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

Notices announce upcoming hearings

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

This week, public notices in the ENTERPRISE announce that Donley County will hold budget and tax hearings on August 26 at 9 a.m.

The City of Hedley will hold its budget hearing on August 22 at 6:30 p.m. followed by a tax rate hearing at 7:00 p.m.

The Clarendon Consolidated Independent School District will hold hearings on its proposed budget and tax rate on August 26 at 6:30 p.m.

Previous notices in the ENTERPRISE included the Donley County Hospital District, which will set its tax rate on August 20 at 6 p.m.; the City of Hedley, which will have a budget hearing on August 22 at 6:30 p.m.; Hedley CISD, which will consider its budget and proposed tax rate on August 19 at 6:00 p.m.; and the City of Clarendon, which will hold a hearing on its proposed budget on August 22 at 5:30 p.m.

Also, the Clarendon College District will hold budget and tax rate hearings on August 15 starting at 5:30 p.m. and the City of Howardwick, which will hold a hearing on its budget and tax rate on August 13 at 6 p.m.

Citizens are urged to watch for these and other public notices in the newspaper in order to do their part in our democracy. The public's involvement is encouraged at these meetings.

Historical marker approved for Jericho

Jericho townsite owners Blair and Blanca Schaffer announced last week that the Texas Historical Commission has approved a state historical marker for the Jericho Gap.

The couple thanks everyone who helped gather history and/or donated to the effort to secure the marker for the ghost community. THC says it could take up to two years for the marker to be delivered. The Schaffers hope to have it in place in time for the centennial of the Route 66 in 2026.

Cotton Festival will be focus of meeting

The Hedley Lions Club will hold a special meeting on September 5 at 7 p.m. with the 2024 Cotton Festival being the topic of discussion.

The meeting will be open to vendors and the public to ask any questions they may have. The meeting will be held at the Hedley Lions Den on Main Street, across from the senior citizens building.

This year's Cotton Festival & Parade will be on Saturday, October 12.

County files proposed budget for FY 2025

Donley County Commissioners filed a proposed \$4.2 million budget this week for fiscal year 2025, and Judge John Howard says it does not include money for a Texas Historical Commission grant for courthouse work.

The proposed budget does continue to set aside \$50,000 for preservation of the 1890 Courthouse, but in their regular meeting on Monday, commissioners tabled action on a grant received last week from the THC because it was not the grant the

county had applied for.

Donley County was ready to put up about \$820,000 as an 18 percent match for a grant that would have funded \$4.6 million in continuing restoration and preservation work to the Courthouse. THC instead approved the county for a 50-50 matching grant, which meant the county would have to provide \$2.3 million for the project. Howard says the county cannot do that, and talks are continuing with the state agency about how to move forward.

Howard says the county matching funds are in the bank ready to go if the state and county officials can figure out a way to proceed. A budget amendment could be passed later in the fiscal year if needed to cover that.

The proposed budget does see several increases in expenditures, but the county's tax rate is actually going down slightly. County employees will see varying raises in the budget, but the most significant raises are those in the Donley County Sheriff's Department, which are funded by a

grant through Senate Bill 22.

Another grant program in the proposed budget includes money from FEMA that will help buy generators for several locations in the county for use during emergencies.

A third grant funded program will employ a second highway safety officer for the county to help patrol highways since the DPS presence here has been reduced.

Howard said the county is also proposing funding for a new road hand position that will be shared

between all four precincts. The new employee will be charged with clearing and maintaining all the rights of way along county roads. Trees and other vegetation growing into the rights of way has become a problem over time, Howard said.

Commissioners will hold public hearings on its proposed budget as well as the tax rate on August 26 at 9 a.m.

See the public notice in this week's Enterprise for more information.



Ready for school

Clarendon Senior Chelsea Wright paints her parking spot Monday as she gets ready for her last year at Clarendon High School. Classes began Wednesday for both Clarendon and Hedley public schools.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / KARI LINDSEY

City appoints Word to seat on Greenbelt Water board

The Clarendon City Council accepted resignations from two people and appointed a replacement for one during its regular meeting last Thursday, August 8.

Alderman John Lockhart submitted his resignation after ten years of service to the city. The council accepted his resignation with regrets and agreed to wait until a future meeting to name a replacement for Lockhart to serve until the next election.

The council also accepted the resignation of Ken McIntosh, who had just recently been appointed to represent the city on the Greenbelt Water Authority Board. McIntosh said he was not able to attend the Greenbelt meetings since he is working at that time.

Aldermen unanimously named Cameron Word to take the city's seat on the Greenbelt board. Word had expressed interest in the position and indicated his willingness to serve in that capacity.

