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Clarendon Pride



Johnson named to 2A All-State team

Clarendon senior center and Bronco workhorse Marshal Johnson was awarded for his good play in the State Tournament by being named to the 2A All-State basketball team.

Johnson has been part of a very successful Bronco team and a force to be reckoned with all season. Johnson posted 29 total points and 13 rebounds in the two games.

Bear Smith and Colt Wood were named to the Second All-State Team. Both Smith and Wood also played a big part in the success of the Bronco team. Smith finished with 21 total points and 16 rebounds in the two games, while Wood put in 24 points and five rebounds for the games.

Two injured by fire on JA last Thursday

Two Borger firefighters were injured last Thursday when a prescribed burn on the JA Ranch jumped its containment area.

Clarendon Fire Chief Jeremy Powell said the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched at 5:37 p.m. after the two men were injured by a fire tornado that carried flames across the containment lines.

Ten units and 22 men from Clarendon responded to the call.

"The fire was contained by indirect attack," Powell said. "We backburned the fire into itself from secondary containment lines."

Powell said the fire was contained in about five hours.

Media reports identified the injured firemen as Chief Bob Watson and Clay Lozier, both of Borger. They were airlifted to a Lubbock hospital with burns on their hands and faces.

Sales tax increases for city this month

Clarendon's sales tax revenue posted a gain when Comptroller Glenn Hegar distributed allocations to local governments last week.

After dropping slightly more than one percent last month, Clarendon posted a gain of 3.94 percent this month with an allocation of \$26,468.06. That brings the city's calendar year-to-date total to \$95,171.05, which is an increase of 4.39 percent over the same point in 2016.

Other local municipalities did not post growth. Hedley was down 2.41 percent at \$398.56 and now slips 13.96 for the year at \$1,867.01. Howardwick was off 36.44 percent for the month at \$111.59 and is down 43 percent for the year at \$2,167.91.

Statewide, Heger sent \$619.7 million in local sales tax allocations for March, 5.8 percent more than in March 2016. These allocations are based on sales made in January by businesses that report tax monthly.

"The cities of Houston, San Antonio, Fort Worth and Austin saw noticeable increases in sales tax allocations," Hegar said. "The cities of McAllen and Sugar Land saw noticeable decreases."



Broncos take 2nd at state

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon Broncos closed out a stellar season Saturday, finishing as the Class 2A Runners-Up at the State Tournament, defeating Thorndale in the semi-finals Friday before losing to Muenster in the championship game.

The squad, led by four outstanding seniors, was a team made up of very unselfish players who all year looked down the road to San Antonio. The state championship was in their sight the entire season and, along with the coaching staff, played every game with intensity and determination.

It was Clarendon's first semi-final appearance since 2011, and the Broncos first time to play in the championship game since 1970.

In the post-championship game press conference Saturday, senior Bryce Grahn talked about the family relationship the team had and the absence of friend and teammate Riley Shadle, who suffered a severe spinal cord injury during a 2015 football game.

"We were very, very blessed. We put in a lot of hard work and a lot of hours - nights and mornings - that people don't see," Grahn said. "We're thankful that our bodies are healthy and that God gave us an opportunity to do this. We have a friend at home who isn't able to do this. Basketball is just a small piece of life. There's a lot more after this. We were all very blessed to be here and have the community behind us."

Coach Brandt Lockhart also said this Bronco team was unique for its closeness and having been together for many years.

"We've played 250 games probably since sixth grade," Lockhart said. "This is a great group of kids. It's a dream come true to get to come down here and play. All these guys brought us here."

The semi-final game in San Antonio's Alamodome on Friday, March 10, was exceptional in every way for the Broncos. Facing off against Thorndale, who was ranked 25th in the standings, the Broncos were on fire on both ends of the court.

Thorndale kept it close in the first quarter and even led by one early on. But the Broncos exploded in the second quarter and put the game out of reach for Thorndale. They led 39-16 at the half and never looked back and went on to win 59-35. They shot

See 'Broncos' on page 7.



Clarendon senior Bryce Grahn (right) congratulates his freshman brother Caton (left) after he scored the last point during the Broncos' semi-final win over Thorndale Friday.



Clarendon seniors Colt Wood and Bryce Grahn watch as senior Marshal Johnson puts up two points during the semi-final victory over Thorndale last Friday in San Antonio's Alamodome. Johnson led the team Friday with 18 points and eight rebounds.

Cash donations being sought for wildfire damages

Wildfires that ravaged the eastern and northern Panhandle regions last week have spurred an outpouring of donations from around the state and nation to help ag producers in a time of crisis.

Danny Nusser, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service regional program leader in Amarillo, said late last week that hay donations have been received to cover ranchers' needs for the time being.

"We want to thank everyone

for the overwhelming support of hay and feed in the last 5 days," Nusser said. "We are now to a point at all of the supply points to focus our effort towards delivery of the donated feed and hay to producers in the county. We feel like we will have ample supply of feed and hay to meet the ranchers' needs for 2-3 weeks."

The greatest needs going forward, Nusser said, are monetary donations to the accounts supporting ranchers' needs in the future.

Driven by high winds and dry conditions, Panhandle wildfires burned almost 500,000 acres, killed four people and many head of livestock, and caused millions of dollars in property damage, including critical infrastructure like fences.

Governor Greg Abbott declared a State of Disaster in Gray, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts, and Wheeler counties, and the State of Texas has asked the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

for a Secretarial Disaster Declaration to activate the USDA Farm Service Agency's Emergency Loan Program to help eligible farmers and ranchers rebuild and recover from losses sustained by the wildfires.

Last week's wildfires have had a devastating impact on a significant portion of the Texas Panhandle," said Governor Abbott. "Texans have always been resilient in their response to disasters and this time will be no different. Cecilia and I

thank the first responders who are working tirelessly to help all those affected, and we continue to ask that all Texans keep the Panhandle community and the families of the victims of this disaster in their thoughts and prayers."

For those interested in donating, a public service announcement with important information is on page 10 of this week's ENTERPRISE. For general questions about relief efforts, call 806-677-5628.

WARNING: The following column is an editorial (i.e., an opinion, a point of view) and may contain ideas with which some readers may freely disagree and which may or may not be classified by the White House as a danger to America. Read at your own risk.

Keep the sun shining on our officials

Your right to know what is going on with your government – from City Hall to the White House – is a cornerstone of a free republic. It is appropriate then to reflect on the defenders of that right at this time as America observes Sunshine Week March 12-18.

Some might say that the sunshine has been eclipsed somewhat over the last couple of months by the shadow of a larger than life personality that now leads this great nation. For those of us whose duty it is to report on the goings on of government there are signs of trouble emanating from Washington.

Journalists are not unfamiliar with people taking exception to what they write. In fact, if you haven't taken some arrows in your time, you probably haven't done much as a reporter.

Your editor has been called many things in the last 21 years. Some of them can't be repeated in a family publication. The funniest was this week when he was labeled a "Democrat." But perhaps the most interesting came last month from the highest levels of the federal government... an enemy of the people.

That moniker came from President Donald J. Trump who has repeatedly labeled the press as "the enemy of the people" and derides media outlets he disagrees with as "fake news."

