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

## Caudle joins office of district attorney

The 100th Judicial District Attorney's Office welcomes Harley Caudle as the first Assistant District Attorney the district has ever had.

Caudle began work on June 1 and, in less than six weeks, tried his first jury trial and received a 60-year verdict on an aggravated assault against a public servant case in Carson County.

"We are all thrilled to have him," said District Attorney Luke Inman. "The position has been needed for years, and we were very fortunate to find someone with extensive trial experience and knowledge of how demanding the work load in this district can be and the willingness to take it on."

Caudle was previously in private practice in Amarillo, with a satellite office in Clarendon. Caudle and his wife, Tana, and his five kids, all under the age of 14, have purchased a home in Clarendon and will be moving at the end of July.

Caudle is a graduate of the law school at the University of Arkansas. Previously, Caudle served in the United States Navy.

"I am really excited about the opportunity to serve in the 100th DA's Office," said Caudle. "I've gotten to know a lot of great people in the district over the past several years, and my wife and I can't think of a better place to raise our family."

Caudle has already hit the ground running at the district attorney's office. In addition to trying and winning his first case, Caudle has already handled numerous other pleas.

"This district is unique in that we move both a large criminal and civil docket," said Inman. "Harley's experience in both of those areas from his private practice will be an immediate boon to our office and this district."

Before employing a full-time assistant, the district utilized two county attorneys, Greg Buckley from Childress and Scott Sherwood from Carson, as part-time assistants to Inman.

The 100th district includes Carson, Childress, Collingsworth, Donley, and Hall Counties.

## Food ministry in need of donations

The Bread of Life food ministry is currently in need of monetary donations to continue operating. For more information call the Methodist Church at 874-3667 or Katherine Monroe at 856-5938.

## Sheriff's office asks for livestock info

The Donley County Sheriff's Office is asking all owners of livestock – horses, cattle, goats, etc. – to please call 874-3533 to update contact information.

The office wants the information in cases where these animals get loose. Owners are asked to updated the office on where animals are located, a description (color, gender, markings, etc.), and any information about tags and brandings.

# Resignations shake up Howardwick board

Three Howardwick city officials have resigned and a fourth official quit but returned in the wake of last Tuesday's meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

Sources tell the Enterprise that comments from about 20 members of the public got out of hand towards the end of the July 11 meeting, prompting Mayor Mike Rowland to

resign on the spot and Code Enforcement Officer Will Jordan to toss his badge on a table, offering his position to anyone who wanted to take it.

"It was bash the city night," City Secretary Tammy Jordan said of the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Eric Riddle later convinced Jordan to keep his position with the city, and then on

Friday, Alderman Sam Grider and maintenance worker Doc Holladay both resigned.

Former mayor Rowland told the Enterprise this week that he simply was tired of arguing.

"It was getting back to the way it used to be... fighting all the time," he said. "I have had two good terms as mayor, and that was enough."

Riddle said city officials need resolve differences before it gets to a public meeting.

"There was name calling resulting from friction between Will and Doc," Riddle said. "Accusations were made and had to come to a resolution."

Riddle said he thinks Howardwick will keep public comments on

the agenda but said name calling and hearsay will not be tolerated.

Filling Rowland's and Grider's seats will be decided at the next regular city meeting on August 8.

"The council has to decide, but I'll probably stay on as mayor, and then we'll have two alderman vacancies to fill," Riddle said. "We won't look back; we'll go forward."



## Mobile home

The old Jack Lewis home inches up Koogle Street Saturday morning as McDowell House Movers of Amarillo relocated the residence to Bushland for Steve Lewis. The house traveled to its new location by taking the scenic route down State Hwy. 70 and then through Silverton.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ELAINA ESTLACK

## CC to begin CDL course in Clarendon

Clarendon College is launching a new Commercial Driver's License certification program this fall.

The program will focus on basic driving skills, material handling equipment, basic maneuvers such as backing, docking, and handling; and safety measures. Students will be taught to drive on various terrains, including city and country roads, and practice driving during both day and night time frames.

"We are very pleased to offer this program," Dr. Robert Riza, Clarendon College President said. "I feel it is a program our community deserves and needs, and it fills a void for employment that is missing from our service area."

Instruction will include time in the classroom, the College's new CDL simulator, and on-the-road in the college's recently acquired semi-truck.

Classes are set to begin August 29 at the CC's Downtown Educational Center in Clarendon and will be held Monday thru Friday 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

For more information, contact Program Director Ken Carlile at 806-874-3571 or fill out the online contact form at www.ClarendonCollege.edu/CDL.

# Financing moves forward for Mulkey, pool

A financing option to help fund the Mulkey Theatre multi-use event venue and Clarendon's water recreation project continued to move forward during last Thursday's meeting of the city council.

Aldermen unanimously approved a resolution to obtain professional services with the financing, and Drew Whittington of Government Capital Corporation addressed the council about borrowing \$1 million for the aforementioned community projects through the Clarendon Economic Development Corpora-

tion. Half the money would be dedicated to the Mulkey project, and half would be for the pool project.

Whittington said his company's primary goal is to keep the community and the CEDC safe by making sure that all proper procedures are followed during the financing process.

"We review all cash flows to keep the city and the EDC safe," he said. "In this case, we want do as much as is fiscally responsible through the EDC [sales tax] and the remainder through the HOT [Hotel

Occupancy Tax] fund."

Looking at the revenues available, Government Capital is recommending that \$650,000 be financed by the EDC sales tax funds and \$350,000 be financed by HOT funds, Whittington said. The term would be for 20 years at about 3.95 percent fixed interest rate, and the loan could be paid back early after ten years.

According to Whittington, the 60-day clock on the financing began on July 6. The next steps will be for the CEDC to approve the financing followed by a ratification by the city

council. The funds would be available by September.

Getting those funds at that time is critical for another item on last week's city agenda – a resolution that was approved to authorize submission of a grant application to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department.

