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

COVID cases double since last Tuesday

The active number of COVID-19 cases in Donley County has doubled since last week, according to the Clarendon Family Medical Clinic.

As of Tuesday, there were eight active cases of the disease, up from four one week ago.

Clinic spokesperson Marsha Bruce says there have now been 387 total positive cases of the disease since the pandemic began more than one year ago.

As always, it is important to note that those figures do not count Donley County residents who may test positive for the disease at other facilities, such as regional hospitals or other clinics.

The Moderna vaccine is available at no charge at the local clinic for everyone ages 18 and over. The Pfizer vaccine is available in Amarillo for children ages 12 and over.

Schedule changes for aquatic center

The Clarendon Aquatic Center will alter its days of operation next week with the opening of the public schools.

City Administrator David Dockery said since most the city's lifeguards are high school and college students, it is necessary to reduce the hours of the aquatic center for the remainder of the season.

The pool will continue regular operation through August 18 and then be closed on weekdays. The pool will be open Saturday and Sunday, August 21 and 22, open again Saturday and Sunday, August 28 and 29, and then be open for the Labor Day weekend, Saturday-Monday, September 4, 5, and 6.

The city is still accepting private parties after hours at the pool, but residents are encouraged to get those requests in to City Hall soon by calling 874-3438.

Following Labor Day, the aquatic center will be closed until next season, and within a week of that closure, the city will begin the demolition of Kearney Street from Fourth Street the bridge at Fifth Street in preparation of new paving.

City, county notify public of hearings

With fall fast approaching, local taxing units have announced more public hearings for their upcoming tax rates and budgets.

Among the new legal notices in this week's Enterprise, Donley County is holding public hearings on its tax rate and its proposed budget on Tuesday, August 24, at 1 p.m. in the Courthouse. The county is proposing a tax rate of \$0.612776 per \$100 valuation.

The City of Clarendon will hold a public hearing on its proposed budget for the coming year on Thursday, August 26, at 7 p.m.



Cole Franks rides Pickett Pro Rodeo's Bar Code for 90 points to win the first round and set himself up well for Sunday's championship round at Dodge City Roundup Rodeo.

COURTESY PHOTO / DAVID SEYMORE

Franks sets record in Dodge City

By Ted Harbin, TwisTed Rodeo

DODGE CITY, Kan. — There is a gleam on Cole Franks' face that may not go away for a while.

The 20-year-old bareback rider has reason to be so happy. He'd just ridden Pickett Pro Rodeo's Bar Code for 90 points to win the first round of the Dodge City Roundup Rodeo and collect \$3,385. Now, he's set up for another ride of his life during Sunday's championship round.

The rain began to fall just before bareback riding began, and by the time Franks nodded his head on Bar Code, it was pouring on Roundup Arena. It didn't quite matter to the cowboy, nor the horse.

"It was wet," Franks said with a grin across his face. "Right when it started raining, I was dreading it a little bit. Once it really got going,

I realized there was no stopping the rain, so it was part of it. It'll make a good story to look back on."

It's been a good week for Franks, who, heading into Saturday night's fourth performance of Dodge City's rodeo, was leading the rodeos in Carson, Iowa, with a 92-point ride, and Great Falls, Montana, with an 84.5.

When he arrived in Dodge City, he knew there might be something special with Pickett horse.

"He knew," Franks said of Bar Code. "He had that same feeling I had that it was about to be a lot of fun."

"I've seen that horse three times. Kaycee Feild was 90 on him at the Riggins' Rally in Weatherford (Texas in April), so I knew it was possible. I knew the horse was going to be a lot of fun and feel

really good. I was excited. I knew it was going to be really good."

It's been an exciting year for the cowboy from Clarendon, Texas. In June, he helped his hometown team — Clarendon College, which is coached by his dad, Bret Franks — to the men's team national title at the College National Finals Rodeo. He dominated bareback riding to win that national crown, then added enough points in saddle bronc riding to be named the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association's all-around champion.

Franks won the rodeo with an arena record 93-point ride during Sunday's championship round on Frontier Rodeo's Gun Fire. He won \$8,420, and he also won Carson, Iowa, with a 92. Franks is 11th in the world standings.

Heading into this week of

rodeos, Franks sat 17th in the world standings with \$39,341.

Franks will likely move up, but his end goal is to be among the top 15 when rodeo's regular season concludes the end of September in order to earn his first qualification to the National Finals Rodeo, the sport's grand finale. He also will be matched in Sunday's championship round with Frontier Rodeo's Gun Fire, which is possibly the hottest bareback horse in ProRodeo this season.

"I like where I'm at," he said. "I would rather be right here fighting for it than being in a secure spot. For the next week and a half, I've drawn really good money horses that can win and for sure help you place on."

"It's looking really good."
So is Cole Franks.

County okays IT proposal

Donley County Commissioners accepted a proposal for new information technology services during their regular meeting Monday.

Judge John Howard said the commissioners court approved the proposal presented by CTSI because of that firm's extensive experience with sheriff's offices, police departments, and the Texas Secretary of State.

"The will be able to provide us with a robust approach to cyber security," Howard said.

The initial cost of the service will be \$19,612 followed by an annual cost of \$15,412.

Commissioners also inked an agreement with Hutson Gallagher for architectural services to oversee repairs to the 1890 Courthouse. The Jewel of the Plains suffered severe damage in February when a winter storm resulted in frozen water lines in the HVAC system in the building's attic.

Howard said expects repairs will move more quickly now and said Hutson Gallagher will lead the county in applying for additional courthouse preservation funds from the state to do more restoration work on exterior stone of the building.

In other county business, commissioners approved a new social media policy for county employees and renewed an interlocal agreement for a regional public defender for capital cases at a cost of \$2,128.

The county approved an order of election for November 2, 2021, for a state constitutional amendment election.

The court discussed redistricting following the 2020 census and will use the firm of Allison Bass of Austin to perform that service. Howard said the county will be looking to have all four precincts intersect at the courthouse. That would, Howard said, allow the county to have one polling site for elections that tend to have low turnouts, such as constitutional amendment elections.