There is, of course, an adversarial relationship between the press and those in positions of authority. This is nothing new and it is not limited to the national stage. It happens on the local level, and your editor has at times been at odds with different local officials to the point of even being lectured or ridiculed in public meetings by county commissioners, city aldermen, and school board members. It's not fun, but you develop a thick skin and realize you're doing your job when a public official squeals for having been called out for his actions.

The troubling thing about Mr. Trump is the level and intensity of his rhetoric. "Enemy of the people" is a phrase that students of history know has been used by some pretty bad company... people like the Nazis, Lenin, Stalin, and other dictators.

If the president doesn't like the press nosing around his business, calling the press "the enemy of the people" was probably not the wisest thing for him to do. Because now "the media" is going to be on him like stink on a cow patty. That his appointees and even the president himself can't abstain from saying stupid things isn't helping the administration either.

Now our conservative friends will say that CNN, THE NEW YORK TIMES, and MSNBC are clearly biased against Republicans and are not the equivalent of THE CLARENDON ENTERPRISE. And, they would say, that the president's comments are against those leftist news organizations.

But truly you need to understand one thing... the First Amendment does not discriminate based on political persuasion. Freedom of the press covers THE WASHINGTON POST, ABC News, and the newspaper you hold in your hands. And when a president starts labeling "the media" as "the enemy of the people," then rest assured all media will – or should – lock arms to defend one another. If you need an example of that, you need to look no further than FoxNews' Sheppard Smith defending a CNN reporter who was belittled by the incoming president earlier this year.

CNN is not fake news. THE NEW YORK TIMES is not fake news. You may disagree with their editorial points of view, but these are organizations that generally uphold the highest standards of journalism.

The problem with our society today is that people will believe anything they read on social media and take it for face value. They follow "news" sites that simply espouse a political viewpoint. The right and the left have their chosen sources, and many people don't take the time to read anything that doesn't fit their world view. That's fine. It's all covered by the First Amendment. But not taking a balanced approach to news consumption is a large part of what has led to the extreme polarization of this country.

You have a right to know what's going on with your government. That's what Sunshine Week is about. The biggest defender of that right is not breitbart.com or World Net Daily. It is the traditional media – the often vilified "press" – that people love to hate. The big boys will hold the president's feet to the fire – and even help bring him down if necessary, while the ENTERPRISE and thousands of other hometown newspapers across this land will continue to shine the light on city councils, school boards, college boards, and county commissions.

Together we'll fight in state legislatures and in Congress to keep government practices open so that you can see what your elected representatives are doing and find out what they are up to... even when they don't want you to know.



editor's commentary by Roger Estlack

One Texan's reach for the stars

When folks strive greatly to take from life what matters most – learning along the way that it's mostly about giving – phrases like "giant strides" or "standing tall" come into play. It seems "Texan to the core" to do so.

Sometimes, though, along comes someone who learns early on that noteworthy accomplishments also can come from taking smaller steps, reaching higher and working harder.

Such was a delightful man named Richard (Dick) Collins, a favorite by any measure. On graduation day in 1948, he and 23 classmates proudly accepted diplomas at Chillicothe High School. Under four feet tall, this oldest of five children endeared himself to his family, school and the community, a pattern that defined him throughout life. He loomed large in giving back.

Having taken more in hardscrabble values from the Great Depression than it robbed of him, this 18-year-old visited Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, hoping to study journalism there.

He wasn't optimistic, since he had no folding money and little that jangled, but President Rupert Richardson bade him enroll, if he'd work in the kitchen. (It's worth noting that while many students were on the "freshman 15" weight-gain list, he added height instead. At graduation four years later, he had gained a foot in front of a height.)

Kitchen duty was short-lived. Soon he was writing sports for the campus newspaper, followed by work alongside coaches, promoting H-SU sports across the land....

Never forgetting his roots, he made sure to return to family gatherings – as well as those at H-SU – throughout his life. Even at age 86 – months before his death – he arose early, slapped a sandwich together and headed for Oklahoma City. He allowed himself just one stop so he could arrive by mid-afternoon for maximum time with family.

He led the laughter, requiring little coaxing to tell and retell stories kin always wanted to hear.

"If you didn't love Uncle Richard after just five minutes, you just weren't paying attention," said nephew Bob Renn, whose wife Debbie is writing a book about his father....

the idle american by don newbury

Stories abounded at Collins' Austin funeral recently and at his Chillicothe burial. Bill Allred, a favorite cousin, spoke of their African safari. Carlene Spicer, an H-SU colleague at whose home Collins and other campus visitors landed regularly, told about his once asking her to teach him from a high shelf. Standing a millimeter over five feet, she said, "Dick, you're the first person who has EVER asked me to teach for something." He chuckled, "Well, that's one more than has asked me."

Collins loved life, serving as Sports Information Director at H-SU (and later, *****

briefly at Howard Payne), as well as writing sports in Wichita Falls, Amarillo, Abilene, Pampa and Austin.

He won awards both as a journalist and a realtor. While in Austin, he struck up friendships with the late Darrell Royal and renowned golfer Ben Crenshaw. At the funeral, Crenshaw mentioned enjoying numerous rounds of golf with Collins. "It was Dick," he said, "who first called me 'Gentle Ben'." (Dick wrote about all sports, favoring track and field, and covered several Olympics....)

Around age 50, Collins entered the real estate world, making his mark there, too. He was employed until his death, greatly lengthening his list of friends.

Modest to a fault and never yielding to use of the "why me?" line, he survived much. He endured two open-heart surgeries, and a serious injury on an H-SU basketball trip.

He worked long hours, and spent big chunks of time watching two TV screens. (One was always on the golf channel, the other on whatever might be "in season.")

His "bucket list" never shortened. Whenever he marked an item off, he added another. He and cousin Bill had planned another trip to Hawaii about now, but death intervened. Oh, and that root-remembering thing: The bulk of his estate goes to H-SU, where he knew there still are wide-eyed freshmen showing up short of folding money....

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Repair Texas' Public Information Act

By Kelley Shannon

Freedom of Information Foundation

We Texans are fortunate when it comes to access to government information.

Correction. We were fortunate.

For more than 40 years, Texas' open records law was one of the nation's strongest. The Texas Public Information Act, originating during a time of scandal in the early 1970s, presumes all government records are available to citizens, unless there's a specific exception preventing release of the document.

But our modern era of openness shifted dramatically with two state Supreme Court decisions in 2015 known as the Boeing ruling and the Greater Houston Partnership ruling. Both put many government financial records off limits to citizens.

If the damage isn't repaired in this legislative session, Texas will be back in the pack compared with other states' transparency laws. Details on the spending of many millions of dollars in taxpayer money will be secret.

Sadly, the message to citizens will be: "Don't bother asking. It's none of your business."

As we embark on Sunshine Week, March 12-18, let's commit to maintaining Texas' national standing as a leading right-to-know state. The free flow of accurate information has always been important. It's especially so in this time of misinformation and fake news.

The so-called Boeing ruling allows all sorts of contracts the government holds with private businesses to be sealed from public view. The govern-

ment or the private entity simply must claim a record's release would lead to a competitive disadvantage - not a decisive disadvantage, buy any disadvantage.

You want to see your school district's bus or food service contracts so that you know whether your taxpayer money is being well spent? Good luck. Already, some of those basic documents have been ruled unobtainable. The same has happened to requestors seeking taxi and ride-sharing company filings with the government. Small business owners who want to view the winning contracts awarded by a local community college also have been thwarted.

