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THIS WEEK

- Free speech is getting workout as society moves more to social media.
- The American Cancer Society honors Sen. Kel Seliger.
- The Cub Reporter wraps up the 2016 vacation with adventures in Arizona.
- And the state continues to save old courthouses.

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

NRCS meeting to be held August 4

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Clarendon and the Donley County Soil & Water Conservation District invite the public to attend their Fiscal Year 2017 Local Working Group (LWG) meeting Thursday, August 4, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The purpose of this annual LWG meeting is to bring together conservation stakeholders to discuss conservation topics and issues, and to set local conservation priorities to help farmers, ranchers and private landowners conserve and manage the natural resources.

The meeting also updates attendees on recent conservation efforts and allows for an opportunity to collect public input to help guide future conservation activities. Through regular identification of conservation opportunities, effective Farm Bill investments can continue to benefit Donley County. Farmers, ranchers, conservationists, and others interested in obtaining Federal technical and financial assistance to improve private lands are invited to participate.

For more information, please contact Weldon Sears, district conservationist, at (806) 874-3561 Ext-3 or visit the NRCS web site at <http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/>.

TxDOT announces maintenance plan

CHILDRESS – The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will begin a project on August 1 to increase the life of its existing pavement structures.

More than 187 miles of state roadways in King (US 83 and US 82), Knox (US 82 and SH 222), Hardeman (US 287), Childress (US 62 and FM 401), Wheeler (FM 1046), Collingsworth (US 83), Briscoe (SH 86) and Motley (SP 196) counties will see \$5.6 million worth of preventive maintenance seal coat work.

Weather permitting, contractor Northeastern Pavers, Inc., expects to complete this project by September 2, 2016.

"Maintenance and system preservation is our largest expenditure, and seal coating provides a variety of benefits to the roadway," said Chris Reed, P.E., Childress District Construction Engineer, "including a waterproof surface that prevents moisture from entering and weakening the roadbed. Seal coating also reduces deterioration and cracking of the asphalt surface, which will prolong the life of the pavement."

"Safety is the top priority at TxDOT and the basis for planning, building, and maintaining our transportation system. The system that allows all of that requires constant maintenance and preservation," said Darwin Lankford, P.E., Childress District Director of Maintenance.

Motorists can expect lane closures and a pilot car to guide traffic through the work zone, and are asked to drive with caution, be on the lookout for workers and avoid distractions for their own safety.



Taxable property values increase slightly

Property values in Donley County have risen in general, bringing good news to most taxing entities that are busy working on new budgets for fiscal year 2017.

Paula Lowrie, Chief Appraiser of the Donley Appraisal District, said Monday that most entities and all county-wide entities have seen moderate increases in values this year, thanks to values of property owned by utilities.

Public notices will begin appearing in the Enterprise next week as local entities begin the process of establishing tax rates for the new year.

The City of Clarendon is the only entity to see its total appraisals go down this year. The city has

total property taxable values of \$59,326,427 this year, reflecting a loss of more than \$990,000.

Lowrie said each property in Clarendon was reappraised this year, and some went categories went up but others went down.

"The main differences were a decrease in value for single-family homes of \$730,713 and in commercial buildings of \$636,207," Lowrie said.

Donley County's values for ad valorem taxes are up nearly \$10.3 million at \$238,570,958. The county's total taxable value is higher than other countywide entities because it is able to tax certain rolling railroad stock that other local governments cannot, Lowrie said.

The Clarendon College District and the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District has county-wide taxable values of \$224,502,215, an increase of more than \$8 million. The college also benefits from maintenance taxes in Childress and Gray counties. Values in Childress are expected to remain about even, officials say, but values in Gray County have taken a significant hit with the decline of the petroleum industry.

The Donley County Hospital District's values this year have increased about \$7.8 million for a total tax base of \$208,786,880. The hospital district, which provides emergency medical services and indigent care, has lower taxable values than other countywide enti-

ties because it does not tax personal property, such as cars, trucks, and boats.

The Clarendon Consolidated Independent School District has taxable values of nearly \$131,698,299 on properties within its boundaries in Donley County. That's up more than \$4.5 million from last year's value of \$127,131,281. But it's still significantly below the figure from two years ago, which was \$147,805,132. The big loss came when Texas voters approved an increase in the homestead exemption from \$15,000 to \$25,000 in 2015.

The Hedley school district has seen its tax base in Donley County increase just under \$3.8 million with total values of \$49,747,759.

Taxable values for the City of Howardwick are up \$828,698 at \$15,157,768; and the City of Hedley has seen its values increase \$219,708 for a total tax base of \$6,722,445.

Once an entity has its taxable value, it can generally figure its tax levy by dividing the number by \$100 and multiplying the result by a tax rate (\$1.17 in the case of Clarendon ISD, for example).

However, those numbers get complicated for Clarendon and Hedley schools, the cities of Clarendon and Hedley, Donley County, and the Clarendon College District where people over the age of 65 and those who are disabled have their taxes frozen at differing levels, requiring additional calculations.



Bulldog Days

Clarendon College alumna Kari Lindsey poses with the famous CC mascot during Bulldog Days last Saturday. Mrs. Lindsey was one of several volunteers and CC employees helping incoming students get everything ready for the fall semester.

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CC Regents hold first meeting in Childress

Clarendon College Regents held their first ever meeting in Childress last Thursday, July 21, as CC continues to expand its presence in that community.

The college has offered classes in Childress for many years, and voters approved a five-cent maintenance tax there in 2008. Since that time, the college has offered more technical and traditional classes in that community, and recently CC has embarked on new partnerships in Childress, particularly in the health care industry, under President Robert Riza.

Regents met at the Childress Regional Medical Center and were joined by several local dignitaries, including hospital administrator John Henderson, Childress County Judge Jay Mayden, Childress ISD representative Sarah Mills, Red River Sun publisher Chris Blackburn, and Jennifer Foster representing the local office of State Sen. Charles Perry.

During the meeting, Mayden expressed his appreciation for what Clarendon College and Dr. Riza are doing for the people of his community.

In addition to touring the facilities at the CC Childress Center and the new nursing program classroom at the medical center, Regents worked their way through a short agenda of business items.

The board approved a new five-year contract extension with Great Western Dining, which give the college \$20,000

for equipment upgrades. Great Western services several small colleges and has a longstanding relationship with Clarendon.

"We're very pleased with the company," Riza told the ENTERPRISE. "They support community colleges."

Regents also approved a letter of engagement with CMMS for the college's annual audit.

Under personnel, the board ratified the hiring of Garner Small as assistant men's basketball coach and Raylynn Cruz as a cosmetology instructor; acknowledged the resignations of Associate Dean of Career, Technical & Continuing Education David Hall, Vocation Nursing Program Director Daniel Trejo, Daniel Tharp, and Derrick Harwood; and acknowledged the retirement of Kathy Shields. Also approved were the reassignments of Aaron Lopez, who will oversee correctional education programs, and Dr. Cathy Rosser, who becomes the Interim Director of Allied Health.

In his president's report, Dr. Riza discussed meeting with officials of the Jordan and Roach correctional units to continue working to offer federal Second Chance Pell Grants to qualified individuals. Riza also discussed the possibility of Clarendon offering courses to meet training needs for local and area law enforcement and corrections officers.

New museum exhibit focuses on Goodnight

Saints' Roost Museum has opened its newest exhibit, "The Life and Times of Texas Icon Charles Goodnight," by artist Lee Cable, leading up to the Col. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff on Saturday, September 24, 2016.

Cable, who lives in Colorado, has been commissioned to portray the life of pioneer rancher Charles Goodnight. This exhibition is the first stage of that series, which includes some of the events and highlights of Goodnight's life.

The exhibition is made possible by businessman James E. Sparkman of Houston, who owns this collection and wished to share these paintings with visitors to Texas museums.

An artist since the age of nine,

Lee Cable has drawn inspiration for his subjects from Maine to Florida and California to Washington state. But his artist's heart belongs to Colorado and the magnificent Rocky Mountains where he and his wife, Pam, enjoy the cowboy way of life.

Cable's love of the West, ranch life, and horses has been the subject of his work for the last 15 years, building upon a very successful career as a wildlife artist.

Cable has been a world finalist numerous times in the equestrian sport of Cowboy Mounted Shooting, traveling over the country with paint, brushes, and horses in tow.

Exhibiting throughout the United States and Canada, Lee has garnered numerous awards and high

acclaim. He was Featured Artist at the Western Heritage Art Show, Mont.; Southeastern Wildlife Expo, South Carolina; Original Art Showcase, Ontario, Canada; Tropics Alive Art Show, Florida; Pacific Rim Wildlife Expo, Wash.; Oklahoma Wildlife Art Show, and Germantown Art Show, North Carolina.

To share what he has learned with others, Cable is an instructor for the Susan Kathleen Black Foundation whose mission is art education.

Donley County residents and all visitors are invited to view "The Life and Times of Texas Icon Charles Goodnight" during August and September. Saints' Roost Museum hours of operation are Tuesday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.



"Driven from the Palo Duro" by Lee Cable is one of the paintings now on display at the Saints' Roost Museum that depicts the life of pioneer cattleman Col. Charles Goodnight.

Enterprise picks up WTPA awards

THE CLARENDON ENTERPRISE received two first place honors in the West Texas Press Association's 2015 Better Newspaper Contest last Saturday, July 23.

Results of the contest were announced during the WTPA's 86th annual convention in San Angelo.

The ENTERPRISE won first place in Advertising with display ads designed by Morgan Wheatly for the paper's 2015 Staycation promotion and by Roger Estlack for Ladies' Night promotion for Cornell's Country Store. The paper also received a first place plaque for its 2015 Fall/Winter Welcome Guide.

Estlack received second place honors for Editorials on local business and the challenge of raising money for a local water

recreation facility. Estlack also received honorable mention for Columns on Alan Bean and Blue Bell ice cream.

The ENTERPRISE received third place honors for Photography for entries by Morgan Wheatly and Matthew Martinez, both of which featured the Mulkey Theatre.

The Enterprise competed in Division D for small weeklies.

Attending the convention and accepting the awards on the Enterprise's behalf were Roger, Benjamin, and Ella Estlack. Ben and Ella were also honored at the convention for being the youngest journalists in the WTPA.

The WTPA was led this year by President Randy Mankin of THE ELDERADO SUCCESS, who is being succeeded by his son, J.L. Mankin of THE BIG LAKE WILDCAT.



Ben and Ella Estlack at the West Texas Press Convention Saturday.

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'Free speech' on the web

By Gene Polcinski, Inside the First Amendment
Who can say what, on the Web?