Commissioners selected Shattuck National Bank to provide financing for a motor grader for Precinct 2 due to that bank providing the lowest interest rate.

Commissioners also put the final touches on their proposed budget for 2022 and proposed a tax rate of \$0.612776 per \$100 valuation to support that budget.



School days

Kristy and Lydia Balogh fill out paperwork during registration at Clarendon ISD Monday night. Classes begin next Thursday, August 19, in both Clarendon and Hedley.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / TARA ALLRED

District Court hears pleas in four cases

The District Court heard four pleas when it met in Clarendon on Thursday, July 29.

District Attorney Luke Inman, along with Assistant District Attorney Harley Caudle, prosecuted the cases for the State of Texas, with the Honorable Judge Stuart Messer presiding.

Skylar Lacy Grimes, 31, of Amarillo, Texas, was sentenced to six years in prison for the third-degree felony offense of evading arrest with a motor vehicle.

Following her arrest on May 21, Grimes was initially placed on probation for four years on June 8. The State filed a motion to revoke Grimes' probation on July 20, based upon her violation of certain conditions of her probation.

At the hearing on Thursday, Grimes admitted to violating probation, and Messer sentenced her to six years in prison.

Ramon Campos, 37, from Amarillo, Texas, was placed on two years' probation for the state jail felony offense of possession of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Campos was arrested by Donley County

Deputy Vincent Marasco on June 30.

Campos was also ordered to pay a \$500 fine to Donley County, \$340 in court costs and complete 100 hours of community service. If his probation is revoked, Campos faces up to two years in prison.

Rheanna Lynn Moore, 23, from Panhandle, Texas, was convicted of the third-degree felony offense of evading arrest with a motor vehicle and sentenced to three years in prison.

Moore was arrested by Texas Game Warden Zack Fisher on May 23. Moore was also ordered to pay \$340 in court costs.

Mithu Singh Dev, 36, from Kent, Wash., was placed on three years' probation for the state jail felony offense of possession of a controlled substance. Dev was arrested by DPS Trooper Justin Dillman on May 13.

Dev was also ordered to pay a \$2,500 fine to Donley County, \$340 in court costs, \$180 drug lab restitution and complete 100 hours of community service. If his probation is revoked, Dev faces up to two years in prison.



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Universities operate as businesses

By Dr. Walter Wendler

Good universities take risks because they must change. New ideas are risky business. Risk and progress are siblings. And don't be fooled: Universities are serious businesses and many are on life-support. Healthy institutions learn from exercised risk and mission focus. "Recently, I was asked if I was going to fire an employee who made a mistake that cost the company \$600,000. No, I replied, I just spent \$600,000 training him. Why would I want somebody to hire his experience?" said Thomas J. Watson, Former IBM Chief. Rewards follow thoughtful risk. Even mistakes.

Universities that don't see themselves as businesses are disadvantaged. A business-like approach does not undermine missions of teaching, scholarship and serving students, but enhances them if core purpose is central and manifest. Many fear corporatization of universities, mistaking a buzzword for healthy organizational discipline. Fear of business-sensible practices causes function and purpose to wither on the vine.

Universities receive tax dollars at noteworthy rates. Of the 896 institutions receiving federal research funds last year, 10 universities collected 20% of the \$40 billion dispensed. Of these 10 universities John's Hopkins received \$1.9 billion, the largest amount, and Duke \$585 million, the smallest amount of the top 10. Half of the leading beneficiaries of federal subsidies are private, according to a report by 24/7 Wall Street. Such cash flow is either business or absolute folly.

Athletics revenues also create an undeniable business environment on public university campuses. This data has changed since 2014, and continues to alternate. The top 10 athletic revenue generators total \$1 billion annually. At \$163.3 million, The University of Texas at Austin tops the list. Number 10 Auburn spawns \$106 million. Of these top 10 athletics enterprises, five operate at deficit, defying common wisdom, and require subsidies from student fees, usually ranging from \$250,000 to \$5 million annually, according to USA Today. Of 228 universities only seven required no subsidies. New Jersey Tech spent little, \$11 million, but 91.5% came from subsidies, leading the nation. [Current data can be found on the NCAA Website.] Maybe the question is, "What business are we in?"

Arizona State University has over 60,000 students leading the "size" race. Number 10 on the list is the University of South Florida with 48,000 students. If students were customers, serving this many would qualify universities as serious businesses.

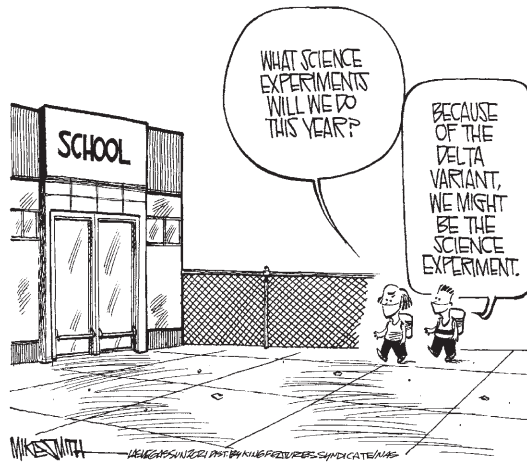
A December 13, 2013 U.S. News post lists the top 10 universities regarding student indebtedness: not a pretty picture. Wheelock College leads with \$49,000 on average for the students who borrowed and graduated. Mount Ida College, number 10 on the list, posted an average of over \$42,000 in debt for the 80% who graduate, according to Kelsey Sheehy's December report in U.S. News. Most of the debt-burdened graduates are from private schools; however, they are dependent on taxpayer-backed student loans. Of course, there are growing ranks of angry students, a.k.a. customers, who borrowed and flunked out or left with degrees of little value, economic or academic. Too many universities are seen as social service providers and act corporately, rather than opportunity engines that behave in a businesslike fashion. The long-term burden of educational debt demands businesslike attention.