City officials say the having the \$500,000 financed money in hand by September, along with the more than \$250,000 that has been donated and pledged to the pool project, allows Clarendon to meet the \$500,000 challenge of an anonymous bene-

factor and lets the city apply for a TPWD matching grant of up to another \$500,000.

Earlier last Thursday night, a public hearing was held on the TPWD grant application to seek money for the pool project. Ruth Aebischer spoke out with concerns about the project, and former mayor Larry Hicks spoke in favor of the plan.

In other city business, Aldermen heard from Paul Bivens in public comments with concerns

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## Final payment

Hedley Senior Citizens officials Patsy Spier, Kathy Spier, and Jim Mitchell last week present the final payment to contractor Wiley Davis for the new Hedley Community Center. This completes the fundraising efforts that began more than ten years ago, and the center welcomes people of all ages to eat lunch there every weekday. For the last fifteen years, Patsy and Kathy Spier have been directing day-to-day operations of the Hedley Senior Citizens as well as being instrumental in raising the money for the new Center. A retirement reception for the Speirs will be held Sunday, July 30, from 2-4 p.m. at the Center.

# Tolbert pursuing acting dream

A Clarendon native is spreading his wings in the entertainment business with recent opportunities in the television and motion picture world.

Kenneth Lee Tolbert, a 2010 graduate of Clarendon High School, recently worked as an extra and stunt double in next year's sci-fi movie "Battle Angel" directed by James Cameron, and he also has a leading role as Reece in next year's thriller, "Beyond Dark."

In addition to those credits, he's working on a television series called "Looking for Change" and two others, and a third feature film, "Sweetest Revenge," is on the horizon to be filmed in Los Angeles, Tolbert said.

Tolbert's acting career got a boost recently from another Clarendon native, Kirk Knowles, who helped the young thespian learn more about the business and make connections.

"Kirk Knowles has been a huge inspiration in my life," Tolbert said. "He is an entertainment promoter. He gave me a look into the entertainment industry from a dif-

ferent aspect and taught me how to network."

Tolbert said Knowles taught him to pitch ideas and how to audition.

"He is a fantastic promoter," Tolbert said.

Knowles said he became interested in Tolbert because of their Donley County connection.

"He's sort of extended family, and he went to my Dad's church," Knowles said. "He's always had a dream to be an actor. Everything that has happened has been God's favor and Kenneth's tenacity."

Knowles said he has urged Tolbert to stay humble as things are happening very quickly in his career right now, especially with the help of some mentors in the business.

"I had decided that it was time to really chase a dream of mine, and I've already had a few friends that I've connected with."

One of those friends is Tom Proctor from the movie "Guardians of the Galaxy," and another mentor is Robert Zuckerman who was on the crew of "The Pursuit of Happyness" and the Transformers movies.



Kenneth Lee Tolbert

In addition to acting, Tolbert also writes and plays music with some of his tracks already making it into the film "A Deadly Affair to Remember."

Knowles also said Tolbert has written "some incredible country songs."

To learn more about Tolbert's career, following him on Facebook at facebook.com/KennethLeeTolbert.

# Tomorrow is now here...

By Suzanne Bardwell, Gladewater Mirror

Friday I was at Sonic at Happy Hour when one of my favorite car hops brought out our cokes. She told me she had watched last week's "Use Your Teacher Voice!" Rally on the Gregg County Courthouse front lawn which drew more than 800 public school employees and their supporters. The rally was live-streamed on the Gladewater Mirror's Facebook. She wanted to thank us for representing her. You see, Sonic is one of her two jobs. She is a Special Ed Instructional Aide. She is single, 50 years old and has custody of her two grandchildren both under age five. They are on her school employee health insurance. She is depending on people like me to speak for her. That is a lot of responsibility.

Very few people are truly educated to what has been happening to public school issues politically. Let me share a few basic FACTS with you.

Thanks to our House of Representatives the TRS Health System did not collapse. But, with that said, the Representatives expected the Senate to come through with additional monies during the regular session and then they would work together to create an affordable fix while a long term solution could be found. That did not happen. Now it needs to be revisited during the special session.

The state only funded .5 percent of the TRS Health Care Program for half of its history. The last 15 years they have funded 1 percent. The employees, retirees and school districts have funded the rest. The state knew 30 years ago when the bubble of baby boomers would start to retire but like Scarlett O'Hara decided to "worry about that tomorrow, tomorrow is another day". Well, tomorrow is here.

I was a teacher. I didn't make a fortune but I made a lot more money than a bus driver or instructional aide and my insurance premiums, deductible and out of pocket expenses will take about six months of my pension.

What is horrifying is that 30 percent of school retirees draw \$1,000 or less for their pensions. The average retiree draws \$2,000 a month. Now my friend, the carhop and special ed aide, isn't the only one working two jobs. Most of us across the years have held multiple jobs and qualify to draw social security but we can't--by law. Talk about the shaft!

Let's add insult to injury. Even those who draw social security have had cost of living raises. Public School retirees have not had a cost of living raise in 16 years.

Have you compared grocery, medical, transportation etc. costs to over a decade ago? Well, have you?

Texas Public School retirees have the sixth healthiest pension fund in the United States. It is healthy beyond our wildest dreams, yet Gov. Abbott has named a former Enron executive to head the pension review board and 'study' how it may need to be changed. Why? It works? Why? It is a treasure chest.

Then there is the bill that Gov. Abbott, according to news reports, has tasked Senator Bryan Hughes of District 1 with carrying. It is a bill to eliminate payroll deductions for professional association and union dues. Teachers can not unionize under state law. But this bill would eliminate teachers from being able to pay their association dues incrementally over several months. Educators join for the additional liability insurance they receive by belonging to a professional association and there are many different ones. Teachers don't have time to be sign toting political activists. Well, until now anyway. Apparently 83 percent of Republican Primary voters, according to Senator Hughes, voted to support this denial. I am guessing the wording read 'union' dues on the ballot. Did I say that teachers aren't allowed to belong to unions?

