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

Blackburn selected for sheriffs' board

Donley County Sheriff Charles "Butch" Blackburn was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas at their 137th Annual Training Conference in San Antonio, July 18-21.

More than 1,500 participants were in attendance at the Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center, where they heard outstanding speakers, had opportunities for significant and timely training sessions, and visited more than 240 exhibits showcasing some of the latest technology in law enforcement.

Sheriff Blackburn has been the sheriff of Donley County since January 2001. He distinguishes himself in his county and throughout the state as he assumes this leadership role in the Sheriffs' Association of Texas.

The association is one of the oldest law enforcement associations in the nation. The Sheriffs of Texas met for the first time on August 14, 1874, in the courthouse in Corsicana, Navarro County, Texas. The meeting was called to order by Sul Ross, Sheriff of McLennan County, who later became a notable part of Texas history.

The Sheriffs of Texas began their annual training conferences in 1878. These training conferences today are the largest composite gathering of law enforcement officers in Texas. Sheriffs and other county and local law enforcement officers, federal and state officers, and major industry security personnel attend.

In addition to the annual training conferences, the association conducts training for law enforcement officers

Downtown grant off the table for now

Clarendon won't be applying for downtown revitalization funds this year as the city and economic development board focuses on other priorities.

The city had considered seeking a grant through the Texas Department of Agriculture, but the necessary matching funds were more than the city and Clarendon Economic Development Corp. could afford at this time.

City Administrator David Dockery told the City Council last Thursday that after meeting with the CEDC on July 13, Clarendon would not be pursuing the grant.

Dockery did say that the CEDC wants downtown revitalization as a goal and intends to have some renderings drawn up so people can see exactly what such a project would look like.

Enterprise to be closed July 30-31

The Clarendon Enterprise will be closed this Thursday and Friday, July 30 and 31, for a staff holiday and regular maintenance.

The office will reopen next Monday, and deadlines will remain the same: Monday at noon for news and photos and Monday at 5 p.m. for ads and classifieds.



Memphis man rescued

Clarendon Volunteer Firemen work to free Librado Delacruz, Jr, of Memphis from his vehicle last Friday after William Trimble of Gonzales reportedly ran the red light on US 287 at Koogle Street in his 2004 Chevy pickup and crashed a red 2007 Ford Fusion. Delacruz, age 51, and his passenger, 58-year-old Mary Ann Morquecho, were both transported to an Amarillo hospital by Associated Ambulance Authority. Trimble, age 45, received a citation for running the red light.

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Pot smoking lands travelers in jail

Three men traveling from Colorado to Dallas got a night's stay in the Donley County Jail Sunday after an off-duty deputy saw them smoking pot in front of a local convenience store.

Sheriff Butch Blackburn said off-duty Deputy Odie Smith was getting gas at Allsup's when he saw

the men engaged in illegal activity. He called Deputy Sonny Morasco to the scene, and he observed the driver lighting a bong in plain view, the sheriff said.

Joshua Foreman, age 21, from Eules; Alexander James Salazar, age 20, from Bedford; and Joshua Gordon, age 21, from Bedford,

were all arrested and charged with a second degree felony of Possession of Controlled Substance and a class A misdemeanor of possession of marijuana.

Justice of the Peace Denise Bertrand arraigned the men Monday, July 27, with total bond for each one set at \$4,500. All three made bond

and were released Monday.

Blackburn said the men admitted that they had gone to Colorado to buy drugs and were on their way back to the Dallas area.

In addition to marijuana, the men had THC wax with them, a more potent derivative of marijuana, the sheriff said.

Sirens ready to scream in Howardwick

The City of Howardwick is getting ready to make some noise after installing three new storm sirens this week.

The \$57,000 project replaces five older sirens and is being paid for largely by grant funds from the US Department of Agriculture, according to City Secretary Tammy Jordan.

The USDA provided \$41,137.50 for the new sirens, Greenbelt Rural Electric Coop. provided \$3,100 for poles and power, and the city paid the balance, Jordan said.

The new system will provide better coverage that the old system and can be radio-controlled by local officials and by dispatchers at the Donley County Sheriff's Office. The sirens can be set to tone differently for fires and tornadoes.

The largest siren located north of the community building can put out 128 decibels at a distance of 100 feet and will cover a radius of one to 1 1/4 miles. Two smaller sirens are located in the city's northeastern addition and on the southwest side of the city in the Nocona Hills section. Those sirens output 120 decibels and cover a radius up to three quarters of



Dan Shaney of Storm Sirens, Inc., prepares part of Howardwick's new storm warning system for installation Tuesday morning.

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a mile. Technicians with Storm Sirens, Inc., were working to install the system Tuesday and expected to

be testing the system on Wednesday of this week.

Jordan said the city applied for funding for the system last Octo-

ber and was almost immediately approved. Installation comes now after a lightning strike this summer hit the old system.

City council continues debate on Third Street drainage

The Clarendon City Council again wrestled with the Third Street question during their regular meeting last Thursday, July 23.

Engineer Clayton Scales presented four differing proposals to solve the vexing problem of drainage on the newly paved street between Bugbee Avenue and Broncho Stadium. The rollover curb installed as part of street project earlier this year

does not channel storm water and results in significant erosion behind the curb.

The estimated costs to fix the problems range from about \$200,000 to put 10-foot concrete lanes behind the rollovers to about \$97,000 to place a six-inch stand-up curb on the south side of the road and a 10-foot hot mix asphalt lane behind the rollover on the north side.

Aldermen discussed the merits of each of the four proposals in an attempt to determine how to carry the most storm water for the best price. City Administrator David Dockery also discussed possible solutions, and asked Scales to do more studies with specific attention the cost and effectiveness of an eight-inch stand-up curb.

In other city business, the coun-

cil discussed the need for a raise in sanitation rates. Dockery said the department needs about 14 percent more revenue to cover its expenses. Alderman Sandy Skelton said he was in favor of covering expenses "as long as the expense is reasonable." The council will consider the matter further at a future meeting.

Aldermen approved a raise in the employee retirement contribu-

CC grads ace the RN exam

The first graduating class of the new Clarendon College Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) Program has achieved an outstanding pass rate of 93.75 percent on the NCLEX-RN licensing exam, the gateway exam for receiving an RN license and practicing as a Registered Nurse in the State of Texas.

Sixteen students graduated from the College's first class of ADN students this May, and in addition to the licensing, these students have earned an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing, which requires general education course work in addition to the nursing courses.

"Obviously we're very proud of our students success," said CC President Robert Riza. "It goes back to the hard work and dedication of our faculty. Dr. Cathy Rosser has been helping us this year and mentoring our faculty, and our program director, Cathy Bailey, has done an amazing job getting our students ready for graduation and for this exam."

The Texas Board of Nurses (BON) governs the practice of the Professional Nurse, also known as Registered Nurse (RN), as well as all other nursing programs in the State. The annual NCLEX examination pass rate for each professional nursing education program is determined by the percentage of first time test-takers who pass the examination during the examination year. Successful nursing programs must maintain an eighty percent (80%) pass-rate for first-time NCLEX-RN candidates each year.

"This group of nursing students faced each challenge they experienced head-on, and prevailed each time," David Hall, CC Associate Dean of Career, Technical, and Continuing Education said. "They have risen to a new level of comprehension and competence in their field; and I am proud to know can now take their training and confidently and positively influence well-being in our communities."

The College is also grateful for the communities and organizations that support its mission and students, specifically the College's ADN clinical partners located in Pampa, Childress, Wheeler, Shamrock, and Amarillo.

Riza said the program serves an important purpose for the college's service area.

"This program helps meet the needs of our communities by providing quality health professionals from the area," Riza said.

Hall also said the ADN graduates come from the local communities and have been provided the opportunity to learn at local clinical locations.

"These students are now poised and ready to give back to the communities who have supported them," Hall said.

The ADN Program at Clarendon College includes start dates for bridge students who currently hold Vocational Nursing licenses, and also those who are new to the health-care field.

Anyone interested in more information is encouraged to contact Cathryn E. Bailey, ADN Program Director, at 806-660-2014.

Government coercion bad economics

By Chris Edwards, Cato Institute

A common feature of Obama administration economic policies is the use of government coercion. The Obamacare health law mandated that individuals buy insurance. The administration's tax increases grabbed more earnings from millions of people. And federal agencies are imposing an increasing pile of labor, environmental, and financial regulations on businesses.

Pro-market policy experts point out the negative effects of each intervention, but the administration keeps dreaming up with new ways to take our money, restrict what we do, and manipulate the economy.

Liberals or progressives seem to have no inkling of why free economies work better than economies based on central authority. They favor using centralized force apparently because they think that it creates practical benefits.

But coercion is not a practical way to help the economy—regulations and taxes rarely make us better off. Some people may gain, but the vast majority of people lose. Coercion tends to destroy value, not create it.

There are at least four fundamental reasons why.

First, because the government uses coercion, its actions are based on guesswork. Regulations are top-down commands, not efforts at finding common agreement. Spending relies on compulsory taxation, not voluntary customer revenue. So government actions generate no feedback regarding whether or not they generate any net value.

Compare that to markets. We know markets generate value because they are based on voluntary and mutually beneficial exchanges. Decision making in markets is a reality-based system guided by individual preferences.

Second, government actions often destroy value because they create winners and losers. Regulations squelch personal choices and impose one-size-fits-all rules. The amount of federal spending on each program is chosen for the whole nation, and thus differs from the amount that would be favored by each individual.

In markets, people choose the amount of each item they purchase, and they can pursue a vast array of different interests, lifestyles, and careers. "The great advantage of the market," Milton Friedman said, "is that it permits wide diversity," while "the characteristic feature of action through political channels is that it tends to require or enforce substantial conformity."

Liberals like using the word "diversity," but it is free markets that actually deliver it. With their support of big government, liberals seem to believe that people can be made better off by quashing their individual choices. But with America's increasingly pluralistic society, it makes more sense to allow for diverse market solutions, rather than top-down rules from Washington.

Third, government activities fail to create value because the funding comes from a compulsory source: taxes. Unlike in markets, bad government decisions are not punished and failed policies are not weeded out because the funding is not contingent on performance. Low-value programs can live on forever, and they block the reallocation of resources to better uses.

In markets, the quest for profits spurs businesses to search for better ways of doing things. Businesses aim to maximize value for themselves, and they end up boosting the broader economy, which is the "invisible hand" of Adam Smith. In government, there is no invisible hand, no guide to steer policymakers in a constructive direction.

Fourth, government programs often fail to generate value because the taxes to support them create "deadweight losses" or economic damage. Taxes are compulsory, and so they induce people to avoid them by changing their working, investing, and consumption activities. That reduces overall output and incomes.

Let's say that the government imposes a tax on wine. That would transfer money from wine drinkers to the recipients of government programs. But an additional cost—the deadweight loss—would be created as people cut back their wine consumption. People would enjoy less wine and suffer a reduction in welfare or happiness.

The wine tax has blocked mutually beneficial exchanges from taking place, and thus has damaged the economy. The size of the damage depends on the type of tax, but for the income tax, empirical studies show that the deadweight loss of raising taxes by a dollar is roughly 50 cents.

Suppose that a philanthropist spends \$10 million on a charitable program that generates \$12 million in benefits. That private program would be a success. But a similar program run by the government would be a failure because the tax funding would create deadweight losses. The government program would cost \$10 million directly, plus another \$5 million in deadweight losses, for a total cost that is higher than the benefits.

In sum, coercion imposes deadweight losses and creates winners and losers, which is the polar opposite of the win-win exchanges in markets. Politicians may hope that their interventions create more winners than losers, but that is wishful thinking because their decisions are based on no more than guesswork.

Liberals might assume that the government has an advantage in tackling society's problems because it is such a powerful institution. But because it uses coercion to raise funds and impose its will, the government tends to make bad decisions, entrench them, and drag the whole economy down.

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Albuquerque visitors: 'soar' winners

Many tourist destinations tease with promises to "get away from it all." One in the US goes a step further. Albuquerque, NM, offers opportunities to "get above" much of it, thanks to mountainous trails, a memorable aerial tramway and world-renowned hot air ballooning.

After spending a few days there, I'd dare suggest an "elevated" slogan that won't likely gain traction. Still, "The City for Ultimate 'Soariness,'" works for me. (OK, I won't quit my day job.)

I'm thinking New Mexicans — whose state was admitted to the union in 1912 — are far too modest. Officially, it's the "Land of Enchantment," and tourism leaders in Albuquerque claim "It's a Trip." Six million tourists pumping \$2 billion annually into the city's economy can't be wrong. Yep, "soariness" there is big and getting bigger....

