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

## Former city employee facing felony charge

A former Clarendon animal control officer was jailed Monday on a charge of Cruelty to Animals after a puppy was reportedly killed by her last week.

Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn said 29-year-old Alexandra Armbrust turned herself in July 29 after a warrant for her arrest was issued that morning.

Armbrust was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Sarah Hatley with bond set at \$10,000 for the third-degree felony. She was released on bond Monday.

Blackburn said according to his

office's investigation, the puppy was picked up last week by Armbrust and given to a local family. The sheriff said the puppy's owners went to City Hall on July 25 and paid a fee to get their pet back. At that time, Armbrust allegedly returned to the family to whom she had given the puppy, shot the animal in the head, put it in a trash bag, and returned to City Hall to give it to the owners.

The sheriff said the family who had received the puppy from Armbrust also arrived at City Hall to report what had happened, and a sheriff's deputy had to be called

to calm the situation. The sheriff's office began taking statements that day and continued the next day.

City Administrator Brian Barboza said Armbrust was fired Friday afternoon, July 26, following the incident on Thursday. He says the puppy, described on social media posts as a four-month-old chihuahua, was picked up July 23 and a picture of it was placed on the front of City Hall in accordance with city policy.

Barboza said he believed originally the dog had been put down Thursday morning because Armbrust had asked him that morning

if it was okay to put down a dog because she wasn't going to have time to take it to Pampa to be euthanized. But when the owners arrived at City Hall Thursday afternoon, he said Armbrust told different stories about whether the dog's remains were in Pampa or Memphis.

When Armbrust was sent to get the dog, sometime before 2:30, Barboza said she apparently went to the home she had given the puppy to, shot it, and returned to City Hall. He said the family followed Armbrust back to City Hall and said she had shot the dog in front of their kids.

Barboza tells the ENTERPRISE that city rules require a dog without identification to be held for three days before it can be euthanized on the fourth day.

"Her actions do not reflect what this city is about," Barboza said.

Armbrust went to work for the city in mid-April and had just completed her basic animal control training and was scheduled to take euthanasia training this week.

Blackburn said the charge against Armbrust has a penalty of two to ten years imprisonment and up to a \$10,000 fine.

## Website can estimate your property taxes

Property taxpayers in Texas can now learn what their estimated taxes could be thanks to a state website.

According to a public notice from the Donley County Appraisal District in this week's ENTERPRISE, Texas.gov/property-taxes allows Texans to find a link to their local property tax database on which they can easily access information regarding property taxes, including information regarding the amount of taxes that each entity that taxes their property will impose if the entity adopts its proposed tax rate.

The database is updated regularly during August and September as local elected officials propose and adopt the property tax rates that will determine how much property owners pay in property taxes.

Property owners have the right to request the information from the assessor of each taxing unit for their property at: Donley Appraisal District, PO Box 1220, Clarendon TX 79226, or by calling 806-874-2744.

Property owners can also register to receive email notifications regarding updates to the property tax database by going to <https://www.texastaxtransparency.com/Donley/> typing in their email address and clicking the "Subscribe" button located at the bottom of the main page.

For more information, contact the Donley Appraisal District at 806-874-2744 or visit the office at 304 S Kearney, Clarendon TX 79226.

## Public meetings set by two local boards

August brings public notices to Texans as local governments begin to figure their budgets and tax rates for the coming fiscal year.

This week's ENTERPRISE includes notices from the Clarendon College District, which will hold budget and tax rate hearings on August 15 starting at 5:30 p.m., and from the City of Howardwick, which will hold a hearing on its budget and tax rate on August 13 at 6 p.m.

The public's involvement is encouraged at these meetings.

## Christ's Kids needs summer volunteers

The Christ's Kids Ministry is in need of volunteers to help with the summer lunch program as the program continues this month before school gets underway.

For more information, contact Felicia Atkinson at 806-205-1096 or Bobby Ellerbrook at 806-662-7650.



## Detail crew

Grant Hanes and Mason Sims put a shine on a car during the CHS Class of 2025 carwash last Sunday, which raised about \$1,300 for Heather Sims' battle against cancer. Donations to help with her medical expenses are still being accepted at the Donley County State Bank.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ROGER ESTLACK

## Bellar earns extension as superintendent

The Clarendon CISD Trustees extended the contract of Superintendent Jarod Bellar during their regular meeting July 16 and continued to fill out the faculty roster for the coming school year.

