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



## Enterprise honored by national group

The National Newspaper Association recently notified THE CLARENDON ENTERPRISE that it had been recognized in the NNA's 2012 Better Newspaper Contest.

The ENTERPRISE received an Honorable Mention certificate in the category of Best Breaking News Story among newspapers with a circulation of 3,000 or less.

"We were very honored to have been recognized at this level," said publisher Roger Estlack, "and I would like to thank our staff, our advertisers, and our readers for their part in what we do at the paper. It is a privilege to serve this community.

Winning newspapers will be recognized at the Toast to the Winners Awards Reception, Saturday, Oct. 6, during NNA's 126th Annual Convention & Trade Show, which will be held in Charleston, SC, Oct. 3-7, 2012.

## CC to hold summer commencement

Clarendon College will conduct its summer commencement exercises at 7 p.m. Friday, August 17, at the Harned Sisters Fine Arts Center Auditorium.

A total of 19 students have applied for summer graduation, including two Associate of Applied Science, two Associate of Science, and 15 certificates.

Clarendon College conducts three commencement ceremonies each year in December, May, and August.

## Recycling center now open Sundays

Clarendon City Hall has announced that it is now opening the recycling center on Front Center on Sunday afternoons from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. so that citizens will be able to take grass clippings, tree limbs, and other debris there at a more convenient time. The center will maintain its regular hours on Monday through Saturday as well.

## Sen. Seliger to host town hall meeting

State Senator Kel Seliger (R-Amarillo) will hold a town hall meeting in Clarendon on Monday, August 27, in preparation for the 83rd Texas Legislature that convenes in January. The meeting will be held at 11 a.m. in the District Courtroom of the Donley County Courthouse.

"I look forward to these town hall meetings every year because they give me an opportunity to discuss the issues that are important to my bosses - the citizens of District 31," said Seliger.

Over the next few months, Senator Seliger will be making stops in each county in District 31 to communicate with constituents about the critical issues facing their communities in the next legislative session. The public is invited to attend.



A cross and sign erected by Jim Griffin preaches to travelers on US 287 in Clarendon.

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# Signs of the end times? Local man seeks to bring people to Christ

Making Clarendon a lighthouse for the Lord is the mission of one local man as he erects white crosses and signs with inspired messages for all to see.

Jim Griffin says all his efforts are to be a witness for Jesus Christ and to plant seeds that people need in order to find their way to the Lord because the time is short.

"It's not for anyone's glory but God's," Griffin said, "and seeds are all the Holy Spirit needs to work with."

Over the past several months, Griffin's calling has led him to erect between 40 and 50 ten-foot tall crosses and a dozen or more signs that measure four feet by eight feet.

Permission is given by every property owner where the signs or crosses are located, Griffin said. The crosses are constructed of 4-inch thick-wall PVC and are concreted three feet in the ground, and the signs bear messages such as "Repent: Call unto Jesus. The end is near!" and "Receive Jesus. He died for your sins. Behold! The final day approaches."

Griffin says it's all designed to make people think and get them into a relationship with Jesus, and he says the wording for the signs comes to him after studying the Bible, hearing messages at church, and listening to inspirational CDs and sermons.

"It's all right from God's word," Griffin said.

One of his latest signs invokes the 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States to convey its message.

"911 Tragedy. Worse things coming! Find Jesus!"

"If you look at Syria and what's going on in the Middle East and you study the books of Daniel and Revelation and others, you see it," Griffin said. "Within two years we're going to have a major catastrophe and be in a war. We are on the verge of the rapture at the doorstep."

Griffin says he is just trying to follow Christ's great commission to his disciples to spread the gospel, and he says many churches spend money to send missionaries overseas but don't reach out to those here at home who need Jesus.

"I don't want to see anyone go to hell; I want to see us all go to heaven," said the 68-year-old who has battled cancer and other maladies.

His work hasn't been without its critics, but he says he doesn't let that bother him.

"I have had some persecution, but Jesus and his disciples were persecuted," he said. "I've heard one comment that the crosses look like the work of a cult. Whoever believes that doesn't know what a cult is. A cult doesn't follow Jesus."

But Griffin says he also has people who believe in what he's doing, volunteers who help him install the crosses and signs, and others who have made positive comments.

"A lot of people tell me how blessed they are to have seen it," he said. "You won't see any other town that has done what Clarendon has for



A sign posted beneath a Chamber of Commerce welcome sign urges travelers to repent.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / MORGAN WHEATLY

Christ."

The mission has not been cheap. Each cross cost \$70 to \$100 for the material, and each sign costs between \$250 and \$525. Griffin says he's paid for 60 to 75 percent of all that cost himself but says he has had some donations.

"I won't take anybody's money unless they have a willing heart," he said. "If they offer money because they feel they have to or they're ashamed, I won't take their money."

For crosses that have been requested outside of Clarendon - in Hedley, Howard, Dumas, and one in Colorado - he asks those folks to pay for the materials. But he says if someone can't afford it, he will still make one for them.

Griffin's work is also partly a response to the words of President Barack Obama.

"Obama said we're not a Christian nation anymore," Griffin said. "Well, I want the world to know that we are a Christian community. A few crosses would have been fine, but a lot of crosses makes an impact."

Griffin says it is not his intention to demean anyone who believes differently than he does and he says everyone is welcome in Clarendon, but he says he wants to spread the message that he feels is vitally important.

"There is only one way to heaven... through the cross of Calvary," Griffin said. "Do not be deceived."

# County officials working on budget

Donley County Commissioners were in budget negotiations this week as they try to cope with rising expenses.

Judge Jack Hall said the Commissioners Court met in regular session Monday and were reconvening in a called meeting Tuesday as the ENTERPRISE went to press. He expected the court to finish its work that day but had another called session planned for Wednesday if needed.

On Monday, the court issued a memo to all county offices asking them to make no further non-mandatory expenditures - including travel, overtime, and supplies - for the current fiscal year which ends September 30.

"We're in good shape and want to finish in good shape," Hall said. "We have two months to go, and every bill has gone up just like everyone else."

In addition to the usual

increasing expenses, such as fuel and health insurance, commissioners are still coping with the expense of trying convicted child murderer Robert Babcock.

That case cost the county about \$57,000 in the last fiscal year, and Hall said more expenses could still trickle in. In the coming year, the county is setting aside another \$50,000 in case Babcock files an appeal.

Hall said state mandated expenses are also hurting the county, and he specifically pointed to about \$37,000 Donley County spent on indigent legal defense expenses in addition to the Babcock case where only \$30,000 was budgeted.

Commissioners are considering a "slight increase" in taxes, have eliminated one part-time position in the clerk's office, and are not planning on any raises for county employees this year.



## Planet painter

Adam Howell free hands some planets using spray paint during the Hedley Methodist Youth picnic last week.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / KARI LINDSEY

# Local kids meet new standards

## CISD trustees okay resolution on tests

Clarendon ISD students exceeded the new testing targets required by the federal government, but local school trustees are still calling for the Texas Legislature to revamp the accountability system.

Only 44 percent of school campuses and 28 percent of districts in Texas met the standard, but Clarendon and Hedley both did. Scores were based on student performance on the TAKS exam, which has now been replaced by the STAAR test.

"Our kids and teachers worked extra hard and meeting the standard makes us feel good," CISD Superintendent Monty Hysinger said. "But the stats ratchet up every year."

Under the federal No Child Left Behind Act, school districts are required to meet certain Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) targets. For this year the AYP calls for an 87 percent pass rate for Reading/English language arts, and an 83 percent pass rate for math. All three CISD campuses exceeded those goals. Clarendon High School students were 95 percent in reading and 89 percent in math, Clarendon Junior High students were 94 percent in reading and 86 percent in math, and Clarendon Elementary students were 93 percent in reading and 84 percent in math.

"We're relieved but still cautious," Hysinger said. "If you don't meet the AYP, there is a lot of extra work to be done and extra committees that have to be formed."