And there is the problem. We have begun to vote on issues which are unnecessary and harmful in practice, but what is worse misleading.

I am not a liberal. What I am is a hard-working conservative Texan who could have done a lot of things rather than be a public school teacher. But, I loved it with all my heart. ALL my heart.

What is gut-wrenching is that young teachers are leaving the profession in droves. We shouldn't be surprised. Teachers deal with much more than the performance of their students on a standardized test on a single given day once a year that they are judged by. There is so much that is not within a teacher's control. What should be in their control is their ability to pay for decent health insurance and the fact that they will have a stable pension as promised. And that they have paid into throughout their entire career.

During the rally held recently in Longview I asked the public school folks present a series of questions that the vast majority raised their banners and hands in acknowledgement of, let me share those questions the teachers answered yes to and you consider what it is like dealing daily with 22 to 150 students, depending on the level taught, along with state mandated testing, non-English speaking students, emotionally disturbed students, special needs students and more.

Let me say this clearly, Teachers Change Lives...often at the expense of their own pocketbook, their health, their time and their families. And that goes for other public school employees too!

The least the State of Texas can do is give educators what they have EARNED and what they were PROMISED when they became teachers.

If you believe this as well, please call and email Governor Abbott and your senators and representatives NOW and tell them you expect them to do what is right by educators and education.

It is the right thing to do.

And, we need every single voice out there speaking with us and for us.

If I had to do it all over again?

I would still be a teacher.

I just can't afford to be a retired teacher.

Suzanne Bardwell is a retired high school teacher of 33 years.

# It's true; nothing really ever changes

Authorities usually offer specifics when asked about origins of expressions. "The more things change, the more they stay the same," however, is not one of them. Attempts to pinpoint its first use are baffling to some and invite "waffling" for others.

Most linguists agree that the idiom began as a French expression in the mid-19th century.

Hardliners maintain that its genesis is biblical, birthed by the scripture about "nothing being new under the sun"...

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I do not wish to enter the debate. First of all, I'm not an authority on anything. And, though I've seen more than my share of sunrises, I've not seen nearly enough to qualify me to determine what constitutes sameness. Old Sol's rays were blazing down on folks long before I got here.

Hesitantly, though, I suggest to you that for more than a half-century, my wife and I have witnessed -- yea, even participated in -- undertakings that are Americana to the utmost.

Garage sales have changed little, if at all....

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In our early days of marriage, we rose early on Saturdays to seek garage sales in affluent neighborhoods, rarely to buy items we needed, but more often to purchase items we might

find useful up the way. Once I bought a tackle box full of old lures.

I never flung them from a reel, and decades later handed them off to a fellow who collects old lures.

On a recent Saturday, I almost participated in another garage sale. Adding to the allure was the proximity. New neighbors Michelle and Allen had a sale to benefit the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

I hastened next door, my eyes locking on a couple of frilly dresses that had been gently worn, if at all. I pictured granddaughter Addison in them. I was permitted to take them to seek approval at her home a couple of blocks away. During the drive, I imagined her eyes glistening, her hands clapping, and possibly even occasional shrieks of delight....

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I was wrong. Still in her PJs and not yet excited about starting a new day, she quickly perused each frock.

She quickly punctured my picture of her being "delighted." She wanted to know if I had already bought them and then confessed she couldn't think of any place in the world where she'd wear them.

Admitting she was probably right, I hastened back to the garage sale to hang the dresses back on the rack....

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My musing continued. Where, but at garage sales, would one see BMWs



## the idle american

by don newbury

and jalopies parked bumper to bumper?

Where else in the Metroplex could one see friendly haggling, and learn that items priced at 25 cents each weren't moving, but were snapped up when priced three for a dollar?

And where else do prospective shoppers get up "rooster early" to reach garage sales before the hoarders get there? Finally, where else, within a matter of feet, does a customer ask if the seller can make change for a \$100 bill, while another, huddled nearby, is counting nickels and pennies, hoping to come up with 75 cents for a clothing item? (She counts 62 cents, and Michelle says that's close enough.)...

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Later in the morning, Addison and cousin Kedren (visiting from Tyler) dropped in at the sale as it was winding down. At once the 10-year-olds spotted an electrical item with which they were unfamiliar. It was priced at 50 cents, so how could they go wrong?

I recognized it immediately, an old time piece providing "high time." You remember them, the old bedside clocks that project the time on the ceiling.

Last I heard, they hadn't decided if they'd share it for weeks or months at a time, or one would buy the other one out. At least they didn't buy any fishing lures. And, without expending even one penny, I was reminded that current garage sales are pretty much the same now as they were many sunrises ago....

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# Salado legends celebrate 25 years

When Jackie Mills took over the operation of Salado's Tablerock outdoor theater in 1992, there was \$1.34 in the bank account and some unpaid bills. "It was the first time I had done anything like this and I was an easy mark," she says. "I just thought it could be a great thing for Salado and surrounding communities."

She wanted to present an extravaganza on the Tablerock stage featuring costumes, lights, singing, dancing and the early days of Salado, all performed by a cast of 50 people. Some of the original cast members are still playing their parts. "There's a story to it and a love story," says Jackie. "All the music is original." Jackie wrote the lyrics but had to get help with the music. She worked with a composer many late nights in a recording studio.

"It took me nine months to write the story. And I still didn't have the end of it written when we started rehearsals. Cast members would look at the script and wanted to know about how the play would end. I told them just to be patient, that it was coming. Finally I figured out how I was going to end it. The title is Salado Legends."

One scene is about the Civil War and has black powder rifles and a cannon. Jackie says it's very noisy. When Salado was first founded, it was a town of teetotalers. Residents were serious about that. When someone tried to open a saloon, it was a big flop. "All the women went to the building, brought chairs and their knitting and sat down in front of the door. Do you think a man would cross that threshold? Of course not. So the saloon moved to a nearby community."

