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

City accepts pool bid

Clarendon will have its own water recreation park as early as next summer following action taken by the city council last Thursday, August 8.

With a unanimous vote, aldermen approved a $2.7 million bid from A&S General Contractors to construct the Clarendon Aquatics Center on the southeast corner of Fourth and Kearney.

Mayor Sandy Skelton, during the meeting, urged the council to take action on the bid calling it their "opportunity to step up as city leaders and make a bold decision." Afterwards, he applauded the council's vote.

"After four years of fundraising, I am very pleased that the City Council accepted the low bid from A&S General Contractors for the construction of Clarendon's first ever public swimming pool," Skelton said.

"I especially want to thank the anonymous benefactor who set this project in motion four years ago with a challenge grant and also thank the numerous individuals, businesses, farmers, ranchers, state agencies and foundations who stepped up with generous donations to make it all happen," the mayor continued. "Additionally, I want to express genuine appreciation to the Pool Steering Committee members who devoted a considerable amount of time and effort related to planning and fundraising."

City Administrator David Dockery also expressed his happiness with the action of the council.

"I'm extremely pleased that after these years of work by so many people, we're going to reach our goal of a water recreation facility like we've never had before," Dockery said.

As part of the vote to accept the bid, the council also committed as much as $425,000 in city funds to support the construction and help make up the shortfall between the $2.253 million raised for the project and the $2.7 million price tag. The city funds would include $75,000 in interest earned on the donation to the project and $350,000 from the city's reserves.

Cost savings with the contractor and additional donations are still being pursued by the city, which could offset some of the contribution the city would have to make.

The city also accepted the bid as it was presented, including all the previously published features of the pool and specifying poured in place concrete pool walls as opposed to gunite – or shot concrete – walls, which had been mentioned as a cost saver.

During discussion before the vote, Alderman Larry Jeffers said he was in favor of the city doing what it takes for the pool "as long as it doesn't put the city in a strain."

Dockery replied that the city – even with this commitment – is in a better shape financially than when he came to the job four years ago and that the city has proposed a tax rate 26 cents lower than the current rate.

Alderman Nathan Floyd said the city has a lot of funds in reserve but had not put anything into the pool.

"The city should have some skin in it," Floyd said.

Alderman John Lockhart, recalling statements made at the August 5 meeting of the economic development board, said it was time to act.

"If we don't do it, it won't happen in our lifetimes," Lockhart said.

Jeffers asked about other expenses that city expects to incur related to the pool construction. Dockery said the city would use about $10,000 worth of materials to extend utilities for the facility and said gravel already on hand could be used for the parking lot.

Addressing the question of paving streets, officials again noted that the donated funds were specifically given to the pool project, and Dockery said the money being contributed by the city, if used for streets, would only chip seal about eight blocks. The mayor also repeated that streets will be a priority after the current USDA water line project is completed and will be put to a vote of the people.

Alderman Jacob Fangman said he was conservative and mentioned lower interest rates for the city's investments. He also said the city would be getting close to providing one-quarter of the project with the contingency funds. Alderman Floyd was upbeat in his response.

"We're going to be here forever," Floyd said. "Sales taxes are coming in. Things are just getting better, bubba."

Dockery said this week that city officials are working to set ground breaking in September and hope to have the facility open for next summer.

Roadwork begins downtown on 287

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) on Tuesday began the first phase of a project on US 287 in Clarendon just on the east end of the existing concrete pavement near Gorst Street.

According to Childress Area Engineer Matt Herbstritt, the work will include new concrete pavement along a 200-foot stretch of roadway.

Construction on this project is expected to be completed in mid-October.

Motorists are reminded to use caution in work zones, avoid all distractions and follow posted speed limits.

City sales tax rises for month of August

Clarendon's sales tax revenue was up for the month of August when Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar made allocations to local governments last week.

City Hall saw its allocation go up by 2.25 percent compared to a year ago for a monthly figure of $40,732.07. That brings the city's calendar year-to-date sales tax revenue up to $284,709.30, which is 2.17 percent higher than at this same point in 2018.

Howardwick's sales tax revenue was also up by 2.68 percent with an August allocation of $913.18 and a year-to-date total up 12.29 percent at $9,268.36.

Hedley was down for the month by 42.59 percent at $1,111.12. That brings Hedley down 20.11 percent for the year at $7,137.21.

Statewide, Hegar sent $876.8 million in local sales tax allocations for August, 4.0 percent more than in August 2018. 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.

Tickets on sale now for Mulkey concerts

Tickets are now on sale for two live performances at the Mulkey Theatre planned for August, featuring Insufficient Funds, and September, featuring Red Steagall.

"Peace, Love, Rock & Roll – Clarendon" will mark the 50th anniversary of Woodstock on Friday, August 30, at 7 p.m. The concert will feature the popular Amarillo band Insufficient Funds.

General admission for the August 30 concert is $20 per person. VIP tickets are available for $40 each.

In conjunction with the 25th annual Col. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff, the Mulkey and the Saints' Roost Museum will present Red Steagall in two performances Saturday, September 28, at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Tickets for the Steagall concert are $50 eachTickets for both concerts can also be purchased at the Visitor Center or online at MulkeyTheatre.com.

School days

Stacie and Jacob Murillo fill out paperwork during registration at Clarendon ISD last Monday night. Classes begin this Thursday, August 15, in both Clarendon and Hedley.

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City extends Dockery's contract

The Clarendon City Council unanimously extended the contract of City Administrator David Dockery during their regular meeting August 8.

Following an evaluation in closed session, the council reconvened in open session where Mayor Sandy Skelton announced that Dockery had received a perfect score on his evaluation.

The council then voted unanimously to extend his contract to 2021 and give him a four percent raise.

In other city business, the also met in closed session regarding real estate and later in open session authorized an offer on property at 313 S. Sully, the former law office building of Bill Lowe.

The council also approved purchasing a tractor for the public works department.

In his administrator's report, Dockery said that Grett Betts is now fully licenses as both the animal control officer and the code enforcement authority; announced that the USDA water line project on Fifth Street would not be complete before school starts but said all excavation points would be filled by August 14; and informed the council that the city is looking for a new IT management firm.

TxDOT offers tips to help keep schoolchildren safe

AUSTIN – As millions of Texas children return to school this month, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) reminds motorists and parents to take precautions to prevent traffic crashes and injuries in and around school buses.

Last year, there were 765 traffic crashes in Texas school zones, resulting in 1 death and 15 serious injuries. The most common causes for these crashes were failure to control speed, driver inattention, and failure to yield the right of way, when turning left to a private drive or at a stop sign.

In addition, last year there were 2,357 traffic crashes involving school buses in Texas, which resulted in 5 fatalities and 42 serious injuries. Speed and driver inattention also were the top factors in those crashes.

TxDOT offers the following back-to-school tips for drivers and students.

Tips for Children Walking or Biking to School: Always walk on sidewalks whenever they're available. Cross the street at intersections or marked crosswalks. Look left, right and left again before proceeding. Always obey crossing guards. Make eye contact with drivers before crossing the street. Never assume a driver sees you. Look for traffic when stepping off a bus or from behind parked cars. Always wear a helmet when riding a bicycle. Don't be distracted by electronic devices that take your eyes and ears off the road. Follow all traffic rules, signs and signals.

Tips for Drivers Sharing the Road with School Buses: Never tailgate. Follow at a safe distance, keeping in mind that school buses make frequent stops. Stop for flashing red lights or a stop sign on a school bus, regardless of which direction you're headed. Continue your trip once the bus has moved, the flashing lights stop flashing or the bus driver signals it's okay to pass. Violations can lead to a fine of up to $1,250 for a first offense.