Multiple reasons for "soariness" go way back. God's handiwork in topography set things up, and the rich talent of this region's people has added much. Today, there's a modern "new" Albuquerque, but snuggling alongside is its historic district, "Old Town." The strong partnership in one of the world's most unique cities suggests strong commitment to cultural preservation — pride in what was, what is and what will be. Heart, spirit, mind and soul reach for "ultimate 'soariness'" in Albuquerque, all year long.

Two additions in the past half century are noteworthy. The storied Sandia Peak Aerial Tramway in 1966 was an immediate delight — and still is. Six years later in 1972, Radio Station KOB celebrated its 50th anniversary with Albuquerque's first Hot Air Balloon Festival. Now the largest in the world, it draws global attention during its annual nine-day run each October. In the begin-

ning, a handful of balloonists and small crowds showed up. Now, the spectacle is limited to 600 balloons — in various shapes, sizes and colors, many of them "game" for multiple competitions.

It is not uncommon for 100,000 visitors to gather for a single launch. Last year, the event attracted 850,000 people, and many visitors watch ballooning there throughout the year....

"Old Town" is simply a "must." Arts and crafts — all preserving Native American, Hispanic and Spanish cultures — abound in dozens of shops, with a myriad of turquoise and silver jewelry — as well as pottery and leather goods — on sidewalk display.

Locals, redefining "friendly," cheerfully suggest restaurants they like. And, doesn't that make visitors feel more like insiders?

Menus typically feature Hatch chilis, guacamole, and other staples in recipes, some centuries old. Waitpersons help to "dial in" red or green chilis to achieve desired temperatures. Yep, culinary "heat" soars, too, in the state that introduced Smokey the Bear....

Art of the Southwest impresses. It is promoted in many ways, including initiatives by individuals, institutions and corporate groups. At Nativo Lodge — and other Heritage Hotels and Resorts — the rich, multicultural heritage draws from a blend of the region's cultures for guests' enjoyment — even amazement.

An authentic Native American drum — perhaps 10 feet in diameter — dominated our hotel lobby.

We would understand it better a day later....

Sunday brought two distinctive religious experiences.

One occurred early on. A Native American chanted quietly, slowly beating the aforementioned drum. The man — perhaps a guest? — was at worship. It was authentic; there was no commercial aspect. Then in Old Town, we visited the beautiful San Felipe de Neri Church, built in 1793. Church bells called worshippers to morning mass, and the robed padre bade welcome at the door.

Breathtaken by all the adobe structures with thick walls to withstand the ravages of centuries, we wished they could talk. They'd have much to say....

It's easily understood why more than half of New Mexico's two million residents live in greater Albuquerque.

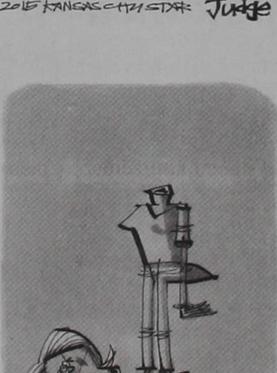
They love the sunrises and sunsets for which the state is known. Also loved are tandem efforts to be progressive in what is "new" without disregarding what is "old."

We visited Roswell — my wife's birthplace, where ongoing conversations about aliens include predictions that the area may soon lead the world in pecan harvests. We vowed to visit Carlsbad Caverns one day soon, a "wow" experience in childhood. And, the capitol city of Santa Fe beckons from this enchanted land where more wonders await....

More information available at VisitAlbuquerque.org. Dr. Newbury is a speaker in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. Speaking inquiries/comments to: newbury@speakerdoc.com.



the idle american
by don newbury



Official meaning of being Texan

As Texans, we have a style of our own — from our hospitality to our headwear.

But you may be surprised to hear the iconic symbol of Western culture, the cowboy hat, only became an official state symbol a few weeks ago courtesy of the 84th Texas Legislature. This makes Texas the first state to designate an officially sanctioned hat.

The cowboy hat is just one of dozens of items ranging from food to flower to fossil that are Texan enough to be deemed official state symbols. You've heard our unofficial motto, "Everything's bigger in Texas" — well, that includes our number of official state symbols. According to the Texas State Library and Archives, 76 items, things, or activities have now earned official status.

Many are obvious: the official state jig is the square dance. The official flower is the bluebonnet. You've seen the state flag, and of course you've heard our official state song, "Texas, Our

Texas."

Our state bird is the mockingbird, so named for the way it mimics the sound of its neighbors. It's only fitting the mockingbird represents our state, as they are known for their pride and their fierce protection of their nest.

Texans are a loyal bunch, which is why our state motto is "friendship." Texas hospitality is alive and well in the Lone Star State — which is, of course, our state's nickname.

The more than 268,000 square miles that comprise our state are home to three official state mammals: the longhorn, the armadillo, and our official flying mammal, the Mexican free-tailed bat. Anyone who has stood on the Congress Avenue Bridge in Austin knows



texas times
by sen. john cornyn

that one well. And those three mammals don't even account for the official state horse (American quarter horse) or our state breed of dog (Blue Lacey).

Just a few months ago the Texas Legislature gave Texas our newest official state symbols. Lawmakers in Austin passed a bill declaring #txlege one of three official hashtags to help Texans follow their representatives on social media. They designated the official hashtag of Texas as, you guessed it, #Texas.

And while we couldn't possibly capture the essence of the Lone Star State in even one hundred items, our 76 official symbols bring pride to our almost 27 million residents and give an idea of what it really means to be a Texan to our millions of annual visitors. Now that's something to hang our state-sanctioned cowboy hat on.

Senator John Cornyn, a Republican from Texas, is a member of the Senate Judiciary and Finance Committees.

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Thornberry votes to end 'sanctuary city' policies

WASHINGTON – US Congressman Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon) voted today in support of a bill that would remove key federal funding from sanctuary cities that ignore federal immigration law. The "Enforce the Law for Sanctuary Cities Act," H.R. 3009, passed the House by a vote of 241-179.

The bill would block specific federal grants from cities that prevent law enforcement officials from gathering information or communicating with the Department of Homeland Security about an individual's citizenship or immigration status. According to federal law, states and local governments cannot

"prohibit, or in any way restrict," law enforcement officials from sending or receiving such information, but some municipalities, known as "sanctuary cities," do not comply with this statute. Thornberry has voted for three similar provisions regarding sanctuary cities in the past two years.

"America is a nation of immigrants and a nation of laws. And while I believe our immigration system is broken and must be fixed, that does not mean state and local governments – including these so called 'sanctuary cities' – can ignore federal law," said Thornberry. "Anyone who disagrees with current

immigration law should work with Congress to pass new laws, and that includes the President."

The Department of Justice offers grants to cover some of the costs of incarcerating illegal immigrants and to provide personnel, training, and other support for criminal justice purposes.

This bill would make the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program grants, Community Oriented Policing Services grants, and the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant unavailable to state and local governments that refuse to comply with current federal immigration law.

Buckner receives \$8k to support single parents

AMARILLO – Xcel Energy committed to supporting single parent families served by Buckner Family Place Amarillo with a gift totaling \$8,000. Xcel Energy's gift will help Buckner Family Place strengthen and support these families by encouraging higher education as a way to empower them to break their cycle of poverty and achieve self-sufficiency.

"We are grateful for the continued support Xcel Energy has faithfully provided throughout the years to help assist our families as they work toward their goals of becoming self-sufficient," said Susana Guevara, program coordinator for Buckner Family Place Amarillo. "It is because of generous gifts like this that our single parents are set up for success as they pursue their educa-

tional dreams."

Since 2008 Xcel Energy has contributed a total of \$62,000 to Buckner for the support of families served by Buckner Family Place in Amarillo. The funds go toward making it possible for Family Place to provide participants with affordable housing, financial assistance, education scholarships, and case management services which include referrals to parenting education, budget training, life skills and individual and group counseling.

"Xcel Energy is committed to strengthening our communities from the ground up," said Terry Price, Xcel Energy senior foundation representative. "Community partners such as Buckner Family Place play a vital role in freeing struggling families from the cycle of poverty, allow-

ing them the chance to contribute to our society. These families represent untapped potential, and we're excited to play a part in helping them succeed."

Buckner has been dedicated to providing services that help strengthen at-risk children and families in Amarillo since 1985. Last year in Amarillo, Buckner served more than 360 individuals through foster and adoption services, after care programs, and Buckner Family Place, a transitional housing program in Amarillo that provides safe, affordable housing to single parents and their children while the parents are enrolled in an educational or vocational program. To learn more about Buckner Children and Family Services in Amarillo, please visit <http://www.buckner.org/our-work/amarillo>

Shipley named scout executive at Golden Spread Council

AMARILLO – The Golden Spread Council of Boy Scouts of America has selected Phillip Shipley as the new scout executive, effective Aug. 1.

Shipley began his scouting career as a district executive in the Tukabatchie Area Council in Montgomery, Ala. He became a field director and later the director of support with the Chickasaw Council in Memphis, Tenn. He was promoted to director of field services of the Chickasaw Council, and most recently the director of development for the Chickasaw Council.

"We are very excited to bring this high-caliber executive to Ama-

rillo," said Brian Bruckner, council president. "Phil has a great track record in scouting and will bring new, exciting programs for youth to the Golden Spread Council. He will help form and implement a vision for scouting that meets the needs of the parents and youth of this generation."

Shipley earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tenn. He is an Eagle Scout and a Vigil Honor Member of the Order of the Arrow, and has attained Three Bead Wood Badge Staff and Professional's Key. In his leisure time, Shipley enjoys fly fishing, travel and the outdoors. He

and his wife, Tamara, have a three-year-old Hanoverian horse named Leapyear.

"I started as a Cub and Boy Scout in the hills of Tennessee and grew, through scouting, to enjoy high adventure at places like Philmont and the Florida Sea Base," Shipley said. "Scouting has made a deep and profound impact on my life."

"On My Honor, Do Your Best, and Be Prepared" are the basic building blocks that have formed who I am," Shipley added. "With guidance from my parents, scout leaders, and volunteers, I have experienced scouting's best and am indebted to scouting for shaping my life."

Beef Cattle Short Course Aug. 3-5 in College Station

COLLEGE STATION – The 61st Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course is scheduled Aug. 3-5 on the campus of Texas A&M University.

Multiple sessions throughout the three-day event will focus on beef cattle production, management, market outlook and the future of the industry.

During the general session scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Aug. 3 at Rudder Auditorium, speakers will be:

• Dr. Derrell Peel, Oklahoma State University livestock economist,

discussing cattle market outlook and current supply/demand factors.

• Brian Bledsoe, chief meteorologist at KKTV-Colorado Springs, providing a weather outlook.

• Dr. Rick Machen, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service livestock specialist, Uvalde, discussing hot topics in the beef industry.

• Dan Halstrom, senior vice president of global marketing and communications, U.S. Meat Export Federation, discussing export trends.

The Cattleman's College portion of the short course will feature

workshops on introductory cattle production, forage-management practices, nutrition and reproduction, record keeping, genetics and purebred cattle and stocker cattle management.

On Aug. 5, fence building, cattle working and carcass quality demonstrations will be featured, as well as a business management workshop.

A complete schedule can be found online at: <http://bit.ly/1HW8Lk8>. Follow the event on Twitter using hashtag #BCSC2015.

Kwahadi dancers to preform in Amarillo

The Kwahadi dancers will present "Song of the eagle," a fun show for the entire family this Friday and Saturday, July 31 and August 1, in Amarillo.

All seats are \$7 in celebration of the Kwahadi Dancers' 70th anniversary. An optional dinner is available at 6 p.m. and the show is at 7.

For dinner and ticket reservations, call the museum gift shop: 806-335-3175.

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August 14
Broncos v Bovina • scrimmage • 5 p.m. • Bovina

Owls v Chillicothe • scrimmage • 6 p.m. • Hedley

August 17
Hedley Student Registration • 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. • Cafeteria

August 21
Broncos v Electra • scrimmage • 6 p.m. • Clarendon

Owls v Miami • scrimmage • TBD • Miami

August 24
Back to school

August 28
Broncos v Tulla • 7:30 p.m. • Clarendon

Owls v Higgins • 7:30 p.m. • Higgins

September 4
Broncos v Springlake-Earth • 7:30 p.m. • Earth

Owls v Lefors • 7:30 p.m. • Hedley

September 7
Labor Day

September 11
Patriot Day

Broncos v Highland-Park • 7:30 p.m. • Amarillo

Owls v Vernon Northside • 7:30 p.m. • Hedley

September 13
Grandparents Day

September 17
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September 18
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Thu: Lasagna, garlic bread, Brussel sprouts, sliced, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Chicken enchilada, picante sauce, pinto beans, fiesta corn, sugar cookies, iced tea/2% milk.

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When America took a giant leap in history

As I flipped through those 200 or so TV channels last week, my eye was caught by pictures of Pluto being sent back by the New Horizon space probe as shown on National Geographic Channel. Wait a minute. Isn't this better news than Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton? Memories of early space exploration came flooding back and how exciting it was to the world.

