, and 15-20 percent end up incarcerated again.

But it doesn't have to be this way. Research shows that incarcerated people who participate in college programs are 41.5 percent less likely to return to prison. Expanding these programs could reduce recidivism rates and give the formerly incarcerated a path to stable, productive lives – a benefit that extends to their families and communities.

Employers are also more likely to hire those with postsecondary credentials: A national study found that employers are 42 percent more likely to hire someone who was incarcerated with a college credential over a GED. Access

to education creates career pathways for those trying to rebuild their lives.

In Texas, incarcerated individuals bear the responsibility of paying for their education, with some federal and state aid available to qualified students. The good news is that this investment has been proven to pay dividends. A recent study found that for every dollar invested in prison-based college education, the return is estimated at \$1.61.

In April 2024, only 1,800 incarcerated students in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) were enrolled in college-level programs, while over 8,300 eligible individuals remained on waitlists. The demand is clear, but the educational capacity in prisons is far too limited.

Community colleges are essential partners here. In 2022, they educated over 90 percent of incarcerated students in Texas. Thanks to recent federal reforms expanding Pell Grant eligibility for incarcerated students and the Texas Legislature's community college finance overhaul, there is now an opening to



guest column by luis soberon

reach more of these students.

Texas legislators could take meaningful steps in the upcoming session to address these gaps. Strengthening oversight and coordination of prison education programs would be an important first step. TDCJ's primary education provider, Windham School District, could be given the authority to expand college-level programming. Community colleges could also be allowed to serve incarcerated students beyond their usual service areas, broadening access.

TDCJ could further improve data collection and sharing to measure educational outcomes and assess program effectiveness. Also, aligning TDCJ's education objectives with Texas' broader workforce goals under the "Building a Talent Strong Texas" plan could set measurable targets for educational attainment before incarcerated Texans reenter society.

Higher education offers incarcerated Texans the skills they need for successful reintegration into our communities and workforce, benefiting not only them but also their families and the state's economy.

Luis Soberon is the senior policy advisor for justice and safety issues at Texas 2036, a nonpartisan, nonprofit public policy organization.



Thoughts about everything and nothing

Here comes another "Mother Hubbard" column.

That's how preachers sometimes describe their sermons – comparable to "Mother Hubbard" dresses.

They cover everything but touch nothing....

Why are we not surprised? Researchers claim that many companies are taking advantage of the inflationary climate.

Their deception is called "shrinkflation."

Some devious practices are "double-whammies," with prices going up and product size going down....

An egregious example is found on candy aisles, where Reese's Peanut Butter Cup miniatures tempt many. They're even "more miniature" now and cost more; prices have skyrocketed 68% in five years.

Admittedly, higher prices abound on the other aisles, too.

Manufacturers of paper products have tricked us, too. Most eyes cross when customers try to figure the real cost for rolls of towels and bathroom tissue. "Squeezing the Charmin" may soon be a punishable offense....

A political academician used the color wheel describing the recent election, generally resulting in a "deeper shade of red."

This is similar to an old Oklahoma State University ad that jabbed the University of Texas, known for its "burnt orange" school color.

The ad claimed OSU's to be "a brighter shade of orange."....

Former Texas A&M Coach R. C. Slocum – an all-time great – turned 80

on November 7. The winningest coach in the history of both Texas A&M University and the old Southwest Conference was flooded with hundreds of birthday wishes.

This coaching legend "bleeds maroon."

But he was born in Orange, TX. I doubt that the shade was burnt....

We're used to athletic teams having "official" connections with specific companies, as if their endorsements mean anything.

Here lately, though, the hair on the back of my neck stiffens when I see the ad claiming Southwest Airlines to be the "official" airline of the Southeastern Conference. It reminds me of the gutted Southwest Conference, its death knell sounding when Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma and Texas A&M bolted for the Southeastern Conference. I don't think the SWC had an "official" airline. An "official" bus line? Maybe. Several of the schools were located too close to each other to justify flights. Oh, well, if regional rivalries are ever needed again, the TV/NCAA moguls will tell us.

Come Nov. 30, Texas and Texas A&M renew a football rivalry that never should have ended. They'll hook up in College Station. It won't be on Thanksgiving like yesteryear, when kick-off starting times of the teams' nationally-televised games dictated turkey-carving time....