Tips for Driving in School Zones: Stay alert and put your phone away. Using a handheld electronic device while driving in an active school zone is against the law. Always obey school zone speed limit signs. Remember, traffic fines usually double in school zones. Drop off and pick up your children in your school's designated areas, not the middle of the street. Keep an eye on children gathered at bus stops. Watch for children who might dart across the street or between vehicles.

TxDOT urges drivers to slow down, pay attention and follow all traffic laws to keep children safe and avoid costly fines and tickets.

Jury says speeder is guilty

A Donley County Jury returned a guilty verdict Tuesday in the case of a man who argued that the state's speed limit did not apply to him.

The jury of five men and one woman deliberated for less than ten minutes before making its ruling against Caleb Nathaniel Hudson of Ashtola.

Prosecutors said Hudson was given a citation for speeding on December 20 near Mile Marker 166 on US 287 west of Clarendon. The accused subsequently was given a jury trial in the court of Justice of the Peace Pam Mason, but he objected at that time and said he wanted to have a trial "on the record." That court appearance resulted in a contempt charge against Hudson with a $50 fine and a short stay in the county jail.

At a pre-trial hearing before County Judge John Howard in June, Hudson referred to himself as a "free man," asked for his rights under the "laws of the Republic," and said the state's traffic laws in terms of speeding did not apply to him. He also claimed he wasn't "driving," he was "traveling," and "the Constitution guarantees my right to travel."

In Tuesday's trial, Trooper Chase Overbeeke was the only witness called to testify. Hudson, representing himself, attempted to draw the trooper into a discussion about several topics, specifically the superiority of the US Constitution over state laws. Judge Howard repeatedly limited Hudson's questioning of the trooper to matters of fact regarding the events on December 20.

"The witness' opinion of the Constitution is irrelevant," Howard ruled and tried to keep Hudson focused on the facts of the case.

"I'm doing my best, and I'm doing it for America," Hudson responded.

After several attempts to bring up questions of law, thwarted by Judge Howard, Hudson asked the trooper about how fast the defendant was going at the time.

"He was traveling at 94 miles per hour," the trooper replied. Hudson then inquired as to how fast the trooper had driven to catch the defendant.

"Over 100 miles per hour," Overbeeke said, prompting Hudson to claim the trooper had then broken the law and leading Judge Howard to again shut down his statements.

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Thoughts on the El Paso Shooting

By Michael D. Tanner

A few thoughts in the wake of the horrendous white-supremacist terrorist attack in El Paso:

We should never forget that the purpose of terrorism is to terrorize. To the degree that we succumb to fear, that we alter our lives, or that we give up our freedoms, the terrorists win. It is not to diminish the horror of such events to recognize that we remain remarkably safe in this country. Your chances of being murdered by a terrorist of any kind remain smaller than your chances of drowning in a bathtub. We should not stop going to stores, eating at restaurants, having a drink in bars, or otherwise living our lives.

In the wake of 9/11, we allowed fear to lead us into a host of measures that threatened our civil liberties. Muslims and Muslim Americans were obviously the most likely to be targeted, but all Americans were caught up in increased surveillance and other law-enforcement measures. Recall that the Patriot Act passed by a margin of 91-1. Now we see similar knee-jerk calls for the government to "do something." Already there have been calls to regulate the Internet, ban video games, curtail free speech, and generally increase police powers. Gun-control advocates ratchet up their proposals with little regard for practicality or empirical evidence. And that doesn't even include bizarre proposals like Sean Hannity's call for transforming America into a virtual armed camp, with paramilitary forces surrounding schools, stores, and other locations. But as Benjamin Franklin once warned, "Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

None of this is to diminish the threat from nor the noxiousness of white supremacy. Nor is it a call for inaction. Certainly, there are things that the government can and should do. It is long past time to take violence from white supremacists as seriously as we do the threat from Islamic extremists. There may even be gun-control measures that can make us safer without infringing on our rights to self-defense or legitimate gun ownership. But whatever we do should be thoughtful and with full consideration of possible unintended consequences. Among other things, that means acting through the regular legislative process. Executive actions or hastily convened legislative sessions are invitations to abuse.

A thoughtful decision needs to be based on data, not emotion. But that data is hard to come by, often biased, and subject to varying interpretations. To cite one example, President Trump stated that the rate of mass shootings has remained constant throughout the years. This is true if your definition of a mass shooting is just all homicides with more than four people. However, a stricter definition of mass shooting will show a sharp rise. Similarly, there is no agreement on the definition of terrorism or assault rifle. One thing that all sides should agree on is the need for better information.

Perhaps the most important things we can do don't involve the government. For instance, we can police our own speech and behavior. We can all be more civil with one another. Political disagreements are not "treason." It is not political correctness to avoid personal insults or to show sensitivity, especially when discussing difficult issues such as race. And when we encounter racism or other forms of bigotry, it is incumbent on us to speak out, denounce it, and shun those who perpetuate it.

And, yes, this is particularly important for our political leaders. President Trump is not responsible for the actions of the El Paso gunman, but it is clear the president's rhetoric has contributed to the toxic stew in which the gunman's sick beliefs festered.

We have experienced a terrible tragedy. We must be careful not to let fear (and grief and anger) drive us to rashness. That would be too much the victory for the terrorists.

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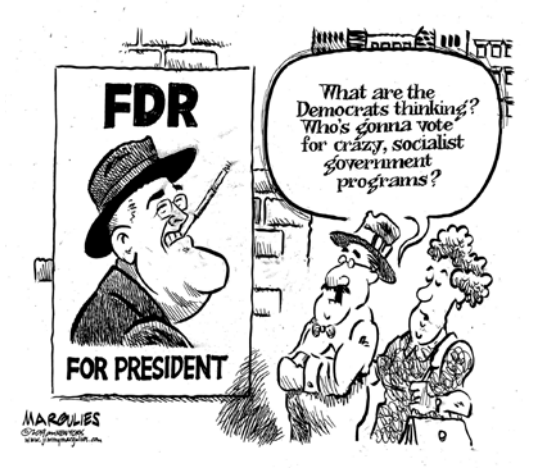

Trouble with 'Sweet Chariot' stocks

the idle american
by don newbury

A casual statement made by my Uncle Mort at his 107th birthday party recently may go a long way in explaining why he continues his relentless pursuit of get-rich-quick inventions.

He said he suffered a monumental financial blow – a borderline "gut punch" – from Wall Street.

Mort rues the long-ago day he put all of his available cash in what he described as "Sweet Chariot Stocks." Huh? "Hours after I bought 'em," he claimed, "they swung low."…

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He's been hearing quite a bit about a Russia-based company that has introduced a computer download called "FaceApp." It uses artificial intelligence in processing photos to make persons in photographs look much older.

"Many Americans don't trust the Ruskies enough to share their photographs," Mort said. "I'm working on a new invention which will allow folks to use it without fear of compromise."

He says his invention goes beyond the technique called "Photoshop" introduced several years ago….

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His new invention is intended to be helpful for pictures used in obituaries.

"Many widows and widowers like to run photographs of their deceased mates that probably were made in the last century," he said. "My invention will be in great demand when searches for truly old pictures are futile."

Mort won't reveal much about the process – only that it involves a mixture of gasoline and vinegar, and a low-voltage current from batteries. "The current isn't strong enough to coax a butterfly from a bluebonnet," Mort said. "And when the juice is really cut back, it can change the photo of a 90-year-old to a baby picture, maybe still in the arms of the delivering physician." He says he's going to call his new invention "Photoshock."…

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The old-timer has taken note that beginning this fall, members of Texas high school bands must pass physical examinations, a long-time requirement for sports participation.

He thinks it's about time, and that Johnson and Johnson, which manufactures BAND-AIDS, should get into the liquid refreshment business, directing it straight at the music-makers.

They could call it "BAND-ADE"—the kind that doesn't have to be wrapped, stuck on or peeled off.…

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Uncle Mort provided me with significant embarrassment at his party. My face reddened when he called my name, since I was one of dozens of nephews, not to mention countless other great-nephews and great-great nephews. He says "great-great-greats" are likely.)