In other city business, the council conducted the annual evaluation of City Administrator Brian Barboza. After meeting in executive session for about half an hour, the council returned to open session and took no action on Barboza's contract. Mayor Jacob Fangman said the council will consider it further at a future meeting.

See 'City' on page 4.



New Clarendon Faculty

New teachers at Clarendon CISD this year include Coach Nate Hennington, HS Math; Coach Isaac Semans, HS English; Coach Harley Schafer, HS Math; Ty Tubbs, Ag Teacher; Chrislyn Farris, Third Grade Teacher; Kathy Duniven, JH ELAR Teacher; and Rebecca Diggs, HS Special Education Teacher.

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Optimum enhances broadband services

Optimum announced Tuesday that due to significant investments made to the company's local network and infrastructure, area residents and businesses can now access internet speeds of up to 500 Mbps in Clarendon.

With this launch, customers are now able to enjoy a superior internet service that is over 33 times faster than the previous highest speed offered by the company in this market.

This network enhancement comes on the heels of the company introducing its new brand platform and marketing campaign, "Where local is big time," to customers across its 21-state footprint earlier

this year. The new platform centers on Optimum's ability to bring customers the reach and connectivity resources of a large national provider with the localized care and support of a small business to cater to the unique connectivity needs of each community it serves.

"Optimum is excited to bring faster internet speeds to the Clarendon community, backed by our newly enhanced local network and infrastructure," said Kathleen Preston, Vice President, General Manager of Optimum West Pacific.

For more information on Optimum's services, local residents can call 866.9.OPTIMUM or visit optimum.com/internet.



New Hedley Faculty

There are a lot of new faces on the faculty at Hedley CISD this year. Shown here are (front) Brandi Moffett, Principal; Katherine Monroe, 1st/2nd English, History; Daija Williams, Girls Athletics/PE; Ruth Davis, Counselor; Robin Pershall, PreK; Allen Grant, Boys Athletics, JH History; (back) Bill Richburg, HS history; Payton Hicks, PE; Cynthia Ewing, HS English; Kelsey Hollis, 2nd/3rd English, History; Haylie Hembree, 4th/5th English, History; and Mark Hilliard, Ag. New faculty not pictured are Brittany Bell, SPED; and Audra Berry, 2nd/3rd Math, Science.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / MANDI GAY

Clarendon sales tax revenue drops for month of August

Clarendon saw a slight dip in sales tax revenues for August when Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar distributed monthly allocations last week.

The city's revenue dropped 2.68 percent to \$47,425.53 compared to the same period in 2023. Despite the drop this month, Clarendon remains up 2.11 percent on the calendar year-to-date with sales tax revenues of \$340,635.54.

Hedley was up 85.26 percent from \$1,450.02 last August to \$2,686.32 this month. That community is up 20.03 percent for the year-to-date at \$10,790.33.

The City of Howardwick was up 23.54 percent from \$1,784.57 a year ago to \$2,204.67 this month.

The lakeside city is still down 11.44 percent, however, at \$12,998.31 after it lowered its sales tax rate last fall.

In neighboring communities, Claude was down 12.23 percent with an allocation of \$18,128.66 this month and is down 1.27 percent for the year at \$151,881.41. Memphis was down 10.73 percent this month at \$38,757.97 and is down 6.76 percent for the year at \$262,507.95.

Across the state, Hegar sent \$1.2 billion in local sales tax allocations for August, 0.3 percent less than in August 2023.

These allocations are based on sales made in June by businesses that report tax monthly and on sales made in April, May and June by quarterly filers.



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Uncle Mort's crazy dreams and things

It's a line lifted from a short poem written by Robert Gray in 1868. "Ignorance is bliss when it is folly to be wise."

Ever fresh, it is an ongoing ponderance, like whether spearmint gum retains its flavor after overnight repose on the bedpost.

My Uncle Mort - cocksure of much - seems ever ready to provide answers, sometimes before questions are posed. Yes, his has been a blissful life to date....

When he called the other day, he was wired, eager to tell me about his "wackiest" dream ever.

Many previous dreams were "wacky," but the "i-e-s-t" added another dimension. He blamed overeating at dinner, like unto Thanksgiving or Christmas, and he couldn't find an Alka-Seltzer for relief after he'd eaten the whole thing.

His dreams flitted quickly to various topics, including politics, sports and assorted current events....

To begin, he cited recollection of meetings - including political candidates for both national and state offices - where participants gathered to learn how to enhance their popularity.

They were poring over a handbook entitled Clayton Williams' Guide to Diplomacy and Political Social Graces.

If you're too young to remember the 1990 Texas gubernatorial race between Clayton Williams and Ann Richards, the victor, the dream sector sentence is wasted on you....

In another part of his dream, Mort says he eavesdropped on Olympic policy makers, who were convening 100 years up the road.

They were adding new events with abandon.

