





The Spirit of Christmas

Clarendon Lions Club members (top photo) packed and delivered Christmas food boxes to 20 families in Donley County last Tuesday, December 17. Four boxes were delivered by the Hedley Lions Club. Clarendon CISD students (pictured below) collected more than 2,100 cans of food, with Clarendon High School gathering 1,396, the elementary school collecting 662, and the junior high getting 106. About 450 cans went into the Lions baskets, 100 cans went to the Christ's Kids Ministry, 100 cans went to the Donley County Senior Citizens Center, and 1,450 to the Bread of Life food pantry. Lion Chris Reuter estimates that 200 families will benefit from these combined efforts.

Community Fellowship to host African Choir

African Children's Choir will per- the world in Asia, Europe, and the form in Clarendon at 11 a.m. on Americas, but this will be their first December 29, giving local residents performance in Clarendon. a once in a lifetime opportunity to enjoy this extraordinary group.

attend the event at Community Fellowship Church at 4491 FM 2161. Donations will be accepted.

is celebrating its 40th anniversary during their U.S. Tour, marking ers." four decades of transforming lives through the power of music, educa- children come from some of the tion, and hope.

As they embark on this milestone celebration, the Choir will continue to captivate audiences with their heartwarming performances of popular children's tunes, traditional spiritual songs, and vibrant African cultural pieces.

the organization began in 1984 when a pastor working with persecuted Christians in Africa was struck by the faith of a young boy. that faith, they would most certainly help those in need.

Since then, the African Chil- ful testament to the resilience and

The internationally acclaimed dren's Choir has traveled all over

"The African Children's Choir proves just how powerful music can There will be no charge to be," says Choir Manager Tina Sipp. "These concerts not only provide hope and encouragement to our audiences, but they offer the chil-The African Children's Choir dren life-changing experiences that help shape them into future lead-

> Sipp told the Enterprise the poorest conditions. Families agree to let the children perform in the choir for a five-month period; and afterward, the schooling for the children is paid for all the way through a college degree.

"This is 40 years of churches standing with us," she said. "We Choir Manager Tina Sipp said couldn't do it without these local churches, and I can't express my gratitude enough. This is huge what they are doing."

Comprised of children aged He thought if Americans could see 8 to 11, all from vulnerable backgrounds across Africa, the African Children's Choir serves as a power-



The internationally acclaimed African Children's Choir will perform at 11 a.m. Sunday, December 29, at the Community Fellowship Church in Clarendon. Foundedd in 1984, the choir has performed all across the globe.

potential of Africa's future leaders. anniversary, the Choir invites com-Each child in the Choir has faced limited access to education. Yet, through the Choir, these children gain life-changing opportunities track music, English hymns set to for education and personal growth, African music, dance, and praise becoming beacons of hope for their music in African languages," Sipp communities.

munities to experience their perforto bring hope through music.

"The performance is a mix of said. "It's like an 80-minute aero-In honor of this special 40th bic exercise. It's very amazing and africanchildrenschoir.com.

entertaining."

Sipp said the performances significant hardship, often with mances and be part of their mission change the lives of the kids, who return to grow up and help others in their communities.

> "We not only educate the mind; we educated the heart to give back," Sipp said.

For more information, visit

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Dec. 30 - Jan. 3 **Donley County Senior Citizens**

Mon: Asian sweet chili pork, egg rolls, Chinese fried rice, Asian vegetables, mandarin orange/ cottage cheese salad, no bake

cookies, iced tea/2% milk. Tue: Meat pizza, mixed green salad, strawberry pie bites, fruit parfait, iced tea/2% milk. Wed: Closed

Thurs: Cheeseburgers, potato wedges, melon, sugar cookie, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Soft tacos/tortilla, Spanish rice, ranch style beans, garden salad, baked apples, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green peas, whole wheat roll, banana pudding, iced tea/2% milk.