"There's nothing I wouldn't do for Don, and nothing he wouldn't do for me," Mort said, his voice thundering. Pausing, he then offered the rejoinder: "Consequently, we do little for each other."

'Nuf said….

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This is the time of year that educators make good on their promises made last May.

They are the main reasons the National Day of Prayer is calendared each year in May. Frenzied by a school year that has included additional responsibilities, frustrations and tough duty, they're pretty much in prayer all month long. Each is praying, "Oh, God, if You'll just get me through this month, I'll come back to work refreshed in August."

Now, it's August again….

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A new kindergarten teacher, with the daunting challenge to keep 25 youngsters busy, came up with a new description of her daily duties. "It's like trying to keep fishing bobbers under water at the same time," she claimed. She remembers one day when she urged a student to get down to work. The youngster mournfully looked up at her, saying, "You do know I didn't sign up for this. My dad did it."

Then there was the fifth-grader – greatly lacking in self-confidence – who feared taking home his report card, since it revealed an "F" grade in one subject. He dared to improve it, changing it to an "F+."…

Welcome back, all ye daring to respond to the noble call to educate. May your kind increase, and may your prayers, preparation, presentation and efforts sustain you throughout the year. And remember, May is only nine months away….

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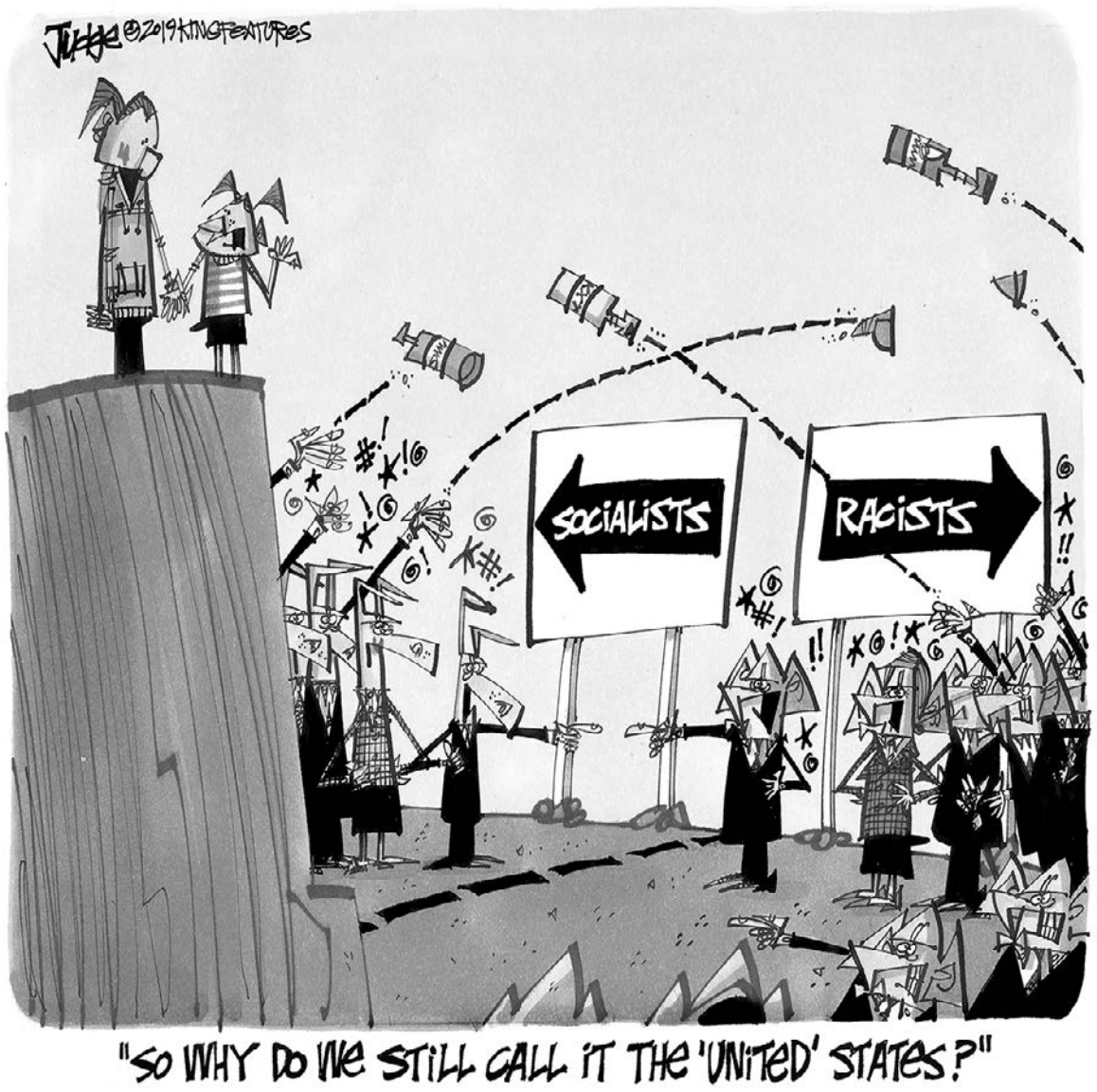
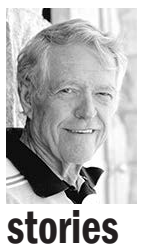


A wide swing through East Texas



stories of texas
by tumbleweed smith

Usually on an interview trip I'm gone about three days. This time I took an entire week, and it proved worthwhile. I came home with 30 interviews, and they were all stellar. The trip started in Milford near Waxahachie where I interviewed Cliff Yeary, a colorful blacksmith who lost an eye to an arrow and sometimes works in kilts. His ancestors were from Scotland. Then I went to Corsicana and recorded a choir at the Texas Southern Gospel Music School that meets two weeks every summer at Navarro College. Then I got serious about East Texas.

At Marshall I interviewed Tim Huff about the famous Fire Ant Festival and the Christmas Wonderland of Lights. At the spectacular Harrison County Courthouse, Janet Cook regaled me with all kind of information about the birthplace of Boogie Woogie, the fact that Missouri chose Marshall as its provisional capital during the Civil War and other fascinating stories from Marshall's history. I heard about early homes, a greenhouse that grows beetles to take care of an invasive plant on Caddo Lake and visited Bear Creek, an impressive smokehouse and event center that has been in the same family for 76 years.

At Henderson I heard about sacred harp singing from Dave Rousseau (the voice is called a harp) and about playing dulcimer from his wife Sherry. Two different people told me about the city's syrup festival and the first Dairy Queen in Texas. Others related historical facts about Henderson. James Holmes, an attorney, is convinced the Civil War started in Henderson, and he explained why he believes that.

In Palestine, I interviewed Jean Mollard who owns the Redlands Hotel. It was built in 1914, stayed open 40 years or so and started to decay. Jean and her husband Norman, a Naval Flying Ace who was raised in Palestine, restored the old hotel and made it a destination. At Jacksonville, I visited Texas Senator Robert Nichols, who has an armload of honors including his 160 patents for hospital supplies. At Rusk, I had the privilege of interviewing Mark and Angela Raiborn who own Birmingham Forest Golf Course. Angela is also the mayor of Rusk. They're a fabulous couple.

I went to Captain Ron's Swamp Tours and took a ride on a pontoon boat to some of the most intriguing and mysterious sights on Caddo Lake. I saw tall cypress trees and a variety of wildlife. After that, I went to Jefferson and interviewed Anna and Cliff Bode who own the General Store. It has 100 types of root beers and cream sodas.