In one of the most unbelievable examples, the city of McAllen failed to reveal how much taxpayer money it paid entertainer Enrique Iglesias to perform in a city holiday festival. The Attorney General's Office, citing the Boeing court ruling, agreed to the withholding. The state office has made hundreds of similar closed records decisions because of the Boeing case.

The Greater Houston Partnership decision prevents the public from viewing the financial books of non-profits that are supported by taxpayer money and act in a government agency fashion. Often, economic development activities are farmed out to these types of nonprofits, as they were to GHP. To prevent corruption and hold these agencies accountable, public oversight of how they spend money is necessary through the Texas Public Information Act.

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Free Legal Advice program coming to Clarendon

A pilot project has been launched to help residents in rural Texas get free legal assistance thanks to funding from the Texas Bar Foundation.

The new project, called the Rural Clinics Pilot Project, is a joint effort coordinated by the Texas Legal Services Center, Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas, and the Burton Memorial Library. Through the project, Clarendon residents will be able to get free face-to-face legal advice from a licensed attorney over video chat on the Internet.

The ability to get free and reliable legal advice can have long-lasting, positive effects on Texans and their families. Indeed, it can mean the difference between saving

a house from foreclosure, avoiding eviction, or gaining custody of a child. Unfortunately, not all Texans are able to get legal advice, whether due to the cost of obtaining legal help or the lack of resources experienced by civil legal service providers. In fact, there is only one legal aid lawyer for every 9,800 Texans who qualify for services. Those who live in rural Texas face additional hardship in finding legal advice or representation.

Eligible residents will be given advice on a variety of civil legal matters such as divorce, custody, child support, eviction, foreclosure, and debt collection.

To participate, Clarendon residents should call 806-373-6808

DPS urges drivers to practice safety during spring break

AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is reminding Texans that Spring Break represents a break from school and work – but not safety. In expectation of increased highway traffic, the department is urging drivers to obey all traffic laws and use extra caution when driving during the weeks of Spring Break.

"DPS is calling on all drivers to do their part to keep Texas roadways safe for travelers during the busy spring vacation season," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "By always driving sober, obeying traffic laws and keeping your attention on the road, Texans can decrease their chances of being involved in a life-threatening situation or crash."

In addition, DPS Troopers and local law enforcement in the coastal

areas of Texas will be enhancing enforcement efforts during Spring Break, watching for speeders, drunk drivers and seat-belt violators.

The Texas Department of Public Safety offers the following tips for safe travel during the Spring Break holiday:

- Slow down – especially in bad weather, construction areas, heavy traffic and unfamiliar areas.

- Eliminate distractions while driving, including the usage of mobile devices.

- Buckle up everyone in the vehicle – it's the law.

- Don't drive fatigued, and allow plenty of time to reach your destination.

- Drive defensively, as holiday travel may present additional challenges.

- Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained before your trip begins.

- Slow down or move over for tow trucks, as well as police, fire, EMS and Texas Department of Transportation vehicles stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated – it's the law.

- Also, show the same courtesy to fellow drivers stopped along the road.

US citizens traveling abroad should always check the US Department of State website for the latest security information related to their travel destination. Those traveling out of the country can also register with the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program by visiting <http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/country.html>.

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The United Christians Breakfast is Feb. 16

The March United Christians Breakfast will be held at 7:00 a.m. Thursday, March 16, 2017, at the Fellowship Hall in the First United Methodist Church.

After breakfast the program will be brought by Kay Linesay, talented musician and former missionary.

Come out and enjoy breakfast and a program plus a time of fellowship. Will conclude by 8:00 so you can get about your daily activity.

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4.9% shopped for women's shoes

Technological innovation and the economic downturn has changed the way that U.S. consumers shop. Consumers are making more destination shoppers, making more considered purchases and doing their homework before buying. According to Nielsen, 55% of all U.S. adults read a newspaper in print or online in the past week; over 170 million adults. For those shopping online, 45% are using an opt-in medium in an opt-out world.

95% of U.S. adults report that the recession has impacted their shopping in some way, 70% say they are buying less. Adults also plan purchases more (67%). Adults purchases continue to be predominantly made at stores (73%) though shopping information channels have dramatically expanded.

59% of adults rank newspapers first as the media used to help plan shopping or make purchasing decisions in the past 7 days. 80% of adults say they are more likely to look at advertising when reading the paper.

41% say newspapers are the medium used most to check out ads, more than all electronic media combined. (TV, radio, Internet)

77% of newspaper readers took an action as a result of a print newspaper ad in the past 30 days. 59% clipped a coupon, 52% bought something advertised and 45% visited a store.

60% of newspaper readers followed up a newspaper ad online in some way, 44% went to a website after seeing a print newspaper ad and 28% conducted an online search after seeing a newspaper ad.

82% of newspaper readers used a smartphone in the last month to check out a print newspaper ad. 55% keep inserts 4-4 days, 59% used to compare prices, 55% used to compare one circular to another, 53% used to compare ads from different sources, 43% used to make an unplanned purchase.

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March 17
St. Patrick's Day

Broncos v Kress • 4:30 p.m. • Away

Lady Broncos v Follett • 1 p.m. • Home

March 18
Lady Broncos v Alumni • 1 p.m. • Home

March 21
Broncos v River Road • 4 p.m. • Away

Lady Broncos v Claude • 4 p.m. • Away

March 24
Broncos v Memphis • 4 p.m. • Home
• McClellan field

April 1
Clarendon College Invitational Judging
Contest

Whistle-Stop Trade Days

April 2
Whistle-Stop Trade Days

April 8
Lions Club's Chance Mark Jones 'Roar
N Run' 5K

May 6
Saints' Roost Rough Stock Challenge

Whistle-Stop Trade Days

May 7
Whistle-Stop Trade Days

★ Menus

March 20 - 24

Donley County Senior Citizens

Mon: Spaghetti/meat sauce, garlic bread, tossed salad, green peas & carrots, cookies, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Roast beef sandwich, relish plate, cucumber/tomato salad, fruit salad, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Barbecue chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, whole wheat roll, vanilla pudding, iced tea/2% milk.
Thu: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes mixed vegetables, whole wheat roll, strawberries w/whipped topping, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Cheeseburger on bun, baked sweet potatoes, fries, lettuce, tomato, onions, sugar cookie, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: BBQ beef sandwich, tator tots, carrots & zucchini, ambrosia, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Herb roasted chicken, potato wedges, margarine, peas & carrots, strawberries w/whip topping, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Glazed meatloaf, red bliss potatoes, breadstick, mixed vegetables, country apple crisp, iced tea/2% milk.
Thu: Chicken tenders, baked potatoes w/sour cream, peas & carrots, strawberries w/whip cream., iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Turkey pot pie, whole wheat roll, margarine, seasoned corn, tostes salad w/dressing, ambrosia, iced tea/2% milk.

Clarendon ISD

Breakfast
Mon: Pancakes, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Tue: Breakfast, fruit, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Wed: Scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Thu: Sausage kolache, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Fri: Egg & cheese sandwich, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Steak finger, gravy, roll, mashed potatoes, carrots corn, fruit milk.
Tue: Spaghetti, breadstick, salad, California blend, milk.
Wed: Chicken quesadilla, corn, beans, salad, salsa, fruit, milk.
Thu: Texas chili, cornbread, broccoli bites, tomato cup, fruit, milk.
Fri: Popcorn chicken, roll, oven fries, cucumber dippers, fruit, milk.