When Jackie took on the job of running the theater, it had been abandoned and weeds had just about taken over the audience area. That had to be addressed first, then came building sets and getting the theater ready for a show. "There was no place to go but up, so we did." Jackie's husband is an engineer and helped design an overall layout of the theater. For those first performances, the audi-



## stories of texas

by tumbleweed smith

ence either sat on grass or bought their lawn chairs. Now there are seats for 600.

"For those first performances I borrowed costumes from Baylor, lights from the Temple Community Center and all kinds of things from several people. Some were afraid to see me coming for fear I'd ask them for something. But we made money with the very first performance, enough to buy lights. And the next performance we made enough to get something else."

Apparently Tablerock is in good financial shape now (nobody working on the show gets paid). It just purchased a new sound system for \$5,000. About a thousand people attend the annual three-night run. "It always the last two Saturdays in July and the first Saturday in August. This year it'll be July 22, July 29 and August 5th."

Tablerock is named for a huge flat rock on a nearby creek. "Indians went there to sun and drink the water for medicinal purposes. It's loaded with minerals. Tablerock is a place of healing."

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## Thornberry's defense bill passes House

WASHINGTON - The US House of Representatives last week passed the third National Defense Authorization Act under US Congressman Mac Thornberry's (R-Clarendon) chairmanship of the House Armed Services Committee by a vote of 344 to 81.

"For the 56th year in a row, the House has passed a bipartisan bill that prioritizes the men and women in uniform who selflessly volunteer to support and defend our nation," Thornberry said. This bill takes the necessary steps to begin to rebuild and reform our military, including billions in additional funds to begin to close the dangerous readiness gaps our troops are facing."

Sheppard Air Force Base: The NDAA authorizes funding for an increase in end strength of the Air Force and programs such as the training missions at Sheppard Air Force Base near Wichita Falls. It also includes language to tighten evaluation process of energy projects close to military installations to help ensure that bases and training ranges are not adversely impacted.

Pantex: The bill provides \$10.4 billion in funding for nuclear weapons activities including the work done at Pantex, which is \$184 million more than the Administration's budget request. All life extension programs, including the W76-1 program currently underway at Pantex, are fully funded. The bill includes \$5.2 million to begin design and construction of the Pantex Material Staging Facility, which will dramati-



cally improve operations and security at the plant. To help with aging infrastructure, the bill establishes the Facilities and Infrastructure Recapitalization and Repair Program (FIRRP) with a goal of reducing the nuclear security enterprise's backlog of deferred maintenance and repair needs by 50 percent within five years. An additional \$150 million is included to help with this effort at Pantex and other facilities across the enterprise. Finally, the bill provides an increase of \$33 million for defense nuclear security to ensure Pantex and other facilities maintain the highest level of security.

Bell: Close to \$2.6 billion is authorized for Bell's V-22 Osprey and helicopter programs, including the procurement of 10 new Ospreys and 27 new H-1 helicopters. Much of the work for those aircraft will be performed in Amarillo.

Highlights of the bill include:

- Military Personnel and Pay: The bill supports the full 2.4 percent pay raise for the military. This is the

largest pay raise in 8 years.

- Military Families: Prohibits the reduction of inpatient care for military Medical Treatment facilities located outside of the United States. The bill also provides resources to help families with relocation and licensing.

- Rebuilding Readiness: Makes key investments not provided for in the President's Budget Request. The NDAA will begin to recover lost readiness and begin rebuilding the force.

- Maintenance: Increases Navy Ship and Aircraft depot maintenance and afloat readiness, while also including additional funds for the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force operation and maintenance.

- Facilities: Increases funding to support military facilities.

- Missile Defense: Increases the authorization of funds to procure additional interceptor missiles, increase investments in the Ground-based Midcourse Defense System, and boost phase missile defense.

## District 1 4-H record book judging results announced

AMARILLO - More than 175 youth from 19 Panhandle counties submitted record books to be judged by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agents and adult volunteers on recently at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Amarillo.

Youth keep detailed records of 4-H projects undertaken throughout the year in order to develop skills in

communication, organization, goal setting, problem solving and documentation, said Shawnte Clawson, AgriLife Extension 4-H youth development specialist in Amarillo.

The first place senior books will advance to the state competition held in Lubbock on Aug. 7.

Local results of the District 1 4-H Record Book judging are as follows:

Senior Food & Nutrition: 4. Charlotte Craft, Donley; Intermediate Food & Nutrition: 2. Elizabeth Craft, Donley; Junior Goat: 2. Levi Gates, Donley; Senior Horse: 3. Brandalyn Ellis, Donley; Intermediate Horse: 1. Laney Gates, Donley; 3. Brenna Ellis, Donley; Junior Horse: 3. Gracie Ellis, Donley; and Intermediate Swine: 3. Jodee Pigg, Donley.

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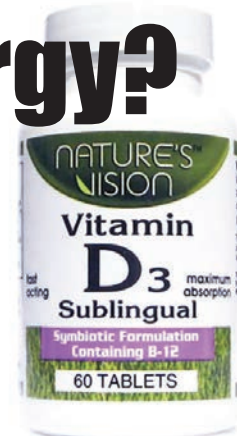
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Community Calendar

**July 24**  
Vacation Bible School • 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. • Community Fellowship Church

**July 25**  
Vacation Bible School • 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. • Community Fellowship Church

**July 26**  
Vacation Bible School • 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. • Community Fellowship Church

**July 27**  
Vacation Bible School • 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. • Community Fellowship Church

**July 28**  
Vacation Bible School • 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. • Community Fellowship Church

**August 5**  
Whistle-Stop Trade Days

**August 6**  
Whistle-Stop Trade Days

**August 17**  
Clarendon • Back to School

**August 18**  
Broncos v Bovina • scrimmage • 5:00 p.m. • Away

**August 21**  
Hedley • Back to School

**August 24**  
Broncos v Electra • scrimmage • 6:00 p.m. • Home

**September 1**  
Broncos v Shamrock • 7:30 p.m. • Home

**September 4**  
Labor Day

**September 8**  
Broncos v S-Earth • 7:30 p.m. • Away

**September 10**  
Grandparents' Day

**September 11**  
Patriot Day

**September 15**  
Broncos v Wheeler • 7:30 p.m. • Away

**September 22**  
Broncos v Gruver • Homecoming • 7:30 p.m. • Home

**September 23**  
Col. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff • Saints' Roost Museum

**September 29**  
Broncos v Booker • 7:30 p.m. • Away

**October 9**  
Columbus Day

**October 13**  
Broncos v Lockney • 7 p.m. • Home

**October 20**  
Broncos v Crosbyton • 7 p.m. • Away

**November 7**  
Election Day

**November 11**  
Veterans' Day

## Menus

July 24 - July 28

**Donley County Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, spinach, garlic toast, salad, fruit bowl, iced tea/2% milk.