"There are going to be so many events added, there may be games every four minutes instead of every four years," Mort laughed....

Still another group was discussing oil's overwhelming role in world affairs.

One observer asserted that one event in biblical history greatly impacting the world occurred by absolute chance. Chance? From the Bible? Huh?

"When Moses descended Mount Sinai, if he'd turned left instead of right, they'd have the commandments and we'd have the oil."....

Mort was prepared to "roll on" - speaking at 250 words a minute with gusts to 300 - but when he lingered at a comma, it was my turn to talk.

I wanted to share my "take" on the Olympics, and I made it clear that I was NOT dreaming.

My observations concerned the Olympics' newspaper coverage. Further, I wanted to shed light on a football great who finally has a full-blown biography about his life. It was written by the most versatile journalist/author/playwright/speaker I have ever known....

The Dallas Morning News' Kevin Sherrington - arguably the best sportswriter since the late Blackie Sherrod - provided grand coverage that even non-fans of Olympics enjoyed, often earning smiles.

For example, when he wrote of the ever-modest Scottie Scheffler's response upon winning the gold in golf, he said the champion was "as demonstrative as a basset hound."

It was a classic piece, worthy of its front-page placement....

Dave Lieber is "Mr. Versatility" of earlier reference. He has been a national award-winning columnist for more than 30 years, first for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and then for the Dallas Morning News, which features his "watchdog" column twice weekly.

He has written two hit shows, including Amon: The Ultimate Texan, and his newest of 10 books is a must-read for sports lovers. This is particularly true for folks who recall Southern Methodist University's football glory days AND the Dallas Cowboys' inglorious beginnings.

"Dandy Don" Meredith, despite having polio as a child, went on to star in high school and at SMU. With the Dallas Cowboys, he survived feuds with the late Tom Landry, employing folly along the way, on and off the field....

After football, Meredith was an immediate delight on ABC's Monday Night Football telecasts, bantering with the incomparable Howard Cozell.

A reader asked Lieber why no book had been written about Meredith. He couldn't believe it either, so he wrote one.

It's great, and now available at DonMeredith-Book.com, this first-ever full-length biography about Jeff and Hazel's baby boy from Mount Vernon....

Dr. Newbury, longtime university president, continues to speak and write. The Idle American, begun in 2003, is Texas' longest-running syndicated column. Contact: 817-447-3872. Email: newbury@speakerdoc.com. Website: www.speakerdoc.com.



the idle american by don newbury

Community colleges offer opportunity

By David Leebron

Education, from pre-K through graduate and professional schools, serves the dual goals of truly opening opportunity to all and creating the workforce that will grow our advanced economy.

Community colleges are playing an increasingly important role for the state in achieving these goals. Located in every corner of our state, these two-year institutions meet Texans where they are, equipping them with the knowledge and skills they need to be successful in their lives.

Just look at the numbers: Texas is home to 50 community college districts attended by 678,000 students - more undergraduates than our four year colleges educate each year. About 130,000 degrees were conferred by Texas community colleges in 2023. And these colleges are as diverse as our state, from small rural communities to great urban centers, and increasingly are playing a role in secondary schools as well, enabling students to earn advanced credentials.

And they deliver all this at a cost to the student each year that is about a quarter of what it costs to attend a public four-year college.

Community colleges reflect the core

American belief that everyone, regardless of their background, should have the opportunity to learn, to succeed and to excel. They also help assure both our current businesses and the ones we hope to attract to our state access to the skilled workers they need.

Our legislators had this in mind last year when they made a historic \$683 million investment in community colleges and helped make community college more affordable and accessible to more Texas students.

Just as community colleges were transformed by the GI Bill after World War II, we now can make Texas a national example of what community colleges can achieve.

One of the things we're looking forward to in next year's legislative session is ensuring the reforms of last year are fully funded and keeping up with student demand and outcomes.

We're also working to ensure that the definition of "credential of value," on which so much of our work last year was centered, is truly meaningful. We believe students should graduate able to secure jobs that pay family-sustaining wages.

We're additionally interested in how community colleges can help modernize our high schools. We're deepening our commitment to dual credit

coursework to help students earn career-aligned credentials of value in a high school setting. Finally, we're looking at ways to take advantage of the overlap between 2019's public school finance legislation and 2023's community college finance legislation to make this possible.

We are entering a long overdue time of recognition for the role community colleges play in our state. This past week I had the privilege of speaking to the annual meeting of the Texas Association of Community Colleges. The commitment and enthusiasm were palpable, and the quality of the leadership at so many of our community colleges is extraordinary.

To learn more about our work to transform our state's community colleges, click here.

We are at a transformative moment for our community colleges, and we must not let the moment pass us by. Let's seize on the efforts already begun by working together to assure that our community colleges get the support they need as they successfully enhance, extend and carry out their vital mission.