I rarely eat pie, mostly for caloric reasons, but a sad memory surfaces when I do.



the idle american by don newbury

For many years, I ate desserts with abandon. One Thanksgiving, finding the pecan pie to be exceptional, I slipped into the kitchen to scarf down the remaining sliver of pie. Using the spatula-like thingy that looked like a mortar trowel, I stuffed the shiny object into my mouth, licking it clean before returning to the dining room.

There, I was questioned about blood running down my chin. I was "found out," clueless that pie servers are serrated....

It was Sunday lunchtime when Southlake's Philip Odette ordered "take-out" food for his family. "Be right back," he assured.

Before arrival at the restaurant, however, he noticed a "FOR SALE" sign on a ritzy home he'd always admired, and two more equally bold words – OPEN HOUSE – were too much. He stopped, entered the open front door and moved about freely, the aroma of candles luring him from room to room. How fortunate, he thought, to be the only one touring the home. Then, immediate mortification set in. He was standing in the doorway of the master bathroom, discovering a woman – apply covered in a large bath towel – applying eye make-up.

Saying nothing, he ran from the premises, floor-boarded his car and glanced once more at the sign. In small type under the large, bold letters – proclaiming "FOR SALE/OPEN HOUSE" – the sign read: "2-4 p.m." It was 12:30 at the time....

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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November 22 & 23
 Red One • 7:30 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

November 24
 Red One • 7:30 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

November 29 & 30
 Moana 2 • 7:30 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

November 30
 Small Business Saturday & Christmas in Clarendon • Savings at local merchants, activities downtown. Details on ClarendonTx.com

November 30
 Christmas Lighting Celebration. Donley County Courthouse • Santa Claus, 5 p.m.; Caroling and Lighting, 6 p.m.

December 1
 Moana 2 • 7:30 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

December 1
 How The Grinch Stole Christmas. Mulkey Theatre, 6:00 p.m. See page 26 for details.

Menus

November 25 - 29
Donley County Senior Citizens
 Mon: Chicken spaghetti, broccoli, garden salad, garlic toast, fruit cup-mandarin oranges, iced tea/2% milk.
 Tue: Prok 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: Closed
 Fri: Closed

Hedley Senior Citizens
 Mon: Asian sweet chili pork egg rolls, Chinese fried rice, Asian vegetables, Autumn fruit cup, apricots, whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.
 Tue: Chicken strips w/country gravy, crispy French fries, mixed green salad, cranberry while chip oatmeal cookies, iced tea/2% milk.
 Wed: Chicken fried steak, country gravy, homemade mashed potatoes, buttered carrots, brown rice, Ambrosia, whole wheat buttermilk biscuits, iced tea/2% milk.
 Thurs: Closed
 Fri: Closed

Dispute resolution center to expand services Dec. 1

The Panhandle Regional Planning Commission Dispute Resolution Center will be expanding their services to include both binding and non-binding arbitration. The arbitration services will be offered beginning December 1, 2024.

Currently the DRC focuses on mediation services. The difference between mediation and arbitration are that mediations are a party-led process in which the parties decide whether or not to enter into agreements regarding various issues in a dispute. Arbitration has an award (decision) made by the arbitrator that is then passed onto the parties, arbitration can be utilized as a quicker and more cost-effective alternative to litigation.

The parties agree ahead of time whether or not the arbitration will be binding or non-binding. If the arbitration is binding, the parties agree to accept the arbitrator's decision as a final decision instead of settling in court. In a non-binding arbitration, the parties can request a trial if they do not accept the arbitrator's decision.

The PRPC service area includes the top 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle. These 26 counties will receive priority for both mediation and arbitration services. However the arbitration services will also be offered to those outside the PRPC service area.

Fees for arbitration services are as listed: Party fees located in the PRPC service area are \$750 per day. This fee will be divided between/among the parties to the arbitration. Party fees located outside the PRPC service area are \$1,000 per day. This fee will be divided between/among the parties to the arbitration.

Additional information please contact Jerri Glover at dispute@theprpc.org or 806-372-3381.