The board met behind closed doors before returning to open session and taking action on personnel matters.

Bellar's performance was evaluated, and trustees voted to extend his contract by one year through June 30, 2028.

Trustees also voted to accept Bellar's recommendations to offer contracts of employment to Kathy Duniven, Rebecca Diggs, and Isaac Semans for the coming school year.

Bellar told the ENTERPRISE Tuesday the school has just one spot remaining – a junior high special education position – in order to have a full staff for the coming year.

Classes begin August 14 at Clarendon CISD.

In other business, Bellar reported on the school's roofing project, the status of the Safety and Facilities Enhancement (SAFE) Grant, and the Lone Star Cup results.

The board voted to approve the Johnson and Sheldon, PLLC engagement letter to conduct the annual financial report.

Trustees also adopted resolutions authorizing certain individuals to possess firearms under Board Policy as discussed. More information on that will be reported in a future issue.

## CHS grad enjoys trip to Washington

By Bev Odom, The Red River Sun

Amongst a bustling schedule of being a senior, Class of 2024 graduates Wes Shaw of Clarendon, and Kaitlin Bawcom and Audrey Jones of Wellington, entered Greenbelt Electric Cooperative's essay contest for a chance to attend this year's Rural Electric Washington, DC, Youth Tour.

The students composed essays of less than 750 words on the subject, "How Would My Life Be Different Today Without Electricity."

Judges chose the three students for the June 16-23 Government-in-Action Youth Tour as part of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Youth Tour. Sponsored by electric cooperatives, the sponsors are committed to educating rural youth about America and the role electric cooperatives play in developing strong rural communities.

Shaw explained that he has attended Texas 4-H Congress in Austin as part of the leadership team, and one day, he hopes to work in Washington, DC, or Austin to advocate for agricultural pursuits.

"In my essay, I talked about how coming from an agricultural family and community, the loss of electricity would be detrimental to our operation and the production of agricultural commodities," said Shaw. "I've competed in UIL Congressional Debate since I was a sophomore, so policy has always been a passion of mine. But the trip and being in DC with the amaz-

ing people from Texas Rural Electric Cooperatives was incredible! I highly recommend the program because of it bringing together so many students from numerous backgrounds. I made many friends on the trip that I will be close to for the rest of my life!"

Once the chartered plane touched down in DC, the troop of Texas youth visited the National Cathedral for a tour and a group picture.

"Washington, DC, was not only a trip of a lifetime that provided me with an unforgettable experience, but it also allowed me to live through the history I have been learning about since elementary school," Jones said. "Although it wasn't my first time flying, it was the first time for many of the other people. Flying on a chartered plane with 147 Texas teenagers will forever be a memory I'll never forget! I can't imagine what everyone thought when a huge heard of teenagers came marching through the airport at 5 a.m., all in matching T-shirts!"

Day two consisted of visiting the Museum of the Bible, touring the memorials and observing the Iwo Jima Parade.

"My favorite memories on the trip were getting to walk through the Museum of the Bible and also the tour of the Capitol," Bawcom said. "I also got to meet many people from all around Texas and made friendships that will last a lifetime that I am so blessed with!"

The youth tourists spent day three touring Mount Vernon and visiting Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Thomas Jefferson memorials. The day ended with Youth Day at the Gaylord with all states.

"Some of my favorite memories of the trip include getting to visit George Washington's Mount Vernon estate, the wreath laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery and getting to visit with Congressman Ronny Jackson's staff on upcoming legislative priorities," said Shaw. "The trip to DC cemented my passion for policy and government."

Capitol Hill Day visits went smoothly, and the Texas entourage toured the Library of Congress as a group. The day ended with the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) farewell dinner and dance, also with all states.

"I had flown before the trip, but the charter plane going to Washington, DC, was by far my favorite," added Bawcom. "The trip will impact my future endeavors because it gave me a sense of experience, and it has broadened my interests in many things I saw during the week. I am so grateful to have been sent by Greenbelt Electric Cooperative, and it truly was the trip of a lifetime!"