Hedley ISD

Breakfast
Mon: Sausage roll, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Tue: Cheese omelet wrap, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Wed: Breakfast pizza, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Thu: Waffles & sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Fri: Cinnamon roll & bacon, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Country fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, savory green beans, strawberry cup, roll, milk.
Tue: Meat & cheese nachos, salsa, refried beans, lettuce & tomato garnish, rosy applesauce, milk.

Wed: Pepperoni pizza, garden salad, vegetable medley, orange smiles, milk.
Thu: Soft beef tacos, Mexican corn, salad, baby carrots, cookie, peaches, milk.

Fri: Hamburger or cheeseburger, sweet potato fries, coleslaw, apple slices, milk.

Virtual child kidnapping imposter scam returns

Hi, gang! This week we have warnings about the return of the "kidnapped child" scam, identity theft, and companies who claim to make it in the USA.

"Scammers even impersonate kidnappers" by Alesha Hernandez, FTC.

Imposters will pretend to be anyone to get you to send them money. Recently, reports of the virtual child kidnapping imposter scam have resurfaced. The scam begins with a call from someone claiming to have kidnapped a child in your family. You may even hear sounds of a child in distress in the background.

The scammer demands money immediately, often wanting money sent through a wire transfer service or by prepaid card. The scammer may even insist that you keep the call a secret and not alert the police. These calls are fake and law enforcement organizations, like the FBI, are aware of this type of scam. If you get a call like this, resist the urge to send money immediately, no matter how dramatic the story. These scammers are good at pressuring you to

send money before you have time to think. How do they know your information? Scammers will search the internet and social media sites to get personal information. It's natural to want to check on your child's safety, even if your head tells you the call is fake. That's OK. Contact your child or their school directly. Then you can report this fraud to ftc.gov/complaint.

"Government imposters want to get to know you," by Lisa Lake, FTC

The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the FTC want you to know about a scam in which callers posing as federal employees are trying to get or verify personal information. This is a government imposter scam. Sometimes, the caller asks you to verify your name, and then just hangs up. Other times, she might ask for detailed information — like the last digits of your Social Security Number or bank account number over the phone. Also, just because the caller knows details about you, doesn't mean she is trustworthy. The caller typically asks you to

you or sell your information to other crooks.

Your caller ID might even read "HHS whittlin' Tips" or "Federal Government" when they call. The phone number could have the "202" Washington, DC area code, the headquarters for many federal agencies.

The phone number may even be for a real government agency. But don't be fooled: Scammers know how to rig their caller IDs to show false information. So how can you tell the caller is an imposter? The federal government typically will contact you by U.S. Mail first, not by phone or email. Federal agencies will not demand personal information like your Social Security Number or bank account number over the phone. Also, just because the company's products originated in other countries. In fact, the company's pulleys used steel plates produced overseas that were pre-stamped "Made in USA" before they were shipped into the United States. The caller typically asks you to

send money — often via wire transfer, by using a prepaid debit card, or maybe by sending you a fake check to cash. Federal agencies will not ask you to use any of these methods to send money for any reason. And what should you do? Hang up. Do not give out any personal or financial information. Contact the Department of Health and Human Services OIG at 1-800-HHS-TIPS (1-800-447-8477) or spoof@oig.hhs.gov File a complaint with the FTC at ftc.gov/complaint or 877-FTC-HELP.

"Made in USA" should mean it," by Alesha Hernandez, FTC

As the result of a lawsuit and settlement with the Federal Trade Commission, Block Division, Inc., a Texas-based company, has promised to halt its misleading claims that its pulley blocks and equipment were "Made in the USA." Many parts of the company's products originated in other countries. In fact, the company's pulleys used steel plates produced overseas that were pre-stamped "Made in USA" before they were shipped into the United States. Block Division sells metal pulleys

for industrial and personal use — for example, for farming and ranching, to provide handicap rigging, to lift boats, to operate overhead doors, or to move theatrical scenery. The company was ordered to stop making any false claim that its products were "Made in the USA" and to ensure its advertisements, sales, distribution and product labeling remain in compliance.

The FTC's long-standing Enforcement Policy Statement on US Origin Claims helps businesses know when it's appropriate to use the "Made in USA" label. That, in turn, helps you trust the labels you see. A company that makes a "Made in the USA" product should be able to prove that all or virtually all of that product was made in the United States. Products processed or finished in the USA that have materials from other countries shouldn't be labeled "Made in the USA" without further explanation.

Have a feeling that a product isn't "Made in USA" as labeled? File a complaint with the FTC. Stay safe out there!

Keeping the lights on



'wick picks
by peggy cockerham
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is no restaurant open past 8 p.m. Yes, Sonic, DQ, Subway, and Pizza Hut may be open, but a sit-down restaurant with steak on the menu is not.

When I travel to Chicago, I expect deep-dish pizza. Philadelphia calls for Philly cheese steak, the Gulf coast fresh fish, and steak. Residents and long-term visitors complain of nothing to do at night. When the Mulkey has undergone its restoration, perhaps it will alleviate that need. The Chamber of Commerce works to make the city of Clarendon more welcoming. Everyone should step up and do their part to reassure visitors we do have electricity!

Please be careful with fire. As we have seen, the smallest spark can set off a grass fire that takes lives, homes, and livestock. Pray for all the people who were affected by the fires and ask God's blessing over all.

Following the Bronco team



the cub reporter
by benjamin estack

Last weekend, me and my family got to go to San Antonio for the boys' basketball tournament to see the Broncos in the state semi-finals.

But before we got to the day of the tournament, we had to drive there. And when we got there, we went to the Riverwalk.

Then on Saturday was the state finals, and it was Clarendon vs. Thorndale. We ended up winning 59 to 35.

Then on Saturday was the state

finals and everyone was wondering who would win as state champions.

We didn't get first, but we still came in second place, which is really good.

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Hedley's OAP advances to Bi-District Competition Hedley's One Act Play, "Dark Road" written by Laura Lundgreen, will advance to Bi-District competition. Also advancing are Groom and White Deer. Hedley brought home several individual awards as well, including Kylie Wood and Ida Thomasen's All Star Cast Awards; Kallie Lindsey, Abigail Lopez and Taylor Monroe earning Honorable Mention All Star Cast; and Cody Cabler bringing home best sound technician over all.



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Chuck is an active member of the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department and the Clarendon Lions Club and has previously been recognized as the Man of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce. He also serves on the board of the Citizens Cemetery; and since 2013 he has served on the Clarendon ISD Board of Trustees.

The Whistle-Stop and the community salute Chuck Robertson for his service to local families and his service to the community. Thank you, Chuck!

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Venom game to benefit wildfire victims

AMARILLO – With the fires extinguished or contained and as the communities in the Texas Panhandle begin the task of putting their lives back together following the devastating fires, the Amarillo Venom have chosen to join the relief efforts by foregoing admission for this Saturday night's game against Dallas Marshals and, instead, seek donations.

Beginning Today, Monday March 13, free tickets – while they last – can be picked up at the Civic Center box office, by calling the Venom at 806.350.7277. The Venom will be taking donations at the game, 100 percent of which will go to the

Texas Panhandle fire relief efforts.