Panhandle PBS to premiere "The West Texas Boys"

Panhandle PBS is excited to announce the premiere of "The West Texas Boys," a new documentary feature about the Peña brothers from Dimmitt, Texas, at 7 p.m. on Thursday, December 5.

"The West Texas Boys" tells the inspiring story of six brothers – the Peña brothers – who transitioned from migrant farm laborers to Regional Mexican musicians. The film captures their brief but remarkable rise to success and the unbreakable bond that sustained them through it all. It also redefines the "American Dream" through the resilience and perspective of a Mexican-American family from West

Texas. The documentary follows the Peña brothers through many stages of life, from children traveling around the country helping their parents harvest crops, to adolescents finding their footing with varying musical instruments, navigating a time of racial injustice in the Texas Panhandle, their rise to fame and the lulls and changes in their careers, grappling with momentous loss both as band members and brothers, and much more.

"A lot of people think our story's about a band," said Gilbert Peña. "But really, it's about a bunch of brothers never giving up."



Kail Curry looks for an open pass last week against Chilicothe. The lady Owls won 38-31. COURTESY PHOTO



Madison Moore gets ready to make a pass last week against Chilicothe. COURTESY PHOTO



Ray Curry takes the ball to the goal last week against Chilicothe. The Owls won the game 48-24. COURTESY PHOTO



Payton Inman goes up for a layup last Tuesday against Chilicothe. COURTESY PHOTO

"The West Texas Boys" has received national and international recognition. The film was named Best Documentary at Indie House Film Festival in Barcelona, Spain, an official selection for Sidewalk Film Festival in Birmingham, Ala., and Viva Texas Film Festival in Victoria, and many more.

"The West Texas Boys" will premiere at 7 p.m. on Thursday, December 5 on Panhandle PBS. Following the premiere, the documentary will be available on Panhandle PBS Passport and the Panhandle PBS YouTube channel. More information, panhandlePBS.org/West-TexasBoys or call (806)371-5479.



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting November 19, 2024, with Boss Lion Pro Tem Landon Lambert wielding the gavel.

We had 16 members, Sweetheart Lauren Cenicerros, and three guests this week – Ella Estlack, guest of Lion Ben Estlack; Rita Gehman, guest of Lion Eric Gehman; and Lion Michael Metcalf, guest of the club.

Hedley Boss Lion Metcalf reported that his club will be gathering toys for the Toys for Joy campaign and will continue to partner with the Clarendon Lions to provide toys for all the elementary students of Donley County. He also invited our members to attend the Hedley Lions Christmas Party next month.

Toys for Joy donations of new, unwrapped toys are being accepted at Lowe's Family Center, the Clarendon Visitor Center, and the Hedley Senior Citizens. Monetary donations can be made to the Clarendon Lions Club and mailed to PO Box 1081, Clarendon, TX 79226, or delivered to the Enterprise.

Activities for Small Town Christmas were discussed coming up on November 30 with the Lions planning to serve hot chocolate at the Courthouse Lighting Ceremony.

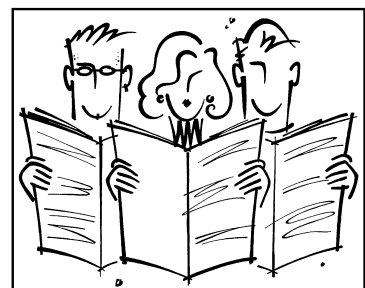
Lion Larry Capranica reminded everyone about the Ministerial Alliance's Community Thanksgiving Service coming up on Sunday, November 24, at 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church.

Sweetheart Lauren Cenicerros said the Broncos and Lady Broncos will be playing Fritch this Friday evening at home.

Lion Chris Reuter reported on the Christmas Food Basket program, and Lions Jacob Fangman and Machiel Covey reported on the city. Lion Lambert reported on the county.

Lion Lauren Graves reported a blood drive is being planned for January 2 to benefit Clarendon resident Danny Hill.

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



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Obituaries

Burrow

Nicholas Alan Burrow, age 43, of Midland, Texas passed away Wednesday, November 13, 2024, in Dallas.

Graveside services were held at Citizens Cemetery on November 20, at 1:00 p.m. under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon. Services will be officiated by his uncle, Calvin Burrow of Clarendon.