Twitter has raised questions anew with reports of a lifetime ban on tweets from conservative blogger Milo Yiannopoulos – reportedly after complaints that he engineered a wave of racist and sexist comments directed against comedian and actress Leslie Jones, who is co-starring in the latest "Ghostbusters" movie.

Yiannopoulos is an editor on the conservative blog site Breitbart.com whose posts frequently create controversy on the web. He responded to the reported Twitter action by saying, "Anyone who cares about free speech has been sent a clear message: You're not welcome on Twitter." He also called the ban "cowardly."

Twitter would not confirm the action against Yiannopoulos but issued a statement saying, "People should be able to express diverse opinions and beliefs on Twitter. ... But no one deserves to be subjected to targeted abuse online, and our rules prohibit inciting or engaging in the targeted abuse or harassment of others."

Jones wrote earlier in the week about a decision to end her own Twitter account, which was targeted with racist tweets – some using pictures of apes (one from a person identified only as "KKK Cool J"), and others with racial epithets.

"I used to wonder why some celebs don't have Twitter accts.," she wrote. "Now I know. You can't be nice and communicate with fans 'cause people crazy. As much as I love live-tweeting, posting the pics of awesome things that happen in this life I've been blessed with, I don't know anymore."

For those who claimed the Twitter action – which by its terms would be a "permanent suspension" – was illegal or "the end of free speech on the web," the response is, it's neither. As a private company, there's no First Amendment ban on private companies determining what they will or won't permit in the spaces – broadcast, print or web – that they own.

As to the future of free speech on the web, there's plenty left – but we are just starting to work out the kind of legal and social rules about content, tone and manner that have evolved over decades for other kinds of communications.

Social media and other websites now regularly monitor postings to look for images, videos and text from groups like ISIS that once went up unfiltered. Where early web advocates once touted the ability of the internet to provide millions around the world the opportunity to converse, so-called "chat rooms" and comment areas are closed or closing because conversations and posts quickly veer into profane, defamatory or scatological exchanges bereft of any real benefits expected from freedom of speech.

Twitter acknowledged that its current policies on objectionable content and abusive behavior – particularly by those it called "repeat offenders" – are being tested, and not just by Yiannopoulos: "We know many people believe we have not done enough to curb this type of behavior on Twitter. We agree. We have been in the process of reviewing our hateful conduct policy to prohibit additional types of abusive behavior and allow more types of reporting, with the goal of reducing the burden on the person being targeted."

Newseum CEO Jeffrey Herbst has written and spoken about the challenges of digital "etiquette." In a speech at The Media Institute earlier this year, Herbst said that more speech is generally a better response to speech you don't like, and that "hate speech" is often protected by the First Amendment.

But he told the group there is room for civility online without curtailing freedom of expression: "With rights come responsibilities. We have not really thought through our responsibilities when it comes to the web." He also called for a move away from anonymity – which marked an overwhelming number of the disgusting comments about Jones that I could find in a net search.

Herbst called anonymous comments and posts a significant contributor to the crisis of civility" online and, subsequently, in society. While noting some unnamed speech must be protected, such as whistleblowers reporting misdeeds, Herbst suggested an online campaign: "Our message should be incessantly to everyone, starting with young people, that it does not count unless you put your name on it."

As offensive to some as Twitter's ban may be, it undeniably is another example of where we collectively may be staking out the boundaries of what can and cannot be posted – sometimes in fits and starts prompted by events. Print publications and broadcast outlets – with some measure of government involvement in the latter due to public ownership of the airwaves – have gone through the cycle in earlier times.

News operations have developed their own guidelines to restrain "live" TV coverage of police chases, threatened suicides and such. Journalism groups have debated and reshaped ethics codes. Network television standards have changed to permit language and images that never would have been seen a generation ago.

The speed, volume and persistence of online posts raise new questions around rules and regulations regarding defamation and harassment developed in an earlier media era – and for relatively new spaces of social media, where private "terms of service" rather than government statutes and court decisions over time have determined a measure of what's acceptable and what's not.

If users agree with where Twitter eventually sets its rules, it will continue to prosper. If not, assuredly the next new thing in social media will pop up, get popular and likely start the process all over again.

This latest Twitter flap is not the end of free speech on the web. But it's certainly a sizeable milestone in the ongoing discussion of what we want to be said freely online.

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Uncle Mort skips celebrating birthday

Nothing short of Uncle Mort's enrollment in a ballerina class would have equaled the shocking "PS" on last year's Christmas card.

"Kids, grandkids, greats and friends," it read. "I am well aware that come July 4, many of you assume there'll be a big 'hullabaloo' to observe my 104th birthday. You'll be 100% wrong. I will be busy the rest of the year working on a new invention to be announced around November 1, in time for Christmas shopping. So, no cards, calls or gifts for my birthday, please. If you choose to order my new gadgets for Christmas gifting, however, that's entirely up to you. In the meantime, please keep this entire matter confidential."

Well, in most cases, that's the best way to assure that cats will scramble out of bags. This time, though, folks and friends have – in the words of Archie Bunker – "dummied up"...

I yawned at the time, wondering what new invention possibly could trump his birthday celebration.

They usually are likened to dieting – going to great lengths to avoid great widths.

Often, Mort's birthday parties make big news in the thicket, where he's resided all of his life, well, not ALL, of course....

I half-dialed his phone number on his birthday, stopping short of the first ring. When Mort adds a "PS" – particularly on Christmas cards – he's as serious as a political candidate on the hot seat.

Since then, thoughts of his strange admonition have come and gone, mostly the latter.

They came to mind the other day when he called. (Thankfully, this is a rare occurrence.) He was mighty "put out" by his new neighbors....

"I never expected to be a mentor again," he began, "but looks like I don't have much choice, being the neighborly guy I am."

Neighborly? Turns out he does have new neighbors. They live a couple of miles up the lane. The 60-something couple has reached their bucket list's bold-faced entry: "Living in the country."

"It's not going to be easy," Mort said. "Maybe they saw too many Ma and Pa Kettle movies when they were young. They think they can put aside their 'city ways,' and pull alongside us who've lived here since birth," he surmised....

He rambled on about the futility of "full grown bears" trying to become country folks overnight.

"They're scrambling so much every day, it's might nigh dusk before the dust settles," he gruffed. Then, he got specific, citing their ill-fated efforts to raise chickens.

If I had to endure a phone call to



the idle
american
by don newbury

hear just this story, it was worth it....

"My neighbor was nervously hand-wringing when he showed up after breakfast the other day," my uncle said.

The harried guy said he'd bought several hens, all of which are "doing great jobs hatching their eggs."

He wished, however, they were just as good at 'mothering'....

The guy moaned about "losing several chicks every day." Mort asked, "What are you feeding them?"

Shaken to the core, the "newbie" waxed rhetorical. "What am I feeding them? I'm not feeding them anything. I thought this was the mother hen's job."

Oh, my. Uncle Mort wasn't sure he'll have time to mentor and invent simultaneously. "For this new guy, you'd have to add some color to qualify him as a rural greenhorn," Mort joked....

Mort said his neighbor's chicken-raising efforts put him in mind of a long ago call from a young newspaper reporter.

"Farming buffaloed him, too," Mort laughed. "He wanted to know if hens are 'sitting' or 'setting' on their nests."

Mort said he wasn't sure, either, so he answered thusly: "Young man, I don't care if they're 'sitting' or 'setting.' What's important is whether they're 'layin' or 'lyin' '...."

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Clardy presses for transparency

By Gary Borders, Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas

State Rep. Travis Clardy (R-Nacogdoches) in his two terms in the Legislature has proven to be a strong proponent for transparency in government.

"We live in a free society," he said. "The people's trust in government and their institutions is relative to how directly they know what is going on."

Clardy last session served as vice chairman of the Local and Consent Calendars Committee. He co-authored legislation protecting journalists who accurately report third-party allegations of wrongdoing on matters of public concern, even if the accusations are not yet part of a government inquiry. Clardy also amended a barratry bill he co-sponsored that allowed complete motor vehicle accident reports to continue to be available to newspapers and broadcast outlets. For his work last session, he received a "Friend of the First Amendment" award from Texas Press Association.

Clardy says trained journalists are vital to ensuring an informed electorate bombarded with an overwhelming amount of information.

"The risk is, where's the filter?" he said. "There is so much information

available, which makes the role of the traditional media and trained journalists so important."

Clardy would like to see the Legislature take up the issue of "dark money" funding various politically active groups, such as Empower Texans and the American Phoenix Foundation. The latter group deployed people with video cameras to follow legislators last session throughout the halls of the Capitol. Regardless of political leanings, Clardy maintains groups that engage in the political process should have to disclose their funding and expenditures, just as legislators do.

"I feel very strongly that if you are going to engage in the political process – no matter your viewpoint – there are certain disclosures that should be made as to where the money is coming from," Clardy said.

Clardy, who has practiced law for 28 years and lives above his law office in downtown Nacogdoches with his wife, Judy, said what he has learned practicing law applies to politics as well.

"If you want to know the truth, you follow the money," he said.

Clardy said he would welcome working with "serious journalists" and

others to come up with a solution for what he terms abuse of the Texas Public Information Act. "There are folks who know how to play the game," and their information requests often overwhelm government workers.

"I would like to see some smart folks come up with solutions, but my populist side says every citizen has the right to information," he said. "It's a tough issue."

Finally, the issue of whether government entities should continue to be required to publish legal notices in newspapers comes up every legislative session. Clardy points out that he represents three largely rural counties.

"For a lot of people in the district I serve, they get their news from the newspaper in their mailbox or driveway," he said. Clardy strongly favors placing legal notices on numerous websites but they "should always be in the printed publication."

"If we are striving for an informed electorate, then newspapers are essential. If it comes at some expense (to public entities), so be it," he said.

Gary Borders is a board member of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas, which hosts its state conference Sept. 8, 2016, in Austin.

Cancer group honors Senator Seliger

State Sen. Kel Seliger (R-Amarillo) was recently honored by the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, as he was presented the Texas Advocacy in Action award.

Susan Spurlock-Rawlins, ACS CAN Texas State Lead Ambassador, of Fritch, and Jason McCoy, Senior Marketing Manager with the American Cancer Society in Amarillo were on hand to honor and thank Sen. Seliger for his strong support and leadership as the Senate sponsor of House Bill 1624, a bill providing transparency for drug formularies so that cancer patients, and all patients, can compare health care plans prior to making their decision in which plan to purchase.