The AYP standards increase every year until they reach a mandated 100 percent pass rate in 2014, and that is an unrealistic goal, Hysinger said.

"Basically, there is an overemphasis on testing and it has become very punitive," Hysinger said, who noted that the Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) is now trying to get 80 percent of school districts to sign on to a resolution asking the State Legislature to reexamine the accountability system.

CJH Principal John Taylor agrees that the testing system has gone overboard.

"There is too much testing," Taylor said. "We can prepare students, but ultimately it is still a paper and pencil test on one day and you don't know what else that student has going on in life."

In addition to the pressure on students and school personnel, CISD officials say the testing system takes up too much time and adds too much cost to schools. A school year has 180 days, and CISD has 40 days of

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# Rainwater topic of web seminar

Those who missed expert Billy Kniffen's rainwater harvesting seminar in Clarendon last month can learn more about the topic during a free seminar August 16.

Texas Wildlife Association has teamed with Texas AgriLife Extension to host a series of webinars covering a wide array of wildlife and land management topics. These free online webinars are held during the lunch hour (noon - 1 p.m., CST) so that anyone interested may tune in during the work day. The webinar series provides sound, science-based wildlife management information delivered by experts to you in the comfort of your own home or office.

The next webinar, "Rainwater Harvesting for Wildlife," will be held on Thursday, August 16, 2012. On the day of the webinar, simply point your browser to <https://texas-wildlife.webex.com> and click to join the Wildlife for Lunch webinar.



# ‘End’ signs send wrong message

The end is near. Or so say the signs up and down the highway that serve as harbingers of a coming apocalypse that promises everyone who does not “REPENT, REPENT, REPENT” will spend eternity in a condition of hellfire and damnation. Welcome to Clarendon.

If you’re new to town or just passing through, you might wonder what kind of place you’ve just stepped into. More than 40 crosses made of four-inch PVC pipe have sprung up from one end of town to the other and along highways in Donley County. And if that doesn’t get your attention, a dozen or so signs question your relationship with Jesus and repeatedly proclaim the coming of “the end.”

The work of one man, Jim Griffin, the signs and crosses are an expression of religion, free speech, and Griffin’s desire to see people turn to Christ as their personal savior.

Griffin has a right to his beliefs, and property owners have the right to put up a sign or a cross, but as a community what is the message all this sends to visitors to our fair city? What is the cumulative effect of this repeated message? During one recent event that brought several folks in from out of town, comments ranged from the bewildered to wondering if that many people had died along our highway to openly speculating if perhaps the Klan is active here.

Despite the good intention behind the signs and crosses, they are having some negative repercussions. City Hall, the Chamber of Commerce, and this newspaper have fielded calls that have questioned what can be done to stop the signs or what their purpose is. Some folks disagree with the message of the signs – preferring a message that centers more on God’s love, and some are incensed that the emblem of the risen Christ is being represented by sewer pipe.

But the most unfortunate consequence of the signs and crosses was made clear by one reader of this paper who emailed to say that, to her, the message is one that Clarendon is a “Christians only” town and people of any other faith are not welcome. That statement is hurtful to our city’s reputation and I believe would disappoint not only our early pioneers but also Jesus himself, who taught his followers to “love thy neighbor as thyself” and even went so far as to admonish us to love our enemies.

As a matter of historical fact, Clarendon was established as a Christian temperance colony by a Methodist minister. But when asked if other faiths were welcome in the colony, Rev. Carhart said that Methodism was prominent but that the settlement was “not of the narrow gauge.” In fact, one of its earliest and most prominent citizens was Jewish. Morris Rosenfield was one of the colony’s first merchants, was held in high esteem, served on the Clarendon School Board, and has his name on one of our city streets. But he was most certainly not a believer in the cross.

In more recent times, we have had a Jew on our city council and one of the finest families, in my opinion, who have sent their kids through our school system were Muslims. The kids were accepted, well liked, and made their mark on CHS athletics; and while they were not Christians, they were far more decent human beings than many folks I know who claim to be followers of Christ. Last month, our community buried a local business leader, a man who was a true gentleman in every sense of the word. His faith was different than many who knew him, but we valued his friendship and deeply respected him just the same.

Even among our Christian churches – of which we’re up to about 16 at last count – there are some stark differences in beliefs, doctrine, and theology that might or might not be in keeping with the message that is being sent along the highway. Our community is composed of different doctrines and different faiths, and that’s okay. It’s what makes America – and Clarendon, Texas – great.

Mr. Griffin himself says he wants the signs and crosses to glorify God and that he does not seek to demean people of other faiths or make them feel unwelcome. In fact, he says everyone is welcome here and that is part of being in America.

Unfortunately, for many, the signs, the crosses, and even the proposed Ten Commandments marker for the Courthouse Square have the effect of painting Clarendon with a broad brush and will leave outsiders with the impression that the town is an unwelcoming place, one that is intolerant of other religions. That is a reputation, however unintended, that we do not want. Everyone is entitled to their religion and to express that religion, but if every property owner puts up one or more ten-foot tall plastic crosses, then that can appear to be a bit over the top.

Good Christian people may disagree on this point, and many who do not approve of the signs may keep silent, which is what we saw happen with the Ten Commandments proposal. People think speaking out against a monument or a sign will invite accusations that they are not dedicated to their faith, and, sadly, that will indeed be said. But we can disagree and still be agreeable with each other. Clarendon is and has been a town with open arms with a penchant for spreading the loving message of Jesus, but it’s never needed signs or ten-foot crosses to accomplish that. To reach the most people, the apocalyptic messages of the end times should be taken down and replaced by signs that proclaim God’s love for his children, and property owners might want to think about the cumulative effect before they agree to add more crosses along the highway so that our neighbors of other faiths can still feel comfortable calling Clarendon their home.



**editor’s commentary**  
by roger estlack

# Both parties pants are on fire

With the addition of Paul Ryan to the Republican ticket of 2012, the presidential campaign can now begin in earnest. Of course, that means that the candidates will now begin to really spew forth whoppers, in the hope that We the People are obtuse and will eagerly believe the aforementioned whoppers, garnished with little white lies and other partial truths for seasoning. After all, truthfulness has seldom, if ever, got anyone elected to the highest office in the land.

According to Mitt Romney, President Obama is a job-killing, free-spending, big-government liberal whose policies deepened the recession and threatened free-market capitalism. Romney, with a straight face no less, claimed that the president has spent tax dollars “at a pace without precedent in recent history.” The Governor continued “and added almost as much debt as all the prior presidents combined.” This, by the way, is a claim we hear in pretty much every presidential campaign.

As President Obama jets around the country, primarily in the swing states, he presents a somewhat divergent self-portrait, that of a job-creating, frugal minded, government reducing pragmatist who saved the United States from even another Great Depression. He claims, while earnestly reading from his teleprompter, that “government employment has gone down and federal government spending has increased at the lowest pace in nearly 60 years.”

With the presidential race primarily focused on the budget and the economy, the president and Governor Romney are cramming their speeches with facts and figures created specifically to embellish their case and diminish the claims of the other guy, in the process often making outrageous claims fundamentally at odds with one another. In short, both candidates are at times telling lies, using statistics without context, and magnifying their own records while demeaning their opponent’s.

Each candidate’s advertising campaign regularly accuses the other of

being a lying, cheating jerk. As in any campaign, there is a tendency to write both sides off, as if every disingenuous statement carried the same weight. Truth be known, some untruths are more fundamental than others, more egregious, more germane to the broader argument. For example, Mitt, in his book “No Apology” falsely charged, according to independent fact checkers, that President Obama had traveled the world apologizing for America.

Actually determining who the biggest liar is can be a complicated exercise, even in this age of fact checkers. When Politifact, The Tampa Bay Times’ Pulitzer-prize winning fact checking project, evaluated their statements, it determined that more of Governor Romney’s were untrue than President Obama’s. The Washington Post, however, gave them each approximately the same average “Pinocchio scores” – its measure of untruth – to both candidates.