The visitors found a photo session at the White House almost impossible due to being closed off to the public. Prior to the conclusion of the trip, the youth visited the Smithsonian museums and ended the day on a Potomac River Boat Cruise with



Kaitlin Bawcom (left) Wes Shaw, and Audrey Jones pause during their recent Washington, DC, Government-in-Action Youth Tour, sponsored by Greenbelt Electric Cooperative.

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dinner and dancing with the state of Alabama.

"At Arlington National Cemetery, we took a tram tour that included the Arlington House, Kennedy gravesite and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier," explained one of the Texas sponsors. "A bus dining experience followed to allow time to get dressed for the Kennedy Center." At the Kennedy Center, the

Texas enjoyed a performance entitled "Disney in Concert." Following the performance, the group experienced dinner on the rooftop of the Kennedy Center KC Café.

This contest is open to any high school student from the service area of Greenbelt Electric Cooperative: Clarendon, Claude, Hedley, Ft. Elliott, McLean, Samnorwood, Shamrock, Wellington, and Wheeler.



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# 'It takes more than that to kill a Bull Moose'

Unfortunately, assassination attempts are not new to our nation. In a time of such hatred, when each side sees the other as evil, it is no surprise that an attempt was made towards Republican candidate and former President Donald Trump.

When discussing assassinations, most historians focus on the death of the four American presidents, but historically speaking, there have also been successful attempts on presidential candidates that have changed the course of history and unsuccessful ones that inspired the nation, yet did not help the candidate's overall success.

The assassination that receives the most attention, because of the sense of loss of what could have been, is the death of Robert F. Kennedy. Journalist Evan Thomas wrote after Kennedy's death, "RFK had a vision for America that included addressing poverty, civil rights, and ending the Vietnam War. His presidency could have transformed the political landscape of the 1970s, steering the country away from the cynicism and division that characterized that era."



## historically speaking

At least on the left, this seems to be the prevailing sentiment, that Bobby could have changed the course of our nation. That, instead of the 1970s being one of the darker decades in American history, it could have been a bright spot.

Kennedy ran in 1968, which is possibly one of the most divisive and controversial years. There has been a great deal of attention on this election lately, as it was the last time a sitting president was not his party's nominee. Lyndon B. Johnson expected to run for reelection on the Democratic ticket, but after he was defeated by fellow Democrat Eugene McCarthy in the New Hampshire primary, he began to see the writing on the wall.

Kennedy had vowed not to run against Johnson, but when McCarthy won, Kennedy entered the race and quickly became the front-runner. Now having to face McCarthy and Kennedy, Johnson bowed out of the race.

Kennedy had a great deal of support. Not only was he the brother of the one of the most beloved presidents and possessed the same type of charisma as his brother, but he was also a true champion of the New Left, including those who felt marginalized. He was also completely against the war in Vietnam, and promised to end the fighting.

June 4, 1968, was the important California primary, and by winning that contest, Kennedy really seemed to cement his frontrunner status. Yet, after speaking to a crowd of supporters the next day, he was shot at by Sirhan Sirhan, a Palestinian who opposed the Kennedy's support of Israel.

Four years later, another high-profile candidate who does not get as much attention today as his message was in stark contrast to Kennedy's, was ex-Alabama Governor George Wallace. Running for president for the third time in 1972, Wallace looked like he had at least a chance to win the Democratic nomination that year.

Like Trump, Wallace survived the attack, however he was left permanently paralyzed from the waist down. While Wallace did win Maryland and Michigan the next day, ultimately his injuries pulled him from the race.

The assassination attempt that most closely resembles Trump's happened in 1912 with Teddy Roosevelt. Both Trump and T.R. had a similar machismo style presidency and both had been past president removed by one term.

In September 1901, when President William McKinley was assassinated, T.R. assumed the presidency, and was reelected in 1904. Having served two terms, in 1908, he sat one out. However, upset with the direction the Republican Party was headed, T.R. decided to run in 1912.

Some of us have basically surrendered, choosing to go barefoot at home, remaining sockless unless attending church, funerals or weddings.