Being a business is straightforward. What's the mission and how is it attained? Who is served? Why is someone willing to pay? What defines quality? These business questions should be regarded carefully: purpose, cash flow, efficiencies, projections of expenses and revenues, and measured results require a business mindset. An entrepreneur.com post of February 12, 2010, addresses business start-up requirements like these. And universities are in a perpetual "start-up mode." They should behave like it.

Some universities are addicted to failure. A Tyler Basu piece, 10 Signs You are Addicted to Failure, has applicability to educational institutions. Purpose and intelligent risk-taking to meet the fluid demands of changing demographics are essential. The need for appearance of oversight and seemingly responsible behavior creates a fear of failure and drives institutions to herald what works and hide the rest. Risk aversion stymies effectiveness, and the appearance of success may be just that, a facade.

Without intelligent business conviction our universities lose relevance; and relevance is the only insurance against failure in any business.

Walter V. Wendler is President of West Texas A&M University. His weekly columns are available at <http://walterwendler.com/>



Old Ephraim a bear to remember

Occasionally in the animal world, one animal of a species stands out as having superior, somewhat human-like, qualities. Old Ephraim, a huge grizzly bear, was such an animal. He lived in the early 1900s in the Cache National Forest east of Logan, Utah.

Measuring almost ten feet when standing, Old Ephraim weighed about 1,000 pounds. And he was smart. It took Frank Clark, part-owner of the Ward Clark Sheep Company, ten years to finally trap and destroy the huge beast.

Old Ephraim roamed the woods of the Cache National Forest, and like the other bears in that area, he feasted on sheep whenever he could. The bears were not content to kill just one sheep; instead they would attack a herd and fell as many sheep as they could. Then they would start eating the ones that were down. Rolling a sheep over on its back, a bear would rip open the flesh and eat the tender parts exposed. He would then leave the sheep to die a painful death. Almost every day Frank Clark would find one or two ravaged sheep, and he would shoot them to put them out of their misery. One day he found twenty-three such sheep.

Old Ephraim was an accomplished sheep eater. People knew when he had been around by the huge tracks he left. One of his tracks showed only three toes. But a sighting of Old Ephraim was a rare thing indeed. One day Sam Kemp, a friend of Frank Clark, suddenly found himself face to face with Old Ephraim. As the huge bear rose up to an erect position, Sam became so unnerved that he was unable to shoot his rifle. Fortunately, Sam and Ephraim parted company without incident, each going in opposite directions. On another occasion, Clark also saw Ephraim. The bear was carrying a sheep up the side

of a mountain. Firing his rifle several times, Clark failed to hit the bear, but made him drop the sheep as he scampered out of sight.

Old Ephraim lived in a wallow, a large hollow in the ground that usually had water in the bottom. Old Ephraim apparently enjoyed a mud bath each morning before going out to forage for food.

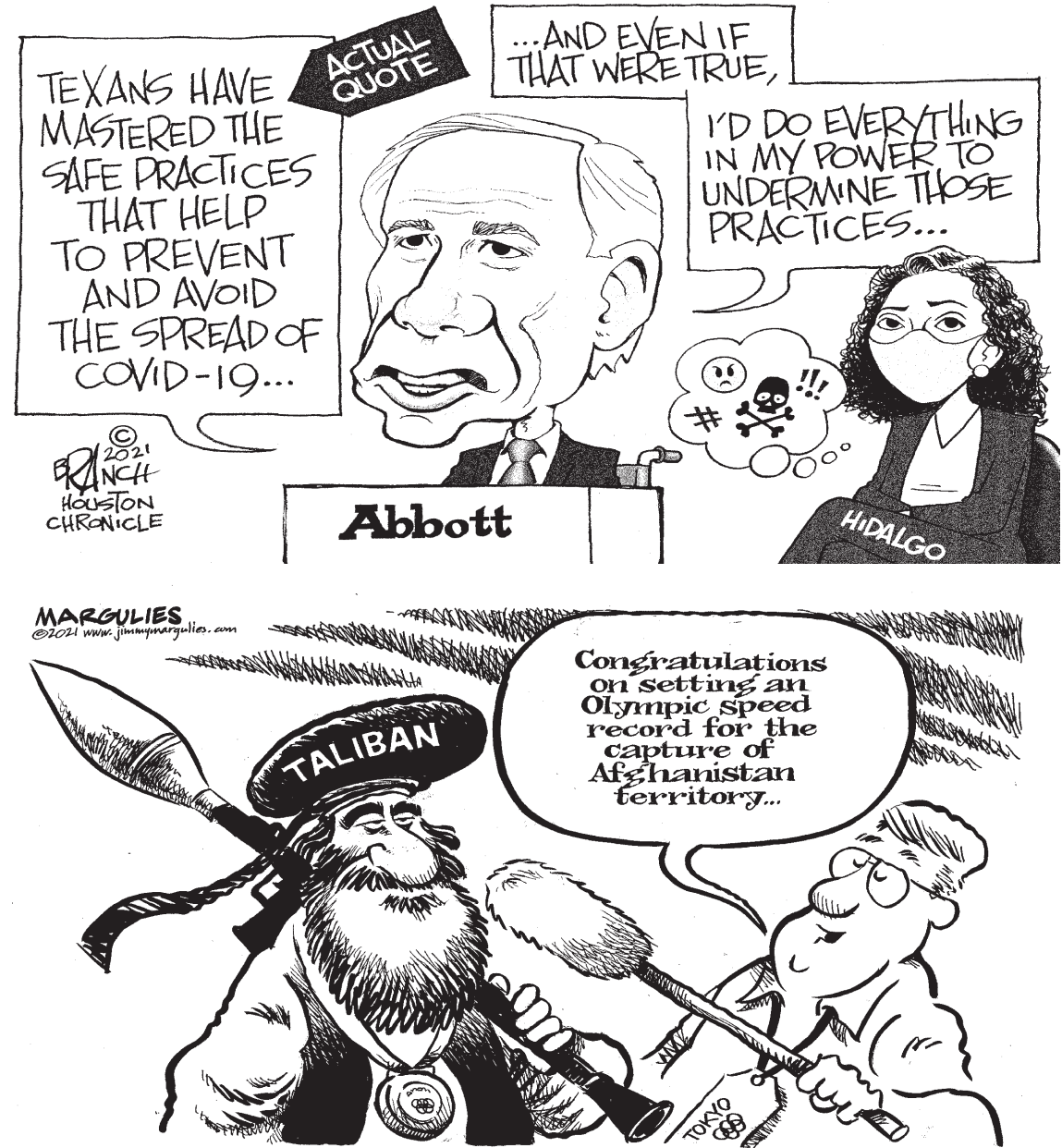
On many occasions Clark would set a bear trap in Ephraim's wallow. But when returning to inspect the results, Clark would find that the trap had been moved up on the bank of the wallow without having been set off. This went on for ten years until one day when the trap sprang shut. Ephraim had not been caught, but the closed trap was again on the bank, and Ephraim had dug a new wallow below the old one. Clark knew that success was at hand. This time Clark set a larger trap and hid it in the mud. He also attached a heavy logging chain to the trap and wrapped the other end of the chain around a log about one foot in diameter and nine feet long.