Often, the truth or untruth of a claim depends on definitions or on when you start counting. For instance, when it comes to unemployment, Governor Romney counts from the month when President Obama first took office and inherited an economy that was spinning off jobs at historic rates. President Obama, on the other hand, prefers to count from 2010, to give his policies time to begin taking effect, and the job picture had begun turning around, thereby dodging blame for the job losses at the start of his term.

One thing remains clear: Both candidates have mastered the ancient political art of creative storytelling. The bottom line is that we can’t believe either of them, or any politician for that matter – excepting Mac Thornberry – who seems to be honest and decent,

according to his constituency. I’ve yet to meet him.

One example of their disdain for telling the truth can be found in their claims regarding job creation. President Obama claims, “Over four million jobs created in the last two years.” Governor Romney counters, “He has not created jobs.”

Job creation has to be the single most important consideration of this election, and the veracity of claims made by each is of paramount importance to our economic issues and this race. Yet each candidate intentionally distorts the question of job creation. By counting from January 2009, Governor Romney paints the bleak picture of a country that despite a modest recovery still have fewer jobs than it did when President Obama took office. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, “the country has 552,000 fewer jobs now than when the president was inaugurated.”

Conversely, President Obama starts his count in March 2010, after the money from his stimulus law was flowing and payrolls began increasing again. Also, he generally cites private-sector employment, so that he can say 4.3 million jobs have been created. If he also counted government work forces, the job growth is actually lower, 3.8 million jobs, according to the bureau. The difference is government job losses are not counted.

So, depending upon where you start counting, President Obama either increased or lost jobs. Neither candidate’s claims reflect the truth. I tend to put more trust in Mitt’s claim on this.

Similar untrue claims and counter claims are made by the candidates about other critical issues, including: the federal debt; the size of government; economics; and tax cuts.

I’m disappointed that neither side has candidly and openly told us the truth on issues paramount to the future of this country. Shame on the candidates and political parties. We the People deserve better.



**the quick, the dead, & fred**  
by fred gray



# US needs a cybersecurity solution

As Congress adjourned for the summer recess, some issues were left unresolved, most notably the question of a cybersecurity bill. Many have asked why. The answer is that I, and several of my colleagues, had deep concerns about the proposed bill. But I believe we can find common ground and a way forward.

There is no partisan dissent over whether cybersecurity – protecting computers, networks, programs and electronic information from being attacked and destroyed – is a critical issue. Experts have long cited cyber-terrorism as one of the potentially most dangerous threats to national security. Consider what might happen if a hostile government or terrorist organization launched an attack on our nation’s power grids, hospitals, nuclear facilities or major financial institutions – just to name a few possible targets. The effects would be devastating. The question is not whether we act to prevent such attacks, the question is how we act.

Two cybersecurity measures are now under consideration in the U.S. Senate. A bill authored by Senators Joe Lieberman (I-CT) and Susan Collins (R-ME), the Cybersecurity Act, would authorize the government to set standards for cybersecurity technology and determine which companies should comply with the government’s standards. I and seven of my colleagues, each of us the most senior Republican members of our committees and subcommittees that have jurisdiction over cybersecurity – Senators McCain, Chambliss, Grassley,

Murkowski, Coats, Burr and Johnson – have co-sponsored an alternative, the SECURE IT Act. Our bill emphasizes information-sharing about cyber threats among and between private and public organizations, securing federal agencies against threat, ensuring that federal contractors report significant events, facilitating prosecution of cyber crime and focusing on research and technology to improve cybersecurity.

Cybersecurity experts agree that maintaining effective defenses requires cooperation and information-sharing both within critical industries and between the private sector and government. However, anti-trust and liability laws discourage or even prohibit cooperation among businesses, and our government’s standard operating procedure has been to warn about the risks of cyber attacks without always sharing specific information with the entities at greatest risk.

The Lieberman-Collins bill doesn’t fix these problems. Legal liability protections are weak for companies that want to cooperate with one another, and pre-determined government mandates would decide what cyber information should be shared by government. In contrast, the McCain-Hutchison bill

authorizes essential legal liability and anti-trust protections for companies that want to work together to combat cyber threats. It also requires government agencies to share relevant information and assist companies and communities at cybersecurity risk.

The SECURE IT sponsors are concerned that the Lieberman-Collins bill would deter cooperation rather than encourage it. And we worry that it ignores cybersecurity’s biggest challenge: constantly and rapidly-evolving technological threats.

We need a nimble, flexible approach that can evolve at the same pace as emerging cyber threats. It must be driven by industries that know their systems best, and be a true collaboration between government and the private sector, where information-sharing is a two-way street.

McCain-Hutchison is the right foundation for a national cybersecurity policy. It is supported by the industries and organizations it impacts, and it can pass the House of Representatives. It recognizes the unique challenges presented by evolving technology and makes prosecuting cyber-crime a priority.

We all agree that cybersecurity is an issue of vital national importance. My bill co-sponsors and I are in continuing discussions with our colleagues in the Senate during the recess, with the goal of reaching consensus by Labor Day. I call on my friends on both sides of the aisle to come together to get it done.



**capitol comment**  
by sen. kay bailey hutchison

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## SWEPCO seeks rate increase

SHREVEPORT, La. — AEP Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO), a unit of American Electric Power (NYSE: AEP), today submitted to the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) a request to increase the company's Texas rates by approximately \$83 million. If approved, new rates could go into effect on January 2013 bills.

If approved, the request would result in an average increase of about \$12 per month, or approximately 16 percent for a residential customer in Texas using 1,000 kilowatt-hours per month.

The filing includes \$87 million for two new power plants and \$6 million for vegetation management, offset by \$10 million in cost-saving measures for a requested net base rate increase of \$83 million.

SWEPCO is seeking recovery of \$87 million to include its two newest power plants in rates. The John W. Turk, Jr. Power Plant in Hempstead County of Southwest Arkansas is scheduled to be operational late this year. The filing also includes recovery for the J. Lamar Stall Unit, a 507-megawatt combined cycle natural gas facility located at Arsenal Hill Power Plant in Shreveport, La.

The Stall Unit became operational in June 2010 but has not been fully included in SWEPCO rates. SWEPCO also is requesting an increase of approximately \$6 million in the filing for the vegetation management (tree-trimming) program in order to continue the company's highly successful program to improve reliability. SWEPCO was able to moderate the overall rate

increase request by about \$10 million from ongoing cost-saving measures.

"We realize that customers don't like to see rates go up but this request is necessary to recover the significant investments we've had to make to ensure that we can continue to provide reliable, reasonably priced electric service," said Venita McCollon-Allen, SWEPCO president and chief operating officer.

"The Stall and Turk Plants are the first non-peaking power plants that SWEPCO has built in the last 25 years. The Stall Unit has already proven its value by generating electricity for our customers during record energy demand periods in the summers of 2010 and 2011, and the Turk Plant brings fuel diversity to the region, which will support future reliability.

The Turk Plant investments also include upgrades to the transmission system. Both are important additions to the area's electric infrastructure, and allow SWEPCO to keep our rates affordable in Texas," McCollon-Allen said.

SWEPCO's current rates are 26 percent below the average for comparable Texas utilities and 40 percent below the national average. SWEPCO previously received a \$25 million rate increase approval from the PUCT in April 2010, primarily to increase its tree trimming efforts in the service area, recover a portion of the Stall Unit, and to recover increased expenses since the company's last base rate case in 1985.

As a base load unit, the Turk Plant is being built using advanced

coal combustion technology and is designed to run 24 hours a day to serve demand that exists all of the time in the electric system. SWEPCO's Texas customers will pay only for their share of the plant — about one-third — of SWEPCO's ownership of 73 percent (440 megawatts) in the plant. The PUCT approved construction of the Turk Plant in July 2008.

