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Former Clarendon teacher arrested

Former Clarendon music and assistant band teacher Scott Strobel was arrested by the Wolforth Police Department last Friday, March 15, and charged with Child Grooming.

According to a news report by KLBK and EverythingLubbock.com, authorities were contacted by a 14-year-old girl and her father regarding text messages Strobel sent to the girl, to whom he was given private music lessons.

The report quotes court documents in saying that when he was interviewed by police, Strobel admitted that he had sent the texts expressing that he had feelings for the girl, and he told authorities he knew the texts were inappropriate.

Strobel, age 60, was later released on \$25,000 bond, the report said.

Strobel was employed by Clarendon CISD for 12 years before he moved to Bowie in 2019. He was employed by Ropes ISD near Lubbock at the time of his arrest.

H'wick firefighters to hold Open House

The City of Howardwick Volunteer Fire Department has rescheduled its Open House for this Saturday, March 22, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Meet the members of the CHVFD, enjoy free snacks and drinks, and bring the kids for pictures on a firetruck. All guests will be registered for a door prize, and donations of \$10 or more will receive a free fire blanket. Come see the newest additions to the department.

The event was originally set for March 8 but was postponed.

Lions Club's Jones 5K to be April 26

The 13th annual Chance Mark Jones Roar & Run 5K will be held Saturday, April 26, in front of the Donley County Courthouse.

The Clarendon Lions Club is hosting the event again in memory of the late Chance Mark Jones.

Those interested in running or walking the 5K (about 3.1 miles) encouraged to sign up by March 28 to be guaranteed the official 5K t-shirt. Registrations are \$30 each.

The year's 5K will again start and end at the Courthouse and will run through the city, around Prospect Park, and past several historic sites. The race will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Race registrations will be available at the Clarendon Visitor Center at the Mulkey Theatre or at the Enterprise.

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She's Tiny Yet Mighty Frausto lifts her way to state podium

By Sandy Anderberg

Clarendon High School junior Elliot Frausto weighs only 103 pounds, but she used an abundance of strength to place fifth in the 105-pound weight class at the Girl's State Powerlifting Meet last week.

To say this little lifter is strong, is an understatement, as Frausto finished with a lift total of 520 pounds to claim a medal in her division.

Frausto has been powerlifting only a couple of years and lifted last year "just for fun," but this year she was more motivated.

"The softball girls have to do it (lift weights), but we decided to take it more serious this year," Frausto said.

If determination was an event, then Frausto would place deep there as well. Going into the season, there were only a handful of powerlifting meets to gain the experience needed to go to the next level. However, Frausto was committed to the decision to take it more serious and she did just that.

"At first, I didn't think I would like it, but then I went to a meet, and I liked it," Frausto admitted.

Her growing love for the sport increased, and she quickly planned some well-timed strategy in the sport.

"When I first started, I weighed 110 pounds and lifted in the 114-pound class," she explained. "But we saw that the competition wasn't as tough in the lower weight-class, so we decided to lose the weight to lift at the lower weight."

The "we" Frausto is talking about is her lifting coach Jordan Enriquez who is a coach at Clarendon schools. With his help and the help of her dad, Brandon, she lost enough weight to lift in the 105-pound class where she was able to finish with a lift total of 555 pounds, which was 30 pounds more than in her previous class.

The early season meets allowed Frausto to gain the experience she needed to top the field at the regional level by 15 pounds in total weight lifted and punch her ticket to the State Powerlifting Meet, a first for a Lady Bronco.

Frausto finished with a lift-total of 520 pounds and took her spot on the podium as the fifth strongest lifter in the 105-pound class in the state, which fed her desire to lift her senior year to bring home the gold.

"I will probably lift next year," Frausto claimed. "I want to win first."

The tiny lifter has a goal which is to gain more experience and understand the sport's



Elliot Frausto holds her fifth place state medal following last week's competition. Frausto is the first Clarendon High School girl to reach the state contest. COURTESY PHOTO

judges and commands.

Frausto's ending weight lifted is not far off the lifted weight of the top four lifters at the state level. She was able to squat 175 pounds, bench press 100 pounds, and deadlift a respectable 245 pounds in the state meet.

"Elliot was determined to make it to the state meet," Enriquez said. "It was awesome to see the dedication and commitment pay off."

As a sidenote, Frausto lifted 260 pounds in the deadlift at state, but it was ruled she moved her foot during the lift, which is a rule infraction.

Frausto is able to call this season a success and is looking forward to getting back in the weight room next year.

"I have learned that you have to push yourself and get out of your comfort zone, and I also love how supportive all of the girls are."

City raises awareness of abuse April is Child Abuse Prevention Month in Clarendon

Mayor Jacob Fangman declared April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Clarendon during last Thursday's regular city council meeting.

In fiscal year 2024, the Texas Department of Family & Protective Services confirmed 61,062 victims of child abuse or neglect, including 185 in Donley, Gray, Hansford, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts, and Wheeler Counties, according to the proclamation.

In other city business, aldermen approved a resolution authorizing the city to apply for another Texas Community Development Block Grant for downtown revitalization. With the 100 block of S. Kearney Street completed and grant funds secured for the 200 and 300 blocks, the application would seek to extend sidewalk and lighting improvements to the 400 block near the aquatic center and post office. Alderman Mandy Smith abstained from the vote.

The council heard a proposal from Jon Kuehler with Tradewind FBO regarding developing a fueling station at the Smiley Johnson Municipal Airport. Kuehler said he was willing to either help the city install and manage a fuel pump or he was willing to sign a lease to provide the service himself. The council took no action but wanted more information.