"We are – and always have been – neighbors first and a business second," said Venom owner Stephanie Tucker. "And right now, our friends, family and neighbors need our help. Growing up on a family farm and ranch, and still have the majority of my family in this line of work, makes this fire hit closer to home. The lives lost and the livelihoods in devastation make this a no-brainer. Our family, while living in Wheeler, had to evacuate our home and that was one of the scariest moments in my life. The Tucker family along with many of our friends and sponsors have come

together to make this night happen."

Thanks to our friends at Amarillo National Bank, Diversified Waste Management, Dobbs Pumps, McDonalds, Triangle Realty, and Western Equipment, along with media partners, KGNC for helping us make this night possible.

The Amarillo Venom, members of the Champions Indoor Football League, host the Dallas Marshals Saturday night, March 18, at the Amarillo Civic Center Complex Coliseum. Game time is 7:05 p.m. Gates open at 6:00pm. First 100 fans through the gate will receive a free t-shirt courtesy of Western Equipment.

Cornyn bill would enhance cybersecurity

WASHINGTON – US Senators John Cornyn (R-TX), Patrick Leahy (D-VT), and Ted Cruz (R-TX) introduced the National Cybersecurity Preparedness Consortium Act to authorize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to work with the National Cybersecurity Preparedness Consortium (NCPC) to help prepare for and respond to cybersecurity risks at the national, state, and local levels.

"With national security threats constantly evolving, we must take every precaution to ensure our communities are well-equipped to respond," said Sen. Cornyn. "This bill would bring all hands on deck, including UTSA and Texas A&M, to help train states and local governments to guard against a potential cyberattack."

"Cybersecurity is an imperative for us all. From large corporations to small businesses and individual Vermonters, to government agencies, our digital security is increasingly at risk," said Sen. Leahy. "I have

long supported the National Cybersecurity Preparedness Consortium to educate our communities to defend and recover from cyberattack. The bipartisan legislation we are introducing today will help to ensure continued collaboration between cybersecurity expertise developed at our nation's finest educational institutions and state and local governments. I am proud to support this bipartisan effort."

"The ever-increasing cyber threat, whether from state actors or rogue entities, requires continued vigilance to safeguard federal, state, and local infrastructure," said Sen. Cruz. "This bill will help ensure that state and local communities are able to receive training and preparation to strengthen their capabilities. I'm proud to work on legislation that is being spearheaded by Texas universities and appreciate the assistance of my colleagues to help our local and state officials fight and respond to cyberattacks."

The NCPC is comprised of

university-based training entities including The University of Texas at San Antonio, Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service, The University of Arkansas, The University of Memphis, and Norwich University.

Under this bill, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security would be authorized to work with the National Cybersecurity Preparedness Consortium to:

- Provide training to state and local first responders and officials, develop curriculums, and provide technical assistance;
- Conduct cross-sector cybersecurity training and simulation exercises for state and local governments, critical infrastructure owners and operators, and private industry;
- Help states and communities develop cybersecurity information sharing programs; and
- Help incorporate cybersecurity risk and incident prevention and response into existing state and local emergency plans and continuity of operations plans.

Thornberry votes in support of defense appropriations bill

WASHINGTON – US Congressman Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon), Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, voted last week in support of the "Fiscal Year 2017 Defense Appropriations," H.R. 1301, which appropriates nearly \$577.9 billion in funding for national defense. The bill passed by an overwhelmingly bipartisan vote of 371 to 48.

"By passing this bill with a strong bipartisan vote, Congress sent an important message to the men and women of the military as well as to allies and potential adversaries

around the world. It is an essential first step to repair and rebuild our military. But it is not enough. We must follow it up with a supplemental appropriations bill and a FY 2018 funding level that fulfills the first responsibility of the federal government, which is to defend the country," Thornberry said.

When combined with the funding provided in the continuing resolution supplemental enacted in December, defense funding for the 2017 fiscal year totals \$584 billion.

In District 13, the bill appropriates funding for national security

facilities and programs such as training missions at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls.

In addition, about \$2.9 billion total is authorized for Bell's V-22 Osprey and helicopter programs, including the procurement of 19 new Ospreys and 24 new AH-1Z/UH-1Y helicopters. Much of the work for those aircraft will be performed in Amarillo.

The bill also fully funds the 2.1 percent pay raise for service members authorized in Thornberry's Defense Authorization Act that passed in December.



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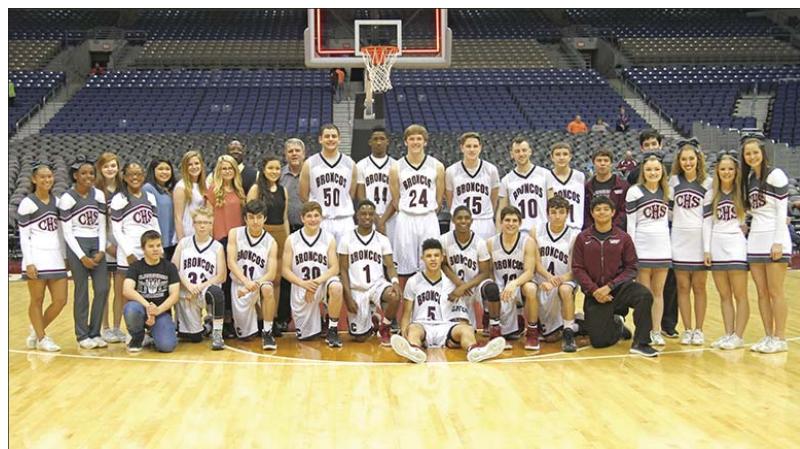
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Broncos: Clarendon ends historic season

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43 percent from the field, 50 percent from the three-point line, and 38 percent from the free throw line.

At the buzzer, three players were in double figures and Bear Smith finished with a double double putting in 17 points and grabbing 12 rebounds. Marshal Johnson led with 18 points and eight rebounds, while Chance Lockhart helped with 10 points. Colt Wood six, Damarjae Cortez five, Bryce Grahn 2, and Caton Grahn one. Grahn added five rebounds, Wood and Lockhart each added four; Keandre Cortez had two, and D. Cortez grabbed one.

The Broncos went into the championship game very confident after their huge win. Muenster was ranked number one for most of the season, but the Broncos were deter-

mined. However, cold shooting plagued the Broncos and they fell short at 45-73.

Muenster jumped out to the early lead and led by 10 at the break. Despite struggling, the Broncos were still in the game. Colt Wood hit five three-pointers to help the Broncos stay close. The scoring in the second quarter was basically even and they were 80 percent from the three-point range. The Broncos were hoping for a momentum change in the second half, but they could not get anything rolling. Muenster's height got the best of the Broncos and hindered their shots.

Despite the loss, the Broncos are an excellent team and they have had great successes this season. They were named District and Bi-District

champs, Area and Regional champs, and State Runner-Up. It has been a great year. And their fellow Bronco Riley Shadle has not been far from their minds. Several of the Broncos noted that Riley has been a big part of their success and they credited him during the game at state.

Coch Lockhart knew he had a winning team. He stated that his kids have worked hard in the gym during practice and off times as well. According to Lockhart, the Broncos were dedicated and they wanted to win. They finished at 31-3 on the year and those losses came during the Bridgeport Tournament and the state championship game.