"The economic vitality of the Texas cities we serve requires a dependable supply of electric power at a reasonable cost. Our communities rely on SWEPCO's proven track record of affordable rates, reliability and customer service. We have contributed to economic development, growth and prosperity in Texas by utilizing a diversified energy portfolio of coal, natural gas and wind to provide affordable electricity to power the economic engine of this region," said McCollon-Allen. "Our recent power plant projects help ensure that we can continue to provide reliable power to benefit the customers and the communities we serve for decades to come."

SWEPCO serves 181,000 customers in East and North Texas, along with customers in western Arkansas and central and North-west Louisiana for a total of more than 521,000. SWEPCO's headquarters are in Shreveport, La. News releases and other information about SWEPCO can be found at [www.swepeco.com](http://www.swepeco.com).

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## Schools:

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testing schedule across its three campuses.

"We had to bring in ten teachers for two weeks in the summer to do remediation, and we had to hire substitutes during the year to administer the tests," Hysinger said. "That costs us a lot of money, but imagine what it must be statewide."

Hedley students did very well on the AYP targets. HISD is looked at by the state as one campus, and students there scored 96 percent on reading and 89 percent on math. Principal David O'Dell said that there is similar sentiment about the accountability system at his school but as of yet Hedley school trustees have not adopted the TASA resolution.

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Community Calendar

- August 27
- First day of school
- September 3
- Labor Day
- September 6
- Hedley BBQ Chicken Cookout • Details TBA
- September 9
- Grandparent's Day
- September 11
- Patriot Day
- September 16
- United Christian Ministries Breakfast • 7 a.m. • First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
- September 22
- Col. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff • Saints' Roost Museum • Details TBA

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Menus

- August 20 - 24
- Donley County Senior Citizens
- Mon: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, spinach, whole wheat roll, salad, fruit bowl, iced tea/2% milk.
- Tue: Breaded chicken tenders, baked potato, sour cream, peas & carrots, strawberries/whip cream, iced tea/2% milk.
- Wed: BBQ style beans, cornbread, carrot sticks, chocolate pudding, iced tea/2% milk.
- Thur: Baked chicken & dumplings, tossed salad, whole wheat roll, margarine, peach Chantilly, iced tea/2% milk.
- Fri: Cheeseburger, potato wedges, salad, melon medley, iced tea/2% milk.
- Hedley Senior Citizens
- Mon: Oven fried chicken, bow tie pasta, broccoli/raisin salad, fruit cocktail, iced tea/2% milk.
- Tue: Taco salad/corn chips, seasoned corn, lettuce, tomato, onion, watermelon, peach cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.
- Wed: Chicken fried steak, country gravy, stewed okra, seasoned corn, pumpkin square, iced tea/2% milk.
- Thur: Salisbury steak/gravy, mashed potatoes, cauliflower/broccoli, wheat roll, apricots, iced tea/2% milk.
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Coupons from the Internet may be false or virus infected

I download grocery coupons from the web several times each month. Dorthy uses them on a regular basis at Lowes, Wal-Mart, and United. Oops I just admitted that I trade out of town sometimes. When you have a Doctor's appointment almost every week in Amarillo, then why not? I am not nor would I suggest driving to Amarillo to just get groceries or anything that you can buy at home.

There are several coupon places on the web. I use CouponMom.com, and it is easy to use. I have seen warnings about some web coupons that are fake, so be careful out

there. Now spammers have started on Groupon. Fake Groupon deals lure in online bargain hunters. Savvy shoppers know buying online coupons from Groupon can be a great way to get a deal. But now scammers are smarting up to Groupon's potential too as a way to transmit a virus.

How the Scam Works:

A new email scam posing as a Groupon offer is infecting victims' computers with a virus. The emails pretend to come from Groupon and look just like the emails users receive when a friend shares a deal with them. The fake emails do an excellent job of replicating Groupon's colors, logo

and email format. But attached to the message is a file called "gift coupon.zip" which contains a virus designed to infect Windows operating system. Currently, the fake emails use the poorly spelled subject line "Groupon discount gifts," but look for that to change as scammers wise up.

As always, stay safe from scams by keeping your virus software up to

date and run a scan if you click on something phishy.

This popular site now is being used by thieves to get your personal information. They're pretending to be your friend to do so. It's easy for anyone to make a professional-looking email using the branding of a well-established website in their attempt to lure you into opening an attached file or clicking on a dangerous web link.

On a personal note: There will not be a column for the 23rd. I will be returning from MD Anderson sometime that week. Your prayers would be appreciated.



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Olympic memories will last forever

Well, the Olympics' are over for another four years, and I am so proud of our USA team. I don't know the medal count because the USA won the most, so being modest, we didn't brag to the rest of the world.

Did you watch much of the games? If you are a stay-insider like me, you did but some were just a glance because they were so bad. Come on. Synchronized rhythmic gymnastics? What kind of "game" is that? A bunch of girls (five) throwing beach balls at each other while walking on tip-toe. Don't be offended folks, but I don't see anything but boring there. Same could be said of five games of Croatia playing Russia in volleyball. I didn't care but someone did I am sure, maybe in Russia.

There were many wonderful stories and amazing athletes com-

peting. like the young man from South Africa with artificial legs running against abledomed men and those able-bodied men complaining because he had an "advantage" over them. He didn't win a medal but was still a winner.

I watched the men's high-diver and the American unexpectedly won gold and was sooooo happy, the Chinese who was expected to win gold came in second and had himself a pity party, the Brit who came in third and won bronze was sooo happy. Who were the winners and who was

the loser there?

There are images that will stay with us forever, like little Gabby flying upside down in gymnastics and Phelps coming through with his swimming, these will remain our London Olympic memories. I think they should have a category for photography, somebody would have a gold medal himself.

We got some rain last week, the gauge said 1.75 but I think some yard watering was in there too. It was very nice and has led to some cooler weather with temps in the 80s with more rain predicted this week. Won't that be nice?

Thank you everyone for your prayers, my back is better. The two doctors, Gentry and Howard, were led by Jesus and the combination has led to less pain. Thank you, Lord.



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by Peggy Cockerham  
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Help those who are less fortunate

Well, folks, I am sorry I don't seem to have any better Hedley News, but I will talk about something close and dear to my heart. You all know that I am the Director of the Hall County Home Delivered Meals in Memphis and the bookkeeper of the Hedley Senior Citizens. I know in today's hard economical times things are hard enough to just keep your heads above the bills.

But please consider this – you might be someone who is in their 70s, 80s or 90s and not have anyone to help you, especially with a good balance noon meal. I know the young people out there in their 20s, 30s, 40s don't even think about the elderly, but they don't realize that they, too, will be there soon. If you have grandparents or elderly aunts and uncles or even your parents who are hurting to try to find something to eat and they don't have the money to get it why not help just a little. Some of our clients only get this one meal in a day.

Any of our home organizations, be it Donley County Senior Citizens,

Hedley Senior Citizens or Hall County Home Delivered Meals are having a hard time feeding the elderly in our small and rural communities.

You all know from your own experiences that food costs are always going up and our organizations are spending anywhere between \$5,000 to \$10,000 or more a month just for food. Yes, we get state funding, but it is just for the meals and it is not 100% and they certainly don't send us money for payroll and other expenses.

We were even told that they will cut us 20% again next year. How does anyone expect us to feed this many elderly and disabled people without funds?

Please, think about helping out in some way. \$5 here or \$10 there all adds up. We are doing fund rais-

ers, but it just is not enough. Please, find it in your hearts to help! Donley County Senior Citizens, Drawer B, Clarendon, TX 79226, Hedley Senior Citizens, PO Box 216, Hedley, TX 79237 and Hall County Home Delivered Meals, 202 S. 8th., Memphis, TX 79245.