Separate resolutions were passed to authorize grant applications to seek funds for a generator for a lift station at Goodnight and White streets and to purchase and install warning sirens in the city.

The council approved a pro-



Mayor Jacob Fangman (center) proclaimed April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Clarendon last Thursday during the regular city council meeting. Also shown here are Machiel Covey and Nita Williamson, representatives of CASA of the High Plains. ENTERPRISE PHOTO

posal to move the city's telephone service to AW Broadband. Alderman Terri Floyd voted against the proposal.

Laverne Pinion and Misty Speed were named as election judges for the upcoming May city election.

Aldermen approved a motion authorizing OJD Engineering to begin the bid process for street improvements in the 700 block of Fourth Street between Koogle and Allen streets.

The council voted in favor of the city signing an agreement with Joseph and Rhonda Howell allowing a pergola to be placed on the sidewalk in front of Stocking Ice Cream Parlor.

An easement agreement with the Donley County State Bank was approved to allow the city sidewalk to encroach on the bank's property

between the Masonic Lodge Hall and the Crosssties Ministry Center as part of the upcoming sidewalk replacement.

The council approved \$1,500 in community funding requested by Christ's Kids Ministry for its food program.

Aldermen agreed to re-bid a grant-funded crack seal project at the airport to specify that the work must include re-stripping.

A proposal from A Town Standby Generators was approved to install a generator at City Hall for \$14,000.

After much discussion, the council approved an amendment to Ordinance 507 to reduce fees charged for gaming devices.

The council also approved closing the alley where the former Family Dollar building is located.

Clarendon, H'wick sales tax revenue increases

Clarendon and Howardwick saw gains in sales tax revenues last week when Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar distributed March allocations to local cities.

Sales tax revenue for Clarendon grew 4.35 percent compared to the same period last year with an allocation of \$39,097.38.

The city is now up 6.59 percent for the calendar year-to-date with a total of \$136,118.68 compared to \$127,694.33 this time last year.

Howardwick's allocation grew 5.87 percent to \$1,617.37 for the month compared to last year, and the lakeside city is now up 28.4 percent for the year-to-date at \$5,966.58 compared to \$4,646.72 in March 2024.

Hedley was down less than one percent at \$883.85 compared to \$888.40 last March but is up for the year-to-date 37.11 percent at \$4,718.90 compared to \$3,441.56 at this point last year.

Donley County Assistance District One, inside Howardwick, received \$909.23 for the month and has collected \$3,741.32 so far this calendar year.

The assistance district began collecting taxes on October 1 for the purpose of helping fund the Donley County Sheriff's Department.

The City of Claude was up 39.67 percent for the month at \$27,134.54.

Memphis was down 10.50 percent at \$24,851.33, and the City of Turkey was up 19.38 percent at \$6,802.38.

Statewide Hegar distributed \$1.1 billion in local sales tax allocations for March, 10.2 percent more than in March 2024.

March sales tax allocations to local governments are based on sales made in January by businesses that reported sales taxes monthly to the comptroller's office.



High winds damage city

A large pine tree fell over behind Ty and Tamra White's house last Friday as strong winds damaged structures all across the Panhandle and South Plains. The National Weather Service reported gusts up to 77 mph in Clarendon. See more storm photos from our readers on page five.

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Press keeps government accountable

Most people would agree in principle that citizens should have access to their government, that the actions of government should be out in the open, and that the People should know what their government is doing. Those are some fundamental ideas with which Republicans, Democrats, and Independents generally believe in.

Government works best when it's open and transparent so that the light of day shines on all its operations. That's the premise of National Sunshine Week, which is being observed March 16-22. But while we may all agree on the basic ideas of Open Government, there is likely to be disagreement and even push back on making that a reality.

The only way you can be sure government operates openly is if you have a free and independent press to watch said government. The Founding Fathers understood that and enshrined the Freedom of the Press in the First Amendment of the US Constitution. Open government is further protected by open meetings laws, public information laws, and statutes that require public notice be given for a wide range of government activities.

Unfortunately, today we find ourselves in a world where government is trying to draw a curtain between its activities and the people.

With the Texas Legislature in session, Public Notice rules are in the crosshairs as state officials look for ways to move required notices from independent newspapers and news websites to government-controlled websites. This is not in any way unique to Texas. It's happening in other states as well.

We also see outright hostility to the press and blatant efforts to silence or limit the access of reporters who are not willing to tow the ruling party's official line.

In February, President Donald Trump's White House denied the Associated Press access to the Oval Office and Air Force because the AP would not alter its official editorial style to call the body of water off the Texas coast the "Gulf of America." AP, which provides news and information to a global audience, instead continues to refer to it by its centuries-old and internationally-known name, the Gulf of Mexico.

The Associated Press is not a far-left news organization. It is one of the most centric outlets you can find; but when the Enterprise shared a statement in support of the AP on our Facebook page, the reaction was eye-opening. The post generated more than 40 comments, the vast majority of which were against the press. Comments included things like, "the media is corrupt," "there's no such thing as good journalism anymore," "this post is so dishonest," "journalism is dead," and so on.

For a newspaper that has committed itself to covering Donley County for almost 147 years and for an editor who has been reporting on this community for almost 30 years, the comments of our "fans" were disheartening to say the least. Journalism is dead? The media is corrupt? Then why the hell are you following or reading The Clarendon Enterprise?

We often hear people bash the media, but then say, "I'm not talking about the Enterprise." Yes, you are. We all get painted with the same brush; and when Donald Trump or Greg Abbott and other influential politicians slam the media or try to handicap the press, that has ramifications for all of us. Good reporters are everywhere if you look for them. I personally know scores of journalists who work hard every day to get the story right regardless of their own personal opinions.

