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

Burton Library to host book signing

The Burton Memorial Library will hold a book signing Friday, August 12, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. for three local authors.

Those featured will include Shellie Coles, author of *Stunkey the Monkey & His Twin Sister Spunkey*; Ashlyn Grotegut, author of *Ernie the Eraser*, and Julie Barker, author of *Hitchin' Post & the Tornado Twistin' 4th of July*.

Local governments to hold hearings

With fall fast approaching, local taxing units have announced several public hearings for their tax rates and budgets for the coming fiscal year.

Donley County is holding public hearings on its tax rate and its proposed budget on August 29, at 1 p.m. The county is proposing a tax rate of \$0.595644.

The City of Clarendon will hold a public hearing on its proposed budget for the coming year on Thursday, August 25, at 7 p.m.

The Donley Appraisal District will hear comments on its proposed budget Aug. 24 at 7 p.m.

Hedley CISD will hold a hearing August 15 at 6 p.m. on its budget and tax rate of \$0.8546.

Clarendon College will hold a hearing on its proposed tax rate of \$0.252535 on August 18 at 5:45 p.m. and will also have a budget hearing on August 18 at 5:30 p.m.

Read more about these hearings in the Public Notices throughout this week's Enterprise. The public is invited and encouraged to attend these meetings.

Senior Thang to be held on August 20

The Donley County Senior Citizens will hold its second "That Senior Thang" on Saturday, August 20, at the corner of Gorst and Fourth from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

There will be a full concessions and a County Store full of home baked goodies. The free street games will range from pull-the-rubber-duck and sidewalk chalk art to football toss, corn-hole, and horseshoes.

For the more adventurous player, there will be Cup Stacking, Jalapeno Eating, Watermelon Seed Spitting and Wheelchair Races. Put your team of four together and compete at Water Balloon Volleyball, Texas Skis or the new Balloon Blast.

For more information, see the ad in this week's Enterprise.

County renews burn ban as of August 8

The Donley County Commissioners Court renewed a burn ban Monday, August 8.

Under the order no outdoor burning is allowed on a day of a forecasted Fire Weather Watch or a Red Flag Warning. Anyone engaging in outdoor burning must contact the Donley County Sheriff's office prior to ignition.



Wet welcome

Members of the Bronoc Band douse Jacob Murillo with water following the a booster club sponsored water balloon fight last week. Murillo was named last week as the band's drum major for the second year in a row.

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O'Neal to receive Golden Spur

Wes O'Neal, a Texas cowboy who has worked on three of the largest and best-known ranches in the nation, will be the fourth recipient of the Ranching Heritage Association Working Cowboy Award during the 44th Annual National Golden Spur Award dinner at 6 p.m. Saturday, October 15 at the Overton Hotel in Lubbock.

"The Working Cowboy Award is designed to recognize an outstanding individual who makes his living primarily horseback caring for livestock on a daily basis," said Jim Bret Campbell, director of the National Ranching Heritage Center at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. "Wes has spent nearly eight decades working for the W.T. Waggoner Estate, the JA Ranch and the Four Sixes Ranch."

The Ranching Heritage Association (RHA), a nationwide non-profit membership organization supporting the programs of the center, sponsors the award on an annual basis to honor a working cowboy skilled in all aspects of ranch work and respected by the ranch crew and ranching community.

"Our Board of Directors believes it's important to recognize those folks who brave all kinds of weather and conditions to ensure that work on a ranch gets done," Campbell said, noting that award nominations for 88-year-old O'Neal described him as "the real deal"

working cowboy who has served for decades as a role model for younger cowboys.

"Wes has left a lasting impression on all of us and left his mark at the Waggoner Estate and everywhere else he has been," said A.B. (Buck) Wharton III, former owner of the W.T. Waggoner Estate. The Waggoner ranch grew to more than 520,000 acres spread over six Texas counties and was the nation's largest ranch under one fence before being sold in 2016.

O'Neal worked at the W.T. Waggoner Estate for 58 uninterrupted years and served 12 years as Wagon Boss during his 17 years with the cattle operation. He spent 41 years with the Waggoner horse operation and 25 of those years as horse foreman directing the breeding of broodmares and stallions.

"His insight into breeding horses laid the groundwork for the W.T. Waggoner Estate being selected as having the best ranch horses in the country when it received the coveted American Quarter Horse Association Best Remuda Award in 1994," Wharton said. "He traveled to Nashville to receive the award on behalf of the Waggoner Ranch."

Before O'Neal began working on the W.T. Waggoner Estate in 1957, he worked at the historic J.A. Ranch in the Texas Panhandle for seven years. Although his cowboy years have included three large



Wes O'Neal

ranches with thousands of cattle, cowboying began for him on small spreads breaking broncs when he was only 13 years old.

"I was born in Clarendon on Nov. 30, 1933, right smack dab in the middle of the Great Depression," O'Neal said. "There was no jobs and no money." His father worked on the Mel B. Davis Ranch in the Panhandle but quit ranching for a higher paying job. Later when his father was sick and their house burned to the ground without the family saving anything, Wes and his brother Boots put up hay one summer pulling the machines with horse teams and then began breaking broncs for area ranchers.

"I tell everybody that I left

school in the tenth grade because it was gettin' in the way of my education," Wes said, "but truly there wasn't no money, Dad wasn't workin' and we had younger siblings at home. The RO Ranch was the first big bunch of horses we broke."

Wes and Boots broke 20 broncs for the RO for \$20 per head, pocketing \$200 each (about \$2,400 today). Then Wes went to work for two smaller ranches before joining Boots at the JA Ranch, which was established in 1875 as the first ranch in the Texas Panhandle. Wes eventually became Wagon Boss for the JA before working for the W.T. Waggoner Estate until it sold.

See "O'Neal" on page 5.

COVID funds drive county budget higher

Hearings Aug.29

Donley County Commissioners are proposing a \$4.37 million budget for fiscal year 2023, an increase of about \$880,441 compared to the current budget, but a large portion of that increase will not come from local tax dollars.

A public hearing on the budget and on the tax rate to support that budget will be August 29 at 1:00 p.m.

The proposed budget includes more than \$636,000 in ARPA (federal COVID relief) funds with most of that money being directed toward courthouse repairs and other government services. Donley County Judge John Howard said the county is budgeting with the possibility of receiving a large preservation grant from the state. The county officials were notified recently that their application for additional courthouse restoration funds from the state had been turned down, but Howard there may still be a chance of getting some partial funding.

Regardless of whether the county receives a grant, the judge says officials will proceed with soliciting bids to repair windows in the 1890 courthouse at an expected cost of more than \$100,000.

New this coming fiscal year, Howard says county employees will be required to cover 20 percent of their health insurance premiums. To ease the transition to that, most county employees will see their salaries increase by \$2,400 in the new budget.

The 2023 budget is supported by a proposed total tax rate of \$0.595644 per \$100 valuation, which is almost two cents lower than the current tax rate. The proposed tax rate brings in about \$32,334 more in property taxes than last year.

Two new items in the budget are \$500 to support Snack Pak 4 Kids and \$1,000 to support the Tralee Crisis Center.

The budget also includes \$85,000 to match grant funds that would purchase and install emergency generators at the Donley County Senior Citizens Center, the Donley County Activity Center, and the Red Cross emergency shelter at the First United Methodist Church. Funds are also available to make improvements to the former tax appraisal building for the sheriff's office to use as a training location and to improve the Precinct 3 barn in Hedley.

The county will receive its sixth of ten annual payments from the wind farm in the next fiscal year, an amount of \$200,000.

A copy of the proposed budget will be on file at the county clerk's office August 15 and be available on the county website.

Commissioners formally proposed the budget and the tax rate during their regular meeting Monday, August 8.