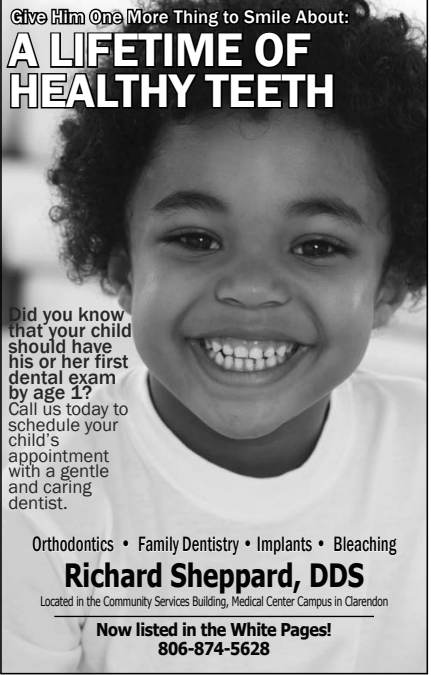
Recipe: Kentucky Bourbon Balls (candy): 1 cup chopped nuts, 5 tablespoons Kentucky bourbon, 1/2 cup butter, softened, 1 (16 ounce) package confectioners' sugar 18 ounces semisweet or milk chocolate. Place the nuts in a sealable jar. Pour the bourbon over the nuts. Seal and allow to soak overnight. Mix the butter and sugar; fold in the soaked nuts. Form into 3/4" balls and refrigerate overnight. Line a tray with waxed paper. Melt the chocolate in the top of a double boiler over just-barely simmering water, stirring frequently and scraping down the sides with a rubber spatula to avoid scorching. Roll the balls in the melted chocolate to coat; arrange on the prepared tray. Store in refrigerator until serving.



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WHEN IS IT OUR BUSINESS?

"It's none of your business!" That statement and sentiment is the reason why most folks don't point out error anymore. I'm not talking about private matters, because that is no one's business but the parties involved. I'm talking about problems that are public. I'm speaking of things that affect you and me and our families.

I was reading an article by Walter Williams from the Amarillo Globe entitled "U.S. IS MORALLY, SPIRITUALLY POOR." That got me to thinking. He gave a statistic that I still have trouble comprehending. In the last 5 years in Philadelphia, Pa. public schools, there have been 4,000 student assaults against teachers. How does a society that once boasted of being a "Christian" nation get to this point? You know those stats probably aren't just applicable to Philadelphia but a lot of big city schools. What has happened?

No longer can a neighbor or perfect stranger witnessing bad behavior try to correct it. No longer can an adult who sees bad behavior from young children, and older ones, speak up. You can't tell little Johnny to watch his mouth when he uses profanity publicly. The delinquent child's parents will come running to defend little Johnny. If you don't believe me, go ask the administration in our schools. Of course in our area, I don't believe we will have too many assaults against our teachers, but we will and do have problem kids with parents who will defend any type of behavior.

Years ago it was shameful to be unemployed if one had his or her health. Now it is celebrated, and God forbid if any of us were to point out to someone that they should go to work and support their own. It once was very shameful to become pregnant out of wedlock. I never remember public announcements in the paper inviting folks to come to a shower for an unwed mother. Of course the child has no shame or blame in the situation, but it doesn't bother enough people anymore concerning this. If one were to speak up and say that type of behavior is fornication and sinful, the person would be called hateful and intolerant for calling a spade, a spade.

Remember what Solomon said, (Proverbs 17:13) "Whoever rewards evil for good, Evil will not depart from his house." The reason our nation and communities are so messed up morally and spiritually is we reward evil as if it is good. People are acting as if there is no right or wrong.

There is much good in our nation, still. But, we have reached a point in our lifetime that the evil (I believe) is a much larger majority than in the past. Changing hearts and habits is more than a one generation thing when swinging from evil to good. It can be done with the message of Christ and some willing hearts. It also requires some people on the front lines living it and preaching it. When you ask the question, "What can we do about our country?" The answer will be for you and me to go out and live what we believe and not conform to the world and its skewed values. It will require us to speak up against public wrong even when we know we will be told, "It's none of your business." It is our business because what happens in our towns and nation affect us and our children. Let that give you courage the next time you witness things so public and so wrong and speak out. God bless you and keep you.

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Local media named to Honor Roll

Austin- Roger Estlack of The Clarendon Enterprise was named to the 2012 Media Honor Roll by Clarendon CISD. Sponsored by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB), the Media Honor Roll program recognizes reporters statewide for fair and balanced reporting of news about public schools. Media representatives from more than 470 Texas newspapers, radio, and television stations, and online publications were honored by their local school districts.

Criteria for the district selection

includes the media representative's efforts to get to know the superintendent, board president, and the district's mission and goals; report school news in a fair, accurate, and balanced manner; give a high profile to positive news about schools; visit the schools; and maintain a policy of no surprises by sharing information with school officials.

"Districts across Texas appreciate these reporters for their balanced and accurate approach to sharing both the challenges facing our schools and the successes achieved

by local students, teachers, and school boards. Their work aids local communities in focusing on the goal of providing the best public schools we can for every child," said Gary Inmon, TASB president.

TASB is a nonprofit organization established in 1949 to serve local Texas school districts. School board members are the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state.

The districts they represent serve more than 4.9 million public school students.

Night scramble at Country Club

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon Country Club will be having a night scramble Saturday, August 18, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The first nine holes will be played in the daylight with the remaining nine to be played after dark.

Five teams competed for the top spot in the Friday night scramble with the team of Junior Rodriguez, Michael Thompson, Arlis Thomas, Kevin Wood, and Tracy Duncan taking first at seven under par. The other teams came in at six, four, and three under par.

Sherol Johnston shot an 87 to take low gross in the women's game on Thursday with Gayle Rogers winning low net with a 72. Jeff Walker and Gene Rogers shot a net 68 to tie in the weekly men's game on Wednesday.



New Arrival

We are excited to announce the birth of Jillian Brooke Conatser. Jillian came into the world May 25, 2012, at 6:37 p.m. weighing 7lbs 13oz and was 19 inches long. Jillian is the precious daughter of Bradley and Jessica Conatser and the granddaughter of John and Diane Conatser of Memphis and Dan and Anastacia Cole of Mesa, Az.



### The United Christian Ministries to hold breakfast Thursdays

The United Christian Ministries Breakfast will be held Thursday, August 16, 2012, at 7:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church.

The program will be given by Matt Stidham, minister of the First Assembly of God Church, following a delicious breakfast. There will be good fellowship, also. Everyone is invited to come.

### Free informational meeting on the Affordable Care Act

The Rev. Alan Abraham will be in Clarendon at the Donley County Activity Center in Friday, August 17, at 6:00 p.m. to present an informational seminar on the Affordable Care Act.

Rev. Abraham states, "It is now the law of the land, we might as well know what it will and what it won't do."

Rev. Abraham, a retired Minister in the Christian Church, is our area representative in the Silver Haired Legislature in Austin, serving his 4<sup>th</sup> term. In addition to his legislative duties, he is a member of the Board of the Amarillo League of Women Voters and a participating member of the Senior Ambassadors Coalitional, which is a service organization made up of professional service providers to senior citizens of the Panhandle. And he is a member of the Texas Kincare Taskforce, which resources grandparents raising grandchildren.

He states "When talking about health care reform, I speak for myself, not the organizations with whom I affiliate" and according to him, he is "not a health care evangelist, seeking converts."

### Third QuickBooks course scheduled

PLAINVIEW — Two short courses scheduled by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service on QuickBooks Pro 2012 for Aug. 13-14 in Lubbock and Sept. 4-5 in Amarillo filled rapidly, so a third has been scheduled for Aug. 23-24 in Plainview, according to the presenters.

The additional course will be held at the AgriLife Extension office in Hale County, 225 Broadway St., Plainview.

The trainings will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day at each location, said DeDe Jones, AgriLife Extension risk management specialist in Amarillo, who will coordinate the event in that city. Jay Yates, AgriLife Extension risk management specialist in Lubbock, will coordinate the Lubbock course.