David Leebron is Texas 2036 president and CEO and former president of Rice University.



Jury service essential to democracy

By Mike Hachtman

In this election year, we'll hear much about the importance of voting, but there are additional responsibilities that strengthen our democracy and protect our rights as citizens. It's also critically important to answer the call for jury service.

Every citizen can contribute to fairness and balance in the civil justice system by serving on a jury when called. A robust jury system is essential to protecting our rights as Americans and ensuring all defendants are treated fairly in the courtroom.

Yet, in recent years, many people in Texas and around the country have avoided jury service. National research and previous studies have estimated that fewer than half of those called to serve in some areas of our state and nationally ignore their summons.

Such statistics are abysmal and don't bode well for our civil or criminal

courts. Why aren't people answering the call?

The Pew Research Center found that only half of those ages 18 to 29 say jury service is part of being a good citizen, compared to 70 percent or higher in older age groups.

It's difficult for defendants to receive a trial by a jury of their peers when their peers don't show up. Courts depend upon citizens to serve as jurors, and all citizens should be encouraged to respond when summoned for jury service.

We all know time is money. And over the past decade, more counties have been doing their part to make jury service as painless as possible, offering online scheduling that saves both jurors and courts time and money.

More recently, a new law approaching its one-year anniversary increased juror pay from \$6 to \$20 for the first day of service and \$40 to \$58 per day

for those impaneled to serve for a trial. Thanks to state lawmakers who passed HB 3474 in the last legislative session, Texas now ranks among the states with the highest pay for jury service.

Serving on a jury is fundamental to our democracy, and jurors who respond when called will receive a pay increase for the first time in nearly 20 years. Texas has removed one more obstacle or excuse not to serve when summoned by increasing juror pay.

The U.S. and Texas constitutions guarantee the right to a trial by jury. A trial by a jury of your peers is a fundamental safeguard of each American's civil liberties and an important component of civic engagement.

Remember, it's important not only to vote but also to serve on a jury. When summoned, answer the call.

Mike Hachtman is Chair of the Board of Directors of Texans Against Lawsuit Abuse, online at tala.com.



Flippin' good time

Monroe's Barbershop hosted a free hamburger and hot dog feed as a back-to-school promotion Monday afternoon. The event was sponsored by Monroe's Peach Ranch and included samples of their delicious watermelons.

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The book, Learning To Learn, is a free download, but if you want a professionally printed copy, you can purchase one from the G.B. Burton Memorial Library for only \$10, or you can simply print the downloaded PDF.

Several printed copies have been donated to the library as a fundraiser for the library.

Learning To Learn is 13 different essays that cover many different topics that include: study tips, goal

setting, forming your own Board of Directors, and how to walk away from everything a winner.

The book can be downloaded from the companion YouTube channel, www.YouTube.com/c/From-NewToKnew.

The author, Colonel Allen M. Morris, pushes out short YouTube videos a few times each week and the download link is in the description box below many of the short videos. If you like what you see, please consider liking and sharing the videos, as well as subscribing to the channel. It's free!

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USDA updates loan programs to increase freedom for farmers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced last week changes to the Farm Service Agency's (FSA) Farm Loan Programs, effective Sept. 25, 2024, that are intended to increase opportunities for farmers and ranchers to be financially viable. These improvements, part of the Enhancing Program Access and Delivery for Farm Loans rule, demonstrate USDA's commitment to improving farm profitability through farm loans designed to provide important financing options used by producers to cover operating expenses and purchase land and equipment.

Farm loan policy changes outlined in the Enhancing Program Access and Delivery for Farm Loans rule, are designed to better assist borrowers to make strategic investments in the enhancement or expansion of their agricultural operations.

The three most notable policy changes include:

Establishing a new low-interest installment set-aside program for financially distressed borrowers. Eligible financially distressed borrowers can defer up to one annual loan installment per qualified loan at a reduced interest rate, providing a simpler and expedited option to resolve financial distress in addition to FSA's existing loan servicing programs.

Reducing additional loan security requirements to enable borrowers to leverage equity. This reduces the amount of additional security required for direct farm loans, including reducing the frequency borrowers must use their personal residence as additional collateral for a farm loan.

Additional Farm Loan Program Improvements

Under the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA's FSA has embarked on a comprehensive and systemic effort to ensure equitable delivery of Farm Loan Programs and improve access to credit for small and mid-size family farms. FSA has also included additional data in its annual report to Congress to provide information that Congress, stakeholders,

and the general public need to hold USDA accountable on the progress that has been made in improving services to underserved producers.