Beginning in the 1950s the "Cold War" existed between Russia and the United States with each country determined to have larger and more deadly weapons of mass destruction. If you think ISIS scares us today, you did not live through the Cold War as I did. They were our enemy and our country usually kept up or ahead of Russia. Can you imagine the shock our country felt when Russia launched the first Sputnik? They were in space and we were

not!
Next came the Russian dog in space with us always behind, with a chimp. Then came Russian Yuri Gagarin, first man in space followed by our Alan Shepard. We began to feel safer when John Glenn orbited the earth.

Then on May 25, 1961, before a joint session of congress and televised to the American public, came the speech of President John F. Kennedy and his challenge to put a man on the moon and bring him back safely within the decade. We had three television channels, ABC, CBS, and NBC - black and white, grainy pictures - but history was

coming into our living rooms as it happened. The world expanded before our eyes. We watched lift-off and learned geography as the space craft passed over Africa or Australia, all the time with Huntley, Brinkley, or Walter Cronkite talking you through the happenings.

When President Kennedy said, "We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do other things, not because they are easy but because they are hard," the American people, with a can-do attitude said 'okay, let's go.' On July 20, 1969 NASA's Apollo 11 set the first humans on the moon, Neal Armstrong followed by Buzz Aldrin. Who can forget Armstrong's words, "One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." With tears streaming down my face I watched with millions the world over as the two jumped, gathered rocks, made scientific measurements, and

planted the American flag. As technology improved, the lunar landings continued from 1969-1972, the last men to walk on the moon were Gene Cernan and Jack Schmitt. The Soviets have never set a man on the moon but have had more space discoveries. Countries are now working together not competing over space but I believe without that challenge from President Kennedy in 1961 to get a man on the moon within the decade jump started our nation to one of the greatest achievements of all time. Those achievements continue with New Horizon and pictures of Pluto, over nine years from lift-off.

What will my great-grandchildren see in their life time? I don't know but the feeling of my generation, huddled around the grainy black and white TV and praying the three men get back will probably never be experienced again.



Anniversary
Earl and Sharyn Morrow of Clarendon will be celebrating 45 years of marriage next week. The couple were wed August 1, 1970, in Amarillo.

Adams receives FFA scholarship

CORPUS CHRISTI - Kati Adams of the Hedley FFA Chapter, was awarded a \$10,000 scholarship, sponsored by Richard Wallrath Educational Foundation at the 87th annual Texas FFA State Convention held July 13-17 in Corpus Christi.

Adams was awarded for her qualifications in academic achievement, leadership, SAE, FFA involvement, financial need, and personal interview.

The 87th annual Texas FFA State Convention recorded approximately 12,000 members and guests. Members of the agricultural youth leadership organization spent the week attending leadership workshops, participating in events and activities, being recognized for their achievements, and serving as the legislative body for the Texas FFA Association.

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Pictured from left to right: Gov. Greg Abbott, Richard Wallrath, Kati Adams, Jess Mason, and State FFA Pres. Gracie Hedrick.

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Bar Talk

The Amarillo Area Breast Health Coalition held their Art Bar Exhibit at the Clarendon College Bairfield Activity Center Tuesday, July 28. The event featured art bras created by local women and CC students and promoted breast health and early detection to save lives. Helping with the event was Debbie Miller, Sharon Felts, Executive Director Leticia Goodrich, and Director Lucille Selman.

Fun at the waterpark

Last Friday, we went to the Pampa waterpark, and I got to jump off the diving board and do a belly flop in the belly flop contest. There was a long line waiting to do it. I also got to ride in the lazy river with my aunts.

They also have a splash pad area for the little kids and also a huge slide with a toilet bowl looking thing

but its real name was Splashtunia.

There were also two other slides - a green one that was enclosed and fast and really dark, and a blue and yellow that wasn't as fast or dark.

Clarendon really needs a water park because they are super fun and there's not a place in Clarendon where you can dive into the pool.

Also this weekend, my Dad helped me hookup my PlayStation online. It gave me new Minecraft options like stained glass, a book and quill, and also I can join other people and make my worlds online or offline.



the cub reporter
by benjamin estlack

the lion's tale
by scarlet estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club held its Tuesday noon meeting July 28, 2015, with Boss Lion Jacob Fangman in charge.

We had 19 members and no guests this week and enjoyed a roast beef dinner with banana pudding.

Lion Robert Riza reported on the college where the Amarillo Area Breast Health group was having a bra art presentation Tuesday evening.

Lion John Howard reported on county business and said an architect had been inspecting the sandstone on the Courthouse Monday to make recommendations for repairs.

Past District Gov. Jack King presented our program on the Texas Lions Camp, which serves 1,500 kids with special needs each summer in Kerrville. A portion of Lions' dues help provide the camp.

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

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On display at the Art Bra Exhibit held Tuesday, July 28, at Clarendon College was "Women are Strong" created by Alison Kiewilt, a CC student from Dumas.



The Amarillo Area Breast Health Coalition held their Art Bar Exhibit at the Bairfield Activity Center Tuesday. The Art Bar pictured is by CC Student Yesenia Rodriguez from Stockton, Calif.

Drugs in the News
Generic Form of Bipolar Medication Approved
The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently approved the first generic versions of the brand name drug Abilify (aripiprazole). Generic prescription medications are approved by the FDA after meeting the same the same quality and strength as the brand name medication. Aripiprazole is approved for the treatment of schizophrenia and bipolar disorder. Schizophrenia is a brain disorder characterized by hearing voices that are not true and being falsely suspicious that others are controlling them. Bipolar disorder is defined as a mood disorder in which there is alternating feelings between a severe depression and increased activity.
Aripiprazole belongs to the class of medications called atypical antipsychotics. It works by binding to and blocking certain receptors in the brain to help stop or increase the release of certain chemicals. Some of the most common side effects of aripiprazole are nausea, vomiting, headache, dizziness, and difficulty falling asleep. The atypical antipsychotics contain a warning from the FDA that it may lead to unusual thinking and behavior in children and young adults who take the medication.
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Program aims to give college credit where it's due

By Matthew Watkins, The Texas Tribune

Across Texas, tens of thousands of students have earned enough college credit for an associate degree without knowing it. A new project led by the University of Texas at Austin hopes to track them down.

The program to be announced Tuesday, known as Reverse Transfer, will attempt to get those students their degrees — and maybe convince them to continue their schooling. If successful, there could be benefits for the students and the state, its creators say. And officials hope its use will extend beyond Texas.

"It's a win-win-win solution all the way around," said UT-Austin Registrar Shelby Stanfield, who led the initiative.

Students targeted by the program have often fallen through the cracks. Most started their academic careers enrolled in a junior or community college, then transferred to a four-year school with the goal of getting a bachelor's degree. Then, many dropped out, had academic problems or put their educations on hold. Often, they completed enough coursework at their new school to transfer those credits back to their old school and collect a two-

year degree. But that option never occurred to them.

Getting that degree would actually be easy. Course credits transfer both ways, so students would likely only have to fill out paperwork. But research shows that filling out that paperwork would increase their earning power, and make them more likely to complete their bachelor's degree.

"The paper matters; the sense of completion matters," Stanfield said. "Instead of saying, 'I have some college,' they can say that they have an associate's degree."

The system might also target students who are close to finishing an associate degree. News that they are just a few hours shy might motivate them to enroll in an online class and restart their education, Stanfield said.

Texas has pushed for a reverse transfer system since 2011, but results have been limited, Stanfield said. Four-year schools regularly sent their transfer students' transcripts to their old schools to comply with state law but sometimes didn't give any explanation for why they were doing so.

The community colleges would

receive the transcripts but not know what to do with them, or spend long hours trying to verify the information.

The Reverse Transfer system will automate the process. Students transferring into four-year schools will sign a waiver allowing their new school to send their information to the old school once a certain number of hours are reached. The transfer process will be automated, and the transcripts will be verified by the National Student Clearinghouse. Participating in the program would be free for each school.

That process was made possible in Texas by a state law passed in 2015. The bill's author, Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, said in a statement that she was "delighted to help universities and community colleges reduce costs and promote degree completion."

The members of the University of Texas System are already working with a version of the new system, Stanfield said. Colleges and universities in Wisconsin and Missouri have also signed up, he said. The goal is for the program to be used by as many schools as possible in Texas and nationwide, Stanfield said.

At 50 years, Medicare covers 55 million Americans

As Medicare and Medicaid celebrate their 50th anniversary protecting the health and well-being of millions of seniors, people with disabilities and low-income individuals, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) today released updated Medicare state-by-state enrollment numbers, showing that more than 55 million Americans are covered by Medicare.

In Texas, the data shows 3,595,907 people are covered by Medicare. In 1966, approximately 19.1 million Americans were covered by Medicare. In 2012, there were nearly 52 million beneficiaries covered by Medicare. Today's enroll-

ment numbers represent a three million person increase during the last three years as the Baby Boom generation has started to retire. Medicare beneficiaries depend on the program to provide critical health services such as preventive services, including flu shots and diabetes screenings, hospital stays, lab tests and critical supplies like wheelchairs and prescription drugs.

"Over the last 50 years, Medicare has become part of the fabric of our communities, protecting the well-being and financial security of millions of American families as they age or if they become disabled. In doing so, Medicare has kept up

with dramatic demographic changes and led the charge toward improving health care delivery," said Andy Slavitt, CMS acting administrator. "As we preserve and advance Medicare for future generations, we are focused on helping build a better system with smarter spending that keeps people healthier."

CMS also releases state-by-state Medicaid enrollments on a monthly basis. As of May 2015, over 71.6 million individuals were enrolled in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) with 12.8 million more gaining coverage since 2013. More information is available on Medicaid.gov.

Jack and Jill Tourney to be held at CCC

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon Country Club will be hosting a Jack and Jill two-day tournament on August 1-2. The tournament will be one man and one woman and will be 36 holes.

Fifteen golfers played in the Friday night nine-hole scramble and the team of Chris Linquist, Redell Johnston, and Lance Wood to the top spot at six under par. The other teams came in at five, four, and three under par.

George Leathers won low gross in the Wednesday men's game with a 77, and Frank Dale won low net with a handicapped score of 67.

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U.S. Postal Service to focus on mail time in rural areas

WASHINGTON—Small towns and rural areas may soon get more attention from the U.S. Postal Service, following several years of post office and mail sorting facility closings. The Senate Appropriations Committee this week ordered new examination of the on-time arrival of mail outside urban areas. National Newspaper Association President John Edgecombe Jr., publisher of The Nebraska Signal in Geneva, NE, said the new requirement resulted from NNA's work to improve rural mail service. He expressed NNA's thanks to Sen. Roy Blunt, R-MO, for being the champion of a new rural mail service measurement.

Blunt said, "Rural mail delivery has been increasingly strained in recent years, especially with additional mail processing center closures in my state. Many rural Missourians have experienced delayed mail, and it is a problem that needs to be addressed. I am pleased the Appropriations Committee included my language directing the Postal Service and Postal Regulatory Com-

mission to work together to create a measurement to determine rural mail delivery times. With the U.S. Postal Service expressing support for this language, this is a constructive step forward to address the ongoing challenges facing rural mail service."

"NNA always works for the benefit of smaller communities in the U.S., and we know that mail is particularly important to our towns. Since 2011 when mail processing facilities began to close, most of us community newspaper people have seen deterioration in the quality of service. But current USPS mail service studies do not specifically look at rural mail. We asked in March that the Postal Regulatory Commission work out a study on rural and small town mail. Now we are gratified that the Senate Appropriations Committee is going to require it," Edgecombe said. The Postal Service regularly gathers data on the time elapsed from the entry of a mail piece into its system to the arrival at the mail's destination. Reports of on-time delivery as measured against a

stated service standard are provided through the PRC's website. Information comes from a variety of USPS systems, including reports from in-home mail monitors working through a Postal Service contractor.

"We believe the Postal Service is sensitive to the need for a separate measurement of rural mail," NNA Chief Executive Officer Tonda F. Rush said. "The changes in the service network since the Great Recession have disproportionately diminished service to small towns, simply because they are now further away from mail processing plants and their mail has to travel further. We have been discussing this problem with Postmaster General Megan Brennan, who offered her increased attention to this problem. Her support for Blunt's amendment was critical."

The language in the Financial Services and General Government appropriation bill for 2016 is:

The committee directs the Postal Regulatory Commission and Postal Service to work together to

expand the methodology to report mail delivery performance to specifically include mail delivery from rural towns to other rural towns; from rural towns to urban areas; and from urban areas to rural towns. The committee requests this methodology within 60 days of enactment of the Act, with a subsequent report on the data gathered using this methodology to be provided to the Committee no later than March 1, 2016.