QuickBooks Pro is a double-entry business accounting program often used by agricultural lenders and producers, Jones said. In the two-day course, participants will learn to enter transactions into the program and analyze costs and profits. No prior computer experience is necessary.

Registration for the two-day course is \$125 and includes computer use and teaching materials. Couples are encouraged to attend and will be charged only one registration fee if they share a computer. Class size is limited to 15 people to provide a hands-on experience for all participants, Jones said.

The Amarillo and Lubbock courses are full, but those who are still interested in taking the course in Plainview should RSVP by Aug. 20. Payment is due upon arrival on the first day of the course.

For more information or to register, call Yates at 806-746-6101 or email jayates@ag.tamu.edu or Jones at 806-677-5667 or dljones@ag.tamu.edu.

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### Auxiliary's Female Scholarship Winners

These young ladies were named the American Auxiliary's female scholarship winners at the 2012 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) Awards Ceremony, July 20 in Louisville, Ky. Pictured from left are Barbara Ettredge, American Angus Auxiliary advisor; Anne Lampe, American Angus Auxiliary president; Lauren Grimes, Hillsboro, Ohio; Esther McCabe, Elk City, Kan.; Tylee Williams, Clarendon, Texas; Maci Lienemann, Princeton, Neb.; Andrea Foore, Seven Valleys, Pa.; Cortney Hill-Dukehart Cates, American Angus Auxiliary president elect; and Cortney Holshouser, American Angus Auxiliary secretary-treasurer. Photo by Carrie Heitman, American Angus Association.



### First Place in the Senior Division

These Texas junior members won first place in the senior division of team sales at the 2012 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) Awards Ceremony, July 20 in Louisville, Ky. The winning senior team receives the Bob Laffin Award in memory of the late Angus breeder who was passionate for junior programs. Pictured from left are Sharee Sankey and Cody Sankey, presenters; Brazos Williams and Tylee Williams, both of Clarendon; Jacob Steph, Tatum; Robert Dolson, Hico; and Chris Sankey, presenter. Photo by Katie Allen, American Angus Association.



### Texas Angus Association Scholarship

These Texas junior members received the Texas Angus Association scholarships, funded through the Angus Foundation, at the 2012 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) Awards Ceremony, July 20 in Louisville, Ky. Pictured from left are Mike Domel, Texas Angus Association president; Tylee Williams, Clarendon; Jacob Steph, Tatum; Brazos Williams, Memphis; and Jimmy Goode, Texas Angus Association past president. Photo by Jena Thompson, American Angus Association.



### Picnic delight

Helen Lamberson enjoys a hamburger during the Hedley Methodist Youth Picnic last Friday night.

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Panhandle conservation districts to meet

TEMPLE – The Panhandle Association of Soil and water Conservation Districts (PASWCDS) will meet Tuesday, August 21, with a program of local interest beginning at 10:00 a.m. in Lipscomb at the old Lipscomb School located at 202 Main.

During the business session speakers from the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service will update SWCD directors on state and national soil and water conservation programs and issues.

Local Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDS) coordinate the implementation of and deliver coordinated natural resource conservation programs to farmers and ranchers. Additionally, SWCDS participate in planning, implementing, and managing programs for preventing and abating agricultural and silvicultural nonpoint sources of water pollution.

Soil and Water Conservation Districts also participate in a water supply enhancement program through the targeted control of water-depleting brush. They also work to ensure local flood control dams are protecting lives and property by providing operation, maintenance, and structural repairs.

Twenty-five soil and water conservation districts in the Panhandle region of the state are members of the PASWCDS. Counties which the SWCDS serve include Dallam, Sherman, Hansford, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hartley, Moore, Hutchinson, Roberts, Hemphill, Oldham, Potter, Carson, Gray, Wheeler, Deaf Smith, Randall, Armstrong, Donley, Collingsworth, Parmer, Castro, Swisher, Briscoe, Hall, and Childress Counties.

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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	\$ _____ 1.00 _____ /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$ _____ 0.067 _____ /\$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:

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or

\_\_\_\_\_ 8.0 \_\_\_\_\_ % (decrease)

Debt service

\_\_\_\_\_ 1.98 \_\_\_\_\_ % increase

or

\_\_\_\_\_ % (decrease)

Total expenditures

\_\_\_\_\_ % increase

or

\_\_\_\_\_ 7.46 \_\_\_\_\_ % (decrease)

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Preceding Tax Year

Current Tax Year

Total appraised value\* of all property

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 144,270,710 \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 154,491,549 \_\_\_\_\_

Total appraised value\* of new property\*\*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 20,166 \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 140,454 \_\_\_\_\_

Total taxable value\*\*\* of all property

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 43,124,539 \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 46,951,907 \_\_\_\_\_

Total taxable value\*\*\* of new property\*\*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 20,166 \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 140,454 \_\_\_\_\_

\* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

\*\* "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

\*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 335,000 \_\_\_\_\_

\* 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

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 1.04 \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ .06 \* \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 1.10 \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 3,886 \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 9,411 \_\_\_\_\_

Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 0.96002 \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 0.06764 \* \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 1.02776 \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 4,807 \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 9,450 \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Rate

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 1.00 \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 0.067 \* \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 1.067 \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 4,992 \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 9,457 \_\_\_\_\_

\* 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

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 25,355 \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 21,422 \_\_\_\_\_

Average Taxable Value of Residences

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 10,355 \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 6,422 \_\_\_\_\_

Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 1.10 \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 1.067 \_\_\_\_\_

Taxes Due on Average Residence

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 113.91 \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 68.52 \_\_\_\_\_

Increase (Decrease) in Taxes

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ (45.39) \_\_\_\_\_

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 Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \_\_\_\_\_ 1.06764 \_\_\_\_\_. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \_\_\_\_\_ 1.06764 \_\_\_\_\_.

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)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 532,233 \_\_\_\_\_

Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The \_\_\_\_\_ Clarendon Consolidated Independent School District \_\_\_\_\_ will hold a public meeting at \_\_\_\_\_ 7:00 AM, August 31, 2012 \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ Administration & Technology Building \_\_\_\_\_ 416 South Allen Street, 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	\$ _____ 1.04 _____ /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$ _____ 0.00 _____ /\$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

\_\_\_\_\_ 2.28 \_\_\_\_\_ % increase

or

\_\_\_\_\_ 0.00 \_\_\_\_\_ % (decrease)

Debt service

\_\_\_\_\_ 0.00 \_\_\_\_\_ % increase

or

\_\_\_\_\_ 0.00 \_\_\_\_\_ % (decrease)

Total expenditures

\_\_\_\_\_ 2.28 \_\_\_\_\_ % increase

or

\_\_\_\_\_ 0.00 \_\_\_\_\_ % (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value

(as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

Preceding Tax Year

Current Tax Year

Total appraised value\* of all property

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 385,284,390 \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 400,524,787 \_\_\_\_\_

Total appraised value\* of new property\*\*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 1,061,918 \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 1,446,212 \_\_\_\_\_

Total taxable value\*\*\* of all property

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 136,182,662 \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 141,746,601 \_\_\_\_\_

Total taxable value\*\*\* of new property\*\*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 1,061,918 \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 1,446,212 \_\_\_\_\_

\* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

\*\* "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

\*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 0.00 \_\_\_\_\_

\* 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

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 1.04000 \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 0.00 \* \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 1.04000 \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 3,074 \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 7,041 \_\_\_\_\_

Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 1.07259 \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 0.00 \* \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 1.07259 \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 3,289 \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 7,031 \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Rate

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 1.04000 \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 0.00 \* \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 1.04000 \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 3,173 \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 6,658 \_\_\_\_\_

\* 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

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 33,740.00 \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 34,217.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Average Taxable Value of Residences

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 18,740.00 \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 19,217.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 1.04 \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 1.04 \_\_\_\_\_

Taxes Due on Average Residence

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 194.90 \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 199.86 \_\_\_\_\_

Increase (Decrease) in Taxes

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 4.96 \_\_\_\_\_

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 Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \_\_\_\_\_ 1.04 \_\_\_\_\_. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \_\_\_\_\_ 1.04 \_\_\_\_\_.