Back at his camp, Clark was awakened by Old Ephraim's loud roars. The bear's right forefoot had been caught securely and painfully in the trap. The enraged bear made an attempt to run, but the log at the end of the chain quickly became caught in the trees. Then gnawing at the chain with his massive teeth, Ephraim managed to free it from the log, but only after breaking one of his huge teeth and bleeding profusely in the mouth and nose.

Ephraim knew where Clark was



vignettes
tales of the old west
by george u. hubbard



Palo Duro Canyon truly Texas-sized

The Palo Duro Canyon is the second largest canyon in the United States. It is 1,200 feet deep, 120 miles long and over 20 miles wide in some areas. It covers parts of four counties in the panhandle and the number of visitors is increasing.

"Its popularity grows by leaps and bounds," says Eric Miller, a tourist expert in Amarillo, "especially now that the pandemic is on the decline and people are starting to travel again." He goes to the canyon weekly and has studied it for years.

"The canyon has caves and columns of weathered rock called hoodoos. The major landmark that people want to see is called the Lighthouse. It's a sandstone structure about 300 feet tall. You have to take a 6-mile round trip hike to get to it. In the summer heat you better take precautions like some sort of headgear, sunscreen and plenty of water. The sun can really sap your energy. Morning is the best time to go."

The canyon is believed to be 90 million years old. The name Palo Duro is from an Indian term meaning hard stick.

"The legend is that Coronado led some conquistadors to the area in about 1540. It was his group that discovered the juniper cedar trees that are still there on the walls of the canyon. Juniper trees have an incredibly hard wood."

Indians made arrows from juniper wood. There are several hiking trails in the canyon. One is called the Rock Garden Trail.

"It starts on the floor of the canyon and goes all the way up to the rim, so it's nearly a quarter of a mile gain in elevation going up"

The canyon has a replica of a dugout like the one Charles Goodnight, a pioneer rancher used in 1876, two years after the Indians left. He moved 1,800 head of cattle into the canyon in partner-



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camped, and he headed in that direction, roaring with pain and rage. Clark was now awake, and with his .25-.35 rifle, he headed in the direction of the roaring. As the two foes came within sight of one another, Old Ephraim rose up to full height with the twenty-three pound trap still securely clamped on his uplifted right foot and the logging chain wrapped around his leg. Clark fired six steel balls into Ephraim's body, but the bear kept coming. With only one shot left, Clark thought it best to retreat and head for Logan, about twenty miles away, but he tripped and fell flat on his back. Clark's dog, Jennie, then took up the fight, and Ephraim began to swat at the dog. On his feet again, Clark took a chance, and at a distance of only six feet from the crazed bear, Clark sent his last shot into Ephraim's head. Ephraim fell, as his life came to an end.

Ephraim's body was too large for removal and the rocky mountain side would not permit a full burial, but Clark and others buried the animal as much as possible. They then piled branches and logs on top of the still exposed parts and burned them in an attempt at partial cremation.

Several days later, Dr. George R. Hill, then a scoutmaster of Troop 5 in Logan, heard of Ephraim's death, and he reported it to the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. Scientists at the Smithsonian doubted the existence of a grizzly bear in that part of Utah, and they requested his head, with an offer of \$25.00 if the animal was truly a grizzly. Hill led his scouts to Ephraim's resting place, and they removed the head and shipped it to the Smithsonian.

They got their \$25.00.

George U. Hubbard is an author and resident of Clarendon.

ship with John Adair and founded the JA Ranch,

There is a state park that covers a small part of the canyon. Concessions include jeep rides, a zip line and the outdoor musical drama TEXAS that begins in May and runs through mid August. It has special lighting and sound effects.

"The lightning at the end of the first act will have you believing that it's raining."

Eric thinks the canyon is a special place.

"Palo Duro is my go-to place because it just recharges me. There is a deep serenity that comes with breathing in the clear panhandle air."

The canyon is on the Prairie Dog Town Fork of the Red River in Briscoe, Armstrong, Randall and Swisher counties and was created by water erosion. At the rim it has an elevation of 3,500 feet. The floor of the canyon is 2,380 feet above sea level. It was one of the last Indian strongholds on the plains. The Palo Duro State Park is east of Canyon, Texas.



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting August 10, 2021, with Boss Lion Pro Tem David Dockery in charge.

We had 13 members and six guests this week – Ryder Drackley, Piper Hawkins, Landry King, and Haven King, guests of Lion Ashley Savage; and Nathan and Daniel Estlack, guests of Lion Scarlet Estlack.

Lion Scarlet reported on the college where cross country and volleyball teams are back on campus and the faculty will return next week. Fish Camp and registration is going on this week at the public school.

Lion Jacob Fangman and the Boss Lion reported on the city and this week's celebration of the Burton Memorial Library marking 40 years in the current building. Lion Sandra Childress reported on The 'Wick, and Lion Sharlene Bordonaro said Meagan Wells is the new clerk at the Clarendon Visitor Center.