Community Wildfire Defense Grant now available

Eligible communities in Texas can apply now for a federal grant administered by Texas A&M Forest Service to plan for and mitigate against risks created by wildfire.

The Community Wildfire Defense Grant offers financial assistance to at-risk local communities for the development of Community Wildfire Protection Plans and associated mitigation projects. The program is authorized in Public Law 117-58, commonly referred to as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

"The Community Wildfire Defense Grant offers high-risk communities a way to improve their mitigation planning efforts," said Alex Bregenzer, Texas A&M Forest Service Community Wildfire Pro-

tection Plans Program Coordinator. "These types of mitigation efforts are reducing wildfire risk across the state at a time when human-caused wildfires are an ever-present threat to our communities."

There are two primary objectives for which the grant will provide funding: the development and revision of Community Wildfire Protection Plans, and the implementation of projects described in a Community Wildfire Protection Plan that is less than 10 years old. The Act prioritizes at-risk communities that are in an area identified as having high or very high wildfire hazard potential, are low-income, and/or have been impacted by a severe disaster.

"Our personnel at Texas A&M Forest Service are taking a leader-

ship role in the administration of the Community Wildfire Defense Grant in Texas," said Bruce Woods, Department Head of Mitigation and Prevention. "We stand ready to offer technical support and subject matter expertise to communities throughout the grant application process."

Entities eligible to apply for funding under the Community Wildfire Defense Grant are: Local governments representing communities in an area with a risk of wildfires; Native American tribes; Non-profit organizations including homeowner associations that assist such communities; and State forestry agencies.

Eligible applicants may apply for grant funding for a project proposal to be conducted on local government, state government, tribal,

homeowner association and privately owned lands, provided the project proposal directly reduces wildfire risk to a community.

There is no minimum federal funding limit for projects under the Community Wildfire Defense Grant. The maximum amount of funding awarded to any one community or tribe via this competitive grant is: \$250,000 for the creation or updating of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan, and \$10 million for projects described within a Community Wildfire Protection Plan less than 10 years old.

Cost-share is required for all applications funded under the Community Wildfire Defense Grant Program. The cost-share rates for this program are: not less than 10

percent for development or revision of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan; and not less than 25 percent for project implementation as described in a Community Wildfire Protection Plan that is not more than 10 years old.

Potential applicants are recommended to attend the Community Wildfire Defense Grant Webinar for Southern states on August 9 at 9 a.m. CST. Instructions for registration can be found at <https://bit.ly/3SyhyTh>.

The closing date for applications is October 7, 2022.

Learn more about the Community Wildfire Defense Grant: fs.usda.gov/managing-land/fire/grants.

Learn more about your community's wildfire risk: <https://texaswildfirerisk.com>.

Leadership in college helps prepare for life

By Walter Wendler & Kevin Knox

According to Forbes, leaders lead everywhere they go, not solely in industries. Universities should be developing leaders who solve the problems that challenge our communities. An attribute of leadership is adaptability to change. Our communities are changing at a more rapid pace than ever before. Adaptability will be important to everyone, regardless of their leadership positions. Change agents have a powerful impact in business, industry and communities. Experienced leaders recognize that communities and places of commerce and industry must change to keep pace with a frantic world.

Peter Drucker, a leading educator and management guru, said, “To survive and succeed, every organization will have to turn itself into a change agent.” Such agency requires leadership. Drucker detailed leadership skills necessary for change agents are clarity, patience, strong relationships and leading by example. All these experiences can be available to university students who engage in leadership training.

While change agents in commerce share many skills and characteristics with leaders in every walk of life, leaders in communities directly impact community life. Community leaders need skill sets very similar to leaders from other walks of life. Mobilize reports ten important attributes for leadership in communities. Many of these attributes can be developed by college students through on-campus leadership experiences. Some of the best practices identified for community leadership include storytelling, commitment to a brighter future, sharing responsibility, being empathetic, humbleness, ability to read between the lines and interpreting what community members say and what they mean. We believe these same traits are also critical when leading peers, and student have the chance to apply them in leadership roles on a college campus.

While peculiar advice to aspiring leaders, Admiral William H. McRaven, in his widely read epistle, “Make your Bed,” made this observation:

If you make your bed every morning, you will have accomplished the first task of the day. It will give you a small sense of pride and encourage you to do another task and another and another. By the end of the day, that one task will have turned into many completed tasks. Making your bed will also reinforce the fact that little things in life matter. If you can’t do the little things right, you will never do the big things right. And, if by chance you have a miserable day, you will come home to a bed that is made—that you made—and a made bed encourages you that tomorrow will be better. Start by making your bed if you want to change the world.

Small potatoes? Maybe, but the importance and power in leading a community, or any other organization, must include attention to detail and persistence in routines that construct not only the realities of our life but the realities of those with whom we share day-to-day experiences. This is critical because, in community leadership, people see you. People know you. They can find you at the salad bar in the local grocery store. The further an individual gets from their neighborhood, the less likely they are to “bump into” elected, appointed or self-anointed leaders. You will likely see a school board member shopping at Walmart if you go there regularly. The likelihood of you seeing the President of the United States or the governor of your state is nil. Local leadership matters and requires a kind of transparency and honesty mandated in a few other forms of leadership.

As we noted previously, students who learn and practice leadership on campus benefit themselves. But they also benefit the communities and the places of employment where they are present daily. Gallup says that 70% of the variance in team engagement is attributed to leadership. The National Association of Colleges and Employers asked employers what they look for on a recent college graduate candidate’s resume to screen for those they will interview and hire. Tied with the ability to work in a team, leadership attributes topped the list on almost 80% of the respondents in the survey. Experiential learning, participating and accepting leadership roles while students are on campus will help prepare them to be effective leaders in the future.

And more importantly, baby boomers currently in leadership roles are retiring in numbers far exceeding the number of new college graduates being produced. Current college students will have leadership opportunities earlier in their careers than prior generations, and they need to be ready to fill them.

At West Texas A&M University, that is our aspiration.

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Jens Ringness dreamer, farmer

They say that necessity is the mother of invention, but sometimes the inventor comes upon his creation quite by happenstance. Such was the case with Jens Ringness.

Ringness, a Norwegian, brought his family to East Texas in 1852, and then moved them to Bosque County in central Texas two years later. Although a farmer like most Texas settlers in those days, Ringness was once described as an “easy going, shiftless, not-to-eager-to-work dreamer.” In addition to farming, Ringness did a lot of tinkering in his blacksmith shop.

The trip to Bosque County would be long and hard over land that had only a few roads.

Because the weather had been hot and dry the wood in his wagon wheels had shrunk and the iron tires on the wheels were loose. So in his blacksmith shop, Ringness adjusted the circumference of the tires to make them fit snugly on the wheels. As the family journeyed, the rains came, making the trip even more difficult. In many places

the mud was almost impassable, and it was frequently necessary for family members to get out of the wagon and push while the mules pulled.

One day when Jens and his oldest son, Ole, were behind the wagon pushing, they noticed a strangeness in the rut one of the wagon wheels was making. It was cutting a furrow – a rut with slanted sides such as a plow would make. The water-soaked wooden spokes had expanded, but the iron tire rim resisted the expansion. As a result, the spokes had bulged, and the wheel had taken on a cupped or concave shape. With this special shape, the wheel was cutting a furrow instead of making an ordinary rut.