This time, my ancient uncle has, uh, designed what he calls his "sock-assister," a device requiring only a child's jump rope, PVC pipe, a saw and a drill. With minimal safety efforts, this project may be attempted at home.

First off, simply hearing the word "sock-assister" sounds like sibling abuse. What next, "brother-bonking?"

He claims that most men already have the items needed to make "sock-assisters." This is particularly true if children leave jump ropes behind.

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# McCoy was force behind Chisolm Trail

Every age has its entrepreneurs who make things happen and become fabulously rich as a result. Scores of such entrepreneurs arose during America's westward movement, and tales of their exploits are legion.

Trail drives from Texas to the northern markets initially followed the Shawnee Trail through Dallas to Preston and then through Indian Territory. Because the longhorn cattle carried ticks that spread Texas fever to other cattle, settlers along the route began objecting to the passage of the longhorns.

Observing these problems, Joseph McCoy determined in 1867 that an alternate route would be preferable for future trail drives.

line from Wyandotte, Kansas, to Abilene, and he agreed to pay the railroad five dollars for every animal shipped over its line that year.



## vignettes tales of the old west

One of the early frequent travelers on this new trail was a Cherokee-Scotch trader named Jesse Chisholm. Chisholm had blazed the trail while trading with the Indians, and therefore it was his name that became attached to the new trail.

The famous Chisholm Trail became an important artery from Texas to the cattle markets of the north and east, and it remained in prominence until the advent of refrigerated railroad cars, which made it possible to slaughter the cattle locally and ship the refrigerated meat rather than drive herds over such long distances.

George U. Hubbard is a former resident of Clarendon and is the author of The Humor & Drama of Early Texas, available from fine booksellers everywhere.



# Uncle Mort's fancy sock assistant

Uncle Mort's contraptions and inventions usually are "far-fetched." Finally, he's come up with one that is "near-fetched." And, it may be of considerable help to those among us who daily dread what used to be a thoughtless and effortless routine: putting on socks.

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hard to come by," he said.

Yep, this is definitely "the new Mort..."

Here's what Mort suggests: Find a piece of PVC pipe about a foot in length. Cut longitudinally in half.

For most men, 4" PVC works fine; for wider feet, use 6" and beyond that, visit a plumber. Cut a child's jump rope in half, attaching bare ends and knotting inside holes drilled near end of PVC pipe.

Now, for the critical first-time use. While sitting down, pull a sock over the bare end of the PVC pipe. Insert foot, well into the sock, then pull the ropes, thus removing the gadget from the foot and leaving sock in place, perhaps already half on!

This may require a bit of practice. If help is needed, consult a grandchild....

Let me emphasize the importance of practice. My first attempt was made during a recent speaking engagement in Borger, where members of the Panhandle Press Association met.

I couldn't quite remember how to use my "sock-assister," which I had



## the idle american

assembled a few days earlier. As the noon hour approached, I was still "sock-less," so I rationalized.

First of all, I had on long pants, so that was one step toward propriety. Further, I was to be among friends, most of whom would dress "summer casual." After all, it was a luncheon, not a formal dinner.

Wouldn't you know it? Members of the heralded Borger Honor Guard, all men past age 80, were smartly dressed, sporting cowboy hats and boots as they posted the colors and led pledges.

Turns out one other guy also was shod with sockless sandals, and he even had on short britches. Granted, he didn't have a speaking part.

Finally, an aside to the guy who whispered that I'm "old and eccentric." I was eccentric several decades before I got my AARP card....

Dr. Newbury, longtime university president, continues to speak and write. He is Texas' longest-running syndicated humorist whose column began in 2003.

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## Sales Tax Holiday marks 25th year next year

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar is reminding shoppers they can save money on clothes and school supplies during the state's sales tax holiday on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 9-11. This will be the 25th year of Texas' oldest sales tax holiday.

State law exempts sales tax on qualified items — such as clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks — priced below \$100, saving shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend. The dates of the sales tax holiday is set by the Legislature.

"For a quarter of a century, Texans have saved more than \$1.8

billion on everything from blue jeans to ballpoint pens in preparation for the back-to-school bell," said Hegar of the sales tax holiday weekend, an annual event since 1999. "As the father of three, I know firsthand how these expenses add up over the years, and this weekend is the perfect time for folks to save some of their hard-earned cash on items they need."