The Club voted to sponsor a golf team in the Jack King Classic on September 13. Lions Savage, Dockery, Dusty Green, and Larry Capranica will represent the club. Tee Box sponsorships are available for \$100, and team registrations is also open. For more information contact the Enterprise or go online at LionsDistrict2-T1.com.

Lion Savage said her garden is open to the community at 1020 W. Third this Sunday and residents are invited to come get their pick.

Lion Dusty Green reported that he and Lion Nikki Green have purchased the former Petty Texaco station with plans to restore the building.

VDG Roger Estlack reported that he and Lion Ashlee Estlack had attended the fall Council of Governors meeting in Kerrville where Lions International President Douglas Alexander put the focus on growing membership. The also transported more than 50 pairs of eyeglasses to Kerrville and enjoyed snacks provided by Lion Capranica.

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

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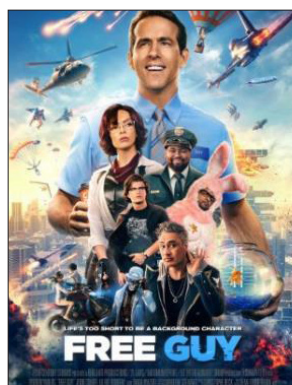
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 2021

Notice is hereby given that a **PUBLIC HEARING** will be held by the Clarendon City Council, as the Governing Body of the City of Clarendon, before a Called Council Meeting on Thursday, August 26, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall, 313 S. Sully, Clarendon, Texas 79226, for the purpose of considering the following:

Public Hearing for the Purpose of Adopting the City of Clarendon's Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by \$39,000 which is a 2.1% increase from last year's budget, and of that amount \$273,696 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year."

The Clarendon City Council will vote to adopt the Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 at the end of the Public Hearing.

A copy of the Proposed Budget, as submitted to City Council and filed in the City Secretary's office, is available for public inspection at the office of the City Secretary, 313 S. Sully, Clarendon, Texas, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., beginning on August 10, 2021.

City Hall will be closed on September 6, 2021 for Labor Day.

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August 13, 14 & 15

Free Guy • Friday & Saturday 7:30 p.m. • Sunday 2:00 p.m. • Mulkey Theatre

August 21

Donley County Farmer's Market • 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

August 21

That Senior Thang - Where young and old come together • 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Menus

August 16 - 20

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Chicken tetrazzini, Italian vegetables, tossed salad, garlic bread, oatmeal cookie, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Pork loin, gravy, turnip greens, black eyed peas, cornbread, applesauce, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Beef pot roast, potatoes, carrots, onions, green beans peach cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs.: Taco pie, salad, pinto beans, chuckwagon corn, tortilla, peanut butter cup, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Tilapia, lemon, mustard greens, cucumber & onions, cornbread, strawberry shortcake, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Pork chops, turnip greens, black eyed peas, cornbread, applesauce, iced tea/2% milk.
Tues: Chicken tetrazzini, Italian vegetables, tossed salad, garlic bread, oatmeal cookie, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Beef pot roast, roasted carrots, potatoes, & peppers, roll, peach cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs.: Tilapia, lemon, mustard greens, marinated cucumbers & onions, cornbread, strawberry shortcake, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Taco pie w/salad topping, pinto beans, chuckwagon corn, tortilla, peanut butter cups, iced tea/2% milk.

Obituaries

Dwight

Paul Keith Dwight, age 60 of Amarillo, passed away Wednesday, August 4, 2021, in Amarillo.

Graveside services will be held at Rowe Cemetery in Hedley, on Friday, August 13, at 10:00 a.m.

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Paul was born on June 13th, 1961 in Dumas to Richard and Betty Dwight. He served in the Navy and worked in heating and air conditioning most of his adult life. Paul was a loving father, grandfather, son, and brother. He was a tech wiz, and a go to for all our computer problems. Paul loved his family and always remembered and acknowledged them on birthdays and holidays. He was a very devoted son! He will be so missed by all of his family and friends! He will forever be in our hearts.

He was preceded in death by his father, Richard Dwight; granddaughter, Madison Ann Powers; and his uncle, Jimmy Stout.

He is survived by his mother, Betty Dwight; two children, Tessa Lee Powers, and Christopher Dwight and family, Alicia and Kaylee; two brothers, Danny Dwight, and Kirk Dwight and wife Beverly; sister, Timber Lee Potts; nephew, James Lee Potts and wife Staci; two nieces, Kristen Dwight and Haley Dwight; great nephew, Chevey Miller; great niece, Eva Potts; and one sweet aunt, Sharon Stout.

The family request memorials to be sent to the Veterans Hospital, 6010 W. Amarillo Blvd., Amarillo, Texas 79106.

Sign the online guestbook at www.robertsonfuneral.com

Vaccine yourself to protect them

I was born in 1937, the fourth and second surviving child of George and Marie McCracken. The Depression and dust storms took a deadly toll on babies in the Panhandle during that time, including my two older brothers - one whom died of whooping cough and diphtheria.

Vaccines were being developed but not in time to prevent my sister and me from contracting those dread diseases and the fight that kept us alive.

Several cousins were also sick. Dr. John Witt from Groom was contacted and agreed to see us. Even though I was only three years old, I remember Dr. Witt talking to me and calling me by name, telling me how brave I was and how I had to follow

instructions for the new medication he was prepared to give me. He removed a paper that looked like

Daddy's cigarette paper and sprinkled an amount of yellow powder in the paper he called Sulfa powder, instructed me to breathe as he blew the powder into my throat.

My parents would have done anything to keep their children healthy, had it been available. Polio was the dread disease when my children were born. Some



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400,000 school children were vaccinated before the Salk vaccine was approved.

Yes, a few vaccinated were affected, but more of the unvaccinated population were.

If I had been asked, my babies would have been those early ones. As it was, they received the vaccines as soon as possible, a drop of medication on a sugar cube.