Enactment of the requirement depends upon passage of the overall bill by the Senate and House. However, Rush said she believed the study would begin even without the final passage of the legislation.

"NNA is looking forward to seeing the Postal Service progress on this study," Edgecombe said. "We appreciate Postmaster General Brennan's openness to taking on this important measurement. Under the maxim, 'what gets measured gets done,' we think once the numbers are run on the rural areas, the Postal Service will have the tools to improve the service."

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Where the grass is greener and the music is hotter

The fourth annual 2015 Meadow City Music Festival in Las Vegas, New Mexico, will host local and regional entertainers on two stages Friday, August 21 through Sunday, August 23.

Most of the performers playing the Festival received musical training at Highlands University in Las Vegas or started their first band in city venues. Others are still playing there.

Cascabel, a headliner and a crowd favorite, began as a Las Vegas band in the 1970's, becoming immensely popular over northern New Mexico. Over the years, band members dispersed across New Mexico, Colorado, and California. This year, Cascabel will enjoy a musical reunion on a Las Vegas, New Mexico stage again at the Festival.

Other entertainers scheduled for this year's festival include all female band Floozy, female-fronted Hello Dollface, Nashville recording artist Sim Balkey, two blues bands (Low Down Daddies and Rainy Day

Blues), singer/songwriter Sage Harrington and The Happy Gland Band, Taiko Drummers, Jazzology and the Smooth Riders, the Ranchera band Carlos Medina y Los Gallos, and many more.

The Meadow City Music Festival believes that "music is for movers and shakers." There will be plenty of toe-tapping rhythms to entice Festival guests onto their feet and dancing, either partnered or just moving solo to the beat.

In addition to musical offerings, Festival guests can make a monochromatic, taste delicious local cuisine either in city restaurants or catered at the Festival, tour recent downtown Las Vegas building renovations, or visit landmarks that were part of Fred Harvey's civilizing of the west. There are special activities for children, too.

Entertainment at the beautiful, shaded Plaza Park is free during the day, including performances by all the headliners. Evening performances at the renovated historic Serf Theatre are limited, so get tickets for

those events early.

Several businesses have partnered with the Festival to offer special lodging rates for festivalgoers. For more information about the entertainment schedule, tickets, and overnight lodging, go to meadowcitymusicfest.com.

Follow the Festival on www.facebook.com/MeadowCityMusicFestival.

Come experience a warm welcome in Las Vegas, New Mexico at the Meadow City Music Festival in August!

The Meadow City Music Festival is the annual fundraiser for Main-Street de Las Vegas, a 501-(c)3 non profit revitalizing historic downtown Las Vegas, New Mexico.

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4:29 p.m. - Units paged for fire 1260 North
6:16 p.m. - Units paged semi off road blocking highway in Hedley
8:29 p.m. - See caller 600 block East Wood
9:07 p.m. - See caller 300 block South Hawley
11:05 p.m. - Report of man looking in windows Carhart & Burkhead

July 21, 2015
12:38 a.m. - EMS assist 400 block West 6th
12:42 a.m. - See caller 500 block East 4th
12:57 a.m. - See caller 500 block East 4th

7:34 a.m. - Vehicle vs deer accident FM 2162
8:25 a.m. - EMS assist 200 block East Barcus
9:33 a.m. - Loose livestock westbound 287 south of rest area
3:35 p.m. - See caller at Sheriff's Office

July 22, 2015
7:00 a.m. - Report of semi caught on culvert North 70
8:40 a.m. - To jail with one in custody
10:33 p.m. - See caller 900 block West 2nd
1:39 p.m. - Report of accident 287 & Koogale

July 23, 2015
6:38 a.m. - See complainant @ Sherriff Department
10:49 a.m. - EMS assist 300 block South Faker
10:54 a.m. - Out @ Annex

11:36 a.m. - EMS assist 400 block West 3rd
12:29 p.m. - EMS assist 200 block East Barcus
7:00 p.m. - EMS assist 700 block East 4th
8:25 p.m. - EMS assist 400 block West 3rd
10:50 p.m. - Units paged one vehicle rollover FM 1932

July 24, 2015
9:48 a.m. - EMS assist Ambulance Station
10:02 a.m. - Units paged accident 287 & Koogale
10:33 a.m. - To jail with one in custody
10:49 a.m. - Out @ Courthouse
11:17 p.m. - EMS assist 700 block Goodnight
2:08 p.m. - To jail with one in custody
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weather report

Day	Date	High	Low	Prec.
Mon	20	95°	67°	.1'
Tues	21	84°	67°	-
Wed	22	96°	70°	-
Thur	23	96°	70°	-
Fri	24	97°	69°	-
Sat	25	99°	68°	-
Sun	26	98°	69°	-

Total precipitation this month: 3.23"
Total precipitation to date: 23.28"

weekend forecast

Fri., July 31
Mostly Sunny
92° / 68°

Sat., August 1
Mostly Sunny
93° / 69°

Sun., August 2
Mostly Sunny
95° / 70°

Information provided by:
Lori Howard
National Weather Service

Obituaries

Leffew

Larry "Corky" Lynn Leffew was born on June 21, 1947, in Santa Maria, California, and departed this life on Wednesday, July 22, 2015, in Rock Rapids, Iowa, at the age of 68.

Funeral services were held on July 27, 2015, at Parks Brothers Funeral Chapel in Prague with Rev. Kevin Wehrli officiating. Interment followed at Paden Cemetery in Paden. Services are under the direction of Parks Brothers Funeral Service in Prague.

Corky, the son of Willis Leary and Georgia Claris (Rich) Leffew, was a resident of Paden. He proudly served his country in the United States Army. He married Teresa Faye

Bryant on September 27, 1995, in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Corky's parents, sister, Rava Rose McKinney and brother-in-law, James McKinney preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife of 19 years, Teresa Bryant Leffew of the home; sons and daughters-in-law, Tully and Lynn Leffew of Panhandle and Kelby and Kim Leffew of Amarillo; daughter, DaRacee Leffew of the home; grandchildren; Nicole, Amanda, Savanna, Lane, Alicia, Jonathan, Jason, Zac, Trevor and Jacey; 7 great grandchildren; brothers and sisters-in-law, Doyle "Cotton" and Jo Ellen Leffew of Stinnett and Darrell and Wilma Leffew of Clarendon; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Faye and Floyd Bryant of Paden; other numerous family and friends.



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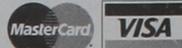
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To request complete specifications contact Dr. Robert H. Taylor, Director of Institutional Research, P.O. Box 968, Clarendon, Texas 79226 or call (806) 874-4859 ext 129, or e-mail: robert.taylor@clarendoncollege.edu.

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THE FAMILY OF Cleofes "Speedy" Jaramillo would like to thank everyone for the love and support given to us during the loss of our loved one. The calls, cards, flower arrangements, and food that were sent to us during this difficult time were all greatly appreciated. Our deepest thanks goes to Steve Hall and the Best Western staff for the beautiful flower arrangement and delicious meals you took to us. And a heartfelt thanks goes out to Father Raj for praying with Cleo before his passing. A special thanks to his daughter in law Angela Jaramillo for the poem read at the graveside. Also a big thanks to Jim and Susie Shadle. Cleo enjoyed time with family and friends, and even though we will all miss him deeply every day, we feel blessed knowing you were all there to comfort us during our loss. Warmest Regards, The Jaramillo Family

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This year's Bronco Cheerleaders are: (front) Jensen Hatley, Brooke Smith Middle Row MaRae Hall, Sterling King, Whitney La Roe, (back) Briley Chadwick, Karlee Adams, Leslie Coxe, Aubryanna Powell.

Bronco cheerleaders attended cheer camp

By Terri Luna

The Clarendon High School Bronco Cheerleaders attended Cheer camp in Corpus Christi, June 15-18. The squad did very well, learned lots of new cheers and dances to share with fans this fall!

Our Mascot, Senior Karlee Adams, earned an All-American nomination along with an award for

most creative skit.

The Bronco Cheerleaders this year are: Captain, Senior Sterling King, Co-Captain, Senior Leslie Coxe, Junior Briley Chadwick, Junior MaRae Hall, Junior Jensen Hatley, Junior Aubryanna Powell, Junior Brooke Smith, Sophomore Whitney LaRoe and Mascot, Senior Karlee Adams.

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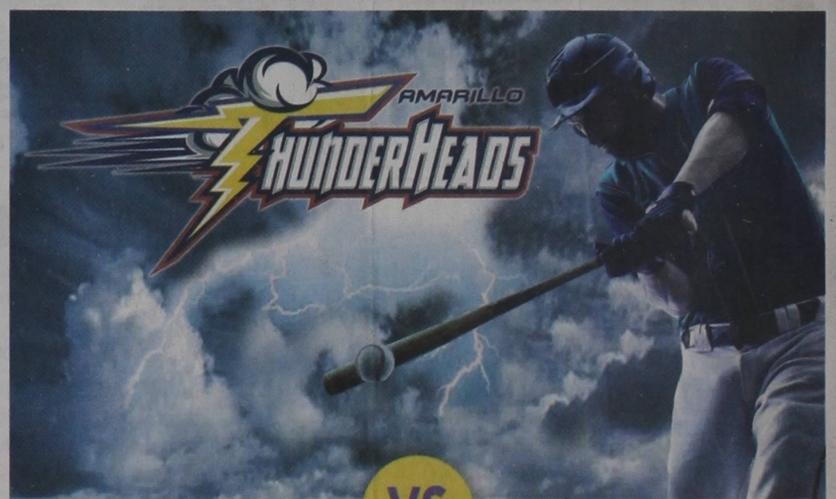
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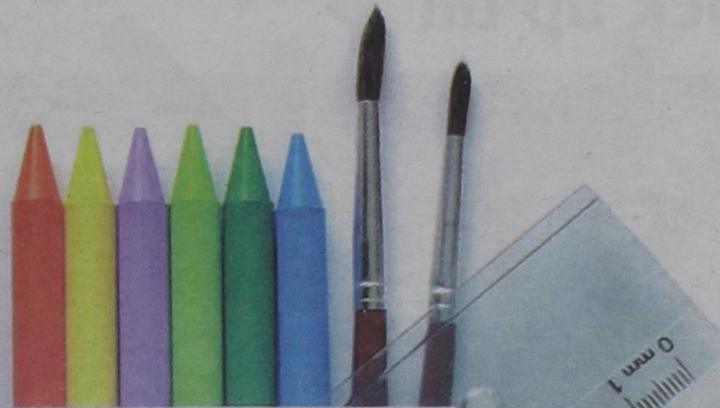
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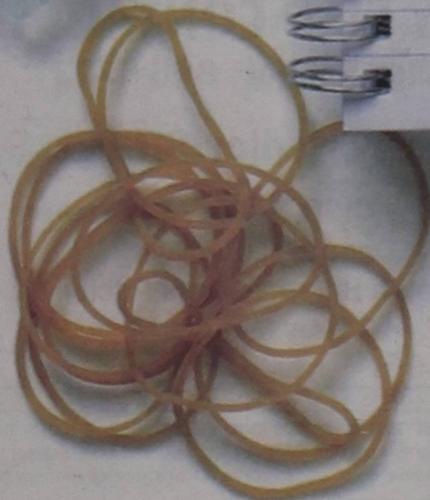
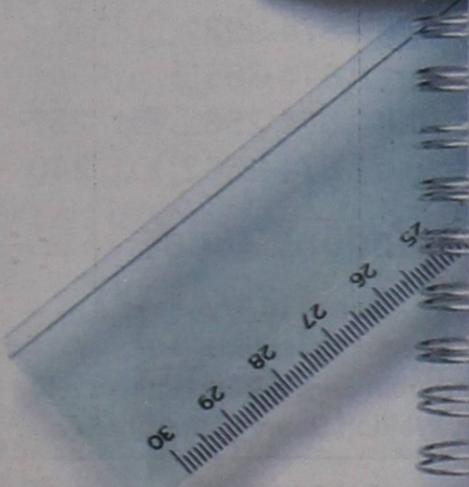
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Save big during Sales Tax Holiday

AUSTIN – 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. 7 - 9.

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.

"As the father of three young children, I know back-to-school expenses can really put a strain on family budgets this time of year," Hegar said. "This is an opportunity for families to save some money and prepare for the start of the school year."

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

This year, shoppers will save an estimated \$87 million in state and local sales taxes during the sales tax holiday.

The tax holiday weekend has been an annual event since 1999.

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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.