Jens Ringness’ mind went to work dreaming about that warped wheel and the furrow it had made. After setting up his blacksmith shop in the family’s

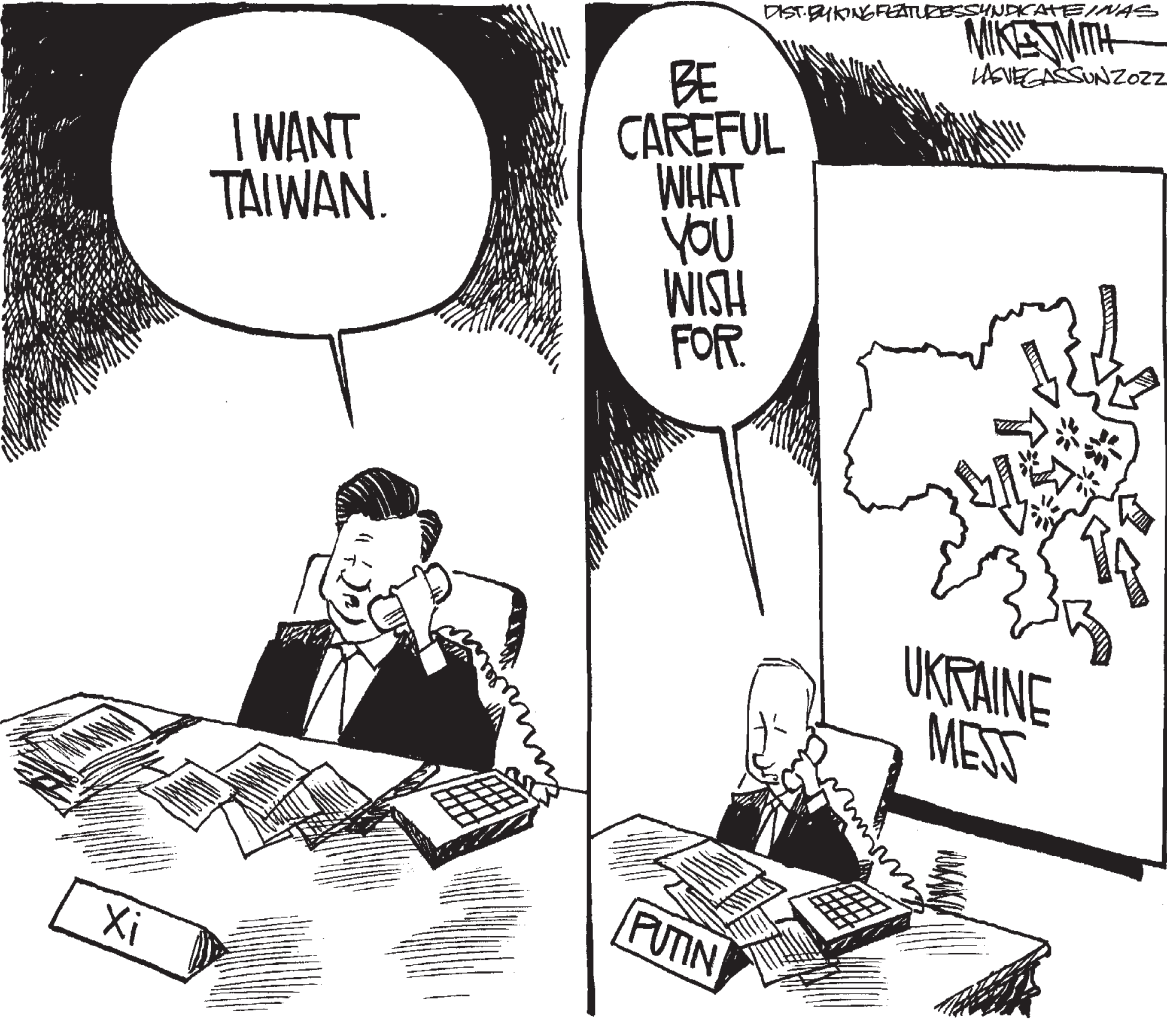
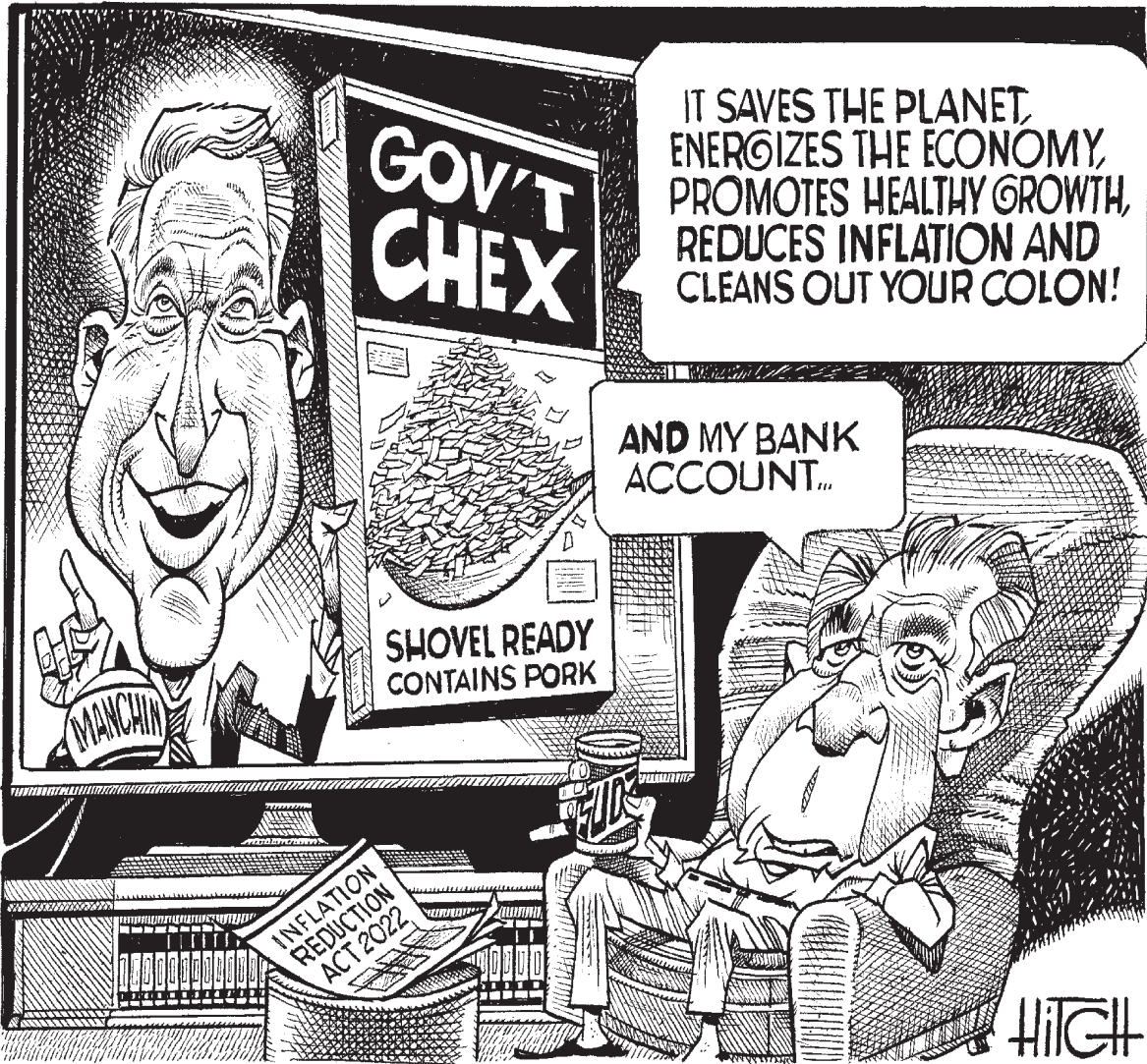


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new location, he began hammering and shaping sections of iron. Upon completing his tinkering, Ringness had become the inventor of the disc plow, a tool that farmers still use to plow their land before planting. It is sometimes said that the disc plow can churn up more soil with less energy than any other type of device.

In 1872, while enroute to Norway for a visit, Ole planned to stop at the U. S. Patent Office in Washington, D.C. to apply for a patent for the invention. He never made it, however, for he became ill and died in New York before reaching Washington. Later, a patent attorney suggested to John, Ole’s brother, that for \$5.00 he could still apply for a patent. John failed to make the application, and shortly thereafter the J. I. Case Plow Company obtained a patent for the disc plow invented by Norwegian settlers in Texas.