The Comptroller's office estimates that shoppers will save \$143.4 million in state and local sales tax during this year's sales tax holiday.

Apparel and school supplies that may be purchased tax free are

listed on the Comptroller's website at [TexasTaxHoliday.org](http://TexasTaxHoliday.org).

During the annual sales tax holiday, qualifying items can be purchased tax free in person or by any other means including over the internet, by telephone, or by mail. Purchases are exempt when either: the item is both delivered to, and paid for by, the customer during the exemption period; or the customer orders and pays for the item, and the seller accepts the order during the exemption period for immediate shipment, even if delivery is made after the exemption period ends.

## USDA electronic tag mandates worry some ranchers

Will Walkey, Texas News Service

The US Department of Agriculture will soon require electronic eartags for cattle and bison that cross state lines.

The USDA says its rule will affect some 11 million cattle, or about 12 percent of the nation's herd.

But the controversial eartag mandate is worrying some small ag producers, like Judith McGeary - a Texas rancher and executive director of the Farm and Ranch Freedom Alliance.

She said it's expensive and unnecessary.

"We have a system that works well right now," said McGeary. "And USDA's own tests of that system show that a cow that crosses

state lines can be traced back, in most cases, within an hour. That is more than sufficient."

The USDA argues it will prevent future epidemics, cut down on paperwork errors, and protect international beef exports. The rule is set to go into effect in about six months.

McGeary, who supports the position of the National Family Farm Coalition on this issue, said it will be easy for large meat companies to implement but challenging for smaller family farms, which could lead to more consolidation in agriculture.

Right now, the USDA is giving away electronic tags through state veterinary offices.

But McGeary said there are

other costs with this rule for an industry already on thin margins, including the fact that technology keeps changing.

"For instance, we've had reports of a sale barn that went and got an electronic reader to handle the cows that were coming through with electronic tags," said McGeary, "and within a couple of years, couldn't find batteries for those readers."


She added that the rule could be expanded to more domestic herds.

Other stockgrowing groups have supported transitioning to electronic tags, which could cut down on quarantine times during outbreaks.

Multiple bills in Congress seek to block the USDA's rule, but they've yet to build much support.

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August 5 - 9

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Tue: Mushroom steak, baked potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll, fruit cup/mandarin, oranges, iced tea/2% milk.  
Wed: Pork roast, pinto beans, macaroni & tomatoes, cornbread, peanut butter cookie, iced tea/2% milk.  
Thurs: Sweet & sour chicken, long grain rice, stir fry veggies & peas, whole wheat roll, chocolate pudding, whip topping, iced tea/2% milk.  
Fri: Chili dog on a bun, baked beans, cucumbers & onion, oatmeal raisin cookie, iced tea/2% milk.

**Hedley Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Asian sweet chili pork, Chinese fried rice, California blend vegetables, almond cookies, mandarin orange sections, whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.  
Tue: Baked ziti w/Italian sausage, roasted red potatoes, chopped spinach, banana bread, garlic, parmesan & herb whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.  
Wed: Chicken fried steak, country gravy, homemade mashed potatoes, country green beans w/bacon & onion, snickerdoodles, whole wheat buttermilk biscuit, iced tea/2% milk.  
Thurs: Chicken broccoli & rice casserole, baked sweet potato, buttered peas, angel food cake w/strawberries, whole wheat buttermilk biscuit, iced tea/2% milk.  
Fri: Chili cheese dog on whole wheat bun, crispy tater tots, spring mixed salad, no bake cookies, iced tea/2% milk.

## Amarillo Museum of art to hold Family Day on August 10

The Amarillo Museum of Art invites the public to enjoy Family Day on August 10 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
The free event will celebrate community, art, and summer with both indoor and outdoor activities such as live music by Mike Fuller, yard games, face painting, and hands-on art activities.

Inspired by artworks from the AMoA's summer exhibition, art activities will include screen printing a Cadillac Ranch inspired tote bag and a Swoon inspired collage among others. Outdoor activities will also include events from our partners, Little Bee's Playhouse and The Beatnik Photo Camper as well as additional hands-on art making. Free disposable cameras will be provided to the first 200 attendees and families will enjoy a gallery hunt through the museum with prizes. In addition to the free Family Day events, lunch and snow cones will be available for purchase from The Brunch Truck and Kona Ice.