For a free press to work you have to allow publications and outlets of all stripes. Yes, some are way far left. Others are way far right. There are other sources in the middle – the AP and the BBC are some of your editor's personal favorites on the national and international scene. If you just consume news you agree with, then you are part of the problem. To be a fair news consumer, you need to be open to the idea that sometimes your favorite candidate may not always act in your best interest. That goes for both parties.

We urge everyone to take some time to reflect on what's important during National Sunshine Week. Meanwhile, we will continue to do our job to shine the light and make sure our readers are not left in the dark about important matters in our communities.



SUNSHINE WEEK
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Open government unites Texans

By Kelley Shannon, Executive Director, FOI Foundation of Texas

What unites Texans of all political persuasions is the nonpartisan principle that our government must operate in the sunlight.

We have the right – and responsibility – to keep watch on how tax money is spent and how public officials make decisions. But it takes access to information to do it.

Our state transparency laws envision citizens having power over government. Every legislative session, updates and improvements are needed so that the Texas Public Information Act and the Texas Open Meetings Act function as intended.

The Texas Sunshine Coalition, representing 16 organizations with varying interests, works to protect the public's right to know. Supporters of the coalition testified this month before a key Texas House committee on enhancing public information laws. As we embark on national Sunshine Week, March 16-22, and call attention to open government, let's embrace these bipartisan sunshine proposals in the Texas Legislature:

Enforcement. When governments don't respond to information requestors or don't provide all the releasable records, common sense enforcement is necessary in the Public Information Act. Requestors deserve a solid system for filing complaints with the attorney general, and government officials found to have acted wrongly should face consequences such as additional open government training. Senate Bill 919 by Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, and House Bill 4219 by Rep. Giovanni Capriglione, R-Southlake, would achieve this.

If a requestor must file a lawsuit to force release of information, there

should be a way to recover attorneys' fees if the requestor prevails. Texas appellate court decisions have made that difficult, allowing governments to hand over records at the last minute – often after costly litigation – and avoid paying legal fees. Those who successfully sue a government to obtain information need to recover attorneys' fees or, as Sen. Mayes Middleton, R-Galveston, recently pointed out "that's not a fair fight."

Pending legislation would clarify legal fee provisions. SB 824 by Middleton, HB 2248 by Rep. John Smithee, R-Amarillo, and SB 1291 by Sen. Nathan Johnson, D-Dallas, address the issue.

User friendly Initiatives. Legislative proposals to help citizens and governments better use and carry out the Public Information Act include requiring that the attorney general's office operate a toll-free open government hotline; ensuring that the government official or outside legal counsel who responds to citizens' requests completes open government training; and allowing for mediation between a requestor and a government. These are contained in SB 1294 and SB 1295 by Johnson and SB 1130 by Middleton.

Disclosing basic information. Some governments store information in electronic spreadsheets but convert these documents to PDF images before producing them to the public. This conversion is unnecessary and makes it difficult to search and sort information. The attor-



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ney general's office has recommended producing documents in their original format, including spreadsheets. SB 50 by Zaffirini and HB 4218 by Capriglione would place this in law.

Ensuring that dates of birth are available in public records helps verify the identification of people with common names, whether in news reporting on crime or background checks conducted by lenders, landlords and employers. Dates of birth on applications by candidates for office help voters understand who is on the ballot. Birthdate disclosure is done in patchwork fashion across Texas following an Austin appellate court ruling a few years ago. HB 3719 by Rep. Todd Hunter, R-Corpus Christi, and SB 1293 by Johnson would eliminate confusion and restore access to this basic information.

All these sunshine proposals center on preserving our rights, and the free flow of information goes hand in hand with the First Amendment liberty to freely speak out about government.

"It's about truth," Middleton said, noting the Texas Public Information Act states that citizens grant powers to the government, not the other way around. "The rights belong to the people."

Kelley Shannon is executive director of the nonprofit Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas. The Sunshine Coalition includes the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas; Texas Association of Broadcasters; Texas Press Association; Texas Public Policy Foundation; Institute for Justice; ACLU of Texas; Every Texan; Common Cause; Grassroots America; League of Women Voters of Texas; SMU School of Law First Amendment Clinic; Texas Appleseed; Texas Association of Licensed Investigators; Texans Uniting for Reform and Freedom; Public Citizen; PublicData.com.



Secrecy gives control to government

Lauren Harper, Freedom of the Press Foundation

Excessive government secrecy takes many forms, including denying or ignoring FOIA requests and deleting data from websites.

These tactics prevent the public from meaningfully participating in self-government in every area secrecy touches, from domestic policy discussions on climate change, to foreign policy debates around international aid.

Sunshine Week, the annual celebration of the public's right to know, reminds us that the federal Freedom of Information Act, which allows the public to request the release of government information, is our best tool to counter this excessive secrecy and hold officials accountable.

But FOIA is in trouble, and we need congressional help to fix it.

Request backlogs continue to grow, and it often takes years to receive documents – if you get them at all. Delays are compounded by the fact that many FOIA offices often don't have the resources they need to perform their jobs efficiently. To make matters worse, President Donald Trump's administration has ordered agencies to plan for "large scale reductions in force," which could further hobble FOIA offices, if not halt their work entirely.

The challenges are steep. But we must continue our work to protect and strengthen FOIA, because when it works, it's powerful. Here are just a few examples:

• FOIA makes us ask tough questions about what the government does in our name. The New Yorker's investigative podcast, In the Dark, used FOIA to obtain key records on the 2005 mas-

sacre of two dozen civilians in Haditha, Iraq, at the hands of U.S. Marines. The releases included photos of the carnage that the military tried to bury, and helped journalists build a database of 781 possible war crimes committed by the U.S. in Iraq and Afghanistan since 2001. These revelations prompted Senators Elizabeth Warren and Chris Van Hollen to ask the Defense Department inspector general if the agency was following the rules for addressing war crimes.