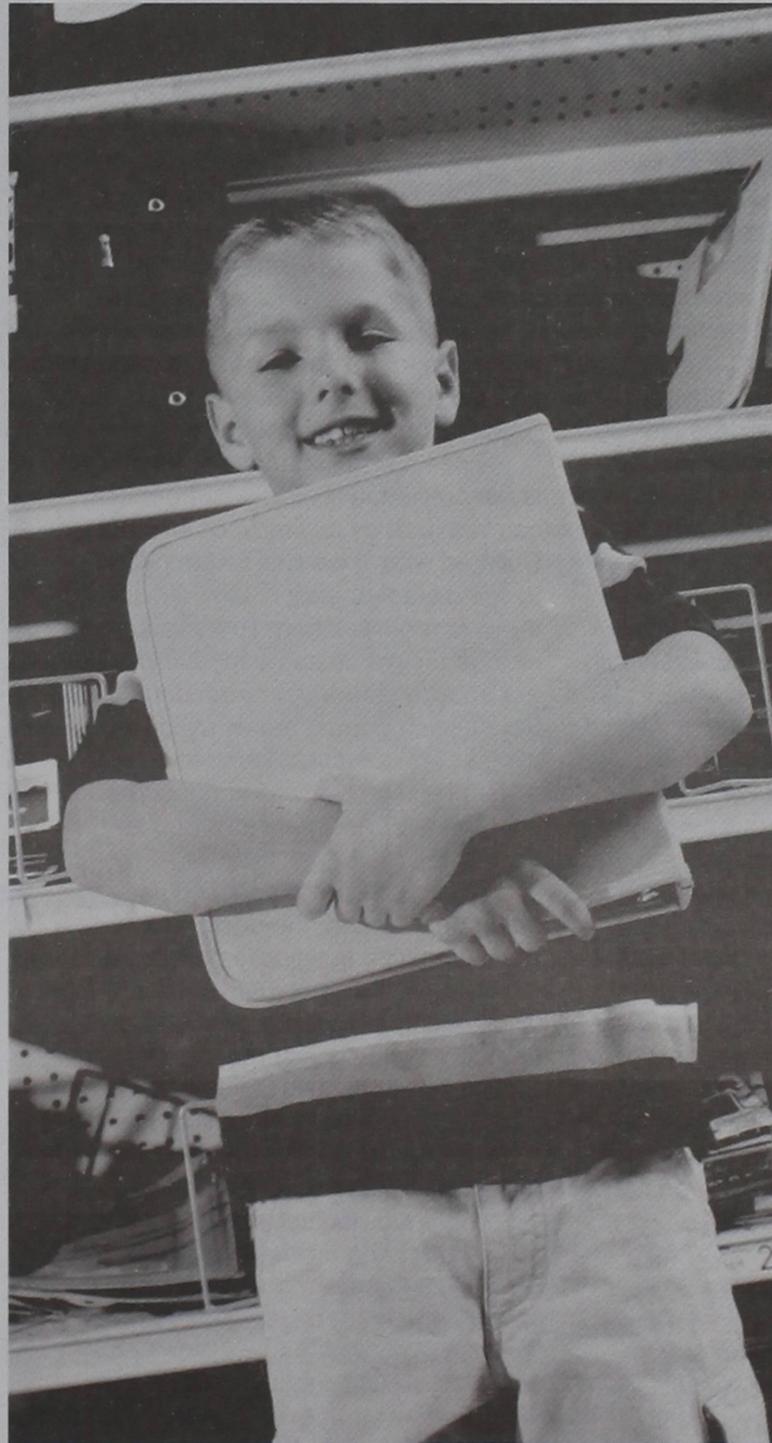
The sales tax holiday exemption does not extend to rental of clothing or footwear; nor does it apply to alteration or cleaning services performed on clothes and shoes. These items continue to be subject to state and local sales or use tax.

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.

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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.



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Recognizing Vision Problems

Parents want their kids to be as healthy as possible. Whether tailoring kids' diets to include healthier foods or encouraging their youngsters to be physically active, parents often go the extra mile with regards to the health of their children.

But as hard as parents may try, some health-related issues are difficult to avoid or prevent. For example, even the most conscientious parents might have little influence over their children's vision. Many children have a form of myopia, commonly known as nearsightedness, which progressively worsens as kids get older but eventually stabilizes when their eyes have stopped growing, typically in a young adult's early 20s. Myopia is common and treatable, but parents should still educate themselves about it so they can better respond should they suspect their child is suffering from nearsightedness.

What causes myopia?

When a person has myopia, light entering his or her eye is focused incorrectly. Nearsighted people usually have an eyeball that is slightly longer than normal from front to back, and the light rays that make up the images a nearsighted person sees focus in front of the retina instead of directly on it. The result is that objects that are far away appear blurry.

Are there indicators that a child is nearsighted?

Kids likely won't tell their parents that they are struggling to see distant objects clearly, so it's important for parents to look for indicators that a child might be struggling with myopia. Kids who are nearsighted might squint to see objects that are far away, including the television.

One of the telltale indicators is how a child behaves in the classroom. Children who tell their teacher they need to move closer to the chalkboard should be taken to the eye doctor. Parents who suspect their child might be nearsighted can talk to their child's teacher and ask if the teacher feels the child might be struggling with his or her vision. Such struggles can affect how a child performs in school.

Children who get frequent headaches might also be suffering from nearsightedness.

Doctors recommend that kids have their eyes examined at six months, three years of age and prior to entering the first grade. But even if kids have passed previous eye examinations at each of those benchmarks, it's best to take them for another exam the moment a vision problem is suspected.

Is myopia preventable?

Since it is often inherited, myopia is not preventable. However, treatment can significantly minimize its effects. Children who appear to be struggling to see distant objects clearly should be taken for an eye exam. That exam may include an eye pressure measurement; a refraction test, which is used to determine a correct prescription for eyeglasses; a retinal examination and a visual acuity test, which measures sharpness of vision at close and far distances.

When a child is diagnosed as being nearsighted, the doctor will likely prescribe eyeglasses or contact lenses. LASIK surgery can correct vision, but many surgeons are reticent to recommend such surgery until a patient's eye has fully developed, which does not occur until after childhood.

Are there other symptoms of childhood vision problems?

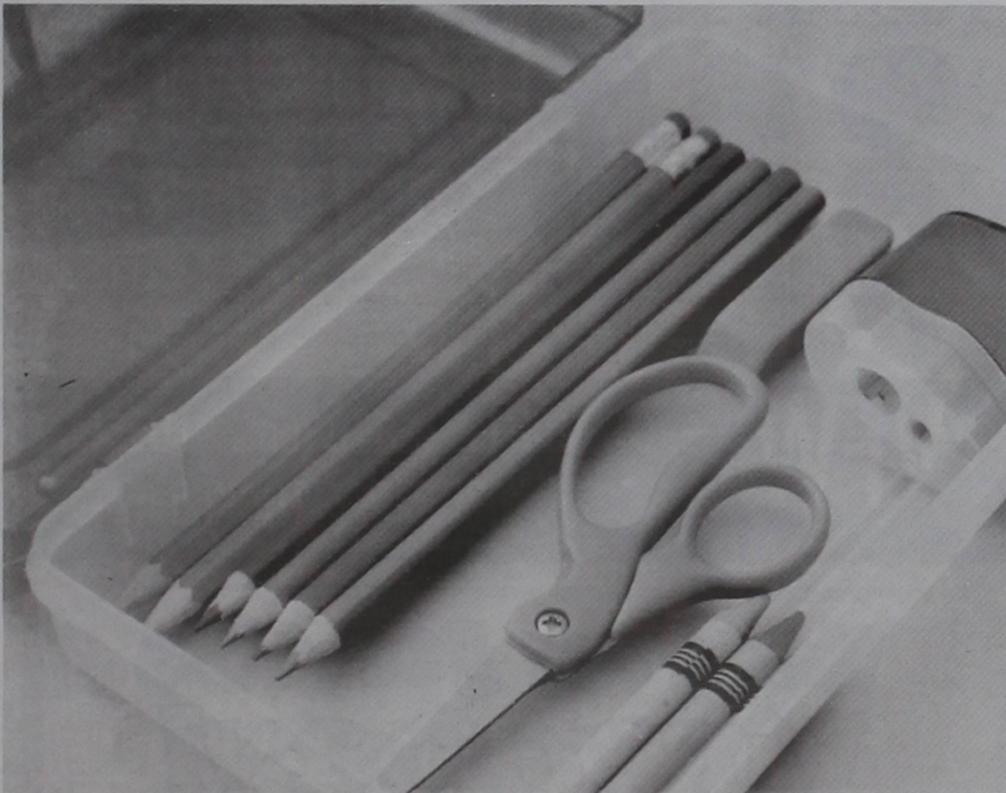
There are additional symptoms of childhood vision problems that might not indicate nearsightedness, but might indicate another problem that should result in a trip to the eye doctor. For example, a child might close one eye when watching television or reading. This could be indicative that vision in one eye is poorer than the other.

Young children who struggle to color within the lines might have an issue with their hand-eye coordination. Poor hand-eye coordination could be the result of a vision impairment.

Children who tilt their head to one side to improve vision might be suffering from a vision problem that makes it difficult for them to look directly down.

Vision problems can negatively affect how a child performs in school as well as in social situations. Though such vision problems are not always preventable, parents who can identify them can greatly minimize their effects.





Save on school supplies

Back to school season can be as expensive for parents as it is exciting for students. Once the initial letdown of the end of summer vacation wears off, many kids are excited to return to school, where they can see their friends, study their favorite subjects and participate in extracurricular activities.

Parents of school-aged youngsters may share in that excitement while also knowing that back to school season can stretch their budgets. One of the ways to salvage those budgets is to save on school supplies. Fortunately, there are several ways parents can do just that.

BE PATIENT

Shopping early can save shoppers money in many instances, but parents may benefit by exercising patience when it comes to buying school supplies for their children. Teachers often give students lists of supplies they will need for each class, and parents who wait to receive such lists can avoid spending money on items their kids won't need. Even if you wait it out, you may be able to get a head start, as some teachers may post supply lists on school websites, while others might email lists to parents before back to school season

hits full swing.

TAKE INVENTORY

If you have more than one child, chances are you already have lots of school supplies around the house. Dust off kids' backpacks and study areas from last school year to determine which supplies you need to buy and which you already have. Going forward, encourage kids to store their supplies in a predetermined area once the school year ends, as this will make next year's inventory that much easier to examine and assess.

SPEND NOW TO SAVE LATER

While inexpensive supplies can be hard to resist, such items likely won't withstand the test of time, forcing you to spend time and money each year buying replacement supplies. Paying more now for certain items, including stronger backpacks and more highly rated calculators, may end up saving you money in the long run, even if the initial pill is somewhat tough to swallow.

School supplies can be expensive, but parents can employ several strategies to save on school supplies now and in the future.

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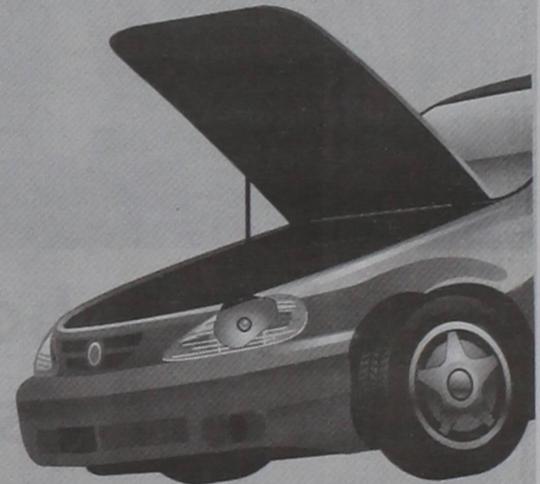
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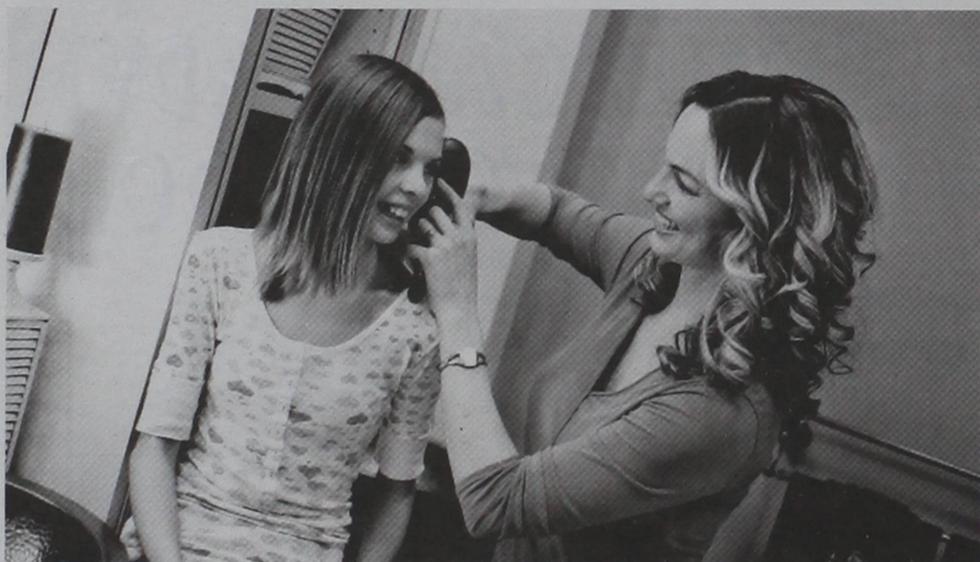
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Back to school means elevated risk for lice

Millions of children will soon be heading back to the classroom. Although the return of school may elicit smiles from parents who have spent the entire summer trying to keep kids busy and out of trouble, when kids start bringing home notices of head lice outbreaks, those wide grins may fade.