Seliger championed this measure that allows health care consumers to make informed decisions using easily accessed and understood tools to evaluate the coverage of their prescription drugs under various plans and to evaluate the co-insurance or co pay costs for their drugs prior to actually purchasing the plan. This measure provides health care consumers with an additional tool to make informed decisions for their individual health care needs and the needs of their family.



The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network honored State Sen. Kel Seliger (R-Amarillo) with the Texas Advocacy in Action award.

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“Sen. Seliger, we thank you for your continued dedication to the fight against cancer in ensuring that patients have access to needed information so that they are able to make informed consumer choices, taking responsibility for their health coverage and costs. On behalf of the cancer patients and their families all across this state, we are honored to present you with the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network’s Advocacy in Action Award,” stated Spurlock-Rawlins.

“We know that some of the most impactful decisions made relative to cancer are not made in doctors’ offices and hospital rooms, but in the halls of Congress and state capitols. We thank you for your leadership and look forward to working with you in the future on other issues to benefit cancer patients and their families”, she continued.

ACS CAN is the advocacy affiliate of the American Cancer Society, fighting cancer through public policy.

Hunter safety offered at Copper Breaks

QUANAH – Changes in the law has made taking Hunter Safety easier; the course requirement has been shortened and can be done in eight hours or less.

The state required Hunter Safety class will be offered at Copper Breaks State Park on Saturday, August 6, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. It is recommended that participants bring a sack lunch due to time constraints.

This basic hunter education class is required for all hunters born on or after September 2, 1971. The minimum age for certification is nine years old. Hunters ages 9-16 must successfully complete the hunter safety course or be accompanied by

an adult, while hunters age 17 and older must successfully complete the course, or purchase a one-time-only exemption, or be accompanied.

The Texas hunter education certification is honored by all other states which require hunter education, but you must carry your card with you.

Hunter education instructors Wendell Barberee and Carl Hopper will offer the course. Participation is by advance registration only. Children age 9 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

To register, call 940-839-4331 during regular business hours. A non-refundable fee of \$15.00 is required.

Military and Law Enforcement personnel and persons with concealed carry permits are not exempt and must take the hunter safety class.

“With today’s busy schedules the class is now done in one day instead of two, and certification is good for life,” said ranger Barberee. “So make your call today and get your slot in the class. We have a limited number of spaces.”

For more information on the hunter safety class, or other Copper Breaks State Park programs or facilities, call 940-839-4331. Copper Breaks State Park is located thirteen miles south of Quanah and eight miles north of Crowell on State Highway 6.



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting July 26, 2016, with Boss Lion Tex Buckhaults in charge.

We had 15 members and three guests this week – Cassidy Riza, guest of Lion Robert Riza; and Nathan and Daniel Estlack, guests of Lion Scarlet Estlack.

Big news reported this week. Lion John Howard reported all is well at the county, and Lion David Dockery had nothing to report from the city. The Boss Lion reported that the fire extinguishers had passed inspection at the college.

Miss Riza introduced her father to give the program, and Lion Dr. Riza discussed Lionism and how service in the club dovetails with the college’s purpose of community service. He also reported that we are now in the “bulldog” days of summer, and that college personnel are busy working on budgets and policies for the new year.

Since she was absent last week, Lion Scarlet Estlack was duly sworn in as third VP to solidify the chain of command and keep her from trying squirrel out of her duties.

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

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- August 8**
Friendship Day
- August 4**
Whistle-Stop Trade Days
- August 6**
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- August 7**
Whistle-Stop Trade Days
- August 12**
Broncos v Bovina • scrimmage • 5 p.m. • Home
- August 15**
Clarendon Registration for students already enrolled • 8 p.m. • Cafeteria
- Hedley Registration • 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. • Cafeteria
- August 16**
Clarendon Registration for students already enrolled • 8 p.m. • Cafeteria
- August 17**
Clarendon Registration for new students • 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. • Campus office
- August 18**
Clarendon Registration for students already enrolled • 8 p.m. • Cafeteria
- August 19**
Owls v Miami • scrimmage • 5:30 p.m. • There
- August 20**
Little Miss Cheer Camp • 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. • Registration at 9:45 a.m. • Performance 2:45
- August 22**
Back to School • Clarendon ISD & Hedley ISD
- August 23**
Fall classes start • Clarendon College
- August 26**
Broncos v Shamrock • 7:30 p.m. • There
- Owls v McLean • 7:30 p.m. • There
- September 2**
Broncos v S-Earth • 7:30 p.m. • Home
- Owls v Lefors • 7:30 p.m. • There
- September 9**
Labor Day
- September 9**
Broncos v Wheeler • 7:30 p.m. • Home
- Owls v Harrold • Homecoming • 7:30 p.m. • Hedley
- September 16**
Broncos v Gruver • 7:30 p.m. • There
- September 17**
Owls v Higgins • 2:30 p.m. • Home
- September 23**
Broncos v Booker • Homecoming • 7:30 p.m. • Home
- Owls v Lazbuddie • 7:30 p.m. • There
- September 24**
Col. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff • Saints' Roost Museum • Details TBA

Menus
August 1 - 5

- Donley County Senior Citizens**
Mon: Meatloaf, German potato salad, green beans, garlic bread, bread pudding, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Barbecue chicken, potato wedges, whole wheat roll, broccoli salad, peanut butter cookie, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Beef pot roast, roast potatoes, roast carrots & peppers, wheat roll, peach cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.
Thu: Lasagna, garlic bread, tossed salad, green peas, sliced pears, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Chicken enchilada, picante sauce, pinto beans, fiesta corn, sugar cookies, iced tea/2% milk.
- Hedley Senior Citizens**
Mon: Turkey pot pie, whole wheat roll, margarine, seasoned corn, tossed salad w/dressing, ambrosia, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Beef stroganoff, noodles, whole wheat roll, margarine, mixed vegetables, winter fruit cup, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Crispy chicken filet/bun, tomatoes, lettuce, mayonnaise, potato wedges, carrot/raisin salad, iced tea/2% milk.
Thu: chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes,icken okra, corn, pumpkin square, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Chicken salad sandwich, tomato, lettuce, & pickle, carrot sticks, watermelon, iced tea/2% milk.

Make sure your not oversharing on public wifi

Hi, gang! Do you use public Wi-Fi? The first article will give you some very good pointers to consider. The second article talks about shutting down scammers and the annoying popup ads. If you were ever involved with Herbalife you may be entitled to some money back.

Have you looked at our streets that were asphalt paved several years ago? They have held up very well. However, a top coat would help to extend their lives. Please take a look and if it has weeds or grass starting to come up through the asphalt, please be a good Clarendon citizen and cut them off or poison them. That will help extend their lives.

On Thursday as you read your Clarendon Enterprise, Lord willing, I will be 82 and on my way back from MD Anderson in Houston. Prayers requested.

"Are You Oversharing on Public Wi-Fi?" by Kristin Keckeisen, AARP Fraud Watch Network

Connecting to the Internet in a public space like a coffee shop, the library or an airport is a wonderful modern convenience, but it comes with significant risk. Public Wi-Fi is never private, so we're asking for your help in preventing Wi-Fi fraud.

How it Works: Fraudsters have come up with a number of ways to steal information from you or attack your computer while you are on public Wi-Fi. New hacking tools that are available free online make it easy even for novice hackers to compromise your security. What

You Should Know: It is never safe to assume any privacy on public Wi-Fi, even when prompted for a password. Anything you do on public Wi-Fi - entering a password, typing in a credit card number, accessing a bank account - puts you at risk.

What You Should Do: Keep your surfing safe when on public Wi-Fi by sticking to things like reading the news and checking the weather. In short, never do anything on public Wi-Fi that requires a password.

Help spread the word. Ask your local library, coffee shop or any establishment that offers free public Wi-Fi to post this flyer and make visitors aware of how they can protect themselves when on public Wi-Fi.

And, of course, be sure to share this alert with family and friends.

"Shutting down scammers and their pop-up ads" by Bridget Small, Consumer Education Specialist, FTC

Ever wonder how you spot a tech support scam? Ads that pop up on your computer with messages like 'Security Alert' or 'Urgent Notice: your data may be at risk' - those are signs of a scam. The FTC has been after tech support scammers for many years. Now, the FTC and the Florida Attorney General have asked a federal court to shut down six companies and hold their owners responsible for running a Florida-based tech support operation that took millions from US consumers.

The companies, including Big



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Dog Solutions, LLC; PC Help Desk US, LLC; and Black-Optek CE, Inc. allegedly lured people to websites that made pop-up 'security alerts' appear on computer screens. When users called the number in the 'alert,' the FTC says they reached call center reps who told a series of lies.

First, the reps claimed they were authorized by well-known technology companies to service their product - they weren't. They said they detected security or performance issues, like spyware, viruses, malware or presence of hackers on users' computers - they hadn't. They said the performance or security problems needed immediate attention - they didn't. The FTC says the companies took \$200-\$400 from each user for 'repairs,' several hundred dollars more for new anti-virus software, and pushed users to sign up for ongoing service that cost up to \$19.99 a month.

Need real tech support? Online searches may not be the best way to find technical support or get a company's contact information. Scammers often place misleading ads online, and pay to have their website and phone numbers appear at the top of search results. Instead, look for a company's contact information on a

software package or your receipt.

Tech Support Imposter Scams: Callers impersonate legitimate technical support companies to fool computer users into handing over their personal information or sending money.

To check out a company, put the company's name and the word 'review,' 'complaint,' or 'scam' in your search engine. And if you think you responded to a scam, please report it to the FTC.

"A Restructured Herbalife" by Lois C. Greisman, Associate Director, Division of Marketing Practices, FTC

When the FTC settles with - or sues - a company, we're often trying to stop illegal behavior, return lost money to people as often as we can, and generally make unfair things fair and deceptive things true.

Today's historic settlement with Herbalife goes one better: the FTC's settlement significantly restructures Herbalife, changing - top to bottom - how it does business. And it makes the company pay \$200 million back to people who lost the most money. This is a big win for anyone who paid lots of money to Herbalife, and people who might in the future.

You might know Herbalife through its extensive marketing in English and Spanish. Through print and video promotions, and glowing testimonials, Herbalife told people they could change their lives - quit their jobs or even get rich - by selling the company's weight manage-

ment and nutrition products: "The days when I would earn a living cleaning houses are behind me..." "When we worked in factories our earnings could only pay for basic needs, but now we can take our 12 grandkids on vacations." "When I got to ten thousand, I thought, well that wasn't so hard after all, maybe I can get to fifteen, and I went from fifteen, to twenty, and then to thirty, and then even up to forty thousand dollars a month."