Tue: Meatloaf, cheesy potatoes, green beans, cornbread, plum cobbler, iced tea/2% milk. Wed: Closed

DCCF raises \$6.8K for Giving Tuesday

The Donley County Community Fund reports that its Giving Tuesday drive collected netted a total of \$6,884.30 this year with \$605.90 of that coming in the form of matching funds from the Amarillo Area Foundation.

The DCCF will announce a grant application process early next



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting and last meeting for 2024 on December 17 with Boss Lion Richard Green in charge.

We had 15 Lions in person, two attending virtually, Sweetheart Lauren Ceniceros, and four guests - Rita Gehman, guest of Lion Eric Gehman; Ella Estlack, guest of Lion Ben Estlack; and Matthew and Monroe Newhouse, guests of Lion Anndria Newhouse.

The club packed 20 boxes with hams and canned food for local families for Christmas, which were all delivered after the meeting. Clarendon CISD students collected about 2,100 cans of food this year, part of which went into our food baskets and the remainder was donated to local food pantries. Thank you to our students for their help and Lion Chris Reuter for heading up this

Lion Larry Capranica reminded everyone of the African Children's Choir performance coming up December 29 at the Community Fellowship Church at 11 a.m.

The Boss Lion reminded everyone that the club will not meet on December 24 or December 31. We will resume our meetings on January 7. Merry Christmas, everyone!



Toys for Joy

The Clarendon Lions Club delivered about 270 toys to all of the elementary students in Clarendon and Hedley December 13. The third annual Toys for Joy program was supported by local toy donations and monetary support from the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce's Ride for Kids poker run. Thank you to everyone who donated and made this event possible.

DPS heightens enforcement this holiday season

committing other traffic violations.

"During the holidays, our roads year."

The Texas Department of are busier than ever, so safety must Public Safety (DPS) is committed remain a top priority," said Colonel to keeping Texans safe this holiday Freeman Martin. "I again want to season. The Texas Highway Patrol remind Texans to be alert, put your (THP) will conduct its annual Christ- phones down, and make driving your mas and New Year's holiday traffic sole focus when you're behind the enforcement campaign beginning wheel. If you see emergency vehi-Dec. 20 and running through the rest cles stopped along the side of the of the year. Troopers will be out on road, move over or slow down—it's the roads looking for people who the law. If we all simply pay attenare speeding, not wearing their seat tion and follow the traffic laws, we belts, driving while intoxicated, or can help ensure everyone makes it home safely for the holidays this

THP will increase enforcement as part of Operation CARE (Crash Awareness and Reduction Effort), which runs nationwide from Dec. 20 through Jan. 1.

During DPS' 2023 Christmas and New Year's enforcement efforts, there were more than 103,317 citations and warnings issued. This included over 28,578 speeding citations; 1,538 seat belt and child seat violations; 3,340 citations for driving without insurance; and 145 felony and fugitive arrests.

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Owls fall to Lefors

The Hedley High School varsity teams played Lefors December 17 with both the boys and girls coming up short on the scoreboard.



4-H officers deliver

Donley County 4-H officers Kyler Bell, Kassie Askew, and Brance Bell deliver donated items gathered by 4-H members for their community service project to help bring holiday cheer to the nursing home residents.

AAF mourns passing of Stribling

rillo Area Foundation are deeply saddened to announce the passing of former President and CEO Clay Stribling, whose transformative leadership and heartfelt dedication on countless lives across the region. Stribling served the Foundation with distinction since 2011.

Born and raised in Hereford, Stribling brought a unique blend of fined disaster relief in the region and to make a donation to the Amarillo expertise, integrity and compassion earned national recognition. These Area Foundation in his memory, to his role at the Foundation.

Stribling served the Founda- legacy, as he championed numerous life to advancing.

expanding its reach and advancing continue to impact the region today. its mission to address the area's most pressing needs. He spearheaded The Area Foundation and our community Panhandle Gives campaign, which has raised more than \$30 million to to the Texas Panhandle left an impact support organizations in all 26 counties of the Foundation's service area.