In Carthage, I heard about guitar building from Ben Hudson and guitar playing and singing from Garth LaGrone. Former state historian Bill O'Neal talked about his latest book on Billy Dixon's long shot at Adobe Walls. Former sheriff Jack Ellett related events leading up to the movie Bernie. Carroll Langham of Grapeland had story after story about cowboy life. In Crockett I visited Scott McCall who writes children's books featuring Ted The Friendly Frog. Carole Martin told me about selling coonskin caps in her drug store, Davy Crockett Drug on the Crockett Square. What a trip!

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The Grand Tour

Pawel Ganski, now of Australia but originally of Warsaw, Poland, stopped in Clarendon last Wednesday, August 7, during a long bicycle ride across North America. Ganski started his journey in Vancover and headed south to Los Angeles before taking Route 66 to Amarillo. He overnighted in Clarendon on his way to Dallas, and from there he planned to journey south before going east to Florida and then up the eastern seaboard to New York. Ganski enjoys long bicycle treks around the world and has logged 32,000 miles on his bicycle.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ELAINA ESTLACK

Guilty: Laws to apply to speeder

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"I feel I'm being steamrolled," the defendant said.

"I'm sorry you feel that way," Howard replied.

Later in a statement to the jury, Hudson argued that he has a constitutional right to travel without restriction.

"I've tried to dig in and get these truths exposed and been shut off," he said. "Where there is no victim, there is no crime."

Lambert argued that the laws apply to everyone equally and asked the jury to reaffirm that someone cannot drive through Donley County at 94 miles per hour.

Following the guilty verdict, the court imposed a fine of $225 against Hudson plus $288 in court costs and jury fees. Hudson indicated in court his intention to appeal the verdict, but Judge Howard reported later Tuesday afternoon he did not believe Hudson was going to pursue that avenue.

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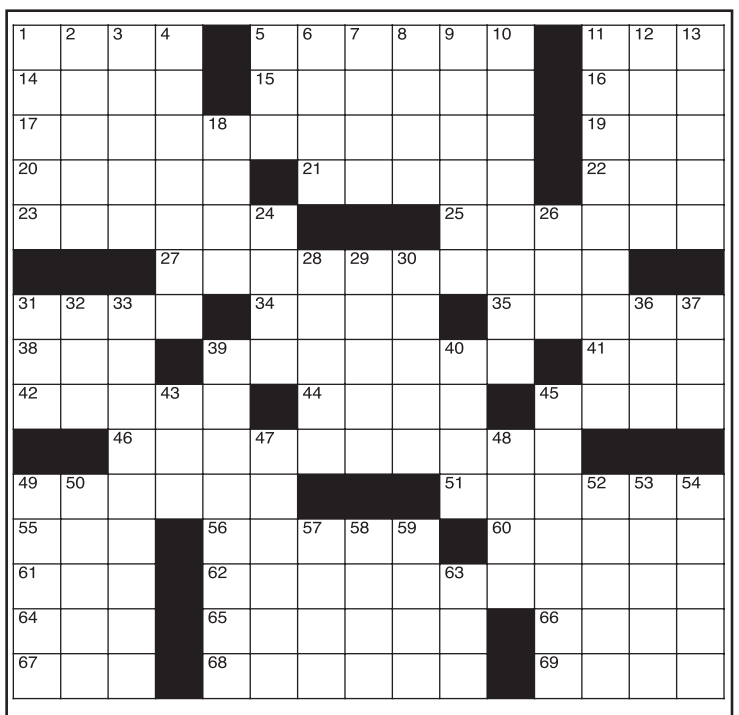

CLUES ACROSS

1. Scottish tax
5. Filled with horror
11. Type of music
14. Variety act
15. Half-conscious state
16. Discontinued European money
17. Formal declaration
19. Shaft horsepower (abbr.)
20. A way to express concentration
21. Airline
22. Goes well with a carrot
23. Length of pant leg
25. Mark with a cut
27. One who destroys completely
31. Greek sophist
34. Thomas Hobbes's "De __"
35. Copyreads
38. Talk
39. Endangered
41. Snag
42. Comedienne Tyler
44. Castrate a male animal
45. Taj Mahal site
46. Tending to concede
49. One who accepts
51. Albanian capital
55. Takes kids to school
56. About Moon
60. __ Seamounts: underwater volcanoes
61. __ Lilly, drug company
62. Not working
64. Alaska nursing board
65. Howl
66. Muslim ruler title
67. Famed arena
68. Back again for more food
69. Cheek

CLUES DOWN

1. Raccoonlike animal
2. Small
3. Separates
4. Parties
5. Automated teller machine
6. One who earned his degree
7. Dislike
8. Flowering plant
9. Nova __, province
10. Inhabited
11. Breathing
12. Partner to pains
13. Immature insects
18. The back
24. Heavy club
26. Edible fish
28. Lament for the dead
29. Woody climbing plants
30. Small rooms for prisoners
31. Ottoman military commander
32. "The Crow" actress Ling
33. A way of lopping off
36. Cigarette (slang)
37. Helps little firms
39. Member of small discussion group
40. Copyread
43. V-shaped open trough
45. Pokes holes in
47. Beloved "Captain"
48. Resume
49. On a line at right angles
50. Light up lamps
52. Part of the psyche
53. Leeward Island
54. 1960s counterculture activist
57. Edible seaweed
58. Imitator
59. Look at and comprehend
63. Root mean square (abbr.

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Community Calendar

August 15
Clarendon • Back to School

August 15
Hedley • Back to School

August 17
Broncos v Shamrock • scrimmage • 5:00 p.m. • Home

August 17
Owls v Groom • scrimmage • TBA • Away

August 21
Community Kidz • Community Fellowship Church • 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

August 23
Broncos v Sunray • scrimmage • 5:00 p.m. • Away

August 23
Owls v Miami • scrimmage • TBA • Away

August 27
Clarendon College Fall Classes Start

August 30
Pease, Love, and Rock & Roll • Mulkey Theatre • Tickets available at 874-2421

September 2
Labor Day

September 7 & 8
Whistle-Stop Trade Days

September 28
Col. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff • Saints' Roost Museum Grounds • Gates open at 10 a.m. • Meal served at 1:00

September 28
Red Steagall Concert • Mulkey Theatre • Shows at 5 p.m. & 7 p.m. • Tickets available at 874-2421

Menus

August 19 - 23
Donley County Senior Citizens

Mon: Hot dog on a bun, French fries, coleslaw, chocolate cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Riblets, wheat bread, potato salad, salad, fruit bowl, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Beef stew, cornbread, carrot sticks, chocolate pudding, iced tea/2% milk.
Thu: Chicken fried chicken, mashed potatoes, California mix vegetables, whole wheat roll, lemon cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Taco pie w/salad, topping, pinto beans, chuckwagon corn, tortilla, cookies, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: /creamy mushroom steak, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, whole wheat roll, margarine, Emerald pears, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Herb roast chicken, potato wedges, whole wheat roll, margarine, peas & carrots, strawberries & whipped topping, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Glazed meatloaf, red bliss potatoes, breadstick, mixed vegetables, country apple crisp, iced tea/2% milk.
Thu: Turkey pot pie, whole wheat roll, margarine, seasoned corn, tossed salad w/dressing, ambrosia, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Chicken salad sandwich, tomato, lettuce, & pickles, carrot stick, watermelon, iced tea/2% milk.

Clarendon ISD

Breakfast
Mon: Pancakes, ham, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Tues: Cereal, toast, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Wed: Chicken biscuit, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Thu: Breakfast strudel, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Fri: Breakfast burrito, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Steak finders, gravy, fries, roll, strawberries, milk.
Tues: Tex-mex stack, beans, salad, cinnamon apples, milk.
Wed: Cheesy bread sticks, mixed veggies, salad, peaches, dessert, milk.
Thurs: Country pot pie, veggie cup, snowball salad, milk.
Fri: Pork chop, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, apple, milk.