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# Rising Number of Older Patients Requires Expertise on Aging

As forecasters predict the number of people aged 65 and older in Texas will more than triple by 2050, doctors say the population will need more specialized physicians to meet the patients' unique needs. Such attuned doctors can help reset assumptions about health as people age, but some hurdles must be overcome.

Understanding and caring for this unique segment of patients takes intent, says one geriatrician who specializes in caring for older patients.

"To best treat older adults, you really need additional skills and training to see the person holistically - including any potential health issues - to see how things are interacting and to work in an interdisciplinary team," said Deborah Freeland, MD, a Dallas-based geriatrician and Texas Medical Association member.

Dr. Freeland says fully understanding older patients is ideal for any physicians caring for them.

"One of the issues with our medical system as it changes is there are specialists for every single organ system, but geriatric training is not required in most medical schools," she said.

To fill this gap, some post-graduate medical programs like the UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas are launching new physician training curricula in geriatrics and internal medicine. Dr. Freeland is an assistant professor at UT Southwestern and the track director for the new combined Internal Medicine-Geriatrics residency and fellowship

program, the only such curriculum in Texas.  
Great care starts with understanding that being older doesn't necessarily mean being in poor health, she says. Patients themselves even have incorrect assumptions about their conditions. Falls are a good example.

"Falling is embarrassing. Sometimes patients think that's normal with aging, so they don't bring it up" to the doctor, she said. Some of her patients over the age of 80 tell her, "Of course, I'm falling - because of my age."

Physicians must probe and address the causes, however. Falls could be a sign of an orthopedic issue like osteoarthritis, or a side effect of medications, or an underlying neurologic condition. Many factors could lead to falls.

"A geriatrician is like a detective looking for all of these things, and trying to get the word out that this really isn't normal." Dr. Freeland says another common misconception equates dementia with aging. The condition is abnormal even as someone gets older, she says; it is not necessarily inevitable for anyone who is aging.

Navigating health insurance can be confusing for senior patients too, so they often ask physicians to assist with that. Helping patients manage prescription medications, if they have any, also is important. "Managing the medicines, looking at the big picture, how do you coordinate care? You really have to understand the system to help patients navigate

it," Dr. Freeland said.

An Austin family physician has the same experience. Guadalupe Zamora, MD, says he and his staff often guide older patients through understanding Medicare, the government insurance for people over age 65 or with permanent disabilities.

"Most of them don't understand how to use their insurance correctly and therefore they're lost," said Dr. Zamora.

Medicare also poses other challenges for these patients and their doctors. Annual cuts to physicians' Medicare payments are negatively impacting physician practice viability, forcing some doctors to limit the number of Medicare patients they see in their practice, or out of medical practice altogether. A new nearly 3% cut for physicians Medicare pay is already forecast for 2025.

Similar pay cuts have hit doctors nearly every year for more than 20 years, threatening patients' ability to receive care.

With an estimated 9.4 million Texans over age 65 by the middle of this century, doctors say it is imperative to ensure seniors can get the care they need from physicians, when they need care - not risk decreasing it. TMA and other physician groups are pressing Congress to stop cutting Medicare physician payments to ensure access to care.

"When our country makes a promise to its tax-paying elderly citizens, it is incumbent upon us to fulfill that promise - it's the least we can do," said TMA President G. Ray Callas, MD.

## Jackson bill would enhance Sheppard airbase

US Representative Ronny Jackson (TX-13) last week introduced the Air Force Technical Training Enhancement Act. This legislation directs the Air Force to establish an Air Force Technical Training Center of Excellence, which will serve as the premier hub for advanced technical training and innovation for the United States Air Force.

Sheppard Air Force Base will be a lead contender to receive this designation. Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) introduced companion legislation in the U.S. Senate.