Additionally, he established the Panhandle Disaster Relief Fund, a

The Board and staff of the Ama- tion with distinction since 2011, other initiatives and programs that

"Clay's impact on the Amarillo cannot be overstated," said Keralee Clay, Amarillo Area Foundation Interim President. "His legacy is one of compassion, integrity and a true dedication to service. individuals."

Those wishing to pay tribute groundbreaking initiative that rede- to Stribling's legacy are encouraged efforts represent just a portion of his supporting the work he dedicated his





31. Tickets go on sale January 3 at mulkeytheatre.com

Mulkey to host Weathers Jan. 31

announced it will host Josh Weath- dent Donald Trump's inauguration ers and his band live in concert on ball in 2017. Friday, January 31.

soulful singer songwriter, who has Dolly Parton hit – went viral a few or in the balcony are \$100 each, and spent the last 15 years honing his years ago, it has expanded Josh's craft of combining songs of hope reach to a national and global level. with a high energy rock n' soul live show.

rock as well as his own songs.

Weathers has performed every-

The Mulkey Theatre has where from Hotel Turkey to Presi- ence.

Since a video of him singing "I Weathers is a Fort Worth based Will Always Love You" – the classic

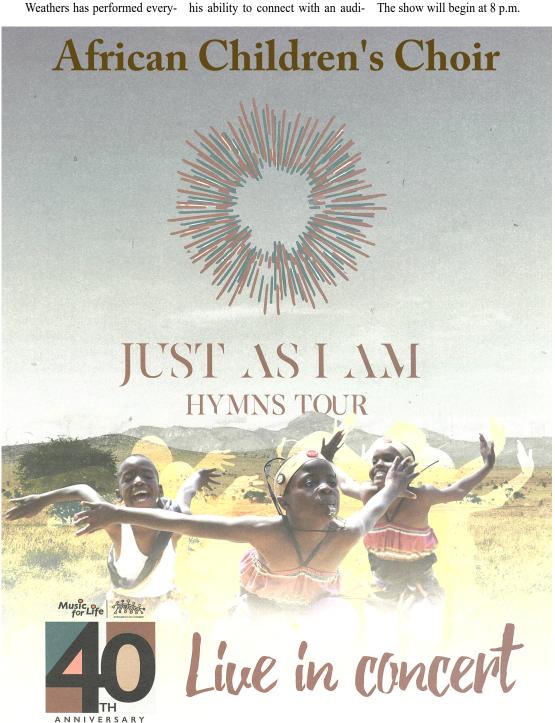
Many people have compared him to the likes of John Mellencamp, and the Mulkey dance floor will be Weathers sings everything from Springsteen, or even Stevie Wonder, open. country to pop to blues to classic but his diehard fan base has found something incredibly unique about the January 31 performance at 6 p.m.

Tickets for Weathers' Mulkey performance will go on sale Friday, January 3, at mulkeytheatre.com. VIP tickets in the front three rows

A cash bar service will be provided by REFZ Sports Bar & Grill,

general admission seating is \$50.

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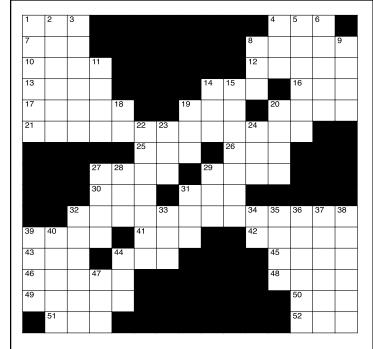
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- 13. Joseph's wife 14. Licensed professional
- 16. Partner to cheese 17. Mild fruits
- 19. File format 20. Province of Indonesia
- 21. Beloved grilled foods
- 25. Bar bill
- 26. Don't know when yet 27. Whale ship captain
- 29. Touches softly
- 30. Mock
- 31. Red-brown Pacific sea bream
- 32. Summer entertainment options
- 39. Protective crust
- 41. Cool! 42. Behave in a way that belittles
- 43. Denial
- 44. A place to sleep 45. Electronic counter-
- countermeasures 46. Intestinal pouches
- 48. SE Asia family of languages 49. Sound 50. Select
- 51. Give the impression of dishonesty
- 52. Witness