Although head lice can strike just about anyone anywhere, it seems to proliferate in close quarters, like those of a typical classroom. Children who keep backpacks and belongings beside other students' items may unwittingly pick up lice and bring them home, where they can infect the child and other members of the family.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says lice are parasitic insects that can be found on people's heads and bodies. Lice feed on human blood. There are three types of lice that live on humans: head louse, body louse and pubic "crab" louse. Only the body louse is known to spread disease.

Lice are wingless parasites that can only crawl to their host for feeding. They cannot jump or fly like fleas. By and large, lice are relatively harmless creatures, though they can be a nuisance. Lice bites are known to cause irritation and inflammation on the scalp. Persistent scratching may lead to infection. Lice do not signal that a person has bad hygiene, and a child who contracts lice should not be embarrassed. Lice are a common problem among students.

Lice are small and grayish-white in appearance, and they are usually no larger than a sesame seed. They can move fast, so usually lice infestation is identified by spotting the lice eggs,

which are called nits. These look like tiny, yellow or tan dots before they hatch. Lice lay nits on the hair shaft close to the scalp. This is the ideal temperature for keeping the eggs warm until they hatch. Many lice nymphs will feed on blood every day to grow into adult lice. However, a louse can survive up to two days off of the scalp. That means a person can "catch" lice from a hat or a piece of clothing if a louse climbed into the material.

Treating head lice means ridding the head of all nits and adult lice. A special comb is used to capture the tiny eggs. This can be a painstaking process, particularly for children with long hair. Topical insecticides in lotion and shampoo are used to kill the lice. However, these products may not penetrate the nits, so the topical solution may need to be applied several days later to kill any emerging lice.

The best way to combat lice is to emphasize prevention. Children should not share combs, brushes, scarves, hats, or other clothing. They also should avoid close physical contact with someone who has lice.

Should a child get lice, he or she should stay home from school and the nurse should be notified. Wash all objects that the child has used and launder all clothes, towels, linens, and other items in hot water to kill any lice. Vacuum the home frequently to remove lice or fallen hairs with attached nits from upholstered furniture and rugs.

Back to school season reintroduces kids and their parents to lice. Parents and kids can take certain preventive measures to greatly reduce youngsters' risks of coming down with lice.

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Back-to-School Health Check

As summer vacation winds down, thoughts turn from jaunts to the beach to readying for a new school year. To-do lists include many of the typical tasks that precede going back to the classroom, including shopping for new clothes, purchasing school supplies and finishing summer reading assignments.

Another essential requirement parents must find time for is completing their children's health screenings and immunizations so youngsters can return to school.

Health screenings may include, but may not be limited to, routine physical exams, eye exams and dental cleanings. Each school district may have its own set of health requirements that must be met in order for children to attend school.

Many schools require that children are up-to-date with all immunizations before they can begin a new school year. While the issue of vaccinations has inspired debate in recent years, parents should recognize that many schools will only exempt students from receiving certain vaccinations due to religious reasons. For a list of state vaccination requirements and possible exemptions for schools in the United States, visit www2a.cdc.gov/nip/schoolsurv/schlmmRqmt.asp.

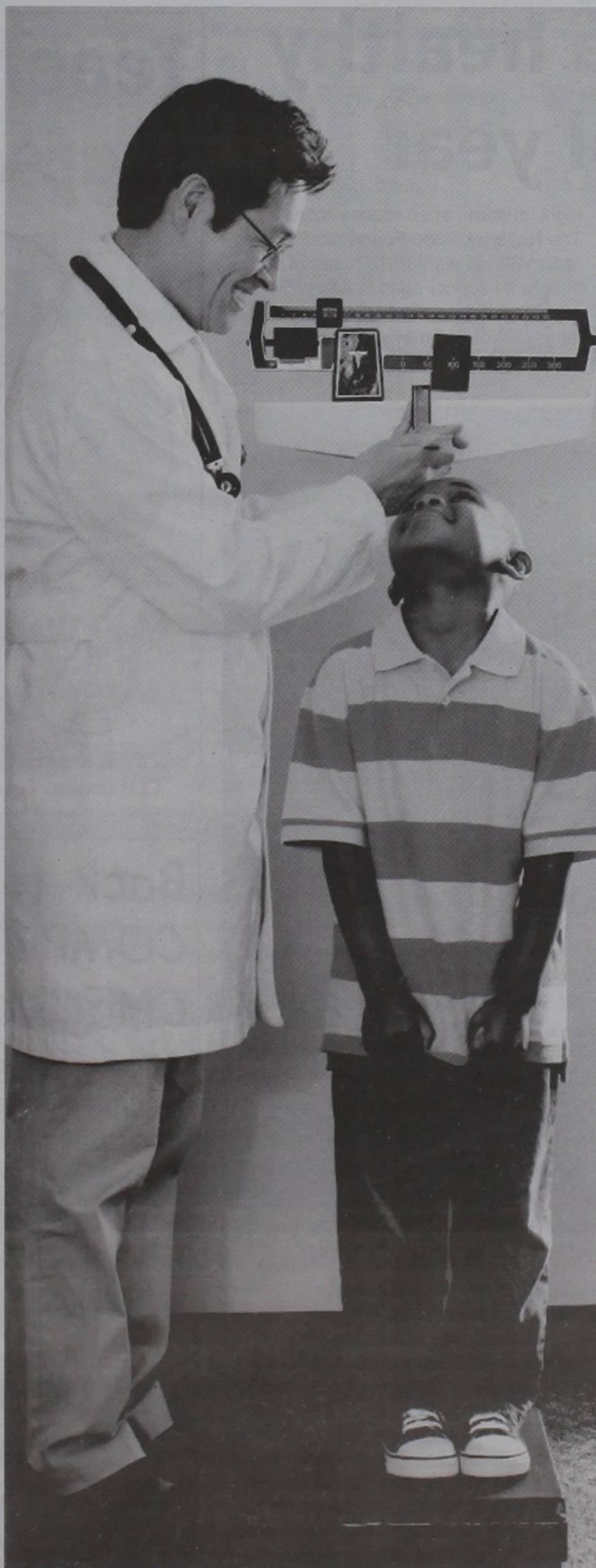
Students who have specific learning disabilities or medical conditions that require classroom modification should obtain recent documentation from any therapists or specialists prior to beginning a new

school year. Doing so facilitates the process of setting up procedures within the school while ensuring children have what they need to excel in the classroom. All parents may want to ask doctors to provide copies of medical and immunization records so that schools will have the most recent copies on file.

Parents should schedule eye examinations well in advance of the first day of school so they have ample time to fill new prescriptions for youngsters before school begins. This ensures kids won't be starting off on the wrong foot because of vision problems that could already have been addressed.

Parents of adolescents or students on the verge of adolescence may want to address the subject of bodily changes before the school year begins anew. Address which changes can be expected, including the start of menstruation for girls. This will help children better understand what is happening when they witness changes in themselves and fellow classmates and give them a chance to receive accurate information rather than gossip from their peers.

Keep in mind that health screenings conducted in advance of the school year may not preclude students from school-sponsored screenings. Schools may offer their own vision and hearing screenings and may take physical measurements to ensure students are growing on schedules in line with normal development.



Schedule visits to the doctor, dentist and an eye doctor so your child is up-to-date upon the dawn of a new school year.

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Tips for a healthy school year

Students are most likely to get sick when school starts because being at school put children's immune systems to the test, offers The Mayo Clinic. Young children who are in close proximity to others in large groups tend to spread organisms like bacteria and viruses that cause illness. Breaking the cycle can take some work, but it's possible to make this a healthy school year.

Encourage handwashing

Frequent handwashing is a great way to prevent illness. Handwashing habits are essential for school-aged children and should be taught as soon as possible. Children should wash their hands after they use the bathroom and before they eat. If they've been playing outside or have interacted with children who are sick, handwashing can help remove some of the germs lingering on their hands. Antibacterial wipes are another option, but they may not be as effective as washing hands with warm, soapy water.

Stop (some) sharing
Sharing develops good manners and can foster new friendships. But children should be discouraged from sharing food, drinks and other personal items. Once the item has been placed in a child's mouth, it should not be shared.

Take a sick day

Rare is the student who will never come down with an illness. When kids get sick, keep them at home. Schools may have guidelines indicating when it is acceptable for children to return to school, and it's important that parents adhere to those guidelines so illnesses cannot spread around the school.

Promote adequate sleep and nutrition

While adults may need between seven and nine hours of sleep a

night, children often require more. The National Sleep Foundation recommends eight to 13 hours of sleep a night for school-aged children. Begin adjusting sleep schedules during the latter part of summer vacation so that children can readjust to their regular



Sick children should stay home from school to protect themselves and their classmates and teachers.

sleep schedules.

Parents also should feed kids nutritious diets consisting of a variety of foods. Avoid high-calorie junk foods, reserving such items only as special treats every so often.

Donate cleaning supplies

Some schools may be underfunded and may not have enough supplies to keep all of the classrooms and surfaces clean. Parents can help by donating cleaning wipes and sprays so that students and teachers can thrive in clean, healthy environments.

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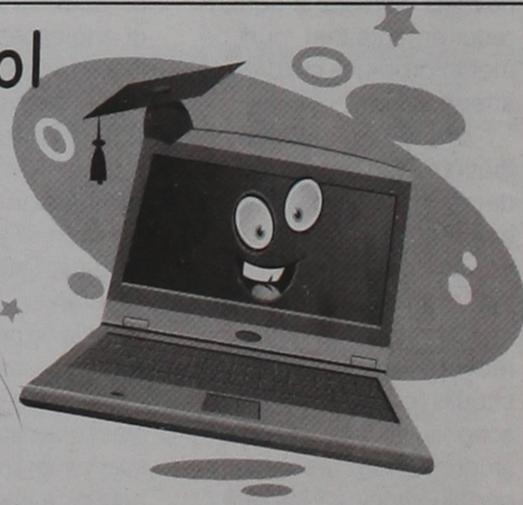
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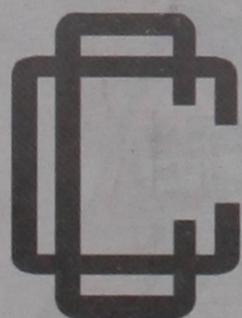
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- New Staff Inservice
- Staff Development/Preparation Day
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- Beginning/End Six Weeks
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Six Week Periods

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Oct 5 to Nov 13	30 days	
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Apr 11 to May 27	33 days	96 days
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Registration

- Registration-Aug 10-11
- New Student Registration-Aug 12

Beginning/Ending Days

- 1st Day of School - Aug 24
- Last Day of School/Graduation - May 27

School Holidays

- Thanksgiving - Nov 26
- Christmas Break - Dec 21-Jan 1
- Martin Luther King Birthday - Jan 18
- President's Day - Febr 15
- Spring Break - Mar 14-18

Teacher Work/Waiver

- New Staff Inservice - Aug 12
- Preparation Days - Aug 13-20, May 28
- Waiver Days - Sept 7 (Labor Day), Nov 25, Nov 27 (Thanksgiving)

Early Release Days

- 1st Semester Finals - Dec 17 and 18
- Good Friday - Mar 25
- 2nd Semester Finals - May 26 and 27

Bad Weather Days

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- { } Beginning/End of Semesters
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- ☐ Mandatory Attendance for Staff-Student Holiday
- ☐ Comp. InService for Staff - Student Holiday
- ☐ Early Release Day
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- ☁ Weather Day
- ★ Testing

Winter Break- 12/18-1/1
 Spring Break- 3/14-3-18
 Early Release Days- 12/18, 1/8, 3/11, 3/25, 5/6, 5/27
 Bad Weather days- 5/13, 5/20

Six Week Periods	Total days
1st six weeks	8/24-10/2 30
2nd six weeks	10/5-11/6 24
3rd six weeks	11/9-12/18 25
4th six weeks	1/4-2/19 35
5th six weeks	2/22-4/8 30
6th six weeks	4/11-5/27 33
Total Number of Days	177
Total Number Staff Inservice/Workdays	10
TOTAL	187

Graduation- May 28th

*Calendar based on receiving waiver for three additional training days.



SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS

CLARENDON

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

- 1-pair scissors (Fiskars)
- 1-box of 8 large primary colored crayons
- 1-box of 10 primary color, washable markers
- 4-glue sticks
- 1-Elmer's school glue, small
- 1-plastic box for supplies
- 1-spiral notebook
- 1-plastic folder
- 1-box of Kleenex
- 1-watercolor set, primary colors
- 1-small backpack, no rollers
- 1-container of wet wipes
- 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)
- 2-Elmer's school glue white only
- 1-box of #2 standard pencils (yellow, sharpened)
- 1-box of 8 large markers (broad line, classic colors)
- 2-spiral notebooks
- 4-plastic two-pocket folders
- 1-box of zip-lock bags (boys - gallon, girls - quart)
- 1-4 pk black dry erase markers
- 1-pull-top water bottle
- 1-water color set
- 1-large towel for resting (no mats please)
- 10-glue sticks
- 1 large box of tissue
- 2 wide-ruled composition

books
\$1.50 for AR folder

FIRST GRADE

- 2-large box tissues
- 12-six-sided #2 pencils (yellow)
- 1-box of 24 crayons
- 10-glue sticks
- 2-Elmer's school glue
- 1-pkgs dry erase markers, 4 colors / pkg
- 1-watercolor set
- 2-erasers
- 1-box of 8 washable markers (classic/basic colors)
- 5-folders with pockets
- 1-school box
- 2-spiral notebooks (70-80 page, 10 1/2" x 8")
- 1-pair scissors (Fiskars for kids)
- 1-paint shirt
- 1-water bottle (pull-top)
- 1-backpack
- 1-box Ziploc 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
- 12-#2 pencils
- 1-box colored pencils
- 1-set of watercolors
- 2-pink erasers
- 2-Elmer's glue (white only)
- 4-glue sticks
- 1-box crayons (24 ct.)
- 1-pair scissors (Fiskars kids)
- 1-school box (small only, large won't fit in desk)
- 3-boxes tissue
- 3-folders with pockets (no brads, plain and inexpensive)
- 3-spiral notebooks - single subject
- 1-box markers (broadline, primary colors)
- 1-box quart or gallon Ziplock bags

1-Expo markers (4-pack)
1-Anti-bacterial wipes
\$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
- 1-pink eraser
- 1-pkg. notebook paper wide ruled
- 4-folders with pockets
- 2-box Crayola brand crayons
- 1-box dry erase markers
- 1-pair Fiskar brand pointed school scissors
- 3-boxes tissue (large)
- 6-glue sticks
- 2-zippered pencil pouches
- 3-composition books
- 1-box of zip-lock bags (boys - gallon, girls - quart)

\$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 kids)
- 1-Elmer's school glue
- 1-large glue 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, multicolored
- 1-eraser
- 1-pair medium size scissors
- 12-glue sticks, large
- 1-12" ruler
- 3-boxes of tissue
- 1-box colored markers
- 2-spiral notebooks
- 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

- 1-composition book
- 1-pkg Colored Pencils
- 2-pkgs of pencils
- 4-different colored highlighters
- 1-box of Expo markers
- 1-white poster board
- 1-2" 3 ring binder
- 2-pkg Notebook paper (wide ruled)
- 1-pkg of 8 dividers
- 1-pkg red pens
- 1-pkg black pens
- 1-box of zip-lock bags (boys - sandwich, girls - quart)
- 1-3 ring binder
- 1-pkg 3/5 white ruled index cards
- 70-page spiral



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PRE-KINDERGARTEN

2 box of Kleenex
 2 box Ziplock bags (1 box gallon, 1 box pint)
 1 small school box
 3 box 8 count Crayola Crayons
 1 box 24 count Crayola Crayons
 1 box #2 pencils, 24 count
 2 plastic folders with pockets (no brads)
 1 spiral notebook
 16 small glue sticks
 \$5.00 for Clifford Magazine

KINDERGARTEN

2 boxes of Kleenex
 2 box Ziploc bags (1 box gallon, 1 box pint)
 1 small school box
 2 box 8 count Crayola Crayons
 2 box 24 count Crayola Crayons
 1 box of #2 pencils, 24 count
 2 folders with pockets, no brads
 1 pair scissors, Fiskars

8 small glue sticks
 1 spiral notebook
 1 package pink erasers
 \$5.00 for Weekly Readers

FIRST GRADE

1 small school box
 24 #2 pencils
 1 boxes of 24 count crayons
 6 glue sticks
 1 bottle of glue
 1 pair scissors
 2 package of dry erase markers
 Reusable water bottle
 2 large pink erasers
 2 wide ruled spirals/one subject notebooks

SECOND GRADE

3 pocket vinyl/plastic folders with

brads
 1 small school box
 1 box of 24 count Crayola crayons
 1 package of Crayola markers
 1 (Fiskar) scissors
 2 glue sticks
 1 bottle Elmer's glue
 24 #2 pencils
 3 boxes of Kleenex
 1 package of pencil tip erasers
 1 box gallon Ziploc bags
 1 box quart size Ziploc bags
 1 large container disinfectant wipes
 \$5.00 for Weekly Reader

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 flash cards 1-12
 1 1 inch binder
 2 package pencil tip erasers

1 package wide rule notebook paper
 2 large boxes of Kleenex

FOURTH GRADE

Notebook paper (wide rule)
 6 pocket folders with brads
 1 spiral notebook
 12 #2 pencils
 3 red grading pens or pencils
 1 box of map colors
 1 box crayons
 1 box of markers
 Glue
 1 zippered school bag or school box
 Scissors
 3 large boxes of Kleenex

FIFTH GRADE

Scissors
 2 glue sticks
 1 small bottle of Elmer's school glue
 6 folders with pockets (various color if possible)
 1 box washable markers
 1 box colored pencils (long colored pencils)

2 pkg. notebook paper (wide rule only)
 1 spiral notebook (appx. 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)
 1 pencil box or pencil zipper bag
 1 small clear water bottle (optional)
 1 big eraser
 1 pencil sharpener with cavity for shavings
 2 yellow or light colored highlighters

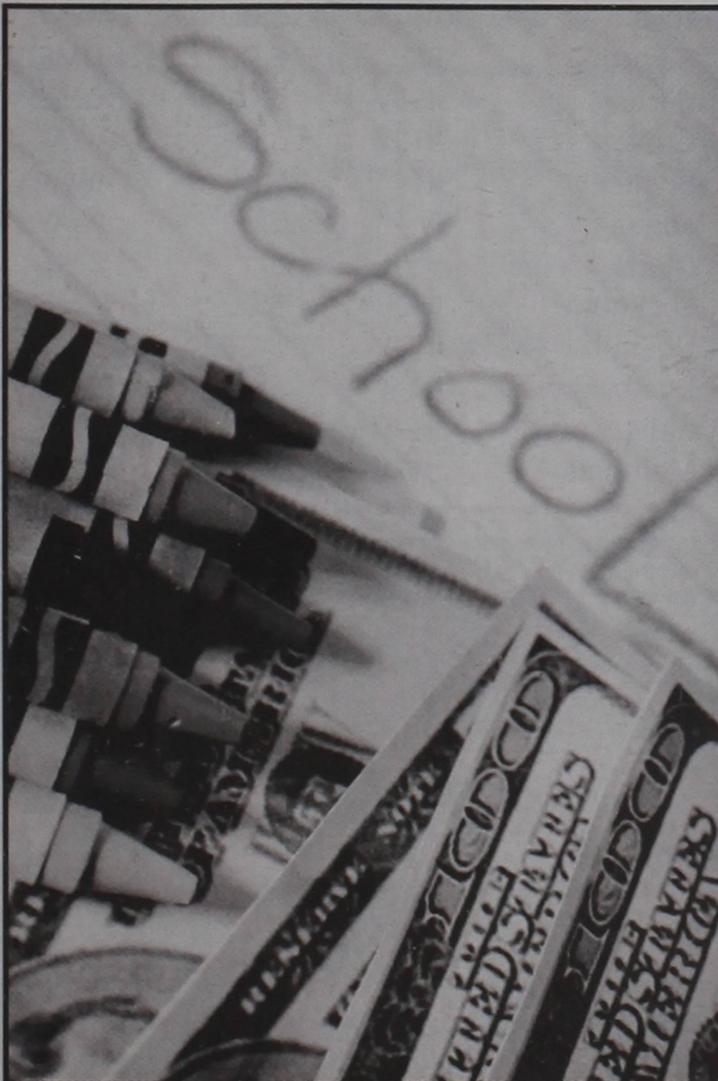
SIXTH GRADE MATH & READING

2 boxes of Kleenex
 2 1 1/2 ring binder notebooks (1 red, 1 blue)
 1 blue paper folder with brads
 1 large spiraled ringed note card booklet
 4 packages 24 count pencils
 2 glue sticks

2 red pens
 1 set middle sized highlighters
 1 package pencils erasers

SEVENTH GRADE READING

1 1/2 ring binder notebooks
 1 set middle sized highlighters
 1 box of Kleenex



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CLARENDON NOTES:

BRONCOS TO ISSUE EQUIPMENT

Late summer is upon us and the coaches at Clarendon High School are preparing for their 2015-2016 athletic season. Athletic Director Gary Jack has noted that Saturday, August 1 at 9:00 am will be the day football equipment will be issued to all incoming freshmen through seniors (grades 9-12) at the field house. Football practice will begin on Monday, August 3 at 7:30 am. Coach Jack expects athletes to be on time, clean-shaven, and a good short haircut. Athletes will also be expected to be at all practices and meetings.

Girls and boys cross-country athletes, grades 9-12 need to report to the Bronco gym Monday, August 3 at 7:30 am. All girl athletes playing basketball are highly encouraged to participate in cross-country. All athletes will get their paper work on Monday, August 3.

All incoming 7-9 graders have to have a doctor's physical prior to practice. We have already had our physical day, so if you are going into 7, 9, or 11th grades and don't have your physical yet, you need to do so in the next week. Junior high equipment will be issued August 25 at 9:00 am at the field house.

See you at the field house August 3!

BRONCO SEASON TICKETS

Clarendon CISD will begin selling 2015 reserved seating/season football tickets to the public at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, August 17, 2015. 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.

LITTLE MISS CHEERLEADERS

Little Miss Cheerleader will be held on Saturday, August 22, with registration starting at 9:45 a.m. The camp will run from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 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 \$40 per girl and includes lunch and a T-shirt. They will learn a cheer, a chant, and a dance. For more information about this program, see Teri Luna at Clarendon Student Registration or email Luna.Terri@clarendonisd.net.

CLARENDON BRONCOS FOOTBALL 2015

Aug. 14	Bovina-(scr)	5:00	AWAY
Aug. 21	Electra-(scr)	6:00	HOME
Aug. 28	Tulia	7:30	HOME
Sept. 4	S-EARTH	7:30	AWAY
Sept. 11	Highland-Park	7:30	AWAY
Sept. 18	Gruver	7:30	HOME
Sept. 25	Booker***	7:30	HOME
Oct. 2	OPEN		
Oct. 9	Lockney*	7:00	AWAY
Oct. 16	Quanah*	7:00	HOME
Oct. 23	Crosbyton*	7:00	AWAY
Oct. 30	Ralls*	7:00	AWAY
Nov. 6	Memphis*	7:00	HOME

*District ***Homecoming

CLARENDON JV & JR. HIGH FOOTBALL 2015

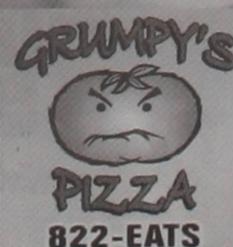
Aug. 27	Tulia	JV	6:00	AWAY
Sept. 3	S-Earth	JV	6:00	HOME
Sept. 10	H-Park	JH-JV	5:00	HOME
Sept. 17	Gruver	JH-JV	5:00	AWAY
Sept. 24	Booker	JH	5:00	AWAY
Sept. 24	Vega	JV	5:00	AWAY
Oct. 1	OPEN			
Oct. 8	Lockney	JH-JV	5:00	HOME
Oct. 15	Quanah	JH-JV	5:00	AWAY
Oct. 22	Crosbyton	JH-JV	5:00	HOME
Oct. 229	Ralls	JH-JV	5:00	HOME
Nov. 5	Memphis	JH-JV	5:00	AWAY

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Aug. 14	Chillicothe-(scr)	Home	6:00
Aug. 21	Miami-(scr)	Away	TBD
Aug. 28	Higgins	Away	7:30
Sept. 4	Lefors	Home	7:30
Sept. 11	Vernon Northside	Home	7:30
Sept. 17	Valley JV	Away	7:30
Sept. 25	Lazbuddie	Home	7:30
Oct. 2	Miami	Away	7:30
Oct. 9	Ft.Elliott	Home	7:30
Oct. 16	OPEN		
Oct. 23	McLean	Away	7:30
Oct. 30	Groom	Away	7:30
Nov. 6	Silverton	Away	7:30

***Homecoming TBA

Be a good sports parent

Extracurricular and summer season sports leagues keep thousands of children occupied. Youth sports promote physical fitness and teamwork while helping children acquaint themselves with sportsmanship and camaraderie.