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)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 867,099 \_\_\_\_\_

Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_



## Comptroller Susan Combs Distributes \$632 Million in Monthly Sales Tax Revenue to Local Governments

Clarendon's sales tax revenue showed another decrease when Texas Comptroller Susan Combs delivered July allocations last week.

City Hall received \$35,600.20 for the month down 2.27 percent from the year before. That drops the city 2.97 for the calendar year-to-date at \$219,134.53 compared to \$225,853.82.

Hedley continued to fall behind for the year with a rebate of \$611.41, down 17.84 for the month and

coming in 24.23 percent lower for the year at \$3,447.28.

Howardwick, which raised its tax rate last fall, reported a higher rebate for the month at \$1,640.08, up 41.73 percent and gaining 26.81 percent for the year-to-date at \$10,843.28.

Statewide, Combs announced sales tax revenue in July was \$2.05 billion, up 10.1 percent compared to July 2011.

"Business spending in the oil

and natural gas industry and other sectors continues to be robust," Combs said.

"That spending, along with increases in consumer sectors such as retail trade, continues to boost sales tax collections. State sales tax revenue has now increased for 28 consecutive months."

The sales tax figures represent monthly sales made in June as well as April, May and June sales by businesses that report tax quarterly.



### Sign up time

Curly Weatherston signs up his elementary school daughter Aliyah during the first day of registration Monday at Clarendon ISD.

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Mon	6	99°	68°	-
Tues	7	104°	69°	1.11
Wed	8	105°	66°	-
Thur	9	96°	66°	-
Fri	10	103°	66°	-
Sat	11	94°	63°	-
Sun	12	101°	67°	-

Total precipitation this month: **1.11"**  
Total precipitation to date: **15.84"**

### weekend forecast

Fri., August 17  
Mostly Cloudy  
101° / 69°

Sat., August 18  
Partly Cloudy  
103° / 71°

Sun., August 19  
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10° / 68°

Information provided by:  
Tommie C. Saye  
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# Sheriff's Report

## August 6, 2012

8:22 a.m. – Loose livestock FM 1932  
12:40 p.m. – Units paged – fire Co Rd 32  
3:15 p.m. – Out of civil standby  
6:37 p.m. – EMS assist 300 block North Rosenfield

## August 7, 2012

8:02 p.m. – Units paged – grassfire HWY 70 South  
9:02 p.m. – Units paged for fire Southwest of McLean Feed Yard  
11:30 p.m. – See complainant @ residence South of City Park

## August 8, 2012

6:15 a.m. – Report of man going through barbed wire fence – North of Howardwick  
10:59 a.m. – See caller at 200 block Arthur St.  
12:09 p.m. – EMS assist 500 block South Bond  
3:49 p.m. – EMS assist 700 block

West 5th

## August 9, 2012

1:48 a.m. – Report of kids throwing rocks @ semi's 200 block East 2nd  
3:10 a.m. – Another report of kids throwing rocks 800 block 2nd  
9:49 a.m. – EMS assist Medical Center Nursing Home  
1:58 p.m. – EMS assist 200 block North Sully  
4:29 p.m. – EMS assist 500 block South Bond  
5:23 p.m. – EMS assist 700 block West 5th

## August 10, 2012

12:27 a.m. – EMS assist Medical Center Nursing Home  
4:18 a.m. – EMS assist 300 block Faker  
9:14 a.m. – See caller 600 block West 2nd – suspicious subject  
9:43 a.m. – Judge's Office  
11:59 a.m. – small grass fire West Co Line

1:15 a.m. – Minor accident 287 & Koogle

2:36 a.m. – Report of accident HWY 273 North of Co Rd 29

11:50 p.m. – Report of accident HWY 273 – 8 miles South of McLean

## August 11, 2012

1:37 a.m. – Loose livestock – FM 3257  
2:44 p.m. – Report of fight – 100 block North Sully  
11:55 p.m. – See caller 400 block South Orpe

## August 12, 2012

1:01 a.m. – EMS assist 200 block Olita  
1:24 a.m. – Report of suspicious vehicle parked @ museum  
9:00 a.m. – EMS assist 500 block North Bailey  
5:41 p.m. – Units paged to fire in North part of County  
9:06 p.m. – See caller 500 block East 4th

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### NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST

Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO or Company) publishes this notice that on July 27, 2012, it filed its Petition and Statement of Intent to Change Rates and Reconcile Fuel Costs (the Petition) with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT or the Commission) in Docket No. 40443, and with those municipal authorities in its Texas service territory that have original jurisdiction over SWEPCO's electric rates. This notice is being published in accordance with Section 36.103 of the Public Utility Regulatory Act, Commission Procedural Rule 22.51(a)(1), and Commission Substantive Rule 25.235(b). SWEPCO is proposing to change its rates for electric service provided to all of its 181,000 Texas retail customers. All such customers and all classes of customers will be affected by this change. As it relates to the reconciliation of fuel costs, the proposed change will affect all Texas retail customers who pay fixed fuel factors.

### STATEMENT OF INTENT TO CHANGE RATES

SWEPCO's request to change its rates is based on the financial results for a 12-month test year ending on December 31, 2011. The effect of SWEPCO's proposed rate change would be to increase its adjusted test year revenues by \$83,087,295, an increase of 33.8%, exclusive of fuel revenues. The overall impact of the rate change, considering both fuel and non-fuel revenues, is a 17.8% increase. The impact of the rate change on various customer classes will vary from the overall impact described in this notice. SWEPCO has proposed that its requested rate change become effective 35 days after the filing of the Petition and Statement of Intent. The proposed effective date is subject to suspension and extension by actions that may be taken by the Commission and other regulatory authorities.

### TARIFF REVISIONS

SWEPCO is proposing revisions to most tariffs and schedules. In addition, in order to facilitate future transmission cost recovery factor (TCRF) and distribution cost recovery factor (DCRF) filings pursuant to Commission Substantive Rules 25.239 and 25.243, respectively, SWEPCO is requesting that the Commission set the TCRF to zero and establish baseline values that will be used to calculate SWEPCO's TCRF and DCRF in future dockets.

### RECONCILIATION OF FUEL COSTS

SWEPCO has also requested authority to reconcile its fuel costs for the period from April 1, 2009 through December 31, 2011 (the Reconciliation Period). SWEPCO's request, if granted, will affect all Texas retail customers who pay fixed fuel factors. During the Reconciliation Period, SWEPCO incurred a total of \$588,826,910 in eligible fuel, fuel-related, and purchased-power costs to generate and purchase electric energy for its Texas retail customers. For the Reconciliation Period, SWEPCO calculates that it has under-recovered its Texas retail fuel, fuel related, and purchased-power costs by \$7,191,375 excluding interest. Including interest, SWEPCO's cumulative under-recovery balance is \$3,936,492 as of December 31, 2011.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Persons with questions or who want more information on SWEPCO's Petition may contact SWEPCO at 428 Travis Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101, or call toll-free at (888) 216-3523 during normal business hours. A complete copy of the Petition and related filings is available for inspection at the address listed in the previous sentence. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136. A request for intervention or for further information should refer to Docket No. 40443. Unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, motions to intervene will be due 45 days from the date SWEPCO filed its Petition and Statement of Intent with the Commission. The 45th day after SWEPCO filed its application is September 10, 2012.



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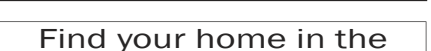
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## Childress begins district seal coat season

CHILDRESS — The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Childress District has begun a project to increase the life of our existing pavement structures. More than 183 miles of state roadways are part of the district's 2012 seal coat program. Roadways in the district will see \$4.9 million worth of preventive maintenance seal coat work, and the project will include State Hwy. 70 in Donley County.