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- 1. Of cadmium
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- 15. Hairstyle
- 18. Atomic #76 19. Guy (slang)
- 20. Ladies' undergarments
- 22. Furniture with open shelves 23. Back-arc basin 24. Partner to flow
- 27. A type of horse
- 28. Possesses
- 29. Split pulses 31. Small amount
- 32. Flat-bottomed riverboat 33. Not good
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- 36. Chauvinists
- 37. Get away
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Ho ho ho in Howardwick!

The Howardwick Christmas for Kids event on December 14 was a big success with Santa Claus coming to hand out toys to local kids and to honor the members of the City of Howardwick Volunteer Fire Department. Mindy LaRue Single and Matt Moore were excellent as elves, and Mayor Pro-Tem Johnny Floyd served as Santa with Harley LaCroix being Mrs. Claus. The fire department's two quarter-beef winners were Tannis McMorries and Amy and Randalyn Schlinker.





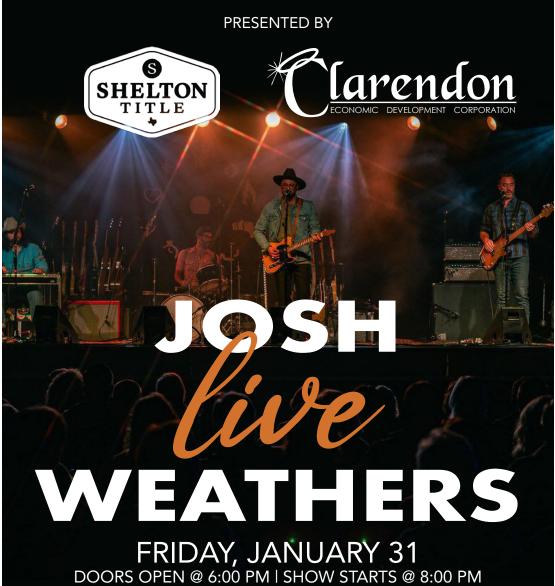












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When asked in a Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) survey, the majority of participants who admitted to driving after drinking said they've most often done so after being at a friend's house.

That's why, over the next few weeks, TxDOT is reaching people as they're buying beverages for holiday get-togethers. TxDOT will bring its mobile interactive exhibit to Walmart stores to engage and remind shoppers about the deadly dangers of drinking and driving.

"It's not okay to drink and drive," said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. "It's not okay for a friend or family member to go through the death of a loved one at the hands of people who are drinking and driving. It's always possible to find a safe and sober ride home, so make it a priority any time you drink."

Just ask the friends and family of the 126 people killed and 272 people seriously injured by drunk drivers during Thanksgiving and the holiday season last year. What's meant to be a joyous time will never be the same for them.

Yolanda Carson of Mansfield, Texas, knows that pain all too well. She lost her 23-year-old daughter, Jade Jiles, in a 2013 drunk drivingrelated crash. Jade was rescuing a friend's blind dog who'd run into the street when an impaired driver struck and killed them both.

"Drive Sober. No Regrets" is a key component of #EndTheStreakTX, a broader social media and word-of-mouth effort that encourages drivers to make safer choices while behind the wheel to help end the streak of daily deaths. Nov. 7, 2000, was the last deathless day on Texas roadways.





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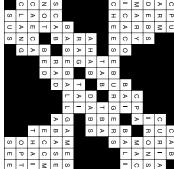


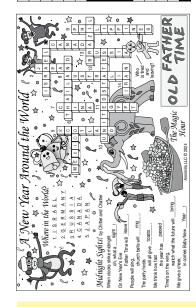
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