"Since being elected to represent Texas' Thirteenth Congressional District, Sheppard Air Force Base and its success have been, and

will continue to be, among my highest priorities in Congress," Jackson said. "I am proud to introduce this important legislation that could massively benefit Sheppard and the greater Wichita Falls community protecting and expanding the role Sheppard Air Force Base plays for our military. Establishing a Technical Training Center of Excellence will create new opportunities, help grow the next generation of airmen, and ensure our Air Force is utilizing the best practices for technical training.

"I am glad to work alongside my friend, Senator [Ted] Cruz, in advocating for Sheppard Air Force Base, and we will continue

to advocate for the Wichita Falls community as we seek to have this legislation included as part of this year's National Defense Authorization Act."

Sen. Cruz said strengthening Sheppard AFB's role in centralizing and enhancing the Air Force's technical training capabilities will strengthen America's national security.

"This state-of-the-art training center will position Texas as a leader in military and technical training, drive investment to support our nation's Airmen, and allow the military to adapt training priorities to meet current and future demands," Cruz said.



Pantex Site Manager Colby Yeary presents a wildfire relief check to the United Way of Hutchinson County. COURTESY PHOTO

## CNS Pantex wildfire relief fundraising exceed \$100,000

Fundraising efforts following the largest Panhandle area wildfires in Texas history have concluded at Pantex with \$101,036 dollars being raised for local wildfire relief through corporate donations along with employee contributions and local fundraising efforts.

Bechtel-led Consolidated Nuclear Security, LLC, the management and operating contractor of the Pantex Plant in Amarillo, Texas, and the Y-12 National Security Complex in Oak Ridge, Tenn., joined with its parent companies in fundraising efforts at Pantex.

The charitable arm of CNS parent company Bechtel, the Bechtel Group Foundation donated \$25,000

to Hutchinson County United Way, matching up to \$25,000 in additional funds donated by its employees around the world and Leidos, a CNS parent company, also donated \$10,000 to the United Way of Hutchinson County, along with other corporate donations.

Pantex hosted fundraisers from the sales of commemorative t-shirts as well as a portion of food sales from Pantex's cafeteria along with more than a dozen food trucks onsite.

While there was no damage to Pantex property and no Pantex employees were injured at the plant as the wildfires abated about three miles from the plant's boundary, the Pantex Fire Department built fire-

breaks, prepared the plant for the fires, and responded to communities near the plant.

"Thanks to the swift efforts, properties were protected and Pantex remained safe," said Colby Yeary, Pantex Site Manager. "There has been an outpouring of Panhandle pride and spirit through donations, volunteer efforts, and assistance coming in from all over the area and across the state. We wanted to show our own support to our communities in need through our own fundraising efforts."

The donated funds have been presented to the United Way of Hutchinson County and the Amarillo Area Foundation for distribution.

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# Governor's Small Business Summit to be held in Plainview

Governor Greg Abbott has announced the next 2024 Governor's Small Business Summit will be held in Plainview on Thursday, August 8.

Held throughout the year and in regions across the state, the Governor's Small Business Summits aim to help Texas small business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs succeed by connecting them with the resources and information needed to start, strengthen, and grow a business.

"Everything is bigger in Texas, and that includes our small businesses," said Governor Abbott. "With over 3 million small businesses employing nearly half of the Texas workforce, Texas remains

a top state for small business job growth. Texas offers opportunities and partnership for businesses of all sizes to grow and succeed. I invite Texas' small business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs to attend a Governor's Small Business Summit. Together, we will build a bigger, better Texas for decades to come."

The Governor's Small Business Summit - Plainview brings together local, state, and federal resource partners to provide key insights on critical business topics. The Summit also provides participants the opportunity to network with other business owners and meet experts who will share timely, relevant, and actionable advice on a multitude of small

business topics.

The summit will be held at August 8 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Plainview Municipal Country Club and Civic Center, 2902 West Fourth St., Plainview.

Panel topics will include Marketing & Social Media Engagement for Small Business; Access to Finance & Funding; Making Technology Work for Your Small Business; and Recruiting, Training, and Retaining Employees in Today's Economy.

Registration is \$20 and includes access to all sessions, resource providers, lunch, and complimentary headshots. For more information and to register: gov.texas.gov/events.



The Clarendon Lions Club had its regular Tuesday noon meeting July 30, 2024, with Boss Lion Richard Green in charge.