Tue: Baked BBQ chicken, baked potato, peas & carrots, strawberries/whip cream, wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.

Wed: Hamburger & tator tot casserole, green beans, tossed salad, chocolate cake, iced tea/2% milk.

Thu: Navy beans & ham, cornbread, coleslaw, potato salad, peach Chantilly, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Cheeseburger, potato wedges, salad, melon medley, iced tea/2% milk.

**Hedley Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Creamy mushroom steak, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, whole wheat roll, margarine, Emerald pears, iced tea/2% milk.

Tue: Herb roasted chicken, potato wedges, whole wheat roll, margarine, peas & carrots, strawberries w/whipped topping, iced tea/2% milk.

Wed: Glazed meatloaf, red bliss potatoes, breadstick, mixed vegetables, country apple crisp, iced tea/2% milk.

Thu: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, stewed okra, seasoned corn, pumpkin square, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Chicken salad sandwich, tomato, lettuce, pickle, carrot sticks, watermelon, iced tea/2% milk.

# Visiting Royal Gorge, Cañon City

Two weeks ago, me and my family went to see my Aunt Dixi and Uncle Dick in Colorado. Afterwards we went to the Royal Gorge.

The Royal Gorge is like a steep canyon that was made by a river that gets deeper and deeper over time.

As soon as we got there, we took gondola across the gorge. I thought it would be a little scary but it wasn't. It was really amazing. It was like you were basically floating above the Arkansas River, and you could see all the way down the canyon and see the railroad tracks at the bottom of the canyon. You could also see people doing the Zip line whiz by you and you could see people at the lookout.

We then went to the kids' play place with a carousel and a basket that you stand in and spins you around. They also had a big climbing tower with nets and tunnels.



**the cub reporter**  
by Benjamin Estlack

Then we watched a documentary about the gorge and the fire that burned everything but two structures a few years ago. The bridge and the theatre were all that was left standing. The bridge is America's highest suspension bridge, and we walked

across it. Then we went to the café for lunch.

We got another Junior Ranger badge for going to the Gorge.

After that we went to the Dinosaur Experience in Cañon City. They have exhibits of land dinosaurs and sea dinosaurs. My favorite was the dilophosaurus. Outside they have a giant scaffold structure with a ropes course. You wear a harness and try to get through all the obstacles. If you fall, the harness catches you. My sister and I went on the course. It's two stories. After I finished the first story, I went to the second story where it was super hard.

I had a lot of fun on this vacation!

## Remember to stay hydrated

Well - come to summer time folks! With the temperature hovering near 100 and rain eluding us, just settle in for six more weeks of summer.



**'wick picks**  
by Peggy Cockerham  
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People who can are escaping to the mountains and cooler weather. My gang and I will enjoy the cool mornings and cooler air conditioner at home. Buffy the Wonder Dog is keeping the yard safe. The pesky rabbits and squirrels stay away, but the blue jays are not intimidated and mockingbirds chase her.

Don't limit fluids to beer and soda, keep water and Gatorade available at all times because it is very easy to become dehydrated in this heat as Ole Jim reminded his family. We all have a cooler packed with drinks to be sipped on at a moment's notice. Remember when you feel thirsty it is too late; you are dehydrated.

Howardwick politics are ever changing. Mayor Mike Rowland resigned as did Alderman Sam Grider, which has caused changes to the board. Eric Riddle is acting Mayor Pro Tem, which leaves two vacancies, but enough members remain to make a quorum. For more information, you may call acting Mayor Eric Riddle at 277-0836.

## Retired teachers share memories

The Donley County Retired School Personnel will meet Monday, July 24, at 6:00 p.m. in the Church of Christ Family Life Center.

Members are asked to share a Most Memorable Teaching Moment.

Youth fiddlers Caroline and Meredith Artho, (granddaughters of Regina Wootten) will provide entertainment.

Members are asked to bring ice cream and dessert and to pay annual dues, if necessary.

Anyone who has retired from an education career is welcome to join the group, which meets bi-monthly.



## Greenbelt Stars

Taylor Knorpp, Jensen Hatley, and Clay Koetting represented Clarendon well during the 68th annual Greenbelt Bowl in Childress on June 10. Hatley was second runner up out of 30 contestants in the Childress Rotary Greenbelt Bowl Scholarship Pageant, and Koetting and Knorpp both played in the Greenbelt Bowl All-Star Classic football game.

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## Lion leaders

New officers installed at the Clarendon Lions Club this week were 5K chair Brian Fuller, Lion Tamer Bobbie Thornberry, Boss Lion Robert Riza, Secretary Roger Estlack, First Vice President John Howard, Second Vice President Scarlet Estlack, and fundraising chair Tex Buckhaults. Not pictured are Third Vice President Landon Lambert, Tail Twister Jerry Woodard, and Song Leader Larry Capranica.

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# Parade Thanks

I would like to thank all who came to the Saints' Celebration Herring Bank Parade and all the other festivities. We were able to get some new out-of-town entries in the parade and it seems like we had more floats this year.