This year's report shows FSA direct and guaranteed loans were made to a greater percentage of young and beginning farmers and ranchers, as well as improvements in the participation rates of minority borrowers. The report also highlights FSA's microloan program's new focus on urban agriculture operations and niche market lending, as well as increased support for producers seeking direct loans for farm ownership in the face of increasing land values across the country.

FSA has a significant initiative underway to streamline and automate the Farm Loan Program customer-facing business process. For the over 26,000 producers who submit a direct loan application annually, FSA has made several impactful improvements including:

The Loan Assistance Tool that provides customers with an interactive online, step-by-step guide to identifying the direct loan products that may be a fit for their business needs and to understanding the application process.

The Online Loan Application, an interactive, guided application that is paperless and provides helpful features including an electronic signature option, the ability to attach supporting documents such as tax returns, complete a balance sheet, and build a farm operating plan.

An online direct loan repayment feature that relieves borrowers from the necessity of calling, mailing, or visiting a local USDA Service Center to pay a loan installment.

A simplified direct loan paper application, reduced from 29 pages to 13 pages.

USDA encourages producers to reach out to their local FSA farm loan staff to ensure they fully understand the wide range of loan and servicing options available to assist with starting, expanding, or maintaining their agricultural operation. To conduct business with FSA, please contact your local USDA Service Center.

SUDOKU

Fun By The Numbers
Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

		6	5					3
		9			3	4		
3			4			6		
						1		
		5						7
9			7	4			8	
	2					9	1	
					8		5	
8	6	7						

Level: Intermediate

Here's How it Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

4	3	2	1	5	2	7	6	8	6
1	3	4	2	7	5	6	8	7	5
6	1	9	6	4	3	2	2	7	5
2	8	2	1	7	4	5	8	6	9
4	7	8	3	6	9	3	4	7	8
6	9	1	6	2	2	3	8	3	4
3	1	8	4	9	7	6	2	5	3
5	6	3	3	8	4	7	1	8	3
3	9	3	1	8	9	3	2	4	7

ANSWER:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.5839820 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Donley County.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.5839820 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.5655413 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.5842920 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 Donley County 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 Donley County may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Donley County is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2024 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON August 26, 2024 AT 09:00 AM AT Commissioners Courtroom Donley County Courthouse.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Donley County is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the Commissioner's Court of Donley County at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

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

Property tax amount= (tax rate) x (taxable value of your property)/100

FOR the proposal:	Judge Howard	Mark White
	Daniel Ford	Dan Sawyer
AGAINST the proposal:	None	
PRESENT and not voting:	None	
ABSENT:	Neil Koetting	

Visit 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.

¿Qué Pasa?

Community Calendar

August 16 & 17
Harold and the Purple Crayon • Gates open @ 6:30 p.m. • Movie starts @ Dusk • Sandell Drive-In Theatre

August 16 & 17
It ends with Us • 7:30 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

August 18
It ends with Us • 2:00 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

August 24
Night Scramble • Clarendon Country Club • Call 806-874-2166 for details

September 28
Col. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff Authentic chuckwagons compete for top prizes • SaintsRoostMuseum.com for information and tickets

Menus

August 19 - 23
Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Chicken strips, gravy, macaroni & cheese, baked beans, whole wheat roll, coconut cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Pot roast, gravy, potatoes, onions, carrots, green beans, whole wheat roll, peach cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Stroganoff, black eyed peas, spinach, whole wheat roll, strawberry short cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Goulash, mixed greens, cornbread, peanut butter bar, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Pulled pork sandwich, hoagie roll, French fries, coleslaw, cantaloupe, iced tea/2% milk.

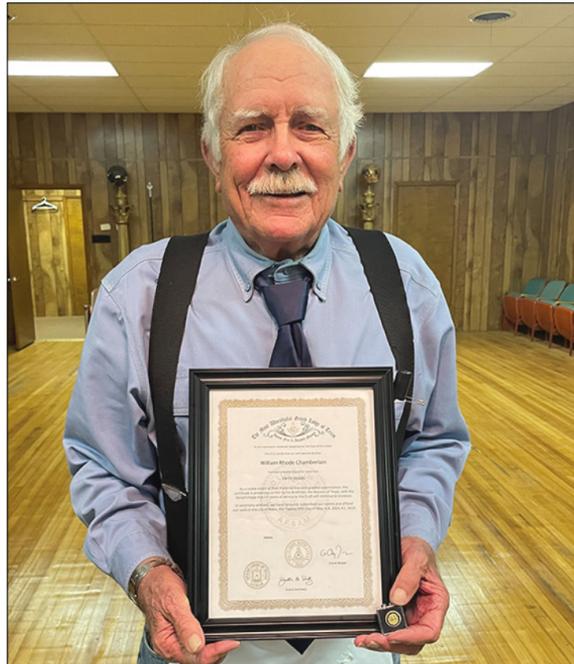
Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: John Wayne casserole, roasted red potatoes, broccoli, Robert Redford dessert, whole wheat buttermilk biscuit, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Herb roasted pork loin, homemade macaroni & cheese, buttered peas & carrots, Amish sugar cookies, chilled peaches, whole wheat biscuit, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Chicken fried steak, country gravy, homemade mashed potatoes, brown rice, California blend vegetables, peach parfait, whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Chicken bacon penne pasta, roasted sweet potatoes, chopped spinach, iced orange drop cookies, whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Fish stick, steak fries, creamy coleslaw, scotcharoo, hushpuppies, iced tea/2% milk.