Hedley ISD

Breakfast
Mon: Pancakes, bacon, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Tues: Cheesy toast, sausage patty, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Wed: Sausage pizza, yogurt, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Thu: Strudel, bacon, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Fri: Burrito, hash browns, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Hamburger, vegetable garnish, seasoned fries, strawberries, milk.
Tues: Nachos, beans, salad, apple slices, sherbet, milk.
Wed: Chicken sandwich, smiles, carrot coins, pears, milk.
Thurs: Hamburger steak, roasted potatoes, gravy, okra, orange, milk.
Fri: Fish sticks, mac n cheese, green beans, apple slices, milk.

Time to start acting like Christians

'wick picks
by peggy cockerham
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I love my little community – friendly neighbors, the wildlife, peace and quiet except the birds and locusts, the park and City Hall. I feel safe. Then you begin noticing thing – security cameras, the doors at church lock when Bro. Jim Fox stops waving at cars and enters the church to begin his sermon. How safe am I?

If I had been shopping for school supplies for my children Saturday morning at the Walmart in El Paso, the only thing I would have been concerned about was the heat. A young 21-year-old man traveled over 600 miles from his home in Allen, Texas, to El Paso to open fire in the parking lot leaving at least 22 dead and numerous wounded. Why? Why did a young 24-year-old male, wearing a mask, Kevlar vest and ear protection, open fire in an area of Dayton, Ohio, where people were having fun, killing nine and wounding numerous others. What is happening to our world? At first thought I go to 9-11 and think "that is when our world changed" but was it really?

Most of my readers know I was raised during WWII when patriotism was at its height. Everyone wanted the war to end and "our boys" to come home. By 1946, the big war machine of America had turned to commercial goods with people now able to buy a new car, refrigerator, or even one of those GI houses. Families grew, they left the farms, went to college, began neglecting church, everyone had more freedom.

Following a lawsuit against the state of New York in 1962, the Supreme Court ruled it was unconstitutional for official sponsored prayers to be held in public schools. The suit brought against the school districts in Baltimore by Madelyn Murray O'Hair reached the Supreme Court in 1963 and was ruled unconstitutional to have official Bible readings in public schools. Now, we have more freedom and less God in our lives.

Then came the hate that divided the country over Vietnam, the younger generation showing their freedom at Woodstock, in hippie communes. They discovered marijuana, cocaine, and heroin. They were hip, the older generation were stupid, and who was God?

Then came the assault on America 9-11-2001. One of my most vivid memory of that day was the congressional delegation that remained in Washington, DC, standing on the steps of the White House singing, God Bless America. It will soon be the 18th anniversary of that memorable date, and once more our country is divided. This time there is danger on our soil, on our streets, in schools and churches, once held sacred.

As we look at what is happening and wonder how to "fix" it, the obvious answer to a Christian is, bring God back. Life is not always that simple; but if each Christian reached out and became a friend to someone in need, without judgement, think what a difference our country could become. The problems cannot be cured by legislation, a grass-roots movement is needed, one person at a time.

School begins August 15, watch for our little excited people, especially around the school bus. God bless our teachers, bus drivers, and all others involved in our school system. Keep them in your prayers.

Gage Kidd, Matthew Newhouse, Ella Estlack, and Ben Estlack check out last week's Enterprise hot off the presses.

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Cousins visit the press

the cub reporter
by benjamin estlack

Last week, my little cousin Gage got to come and spend the night. On the first day, he was here, we got to go up in the treehouse, and I got to show gage the new hammocks I put under the tree house. Then we just sat in the hammocks and talked for like half an hour.

The next day my Aunt Anndy brought Gage and Matthew to town so we could go to the printers in Shamrock so we could see the newspaper being printed. That night I got to go and spend the night with them at my aunt's house, and we got to play a big Nerf war for the entire day. It was fun, and I would like to do it again.

I would like to just give a quick shout out to the preacher at the First Presbyterian Church, Nancy Ruff. A week ago my cousin Daniel and I went on a bike ride, and we stopped by Stocking's Ice Cream Parlor to get a milkshake. She bought our ice cream, and we thought that was nice. So just thank you if you're reading this.

Kristy Balogh registers her daughter, Anna Balogh, during registration last week at Clarendon ISD.

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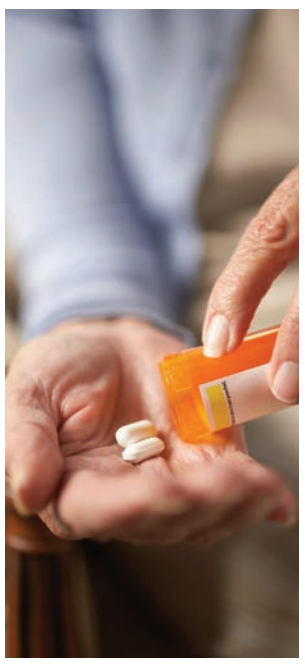

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New staff

Clarendon ISD welcomed new personnel during in-service last week. New school employees this year include (back) Josh Lowrance (CJH paraprofessional), Yancy Molloy (CHS social studies/coach), Mel Evans (Band director), (front) Christi Benson (CJH special education teacher), Kilee Molloy (3rd grade teacher), Trevela Dronzek-Gaines (Kindergarten teacher), Chrislyn Farris (CJH special education paraprofessional), Meranda Graves (CJH math teacher), Miranda Thomas (Headstart paraprofessional), and Patti Evans (CHS paraprofessional)

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Obituaries

Collins

Betty Ruth Braddock Collins, 89, of Amarillo died Sunday, August 11, 2019, in Amarillo.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 13, 2019, in the Robertson Saints' Roost Chapel in Clarendon with Rev. Bobby Ellerbrook, officiating. Burial will follow at Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon.

Arrangements are under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Betty was born on August 25, 1929, in Hopewell, Texas to Tommy Brince and Carrie Gladys Hargrove Gambill. She was raised in Paris, Texas, before moving to Clarendon, where she lived most of her life and was a member of the Assembly of God Church. She was very active in the church's women's ministry. She was a Cub Scout den mother. She enjoyed quilting and going to garage sales. She loved her family, especially her grandchildren. She worked most of her life in the hospitality industry, but her most important job was raising six children.

Collins

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Joe Collins in 2011; one son Ronnie Braddock; one daughter Sandra Braddock; and several brothers and sisters.

Survivors include four sons Jim Braddock and wife Sharon of Clarendon, Roy Braddock of Amarillo, Paul Braddock and wife Alvina of Amarillo, and Terry Braddock and wife Suzanne of Amarillo; one daughter Ramona Byrd and husband Jerry of Florida; 19 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family would like to give a special thanks to the staff at the Jan Werner Care Center for taking such amazing care of Betty.

In lieu of flowers the family asks donations be sent to the Jan Werner Care Center at 3108 S. Fillmore, Amarillo, Texas 79110. Sign the guest book at RobertsonFuneral.com