A special thanks goes to the following:  
**Herring Bank**, which sponsors the parade and makes our prizes possible. The **Chamber Board**, which helps plan the event and gives up their time before and after the parade. **Keith Floyd** for making his space available and being a great host for the parade autos. **Gary Campbell** for helping make sure the sound system is assembled and working. The three ladies who stepped up and started our "Show Us Your Boots" contest and **Cornell's Country Store** for sponsoring that event, which others have said they want to enter next year. The three floats that took the time to put together some extra entertainment for the crowd in front of the grandstand - **Community Fellowship Church, Bromley Ranch, and the CJH Cheerleaders**. And **Ed Montana** for doing a great job announcing the parade and entertaining the crowd.

Thanks again to all who came and especially those who took the time to put together an entry to help make the parade better. Hopefully next year we can add a brass band and more people willing to entertain the crowd.

**Bob Weiss,**  
Chamber Manager

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**CLUES ACROSS**

1. Pile up	38. A way to surface
6. Midway between south and southeast	39. Northern gannet
9. Canadian law enforcers	41. Outer part of something
13. Bollywood director Prawaall	44. Nothing
14. Body part	45. Fathers
15. Ancient Greek City	46. Siesta
16. Steep cliff	48. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
17. Korean ruler	49. Of I
18. As might be expected	51. Cash machine
19. Takes kids to learn	52. Discounts
21. Absorption unit	54. Dickinson, poet
22. Parts of the feet	56. Watches over
23. Political action committee	60. Hindu queen
24. Cerium	61. Steep banks
25. Former CIA	62. Fertility god
28. Of she	63. Port on Danube
29. Japanese city	64. Liquids
31. Expression of sorrow	65. Greek war dance
33. Artificial body in orbit	66. In addition
36. Expressed violent anger	67. Data acquisition system
	68. Crash an aircraft

**CLUES DOWN**

1. Curved shapes	29. Sings to
2. "Beastmaster" actor Singer	30. Book of maps
3. A female domestic	32. Publish in installments
4. Starches	34. Ink (slang)
5. Without name	35. American inventor
6. An air cavity within a bone	37. Unclean
7. Relaxing places	40. Snag
8. Midway between east and southeast	42. Mars Excursion Module
9. Editing	43. Abnormal rattling sounds
10. Baseball team	47. For each
11. Intended to be sung	49. Country music legend Haggard
12. Video game Max ___	50. Electronic communication
14. Makes free	52. Drenches
17. French young women	53. Type of sword
20. Express delight	55. Lodgings
21. Takes to the sea	56. Messenger ribonucleic acid
23. Monetary unit	57. Figure skater Lipinski
25. Paddle	58. Acquire by one's efforts
26. Hit with an open hand	59. Stony waste matter
27. Gurus	61. Offer
	65. Without issue

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Whistle-Stop owners Jordan & Kimberly salute this week's legend...

## JEWEL AUSTIN HOUSTON

A native of Memphis, Jewell Austin Houston attended Clarendon College before obtaining her bachelor's and master's degrees in library science. From 1996 to 1998 she was the library director at Clarendon College and returned to that role from 2000 until her untimely death in 2009.

Houston was instrumental in the development of the Vera Dial Dickey Library at CC, and was very involved in the Adopt a Student Ministry. Her concern for the welfare of the students was unmatched. Known as "Mrs. Houston" to most, many found her to be someone they could talk to. She was also known for her great sense of humor and her smile, she became a friend to many more.

She was a member of the True Church of God in Christ in Clarendon where she served as secretary, board member, and head of the youth ministry, and for many years she was responsible for bringing outstanding speakers and programs to the college for Black History Month each year.

The Whistle-Stop and the community salute the memory of the late Jewell Austin Houston for her contributions and service to Donley County. Thank you, Jewel!

**Don't miss Whistle-Stop Trade Days: Aug. 5 & 6**

### Walden joins Amarillo's Turn Center

Carolina Walden recently joined Turn Center, the only non-profit facility in the Texas Panhandle offering physical, occupational, and speech therapy for children, as Director of Development.

Walden has been on staff at Accent West magazine for the last eight years and brings fundraising experience from her prior role at St. Mark's School of Texas in Dallas. "We are excited about what this means for Turn Center," said Executive Director Bruce Moseley.

An Amarillo native, Walden holds a B.S. in Biblical Studies and English Literature from Dallas Christian College. As a college student, she completed a linguistic internship in Tanzania, East Africa. Upon graduation, Carolina served as an inner city missionary with World Impact in Dallas, Texas, working specifically to address the needs of women and children in poverty. She then served as Assistant Director of Individual Giving at St. Mark's School of Texas in Dallas, securing alumni gifts during the silent phase of the \$112 million Centennial Challenge campaign. In 2009, Carolina began work for Accent West. Since, she has become a managing member of Walden Cattle, LLC, a cow-calf operation in Swisher, Randall and Potter counties, Texas.

Walden has served as a volunteer director on several non-profit boards for organizations in the Texas Panhandle including the Women's Philanthropy Fund, Amarillo Art Alliance, and Amarillo Botanical Gardens. Additionally, she has served as youth director at First United Methodist Church in Happy, Texas, where she resides with her husband, Clay, and their four boys.

In 2016, Carolina and Tommy Blasingame self-published his book, Cowboy and Roping Stories, that highlights memories from Tommy's life on the JA and other ranches throughout the Southwest.

Turn Center is committed to serving families of children with special needs in the Texas Panhandle. Our mission is to provide outstanding therapy services while instilling hope in the families that we serve.

Turn Center resulted from the merger of two long-standing non-profits: Children's Rehabilitation Center (founded 1947) and Amarillo Speech, Hearing, and Language Center (founded 1959). Turn Center is dedicated to providing occupational, physical, and speech/feeding therapies to children aged 0 to 21.



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting July 18, 2017, with lame duck Boss Lion Tex Buckhaults opening the meeting.

We had 15 members and one guest this week. Drew Powell was the guest of Lion Roger Estlack.