Clarendon CISD
Breakfast
Mon: Pancakes, bacon, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Tues: Breakfast combo, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Wed: Breakfast pizza, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Thu: Breakfast cookie, yogurt, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Fri: Donut, sausage, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Country fried steak, gravy, potatoes, okra, roll, strawberries, fruit, milk.
Tues: Tex-mex stack, pinto beans, carrots, salsa, hot cinnamon apples, sherbet, fruit, milk.
Wed: Chicken alfredo, breadstick, garden salad, savory green beans, peaches, fruit, milk.
Thu: Popcorn chicken, roll, corn, broccoli salad, fresh apple slices, fruit, milk.
Fri: Hot dog, potatoes, tomato cup, snowball salad, fruit, milk.

Hedley ISD
Breakfast
Mon: Pancakes, bacon, bananas, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Tues: Croissant sandwich, mixed fruit, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Wed: Breakfast sandwich, pears, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Thu: Big bites sandwich, oranges, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Fri: Maple pancake, sausage sandwich, peaches, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Country fried steak, gravy, potatoes, okra, roll, strawberries, fruit, milk.
Tues: Tex-mex stack, pinto beans, carrots, salsa, hot cinnamon apples, sherbet, fruit, milk.
Wed: Potato bowl, roll, tomato cup, snowball salad, fruit, milk.
Thu: Popcorn chicken, roll, corn, broccoli salad, fresh apple slices, fruit, milk.
Fri: Pizza, garden, savory green beans peaches, fruit, milk.



Fifty Year Mason
Bro. Will Chamberlain was recognized Monday night as a 50-year Mason during the regular meeting of Clarendon Lodge #700 A.F.&A.M. Bro. Chamberlain was presented his certificate by District Deputy Grand Master Benny Watson. Among those in attendance for the occasion was a cousin of Chamberlain's wife, Brenda - District Deputy Grand Master Steve Sperry. COURTESY PHOTO



New Lion
Eric Gehman (center) became the newest member of the Clarendon Lions Club Tuesday. Standing with Lion Gehman are Membership Chair Landon "L Jefe" Lambert and Boss Lion Pro Tem Brian Barboza. ENTERPRISE PHOTO

Obituaries

Barham
Geneva Ruth Barham, 74, of Bridgeport, went to be with the Lord on August 9, 2024. Devoted, loving, and caring wife of Robert Barham since May 14, 1987. She led a wonderful, sophisticated career as the CO of Barham Aviation in Runaway Bay, Texas. Geneva was born on August 14, 1949, in Houston, Texas. She was known for her hard work, kind soul, beautiful smile, loving heart and giving personality. Everyone that knew her knew she had strong faith in the power of the Christmas Spirit. A holiday that was very dear to her heart and family. She would open up her home to the community to bring families together and enjoy the Christmas festivities. One of her



favorite things to do was to spend time with her family, when she wasn't doing that she was enjoying a retired life at home with her husband. She is survived by her loving and devoted husband, Robert Barham of 37 years. Her children Cory, Craig and Jessica, Brandon and his wife Donna. Siblings; Brenda and her husband Nelson, Dennis Joe, James and Dwayne. Nieces and Nephews; Celina and her husband Tony, Brandi and her husband Jared. Her Grandchildren; Cody and his wife Tristian, Robbie and his wife Britney, Taylor, Geneva, Jessica and Logan. As well as her 16 Great grandchildren.

Visitation will be held at Robertson Funeral Directors in Clarendon, Texas during the hours of 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Friday August 16, 2024.

Graveside service will be held at Goodnight Cemetery on Saturday, August 17 at 10:00 a.m.

Any memorial donations that want to be made in Geneva's name can be made to St. Jude Childrens Research Hospital.

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The council voted not to approve a request to close and vacate portions of Leroy, Ninth, and Tenth Streets in the southwest part of the city. Aldermen agreed those streets and the adjacent alleyways should remain available for future use.

The council approved a motion naming City Administrator Brian Barboza as the authorized representative for day-to-day operations for all city personnel.