Sports are meant to be sources of enjoyment for children, but parental pressure and poor adult behavior on the sidelines can make kids reluctant to compete. The following are a few tips for parents who want to encourage kids' passions for sports in positive ways.

- Show respect for coaches and officials. Parents should not act like they are the final authority on calls or how team members should play. Respect should always be shown to coaches and referees.

- Let your child have fun regardless of his or her performance. Too often parents get swept up in how their children are performing when the goal for young athletes should be to enjoy themselves. Resist the urge to focus on performance and focus instead of whether or not your child is having fun.

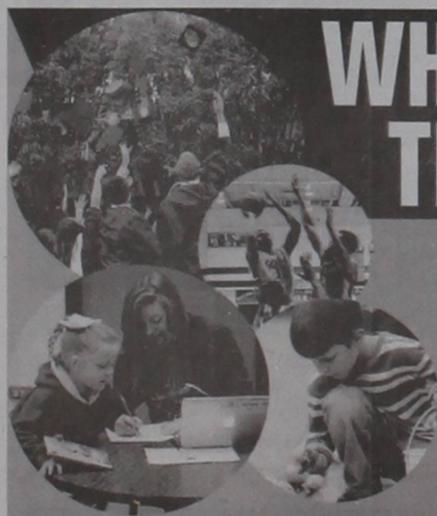
- Recognize college scholarships may not be in the cards. Although some children are destined for athletic

greatness, many will not play sports after high school. Pressuring older children to improve their performance in the hopes of landing college scholarships can make the little time they do have to play their favorite sports less enjoyable.

- Take cues from the child. Children are often great indicators of parental behavior at sporting events. Parents whose children seem unenthusiastic about mom and dad attending their sporting events may be trying to tell you they don't appreciate your behavior at the games.

- Provide constructive criticism. Early coaching and practice with parents can give kids a leg up on the competition. But keep your advice constructive. Parents who become pushy or force constant practices can make sports unenjoyable.

- Place emphasis on fun and learning skills. Find out what the kids hope to accomplish by playing sports and help them to achieve those goals. Focus on being supportive rather than emphasizing winning, as doing so can help children view sports participation in a more positive light.



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Find more time for family

Working parents tend to have hectic schedules, and those responsibilities often impede on the time moms and dads get to spend with their families. Many parents strive to make more time for their families, and doing so can prove a greater reward than any promotions or bonuses earned at the office.

For those parents whose efforts to achieve better work-life balances remain works in progress, the following are a few ways to free up more time for those people who matter the most to you.

• **STOP WORKING.** Once you leave the office for the day, resist the temptation to pick up your smartphone and check your email or listen to your voicemail messages. Smartphones have made it easier than ever before to stay connected to the office. But many working professionals feel this convenience has a significant downside, making them feel as if they are working round-the-clock, even during moments that were initially earmarked as family time. Working parents who want to make the most of the time they have with their children should ignore their smartphones during dinner or the time they spend hanging out with their kids or helping them do their homework. You can always sneak a peek at your emails when the kids go to bed.

• **SHAKE THINGS UP.** If your list of responsibilities is truly taking time away from your family, don't be afraid to shake up your routine. For example, instead of cooking dinner alone, involve the kids so you can get some extra time in with them. If you like to go on a nightly jog around the neighborhood, let the kids accompany you on their bicycles so you can still get your exercise without having to sacrifice time spent with your children.

• **PROPOSE CHANGES AT WORK.** Work is one of the biggest consumers of parents' time. Parents who feel their work schedules are inefficient or in need of some change should try to think of ways to approach those inefficiencies so they aren't having such adverse effects on family time. Business travel was once a reality of life for many working professionals, but nowadays technology, such as video conference calls, can let working moms and dads stay closer to home without sacrificing their productivity. Before bringing any issues to your boss, think of realistic ways to institute change so you and your coworkers can get more time with your families without falling short of company goals.

Many parents are determined to spend more time with their families, and those willing to make a few adjustments can find that goal is not as difficult as it seems.



Parents can invite youngsters to join them as they prepare meals in an attempt to increase family time.

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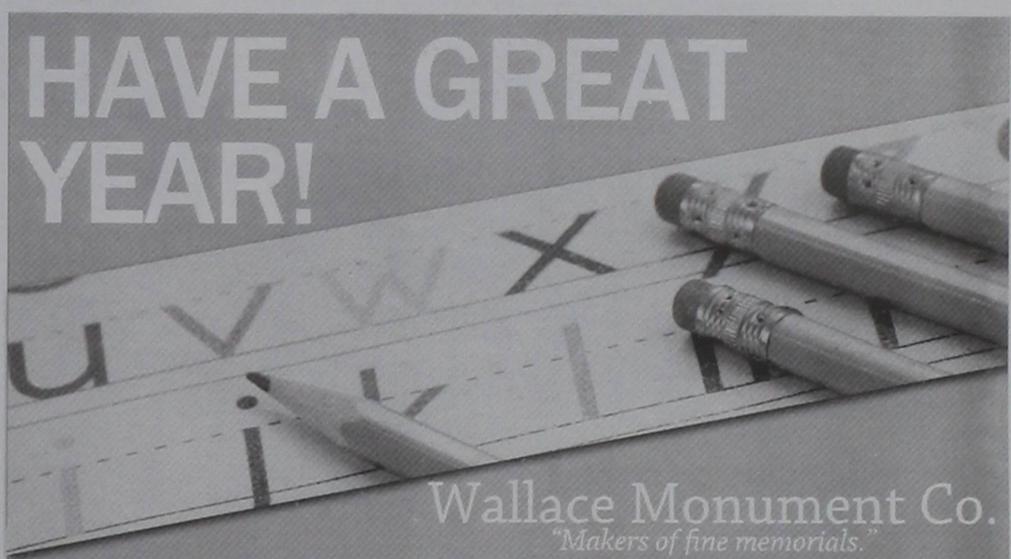
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Help kids focus on work

Some youngsters experience difficulty when the time comes to focus on their schoolwork. Such difficulties may be linked to a variety of factors, and parents can be overwhelmed as they attempt to identify the root cause of their youngsters' struggles in the classroom.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, roughly 6.4 million American children between the ages of four and 17 have been diagnosed with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, or ADHD. ADHD most often occurs in children, and these children may have difficulty with concentrating, paying attention, staying organized, and remembering details. But not all children struggling to focus on their studies have ADHD. Parents who want to help their kids overcome their issues with regard to focusing can consider a host of approaches and strategies.

- Speak with a qualified healthcare professional. Because ADHD is so common, parents should seek the opinion of a licensed healthcare professional to determine if their child has the disorder. According to the National Resource Center on ADHD (www.help4adhd.org), psychiatrists, pediatricians, neurologists, psychologists, and certain licensed counselors or therapists are qualified to diagnose ADHD. A qualified healthcare professional can help develop a strategy to improve focus, and that may include prescribing medication to improve the child's ability to concentrate.

- Speak with your child's teacher. Students who don't have ADHD can still have trouble focusing on their schoolwork, and parents of such students may want to speak to their

children's teachers to solve the problem. Educators have significant experience dealing with students who have trouble focusing, and they may be able to make certain suggestions to help kids focus on their work.

- Minimize distractions at home. Some kids may do well in class but find it hard to focus once they arrive home. That's because home often has far more distractions than the classroom. Once the time comes for your child to do his or her homework, minimize distractions that can compromise his or her ability to focus. Turn off the television and take kids' phones away if they have their own phones. During homework time, only allow them to use their computers for their lessons and not to connect with friends via social media. Parents also should make sure they aren't the distraction. Let kids do their work in peace and quiet, offering to help if need be, but steering clear of kids work areas so they are encouraged to focus and not strike up conversations with mom or dad.

- Make lists. Some kids focus better when they know exactly what they have to do. Encourage such youngsters to make lists of their assignments and check items off as they are completed. Checking items off can give kids a sense of accomplishment, which can motivate them to stay focused on their schoolwork going forward.

- Encourage breaks. A breather every so often can help kids avoid growing tired. Make sure kids don't take up another task, such as playing video games or watching television, during their breaks. But keep in mind that standing up every so often to walk around or get a glass of water can help them stay sharp and energized.

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Newspapers an ideal educational tool

Many of today's classrooms are filled with all types of emerging technologies, which educators use to enhance their students' educational experiences. However, the humble newspaper has long been a staple in the classroom and at home and remains one of the best tools for learning. Newspapers can be used to further children's academic abilities in a variety of ways.

Improve reading fluency

Fluency, comprehension and inference of text are lessons that begin as soon as a child begins learning how to read. Children need access to a variety of reading materials so they can expand their knowledge and vocabulary base, and it's never too early to introduce youngsters to the newspaper as not only a source of local and national information, but also as a reading tool.

Parents can go through the

newspaper with their children and select articles that may be of interest. A section devoted to local events or a particular theme, such as sports or fitness, may be good starting points.

Children can have fun matching headlines with photos and following the sequence of the stories that continue on another page. They're also bound to be exposed to a number of new words and phrases as they read newspaper articles, which helps improve their vocabulary.

Strengthen writing skills

Newspaper articles are written differently than books. Exposing children to a journalistic style of writing can help them with their own writing assignments. Teachers often stress that narratives and other writing assignments should follow a certain format so students learn to express themselves clearly. Students are urged to validate statements with proof and to

have a logical flow to their work.

By reading articles in newspapers, students can gain an understanding of how to introduce a subject, expand on facts and summarize a point. Students who tend to be more pragmatic writers may connect with the journalistic style of writing more so than students who excel at creative prose.

Children can practice reporting on different events in and around their communities, emulating the style of writing presented in newspapers. They also can learn the differences between editorial and opinion pieces.

Make current events accessible

Newspapers are an inexpensive connection to culture and information from around the world. Through newspaper articles, students can better understand political, financial and entertainment issues spanning the globe. Staying abreast of the latest news from around the world can help

students become more well-rounded and learned. Students who may have read about events in a history book can compare those accounts to current information on what is happening in the world today.

Develop an Eye for Photography

Stunning, award-winning photographs are published in newspapers nearly every day. A picture is worth a thousand words, and newspaper photography helps readers interpret stories and bring the words to life through imagery. Access to newspaper photography can open up an entirely new world for children. It also may inspire their own creative works.

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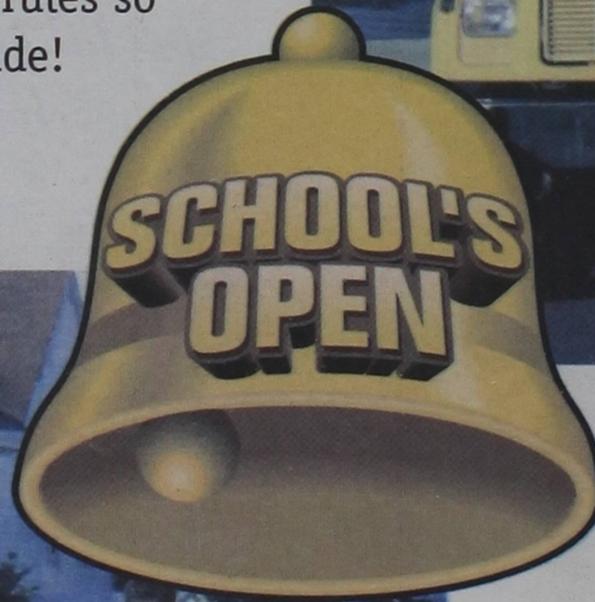
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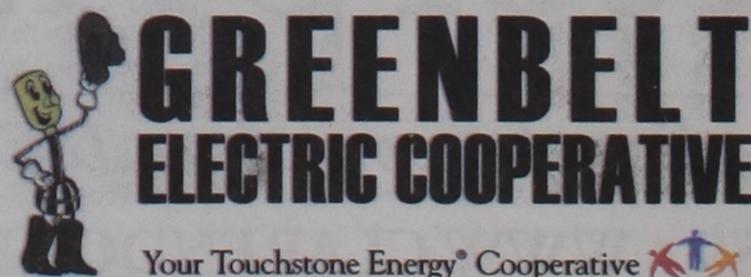
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- Never walk behind the bus.
- Take five big steps in front of the bus when crossing, and look both ways before you cross.

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