Lion Buckhaults installed the officers for the coming year as follows: Boss Lion Robert Riza, First Vice President John Howard, Second Vice President Scarlet Estlack, Third Vice President Landon Lambert, Secretary/Treasurer Roger Estlack, Tail Twister Jerry Woodard, Lion Tamer Bobbie Thornberry. Other officers for the coming year are Song Leader Larry Capranica, Fundraising Chairman Tex Buckhaults, and 5K Chairman Brian Fuller.

Lion Fuller reported on the college's new CDL program, which starts this fall and features classroom work, driving a simulator, and driving a truck. The courses will held at the college's Downtown Education Center in Clarendon and at Memphis ISD.

Lion Howard reported that the county's hunting was left on the Courthouse through Bastille Day and may be left up all month.

Lion Mike Norrell reported that the public school is just dealing with legislative updates.

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

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### Miss Riza goes to Washington

Sally Thornberry (left) stands at the US Capitol with Cassidy Riza on the balcony of House Speaker Paul Ryan's office overlooking the National Mall and the Washington Monument last week. Riza, the daughter of Dr. Robert and Cobette Riza, is interning this summer in the office of Congressman Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon).

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## Drugs in the News

### Upadacitinib May be Effective for Crohn's Disease

A recent study reported that a drug called upadacitinib was shown to be a safe and effective treatment for people with Crohn's disease, who do not respond to other medications. Upadacitinib is a Janus kinase-1 (JAK-1) blocker. It works by blocking the activity of JAK-1, a protein that plays a role in triggering inflammation. Several doses of Upadacitinib were studied in 220 adults with long-standing moderate to severe Crohn's disease. When compared to a placebo, individuals who were given upadacitinib for 16 weeks had higher disease remission rates. Additionally, individuals taking upadacitinib experienced less soft stools and less stomach pain. Side effects of upadacitinib may include headache, nausea, or infection with higher doses.

Crohn's disease is a condition where the lining of the digestive tract becomes inflamed. It may be caused by genetics, viruses, or bacteria. Symptoms of Crohn's disease may include diarrhea, stomach pain, fever, and tiredness.

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## Out of this World!

Dad, do you think there might be living beings on Earth? I really don't know, son... I suppose there could be!

Have you ever wondered if there could be living beings on other planets? Well, you're not alone. There is a group of scientists and engineers (SETI) who use computers to scan the skies for signs of life or communications. Other people like to read about UFO sightings - the largest number reported have been near a military base in Nevada called Area 51.

One of NASA's space programs includes sending a robot to Mars to roam the planet and send back photos. If you are interested in outer space then ask Mom or Dad if you can check out NASA's club for kids. Have fun!

**Read the clues to fill in the crossword puzzle:**

- a planet able to support life
- face-to-face meeting with an alien
- makes things far away seem closer, larger
- code words/sending of radio waves help us to
- no air and no gravity...the last frontier
- every galaxy, every solar system, each star and planet that we know of
- there are 8 of these in our solar system, and billions in the universe

There are couple of giant words in this puzzle...go slow and you'll figure them out.

By the way, where's Buddy?

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Books:  
1. Teacher  
2. Mars  
3. Vacation  
4. Aliens

Red Planet

I am from the planet Mars. Beings on my planet are called:

# MARTIANS

1. C - Krypton 2. D - galaxy 3. A - helmet 4. B - bug



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SUN. EVENING: 6 P.M. • WED. YOUTH: 6:15 P.M.  
WED. BIBLE STUDY: 7 P.M.

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SUN. SCHOOL: 9:45 A.M. • SUN. SERVICE: 10:55 A.M.  
SUN. EVENING: 6 P.M. • KID'S ACTIVITIES: WED. 6 P.M.  
YOUTH STUDY: WED. 7 P.M.  
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## Beekeeping workshops offered July 24-26

PERRYTON – Three days of beekeeping information will be offered July 24-26 at workshops hosted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Ochiltree County.

“With a growing number of people interested in becoming beekeepers at a small, hobby level, we wanted to offer this series of introductory beekeeping workshops,” said Scott Strawn, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent in Ochiltree County.

The workshops will be from 8:30 a.m. to noon each day at the Ochiltree County Expo Center, 402

Expo Drive, Perryton. The cost is \$10 per person to attend one, two or all three sessions. No preregistration is required.

Beekeeper researchers from the Texas Invasive Species Institute at Sam Houston State University will be the speakers. They have a grant to teach new audiences about the benefits of bees to the environment and agriculture, and are encouraging residents to become beekeepers, Strawn said.

The agenda July 24 will cover Benefits of Bees in Our Environment, Benefits of Bees to Farmers, Roles of Different Bees in Hives,

Bee Life Cycles, Bee Research and U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resources Conservation Service Beekeeping Enhancement Programs.

July 25 topics will be Intro to Beekeeping, Hive Assembly and Identification, Bee Anatomy and Life Cycle, Where to Buy Bees and How to Place Them, Using Various Tools to Check Hives and Pest Management.

The final day will include a site visit, and discuss hive setup and splitting hives.

For more information, contact Strawn at 806-435-4501.

## Sheriff’s Report

**July 10, 2017**  
 1:03 a.m. – See caller 300 block South Wells  
 3:5 a.m. – Units paged – semi accident East of Goodnight  
 8:51 a.m. – EMS assist Clarendon Nursing Home  
 10:50 a.m. – Loose livestock HWY 203 & Co Rd 28  
 6:48 p.m. – Courtesy ride to Armstrong County Line  
 7:02 p.m. – Loose livestock FM 3257

**July 11, 2017**  
 7:46 a.m. – EMS assist 400 block McDougal - Hedley  
 8:09 a.m. – EMS assist 100 block East 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
 1:31 p.m. – Out @ Courthouse  
 4:43 p.m. – FD/EMS assist mutual aid @ Lake McKenzie  
 7:39 p.m. – Courtesy ride to Hall County

**July 12, 2017**  
 6:37 a.m. – See caller 1<sup>st</sup> & McDougal - Hedley

9:15 a.m. – EMS assist 6<sup>th</sup> & Carhart  
 7:35 p.m. – See caller Kearney Street  
 8:15 p.m. – EMS assist 300 block South Jefferson