Hundreds of thousands of people signed on for the Herbalife business "opportunity" - but most people made little or no money. In fact, the FTC's complaint shows how half of Herbalife's "sales leaders" earned less than \$5 a month on average from selling the product. Instead, the incentives were to recruit more people who would then buy more product - whether or not there was a market to sell it.

That's why this settlement is so important for consumers. Now, anyone who tries to make money selling Herbalife will be paid based on what they sell, not how many people they recruit. The settlement also requires the company - from now on - to make only truthful claims about how much money people are likely to make. And they have to be able to back those claims up.

Watch this space to find out how the \$200 million will be divided among the people who lost money to Herbalife. We'll keep you posted. Stay safe out there!

Vacation 2016 wraps up in Arizona

On our last few days of vacation, we went to the Grand Canyon. And after we had seen Meteor Crater a few days before, we thought this was just going to be another hole in the ground. But when we got there, it is giant! I loved the colors of the canyon. We earned a Jr. Ranger badge. It was amazing!

We also went to Chandler, Arizona, to see Bill and Ann Huey and their grandchildren. We were tired so we spent the night there instead of at Holbrook.

On day eight, we stood on the corner in Winslow, Arizona. It was based on a song, and there is a statue of the guy that sings it and a mural of



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a flatbed Ford. Then we went to the Petrified Forest and got to see a lot of dinosaurs and petrified wood. We got to see newspaper rock. It is a big rock that has a lot of petroglyphs on it... drawings that ancient Indians carved on the rock. Next we saw the Painted Desert. It is a big desert that looks painted... red, orange, yellow, and a little bit of purple.

The last stop we made was we got out at the Continental Divide. That's where on one side all the rivers run to the Pacific Ocean and on the east side all the rivers run to the Atlantic Ocean.

That night we made it home. Out of all our vacation, I really liked that our parents let us go to Disneyland, the ocean, Grand Canyon, and the Hoover Dam. It was all amazing. Most important though was spending time with my family.



Ella and Ben Estlack at the Grand Canyon.

The 'dog days' of summer

Buff the Wonder Dog. This has been the worst summer ever. First, those cats play in front of the gate leading into the back yard and keep Buffy in the front. Second, that long Yorkie hair is so hot and we are enduring one of our hottest summers, so she lays on her tummy looking at the world with soulful brown eyes, hoping for some relief from cats and the dog days of summer.

People are more knowledgeable about dog days than when I grew up, I thought it meant the tempera-



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ture was so hot, dogs (and all animals) were seeking shade. We know the phrase "Dog days" refers to the brightest star in the heavens, Sirius, the dog star, which helps form Canis Major as a dog chasing Lepus, the hare.

Sirius is considered the dogs nose and is leading the way. In July the ancient Greeks saw Sirius rising at about the same time the sun came up and logically assumed the two together made the temperature hotter during the day and began calling that time of year "dog days" because of Sirius.

If you happen to be up before sunrise, try to spot Sirius as it rises in the east. The dog days are roughly July 3-August 11 this year. Buffy and other folks are looking forward to cooler days.

Quilting club held meeting at DCSC

Golden Needles Quilters met at the Donley County Senior Citizens Center Thursday, July 21, to work on two quilts belonging to Gay Cole.

The quilters ate lunch, enjoyed by all, with the seniors and were grateful to the center for the good meal and the hospitality. Those present were as follows: Gay Cole, Bar-

bara Helms, Tiny Alderson, Janan Kooontz, Louella Slater, Dorothea Reynolds, Francis Smith, Carlene Hollar, Allene Leathers, Wilma Lindley, Mary Gene Lynn, Eva Lea Swinney, Rosa Lee Watson, and Suzan Chassande-Baroz. Guests were Dottie Newkirk, Canzada Bray, Jami Vierig, and Helen Fenn.

Seventeen golfers compete in scramble

By Sandy Anderberg

The team of Kevin Wood, Redell Johnston, Norm Hagood, and Karla Minkley came in at six under par Friday night in the nine-hole scramble at the Clarendon Country Club to take the top spot over the other four teams. Those teams finished at six, four and three under par.

Gail Leathers shot a gross score of 79 to top the field of nine golfers on Ladies' Day Thursday.

Karla Minkley won low net with a handicapped score of 60, and Carolyn Butler won second low net with a 61.

There will be a Jack and Jill Tournament August 6-7.

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Few families can claim to have lived in Donley County as long as the family of Robert Sawyer, who settled on land north of the present site of Clarendon in 1874. To this day, family members still work and live on land owned by Robert, land that was patented to the family before Clarendon was settled and before Donley County was even created by the Texas Legislature.

Robert, was the first in a long line of farmers and ranchers in the Sawyer clan; and he played an important part in the history of the county. He served as one of the early county commissioners and has his name engraved on the courthouse cornerstone along with fellow Commissioner Charles Goodnight. He also physically helped build the courthouse in 1890 and the Methodist Church in 1910.

Robert had four daughters - Elizabeth, Ruth, Josephine, and Latitia (who later bequeathed money that helped build the Clarendon College Livestock & Equine Center) and four sons - Southern, Henry, Joe (who was killed in World War I and buried in France), and Forrest, who was one of the first local Eagle Scouts, operated an early gas station, and ran a lumber yard in addition to his agricultural endeavors. Forrest had two children - Ed and Maryland. Ed was followed by his sons, Dan and Ted; and Dan has followed in Robert's footsteps, serving for six years now as a county commissioner.

The Whistle-Stop and the community salute the Sawyer Family for their pioneer spirit and their historic contributions to Donley County. Thank you, Sawyers!

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QuickBooks training set for August in Amarillo

AMARILLO – The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will offer the Panhandle District QuickBooks Pro Short Course August 24-25 and August 29-30 in Amarillo, and then again September 8-9 in Lubbock.

The two-day trainings will run from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day at the respective Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Centers, located at 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd. in Amarillo and 1102 E. Farm-to-Market Road 1294 north of Lubbock.

DeDe Jones, AgriLife Extension risk management specialist in Amarillo, said through the years, attendees have indicated they've seen thousands of dollars in benefit from what they learned.

QuickBooks Pro is a double-entry business accounting program often used by agricultural lenders and producers, Jones said. Participants will learn to enter transactions into the program and analyze costs and profits. No prior computer experience is necessary. Registration is \$150 and includes computer use and teaching materials. Couples

are encouraged to attend and will be charged only one registration fee if they share a computer.

Class size is limited to 15 people to provide a hands-on experience for all participants. Those planning to attend should RSVP by August 19 for either session in Amarillo and by September 2 for the session in Lubbock. Payment is due upon arrival on the first day of the course.

For more information or to RSVP for either location, contact Jones or Kim Garcia at 806-677-5600.

Eight historic Texas courthouses receive \$20 million

AUSTIN – The Texas Historical Commission (THC) announced grant recipients for Round IX of the nationally recognized Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program (THCPP) during its July 22 quarterly meeting in Austin. The THC awarded matching grants totaling \$20,162,369 to eight counties to aid in preservation of their historic courthouses, including four grants for full historic restorations.

Fannin, Karnes, Lynn, and San Saba counties received construction grants for full restorations.

Cameron, Kleberg, and Willacy counties received emergency grants to address critical issues including structural problems, water accumulation, and hazardous material removal.

Hunt County was awarded a planning grant to be applied toward the production of construction documents for a future application to the THCPP for a full restoration of their building.

The THCPP Round IX grants were made possible through a \$20 million appropriation by the 84th Texas Legislature. The THC received applications from 25 counties requesting \$78.8 million for projects totaling \$140.8 million. The agency determined grants by assessing 21 criteria including the building's age, endangerment, historical

designations, and county support for the project. Emergency grants were based primarily upon the score assigned to the endangerment category.

"The goal of the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program is to assist as many communities as possible," said THC Architecture Division Director Sharon Fleming. "The counties receiving grants are in need of this support to preserve historic landmarks, but to also make them safe and functional facilities for the staff and public they serve."

Since its creation in 1999, the THCPP has partnered with local governments to fully restore 63 historic courthouses in Texas, and assisted 28 applicants with emergency or planning projects. In addition to providing safe and functional buildings, restoration of historic courthouses benefits the state and local economies. Courthouse preservation projects have created more than 10,000 jobs in Texas and generated more than \$288 million in income. Restored courthouses reinvigorate historic downtowns and promote heritage tourism, a \$7.3 billion industry in Texas.

"Revitalization of Texas' historic county courthouses makes a significant economic impact to their communities," said THC Chairman John Nau, III. "They provide essen-

tial state services and serve as centerpieces of county history, culture and tourism."

Texas has the most historic courthouses (more than 240) in the U.S., which were deemed national treasures by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and collectively included twice on the Trust's Most Endangered Places list. The THCPP has earned national and international attention with the awards from the Association for Preservation Technology International, the Texas Society of Architects, and the Society of Architectural Historians. In 2008, the program was recognized with a Presidential Award from the White House.

"The historic county courthouses of Texas are renowned for good reason," said THC Executive Director Mark Wolfe. "With continued support from the Texas Legislature, we remain committed to restoring every historic courthouse, maximizing the significant economic benefits these iconic buildings provide."

In 2003, the Donley County Courthouse completed a \$4.2 million restoration with most of the funding provided by the THC.

For more information about the THCPP, visit www.thc.texas.gov/thcpp or contact the THC's Architecture Division at 512-463-6094.

Texas prepaid tuition program enrollment deadline

AUSTIN – The deadline is July 31 for Texas families to enroll their newborns in the Texas Tuition Promise Fund and prepay for all or some future tuition and school-wide required fees at Texas public colleges and universities. Newborns are children younger than one year at the time of enrollment.

Under the Texas Tuition Promise Fund, the state's prepaid college tuition program, participants can purchase tuition units and lock in costs based on today's prices.

"For Texas families concerned

about rising tuition costs, now is a good time to start planning early and consider enrolling your newborn in this program," Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said.

Enrollment at 2015-16 prices closed Feb. 29 for children older than one. The next annual enrollment period begins on Sept. 1 and is based on Texas public college and university tuition and school-wide required fees for the 2016-17 school year.

Complete plan information, including plan description and agreement, current prices, enrollment

forms and more is available online at TuitionPromise.org, or by calling 1-800-445-GRAD (4723), Option 5.

Purchasers should carefully consider the risks, administrative fees, service and other charges and expenses associated with the contracts, including plan termination and decreased transfer or refund value.

Purchasers should read these documents carefully before purchasing a contract. Participation in the plan does not guarantee admission to any college or university.