• When SCOTUS closes a door, FOIA opens a window. Bloomberg reporter Jason Leopold's FOIA lawsuit for FBI records about its investigation into Trump's classified documents case got an unexpected boost from the Supreme Court's presidential immunity ruling. U.S. District Judge Beryl Howell recently ruled that the SCOTUS decision, as well as Trump's firing of the FBI officials working on the case, undercut the bureau's arguments that the documents must stay secret. Howell said the FBI's arguments "crumble with no more weight than dust and just as little persuasiveness," and that the presidential immunity could "open doors" for FOIA requests.

• FOIA can help us make decisions about what we eat. I always like to tell the story about the Food and Drug Administration FOIA release that showed a popular blended Parmesan cheese contained absolutely no Parmesan – but it did contain wood chips. I usually tell this story as a joke, but as

federal food regulations are poised to undergo massive changes, it's clear that FOIA's ability to provide access to food safety information is no laughing matter.

I'd argue it's likely that the current administration knows how impactful FOIA can be, and that's exactly why the Department of Government Efficiency is trying to hide its records from FOIA, and why FOIA staff at key agencies have been fired en masse.

In spite of these challenges, the public will continue to file FOIA requests, appeals, and lawsuits to win the release of important information.

But we need more help to fix FOIA's systemic problems, especially under an administration hostile to its implementation.

We must ask members of Congress, whose own access to government information may be compromised, what it's doing to ensure we all have the tools we need to scrutinize the government?

Answers to this question could look like Congress passing new FOIA amendments that require agencies to post more kinds of records proactively, passing a law that makes DOGE explicitly subject to FOIA, or holding regular hearings demanding to know why the Justice Department is not ensuring agencies are complying with the law, and what steps it will take to ensure compliance.

Securing access to information requires the public to be persistent, and to demand the same level of consistent attention from our elected officials. And it demands our attention year-round, and year-after-year.

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DHDC opens registration for summer camps

Amarillo's Don Harrington Discovery Center has opened registration for its summer camps.

With eight themes to choose from, caregivers can choose to register their children for one week at a time or all summer.

Summer Camp Discovery is meant for children ages three years old to fifth grade and will separate campers into different classrooms so they can learn on their level amongst their peers.

Each weekly theme is packed with age-appropriate activities, crafts, science demonstrations, discovery, and fun! DHDC's science-based curriculum is taught by qualified teachers who undergo first aid and CPR training, as well as training on experiential learning.

This year's themes are: Blueprints & Beyond - June 2-6: Young engineers and designers will bring their ideas to life by constructing bridges, towers, and other creative structures. Campers will explore the fundamentals of architecture, engineering, and physics through hands-on projects and prob-

lem-solving challenges. Dino Discovery - June 9-13: Travel back to the age of dinosaurs and uncover the secrets of these prehistoric giants! Campers will dig for fossils, learn about different dinosaur species, and explore the science of paleontology through interactive activities and experiments. Expedition Earth - June 16-20: From towering mountains to deep caves and vast deserts, this camp takes young explorers on an adventure across Earth's most incredible landscapes. Campers will investigate ecosystems, and weather patterns through engaging hands-on activities.

Underwater Wonders - June 23-27: Dive beneath the waves to explore the ocean's fascinating creatures and hidden mysteries! Campers will learn about marine ecosystems, coral reefs, and the science of ocean exploration through exciting experiments and creative projects. The Science of Art - June 30-July 3: Where creativity meets chemistry, physics, and technol-

ogy! Campers will experiment with colors, textures, and materials to create unique works of art while uncovering the fascinating science behind painting, sculpture, and design. Space Explorers - July 7-11: Blast Off! - Get ready for an interstellar adventure as campers explore planets, stars, and galaxies! Through hands-on experiments and astronaut-inspired activities, they'll learn about space travel, rocket science, and the mysteries of the universe. Animal Explorers - July 14-18: Embark on a wild journey to discover animals from around the world! Campers will investigate different species, their habitats, and adaptations while participating in interactive wildlife-themed activities.

Code Makers - July 21-25: Enter the exciting world of coding and technology! Campers will learn the basics of programming, robotics, and problem-solving through fun, interactive challenges that bring their digital creations to life. For information, visit DHDC.

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TxDOT hopes to combat rise in pedestrian, cyclist deaths

AUSTIN - On his 10th birthday in 2020, Victor Peterzen received a brand-new bicycle. Just three months later, his life was tragically cut short in a crash while riding his bike through his northwest Houston neighborhood.

Sadly, similar tragedies continue to plague our state. In 2023, 914 bicyclists and pedestrians died in traffic crashes in Texas.

It's part of a rising trend in recent years as pedestrian deaths went up 22 percent and bicyclist fatalities increased 58 percent from 2019-2023.

Nearly five years after his death, Peterzen's family is working with TxDOT's "Be Safe. Drive Smart" campaign this spring to remind Texans to follow traffic laws and share the road safely with people walking and biking.

"Pedestrians and cyclists are among our most at-risk road users, and too many of them are killed or

injured in our communities each year," TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams said. "If everyone looks out for each other and follows the rules of the road, we can help prevent these terrible crashes."

TxDOT's campaign aims to raise awareness among all Texans—drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists alike—of the shared responsibility to help everyone get where they're going safely. To support this goal, the "Be Safe. Drive Smart" campaign is sending teams of "walking billboards" around the state to share vital safety messages in crash-prone areas.