Sheriff's Report

August 5, 2019

10:19 a.m. - Report of suspicious person 600 block W 2nd

1429-Welfare check 600 Block S Johns

4:01 p.m. - Welfare Check Howardwick

8:46 p.m. - loose livestock Hwy 287 west of Rest Area

August 6, 2019

9:38 a.m. - Welfare check 100 Block Lubbock Lane

10:44 a.m. - EMS assist 300 block Rosenfield

6:23 p.m. -EMS assist in Armstrong County

9:10 p.m. - units paged grass fire East of Hedley

9:18 p.m. - to jail one in custody

10:49 p.m. - Loose livestock Hwy 70 S and Co Rd U

August 7, 2019

6:29 a.m. - Requesting Trooper - Vehicle V. Deer

3:10 p.m. - Units paged grass fire 1260 N and Co Rd 0

3:25 p.m. - Units paged grass fire Hwy 273

August 8, 2019

12:58 a.m. - See caller 200 Block Chamberlain Drive

6:06 a.m. - To jail one in custody

11:12 a.m. - EMS assist mutual aid w/Hall County

12:28 a.m. - EMS assist 800 block S Carhart

1:08 p.m. - EMS assist 800 block S Carhart

4:21 p.m. - Units paged grass fire 1260 N and Co Rd 0

8:19 p.m. - Loose livestock 70 S and Co Rd T

11:20 p.m. - See caller 800 Block E Barcus

August 9, 2019

1:07 a.m. - See caller 800 block S Johns

8:17 a.m. - EMS assist 700 Block S Mclean

10:18 a.m. - EMS assist 700 Block S Mclean

10:19 a.m. - Units paged semi smoking Kearney and 287

12:52 p.m. - EMS assist 600 block W 2nd

6:44 p.m. - Units paged one vehicle accident 287 E of 1260

8:19 p.m. - Units paged vehicle accident Hwy 70 N

9:15 p.m. - Report of possible break in 1400 block W 8th

August 10, 2019

9:44 a.m. - Civil Process W 3rd

12:05 p.m. - Units paged burr fire Lelia Lake

2:03 p.m. - See Caller Medical Center Drive

August 11, 2019

11:59 a.m. - See Caller Greenbelt Way

13:11 p.m. - Report of snake under porch 600 Block N Johnson-Hedley

8:02 p.m. - EMS assist 300 Block Adamson

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214 S. KEARNEY • PASTORS: BUNK & AMY SKELTON
SUN. SERVICE: 10:30 A.M. • THURS. BIBLE STUDY: 7 P.M.

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SUN. SCHOOL: 10 A.M. • SUN. SERVICE: 11 A.M.
SUN. EVENING: 7 P.M. • WED.: 7 P.M.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
300 S. CARHART • 874-2495 • MINISTER: CHRIS MOORE
SUN. BIBLE CLASS 9:30 A.M. • SUN. SERVICE: 10:30 A.M.
SUN. 6 P.M. • WED.: 7 P.M.

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• WED.: 7 P.M.

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YOUTH STUDY: WED. 7 P.M.
COLLEGE MINISTRY: WED. 9 P.M.

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WED.: 7 P.M.

HEDLEY

CHURCH OF CHRIST
110 E. SECOND ST. • MINISTER: STEWART MESSER
SUN. BIBLE CLASS: 10 A.M. • SUN. SERVICE: 11 A.M.
SUN. EVENING: 6 P.M. • WED.: 7:30 P.M.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
200 N. MAIN ST. • PASTOR: STAN CROSBY
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210 N. MAIN ST. • 856-5980 • PASTOR: BRUCE HOWARD
SUN. SCHOOL: 10 A.M. • SUN.: 11 A.M. & 6 P.M.
WED.: 7 P.M.

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All you need to know about Texas gun laws

By Riane Roldan, The Texas Tribune and Alain Stephens, The Trace

As the nation reels from mass shootings in California, Texas and Ohio, many lawmakers and politicians find themselves navigating familiar territory in the latest national debate on gun control.

In Texas, there aren't currently any laws banning the possession or the purchase of weapons like the AK-47 the shooter used to kill 22 people and injure dozens more. And during the last legislative session, lawmakers expanded the bandwidth of some gun laws. One new law will allow handgun owners to carry concealed firearms without a license in the case of a disaster evacuation. Another removes the cap on how many school marshals can carry guns on public school campuses. But other lawmakers are calling for tighter gun control in the state, including State Rep. Roland Gutierrez, D-San Antonio, who on Monday sent a letter to Gov. Greg Abbott Sunday requesting an emergency special session to address gun violence.

As lawmakers are poised to revisit gun issues, here's a look at the basics tenets —and the latest changes — in Texas gun laws.

What types of weapons can you legally purchase or own in Texas?

Under Texas law, most types of weapons can be purchased and possessed with few exceptions. Under federal law, and reiterated in Texas criminal code, rifles with a barrel length of less than 16 inches and shotguns with a barrel length of less than 18 inches are generally prohibited. Exceptions are made to such weapons, as well as machine guns and silencers, if the purchaser registers the weapon with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and pays a $200 tax.

In Texas, you must be at least 18 years of age to buy a rifle, and at least 21 years of age to buy a handgun from a licensed dealer. Under federal law, its is generally illegal for someone younger than 18 to possess a handgun outside of certain situations such as defending oneself against an intruder or for hunting.

Between 2013 and 2017, the most recent five years for which data is available, average yearly gun sales increased by 101 percent compared to earlier yearly averages between 2000 and 2004, according to data from Small Arms Analytics.

What are the laws on purchasing firearms?

Texas law, mirroring federal regulations, prohibits certain groups of people from purchasing or possessing firearms, including felons and people convicted of domestic violence misdemeanors. But the website of the Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence, a gun control advocacy group, says there are "notable gaps" in the law prohibiting perpetrators of domestic violence from purchasing handguns, chiefly because it doesn't apply to people convicted of assaults against a current or former dating partner unless the defendant has been married or lived with the victim, for example.

Federal law requires licensed dealers to conduct a background check through the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, or NICS, prior to the sale of a firearm. In Texas, if the firearm purchaser already has a license to carry a concealed handgun from the state, dealers don't have to conduct a background check.

Texas, like Arizona, Oklahoma, and other states, doesn't require background checks for private sales, like purchases among individuals or some guns sold at gun shows. It also doesn't limit purchases of multiple firearms or large capacity ammunition magazines.

What are the laws on carrying firearms?

Licenses for carrying a handgun in public are administered at the state level by the Texas Department of Public Safety. Texas is a "shall issue" state, which means that as long as an applicant meets the basic requirements for purchasing a handgun — like being 21 — local law enforcement has to furnish a license to carry. This differs from "may issue" states, where law enforcement has the discretion to deny an applicant, even if they meet all of the requirements.

Applications for a Texas license to carry a handgun are available online and require prospective carriers to submit fingerprints, complete four to six hours of training, pass a written exam and pass a shooting proficiency test.

In 2015, Gov. Greg Abbott signed legislation allowing Texans with licenses to openly carry their handguns, as long as those weapons are in a hip or shoulder holster. The law still bans guns in certain places like schools, polling places, courtrooms and secure airport areas.

Texas does not require a license to openly carry a rifle in public.

Also in 2015, Abbott signed a campus carry law, which requires the state's public universities and colleges to allow handguns on campus buildings and in dorms. In 2016, the law became the subject of a lawsuit when University of Texas at Austin professors claimed that allowing licensed gun-owners to carry concealed weapons into public university buildings would have a "chilling effect" on free speech. The lawsuit was thrown out by a federal district judge in July 2017, and in 2018 the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld Texas' campus carry law.

Over the years the number of Texans with a license to carry has surged. In 2000 there were roughly 215,000 active licenses in the state. By 2018 that number had swelled to well over a million, according to data from the Texas Department of Public Safety.

What recent changes have there been to Texas gun laws?

Lawmakers passed nine gun-related laws last legislative session, according to the Texas State Law Library, several of which loosen restrictions on carrying guns in public.

Starting Sept. 1, landlords won't be able to prevent tenants or their guests from carrying a firearm. Licensed gun owners will also be allowed to carry handguns in churches, synagogues, and other places of worship, all places where it has been illegal to carry if those entities provided oral or written notice prohibiting firearms on their property. And in the wake of the Santa Fe shooting, Abbott signed the bill that abolishes the cap on how many school marshals can carry guns at public schools.

Another bill, also going into law on Sept. 1, allows gun owners to carry their concealed firearms without a license for up to 48 hours when leaving an area due to a mandatory evacuation order. Supporters of the bill said that Texans should have the ability to take their firearms with them in the case of a disaster without fearing that they're breaking the law or being forced to leave the firearms behind. The bill was filed after gun rights groups said Texans couldn't arm themselves when Hurricane Harvey hit the Gulf Coast in 2017, according to the Dallas Morning News.