Texas A&M receives \$2.8 million to research rural health issues

COLLEGE STATION – The Texas A&M Southwest Rural Health Research Center (SRHRC) at the Texas A&M School of Public Health was awarded a 4-year, \$2.8 million grant as one of seven cooperative research center agreements funded nationally by the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to research critical health issues facing rural populations in our country.

Led by Jane N. Bolin, BSN, JD, PhD, SRHRC director, timely, cutting-edge research will be conducted by multidisciplinary teams across all departments of the School of Public

Health. "This isSP very important not only for Texas A&M University Health Science Center, but also for the state of Texas and the nation as a whole," Bolin said. "Critical health research issues that were proposed include access to health insurance, maternal-child health, chronic diseases, overdose and addiction, environmental exposures and health information technology."

The center will be addressing, among other things, the effects of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) rating areas on the rural health insurance marketplace; rural prescription

drug (opioid) use and abuse, including behavioral health consequences; rural health information technology (HIT) and eHealth; maternal, child and infant poverty and rural-urban health disparities in breastfeeding; and rural environmental health contaminants and exposures in children.

The center is the home of Rural Healthy People 2010 and during this past year, released the much-anticipated update Rural Healthy People 2020, a companion document to Healthy People 2020.

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Drugs in the News

Effect of Missed Medications by the Elderly

An article recently published in the Journal of the American Geriatrics Society showed that older age, gender, and memory loss are factors that can lead to missed medications. The study included over four thousand residents aged over sixty five, with poor health conditions such as a history of diabetes or heart attack. The results showed that after a period of three years a larger percent of people required assistance in taking the correct medication at the correct time of day. People over the age of eighty were up to three times more likely to require assistance in taking medications correctly. The study also found that men are up to two times more likely to need help with taking medications correctly compared to women.

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Obituaries

Scalf

Floyd Wayne Scalf of Lelia Lake died Tuesday, July 26, 2016, at the age of 84.

Services will be held Thursday, July 28, at 2 p.m. at the Clarendon Church of Christ with graveside services to be held Friday, July 29 at 2 p.m. in Chillicothe. Arrangements are under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors.

Floyd was born January 24, 1932, near Matoy, Okla., to H.M. "Dock" Scalf and Clara Bell Peek Scalf. He had several brothers and sisters - Bonnie Fay Parsley of Frederick, Okla.; the late William Lee "Bill" Scalf; Cora Bell "Mut" Smith of Tilene, Ken.; Haskell Metz Scalf of Altus, Okla.; Gearld Rayland Scalf of Cordell, Okla.; the late James Ray Scalf; Wayland D. Scalf of Altus, Okla.; LaHonda June Carter of Altus, Okla.; and the late Sharon K. Scalf.

Floyd married Betty Louise James on October 20, 1951. He worked in oil fields in the Dakotas and in the Mayfair Grocery Store in California. He then married Opal Lorene (Hestand) Turvaville on August 21, 1973. They moved to Vernon, where he worked as an assistant manager in a grocery store until he retired. About ten years ago, they moved to Lelia Lake, where they lived with his stepson Carlton and wife Susan Turvaville. Floyd was a member of the Clarendon Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife, Opal; several brothers and sisters; one daughter, Shannon V. Tate of Visalia, Calif.; one son, Billy Wayne

Scalf of Bakersfield, Calif.; two stepsons, Carlton Turvaville of Lelia Lake and Danny Odell Turvaville of Chillicothe; two stepdaughters, Regina Master of Clovis, Calif., and Belinda Humphrey of Pueblo, Colo.; 12 grandsons; two granddaughters; and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three siblings, and one stepson, Johnny Edwin Turvaville of Chillicothe.

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Dunham

Linda Kay Longan Dunham died Monday, July 18, 2016, at the home of her daughter in Clarendon, after a battle with cancer.

Linda was born, February 2, 1950, in Clarendon, to P.C. "Chuck" and Mary Lee Longan. Linda graduated from Clarendon High School in 1968 and attended Clarendon College. During high school, Linda was involved in a variety of activities: Future Homemakers of America, officer, National Honor Society, Chorus, Bronchoette Drill Team, Track, Volleyball, and All-District Basketball Player. Linda was recognized as Most Dependable her senior year. Being dependable and versatile were qualities Linda never lost, as she was always available to help other.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents Chuck and Mary Lee Longan and by her brothers Bobby Longan and Johnny Longan.

Linda leaves behind three brother, Gary Longan of Gallup, New Mexico, Tom Longan of Lelia Lake, and Billy Longan of Munday; and two sisters, Sandra Longan of Pampa and Marcia Mattes of Kansas

City, Missouri. Linda was mother to two sons, Clay Dunham of Lubbock and Mac Dunham of Clarendon; and two daughters Amber Dunham and Jodi Dunham of Clarendon. Linda was "Meme" to 10 grandchildren and had several nieces and nephews.

Linda spent more than 20 years working with Wallace Monument in Clarendon and the remainder of her career with the Mental Health Association. Linda was loved and respected by co-workers and clients and passionate about helping others.

Linda's life will be celebrated at a memorial service on Saturday, July 30, at 5:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church in Clarendon. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to the Donley County Senior Citizens.

Mathiason

Lynne Marie Mathiason, 56, died Friday, July 22, 2016, at her home in Clarendon.



Mathiason

Memorial services in Texas were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 26, 2016, in the Robertson Funeral Directors Saints' Roost Chapel in Clarendon with Rev. Bill Hodges, officiating. Memorial services in Montana will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, August 4, 2016, in the Fallon Evangelical Church in Fallon, Mont.

Cremation and Arrangements are by Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon. Lynne Mathiason was born

October 28, 1959, in Miles City, Mont., to Erling and Annette Mathiason. She spent her childhood years with her sister Karen on the family ranch. They explored and played in the hills and learned to love the land and animals. She went to grade school in Mildred and attended high school in Terry where she graduated in 1977. She enjoyed basketball and track, and qualified for state track her senior year. She attended Bartlesville Wesleyan College in Bartlesville, Okla., where she obtained an Associate's degree and then transferred to Dickinson State College in Dickinson, North Dakota, completing a Bachelor's Degree in math education.

Everywhere she went, Lynne made a lasting impact on communities and created lifelong bonds with people she met. Between college years, Lynne helped at home; and after finishing college, she got a teaching job in Clarendon where she taught until 1992. During this time, she also helped with youth groups and tried to show God's love to everyone she met.

Lynne took a year off to go home and help her family, then returned to Texas and taught 1½ years in Amarillo. She then returned to Clarendon where she taught until she retired. She enjoyed keeping books at basketball games and also helping other people, as well as all God's animals. There was never a stray cat that didn't have a wonderful home in her care!

Lynne was preceded in death by her parents, and her brother-in-law, Lee Stockett. She is survived by her sister, Karen Stockett, her niece, Jessica Stockett, and several cousins and their families.

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- 2:40 p.m. - Units paged 1 vehicle rollover I-40
- 6:01 p.m. - See subjects at Sheriff's Office
- 7:39 p.m. - Units paged house fire 800 Block East 4th
- 8:57 p.m. - EMS assist 300 Block Rosenfield
- 10:12 p.m. - See caller 100 Block South Goodnight
- 11:22 p.m. - See caller 100 Block

South Goodnight

July 19, 2016

- 1:28 p.m. - Out at Annex
- 10:52 p.m. - Report of vehicle hitting dumpster 1000 Block South Parks

July 20, 2016

- 11:32 a.m. - EMS assist I-40
- 4:16 p.m. - Out at Courthouse
- 5:36 p.m. - Residential alarm 300 Block South Bugbee
- 6:33 p.m. - Report of subject jumping in front of traffic East bound I-40
- 9:57 p.m. - Report of subject trying to rob people I-40 Rest Area West bound

July 21, 2016

- 8:38 p.m. - To jail 1 in custody
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- 10:33 p.m. - EMS assist 300 Block Angle Street - Lelia Lake

July 22, 2016

- 2:39 a.m. - Commercial burglar alarm 400 Block West 2nd
- 7:55 a.m. - Units Paged - 2 vehicle accident 2362 & Co Rd 7
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF THE INTENTION OF DONLEY COUNTY, TEXAS TO ISSUE A NUNC PRO TUNC RESOLUTION DESIGNATING REINVESTMENT ZONE #2 AND TO CLARIFY THE BOUNDARIES THEREOF.
As part of the application submitted by Salt Fork Wind Two, LLC, for a tax abatement pursuant to Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, Donley County was required to establish Reinvestment Zone #2. Due to errors in the legal description and map provided to the County, the County intends to approve a Nunc Pro Tunc Resolution correcting those errors. A public hearing on the correction of the reinvestment zone is scheduled for Monday, August 8, 2016. This hearing shall be held at the Donley County Courthouse, District Courtroom and is set to begin at 9:00 a.m. If you desire further information, you may contact the Donley County Judge's office at 806-874-3625 or come by the office on the first floor of the Donley County Courthouse at 300 S. Sully, Clarendon, Texas and view a corrected map of the area to be included in Reinvestment Zone #2.

THE STATE OF TEXAS:
IN THE MATTER OF THE CHANGE OF NAME OF J. K.N. A CHILD
CAUSE NO. DCV-14-16-07231.
IN THE 100TH DISTRICT COURT OF DONLEY COUNTY, TEXAS
TO: TOMMY JEROME
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HEDLEY Hedley CISD will have registration on Monday, August 15, 2016, from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at the school cafeteria. Bring your children's immunizations, birth certificate, social security cards, and necessary paperwork with you that night. **Hedley classes begin August 22.**

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How to help students choose an extracurricular activity

Extracurricular activities can benefit students in various ways. Academic clubs, sports and volunteer organizations provide students with opportunities to grow as people and make new friends while also teaching kids skills they will use for the rest of their lives.

Many parents are aware that extracurricular activities can help students improve their chances of gaining admission to college. But students who choose the right extracurricular activities will benefit in greater ways than simply strengthening their college applications. The following are a handful

of ways parents can help their sons and daughters choose extracurricular activities they can benefit from for years to come.

Ask kids to jot down their interests.

Students are more likely to enjoy and excel at extracurricular activities that align with their existing interests. Ask kids to jot down a list of their interests or anything they might want to try. Youngsters might want to learn a musical instrument even if they have never before taken a course on music. Once kids have listed their interests, look for activities that allow them to further explore those interests. Chances are there is

a school-sponsored or community-based club or organization that will align with at least one thing on your child's list.

Encourage kids to have fun.