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Investment needed in rural homes

By Brian Depew, executive director, Center for Rural Affairs

Communities in every corner of the country now struggle with a lack of affordable homes, an ailment long associated with fast-growing urban areas.

A lack of affordable housing hampers rural towns’ abilities to attract workers and slows business growth. Quality housing is also linked to health and well-being, and home ownership remains a primary way working people build equity and ownership.

Small towns need affordable, quality housing for people across the financial spectrum. Solving this shortage will require multifaceted solutions, community involvement, and state and federal investment.

For its part, the Center for Rural Affairs added single-family mortgage lending to our programs in 2021. We now make home ownership, rehab, and repair loans up to \$100,000 in rural Nebraska.

Home prices continue to rise even in rural communities that historically benefited from lower housing costs. You used to be able to easily find a modest home in small towns in the Midwest for under \$100,000. Today, that’s becoming a rarity.

Meanwhile, wage stagnation and inflation have pushed dreams of homeownership further out of reach for many.

Rural America has been slow to build new houses for various reasons, including lack of contractors, high cost

of importing materials, slim profit margins, low population growth, and poor economies of scale.

Our aging housing stock is now a challenge and an opportunity. Old homes tend to be more affordable to purchase but often come with a backlog of maintenance issues.

Recognizing the complex challenge, several Midwestern states made significant investments in workforce housing during their recent legislative sessions. Housing investment is also a priority for the Biden administration, though legislative progress has stalled.

Ensuring affordable and quality housing for everyone who calls our communities home is a critical development strategy in small towns.

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Disaster Preparedness for Older Adults

By Olivia Burns, HHS Aging Texas Well Coordinator

Disasters and emergencies can occur unexpectedly, and it can be difficult to know in the moment who to contact for help or what you might need. These types of events can affect all of us. However, older adults are more likely to be more severely impacted than younger adults.

Analysis of casualties after Hurricanes Katrina and Sandy revealed that half of the deaths were among people ages 65 and older. COVID-19 has also disproportionately impacted older adults, who are at higher risk for contracting the virus. Efforts to prevent the spread of the virus and protect people most at risk resulted in many older adults experiencing disruptions accessing critical health care and support services.

Being prepared for emergency situations can help you better navigate these types of events when and if they occur. The following recommendations can help you prepare for

an emergency or disaster situation:

Have a plan: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend creating a plan for what to do during an emergency. Plans include identifying where to go if you need to evacuate and how you will get there, designating someone to check on you during the emergency, and learning what procedures your community has in place for responding to emergencies. If you or a loved one receive services like in-home health care or meal delivery services, connect with the service provider to determine if any disruptions are expected. The complete care plan can help you identify all the information related to your family's care needs.

Have an emergency supply kit: Its recommended to have at minimum a three-day supply of water, food, prescription medications and devices, medical and first aid supplies, warm clothes, emergency (space) blankets, and child and pet

supplies, if needed. In the event of a power outage, include flashlights, battery-powered lanterns and extra batteries. Also have available copies of important paperwork, such as health insurance cards, birth certificates, IDs and any important legal documents.

Register for emergency alerts and assistance: Local, state and federal agencies use a variety of methods to notify the public about emergencies, including through widespread messages sent to phones. There are also other services, such as the FEMA App, Smart911 or CodeRED, where you can register for alerts. Texas also has a statewide registry where people who have special needs, including mobility and medical needs, can register and provide information to help first responders better assist them during an emergency.

For information visit the HHS Age Well Live Well webpage or call 2-1-1.



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Texas War Memorial expands hours

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Admission is free for veterans, active-duty military, \$5 for adults, and \$2 for anyone enrolled in school.

In addition to wonderful outdoor exhibits and memorials, inside the museum you will find artifacts from WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Gulf War, Iraq War, and Afghanistan War. Our exhibits include 35 Medal of Honor recipients who either lived in the Panhandle or were awarded the Medal of Honor for their actions in the Panhandle, replica aircraft from WWII, information about John Blackburn from Amarillo and a member of the famous WWII Flying Tigers, and a Norden bombsite, the second most highly classified piece of equipment in WWII.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The _____ Hedley ISD _____ will hold a public meeting at _____ 6:00 pm, August 15, 2022 _____ in _____ the Superintendent's Office / Board Room _____ Hedley, 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	\$ 0.8546	/ \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$ 0.0000	/ \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters		

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	9.27	% increase	or	0.00	% (decrease)
Debt service	0.00	% increase	or	0.00	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	9.27	% 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	\$ 195,143,723	\$ 202,008,445
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 0	\$ 195,502
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 81,388,428	\$ 86,319,748
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 0	\$ 195,502

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

Bonded Indebtedness

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

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 0.87470	\$ 0.00000 *	\$ 0.87470	\$ 5,369	\$ 10,615
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 0.84844	\$ 0.00000 *	\$ 0.84844	\$ 5,634	\$ 10,351
Proposed Rate	\$ 0.85460	\$ 0.00000 *	\$ 0.85460	\$ 5,687	\$ 10,439

* 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	\$ 83,849	\$ 84,508
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 31,000	\$ 27,291
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 0.8747	\$ 0.85460
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 271.157	\$ 233.229
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (37.928)

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

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 0.85460 . This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of 0.85460 .

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)	\$ 2,089,158
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.

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

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.595644 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Donley County.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.595644 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.587701 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.595695 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2022 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Donley County from the same properties in both the 2021 tax year and the 2022 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 2022 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON August 29, 2022 AT 1: 00 PM AT the Commissioners Courtroom, Donley County Courthouse, 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 contacting the members of the Commissioner's Court of Donley County at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

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

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

FOR the proposal:	Judge John Howard	Precinct 1 Mark White
	Precinct 2 Daniel Ford	Precinct 3 Neil Koetting
	Precinct 4 Dan Sawyer	

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

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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.

	2021	2022	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.612776	\$0.595644	decrease of -0.017132, or -2.80%
Average homestead taxable value	\$45,443	\$48,801	increase of 3,358, or 7.39%
Tax on average homestead	\$278.46	\$290.68	increase of 12.22, or 4.39%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$1,800,357	\$1,832,694	increase of 32,337, or 1.80%

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

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Community Calendar

August 12 & 13
Where the Crawdads Sing • Gates open 7:00 p.m. • Sandell Drive In

August 12, 13, & 14
Bullet Train • 7:30 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

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Menus

August 15 - 19

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Hot dog on a bun, baked potato, seasoned broccoli, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Home style lasagna, garlic bread, pears, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Roast beef, gravy, baked potato, carrots, roll, iced tea/2% milk.
Thu: Fried chicken, bow tie pasta, roll, gravy, fruit, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Ham & beans, spinach, seasoned corn, cornbread, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Pork chops, turnip greens, black eyed peas, cornbread, apple-sauce, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Chicken tetrazzini, Italian vegetables, tossed salad, garlic bread, oatmeal cookie, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Beef pot roast, roasted potatoes, roasted carrots & peppers, peach cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.
Thu: Tilapia, lemon, mustard greens, cornbread, strawberry shortcake, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Taco pie w/salad toppings, pinto beans, chuckwagon corn, tortilla, peanut butter cups, iced tea/2% milk.

Clarendon ISD
Breakfast
Mon: Breakfast pizza, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Tues: French toast, sausage, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Wed: Breakfast sandwich, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Thu: Pancake wrap, yogurt, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Fri: Cinnamon roll, sausage, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Corndogs, tots, fruit, milk.
Tues: Nachos, salsa, beans, cucumbers, apricots, ice cream, fruit, milk.
Wed: Crispy chicken sandwich, chips, fresh veggie cup, salad, fruit, milk.
Thu: Breaded pork chop, gravy, roll, broccoli, corn, fruit, milk.
Fri: Pizza, carrots, green beans, apple, cookie, fruit, milk.