**July 13, 2017**  
 2:31 p.m. – EMS assist location not logged  
 5:06 p.m. – To jail with one in custody  
 8:50 p.m. – Loose livestock Co Rd 13 & Co Rd R

**July 14, 2017**  
 9:32 a.m. – EMS assist 100 block Line Ave - Hedley  
 2:52 p.m. – Courtesy ride to Armstrong County  
 6:11 p.m. – Loose livestock HWY 203  
 8:01 p.m. – To jail with one in custody  
 11:54 p.m. – EMS assist West of Lelia Lake

**July 15, 2017**  
 8:14 a.m. – EMS assist Ambulance Station  
 9:14 a.m. – EMS assist 600 South Gorst

11:01 a.m. – EMS assist 800 block West 2nd  
 12:33 p.m. – Units paged fire – North 70  
 2:12 p.m. – See caller 600 block West 2nd  
 2:14 p.m. – EMS assist 13200 block Co Rd O  
 5:24 p.m. – EMS assist Co Rd O & Co Rd 13  
 10:49 p.m. – Report of fight @ Greenbelt Lake  
 11:18 p.m. – To jail with one in custody

**July 16, 2017**  
 2:18 a.m. – To jail with one in custody  
 2:23 a.m. – EMS assist 200 block Dixie Drive  
 9:17 a.m. – EMS assist Ambulance Station  
 10:10 a.m. – EMS assist location not logged  
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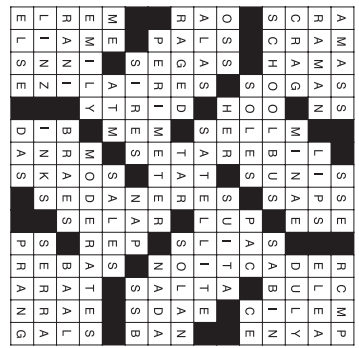
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AMARILLO – Almost five months after wildfires ripped across much of the northeastern Texas Panhandle, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will host a day-long Range Recovery Meeting and Field Discussion. The traveling event is set to cross the fire-stricken counties Aug. 3, beginning with breakfast at 7 a.m. in Pampa and concluding with a steak dinner at 6:30 p.m. in Lipscomb, said Danny Nusser, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources regional program leader in Amarillo.

“This program is designed to help producers evaluate their rangeland and make decisions related to quality and quantity of forages, nutritional decisions regarding livestock, future preparedness and weed or brush control,” Nusser said.

There is no charge for any part of the meetings, but those planning to attend are asked to contact Jordan Chandler at 806-677-5600 or their county AgriLife Extension office for planning purposes.

Nusser said the program is designed to accommodate individuals in all the affected counties. Emphasis will be placed on burned

pastures, but the information is pertinent to all producers and current range conditions. The series of meetings will begin with the Capital Farm Credit Volunteer Recognition Breakfast at the AgriLife Extension-Gray County office, 12125 E. Frederick Ave., Pampa. Topics and speakers there will be:

Economics of recovery efforts, Dr. Steve Amosson, AgriLife Extension economist, Amarillo.

USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service opportunities and report, Eddy Corse, district conservationist, Pampa.

Cost vs. Benefits of Pasture, Rangeland and Forage Rainfall Index Insurance, Raven Spratt, senior crop insurance agent, Pampa.

The next stop will be at 10 a.m. at the Little Red Schoolhouse north of Pampa. Topics and speakers will be:

Grass/Range Evaluation in Roberts/Gray Counties, Max Payne, area rancher.

After Fire Rangeland Response and Grazing Decisions, Dr. Tim Steffens, AgriLife Extension range specialist, Canyon.

The group will travel to Mesa

Vista Ranch for the lunch program, where AIM Bank of Miami will sponsor lunch. Topics and speakers will be:

Range Nutritional Value and Beef Cow Nutritional Needs, Dr. Ted McCollum, AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist, Amarillo.

Utilization of Prescribed Burns to Help with Prevention, Dr. Morgan Russell, AgriLife Extension range specialist, San Angelo.

The group will then travel to the Locust Grove Baptist Church in Lipscomb County. Topics and speakers will be:

Grass/Range Evaluation in Lipscomb, speakers will be from the Abbott, Mann and Walker ranches.

After Fire Rangeland Response and Grazing Decisions, Steffens.

The meeting will wrap up with the Volunteer Recognition Steak Dinner at the Lipscomb County Museum, sponsored by Plains Land Bank and Capital Farm Credit.

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about truck traffic on Third Street when Allsup's builds its new store. Bivens said the street is currently in the best shape it's ever been but said it will not withstand traffic of heavy trucks. He requested the city consider posting signs on Allen Street, Bugbee Avenue, and at the Sims Street intersection with Third to ban trucks from those thoroughfares. He also asked for steps to be considered to insure the safety of kids at the new store. Mayor Sandy Skelton thanked him for his comments and said that many of Bivens' concerns have already been addressed with Allsup's representatives.

Linda Lewis addressed the board concerning the house she owns at Sixth and Bugbee. Aldermen will consider a timeline to bring the property into compliance with local codes at the July 27 meeting.

The council approved a request by Saye's to close the 200 block of Kearney Street for an open house event on August 5.

Aldermen also heard from sanitation directory Joe Shadle about developments with the City of Howardwick, which closed its limb pile and told its citizens to take that debris to Clarendon and which also recently canceled its sanitation agreement with Clarendon in favor of an Amarillo company.

“The limb pile is for the citizens of Clarendon,” Shadle said. “It's a costly deal to operate. It's not free to run.”

Alderman Nathan Floyd said he felt like Howardwick is part of Clarendon in a way in that those citizens buy their goods and services in Clarendon, and he recommended charging a fee for Howardwick residents to use the city's limb pile. A fee will be considered at a future city meeting, but Clarendon residents would still be able to dump their limbs at no charge.

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