Aldermen also voted to clarify Ordinance 510, which allows for city utility bills to be paid on the following business day if the due date

falls on a holiday or weekend. The council added those payments are due by 5 p.m. the next business day.

Aldermen took no action on broadband services bids so that members of the council have time to review the bids received.

The employee handbook was amended regarding the incentives for employees acquiring additional certifications.

Gregory Outley was named as the city's new animal control officer in Barboza's administrator's report.

The city will hold a called meeting on August 22 for a budget hearing.



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting August 13, 2024, with Boss Lion Pro Tem Brian Barboza in charge.

We had 12 Lions present, two members attending virtually, Sweetheart Emma Roys, and three guests this week. Our guests were prospective member Eric Gehman and his daughter, Rita, and Amanda Rogers, who presented our program.

Lions Roger Estlack and Landon Lambert reported on two ramps that will be built in Howardwick on August 24 through the Texas Ramp Project. Lions and other volunteers will help with these projects headed up by PDG Henry Wyckoff of the Amarillo Downtown Lions Club.

Mrs. Rogers is the Director of Communications and Marketing at Cal Farley's Boys Ranch. She gave an excellent presentation on the services Boys Ranch provides and the roll it plays in helping family and giving kids opportunities to be successful. About 100 boys and girls currently call Boys Ranch home, but they intend to see that number grow to about 180 in the near future as they recruit more house parents. Those interesting in learning more about Boys Ranch are encouraged to visit the campus and see first hand what it has to offer.

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

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MEETINGS

Clarendon Lodge #700 AF&M
Stated meeting: Second Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Refreshments at 6:30 p.m. Practice: Fourth Mondays, 7 p.m. Chris Wilson - W.M., Russell Estlack - Secretary, 2 B 1. ASK I

Clarendon Lions Club Regular meeting each Tuesday at noon. David Dockery, Boss Lion. Roger Estlack, Secretary

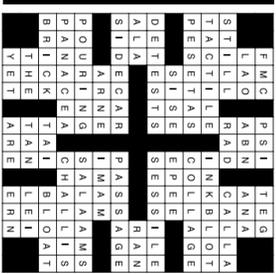
Clarendon Alcoholics Anonymous Group 806-661-1015, 806-671-9766, 806-205-1840, 24 hour hotline 877-421-4334. Mon. & Sat. 7 p.m. 416 S Kearney St.

Clarendon Chamber of Commerce Regular Board of Directors meeting third Tuesday each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Clarendon Visitor Center.

Big E Meeting Listings only \$8.50 per month. Call 874-2259 to have your club or organization meeting listed.

FACILITIES AVAILABLE - Family Reunions, Receptions, Business Meetings, Club Functions, and more. Clarendon Lions Hall, 111 W. Fourth. Call 874-2259 for rental information.

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All Set to Go Back to School?

Do you know how to get ready for school or what?

1. I think I should get a backpack before school.

2. I should get a ruler and a pencil sharpener.

3. I should get a notebook and a pencil.

4. I should get a folder and a pencil sharpener.

5. I should get a pencil sharpener and a ruler.

6. I should get a pencil sharpener and a ruler.

7. I should get a pencil sharpener and a ruler.

8. I should get a pencil sharpener and a ruler.

9. I should get a pencil sharpener and a ruler.

10. I should get a pencil sharpener and a ruler.

11. I should get a pencil sharpener and a ruler.

12. I should get a pencil sharpener and a ruler.

13. I should get a pencil sharpener and a ruler.

14. I should get a pencil sharpener and a ruler.

15. I should get a pencil sharpener and a ruler.

16. I should get a pencil sharpener and a ruler.

FOR RENT

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SMALL TAXING UNIT NOTICE
The Donley County Hospital District will hold a tax rate meeting at 6:00 p.m. on August 20, 2024, at 3 Medical Drive Clarendon, Texas 79226 to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2024. The proposed tax rate is 0.1900 per \$100 of value. Visit 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.

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submit. The successful (<isponent will be required to submit TWDB-0217 (Prime Consultant/Contractor Certification). Should the successful respondent require sub-consultants/sub-contractors, the Prime Consultant/Contractor is required to perfollill a Good Faith Effort solicitation for these sub-consultants/sub-contractors following the TWDB Disadvantaged Business Enterprise guidance found on the TWDB DBE web page, <http://www.twdb.texas.gov/financial/programs/DBE/index.asp>. In addition, the following additional fonnns will be required: TWDB-0216 (Affirmative Steps Solicitation Report) and TWDB-0373 (Participation Summary).

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET FOR DONLEY COUNTY
A Public Hearing on the Donley County Proposed Budget will be held on August 26th, 2024, at 9:00 am in the Commissioners Courtroom in the Courthouse in Clarendon. This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$75,883, which is a 3.85 percent increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$13,098.00.