I was told only 27 percent of Donley County has been vaccinated against COVID-19. The question is, instead of giving the vaccine to our children to protect them, think of taking the vaccine yourself to protect them.

God bless our community and the USA.

Weekend campout with the guys

Last weekend, I got to go on a campout with my friends at the lake. When we got there, we set up our tents, and we went swimming for the first of many times. Then we went and played volleyball, and my team won one of the sets we played.

Later, we went swimming a second time. We jumped off the cliff, and we jumped off this big tree that was in the middle of the lake. That

night we played hide and go seek tag in the woods, and I got caught first sadly. We didn't play anymore after that.

We were going to sleep, but we got a bunch of bugs in



the cub reporter
by *benjamin estlack*

our tent, so we went and slept in the bed of Steve's truck.

The next day we went fishing and never caught anything, so we went swimming for a final time. Then we built a camp on an island using everything we could find. Later we did some more cliff jumping before we left.

In all it was a fun weekend, and I hope we get to go again.

'That Senior Thang' coming Aug. 12

Downtown Clarendon will be an exciting place next Saturday, August 21, when "That Senior Thang" rolls out the fun and food from 5:00 to 10 p.m.

With proceeds benefiting the Donley County Senior Citizens Center, organizers have lined up live music, free games, food vendors, competitions, a country store, Chicken Drop Bingo, a 50/50 raffle, and more to have something to do for people of all ages.

Competitions will include water balloon volleyball, watermelon seed spitting, wheelchair races, jalapeno eating, red Solo cup stacking, a crazy bike challenge, and Texas ski.

Among the free activities will be water polo, ring toss, corn hole, ladder ball, horse shoes, a roping dummy, and dominoes.

The entire community is invited and encouraged to attend and participate in That Senior Thang. A com-

plete description and list of activities is available on That Senior Thang's event page, which can be searched for at Facebook.com.

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9	3	4	5	7	1	6	2	8
5	6	7	2	3	8	4	9	1
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DPS urges drivers to be aware as school year begins

AUSTIN – With the school year beginning in person for many districts across the state, the Texas Department of Public Safety is reminding the public of steps they can take to keep students and staff members safe. This includes slowing down in school zones, staying off cell phones and being aware at all times while around school buses.

“Going back to school is an exciting time for students, parents and staff, but it is paramount that drivers are more alert when around buses and schools,” said DPS Director Steven McCraw. “I urge everyone on the road to be proactive and help ensure children arrive to and from school safely each and every day.”

DPS offers the following tips for school safety:

Give students extra room and don’t assume they are paying attention to traffic. Students are frequently distracted by mobile devices or listening on electronic devices and may not be paying attention to their surroundings.

Don’t block a crosswalk when stopped at a red light or stop sign.

Follow the directions of school crossing guards.

Watch for children on bicycles traveling to and from schools.

Reduce speed when you spot a school bus and know children may unexpectedly step into the road without checking for oncoming traffic.

Be careful around railroad crossings. School buses are legally required to stop at them.

Know laws regarding school buses. According to Texas law, if a bus has alternating flashing red signals visible from the front or rear, drivers MUST stop before reaching the bus. Drivers can only proceed if the flashing lights are no longer activated, the driver signals you to proceed or the bus has resumed driving. Approaching drivers do NOT have to stop for a school bus that is operating a visual signal if the road is separated by a physical barrier or an intervening space. If a highway is only divided by a left-turn lane, it is not considered divided and drivers must stop for school buses.

Drivers who illegally pass a school bus face fines up to \$1,250 for the first offense.

For people convicted of the offense more than once, the law allows for the person’s driver license to be suspended for up to six months. A ticket for this offense cannot be dismissed through defensive driving. Criminal charges are possible if a driver causes someone serious bodily injury.

Always obey speed limits and traffic laws in school zones.

Remember, texting while driving is illegal in Texas.

Sister-Bear launches program with gift of \$2,040

Sister-Bear Foundation, an Amarillo 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to provide access to adaptive fitness and wellness resources for mobility-impaired adults, launched its Grants Program with its first gift to a deserving recipient in June.

Darlene Martin, a retired Amarillo teacher who was born with cerebral palsy, applied to Sister-Bear Foundation for financial assistance for physical therapy which helps alleviate severe back pain due to her condition.

The committee surprised Martin during a therapy session with a large check in the amount of \$2,040 made out to Re-Form Physical Therapy & Pilates, which will pay for 24 therapy sessions that are not covered by her insurance.

Tracey Kilburn, Sister-Bear Grants Committee Chair, said, “Darlene is the ideal recipient of our first grant. She exemplifies the type of client we want to help – someone who needs therapy to maintain her independent lifestyle and improve her quality of life.” Martin responded, “I am so grateful to Sister-Bear! This grant will help me maintain my mobility and minimize my pain. Working with Re-form enables me to participate in community, church, and social activities as well as volunteer work.”

Sister-Bear was founded by Julie Granger whose daughter Kathryn was severely injured in an auto accident in 2018 that left her paralyzed from the chest down. The Grangers’ story is a familiar one to many adults in Amarillo and the surrounding area who have suffered strokes, spinal cord and brain injuries, and other neurological injuries or illnesses, but who have limited access to fitness and wellness resources.

Sister-Bear Foundation was reorganized as an independent

501(c)(3) organization in 2021. The volunteer-run nonprofit has held two successful fundraising events that raised over \$170,000 and is planning for the 3rd Annual Sister-Bear Shoot on September 25th at River Breaks Ranch. Granger, the Sister-Bear Foundation Board President, is grateful to all past donors, shoot participants, and volunteers for helping the nonprofit achieve its first goal of grant-making. “We invite the community to partner with us to achieve our vision that every mobility-impaired adult in the Amarillo region enjoys improved functionality, mental well-being, a healthier body, and a fulfilling, hopeful life as a result of our efforts,” added Granger. Find out more about the 2021 Sister-Bear Shoot at Sister-Bear.com.

Kilburn, Granger and Martin are all available for interviews. Please contact Amy Juba at 806-674-3636 with requests.