Burrow

Nick was born June 2, 1981, in Elk City, Oklahoma, to Lloyd and Karla Burrow. He was raised in Midland where he has many loyal friends. He worked as a mechanic and loved fast cars. He met his wife Kristen in Lubbock while attending Texas Tech. She has tolerated his love of cars for 19 years. They share a beautiful daughter Harper. She shares his love of fast things on wheels. He loved her more with every beat of his heart.

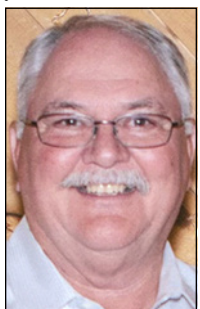
He was preceded in death by his grandparents Ben and Nell Burrow and Jim and Nelda Nance.

He is survived by his wife Kristen, daughter Harper, and parents Lloyd and Karla of Midland and his brother Randy of Denton.

A GoFundMe has been set up to benefit Harper in lieu of flowers.

McAneer

Monte Lynn McAneer, 71, of Amarillo, left his earthly family and friends on Friday, November 15, to be with Jesus and his family and friends who have gone before him. While he leaves behind a huge hole in the hearts of those who knew him, we take comfort in knowing he is still very much a part of our lives and is enjoying the biggest reunion in Heaven.



McAneer

Monte was born May 24, 1953, in Memphis, to James and Juanita McAneer. Growing up in Brice, they eventually moved to Clarendon, where he graduated from Clarendon High School in 1971, leaving quite an impression on his teachers and

classmates. He took a few classes at Clarendon College before venturing into farming full-time.

While farming was his love, he went on to work at Pantex in 1983 as a security guard, where he made many friends and happily greeted his co-workers with a "Welcome to Pantex." He later became a material handler and was able to utilize his negotiation skills often through various roles while at Pantex. He was president of the Metal Trades Council, presiding over the ten labor unions at Pantex prior to his retirement in 2019. He was a member of the Pantex Guards Union and International Union of Operating Engineers. While at Pantex, he also obtained his bachelor's degree in management at Wayland Baptist University.

In March 2010, he finally convinced Judy, his longtime friend, to marry him and they shared many adventures, trips, laughs and an expanding family. The support of each other helped them through life's ups and downs.

Monte belonged to Lifeway Fellowship Church, where he loved his church family and often invited others to join him for services. He was honored to pray for others and to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. He never met a stranger, which was realized as he always knew someone when he was out and about, and that reach often stretched across the state lines. He would also happily attend any event at which food was present, even more so if it was chicken fried steak.

He is survived by his wife, Judy, and children, Ginger (Lance) Robinson, Kevin (Stormy) McAneer, Audra Ruttman, Caroline McAneer, Ethan (Rhea) McAneer, Darcy (Scott Leonard) Cates, Courtney (Beaux Corley) Warren, and Jaimie (Mike) Davila of Amarillo. He loved being a Pepaw to his 15 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his two older brothers, James McAneer and wife, Pat, and David McAneer and wife, Jaci, as well as five nieces, three nephews and countless other family members.

He is preceded in death by his parents, James and Juanita McAneer, his sisters, Lawanda Sue and Vicki Ann Wilhite, and his second wife, Connee McAneer.

Visitation will be held on Friday, November 22, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM at Robertson Funeral Home, 212 South Sully Street, Clarendon, Texas. The funeral service will take place at 1:00 PM on Saturday, November 23, at Oasis Southwest Baptist Church, 8201 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas, 79110 with Brother

Dallas Stringer officiating. Burial will follow in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be directed to Lifeway Fellowship Church in Amarillo or to Donley or Hall County 4-H.

Hanes

Deborah Laverne Hanes, 64, of Hedley, Texas took her final breath on Friday, November 15, 2024, in Hedley, surrounded by her loved ones.

Services will be held at Hedley Baptist Church, Thursday November 21st at 1:00 p.m. with Braden Montgomery officiating. Burial will follow at Rowe Cemetery in Hedley.