Know the rules. Save a life. If you're driving: Stop and yield for pedestrians, bicyclists and other vulnerable road users in crosswalks. Give bikes space and pass at a safe distance. Yield when turning and always check for pedestrians and cyclists. Follow the speed limit and adjust for conditions.

If you're walking: Use crosswalks and obey traffic signals. Stick to sidewalks, but if none exist, walk facing traffic on the left side unless it is obstructed or unsafe. If you're biking:

Follow traffic laws and stop at red lights and stop signs. Ride in the same direction as traffic and use bike lanes or ride as near as possible to the right-hand curb.

Use hand signals for turns or stops. Equip your bike with lights at night, using a white light on the front and a red light or reflector on the back.

"Be Safe. Drive Smart" is an important part of TxDOT's Drive Like a Texan: Kind. Courteous. Safe. initiative. Drive like a Texan is about embracing the pride, camaraderie, and responsibility of being a Texan on the road. By making thoughtful choices, we can all help keep each other safe. Learn more at Drive-LikeATexan.com.



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Abbott names film workshop

Governor Greg Abbott and the Texas Film Commission this week announced a combined Film Friendly Texas & Digital Media Friendly Texas Workshop to be held virtually on April 10.

Communities across Texas interested in pursuing local job creation and economic expansion strategies by becoming Film Friendly Texas or Digital Media Friendly Texas Certified Communities are invited to attend.

"Texas' growing media production industry supports local jobs and creates revenue in communities across our great state," said Governor Abbott. "The Texas Film Commission works with our community partners to market their unique skills, attract new investments in media production, and drive local job growth. This partnership has attracted more than \$2.5 billion in local spending and created more than 189,000 production jobs across Texas. I invite all Texas communities to attend this virtual workshop to leverage the advantages of being certified as Film Friendly Texas and Digital Media Friendly Texas Communities."

The workshop, cohosted by the Texas Film Commission and the City of Cedar Park, offers professional development and information sessions, including "How to Become a Film Friendly Texas Certified Community" and "How to Become a Digital Media Friendly Texas Certified Community."

Community leaders who are employed by their city or county

government, convention and visitors bureau, chamber of commerce, or local economic development corporation and who will serve as the designated Film Friendly Texas and/or Digital Media Friendly Texas liaison for facilitating media production inquiries are encouraged to attend the virtual workshop.

Attending a Texas Film Commission workshop is one of the required steps for certification as a Film Friendly Texas Community and a Digital Media Friendly Texas Community. The virtual nature of the workshop presents a great opportunity to fulfill workshop attendance components of both programs.

For more information and to register for the Film Friendly Texas & Digital Media Friendly Texas Virtual Workshop, visit: gov.texas.gov/film/page/ftx_workshops.

The Film Friendly Texas Certified Community program launched in 2007 and now includes more than 175 Film Friendly Texas Certified Communities that are focused on developing media production industries in Texas to encourage job creation and economic growth. To learn more, visit: gov.texas.gov/film/page/ftx_overview.

The new Digital Media Friendly Texas Certified Community program launched last year to help Texas communities attract digital media production across the state and grow local jobs in animation, visual effects (VFX), video games, and extended reality (XR). To learn more, visit: gov.texas.gov/film/page/dmftx_overview.

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March 20
Bronco @ Greyhound Relays @ Gruver • TBA

March 21
Lady Broncos Softball v Lockney • Home • 4:00 p.m.

March 21
Broncos Baseball v Lockney • Home • 4:30 p.m.

March 21 & 22
Snow White • 7:30 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

March 23
Snow White • 2:00 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

March 25
Broncos Baseball v Memphis • Memphis • 4:30 p.m.

April 26
Chance Mark Jones Roar & Run 5K • 8:30 a.m. • Donley County Court House • Register online or at The Clarendon Visitor Center

Menus

March 17 - 21

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Chicken strips, gravy, macaroni & cheese, baked beans, whole wheat roll, coconut cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Tues: Meatloaf, cheesy potatoes, green beans, cornbread, blueberry cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Smothered steak, gravy, baked potato, broccoli & cauliflower, whole wheat roll, lemon cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Pot roast, gravy, potatoes, onions, carrots, green beans, whole wheat roll, peach cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Chili dog on a bun, baked beans, marinated cucumbers & onions, oatmeal raisin cookie, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Chicken strips, macaroni & cheese, mixed greens, mixed green salad, frosted lemon cupcake, banana, whole wheat buttermilk biscuit, iced tea/2% milk.
Tues: Cheesy ham & hashbrown casserole, broccoli & carrots, carrot cake and cream cheese frosting, fruit, whole wheat buttermilk biscuit, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Chicken fried steak, country gravy, homemade mashed potatoes, California blend vegetables, snickerdoodles, applesauce, whole wheat buttermilk biscuit, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Beef pot roast, brown gravy, roasted carrots, potatoes, onions, brown rice, whole wheat roll, fruit cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Bacon cheeseburger on a whole wheat bun, onion rings, mixed green salad, layer bars, apricots, iced tea/2% milk.

Clarendon CISD

Breakfast
Mon: Waffles, bacon, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Tues: Breakfast combo, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Wed: Breakfast pizza, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Thu: Breakfast cookie, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Fri: Donut, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Fish sticks, potatoes, okra, roll, fruit, milk.
Tues: Chicken fajitas, beans, carrots, salsa, sherbet, fruit, milk.
Wed: Meatball sub, salad, green beans, fruit, milk.
Thu: Popcorn chicken, roll, tomato cup, dessert, fruit, milk.
Fri: Potato bowl, roll, tomato cup, fruit, milk.