Hedley ISD
Breakfast
Thu: Breakfast pizza, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Fri: Cinnamon rolls, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Lunch
Thu: Hamburger, fries, fruit, milk.
Fri: Pizza, carrots, green beans, cookie, fruit, milk.



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting August 9, 2022, with Boss Lion Landon Lambert in charge.

We had 16 members and one guest this week – Daniel Estlack, guest of Lion Scarlet Estlack.

Lion Scarlet reported Summer II is ending at the college next week and in-service starts this week. Band and football practice are underway.

Lions David Dockery and Jacob Fangman reported on the city, which is finalizing budgets for the year.

Lion John Howard said the county has proposed a tax rate lower than last year's and said the county will soon be taking bids on courthouse window repairs.

Lion Sandy Childress encouraged everyone to show up to help and enjoy That Senior Thang on August 20. Lion Sandy and Lion Roger Estlack reported on the Bingo Brunch the Lions are holding on September 10. Tickets are \$40 per person or a table of eight for \$300, and fabulous bags and coolers will be much sought-after prizes.

Lion Roger reported on the Council of Governors meeting in Kerrville last week, where he and Lion Ashlee Estlack got to see International President Brian Sheehan and his partner in service Lori. Lion Ashlee and the Sheehans discussed ways for state and international Lions gatherings to be more accommodating for families with children.

Sign-ups were started for Lions wanting to purchase club gear – shirts and vests. Those interested should contact Lion Roger this week.

Lion Howard also reported on a possible service opportunity partnering with the Red Cross to distribute and install 50 smoke detectors this October. The club voted to accept the service project.



Lion Lori Sheehan and Lions International President Brian Sheehan stand with Ben and Ella Estlack during last weekend's Council of Governor meeting in Kerrville.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO

Roaring with Lions in Kerrville

Last weekend, my family and I went to Kerrville for the Lions Club Council of Governors meeting.

After a day going down there, we woke up and me and my mom, along with my sister went to the San Marcus outlet mall. While there I bought my very first pair of Crocks. That evening, after having dinner with some our Lions friends, we went to the Lions hospitality rooms

where we got to meet a lot of new people, and we had a lot of fun.

The next day my sister and I stayed at the hotel relaxing while my parents were



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in meetings. Then that evening we went back to the hospitality rooms. While we were there, we had the honor of meeting the President of Lions Clubs International, Brian Sheehan, and his wife, Lori. It was super cool getting to meet him and it was awesome how he is such a down to Earth guy. I had a lot of fun this weekend, and I can't wait for our next trip to Kerrville.

Lions to hold Bingo Brunch September 10

Fabulous prizes will be up for grabs during Bingo Brunch presented Saturday, September 10, by the Clarendon Lions Club at the Clarendon EDC Building at 118 S. Kearney.

Those participating will play bingo for prizes that will include designer purses, beer coolers, gift baskets, bags, and more.

Tickets are \$40 each or \$300 for a table of eight. Those interested are encouraged to reserve your table or seat early.

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Obituaries

Ariola

Katherine Sue (Sanders) Ariola, 81, of Clarendon passed away on August 6, 2022.

Services will be at 10:00 a.m., Friday, August 12, 2022, at Clarendon Church of the Nazarene in Clarendon, with Allen Posey officiating. Burial will be at Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon.

Arrangements are under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Katherine Sue (Sanders) Ariola was a wonderful woman that was loved, is missed, and will always be cherished. Our “MawMaw” as she liked to be called by her grand BOYS, was also an amazing wife, mom, grandmom, great-grandmom, sister and certainly a friend to all she met.

Katherine’s story starts on February 5, 1941. She was born to Hugh and Oneta Sanders. Katherine started her life as the headstrong and independent woman everyone knew her to be, entering this world before the physician arrived in Antelope Flat, Texas, and unbeknownst to all, she was not the only one born that day. She was a twin.

She spent her childhood on the farm, learning hard work, honesty, and integrity that farm life so freely teaches. Her school years were in Lakeview, a heritage that she was proud of. She graduated from Lakeview High School as valedictorian of her class. It is there that she met the love of her life, James Bruce Ariola. Bruce’s sister Elly Mae, and Katherine were childhood BFFs. Elly wanted nothing more than to make Katherine “family,” so as to continue the lifelong friendship. And that she did. With her best matchmaking skills, she introduced Katherine to Bruce, and the rest is history. Katherine and Bruce were married in Memphis, Tx at the home of Glen and Shirlene Sanders on December 20, 1958. They started their lives out in Lakeview, as owners and operators of a laundromat and a blacksmith shop.

In 1959, Katherine and Bruce

started their family with their first-born, Kathy Lenae, followed by Janice Renee in 1960, Jaci Sulynn in 1963, and James “BO” Allen in 1969.

Katherine and Bruce fulfilled their lifelong dream of buying a farm in Brice. Together they spent many hardworking years on the family cotton, turned fish farm. Katherine and Bruce faced some gut-wrenching financial/legal struggles on the farm. Her valedictorian skills came in handy in those struggles. In a legal battle to save the farm, and without funds for an attorney, she bought a used set of law books at a garage sale, studied them intensely, and prepared and defended their case before a judge. They walked out of that courtroom victorious—case dismissed!!! Even through all her struggles and heartaches, never once did she give up hope, or become bitter.

Katherine could dress up to look like a beauty queen, or she could put on work clothes (with Mary Kay makeup, of course) and work the fields and fishponds with the best of them. She could attend Mary Kay ballroom parties or be in cut-off shorts and flip-flops catching rattlesnakes. She was a parts runner, a cotton trailer puller, an irrigation pipe mover, a gardener, a bookkeeper, and everything else farm life demanded. She worked that farm very hard alongside Bruce; however, her “selling ice to an Eskimo” skill was also used productively to help support the farm. Sales in luggage, glassware, jewelry, healthcare products, and finally Mary Kay helped tremendously in farm finances. She was so very proud of her two Mary Kay cars!!!

She was an amazing cook, and everyone knew and looked forward to delicious homemade meals served at her table. She could even make a fried bologna sandwich taste like the best thing you ever put in your mouth. She could catch, clean, fillet and cook catfish in her sleep and WOW---it was incredible!! So much so that the family finds it hard to even enjoy catfish elsewhere.

Katherine was no stranger to hardships, pain, and struggles. She buried not one, but two children, Kathy at the young age of 6 years old, and Bo at age 20, in a horrific tragedy, and then finally, her husband Bruce in 2012.

While she was staunch and fierce in her pursuit of what is right and good, she was a loving, kind,

gentle soul, that even in her deepest grief, always thought of others first. There were a FEW times in her life, that she did not have an authentic and beautiful smile on her face---and that smile could and would light up the room. She made every person in her presence feel important and, most of all, LOVED.

Katherine dreamed of travel and that dream became reality in her and Bruce’s retirement years. A strange twist of fate through a hunting lease turned reverse mortgage type situation afforded Katherine and Bruce the financial freedom to travel, but more importantly, birthed an extraordinary and deep friendship. Katherine so often spoke fondly of the memories of their travels, but even more fondly of their special friend, Bart (whom she thought of and loved like a son). She always believed that was a Devine appointment and intervention ordained directly by God.

Katherine’s BOYS were her heart, her pride and joy---Three grand BOYS, followed by five great-grand BOYS. There’s no denying that her BOYS, as she called them, were the people that she loved the most. Time spent at MawMaw’s house was very special for her BOYS, with so many precious lifelong memories made. Her nieces and nephews were just one step behind the “BOYS”—she loved them all dearly and always welcomed them as her own.