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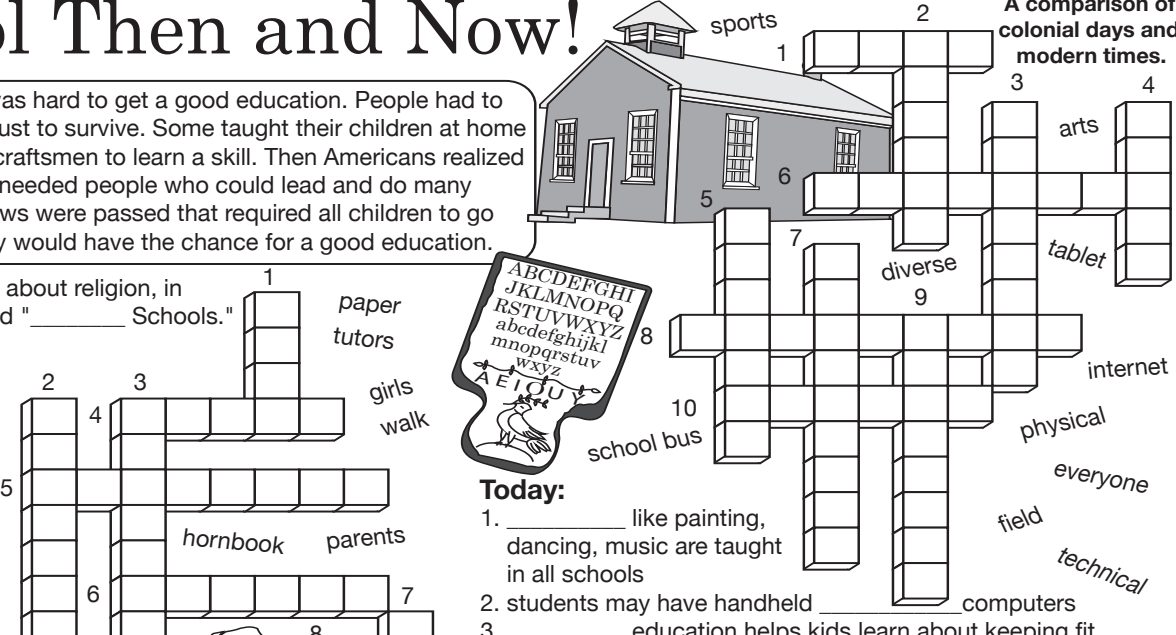
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School Then and Now!

Long ago it was hard to get a good education. People had to work long days just to survive. Some taught their children at home or sent them to craftsmen to learn a skill. Then Americans realized that the country needed people who could lead and do many kinds of jobs. Laws were passed that required all children to go to school so they would have the chance for a good education.


Did you know that years ago:

- housewives taught children their alphabet, and about religion, in their kitchens for a small fee? These were called "_____ Schools."
- teachers in schoolhouses were almost always men and were called _____?
- _____ working hard just to survive had to teach their children at home?
- _____ was very expensive and scarce?
- students used a flat, wooden board with a handle called a _____? A paper with a lesson was placed on it.
- wealthy families hired _____ to teach in their homes?
- some students had to _____ many miles in all kinds of weather to get to school?
- _____ often stayed home to learn skills for running a household: sewing, cooking, the alphabet, etc?
- students were lucky to have charcoal or _____ pens to write with?
- one way to teach reading was by using pictures in stories, called _____?



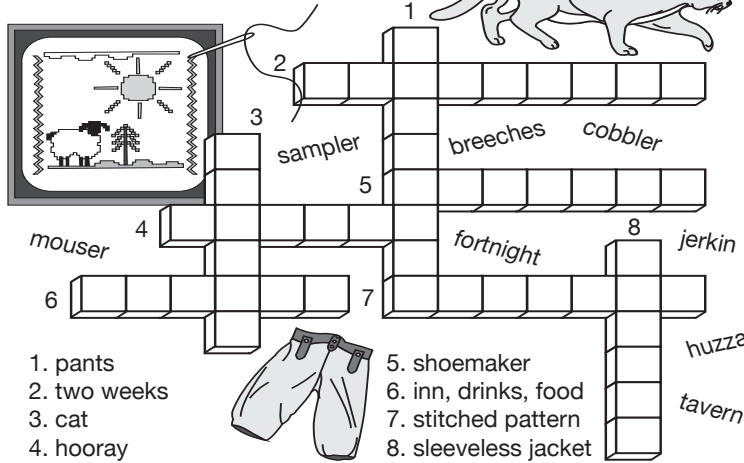
Today:

- _____ like painting, dancing, music are taught in all schools
- students may have handheld _____ computers
- _____ education helps kids learn about keeping fit
- classes go on _____ trips to visit places: museums, zoos
- classrooms are _____: students, teachers of many cultures
- _____, as a child, has to attend school
- many students ride on a _____
- _____ schools teach useful trades for work
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 I love it when kids...leave things at school!

Say Whaaat?

Words and phrases continuously change throughout the years. **Read the clues below to fill in this crossword puzzle with the words that kids would have used in colonial times:**

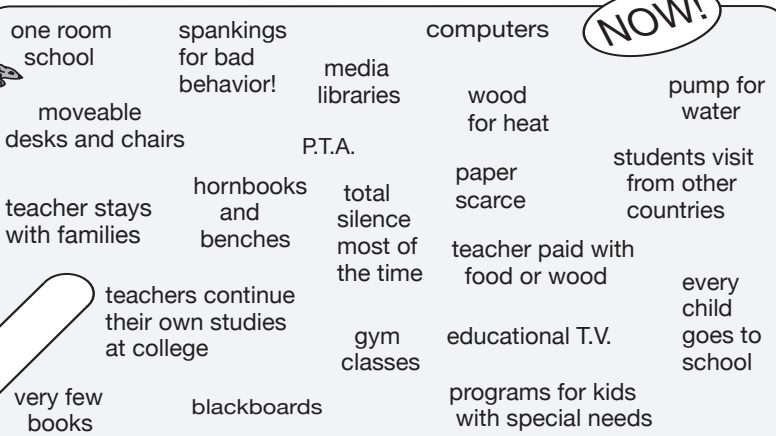


- pants
- two weeks
- cat
- hooray
- shoemaker
- inn, drinks, food
- stitched pattern
- sleeveless jacket

Then... or Now?