Hedley ISD

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

Lunch
Mon: Country fried steak, roll, potatoes, okra, strawberries, milk.
Tues: Tex mex stack, beans, carrots, salsa, hot cinnamon apples, sherbet, milk.
Wed: Potato bowl, roll, tomato cup, snowball salad, milk.
Thu: Popcorn chicken, roll, corn, broccoli salad, apples, milk.
Fri: Pizza, garden salad, green beans, peaches, milk.

Pantex and West Texas A&M University forge future of research with new facility

Pantex has sprouted roots in Canyon, Texas, with the launch of the Palo Duro Research Facility. The research facility is located on the campus of West Texas A&M University, approximately 50 miles southwest of the Pantex Plant. “We have had a really good relationship with WT,” said Darnell Austin, conduct of operations specialist. “This is something we’re really excited about and it fits what we’re trying to do.”

This is the first research lab Pantex has on a university campus. “As a proud member of The Texas A&M University System, WT is pleased to be associated with the System’s leadership partner role at Pantex and Los Alamos National Laboratory bringing integration between Nuclear Security Enterprise design agencies and production sites,” said Walter V. Wendler, president of West Texas A&M University. “Having Pantex on the campus is another way WT is serving locally first, paying attention to our region, and investing in people, programs, and places as THE Panhandle’s University.”

Pantex is dedicated to forming and maintaining strategic partnerships, and this facility emphasizes the importance of the continued collaboration with the Texas A&M University System.

“Pantex has long been proud to be a cornerstone of the Texas Panhandle community, just like West Texas A&M University,” PanTexAs Deterrence President and General Manager Dr. Kelly Beierschmitt said. “This partnership represents not just a physical space, but a commitment to the future – one that fosters innovation and collaboration.”

Once operated as a hospital, the building now belongs to WT with Pantex leasing the space.

After renovations, the research facility houses approximately 15 members of Pantex’s research – and development group, with more than 7,500 square-feet dedicated to research and lab areas plus office space. “The Palo Duro Research Center is more than just a physical structure – it is an environment where engineers and scientists will tackle the challenges of tomorrow while partnering with future leaders,” Tyfani Lanier, Pantex engineering director and chief engineer said. “We are investing in talent, building a pipeline of skilled workers who will contribute to the growth and security of our country.”

The facility welcomed occupants in March 2025. Dozens of people contributed to this project, which has been underway for approximately three years now.

“I have to give credit to everyone for the work they did,” said Ben Stallwitz, technology development director for Pantex Engineering. “I think you could point to a lot of people in a lot of organizations at Pantex and WT who worked hard to get this project across the finish line.”

Several years of research and working through requirement processes has led to this cost-effective solution.

“This space provides us a great opportunity to continue to grow our partnerships and leverage the collective intellectual horsepower of our researchers,” Stallwitz said. “This setup is more aligned to our explor-

atory research portfolio and our growing body of material science, digital technologies, and advanced manufacturing capabilities.”

It is also a convenient place for WT students in applicable science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields to have access to internship learning.

“The new Pantex Lab on the WT campus is more than just a facility – it is a bridge between education and industry, research and real-world application. This collaboration will provide students with hands-on experience, create workforce opportunities, and foster groundbreaking collaborations between WT and Pantex researchers,” said Dr. Angela Spaulding, vice president of Research and Compliance and dean of the Graduate School.

“The innovations developed here will drive economic growth and strengthen national security. Pantex has been a longstanding partner with WT, and we are excited to see this collaboration enter a new phase. We proudly welcome Pantex to the WT campus.”

Pantex’s commitment to the Texas Panhandle mirrors WT’s dedication to serving the region. Together, Pantex and WT are shaping a stronger, more dynamic future for the entire Panhandle.

“The addition of the Palo Duro Research Facility on WT’s campus furthers our commitment to being a regional research university,” Wendler said. “Having Pantex on campus provides an opportunity for our students that no other university has – we are proud to educate and train the future workforce that will contribute to the Pantex mission.”

Amarillo event to focus on genealogy

The Amarillo Public Library, Amarillo Genealogical Society, and Panhandle PBS will host “Finding Your Roots: A Genealogy Open House” on Thursday, March 20th from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

At the free come-and-go event, the public will learn more about the Downtown Library’s rich genealogical resources, view select Season 11 episodes of the PBS series “Finding Your Roots,” take part in a family recipe craft activity, and have the option to share personal recipe cards that illustrate their cultural heritage.

Assistance will be available for the public to access genealogy resources, including online and print materials. Refreshments will also be provided. “Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr.” airs on Panhandle PBS and helps expand America’s sense of self, stimulating a national conversation about identity

with humor, wisdom, and compassion. Harvard scholar Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and a team of genealogy specialists explore the ancestry of influential people, taking viewers deep into the past to reveal the connections that bind us all.

The “Family Recipes” episode of Season 11’s “Finding Your Roots” features celebrity chefs José Andrés and Sean Sherman exploring their ancestors’ connections to key moments in history, and to food. At the March 20th event, the public is welcome to bring written or typed family recipes to be scanned for this effort, which will be shared on the Panhandle PBS website, panhandlePBS.org/FamilyTreats.

Panhandle PBS’s “Family Treats” is a new, limited digital series inspired by the PBS show. Local interviews on family food heritage featuring Serbian, Turkish, Para-

guayan, and North American recipes and stories will be available weekly beginning March 18th on Panhandle PBS, the station’s YouTube channel, and website. A compilation of the interviews will be broadcast on Panhandle PBS Tuesday, April 15, at 8 p.m.

More information about the event and genealogy resources at the Downtown Library can be found at amarillolibrary.org or by calling 806-378-3054.