"It was a great year!" Lockhart said. "To be able to finish the year on the last day you can play... I have

always wanted to coach on Championship Saturday. The players were awesome all year long, and I am so proud of them."

Lockhart was also proud of the effort Alton Gaines gave during the season.

"Coach Gaines did an outstanding job assisting with thearsity as always," he said. "The four seniors, Keandre Cortez, Chance Lockhart, Marshal Johnson, and Bryce Grahn did an outstanding job leading this team, and of course, Riley Shadle inspired us all. The whole team worked hard all season long, I am so proud to be State Runner-up."

Scoring in the championship game: Wood 18, Johnson 11, Grahn five, Lockhart five, Smith four, and K. Cortez two.

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Greer advances to the State meet

By Sandy Anderberg

Clarendon senior Seth Greer placed second overall in the Regional Power Lifting Meet last Saturday and earned a spot in the State Meet on March 25 in Abilene.

Greer had a lift total of 1475 pounds in the 275-weight class. He was in fourth place just 100 pounds behind when he got to deadlift, which was the last lift of the day. He lifted 580 pounds to overtake two other lifters that were ahead of him. When he successfully lifted 580 pounds, he

put the pressure on the field.

"Two of the three guys failed to get their final lifts, which allowed Seth to secure second place a trip to State," coach Johnny Nino said. "He competed very well and having secured his trip, he attempted to break the regional record of 600 pounds by lifting 605 pounds. But he just couldn't quite lock it out. I was very proud how he kept his composure and competed on the deadlift. His lift of 580 pounds was his personal best by 30 pounds."

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Lady Bulldogs go 3-1

The Clarendon College Lady Bulldogs softball team won three out of four games on the road late last week in Kansas.

Clarendon College watched the game slip away early and couldn't recover in a 10-2 loss to Seward Community College in Liberal on Friday. Although the Lady Bulldogs took an early lead in the first inning, SCC hit their way right back into the game taking the lead in the bottom of the first and keeping it.

Holguin took the loss for the Bulldogs, allowing four runs, four hits, and walking zero. Loren Hoffman also made an appearance on the mound during the contest helping Holguin get out of a bases loaded threat.

Although Monica Lara's offensive efforts did not prevail for the Bulldogs, she went 2 for 4 at the plate while Sierra Atchley and Jenna Perez each drove in one run during the game for the Bulldogs.

CC then defeated Seward 8-7 in the second game Friday. Both offenses were strong at the plate as the Lady Bulldogs and Saints collected ten hits each.

Both the Lady Bulldogs and Saints exchanged game leads throughout 6 full innings before Clarendon took the lead in the top of the seventh with a stand up triple by Kasmir Perez, a base hit single by Natalie DeLaRosa, an infield single by Esmeralda Holguin, and a walk given to both Heather Villarreal and Emily Benitez.

Villarreal earned the win for Clarendon College Softball as she tossed seven innings, allowing seven runs, 11 hits, and striking out six.

DeLaRosa and Jenna Perez each collected multiple hits for CC. DeLaRosa went 3-for-3 at the plate as she led the team with two runs batted in.

Clarendon College and Garden City Community College traded the lead back-and-forth on Saturday, but eventually Clarendon prevailed 12-7.

The Lady Bulldogs took the lead for good in the fourth inning scoring 6 runs. The inning got started

with multiple hit singles by Kayla Hill, Gianna Eddy, Kasmir Perez, Natalie DeLaRosa, and Danae Villarreal. Haley Rodriguez and Jenna Perez busted the game open with line drive doubles down the third base line scoring multiple runners. Clarendon collected 16 hits in the high-scoring affair. J.Perez, Rodriguez, K.Perez, Hill, and Eddy each collected multiple hits in the game.

Heather Villarreal earned the win for CC as she tossed seven innings, surrendering seven runs, 14 hits, and striking out four. Akers took the loss for Garden City Community College as she went seven innings, giving up 12 runs, 16 hits, striking out four, and walking one.

The Lady Bulldogs then defeated Garden City 11-4 in the second game of the double header. Clarendon captured the lead in the first inning with a single by Kayla Hill and Gianna Eddy, then a stand-up double by Kasmir Perez driving in the first run of the game, followed by another single by Natalie DeLaRosa, driving in the second run of the inning.

CC then blew things open in the sixth inning with a four run rally. Danae Villarreal was the offensive spark the Bulldogs needed to get things going with her solo, pinch-hit homerun. Jenna Perez, Kayla Hill, Gianna Eddy, Kasmir Perez, and Natalie DeLaRosa all produced base hits during that inning. Haley Rodriguez was also credited a sacrifice, RBI, scoring an additional insurance run for the Lady Bulldogs.

Clarendon collected 18 hits overall, while J. Perez, K. Perez, Eddy, Rodriguez, DeLaRosa, and Hill each collected multiple hits.

Esmeralda Holguin earned the win for the Lady Bulldogs as she went seven innings, allowing four runs, four hits, and striking out four. Shepard took the loss for Garden City Community College as she threw seven innings, allowing 11 runs, 18 hits, and striking out two.

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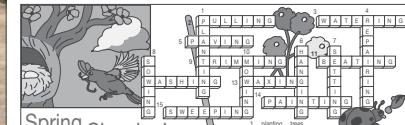
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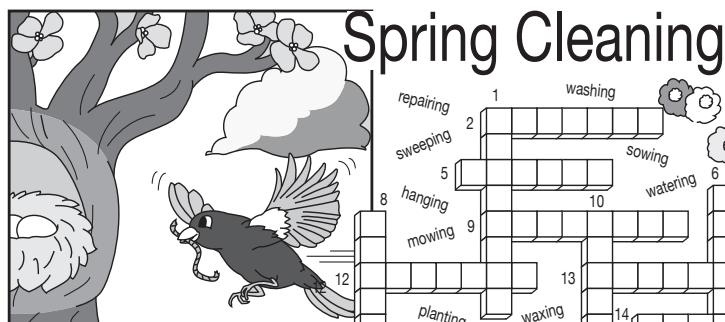
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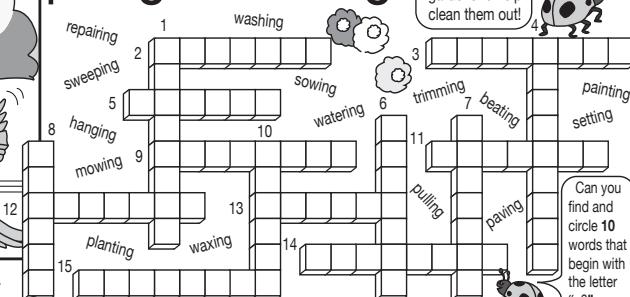
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1. _____ trees
2. _____ weeds
3. _____ flowers
4. _____ roofs
5. _____ driveways
6. _____ laundry
7. _____ up pools
8. _____ fields
9. _____ bushes
10. _____ lawns
11. _____ rugs
12. _____ windows
13. _____ cars
14. _____ fences
15. _____ sidewalks



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.
7. Tee hee! No spring chicken!
8. A is the first picture that you see.
9. I trim my bushes.
10. mowing lawns
11. sweeping driveways
12. washing windows
13. repairing lawns
14. pulling weeds
15. sweeping sidewalks

Texas counties rally against statewide court records portal

By Jim Malewitz, The Texas Tribune

Nathan Hecht, chief justice of the Texas Supreme Court, has noticed a curious trend in the state's legal system: Folks are increasingly representing themselves in legal disputes, forgoing lawyers altogether.