Hanes

Viewing will be held at Robertson Funeral Home in Clarendon, Wednesday, November 20th with family receiving friends from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Arrangements are by Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Debbie was born May 25, 1960, in Fort Worth, Texas, to Thomas and Jeneda Gay. She had been a resident of Hedley most of her adult life. She was well known throughout the community as a hard worker and for the love she had for her family. She made many friends during the many years she worked at JD's and Lowes until she retired on June 28, 2024. She enjoyed attending her grandkids' many events, camping (where she could be seen sipping a beer through a straw), playing cards, board games and darts. She was gifted in her ability to turn a scrap piece of wood into a work of art. Most of all, she loved being with her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Jeneda Gay, son Carl Gay, and brother's in law, David Evans and Mark Kirk.

Survivors include her sons Michael Gay and wife Cori of Clarendon, Aaron Hanes and wife Alicia of Hedley; her favorite daughter Harley Echols and a daughter-in-law Mandi Gay; Sisters, Diann Evans and Becky Kirk, both of Hedley, Patricia Dipprey and husband Mickey of Quitaque; Grandkids, Madisen Gay, Alex Gay, Avery Sawyer, Shailyn Hanes, Emmarie Holland, Kendon Hanes, Kynleigh Roys, Maddex Gay, and Choice Shadle. Numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

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- Upper side of an organism
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- A being with lesser divine status
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- Luxury automaker
- This (Spanish)
- Semitic language
- Period for a defined purpose
- Wander aimlessly in search of pleasure
- Up in the air (abbr.)
- American marsupial
- Decadent dessert
- Aquatic plant
- About aviation
- Summer footwear
- Rugged mountain ranges
- With tin
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- Heat unit
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- Of funny things
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- Body lice
- Large nest of a bird of prey
- Unhappy
- Popular holiday dessert
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ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES PUBLIC NOTICE
Donley County is intent upon developing plans and specifications for an Emergency Operations Center located in Clarendon, Texas. The County desires to design a facility that will function as the primary emergency operations center for the County and is now seeking to contract with a qualified architectural firm or individual (registered to practice in the State of Texas) to prepare the preliminary/final project design plans, write the project specifications, conduct all necessary interim/final inspections and perform other services, as appropriate, to ensure the successful completion of the project. A copy of the County's Request for Qualifications may be obtained from the County Judge's Office at 300 S. Sully, Clarendon, Texas, 79226 or Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, P.O. Box 9257, Amarillo, Texas 79105, ATTN: Abby Sanders, (806) 372-3381. Statements of Qualifications should be submitted to the Donley County Judge, John Howard. Completed responses must be received by the County no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 4th, 2024 to be considered. Donley County reserves the right to negotiate with any and all architects or firms that submit a response, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-102. All engineers/firms must not be debarred or suspended from the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS) of the System for Award Management (SAM) www.sam.gov. Donley County is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF DONLEY
By virtue of Tax Warrant issued out of the 100th District Court of Donley County, Texas in Cause # 24-065-DCCV-07886 on the 22nd day of October, 2024, by the Clerk thereof, and to me as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell at 10:00 a.m. on the 3rd day of December, 2024 at the East Door of the Donley County Courthouse, in Clarendon, Texas, the properties described below:
Cause No. Styling Legal Description 24-065-DCCV-07886 City of Howardwick, et al vs.
Owners of Various Properties Located Within the City Limits of Howardwick, Texas Tract 1. Lot Sixty (60), Nocona Hills Addition, City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R8416
Tract 2. Lot Sixty-three (63), Nocona Hills Addition, City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R8419
Tract 3. Lot Sixty-eight (68), Nocona Hills Addition, City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R8424
Tract 4. Lot Seventy-three (73), Nocona Hills Addition, City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R8429
Tract 5. Lot Ninety-six (96), Nocona Hills Addition, City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R8450
Tract 6. Lot One Hundred Twenty-nine (129), Nocona Hills Addition, City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R8476
Tract 7. Lot One Hundred Thirty-five (135), Nocona Hills Addition, City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R8482
Tract 8. Lot One Hundred Forty-two (142), Nocona Hills Addition, City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R8487
Tract 9. Lot One Hundred Fifty-seven (157), Nocona Hills Addition, City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R8500
Tract 10. Lot One Hundred Sixty-five (165), Nocona Hills Addition, City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R8508
Tract 11. Lot One Hundred Seventy-six (176), Nocona Hills Addition, City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R8517
Tract 12. Lot One Hundred Eighty-two (182), Nocona Hills Addition, City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R8522
Tract 13. Lot One Hundred Ninety-three (193), Nocona Hills Addition, City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R8533
Tract 14. Lot Two Hundred and Two (202), Nocona Hills Addition, City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R8542
Tract 15. Lot Two Hundred Sixty-three (263), Nocona Hills Addition, City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R8600
Tract 16. Lot Two Hundred Seventy-four (274), Nocona Hills Addition, City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R8610
Tract 17. Lot Two Hundred Ninety-eight (298), Nocona Hills Addition, City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R8633
Tract 18. Lot Three Hundred Fourteen (314), Nocona Hills Addition, City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R8647
Tract 19. Lot Three Hundred Thirty-six (336), Nocona Hills Addition, City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R8669
Tract 20. Lot Three Hundred Thirty-eight (338), Nocona Hills Addition, City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R8671
Tract 21. Lot Three Hundred Forty-two (342), Nocona Hills Addition, City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R8675
Tract 22. Lot Three Hundred Fifty (350), Nocona Hills Addition, City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R8683
Tract 23. Lot Three Hundred Fifty-seven (357), Nocona Hills Addition, City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R8690