Season 11 of “Finding Your Roots” is airing now on Panhandle PBS Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. through April 8. More information is available at pbs.org/show/finding-your-roots with local Panhandle PBS “Family Treats” content to be available on the Panhandle PBS YouTube channel - youtube.com/PanhandlePBS - or on panhandlePBS.org/FamilyTreats.

Jackson bill would ensure veterans benefits

Congressman Ronny Jackson (TX-13) introduced the Fairness in Veterans’ Education Act to ensure that all service members and veterans receive their full benefits without being inadvertently charged an additional fee.

Specifically, this bill would reimburse service members who paid into the Montgomery GI Bill but later used Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits instead while on active duty. The legislation accomplishes this by eliminating an unnecessary require-

ment that ties compensation to a veteran’s final VA monthly housing payment.

“No service member should be punished simply for pursuing an education while on active duty,” Jackson said. “This bill is a necessary step toward restoring fairness to the VA system while supporting our veteran community, aligning with President Trump’s mission to provide top-tier care and support for those who have served this nation.”

“As a veteran, I’ll always stand

by those who served. This bill makes things right for the 25,000 service members who paid into the Montgomery GI Bill before qualifying for the Post-9/11 GI Bill,” said Sen. Jim Banks. “These are hard-earned benefits, and the federal government owes these veterans up to \$1,200. I want to make sure they get it.”

House Veterans’ Affairs Committee Economic Opportunity Subcommittee Chairman Derrick Van Orden (WI-03) is a cosponsor of Congressman Jackson’s bill.

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Bartley
Donna Sue Bartley, 80, of Clarendon passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, in Amarillo.



Donna's wish was to be cremated and there will be a celebration of life held at a later date.

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Donna was born August 20, 1944, in McLean to Pete and Geneva Graham. She was raised by her aunt and uncle, Jenella and Woody Wilkerson in McLean. She married Eddie Bartley on May 6, 1966, in McLean. She enjoyed sitting on the porch visiting with friends. She never met a stranger. Donna loved her family and always wanted to spend time with them. She lived in Beaver, Oklahoma for 20 years before moving to Clarendon in 1995. Donna was a beloved wife, mother, and grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and her sisters, Nedra Brooks and Sonie Bybee.

She is survived by her husband, Eddie Bartley of Clarendon; her daughter, Kari Bartley of Clarendon; a granddaughter, Kami of Clarendon; and several nieces and nephews.



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting March 18, 2025, with Boss Lion Richard Green in command.

We had twelve Lions present, two attending virtually, and Sweetheart Lauren Ceniceros.

Updates were presented by Lion Anndria Newhouse about a Blood drive April 8 from 1 to 6 at Lowe's parking lot. Lion Landon "L Jefe" Lambert gave an update for a few ramp projects this Saturday. We will start at 9 a.m. at 617 S. Gorst, and anyone is welcome to help. Lion John Howard gave an update regarding a proposed Emergency Command Center across from the jail.

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

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- Take heed
 - One's superior
 - Prepped meat
 - Tighten anew
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 - When you hope to get somewhere
 - Offender
 - Former NYC mayor Ed
 - Type of cryptocurrency
 - Mauna __, Hawaiian volcano
 - Herring-like fish
 - Popular PBS program
 - Congressman (abbr.)
 - Flightless Australian birds
 - Defrosted
 - Prior Yankee sensation Kevin
 - Nasal mucus
 - Some are southern
 - A place to construct
 - Popular beer brand
 - Shouts of farewell
 - Network of nerves
 - Make a mistake
 - Showed old movie
 - Body parts
 - A divisor
 - Congressional investigatory body
 - Papers
 - Most unnatural
 - Judge the worth of something
 - Makes sounds while sleeping
 - Which
 - Hungarian Violinist

- CLUES DOWN**
- Pages
 - Head pain
 - A loud utterance
 - Large brown seaweed
 - Hulu's chef Carmine
 - Greek mountain
 - Made final
 - Bar
 - Tai subgroup
 - What you eat
 - Teaches again
 - Small constellation
 - Type of berry
 - Cows fattened for meat
 - A way to hoof it
 - Exaggerated a role
 - About two
 - Long upholstered seat
 - What employees earn
 - Fiber from a coconut husk
 - Digits
 - Polish by rubbing
 - Liquid body substances
 - Furniture with open shelves
 - Edible part of a chicken
 - Satisfy
 - Tool used to remove
 - Icelandic poems
 - Swiss village
 - Drunks
 - Evergreen plant genus
 - Light precipitation
 - Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
 - An informal debt instrument



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Hedley athletes compete in Groom

Hedley High School and Junior High participated in the Groom Relays held on March 6-7. Below are the results for the Owls and Lady Owls:

Girls Varsity
 100-Meter Run: Lillie McCleskey - 14th, 15.2.
 400-Meter Run: Madison Moore - 5th, 1:14.5.

Discus: Abbey Branigan - 53'1".
Boys Varsity
 100-Meter Run: Payton Inman - 15th, 12.8; Takoda Edwards - 31st, 14.0; and Malachi Murphy - 26th, 13.5.

400-Meter Run: Payton Inman - 11th, 1:03.3; and Malachi Murphy - 20th, 1:09.20.

800-Meter Run: Payton Inman - 10th, 2:29.78; and Takoda Edwards - 2:32.

1600-Meter Run: Brandon Moore - 6:48; and Takoda Edwards - 6:13.

3200-Meter Run: Brandon Moore - 14:51.22.
 Long Jump: Takoda Edwards - 14'11.5"; and Payton Inman - 16'5.75".

Triple Jump: Malachi Murphy - 17th, 28'8".

Junior High Boys and Girls
 100-Meter Run: Bailey Curry - 25th, 16.9; Liberty Carter - 17th, 16.5; Alex Garcia - 8th, 13.9; and Jose Prieto - 17th, 15.3.