Kids are more likely to enjoy and fully commit to an activity if they find it fun. While extracurricular activities can help kids grow as people and improve their image in the eyes of college admissions officers, kids will get even more out of an activity if they enjoy doing it.

Look for something that won't interfere with schoolwork.

Extracurricular activities can look great on a college application, but that benefit is lost if the



activity interferes with a student's academic performance. Some activities, including sports, demand more of students' time than others, but make sure kids know that school always comes first.

Ask around.

Ask neighbors or school officials for recommendations to

help kids who have tried but failed to find the right fit with regard to extracurricular activities. Sometimes it takes a little trial and error before a child finds an activity he or she is comfortable with. Fellow parents can make great resources, and school officials likely know of a host of clubs and organizations that kids may be interested in.

Sign up with your kids. If kids are hesitant to sign up for an activity because they are shy, sign up with them. Volunteer organizations are typically family-friendly, and kids might be more likely to come out of their shells if they sign up with their parents or siblings. As kids grow more comfortable, they will get more involved.



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This year, shoppers will save an estimated \$82.7 million in state and local sales taxes during the Sales Tax Holiday. The tax holiday weekend has been an annual event since 1999.



How to save big during Texas' sales tax holiday

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar reminds shoppers they can save money on certain items priced under \$100 during the state's annual sales tax holiday. This year, the sales tax holiday is scheduled for **Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Aug. 5-7.**

The law exempts most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks priced under \$100 from sales tax, which could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend during the weekend.

"Families gearing up for the new school year will not pay any sales tax for many back-to-school items ranging from pens to blue jeans," Combs said. "When the back-to-school list is long and the money is short, it can be difficult for Texas families. We hope this tax break will help ease that burden."

Lists of apparel and school supplies that may be purchased tax free can be found on the Comptroller's website at www.TexasTaxHoliday.org.

CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR

Retailers will not be required to collect state and local sales or use tax on most footwear and clothing that are sold for less than \$100 during the holiday. The exemption applies to each eligible item that sells for less than \$100, regardless of how many items are sold on the same invoice to a customer.

For example, if a customer purchases two shirts for \$80 each, then both items qualify for the exemption, even though the customer's total purchase price (\$160) exceeds \$99.99.

The exemption does not apply to the first \$99.99 of an otherwise eligible item that sells for more than \$99.99. For example, if a customer purchases a pair of pants that costs \$110, then sales tax is due on the entire \$110.

The exemption also does not apply to sales of special clothing or footwear that the manufacturer primarily designed for athletic activity or protective use and that is not normally worn except when used for the athletic activity or protective use for which the manufacturer designed the article. For example, golf cleats and football pads are primarily designed for athletic activity or protective use and are not normally worn except for those purposes; they do not qualify for the exemption. Tennis shoes, jogging suits and swimsuits, however, are commonly worn for purposes other than athletic activity and thus qualify for the exemption.

Additionally, tax is due on sales of accessories, including jewelry, handbags, purses, briefcases, luggage, umbrellas, wallets, watches and similar items.

The sales tax holiday exemption does not extend to rental of clothing or

footwear; nor does it apply to alteration or cleaning services performed on clothes and shoes. These items continue to be subject to state and local sales or use tax.

BACKPACKS

Backpacks under \$100 and used by elementary and secondary students are exempt. A backpack is a pack with straps one wears on the back. The exemption during the sales tax holiday includes backpacks with wheels, provided they can also be worn on the back like a traditional backpack, and messenger bags. The exemption does not include items that are reasonably defined as luggage, briefcases, athletic/duffle/gym bags, computer bags, purses or framed backpacks. Ten or fewer backpacks can be purchased tax-free at one time without providing an exemption certificate to the seller.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Texas families also get a sales tax break on most school supplies priced at less than \$100 purchased for use by a student in an elementary or secondary school.

The following is an all-inclusive list of qualifying school supplies (if priced less than \$100):

- Binders
- Book bags
- Calculators
- Cellophane tape
- Blackboard chalk
- Compasses
- Composition books
- Crayons
- Erasers
- Folders; expandable, pocket, plastic, and manila
- Glue, paste and paste sticks
- Highlighters
- Index cards
- Index card boxes
- Legal pads
- Lunch boxes
- Markers (including dry erase markers)
- Notebooks
- Paper; loose leaf ruled notebook paper, copy paper, graph paper, tracing paper, manila paper, colored paper, poster board, and construction paper
- Pencil boxes and other school supply boxes
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- Pencils
- Pens
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How to ease the transition to junior high

A child's school years are filled with many different lessons and experiences. While in school, kids have the opportunity to broaden their horizons and meet new people.

Many students will attend various schools before moving on to college, and therefore they must learn how to adjust to new schools. While many students attend elementary school together for years, students may not know their classmates once they make it to middle school, which tends to boast larger student bodies than elementary schools. That's because many middle schools' student bodies are a combination of several elementary schools. Making the transition from elementary school to middle school or junior high can spark anxiety in students, but that does not have to be.

The National Education Association says a common element of a successful middle school experience is a smooth and positive transition from elementary

school. The following are a few ways students can handle their transition to middle school.

Participate in a school-based transition program. Middle schools frequently host open houses for elementary school students, who can take tours of the campus. Parents can take part in these events with their children. If your schedule does not allow you to attend, then schedule a private tour with the middle school principal or a faculty member. Middle school guidance counselors or guest speakers also may make the rounds, visiting elementary schools directly. Be sure your student attends such information sessions so he or she can get an idea of what to expect during middle school.

Dispel any myths your youngster might have heard about middle school. Youngsters hear lots of things about middle schools, and much of what kids hear might be untrue. Ask kids what they have heard about the

schools they will be moving on to, and then do your best to dispel any myths.

Find a middle school buddy. Ask an older sibling or invite someone who is currently enrolled in the school to speak with your child and answer any questions he or she may have. Hearing directly from a fellow student may make your child feel more comfortable about what to expect.

Talk about any other fears. Engage in an open dialogue with your son or daughter about any additional fears he or she may have. If students are worried about academics, spend some time over the summer going over the curriculum. If the potential for peer pressure is a cause for concern, reinforce advice on how to react to peer pressure.

Parents and their children can take several steps to make students' transitions to middle school as smooth as possible.

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Legend

- New Staff Inservice
- Staff Development
- Staff Preparation
- Staff Development/Waiver Day
- Bad Weather Day
- School Holiday
- 1/2 Day
- [] Beginning/End Six Weeks
- STAAR/EOC tests
- EOC Testing Window
- Optional Extended Year

Six Week Periods

School Day 8AM-3:30PM; 1/2 Day 8AM-12:30PM
Full Day 450 minutes; Half Day 270 minutes

Aug 22 to Sep 30	29 days/12,870 min
Oct 3 to Nov 4	24 days/10,620 min
Nov 7 to Dec 16	27 days/11,790 min
Jan 2 to Feb 10	29 days/12,870 min
Feb 13 to Apr 7	34 days/15,120 min
Apr 10 to May 26	32 days/14,040 min
95 days/42,030 min	
Student Instruction	175 days/77,310 min
Req'd Instruction	75,600 min/school yr

Registration

Registration-Aug 15-16
New Student Registration-Aug 17

Beginning/Ending Days

1st Day of School - Aug 22
Last Day of School/Graduation - May 26

School Holidays

Labor Day - Sept 5
Thanksgiving - Nov 23-25
Christmas Break - Dec 19-30
Martin Luther King Birthday - Jan 16
Spring Break - Mar 13-17

Teacher Work/Waiver Days

New Staff Inservice - Aug 9
Professional Development - Aug 10-18
Preparation Days - Aug 19, May 27
Waiver Days - Oct 10, Mar 20, April 14
Total Days - 187

Early Release Days

End of 6 weeks - Sep 30, Nov 4
1st Semester Finals - Dec 15 and 16
End of 6 weeks - Feb 10, Apr 7
2nd Semester Finals - May 25 and 26

Bad Weather Days

May 12 and May 19

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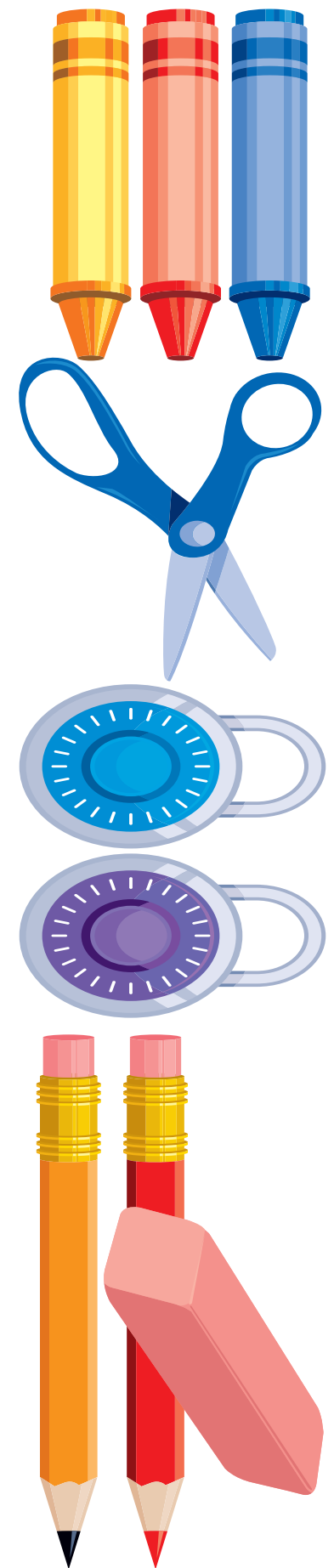
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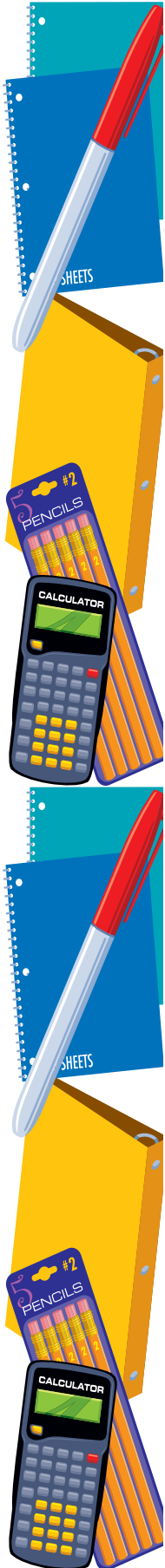
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Hedley Independent School District



- { } Beginning/End of Semesters
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- ☀ Holiday
- ☁ Weather Day
- ★ Testing
- First Day of School

Winter Break- 12/21 - 1/2
 Spring Break- 3/13 - 3/17
 Early Release Days- 12/20, 1/13, 3/10, 4/14, 5/5, 5/19
 Bad Weather days- 4/17, 5/12

Six Week Periods	Total Minutes	Total days
1st six weeks	13,485	29
2nd six weeks	11,160	24
3rd six weeks	12,360	27
4th six weeks	13,290	29
5th six weeks	15,615	34
6th six weeks	12,435	28
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SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS

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PRE-KINDERGARTEN

- 1-pair scissors (Fiskars brand)
 - 1-box of 8 large primary colored crayons
 - 1-box of 10 primary color, washable markers
 - 8-glye sticks
 - 1-Elmer's school glue, small
 - 1-plastic box to hold supplies
 - 1-spiral notebook
 - 1-plastic folder (more durable and last longer)
 - 1-box of Kleenex
 - 1-water color set, primary colors
 - 1-small backpack, no rollers please
 - 1-container of wet wipes for cleaning hands/face/bottoms
 - 1-bottle of hand sanitizer
 - 1-box Ziploc bags (Boys-gallon, girls-quart)
 - 1-complete change of clothing including socks & underwear
- All supplies with student's name labeled on them.