"Maintenance and system preservation is our largest expenditure, and seal coating provides a variety of benefits to the roadway," said Chris

Reed, P.E., Childress Area Engineer, "including a waterproof surface that prevents moisture from entering and weakening the roadbed. Seal coating also reduces deterioration and cracking of the asphalt surface, which will prolong the life of the pavement."

Seal coat operations began on August 8, 2012 in Dickens County and weather permitting, will take a couple of weeks to complete.

"Safety is the top priority at TxDOT and the basis for planning, building, and maintaining our transportation system. The system that allows all of that requires constant

maintenance and preservation," said Reed. "The public depends on transportation every day and TxDOT is responsible to Texas drivers, our partners and others to be responsible stewards of our state's resources."

Motorists can expect lane closures and a pilot car to guide traffic through the work zone, and are asked to drive with caution through the work zones, be on the lookout for workers and avoid distractions for their own safety and the safety of the workers. For more information contact Barbara Seal, Public Information Officer at 940-937-7288.

## TxDOT says driving friendly is not enough, drive safe too

AUSTIN - Texas is known for the motto "drive friendly," but this August, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) says that won't be enough.

In unveiling the new "Drive Friendly. Drive Safe." campaign, TxDOT hopes the updated message will reach drivers and reduce the thousands of crashes and deaths on Texas roads every year.

The campaign highlights some of the driving behaviors that continue to cause issues on our roadways: the need for drivers to pay attention to pedestrians, bicyclists and work zones, while also remembering to adjust their speed to the road conditions.

Each year, Texas sees high numbers of crashes and fatalities involving pedestrians and bicyclists; in fact, in 2011, vehicles struck thou-

sands of pedestrians and bicyclists resulting in 418 pedestrian fatalities and 45 bicyclist fatalities. These statistics, combined with 14,617 work zone crashes resulting in 115 deaths, has prompted TxDOT's effort.

"As students return to school and throughout the year, remember to watch for pedestrians and bicyclists. There's no better time to remind drivers to get back-to-basics when it comes to safety on our roads," said Carol Rawson, director, Traffic Operations Division of TxDOT.

"We also want to remind our fellow Texans that TxDOT works year round to improve roads with upgrades and repairs; this work results in changing conditions on roadways, which is why it's extremely important for drivers to remain alert at all times."

Nationally, traffic safety issues continue to cause injuries and fatalities as well. In 2010, 4,280 pedestrians were killed and an estimated 70,000 were injured in traffic crashes in the United States. On average, a pedestrian was killed every 123 minutes and injured every eight minutes in traffic crashes. At the same time, 68 bicyclists were killed in the U.S. and an additional 52,000 were injured in motor vehicle crashes in 2010.

Rawson continued, "The best way to drive friendly-the Texas way-is to drive safe and consider others on the road.

Drivers who fail to follow traffic laws will face significant consequences. These risks not only include possibly injuring or killing themselves or others but also fines and even jail time.

## Obituaries Strawbridge

Velma Mae Strawbridge, 92, died Thursday, August 9, 2012, in Clarendon, Texas.

Services were Sunday, August 12, 2012, in the First Assembly of God Church in Clarendon with Rev. Matthew Stidham, Pastor, officiating. Graveside services were held Monday, August 13, 2012, in Lynn Creek Cemetery near Jacksboro. Arrangements were under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Velma was born on July 4, 1920, in Childress to Charlie and Daisy Powell Rhoades. She married William Willard Strawbridge on December 27, 1938 in Henrietta. She lived in Briscoe and Bowie before moving to Clarendon in 1990. She was a very kind and generous person always helping her family and friends in any way she could.

She was a member of the First Assembly of God Church in Clarendon.


She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; 3 sisters; and a brother. She is survived by 2 sons, Weldon D. Strawbridge of Carlsbad, NM, and Robert David Strawbridge of Lubbock; a daughter, Cleeta Hall of Clarendon; 2 sisters, Mona Wells of Bowie and Floretta Peden of Midland; 10 grandchildren; and 15 great grandchildren.

The family request memorials be to the Donley County Senior Citizens or the First Assembly of God Church Building Fund.

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Drugs in the News

New COPD Medication Approved by FDA

Recently, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved Tudorza Pressair (acclidinium bromide) an inhaled treatment for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). This is a serious lung condition that makes breathing difficult. It may lead to the destruction of lung tissue over time. Most COPD is caused by long-term smoking. Symptoms usually include chronic cough, excessive phlegm and chest tightness. Tudorza Pressair is specifically indicated for the long-term, maintenance treatment of bronchospasm associated with COPD, including chronic bronchitis and emphysema.

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## 2012 Property Tax Rates in Donley County

This notice concerns 2012 property tax rates for Donley County.

It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	General Fund	County Special
Last year's tax rate:		
Last year's operating taxes	814,682.21	182,772.50
Last year's debt taxes	112,994.48	0.00
Last year's total taxes	927,676.69	182,772.50
Last year's tax base	193,971,954	192,392,105
Last year's total tax rate	0.478253 /\$100	0.095000 /\$100

### This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	827,420.60	164,028.06
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	181,988,444	180,606,094
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	0.454655 /\$100	0.090820 /\$100
Total effective tax rate	0.545475 /\$100	0.090820 /\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)

### This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	726,632	164,028
+ This year's adjusted tax base	181,988,444	180,606,094
= This year's effective rate	0.399273 /\$100	0.090820 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.431214 /\$100	0.098085 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.069363 /\$100	0 /\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	0.500577 /\$100	0.098085 /\$100
This year's total rollback rate	0.598662 /\$100	

### Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Donley County adopts a 2012 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$ 0.545475 per \$100 of value, taxes would decrease compared to 2011 taxes by \$ 37,502.00.

### Schedule A — Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund:	M & O	I & S
Balance:	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

### Schedule B — 2012 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Interest & Sinking Debt	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 125,469.52
Total required for 2012 debt service			\$	\$ 125,469.52
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A			\$	\$ 0.00
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources			\$	\$ 0.00
- Excess collections last year			\$	\$ 0.00
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2012			\$	\$ 125,469.52
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 98 % of its taxes in 2012			\$	\$ 2,560.00
= Total Debt Levy			\$	\$ 128,029.52

### Schedule D — State Criminal Justice Mandate (For Counties)

The Donley County Auditor certifies that Donley County has spent \$ 140,445.85 in the previous 12 months beginning August 1, 2011, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 307 S. Sully Street, Clarendon, TX

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## 2012 Property Tax Rates in City of Clarendon

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	General Fund
Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	217,295.09
Last year's debt taxes	148,132.57
Last year's total taxes	365,427.66
Last year's tax base	56,219,640
Last year's total tax rate	0.650000 /\$100

### This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	299,851.76
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	45,830,541
= This year's effective tax rate	0.654261 /\$100

### This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	259,755
+ This year's adjusted tax base	45,830,541
= This year's effective rate	0.566772 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.612113 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.287605 /\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	0.899718 /\$100

A hospital district or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:		
- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$	0.173005 /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$	0.726713 /\$100

### Statement of Increase/Decrease

If City of Clarendon adopts a 2012 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$ 0.654261 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2011 taxes by \$ 2,326.00.

### Schedule A — Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund:	M&O	I&S
Balance:	\$ 738,570.00	\$ 1,500.00

### Schedule B — 2012 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Interest & Sinking Debt	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 132,698.00
Total required for 2012 debt service			\$	\$ 132,698.00
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A			\$	\$ 0.00
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources			\$	\$ 0.00
- Excess collections last year			\$	\$ 0.00
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2012			\$	\$ 132,698.00
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100 % of its taxes in 2012			\$	\$ 0.00
= Total Debt Levy			\$	\$ 132,698.00

### Schedule C — Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

(For hospital districts, cities and counties with additional sales tax to reduce property taxes)

In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$ 80,000.00 in additional sales and use tax revenues. For County: The county has excluded any amount that is or will be distributed for economic development grants from this amount of expected sales tax revenue.

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