We had eight members in person, two attending virtually, Sweetheart Emma Roys, and five guests this week - Eric and Rita Gehan, guests of Lion Ted Shaller; Monroe Newhouse, guest of Lion Anndria Newhouse; Jowlene Weiss; and Bob Weiss, who presented our program.

Lion John Howard reported that the county has received word on its Texas Historical Commission grant for additional restoration on the Donley County Courthouse. The county received a 50/50 grant instead of a 85/15 matching grant that it applied for. The county and its architects are still talking to the THC about this, and more information will be available later.

Lion Brian Barboza reported that August 11 will be the final day for the 2024 season at the Clarendon Aquatic Center as lifeguards get ready to go back to school.

Mr. Weiss spoke on the Saints' Roost Museum and its role in telling the history of Donley County. The museum's biggest project right now is finishing up its new Wheels of History building, which will house the Brumley Chuckwagon, the 1927 Seagraves Clarendon Fire Truck, a 1921 Model T originally purchased by the Kidd family, and the Lewis family buggy. To help raise the funds needed to complete the project, the museum is offering the Legacy Families program for a donation of \$5,000. The museum is also working on a new research room in conjunction with the Donley County Historical Commission.

He also reported the Chamber of Commerce will hold the REFZ Ride For Kids Fun Run will be held Saturday, October 5, which helps raise money for the Lions' Toys for Joy program.

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- Type of berry
- Distinctive practice
- Popular pickup truck model
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- Naturally occurring solid material
- Company officer
- Villains
- Cricket frogs
- German founder of psychology
- Endured
- A female domestic
- A situation you can be in
- Cigarette (slang)
- Fiber optic network (abbr.)
- Belgian composer Walter
- Employee stock ownership plan
- Belonging to the bottom layer
- Musical or vocal sound
- Yankees' great Judge
- Dickens character
- Beloved late sportscaster Craig
- South Dakota
- Exposing human vice or folly to ridicule
- Atomic #79
- Former Braves pitcher Julio
- Humor
- Shawl
- Hospital unit

**CLUES DOWN**

- Animal disease
- Commercial
- Arts and crafts supplies
- Containers
- Investment vehicle
- A way to greet in a friendly way
- Bulged downward
- "A Day Without" singer
- Lay about
- Intestinal
- Negative
- Caused to be loved
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- Number above the line in a fraction
- Bill Murray chased one
- Pouch
- Swedish krona
- Start over
- Wild white or yellow flower
- Fourteen
- Visual way of interacting with a computer (abbr.)
- Up-to-date
- Campaigns
- Touch lightly
- "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
- Violent seizure of property
- One who supports the Pope
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NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.262007 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.283178 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2024 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Clarendon College from the same properties in both the 2023 tax year and the 2024 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that Clarendon College may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Clarendon College is not proposing to increase property taxes for the 2024 tax year.

A PUBLIC MEETING TO VOTE ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON August 15, 2024, AT 5:45 pm AT Clarendon College Bairfield Activity Center VIP Room.

The proposed tax rate is also not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Clarendon College is not required to hold an election to seek voter approval of the rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the Clarendon College Board of Regents at their offices or by attending the public meeting mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

$$\text{Property tax amount} = (\text{tax rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

<b>FOR the proposal:</b>	Jim Shelton	Lon Adams
	Janice Knorpp	Shaun O'Keefe
	Chris Matthews	Dr. Guy Ellis

**AGAINST the proposal:** None

**PRESENT and not voting:** None

**ABSENT:** Jay Anders Carey Wann

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by Clarendon College last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Clarendon College this year.

	2023	2024	Change
<b>Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)</b>	\$0.254808	\$0.254900	increase of 0.000092, or 0.04%
<b>Average homestead taxable value</b>	\$49,965	\$72,481	increase of 22,516, or 45.06%
<b>Tax on average homestead</b>	\$127.31	\$184.75	increase of 57.44, or 45.12%
<b>Total tax levy on all properties</b>	\$803,535	\$786,876	decrease of -16,659, or -2.07%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Clarendon College at the Donley Appraisal District or call 806-874-2744, or visit [www.clarendoncollege.edu](http://www.clarendoncollege.edu) for more information.

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