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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The **Clarendon College District** will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by **7.99%** percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax rate calculated under Tax Code Chapter 26). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on Thursday, August 22, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. at the Bairfield Activity Center VIP Room.

The second public hearing will be held on Thursday, August 29, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. at the Bairfield Activity Center VIP Room.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: Tommy Waldrop, Dr. Bill Sansing, Ruth Robinson, Susie Shields, Darlene Spier, and Jerry Woodard.
AGAINST: None.
PRESENT: Tommy Waldrop, Dr. Bill Sansing, Ruth Robinson, Susie Shields, Darlene Spier, and Jerry Woodard.
ABSENT: Lon Adams and Edwin Campbell.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in **Donley County** last year was **$34,750**. Based on last year's tax rate of **$.251149** per $100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was **$87.27.**

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in **Donley County** this year is **$44,930**. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of **$.21918** per $100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be **$98.48.**

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of **$.2366** per $100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be **$106.30**.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON DONLEY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The Donley Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2020 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on August 26 , 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the office of the Donley Appraisal District at 304 S Kearney, Clarendon, Texas.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

- The total amount of the proposed budget is $ 272,485.
- The total amount of increase/decrease from the current year's budget is $0.
- The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget is 2.
- The number of employees compensated under the current budget is 2.

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office located at 304 South Kearney St. The phone number of the Donley Appraisal District is (806) 874-2744.

Panhandle PBS newsmagazine returning for season two

Panhandle PBS' signature local program will come back for a second season in August.

The Handle, a newsmagazine program, will return at 7 p.m. Aug. 29. It will air weekly for 12 weeks at 7 p.m. Thursdays on Panhandle PBS, encoring at midnight Saturdays (late Fridays) and 4:30 p.m. Sundays. The series also can be watched at panhandlepbs.org/thehandle and across all PBS apps.

The Handle celebrates what makes our region unique. So often, people here believe they're ordinary when they're really quite extraordinary.

This new 30-minute weekly television series opens the eyes of its audience to the possibilities right in our midst.

Each week's episode features several segments focusing on newsworthy people and places — sometimes grouped thematically, sometimes offering a broader look at different aspects of Panhandle life.

Upcoming episodes will include an in-depth look at the redevelopment of the Barfield Building in downtown Amarillo; an insider's pass to the Amarillo Sod Poodles' first, record-breaking season; and a three-part series on the City of Amarillo's neighborhood plans for North Heights, the Barrio and San Jacinto.

A special episode tied to Ken Burns' upcoming eight-part Country Music documentary series will explore the life and legacy of Turkey native Bob Wills and take a look at how Amarillo's Armadillo 95.7 is changing the face of the Texas radio industry. Country Music will debut Sept. 15 on Panhandle PBS.

Season 2 will feature "View from the Hill," a series of segments by producer Nolyn Hill, a recent addition to the region who'll put new eyes on aspects of the region that long-time residents may overlook.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Clarendon CISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 P.M. on August 26, 2019 in CCISD Admin and Tech Building, 416 S Allen St Clarendon, TX **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 $ 1.0684 /$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	9.71	% increase	or	0.00 % (decrease)
Debt service	0.00	% increase	or	0.00 % (decrease)
Total expenditures	9.71	% increase	or	0.00 % (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	$ 618,084,519	$ 634,928,635
Total appraised value* of new property**	$ 1,006,482	$ 2,825,028
Total taxable value*** of all property	$ 154,991,198	$ 185,150,994
Total taxable value*** of new property**	$ 1,006,482	$ 2,825,028

* "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	$ 1.17000	$ 0.00000 *	$ 1.17000	$ 4,345	$ 7,085
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	$ 1.00446	$ 0.00000 *	$ 1.00446	$ 4,481	$ 7,668
Proposed Rate	$ 1.06840	$ 0.00000 *	$ 1.06840	$ 4,576	$ 8,405

* 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	$ 52,364	$ 73,622
Average Taxable Value of Residences	$ 32,113	$ 55,828
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per $100 Value	$ 1.1700	$ 1.0684
Taxes Due on Average Residence	$ 376	$ 596
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		$ 220

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 1.0684 . This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of 1.0684.

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) $ 3,395,810

Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s) $ 0

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.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Hedley ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:30pm, 8/19/2019 in Superintendent Office Board Room at Hedley ISD Hedley, 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 $ 0.97 /$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	13.94	% increase	or	% (decrease)
Debt service		% increase	or	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	13.94	% increase	or	% (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	$ 221,888,504	$ 222,431,938
Total appraised value* of new property**	$ 0	$ 0
Total taxable value*** of all property	$ 60,717,443	$ 67,857,045
Total taxable value*** of new property**	$ 0	$ 0

* "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	$ 1.04000	$ 0.00000	$ 1.04000	$ 4,654	$ 8,497
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	$ 0.94470	$ 0.00000	$ 0.94470	$ 4,931	$ 8,219
Proposed Rate	$ 0.97000	$ 0.00000	$ 0.97000	$ 4,884	$ 8,941

* 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	$ 66,577	$ 73,123
Average Taxable Value of Residences	$ 27,241	$ 33,338
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per $100 Value	$ 1.04	$ 0.97
Taxes Due on Average Residence	$ 283.31	$ 323.38
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		$ 40.07

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 0.9447. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 0.9447.

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) $ 1,756,572

Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s) $ 0

Texas A&M-bred zoysia turf varieties tested in High Plains climate

BUSHLAND – The front lawn of a home built during the Dust Bowl on a location known for soil and water conservation research is the perfect place for a turfgrass project aimed at finding a water-smart alternative to Bermuda and fescue grasses for the High Plains, according to project participants.

The new turf grass demonstration has been installed in front of the 1938-vintage "white house" at Bushland, the original headquarters of the Conservation and Production Research Laboratory which is now jointly operated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Research Service and Texas A&M AgriLife Research.

The project, titled Zoysia Turfgrasses for Residential and Commercial Landscapes in the Texas Panhandle, will be conducted by Dr. Brent Auvermann, AgriLife Research center director, Amarillo; Dr. Ambika Chandra, AgriLife Research turfgrass breeder, Dallas; and Dr. Gary Marek, USDA-ARS research agricultural engineer.

This demonstration will have a state-of-the-art irrigation system and two varieties, "Chisholm" and "Innovation," recently released by Chandra and Dr. Jack Fry, Kansas State University turfgrass science professor, Manhattan, Kansas.

Zoysia, compared to other warm-season turfgrasses, generally produces higher quality turf requiring fewer inputs like mowing, nutrients and chemicals due to its natural tolerance to disease, insects, shade and salinity stress, Chandra said.

She has been breeding freeze-tolerant zoysia grass varieties as part of an ongoing project since 2003 with Kansas State.

"While zoysia's low input requirements, strong shade tolerance and salinity tolerance make it an attractive option for use across the U.S., most species are still found in the southern U.S. due to low tolerance for freezing temperatures," Chandra said.

The Dallas Center's turf breeding program produced 640 zoysia hybrids in 2004 and sent them to Kansas to be evaluated for cold tolerance. The breeding lines that survived the cold were evaluated for aesthetic quality and a range of other characteristics, Chandra said.

Chisholm, licensed to Carolina Fresh Farm, is a medium-texture zoysia that is cold hardy into the northern region of the U.S. transition zone. It features rapid establishment and recovery rates as well as superior turf quality compared to Meyer zoysia. Chisholm underwent testing in the National Turfgrass Evaluation Program's 2002 Zoysiagrass Test as DALZ 0102.

Innovation, originally KSUZ 0802 and licensed to Sod Solutions, features finer leaf texture and superior density to Meyer, she said. It is a good option for landscapers and end users in the transition zone and beyond who are looking for a cold hardy hybrid for golf courses, yards, parks and commercial establishments.