KINDERGARTEN

- 1-large cloth zippered pouch (no boxes)
- 1-box of 8 crayons (basic colors, standard size)
- 1-pair scissors (Fiskars brand)
- 1-Elmer's school glue, white only
- 1-box of #2 standard pencils (yellow, sharpened)
- 1-box of 8 large markers (broad line, classic colors)
- 1-spiral notebooks
- 6-plastic two-pocket folders

- 1-box of zip-lock bags (boys – gallon, girls – quart)
- 1-4pk dry erase markers, black
- 1-pull-top water bottle
- 1-water color set
- 1-large towel for resting (no mats please)
- 4-glye sticks
- 1-large box of tissue
- 1-wide-ruled Composition book
- \$1.50 for AR folder

FIRST GRADE

- 2-large box tissues
- 12-six-sided #2 pencils (yellow)
- 1-box of 24 crayons
- 10-glye sticks
- 1-Elmer's school glue
- 1-water color set
- 2-erasers
- 1-box of 8 washable markers (classic/basic colors)
- 5-folders with pockets
- 1-container Lysol wipes
- 1-school box
- 2-spiral notebooks (70-80 page, 10 1/2" x 8")
- 1-pair scissors (Fiskars brand for kids)
- 1-paint shirt
- 1-water bottle (pull-top)
- 1-backpack
- 1-box zip lock bags (quart or gallon)
- 1-ruler with inch and centimeter markings
- \$1.50 for AR folder

SECOND GRADE

Please write student's name on all supplies

- 20-#2 pencils, Ticonderoga brand
- 2-pink erasers
- 2-Elmer's school glue (white only)
- 8-glye sticks
- 1-box crayons (24 ct.)
- 1-pair scissors (Fiskar brand for kids)
- 1-school box (small only, large won't fit in desk)
- 3-boxes tissue
- 4-plastic folders with brads
- 4-spiral notebooks – single subject
- 1-box markers (broadline, primary colors)
- 1-box Ziplock bags (girls-quart, boys-gallon)
- 1-Expo Markers, black (4-pack)
- 1-Clorox wipes
- 1-zippered pencil pouch
- 1-1 1/2" black 3 ring binder with plastic sleeve on front
- 1-2" black 3 ring binder with plastic sleeve on front
- \$1.50 for AR folder

THIRD GRADE

Please put child's name on each item

- 1-box of 12 map pencils
- 24-#2 pencils, Ticonderoga brand (sharpened)
- 4-pens-blue ink only
- 2-pink eraser
- 4-folders with pockets (one folder with brads)
- 2-boxes Crayola brand crayons

- 4-black dry erase markers
- 1-pair Fiskar brand pointed school scissors
- 3-boxes tissue (large)
- 6-glye sticks, large
- 2-zippered pencil pouches
- 3-composition books
- \$1.50 for AR folder

FOURTH GRADE

Please put child's name on each item

- 1-three-ring binder, no larger than 2"
- 1-pkg. loose leaf notebook paper
- 4-folders with pockets & holes for inserting in binder
- 1-spiral notebook
- 8- #2 pencils (NO MECHANICAL)
- 1-pair scissors (Fiskars brand for kids)
- 1-Elmer's school glue
- 1-large glye stick
- 1-box crayons
- 1-12" wooden ruler with

- metric markings
- 2-red pencils
- 1-pencil bag with zipper & holes for inserting in binder
- 2-boxes of tissue
- 1-box markers
- 1-box colored pencils
- 1-eraser
- 1-standard protractor
- \$1.50 for AR folder

FIFTH GRADE

- 3-pkg. loose leaf notebook paper
- 20-#2 pencils
- 1-box of 12 map pencils
- 6-highlighters, multi-colored
- 1-eraser
- 1-pair medium size scissors
- 12-glye sticks, large
- 1-12" ruler
- 4-large boxes of tissue
- 1-box colored markers
- 1-spiral notebook
- 1-folders with pockets and fasteners

- 3-100 sheet/200 page wide ruled composition books
- 1-1" binder (no big binders please)
- 1-pkg pocket dividers
- 1-pkg of 4 Expo dry erase markers
- \$1.50 for AR folder

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

- Box or Zipper bag-to be carried to each class
 - 2- boxes pencils
 - 1- pkg black pens
 - 2- red pens
 - 1- box of colored pencils
 - 1- box of basic colored markers
 - 4- expo markers
 - 1- pair of scissors
 - 2- highlighters
 - 3- glye sticks
 - eraser toppers/ erasers
- Science**
- 1-composition book; not spiral bound
 - 1- 1 1/2"-2" 3-ring binder
 - 1- pkg notebook paper
 - 1- pkg 8 dividers

Math

- 2- composition books
- 1- package of notebook

Social Studies

- map colors
- folder with pockets
- spiral notebook
- notebook paper

Reading

- 1- comp book
- 1- folder with pockets

Writing

- 1- package of 3x5 white lined index cards
- 1- package of 3x5 assorted lined index cards
- 1- two-pocket folder with 3 brads
- 1- box of tissues
- 1- 70-page spiral notebook new students/6th graders only

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- 1 bottle of hand sanitizer or 1 box of tissues



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FIRST GRADE

- 24 #2 pencils
- 6 glue sticks
- 1 bottle - glue
- 1 bx- 24 ct crayons
- 2 pks - dry erase markers
- Reusable Water bottle
- 2 large pink erasers
- Scissors
- Pencil box
- 3 boxes of Kleenex
- 1 box of gallon baggies boys
- 1 box of quart baggies girls
- 2 wide rule single subject notebooks
- 1 red plastic pocket- braided folder
- 1 blue plastic pocket- braided folder
- 1 green plastic pocket- braided folder

SECOND GRADE

- 3 plastic/vinyl folders with brads and pockets
- 1 small school box
- 1 box of 24 count Crayola crayons
- 1 package of Crayola markers
- 1 pair scissors
- 2 glue sticks
- 1 bottle Elmer's glue
- 24 #2 pencils
- 3 boxes of Kleenex
- 1 package of pencil tip erasers
- 1 large container of disinfectant wipes
- 1 box gallon size Ziploc bags
- 1 box quart size Ziploc bags
- \$5.00 for Weekly Reader & Science Spin

THIRD GRADE

- Small school box
- 24 #2 pencils
- 4 red grading pens
- 1 box crayons

- 1 box markers
- 1 box map colors
- Scissors
- 4 glue sticks
- 1 box multiplication cards 1-12
- 1 1 inch binder
- 2 packages pencil tip erasers
- 1 package wide rule notebook paper
- 2 large boxes Kleenex

FOURTH GRADE

- Notebook paper
- 6-pocket folders with brads
- 1-Spiral notebook
- 12-#2 pencils
- 3-red grading pens or pencils
- 1-box map colors
- 1-box crayons
- 1-box makers
- Glue
- 1-zippered school bag
- Scissors
- 3-larger boxes of Kleenex
- \$5 for Time for Kids

FIFTH GRADE

- Scissors
- 2 glue sticks
- 1 small bottle school glue (Elmer's etc.)
- 6 folders with pockets (various colors, patterns, if possible)
- 1 box washable markers
- 1 box colored pencils (long colored pencils)
- 2 pkg. notebook paper (**WIDE RULE ONLY**)
- 1 spiral notebook (approx 70 pages)
- 2 red pens
- 2 pens (black or blue)
- 12 #2 pencils
- 3 **LARGE** boxes of Kleenex
- 1 12" ruler with inches & centimeters (wooden or hard plastic preferred)
- Pencil box or pencil zipper bag
- 1 small clear water bottle (optional)

- big eraser
- pencil sharpener with cavity for shavings
- 2 yellow or light colored highlighters

SIXTH GRADE MATH & READING

- 2 boxes of Kleenex
- 2 1 1/2 in. ring binder notebooks (1-red, 1-blue)
- 1 paper folder with brads (Blue in color)
- 1 lg. spiraled ringed note card booklet
- 4 pkgs. of 24 count No. 2 pencils
- 2 glue sticks
- 2 red pens
- 1 set of med. size highlighters

SEVENTH GRADE READING

- 1 1 1/2in. ring binder notebook
- 1 set of med. size highlighters
- 1 box of Kleenex

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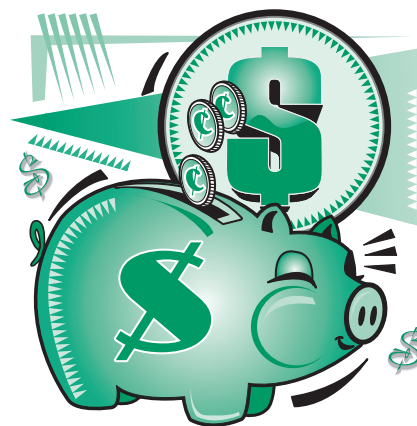


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CLARENDON NOTES:

BRONCOS TO ISSUE EQUIPMENT

JULY 30, BEGIN PRACTICE AUG. 1

Athletic Director Gary Jack has announced that Saturday, July 30, will be the day to hand out equipment to freshmen through seniors for the 2016 football season.

The event will begin at 9:00 a.m. sharp in the Bronco field house on the CHS campus. Two-a-day practices will begin on Monday, August 1, at 7:30 a.m.

"All athletes are expected to be on time, clean shaven with a good short haircut," Jack said. "Also, athletes need to be at all practices and meetings."