Schooling has changed throughout the years. Reading, writing and arithmetic are still the basis for a good education! But, demands on teachers, ways to teach, and subjects taught are different. Computer classes anyone?

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Extension brings back QuickBooks short courses

The Panhandle District QuickBooks Pro Desktop Short Courses by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will be on August 25 in Amarillo and September 8 in Lubbock.

The one-day trainings will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day at the respective Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Centers, located at 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd. in Amarillo and 1102 E. Drew St. north of Lubbock.

“COVID prevented us from holding any live classes last summer, so these are the first in-person QuickBooks workshops our agency has scheduled in two years,” said DeDe Jones, AgriLife Extension risk management specialist, Amarillo. Jones

and Will Keeling, AgriLife Extension risk management specialist, Lubbock, will conduct the courses.

“We are limiting each session to 12 participants because we want each attendee to be in front of a computer,” Jones said. “If the class fills up, then we will add additional classes on Aug. 26 and Sept. 9.”

Registration is \$75 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.

Those planning to attend should RSVP by August 20 for Amarillo and by September 3 for Lubbock. Payment is due upon arrival on the first day of the course. For more information or to RSVP for either

location, contact Lacreacia Garza at 806-677-5625 or dljones@ag.tamu.edu.

Repeat attendees indicate they’ve seen thousands of dollars in benefit from what they learned during the courses, Jones said.

QuickBooks Pro is a double-entry business accounting program often used by agricultural lenders and producers, she said. It is available in both a desktop and online version, but only the desktop version will be taught.

During the one-day course, participants will learn to enter transactions into the program and analyze costs and profits.

No prior computer experience is necessary, she said.

Ages United encourages intergenerational interaction

By North Wagner, Age Well Live Well AmeriCorps VISTA Leader

Not everyone who spends time alone is lonely. Loneliness is the feeling of being alone while social isolation is a true absence of social interactions and relationships.

Many American adults report feeling lonely or isolated. As we age, risk factors such as living alone, the loss of loved ones and chronic illness can cause or exacerbate loneliness and social isolation. Fortunately, communities can come together to turn the tide against loneliness through awareness and volunteerism. Connecting with others, even through casual social interactions, can reduce the risk of premature death by 50 percent.

A person of any age may need long-term services and supports, and the likelihood increases with age. In 2015, 83.5 percent of residents living in nursing homes were 65 or older.

Older adults living in nursing and assisted living facilities have an even greater risk of loneliness and

social isolation due to being separated from their family, friends, and community. In 2015, 1.3 million Americans lived in a nursing facility. The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has made maintaining regular social interactions for these communities even more difficult.

Even though loneliness affects people of all ages, 53 percent of American adults say that, outside of their own family, they tend to not interact with people who are much older or younger than they are. Furthermore, 77 percent American adults wish there were more opportunities in their community for people of different ages to meet and get to know one another.

Communities everywhere could benefit from intergenerational programs. Building these social relationships can help combat ageism, create an inclusive sense of community and allow both older and younger adults the opportunity to learn from each other.

Ages United, a Texas Health

and Human Services Commission resource series for facility staff and volunteer groups, focuses on creating a dynamic and engaging environment for residents living in nursing facilities with the help of volunteers.

The Ages United step-by-step guide encourages meaningful interactions between residents living in long-term care facilities and groups of young people interested in volunteering (either virtually or in person.)

The guide has information about connecting with a long-term care facility, planning an activity, completing the first visit and evaluating the experience. The Ages United Activity Planner for Social Emotional Learning is a downloadable intergenerational planner designed for high school faculty or youth group leaders that focuses on healthy aging and social emotional learning concepts to work with nursing facility residents on an annual basis. These resources are part of the Ages United series that can be found on the HHS Be Connected webpage.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET FOR DONLEY COUNTY

A Public Hearing on the Donley County Proposed Budget will be held August 24th at 1:00 pm in the Commissioner’s Courtroom in the Donley County Courthouse.

This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year’s budget by an amount of \$63,351.00 which is 2.15% increase from last year’s budget.

The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$10,136.14.



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PROPOSED SALARY INCREASES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

FY 2022

ELECTED OFFICIAL	CURRENT SALARY	PROPOSED INCREASE
Judge	\$31,175.00	\$839.00
Commissioner Pct 1	\$15,166.00	\$439.00
Commissioner Pct 2	\$15,166.00	\$439.00
Commissioner Pct 3	\$15,166.00	\$379.00
Commissioner Pct 4	\$15,166.00	\$439.00
Sheriff	\$50,000.00	\$1310.00
County Attorney	\$31,175.00	\$839.00
County/District Clerk	\$31,175.00	\$839.00
Treasurer	\$31,175.00	\$839.00
Tax Assessor/Collector	\$31,175.00	\$779.00
JP Pct 1 & 2	\$31,175.00	\$839.00
JP Pct 3 & 4	\$31,175.00	\$779.00

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.612776 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Donley County.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.612776 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.599404 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.617445 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2021 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Donley County from the same properties in both the 2020 and the 2021 tax year.

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

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Donley County is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2021 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON August 24, 2021, at 1:00 pm, at the Donley County Commissioner’s Courtroom, 300 S Sully, Clarendon Texas.

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

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

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

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

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

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

	2020	2021	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100/value)	\$0.628790	\$0.612776	decrease of \$0.016014 or 2.61%
Average homestead taxable value	\$44,894	\$45,443	increase of 549 or 1.22%
Tax on average homestead	\$282.29	\$278.46	decrease of \$47.80, or 20.72%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$1,874,728	\$1,847,514	decrease of \$27,287 or 1.48%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Donley County at 806-874-2744 or doncojudge@windstream.net, or visit www.co.donley.tx.us for more information.



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