"I expect both of these varieties to not only survive the Texas Panhandle climate, but to produce good turfgrass quality with limited resource input," Chandra said.

Auvermann said half the sod in the Bushland side-by-side variety comparisons was laid on existing soil; the other side on existing soil amended with composted cattle manure to test what role fertility and organic matter have in its survivability.

"We think the zoysia grass will provide an alternative for landscape contractors for both residential and commercial markets," he said. "Zoysia grasses act a little bit like Bermuda grass in that they creep and repair themselves. They also use less water than the fescues typically used for the landscaping projects in the Texas Panhandle."

Marek said developing irrigation scheduling strategies for seasonal crops is one of the primary research goals of the USDA-ARS program at Bushland. Prudent irrigation scheduling provides enough water to achieve desired yield goals but prevents overwatering that results in water percolating below the root zone.

"Those same concepts can be applied to turf irrigation," he said.

Traditionally, Marek said, there are three grass varieties available to homeowners for turfgrass – fescue, Bermuda and buffalo grass, with fescue using the most water. Fescue greens up earlier and stays green longer than other varieties, so aesthetically, it is generally more pleasing.

"However, fescue can use up to a half-inch of water per day on hot, windy days typical of the Panhandle summers," he said.

"One of the benefits we hope to evaluate in this trial is to see if these zoysia varieties can compare to fescue grass in aesthetics while using less water," Marek said.

In addition to the water use, the other aspect of the project is to determine how well the zoysia grass overwinters in the colder climate of the Panhandle, Marek said.

"If these two varieties prove adapted to our climate, as we expect, they ought to use significantly less water than our typical tall fescues, heal themselves, withstand the winters and maintain a luxurious, fine-bladed turf," Auvermann said.

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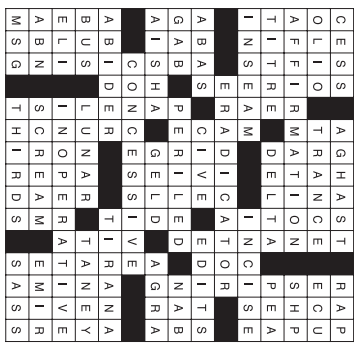

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The Clarendon Enterprise

Small grains meeting set Aug. 21 in Silverton

SILVERTON – The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service office in Briscoe County will host a small grains meeting Aug. 21 at the Silverton Public Library, 405 Broadway, Silverton.

The event will begin at 1:30 p.m. with registration, and the program will go from 2-5 p.m. The fee is $10. One Texas Department of Agriculture integrated pest management continuing education unit will be offered.

"We will feature primarily wheat at the meeting," said Mason Carter, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent, Briscoe County. "With most of Briscoe County's wheat being a dual-purpose crop, we want to help our producers with decisions on whether to harvest for grain, to graze out or to try to graze and then harvest for grain."

Topics and speakers will be: Integrated cover crop mix, wheat variety trials, Dr. Jourdan Bell, AgriLife Extension agronomist, Amarillo. Wheat disease management, Dr. Ken Obasa, AgriLife Extension plant pathologist, Amarillo. Crop market outlook, Dr. Justin Benavidez, AgriLife Extension economist, Amarillo.

For more information, contact Carter at 806-823-2521.

the lion's tale

by scarlet estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting August 13, 2019, with Boss Lion Scarlet Estlack in charge.

We had 13 members and two guests this week – Mallorie Cole, guest of Lion John Howard; and Kaysea Green Christopher, guest of Lion Landon Lambert.

Lion Robert Riza reported that the college is wrapping up the Summer II session and judging kids will be here this weekend.

Lion Jacob Fangman reported that the city council voted to move forward with the pool project, and the city administrator's contract was extended by another year.

Lion Howard said the wheels of justice were turning today and that the laws of Texas do apply to the "sovereign citizen."

Lion Bobbie Thornberry reminded everyone that Red Steagall will be here for the chuckwagon cookoff to raise funds for the new transportation exhibit at the museum – Wheels of History.

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

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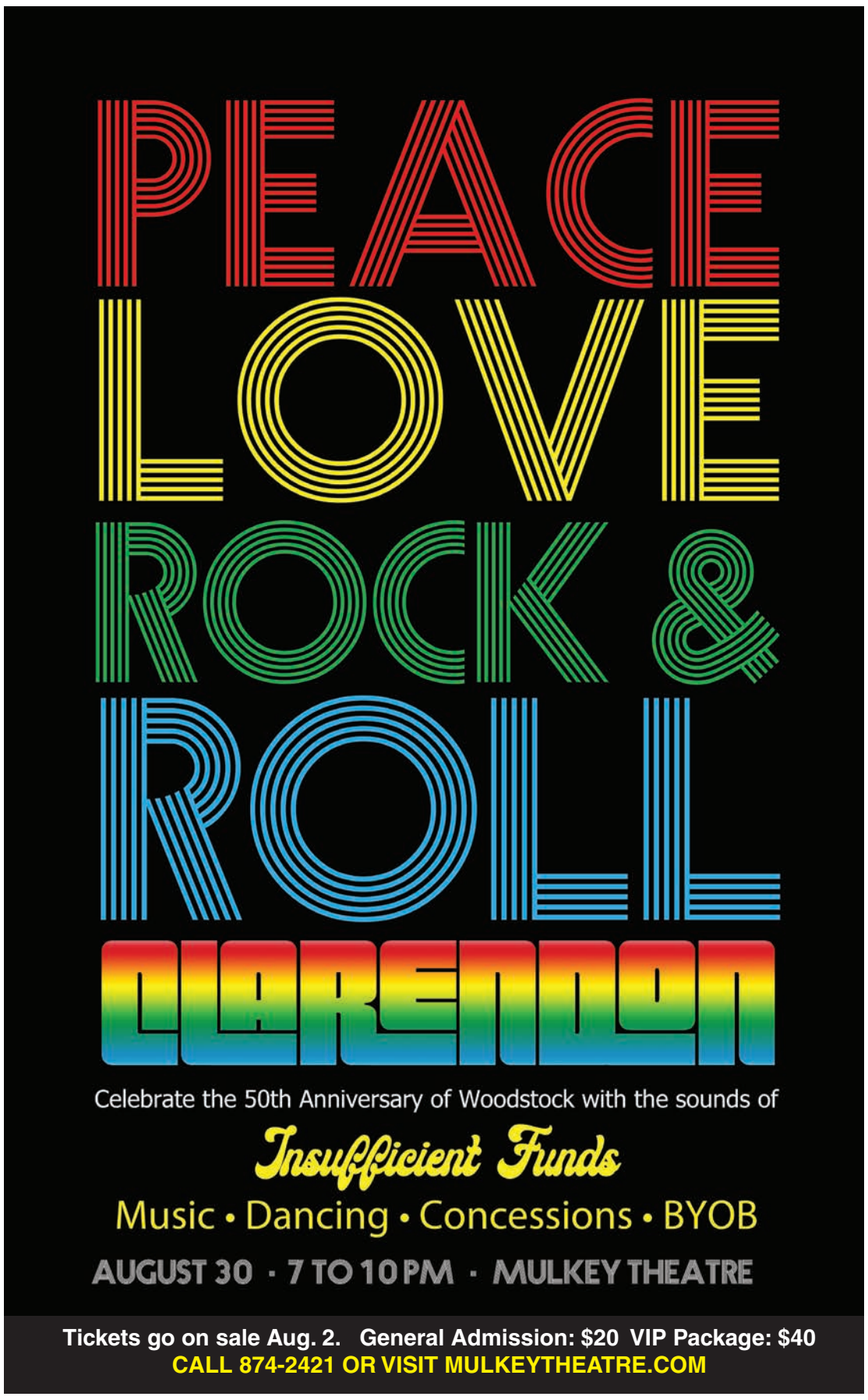

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