Tract 24. Lot Sixty-three (63), Carroll Creek Acres, City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R7280
Tract 25. Lot Seven Hundred Nine (709), Red Feather Section of Sherwood Shores IX, an Addition to the City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R9154
Tract 26. Lot Eight Hundred Twenty-six (826), Red Feather Section of Sherwood Shores IX, an addition to the City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R9238
Tract 27. Lot Eight Hundred Ninety-seven (897), Red Feather Section of Sherwood Shores IX, an addition to the City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R9292
Tract 28. Lot Nine Hundred Eleven (911), Red Feather Section of Sherwood Shores IX, an addition to the City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R9306
Tract 29. Lot Forty-eight (48), Navajo Section, of Sherwood Shores IX, an addition to the City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R8243
Tract 30. Lot Fifty-seven (57), Navajo Section, of Sherwood Shores IX, an addition to the City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R8250
Tract 31. Lot Eighty-three (83), Navajo Section of Sherwood Shores IX, an addition to the City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R8272
Tract 32. Lot One Hundred Forty-three (143), Navajo Section of Sherwood Shores IX, an addition to the City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R8318
Tract 33. Lot One Hundred Sixty-two (162), Navajo Section of Sherwood Shores IX, an addition to the City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R8331
Tract 34. Lot Two Hundred Two (202), Navajo Section of Sherwood Shores IX, an addition to the City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R8364
Tract 35. Lot Two Hundred Thirty-eight (238), Nocona Hills Addition, City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R8577
Tract 36. Lot Ninety-three (93), Carroll Creek Acres, Being the same property as described in Volume 141, Page 230 of the Deed Records of Donley County, Texas. R7303
Tract 37. Lot Ninety-four (94), Carroll Creek Acres, Being the same property as described in Volume 141, page 228 of the Deed Records of Donley County, Texas. R7304
Tract 38. Lot One Hundred Eight (108), Navajo Section, of Sherwood Shores IX, an addition to the City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R8295
Tract 39. Lot One Hundred Eighty-one (181), Navajo Section, of Sherwood Shores IX, an addition to the City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R8241
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[s]Butch Blackburn Sheriff, Donley County, Texas

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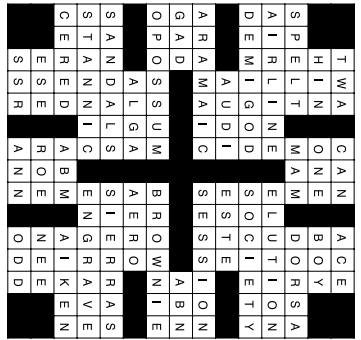
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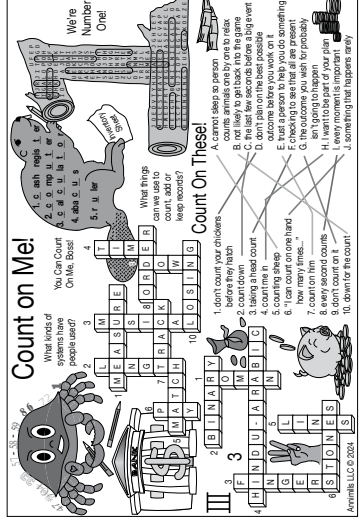
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SHERIFFS SALE

NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF DONLEY
By virtue of Orders of Sale issued out of the Judicial District Court of DONLEY County in the following cases to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell at 10:00 A.M. on the 3rd DAY OF DECEMBER, 2024, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the OFFICIAL door of the Court house of said DONLEY County, in the City of Clarendon, Texas, the following described property located in DONLEY County, to-wit:
Cause No. DTX-23-07784, DONLEY COUNTY vs. THOMPSON, JUANITA
Tract 1: GEO: 12-01-0090-0120-0001 All of Lot Twelve (12), in Block 9, Original Town of Hedley, Donley County, Texas.
Cause No. DTX-23-07783, DONLEY COUNTY vs. RHODES, DON
Tract 1: GEO: 13-01-0160-1880-0001 All of Lot Number 188 and 189, Country Club North Section of Sherwood Shores IX, situated in Donley County, Texas, according to the recorded map or plat thereof, recorded in Vol. 130, Page 717, Deed Records of Donley County, Texas.
Cause No. DCV-23-07828, DONLEY COUNTY vs. KIRCHOFF, PATRICIA & GROVER, STANFIELD
Tract 1: GEO: 11-01-0860-0050-0001 All of Lot No. 6 and the West one-half of Lot No. 5, both in Block 86, Original Town of Clarendon, Donley County, Texas
ALL BIDDERS MUST REGISTER WITH THE TAX OFFICE PRIOR TO SHERIFF'S SALE. Levied on the 28th day of October 2024 as the property of said Defendants to satisfy the judgments rendered in the above styled and numbered causes, plus all taxes, penalties, interest, and attorney fees accrued to the date of sale and all costs recoverable by law in favor of each jurisdiction. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 28th DAY OF October 2024.
CHARLES H. BLACKBURN, JR. Sheriff, DONLEY County, Texas



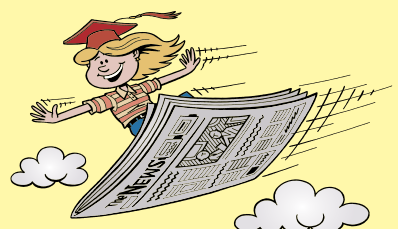
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Counting Across the Ages
Read the clues to fill in the puzzle:
1. _____ numerals
2. _____ system - used in computers
3. _____ and toes
4. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7...
5. tally marks or _____ in sand
6. _____ in leather pouch

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Read the clues to fill in the puzzle:
1. count spoonfuls, cups to _____ the right amount when baking
2. we use rulers, yardsticks to count inches to measure _____
3. count _____ beats to keep time - all musicians on same timing
4. we organize our _____ by counting hours, days, weeks
5. we count to _____ items up...for three dogs need three leashes
6. count money to _____ or make change
7. to keep _____ of items like the inventory in a store
8. to keep _____ - 24 stitches in each row of knitting
9. we count _____ before a rocket takes off or a race starts
10. to keep from _____ things: keys; puzzle or game pieces

Casper ready for NFR business

By Ted Harbin, Twisted Rodeo

MIAMI, Texas – Clarendon College alumnus Wyatt Casper is a businessman who has no problem with the hard work it takes to succeed. He toils in a profession that requires dedication, time-commitment and travel.

He's pretty good at it. The business? Rodeo. His occupation? Saddle bronc rider. Why does he do it? To best care for his family, and to be one of the best at it, he must follow through on all that it takes to get the job done. Casper left his wife, Lesley, and their children, Cooper and Cheyenne, in mid-June and didn't return to their Miami home much for more than three months.

"I didn't get home as much as I wanted," said Casper, 28, who is heading to his fifth straight National Finals Rodeo in December. "I took the family up for Calgary (Alberta) for the rodeo there, but that was pretty much it. I was gone a lot this year, and it was honestly pretty rough."