Girls and boys cross-country athletes in grades 9-12 need to report to the Bronco gym on Monday, August 1, at 7:30 a.m. All girl athletes playing basketball are highly encouraged to participate in cross-country. All athletes will get their paperwork on Monday, August 1.

Jack also noted that all incoming 7th, 9th, and 11th grade students must have a doctor's physical prior to practice. Physical forms are available at Clarendon Family Medical Center.

SEASON TICKETS ON SALE SOON; SENIOR PASSES ALSO AVAILABLE

Clarendon CISD will begin selling 2016 reserved seating/season football tickets to the public at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, August 15, 2016.

Reserved seating/season tickets can only be purchased at the Administration Building, 416 South Allen Street. The cost of each football reserved seating/season ticket is \$30. This price allows admission into five regular season home games and reserves your seat in the prime viewing location.

Also, Bronco fans over the age of 65 can get a Senior Citizen Pass from the Administration Building. The pass will allow senior citizens into any school sponsored home athletic event. If you currently have a pass, you do not need a new one unless it becomes no longer legible.

LITTLE MISS CHEERLEADERS

Little Miss Cheerleader will be held on Saturday, August 20, with registration starting at 9:45 a.m. The camp will run from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with a parent performance at 2:45 p.m.

Little Miss Cheerleaders is for girls in Kindergarten through sixth grade, and the cost is \$45 per girl and includes lunch, snacks and a t-shirt. Each camper will receive a photo with Sparky. They will learn a cheer, a chant, and a dance.

For more information about this program, contact Terri Luna by email at Luna.Terri@clarendonisd.net.

CLARENDON BRONCOS FOOTBALL 2016

Aug. 12	Bovina-(scr)	5:00	HOME
Aug. 18	Electra-(scr)	6:00	AWAY
Aug. 26	Shamrock	7:30	AWAY
Sept. 2	S-EARTH	7:30	HOME
Sept. 9	Wheeler	7:30	HOME
Sept. 16	Gruver	7:30	AWAY
Sept. 23	Booker***	7:30	HOME
Sept. 30	OPEN		
Oct. 7	Lockney*	7:00	AWAY
Oct. 14	Crosbyton*	7:00	HOME
Oct. 21	Ralls*	7:00	AWAY
Oct. 28	Memphis*	7:00	AWAY
Nov. 4	Wellington*	7:00	HOME

*District

***Homecoming

CLARENDON JV & JR. HIGH FOOTBALL 2016

Aug. 25	TBA	JV	6:00	AWAY
Sept. 1	Vega	JV	5:00	AWAY
Sept. 8	Wheeler	JH-JV	5:00	AWAY
Sept. 15	Gruver	JH-JV	5:00	HOME
Sept. 22	Booker	JH	5:00	AWAY
Sept. 22	TBA	JV	5:00	AWAY
Sept. 29	OPEN			
Oct. 6	Lockney*	JH-JV	5:00	HOME
Oct. 13	Crosbyton*	JH-JV	5:00	AWAY
Oct. 20	Ralls*	JH-JV	5:00	HOME
Oct. 27	Memphis*	JH-JV	5:00	HOME
Nov. 3	Wellington*	JH-JV	5:00	AWAY



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Aug. 12	TBA-(scr)		
Aug. 19	Miami-(scr)	Away	5:30
Aug. 26	McLean	Away	7:30
Sept. 2	Lefors	Away	7:30
Sept. 09	Harrold***	Home	7:30
Sept. 17	Higgins	Home	2:30
Sept. 23	Lazbuddie	Away	7:30
Sept. 30	Miami	Away	7:30
Oct. 7	OPEN		
Oct. 13	Ft. Elliott	Away	7:30
Oct. 21	Groom	Away	7:30
Oct. 28	Silverton	Away	7:30
Nov. 4	Valley	Home	7:30

***Homecoming

HEDLEY JR HIGH FOOTBALL 2016

Sept. 9	Lazbuddie	Home	5:00
Sept. 17	Higgins	Home	1:00
Sept. 23	Lazbuddie	Away	5:00
Sept. 30	Miami	Away	5:00
Oct. 7	BYE		
Oct. 13	Ft. Elliott	Away	5:00
Oct. 21	Groom	Away	5:00
Oct. 28	Sliverton	Away	5:00
Nov. 3	Valley	Away	5:00

Seven ways to make mornings less hectic

Many families find the rush is on to make it to school and work on time each morning. Feeling rushed in the morning is a recipe for added stress. Rushing through things is a poor way to begin a day, and those feelings of uneasiness can put a damper on the rest of the day ahead.

Making mornings less hectic involves a few different strategies that parents and kids can easily incorporate into their daily routines.

- **Wake up slightly earlier.** Getting up earlier than normal, even if it's just 15 to 20 minutes before you're accustomed to getting out of bed, can help reduce morning stress. Resist the temptation to hit the snooze button over and over again. A few extra minutes each morning can make you feel more relaxed and make for a smooth, stress-free start to the day.

- **Get some work done the night before.** Prepare lunches the night before and have them ready in the refrigerator. In addition, lay your clothes for the following day out each night. This saves time and takes a couple more things off your morning to-do list.

- **Ease back into a routine.** As a new school year dawns or a long vacation comes to an end, begin going to bed earlier and start waking up earlier as well. This can make the

transition from carefree mornings to busy mornings go more smoothly.

- **Prep backpacks in the evening.** Look through folders, sign paperwork, check assignments, and do whatever is you need to do the night before to save your family from having to scramble in the morning. This ensures those permission slips get signed and items make it back into school bags.

- **Opt for school lunch a few times.** Look ahead on the school lunch menu and speak with children about which meals they enjoy. Let kids purchase school lunch on those days to give yourself a day off from lunch detail.

- **Have quick breakfast foods available.** Smoothies, cereal bars, oatmeal, and whole-grain cereals are fast and nutritious ways to start the day.

- **Carpool whenever possible.** Busy families can save themselves extra work by proposing a neighborhood carpool. Sharing school dropoff detail frees time up for parents once or twice a week, and kids may enjoy traveling to school with their friends.

Mornings can be tricky when family members are getting ready for school and work at the same time. By practicing a few daily rituals, it's possible to curb the rush and start the day happier and more relaxed.

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Make school and work mornings less harried with some easy tips to add to routines.

How to create a great study environment

A student's academic performance is influenced by a host of factors, including the learning environment both inside the classroom and at home. While students may have only limited control over the environment in their classrooms, they and their parents can do much to create home study environments that are conducive to learning.

Create a «distraction-free» zone. Today's students are inundated with distractions. Whereas students were once most distracted by radios, televisions and the great outdoors when studying at home, nowadays kids must also find time to focus on their studies with their tablets and smartphones just a stone's throw away. When choosing a study area at home, parents can designate a "distraction-free" zone where no televisions, radios, tablets and smartphones are allowed. Children are increasingly dependent on their smartphones and tablets, and while such devices can

sometimes prove useful to students, that benefit is often outweighed by the distraction they present. When kids study at night, be sure they turn off their smartphones and only use their tablets as study aids.

Emphasize organization. Various organization techniques can help kids be more efficient when studying. Encourage kids to separate their learning materials by subject, and keep a calendar or daily planner at home listing when their assignments are due and which days they will be tested. Encourage youngsters to keep their home study areas tidy as well, as unorganized areas can make it harder to focus or force kids to spend some of their study time cleaning up.

Establish quiet hours at home. Quiet hours at home while kids are studying can help them better absorb their coursework, and that may lead to improved performance in the classroom. While it's important that a kids'

study areas remain distraction-free, it can also help if distractions outside those areas are minimized. Keep televisions and other potentially noisy distractions turned off while kids are studying. If you want to catch up on a favorite television show or watch a movie, do so on your tablet instead of the television, connecting earphones so kids are not overhearing anything while they're trying to study.

Keep healthy snacks on hand. Hunger can be just as distracting as electronics or noisy housemates, so keep healthy snacks on hand. In lieu of unhealthy fare like potato chips or empty calories like pretzels, keep your home stocked with fruits and vegetables and protein-rich snacks like Greek yogurt. Such snacks will quell kids' hunger pangs while also providing a boost of energy.

A strong home study environment can help students do their best in the classroom.



A decorative banner for 'Back to School' on a dark background. The text 'BACK TO SCHOOL' is written in large, white, hand-drawn letters. Other text includes 'love it', 'Perfect DAY', 'GOOD LUCK!', 'FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL', 'happy day', 'Enjoy the moment', and 'Country Bloomers Flowers & Gifts'. The banner is filled with white line-art icons of school supplies like pencils, books, a paper airplane, a bus, a calculator, and a backpack. There are also hearts and stars scattered throughout.

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Unique ways to use newspapers in class

Today's students have numerous devices at their disposal that can make learning more fun. Teachers may rely on such devices to engage students, but one more traditional teaching tool can still be an asset in the classroom.

Newspapers have changed considerably over the last decade-plus, but they still can serve teachers and students alike. The following are a handful of ways for teachers to incorporate newspapers into their lesson plans.

Use newspapers to teach geography. Whether they're local, national or international periodicals, newspapers contain stories from all over the globe. Teachers tasked with teaching students about world geography can assign each student an article about a newsworthy event taking place in a given country. Kids can then write a report about that country, including information about its location in the world, its citizens and its history.

Use newspapers to teach vocabulary. Perhaps no resource is more valuable than newspapers when teaching vocabulary. Assign each student a story or stories from the newspaper, instructing them to underline or jot down between five and 10 words they are unfamiliar with as they read. Once they have finished reading their assigned articles, students can then look up and write down the meaning of each word, ultimately handing in their list of words and/or sharing those words and their meanings

with their classmates.

Use newspapers to teach mathematics. While newspapers are often touted as great tools to teach reading comprehension and vocabulary, they also can be used to teach math lessons. For example, newspaper classified sections typically list dozens, if not hundreds, of items for sale. Assign each student 10 vehicles listed in the classified section and ask them to calculate the average asking prices of these vehicles. Another potential lesson is to ask kids to determine the percentage breakdown of each section of the newspaper. You can then explore the reasons why certain sections may be given more ink than others.

Use newspapers to teach current events. The world is an interesting place, and newspapers are great resources for people looking to keep up with all that is going on in the world. While current events can sometimes be confusing for young students, newspaper reporters aim to convey complicated topics in ways that readers of all ages and backgrounds can understand. By assigning newspaper articles as part of their students' current events assignments, teachers can help students gain a better understanding of what's going on in their world.

While newspapers may have changed considerably over the last several years, they still make great teaching tools that can benefit instructors and students alike.





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