Loved ones that cleared the path for Katherine, are her parents, Hugh and Oneta, her two children, Kathy and Bo, and the love and light of her life, her husband, Bruce. Other loved ones that preceded her in death were her sisters-in-law, Judy Sanders, Shirley Hodges and Elly Gillespie.

Loved ones that will miss Katherine until they meet again are her two daughters, Janice Harvey, and SuLynn Mester and husband Randy; her grand BOYS, Matthew Brandes and son Ky, Joshua Brandes and wife Laura and sons, Zach, Hannon and Sloan, Kris Ariola and wife Taylor and son Tanner; her siblings, Leonard Sanders and wife Edna, Kenneth Sanders and wife Lois, and Larry Sanders; bonus “brothers” Robert Sanders and wife Linda, and Carl Sanders; sister-in-law, Lajuana Tucker, along with many nieces, nephews, other extended family and friends.

Sign the online guestbook at www.boxwellbrothers.com.

O’Neal: Event to honor cowboy

Continued from page one.

Today he lives in Holliday, Texas, and day works for the Four Sixes Ranch near Guthrie, Texas.

“If you’re gonna cowboy,” Wes said, “you accept the fact that you ain’t gonna ever be rich and you’re gonna get injured from time to time, but the trade-off is worth it to me. You’re not punchin’ no eight-to-five-time clock, and you get to see some beautiful sunrises sittin’ on your horse. As Buster Welch says,

‘That’s the best seat in the house.’”

To register for the National Golden Spur Award dinner, call Vicki Quinn-Williams at 806-834-0469 or register online at raqnching-heritage.org/spur.

Reservations are required by Thursday, October 6. Tickets are \$95 for RHA members, \$125 for non-members, \$2,500 choice table for eight, and \$5,000 prime table for eight.





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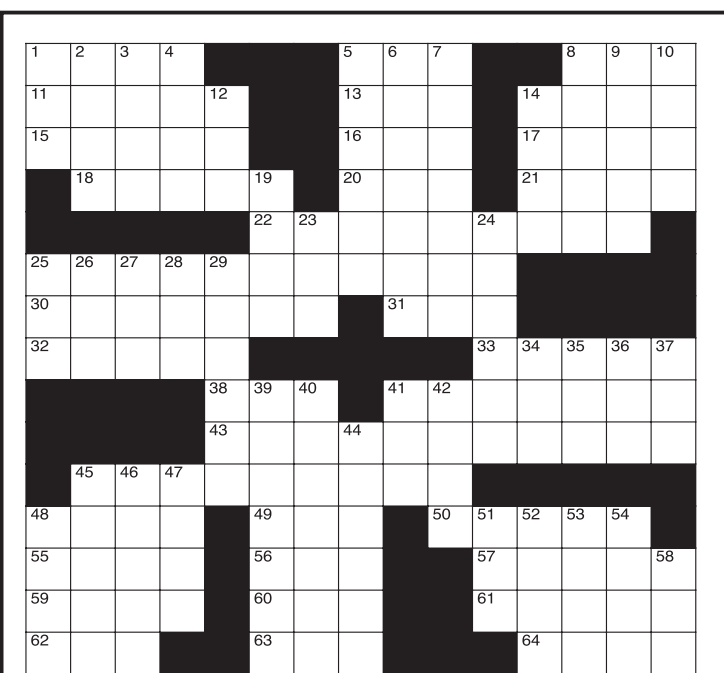
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- Prolific Italian opera composer
- Restaurants
- One’s grandmother
- Ancient Greek City
- Italian mountain ranges
- Data
- Acted in an obedient way
- Autonomic nervous system
- Not on the up-and-up
- Mock lightly
- Mimic
- Built
- A neighborhood
- Inflammation of the kidneys
- Semitic fertility god
- Temporary name of Seaborgium
- Wise people
- Tear down
- fi (slang)
- Diamond weight
- Frosted
- Predecessor to EU
- Makes changes to
62. Some are secret
- Tooth caregiver
- Old English poet

CLUES DOWN

- Sign language
- In style
- Norwegian river
- People with impaired hearing
- Large stinging paper wasp
- Bucharest is its capital
- River in Ireland
- Type of TV
- Double-reed instruments
- Spanish motorcycle manufacturer
- Midway between south and southeast
- French commune
- Alike
- A bachelor’s apartment
- Foot part between the ball and ankle
- Belonging to a thing
- Japanese classical theater
- Supervises flying
- Not even
- Capital of Saudi Arabia
- Electronic countermeasure
- Consumed
- American politician (abbr.)
- Sun up in New York
- Casually looked through
- Revealed the presence of
- Peyton’s little brother
- Diana __, singer
- Study of moral values and rules
- Civil Rights group
- Makes less severe
- Made an emotional appeal
- Vivacity of style
- One who is highly skilled
- Gets around in pursuit of pleasure
- Famed guitarist Clapton
- Most common Japanese surname
- Recipe abbreviation

2023 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET FOR DONLEY COUNTY

A public Hearing on the Donley County Proposed Budget will be held August 29, 2022 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 \$32,334.00 which is 1.80% increase from last year’s budget.

The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$8,927.00.



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Watering trees during the Texas drought

Over 99 percent of Texas is under drought conditions, creating negative impacts to our landscape – especially to trees. With no end in sight, how do we protect our trees under extreme heat and dry conditions?

The most important thing you can do for your trees is water – which can be a challenge when trying to conserve the necessary resource.

“We are starting to see widespread drought stress in trees across the state,” said Karl Flocke, Texas A&M Forest Service Woodland Ecologist. “At this point, we are even seeing some trees starting to die because of stress.”

Dying trees are generally in isolated pockets where the soil is dry and not holding much water, or in parts of the state where there has been an extended period without rain.

“Several different species are dying and declining rapidly,” said Flocke. “But generally, we are seeing the most drought-induced mortality on oaks, a few elm trees, hackberry trees and even some junipers.”

The best thing we can do to slow mortality rates in trees is water them, and consistently. Consistent watering is crucial for trees because there is no water storage system within them. Most of the water taken up by trees is not held in the trees but instead is returned to the atmosphere in a process called transpiration.

Due to the lack of a water storage system within trees, they need watering regularly to survive.

As the drought continues, though, many counties, cities and water districts have begun putting water restrictions in place to conserve the precious resource.

“When most of us turn on a hose, the water that comes out was either pumped from an underground aquifer or it came from a surface source such as a lake,” said Flocke. “This resource is limited and is necessary to support the life of not only fish and wildlife, but humans as well.”

During extreme drought, using

water in our landscape for trees and yards can reduce the amount of water available in aquifers, rivers and lakes.

“This same water is needed to sustain wildlife, grow food, cool power plants and fight wildfires,” said Flocke.

So, how can you best take care of your trees while conserving water resources?

First, well-established trees that are not showing signs of heat stress do not need to be watered. Signs of stress to look for include dropping or wilting leaves, small or malformed leaves, yellowing of the leaves and browning tips of the leaves.

Younger trees that have been planted in the landscape in the last few years, though, should be watered consistently.

Next, it’s important to prioritize the trees that you want to maintain in your landscape. Keeping shade trees alive that add incomparable value when it comes to lowering temperatures around your home should be the first priority.

In a typical summer, watering young trees with two to three gallons per inch of trunk diameter, two to three times per week is a good rule of thumb. However, make sure the soil is never saturated with water.

When under water restrictions and drought conditions, though, the goal shifts to keeping your trees alive until conditions change, rather than forcing them into a growing stage, which requires more energy. In extreme drought, trees can survive on half the recommended water – one to two gallons per inch of trunk diameter, once a week.

When watering your trees, there are many techniques and practices to help limit water waste and increase water retention:

Water in the morning or evenings when there will be less loss to evaporation.