SMALL TAXING UNIT NOTICE
The City of Hedley will hold a meeting at 7:00 pm on August 22, 2024 at City Hall located at 109 Main Street, Hedley, Texas to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2024-2025. The proposed tax rate is \$0.366088 per \$100 of value. Visit 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 rate is calculated to limit the rate growth of property taxes in the state.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET
The City of Hedley (City) City Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed 2024-2025 fiscal year budget. The public hearing will be held in the City of Hedley City Hall Building at 109 Main Street, Hedley, Texas 79237 at 6:30 p.m. on August 22, 2024. The public is encouraged to review the City's proposed budget at the City of Hedley Office located at 109 Main Street, you may view a paper copy of the budget in the City Secretary's office. Members of the public are encouraged to provide input through any means available and/or to attend the public hearing. The Hedley City Council will vote to adopt the Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 at the end of the Public Hearing.

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Huh?

Oh, you mean gathering and packing all the stuff I'll need? Hmm...

Let's see... skateboard, tablet... just about all set.

Wait, where did I leave my stunt kite?

Can you help Chitter fill his bag with things he really needs?

7. cut paper and string
8. stick things together
9. color our work
10. write compositions in
11. make mistakes disappear
12. write on an erasable board
13. fasten work together
14. touch and learn electronically
15. put a point on a pencil
16. draw a straight line

Below are some phrases that people use with the word **school** or **class** in them. What do they mean? Match each one to its definition:

1. tell tales out of school
2. school of thought
3. school of hard knocks
4. old school
5. school someone
6. class act

A. way of thinking about something
B. learned through life, not a class
C. tell secrets one shouldn't
D. the best
E. used to work well in the past
F. teach or train

Memphis city council met Monday

The Memphis City Council met in regular session August 12 and took action on several items. Following a presentation from Carrie Friedrich of Texas Class, the council voted to amend the city's investment policy to include investment pools as a permissible place to put the city's money. The move will allow the city to get more return on its funds while still maintaining flexibility and liquidity. The council voted to terminate its agreement with American Municipal Services Corporation for collection of delinquent accounts. The city intends to pursue an agreement with the Perdue Brandon law firm for the same services but with an expectation of better results.

Melissa Foard addressed the council on behalf of the Hall County Picnic Association and requested streets be closed for the event and asked for support with Hotel Occupancy Tax funds. The council approved closing a portion of Sixth Street all day and also approved \$750 in HOT funds. The council approved a request from The Clarendon Enterprise for up to \$2,000 in HOT funds to help distribute the fall edition of Discover Hall County to visitor centers and travel centers around the state. A motion was approved to work with Government Capital Securities Corporation to secure \$1.2 million in funding to help with relocating waterlines under Hwy. 256 when

TxDOT begins rehabilitating that highway. The state will reimburse the city for the expense, but the city has to incur the expense first, officials said. The council approved applying for a USDA grant to help purchase a new city vehicle and also accepted a bid of \$1,500 on an old city vehicle. Appointments to the Memphis Housing Authority Board were confirmed, and the council members discussed the city's policy on employees taking vehicles home and how that is affected by IRS rules. The council approved filing the city's \$2.7 million proposed budget and set a date of September 12 for holding public hearings on the budget and the tax rate.

Scenes from the Back to School Bash



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The _____ Clarendon Consolidated Independent School District _____ will hold a public meeting at _____ 6:30 p.m. Monday, August 26, 2024 _____ in the Administration & Technology Building at 416 S. Allen _____ Clarendon, Texas _____.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$	0.8067	/\$100	(Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax				
Approved by Local Voters	\$	0.0000	/\$100	(proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	_____ % increase	or	(0.40) % (decrease)
Debt service	0.00 % increase	or	0.00 % (decrease)
Total expenditures	_____ % increase	or	(0.40) % (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value
(as calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 726,701,645	\$ 745,456,260
Total appraised value** of new property**	\$ 1,842,331	\$ 2,242,491
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 215,600,395	\$ 224,131,349
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 1,842,331	\$ 1,953,384

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(8).
** "New property" is defined by Tax Code Section 26.012(17).
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ _____ 0

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 0.82630	\$ 0.0000 *	\$ 0.82630	\$ 4,405	\$ 9,782
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 0.83272	\$ 0.0000 *	\$ 0.83272	\$ 4,801	\$ 9,386
Proposed Rate	\$ 0.80670	\$ 0.0000 *	\$ 0.80670	\$ 4,558	\$ 9,692

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 133,806.33	\$ 151,723
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 53,950.67	\$ 52,915.33
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 0.82630	\$ 0.8067
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 445.79	\$ 426.87
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (18.93)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is _____ 0.8067 _____. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of _____ 0.8067 _____.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$	4,116,248
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$	0.00

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.

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