"They really need legal help, but they don't feel like they can afford it," Hecht said.

But ditching a lawyer doesn't make justice free. Obtaining legal records can be a big hurdle – time away from work, trips to a courthouse that may be far from home and copying fees that can run a dollar per page for documents that often run hundreds of pages.

"We're talking about tens of thousands of people for whom getting a court record is probably impossible, at least practically," said Hecht, who has long sought to help poor Texans navigate the legal system.

That's just one reason he's excited about efforts to deliver court records from all 254 counties to Texans' fingertips through an online portal. Some urban counties – Dallas, Harris, Travis and Tarrant, for instance – individually put their records online. But scores of other counties rely only on old-fashioned paper, necessitating trips to the courthouse and making statewide research next to impossible.

Supreme Court Justice Nathan Hecht gives the State of the Judiciary speech to a joint session of the Texas Legislature on Feb. 1, 2017. Bob Daemmrich for the Texas Tribune

The Texas Supreme Court, through its Office of Court Administration, has worked for years on a one-stop legal records shop. Called re:SearchTX, the project is coming out in phases, with plans to eventually provide widespread public access.

The Office of Court Administration last September extended

a contract with Tyler Technologies, a Plano-based company that already has integrated every Texas county into a filing system allowing attorneys to electronically send documents to the clerks. Under that four-year \$72 million extension, Tyler would keep that system running through 2021 and eventually open it to the public.

The public portal would be funded through fees that attorneys pay to use the system. It would function like PACER, a widely used federal portal that charges subscribers small fees for access.

"It's just crucial," Hecht said. "It's important for transparency. The media and the public at large have a very fundamental interest in the public justice system."

But county and district clerks are killin' them. They're pushing to kill the project in a wonky battle involving local control and privacy concerns, multimillion-dollar contracts and confusion about how the portal would ultimately work.

"Clerks have been doing this forever," Tarrant County District Clerk Tom Wilder said last week at a rolicking meeting of the Judicial Committee on Information Technology, which advises the state Supreme Court. "It's a duplication of effort."

If the records get breached, he later told a reporter, "it's our ass."

At least 168 counties have adopted resolutions opposing re:SearchTX. They've found friendly ears in a Legislature that often shrugs off arguments for more local control on other issues, such as oil and gas drilling and penalizing polluters.

Rep. Travis Clardy, R-Nacogdoches, has authored a bill that would kill the data project – or at least indefinitely pause it – by requiring approvals from every county before it moves forward.

House Bill 1258 would "protect the constitutional rights and duties

of the clerks," Clardy, a trial lawyer in his day job, said in an interview. He suggested re:SearchTX faced "a bunch of open-ended, unsolved, logistical technical problems."

Thirty-nine House members in both parties have signed onto his bill.

The database "does not serve the taxpayers of Texas," he told the House Committee on Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence, which left the bill pending Tuesday after a lengthy discussion.

But killing re:SearchTX would ultimately waste millions of dollars already committed to the project, its planners say.

About 200 Texas judges can already see statewide records through re:SearchTX. The Supreme Court's tech advisory group is drawing up recommendations for broader access – first for licensed attorneys, and then the wider public. Current plans wouldn't fully open the system for months, if not more than a year, as developers work out any kinks.

If lawmakers pull the plug? "We'd still have to pay [Tyler] the same amount," said David Slavton, administrative director of the Office of Court Administration. "We just wouldn't get the services for that."

County clerks say they fear a variety of potential complications. What if particularly sensitive documents, such as sealed information about kids or expunged criminal records, somehow end up online? Clerks also suggest they may need to buy expensive software to occasionally redact social security numbers or other private information in documents.

"If re:SearchTX is a great idea, counties should have the opportunity to opt-in," Parker County District Clerk Sharena Gilliland told lawmakers Tuesday.

The project's backers say the clerks don't seem to completely

grasp how the system would operate, and administrators promise not to flip the public switch until after they fully address any privacy concerns.

Lisa Hobbs, an Austin-based appellate lawyer and former Texas Supreme Court general counsel, told the judiciary committee that it was funny to hear worries that re:SearchTX was moving too fast, considering that PACER's federal portal began in 1988, when subscribers could summon the data on terminals in libraries and office buildings.

"We are way far behind the ball here," Hobbs said.

It's unclear whether re:SearchTX would mean more or less revenue for counties.

Counties might make less money on copying fees, but they would divvy up all of the revenue from subscribers. The Supreme Court's advisory body has yet to recommend a price scheme, but one informal proposal would charge users 10 cents a page and up to \$6 per document. (PACER charges the same per page with a \$3 cap.)

The database would almost certainly threaten the bottom line of a firm called iDocket, which contracts with 149 Texas county and district clerks in Texas, about two dozen of whom put all their documents online.

The firm sells that data, charging some subscribers hundreds of dollars per month, depending on the plan. Counties get a 20 percent cut,

said Chris Moreno, an iDocket programmer who testified in support of Clardy's bill Tuesday.

Moreno told the committee that only her company knows how to meet the clerks' needs.

For his part, Hecht doesn't dispute that clerks have authority over public records, "but they're arguing for restrictions – keeping people from records," he said. "I'm hopeful that misinformation will be dispelled."

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"We will have great science activities, demonstrations, and exhibits here running the whole gamut of sciences from astronomy to zoology! We are also very excited to be partnering with several of our area

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Each day guests will enjoy special science-themed activities in addition to the Space Theater full dome planetarium and exhibits, which include the three spring traveling exhibits, Little Builders, Brain Teasers2, and Strange Matter. The Spring Break Spectacular celebrations are scheduled as:

Thursday 3/16: Biology Day – 12:30-4:30 pm – Come and help out those in need by donating the gift of life with Coffee Memorial. Eligible donors will receive a free T-shirt and be entered into a drawing for 50" TV and a \$100 gift card to Texas Firehouse. Biology Day activities include testing your fears by dissect-

ing a cow eye and learning how to treat wounds in the 'DHDC Clinic'. Friday 3/17: Physics Day – 1:00-4:30 – Test your fears by letting a bowling ball swing by your face or lie on a bed of nails! You can also take a ride on DHDC's hover board and craft your own to take home.

Daily admission to the DHDC

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antic, Florida; sisters, Patsy Shaw and husband Gary and Connie Daniels and husband Rex of Cheyenne, Wyoming. Carla also leaves behind 9 grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Betty and Carl Waag.

Carla was born on April 30, 1941 to Betty and Carl Waag in Denver, Colorado. Carla lived in several places throughout her life but spent a majority of her years in Cheyenne, Wyoming where she worked as a legal secretary for Tom Long Law Firm for many years. Carla spent the last part of her life in Clarendon where she lived on Lake Greenbend with her best friend and dog, Benji.

Carla was a strong, determined and loving individual who treasured

her family, Benji, Dallas Cowboys, flowers and enjoying her time spent at the lake. She was an active and dedicated member of the Arena Cowboy Church.

A memorial service is scheduled for March 21, 2017, at 2:00 pm at Arena Cowboy Church in Clarendon. Pastor Bunk will officiate the ceremony. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Carla's life.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Arena Cowboy Church in Clarendon, TX or the Amarillo SPCA.