200-Meter Run: Bailey Curry - 28th, 36.8; Liberty Carter - 23rd, 35.8; Lily Stasio - 3rd, 30.30; and Alex Garcia - 8th, 29.8.

400-Meter Run: Nayeli Rodriguez - 12th, 1:20.4; Traci Love - 25th, 1:32.5; Alex Garcia - 4th, 1:06.2; Jose Prieto - 9th, 1:11.2; and Damien Alston - 14th, 1:14.7.

800-Meter Run: Nayeli Rodriguez - 7th, 3:04.5; Traci Love - 3:47.8; Damien Alston - 10th, 2:57.5; Maddex Gay - 9th, 4:32; and Jose Martinez - 2:56.4.

1200-Meter Run: Lily Stasio - 2nd, 4:45.31; Kutter O'Keefe - 3rd, 4:28.34; Noah Tindell - 5:06; and Paul Berry - 5:43.

2400-Meter Run: Lily Stasio - 1st, 10:02.8; Kutter O'Keefe - 5th, 9:55.52; Noah Tindell - 11:07.2; and Paul Berry - 16:21.

Shot Put: Josue Prieto - 1st, 34'1"; Jose Martinez - 23'0"; and Kutter O'Keefe - 22'5".

Discus: Josue Prieto - 3rd, 94'6.5"; Jose Martinez - 66'2.5"; and Kutter O'Keefe - 68'11.5".

Long Jump: Lily Stasio - 5th, 11'7.5"; and Kutter O'Keefe - 18th, 11'01".

Triple Jump: Maddex Gay - 16th, 23'0".
 High Jump: Lily Stasio - 6th, 4'0".



Lillie McCleskey runs the 100-meter ran in Groom. COURTESY PHOTO



Nayeli Rodriguez runs the 400-meter run at the Groom Relays. COURTESY PHOTO



Payton Inman does the long jump at the Groom Relays. COURTESY PHOTO



Kutter O'keefe throws the shot put in Groom. COURTESY PHOTO

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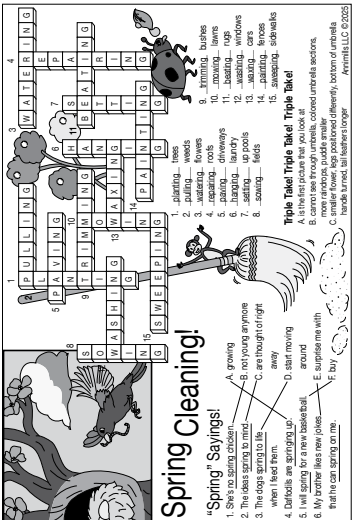
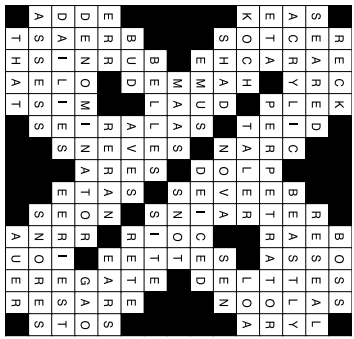
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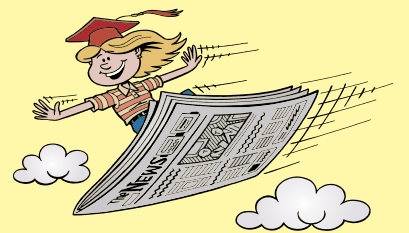
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Get Ready For Spring

I spring upon the pests in gardens to help clean them out!

Can you find and circle 10 words that begin with the letter "s"?

There are many jobs to be done after a long winter. People in the city, town and country all do spring cleaning and chores based on their needs. How many different jobs have you seen people doing? How many have you helped to do? **Read the clues to fill in the crossword with chores.** (Hint: use a pencil to fill in the clues below first. This puzzle is a bit tricky!)

Flowers spring up, leaves spring open, baby animals spring to life!

Tee hee! No spring chicken!

1. _____ trees
2. _____ weeds
3. _____ flowers
4. _____ roofs
5. _____ driveways
6. _____ laundry
7. _____ up pools
8. _____ fields
9. _____ bushes
10. _____ lawns
11. _____ rugs
12. _____ windows
13. _____ cars
14. _____ fences
15. _____ sidewalks

"Spring" Sayings! Lots of things spring to mind when we think of the word "spring."
Match each "spring" phrase below to its meaning:

1. She's no spring chicken.
2. The ideas spring to mind.
3. The dogs spring to life when I feed them.
4. Daffodils are springing up.
5. I will spring for a new basketball.
6. My brother likes new jokes that he can spring on me.

A. growing
B. not young anymore
C. are thought of right away
D. start moving around
E. surprise me with
F. buy



Medal of Honor honorees

Memphis Police Chief Rex Plant honored several citizens with Medal of Honor awards last Friday during the Memphis Chamber Awards Banquet. Plant was shot October 3 while attempting to serve an arrest warrant. The awards were his personal way of recognizing the people who rushed to help him that night. Shown here are Jennifer Chamonix, Chief Deputy Dave Thomas, Chief Plant, and Fireman Chris Rocha. Plant also honored Zack Altman and Hall County Sheriff Tom Heck, who were not present at the banquet.

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Memphis Chamber Winners

The Memphis Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet was held last Friday, March 14. Those honored were Citizen of the Year – Barney Barnett of B&B Trucking; Business of the Year – Cow Licks Hair Salon, represented by Stacy Tippett; and Lifetime Achievement Award – Randy Davis. Tippett was also the winner of a 65-inch TV donated by Ballew Plumbing.

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