Reduce overhead watering by using a hose, bubbler or drip system instead of a sprinkler.

Avoid chemical fertilizers as these increase the demand for water.

Instead, use compost to improve oxygen and water availability.

Use mulch over the critical root zone. Two to three inches of mulch under the canopy of the tree helps to reduce moisture loss and the drying effects of wind. Avoid placing the mulch in contact with the trunk.

Re-use shower, bath and cooking water; just capture the water in a bucket or other container.

Check your irrigation systems for leaks.

Let your lawn grow taller. Shade from longer grass helps to reduce the soil temperature and the amount of water lost due to evaporation.

Avoid pruning activities. Pruning of live tissue causes trees to expend energy to seal over the wounds. That energy could be better used to overcome drought stress.

Avoid disrupting the soil under and around the drip line or canopy of the tree. Root disturbance and compaction reduces the ability of the tree to absorb and transport water.

Avoid digging holes in an effort to water more deeply as this will dry out the soil in a tree’s root zone.

Some trees are also beginning to see secondary pests and diseases, or stressors. Secondary pests and diseases are those that attack a tree that is already stressed by something else, such as a drought or a winter storm. These stressors should not be what is treated this summer.

While we won’t know the extent of the impact the drought is going to have on the state’s tree canopy until it’s over, chances are it will get worse before it gets better. So, for now, prioritize your trees for significance and value, and try to water them as conservatively as possible while we endure this Texas drought.

For additional information on caring for trees during drought conditions, visit <https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/afterthestorm/Drought/>.

Stay informed on drought conditions in your area by visiting <https://tfsfrd.tamu.edu/Forest-Drought/>.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.252535 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Clarendon College.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.252535 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.233706 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.252535 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2022 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Clarendon College from the same properties in both the 2021 tax year and the 2022 tax year.

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

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Clarendon College is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2022 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON August 18, 2022 AT 5:45 PM AT the VIP room of the Bairfield Activity Center at Clarendon College.

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

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

Property tax amount= (tax rate) x (taxable value of your property)/100		
FOR the proposal:	Tommy Waldrop	Carey Wann
	Jim Shelton	Dr. Guy Ellis
AGAINST the proposal:	Lon Adams	Chris Matthews
	Janice Knorpp	Brittney Word
PRESENT and not voting:None		
ABSENT: Shaun O’Keefe		

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

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

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

	2021	2022	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.244151	\$0.252535	increase of 0.008384, or 3.43%
Average homestead taxable value	\$45,443	\$48,801	increase of 3,358, or 7.39%
Tax on average homestead	\$110.95	\$123.24	increase of 12.29, or 11.08%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$676,590	\$734,502	increase of 57,912, or 8.56%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Clarendon College at 806-874-3571 or 806-874-2744, or visit www.clarendoncollege.edu for more information.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON DONLEY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The Donley Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2023 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on August 25, 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 \$ 298,307.
- The total amount of increase from the current year's budget is \$13,468.
- The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget is 3.
- 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.

At the same meeting there will be a public hearing for the taxing units to express views concerning the reappraisal plan for 2023-2024.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING MEETING CITY OF CLARENDON, TEXAS



THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2022

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 25, 2022 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 2022-2023.

This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year’s budget by \$14,442 which is a 4.47% increase from last year’s budget, and of that amount \$3,133.44 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 2022-2023 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 8, 2022. City Hall will be closed on September 5, 2022 for Labor Day.

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Clarendon Lions Club Regular
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Landon Lambert, Boss Lion.
Roger Estlack, Secretary



Clarendon Alcoholics Anonymous Group 806-676-9416,
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Satur. 7 p.m. 416 S Kearney St.

Clarendon Chamber of Commerce Regular
Board of Directors meeting 1st Thursday
each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Clarendon
Visitor Center.

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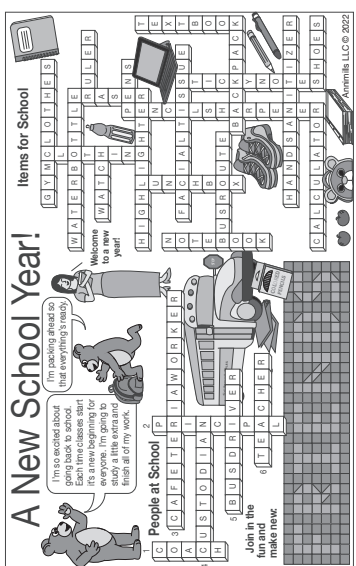
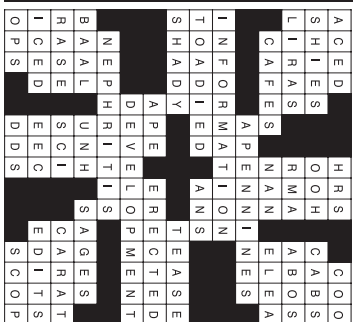
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING CLARENDON COLLEGE

The Clarendon College Board of Regents will hold a public hearing on the College's proposed budget for 2022-2023 fiscal year on Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in the VIP Room of the Bairfield Activity Center, Clarendon College Campus, Clarendon, Texas.

CITY OF HOWARDWICK SMALL TAXING UNIT NOTICE

The City of Howardwick will meet at 245 Rick Husband Blvd

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(City Hall) on August 9, 2022 at 6 pm to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2022.

The proposed No New Revenue tax rate is \$0.37357 per \$100.00 of value. Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearing of each entity that taxes your property. The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

2022-2023 PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF NON-DISCRIMINATION IN CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Clarendon Consolidated Independent School District offers support to school district for career and technical education programs in vocational agriculture, business and technical preparation, and family and consumer sciences. Admission to these programs is based on enrollment in Clarendon CISD secondary schools.

It is the policy of Clarendon CISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its vocational programs, services or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

It is the policy of Clarendon CISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, or age in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

Clarendon CISD will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Jennifer Bellar at 806-874-4304 and/or the Section 504 Coordinator, Jenae Ashbrook, at 420 S Allen Street, 806-874-3241.

Clarendon Consolidated Independent School District ofrece programas vocacionales en la agricultura, los negocios, y la preparación técnica, y las ciencias de la familia y del consumidor. La admisión a estos programas se basa en ESC-20 número de estudiantes en secundaria.

Es norma de Clarendon CISD no discriminar en sus programas, servicios o actividades vocacionales por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo o impedimento, tal como lo requieren el Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964, según enmienda; Título IX de las Enmiendas en la Educación de 1972, y la Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973, según enmienda.

Es norma de Clarendon CISD no discriminar en sus procedimientos de empleo por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, impedimento o edad, tal como lo requieren el Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964, según enmienda; Título IX de las Enmiendas en la Educación, de 1972, la ley de Discriminación por Edad, de 1975, según enmienda; y la Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de

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1973, según enmienda. Clarendon CISD tomará las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso del inglés no sea un obstáculo para la admisión y participación en todos los programas educativos y vocacionales. Para información sobre sus derechos o procedimientos de quejas, comuníquese con el Coordinador del Título IX en, y/o el Coordinador de la Sección 504 en Jenae Ashbrook, at 420 S Allen Street, 806-874-3241.

LEGAL NOTICE TO ANY BANKING CORPORATION, ASSOCIATION, OR INDIVIDUAL BANKING IN DONLEY COUNTY, TEXAS

Pursuant to Articles 116.022 through 116.025 of the Local Government Code, the Donley County Commissioners' Court in regular (June) session of Court invites any and all financial banking institutions who are interested, to submit an application to be designated as the county Depository for the biennium beginning October 1, 2022.

Pursuant to Article 116.021(b) the contract shall be for Four-year term, the contract shall allow the County to establish, on the basis of negotiations with the bank, new interest rates and financial terms of the contract that will take effect during the final two years of the four-year contract.