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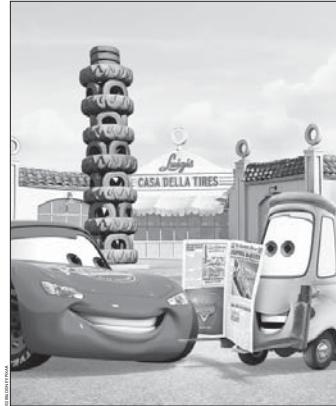
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TAKING THE FIRST STEP

Deciding whether or not to report suspected child abuse can be a difficult and confusing process, yet it is the important first step toward protecting a child who might be in danger. Professionals who work with children are required by law to report suspected neglect and abuse.

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WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I MAKE THE DECISION TO REPORT SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE?

Several events take place after the initial complaint is filed. First of all, depending on where you live, you might report suspected abuse and/or neglect to your local child protective agency. The person responding to the call may ask you several questions about what you are reporting. This is done to ensure that enough information is available for the investigative team to be able to make decisions concerning whether or not abuse/neglect has occurred. You might be asked to give names of the family and child, your reasons for suspecting abuse, the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of other witnesses, your relationship to the alleged victim, any other previous suspicious injury to the child, or for your name address and telephone number.

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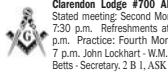
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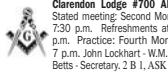
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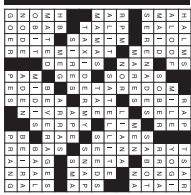
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PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE OF STATEMENT OF INTENT OF GREENLIGHT GAS COMPANY TO INCREASE GAS UTILITY RATES WITHIN ITS INCORPORATED SERVICE AREAS

On February 27, 2017, Greenlight Gas Company (the "Company"), filed a Statement of Intent to Increase Rates ("Statement of Intent") within its Incorporated Service Areas. The Statement of Intent was filed with each regulatory authority having original jurisdiction over the gas utility rates charged by the Company to customers within its incorporated service areas. The proposed change in rates will affect all customers within the incorporated areas of the Cities of Clarendon, Crowell, Dodson, Estelline, Hedley, Lakeview, Memphis, Paducah, and Wellington. The Company proposed that the requested rate changes take effect on April 3, 2017. The proposed effective date is subject to suspension and extension by actions that may be taken by the regulatory authority.

The proposed rates and tariffs are expected to increase the Company's annual revenues by approximately \$139,955, or 4.63% percent including gas cost or 11.62% percent excluding gas cost. Because the proposed changes in rates will increase the total aggregate revenues of the Company by more than two and one half percent, the proposed rate increase constitutes a "major change" in rates as Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code defines "major change". The impact of the rate change on individual customers will vary from the overall impact described in this notice based on customer class and location.

Customer Class	Existing Rate	Proposed Rate	%Change
Residential			
Customer Charge	\$15.00	\$20.00	33%
Usage Rate-Inc	\$0.8878	\$0.4908	-45%
Usage Rate-Crowell	\$3.3078	\$2.9108	-12%
Commercial			
Customer Charge	\$27.50	\$36.70	33%
Usage Rate-Inc	\$0.8878	\$0.4908	-45%
Usage Rate-Crowell	\$3.3078	\$2.9108	-12%

In addition to new rates, the Company also seeks a prudence determination regarding capital investment made within the entirety of the incorporated Service Area through December 31, 2015. The Company also requests to add a Cost of Service Adjustment clause to its tariff whereby limited annual adjustments may be made to gas utility charges within the incorporated service area without the need to file a Statement of Intent pursuant to the Texas Utilities Code. The Company also proposes a surcharge tariff to recover the rate case expenses incurred in these proceedings as authorized by the regulatory authority. The final amount of rate case expenses is not known at this time.

A complete copy of the Company's Statement of Intent is available for inspection in its office located at 116 S 6th St., Memphis, TX 79245. Persons with specific questions or desiring additional information about this filing may contact the Company at (806) 259-1444. Additionally, any affected person may file in writing comments or a protest concerning the proposed change in rates with the regulatory authority having original jurisdiction, your City Council, at any time within 30 days following the date on which the change would or has become effective, or May 3, 2017, whichever date is later.

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CC meats team wins Houston show

The Clarendon College Meats Judging Team had a stellar performance at the Houston Livestock Show over the weekend.

The green team won the first place championship with a total of 3,663 points, and the white team placed fourth overall in the meats judging competition with 3,555 points.

The CC green team placed first in beef grading, third in lamb judging, second in pork judging and beef judging, first in overall beef, third in total placing, and third in reasons and questions. The CC white team was second in beef grading, fourth in lamb judging, fifth in pork judging, fourth in beef judging, third in overall beef, fifth in total placing, and fourth in reasons and questions.

Individual team members also scored well. Mario Alvarez was High Individual, Brett Dixon was third high individual, Abram Chaparro was fifth high, Austin Trent was seventh high, and Wilse Corliss tied for 10th.

Other members are Dylan Avant, Sherri Halsted, Catherine Luft, MacKenle Ebner, and Lynzee Jordan.



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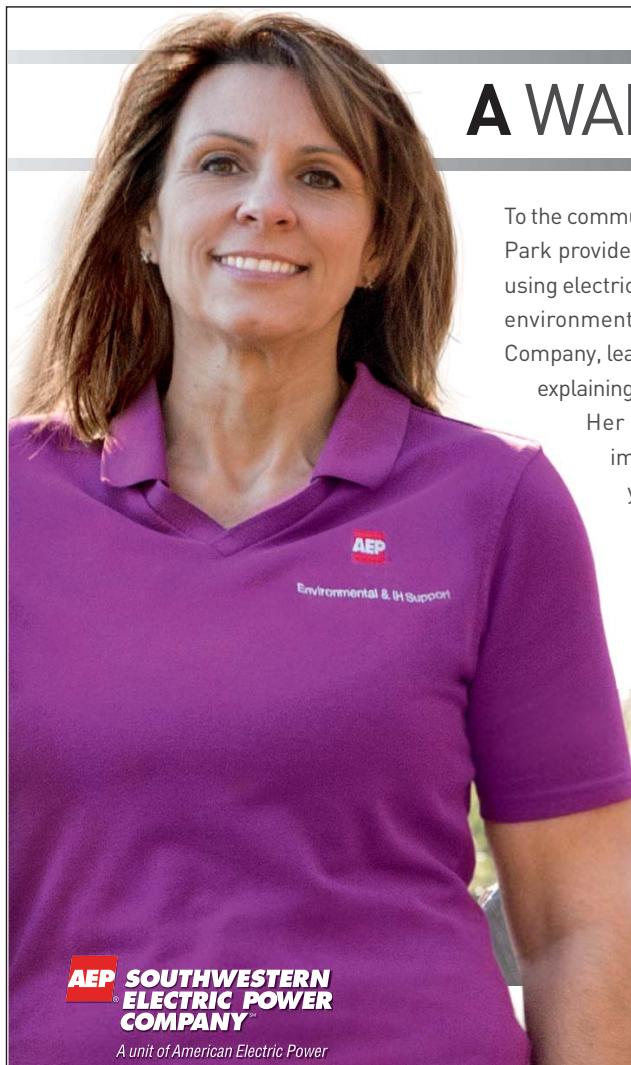
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