Casper is a family man, and being a father and husband is his top priority. To take care of them, though, means he has to miss things at home. It's the nature of being a rodeo cowboy. In order to make a living, he must compete at rodeos across North America. That means he spends many hours traveling the highways and backroads getting from one event to another.

Being elite means making sacrifices, but the rewards are great. Casper finished the regular season with \$219,784 in earnings and heads to Sin City as the No. 4 bronc rider in the world standings. He's taking advantage of the sport's growing popularity and an unprecedented increase in prize money available. There are seven men on bronc-riding money list that have collected more than \$200,000 in 2024.

"You have to get it while the getting's good," he said. "The getting's pretty good right now, so I want to try to set up to where whenever I'm done riding broncs, I don't have to be gone or do some regular job as much; I can do whatever I want and hang out with the family so it will be worth it in the end."

The getting might just get better. The NFR features a \$12.5 million purse, with winners pocketing nearly \$34,000 per round over 10 December nights in Sin City. To get there, though, he had to have finished the regular season among the top 15 on the money list, something he's done consecutively. He actually earned more money so far in 2024 than he did in 2021, 2022 and 2023.

Much of that came with big victories, but no locale has been more beneficial to the Texan than Rapid



Wyatt Casper rides Awesome Sauce during the ninth round of the 2023 National Finals Rodeo. PHOTO BY CLICK THOMPSON

City, South Dakota, which hosts the annual Xtreme Broncs Finals. Casper has won that title each of the past two seasons, pocketing more than \$60,000 in the process. What added to the victory was the fact that he accomplished the feat at an event that features only the top bronc busters in the game.

"That sure put some fuel in my tank and a little light to fire me up and get me pretty excited for the last two months of rodeo," said Casper, who credits part of his success to his sponsors, Cinch, Justin Boots, Priefert, Resistol, Superior Livestock, TD Angus, MVP Exceed 6 Way, Western Hauler and Sawyer Hay & Cube.

He also spent considerable time north of the border for the first time in his career. He won three Canadian rodeos in three provinces: Regina, Saskatchewan; Raymond, Alberta; and Williams Lake, British Columbia. That, combined with earnings at other events in the Land of Maple Syrup, helped him qualify for the Canadian Finals Rodeo, where he won the fourth round and placed in three others to earn \$31,000.

"I was pretty excited to go up there and be at my first Canadian Finals," he said. "It was an experience, for sure. It was a lot of fun, and I'm glad to finally get a back number from the CFR."

He finished his Canadian season with more than \$52,000. Because the exchange rate is down – only 72 cents of the Canadian dollar represents one American dollar – he has maintained an account north of the 49th Parallel.

"I'm going to wait until the dollar gets better, but for now I'm just leaving it there," said Casper, who won the intercollegiate national championship while competing at Clarendon College.

That's another decision he's had to make. That's part of the equation

when the business is rodeo. It would cost him nearly \$15,000 to bring his 2024 Canadian earnings home. It wasn't the only judgment he made, and the proof is another trip to Las Vegas. His biggest key to success?

"Staying healthy was mainly the one for me," he said. "I was also able to draw enough good horses and capitalize on them. I won some pretty cool rodeos, and that all made it fun."

Injuries hampered Casper each of the previous two years. He spent extended time on injured reserve, but unlike other professional sports, he had no guaranteed salary to fall back on while he was recuperating. If he wasn't riding, he wasn't winning money. While the extended time at home was beneficial to his morale, the rewards of staying on the road were just as great.

"The best part of my job would be when my family gets to go and experience all of this with me," Casper said. "I also get to be around a bunch of really good people and have a lot of fun. I don't know what I'm going to do whenever I'm done riding broncs, so I'm going to try to make the most of it while I can."

That includes those magical 10 days in the Nevada desert. He can more than double his earnings so far with a good run of luck and capitalize on what the City of Lights has to offer professional rodeo cowboys.

"I'm pretty excited for my fifth NFR," Casper said. "I haven't done my best out in Vegas the last few years, so I'm hoping to get the chip off my shoulder make the most of what my year has been so far and hopefully come out No. 1."

The opportunity is before him. He'll put in the work necessary to make as many great things happen as possible.

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