The application shall state the amount of paid-up capital stock and permanent surplus of the institution and there shall be furnished with the application a statement showing the financial condition of said institution. The application shall also be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check for not less than 1/2 (one-half) of one percent of the County's revenue for the preceding year as a guarantee of the good faith on the part of the bank, (total county revenue \$3,220,727.00). The checks of the unsuccessful bidder will be returned forthright, and the check of the successful bidder will be returned after the depository has entered and filed the bond required by law, and the bond has been approved by the Commissioners' Court.

Application should reflect:

1. Interest paid on checking accounts maintaining a minimum balance of \$1,000.00.

2. Interest paid on CDs of \$100,000.00.

a. for 30 days

b. for 6 months

c. for 1 year

3. Interest charged Donley County for any loan from bank.

4. List of any charges to County for services, such as wire transfer, safety deposit box, checks, etc.

Security for all Donley County funds held by the depository.

The Donley County Commissioners' Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids. All applications should be submitted to the County Treasurer on or before 9:45 a.m. on Monday, September 12, 2022. The Court shall require a representative from the banks making application to attend the bid opening at 10:00 a.m. September 12, 2022. John Howard, County Judge.

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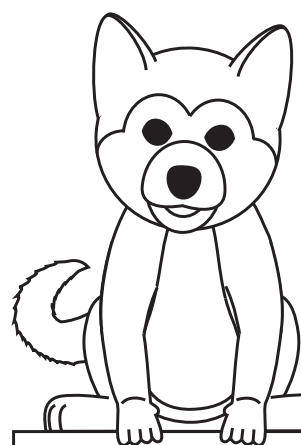
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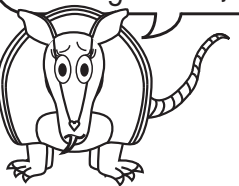
Dog Days of Summer



Tips to Keep Cool:

- drink lots of water
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- slow down
- keep shades drawn
- use fans
- wear light-colored clothing

Where I live we have hot summers. We are used to the heat, but lately it's been **too hot**. I've been feeling as sick as a dog. **Woof!**



Hot, sticky days that make us sweat! Days when nothing seems to be happening...**dog days of summer!**

Dog days are here when the Dog Star, Sirius, appears over the horizon just before sunrise. At one time, people who were superstitious thought Sirius drove dogs mad in the heat of the summer. Sirius shines with a bluish-white light. It is the brightest star in our sky besides our sun. Sirius is in the constellation Canis Major, the Great Dog. Try to keep cool!

The hottest days of the year are here and...

1. _____ are tossing and turning, trying to sleep.
2. pesky _____ are buzzing and biting.
3. _____ are wilting from lack of rain.
4. air conditioners hum and _____ whirl.
5. garbage and trash _____ are smelling bad!
6. _____ is parched because there is a drought.
7. chocolate _____ are melting.
8. _____ is protecting our skin from the sun's rays.
9. bicycle _____ are sinking into heated tar.
10. our _____ is running overtime to keep food cold.
11. our bare _____ are cooling on the green grass.
12. our _____ is sweating to cool our bodies.

Did you know that dogs don't sweat the way humans do?

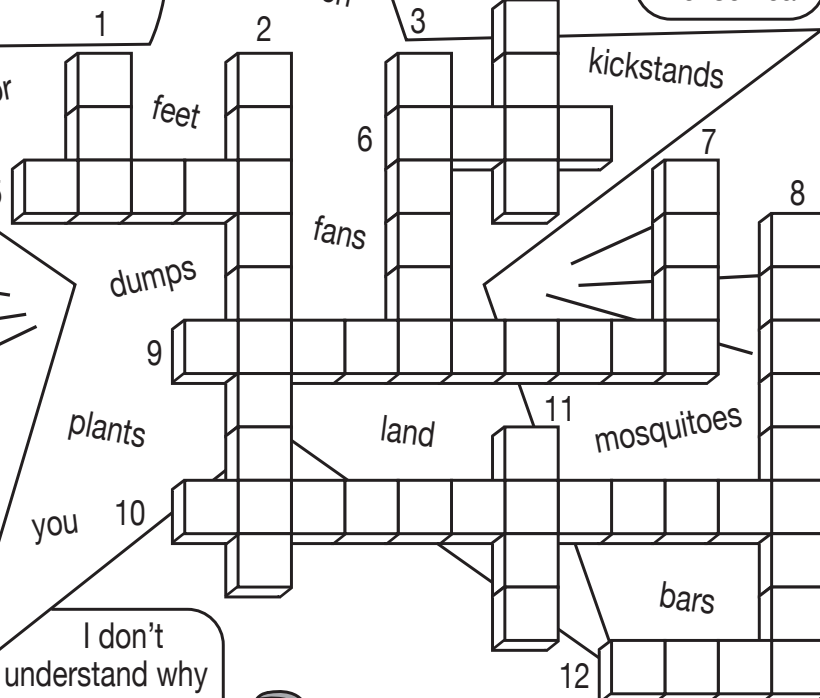
Although dogs have a few sweat glands, they cool off mainly by panting.

A star is called a "sun" if it is in the center of a solar system.



The **hottest** place in the U.S. is Death Valley (CA, NV). Temperatures there have been recorded above 130 degrees F.

Sorry about the intense heat!



I don't understand why these blisteringly hot days are called the "dog days of summer." I'm so miserable!



Me too!



AgriLife hires new regenerative system ecologist in Vernon

From adaptive multi-paddock grazing to agrivoltaics, Nuria Gomez-Casanovas, Ph.D., is investigating strategies to enhance the ecological and environmental sustainability of agricultural land in her new position with Texas A&M AgriLife Research in Vernon.

Gomez-Casanovas, an assistant professor in regenerative system ecology in the Department of Rangeland, Wildlife and Fisheries Management, has been on the job about a month.

She hit the ground running, building on her previous work with Richard Teague, Ph.D., who retired and whose position she filled at Vernon. These projects concern adaptive multi-paddock grazing, AMP – a form of rotational grazing where one paddock is grazed at a time while other paddocks recover, and livestock numbers are adjusted to match available forage – as well as pasture cropping with AMP grazing.

Gomez-Casanovas said she is also looking forward to bringing to the Rolling Plains new research on bioenergy and agrivoltaics, which is the dual use of land resources through the collocation of solar panels on agricultural land to simultaneously produce solar energy and food.

Gomez-Casanovas began her research program on regenerative farming as a research scientist at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, after earning her bachelor's and doctorate from the University of Barcelona, Spain.

From this work, she began studying grasslands to understand how grazing affects these ecosystems, including the emission of greenhouse gases such as methane.

In Vernon, she will adapt and continue this previous research in a different climate.

Pasture cropping with AMP, which integrates direct seeding of annual crops into dormant perennial grasses, is a novel, cost-effective

strategy that has been studied in other regions of the world but is relatively new to the U.S. This strategy is gaining increased attention as a way to build soil function and enhance the productivity of grasslands.

An aspect of this work involves bioenergy. Gomez-Casanovas aims to continue her bioenergy research with another multimillion-dollar project involving the Center for Advanced Bioenergy and Bioproducts Innovation in collaboration with 22 U.S. universities and institutions to the U.S. Department of Energy.

Agrivoltaics in the Rolling Plains

Similar to how landowners and producers have learned to continue agriculture production under giant wind turbines, Gomez-Casanovas believes agrivoltaics can be used to mitigate climate warming while enhancing productivity and efficiency in the use of land and natural resources.

Her current agrivoltaics project, a collaborative effort between several universities and multiple stakeholders on a U.S. Department of Agriculture – Agriculture and Food Research Initiative Sustainable Agricultural Systems project, is investigating the benefits and trade-offs of agrivoltaics.

She said agrivoltaics is still developing as a practice, so the research team is using agronomic, physiologic and synthesis approaches to understand how the practice affects productivity and how it could benefit ag systems.

The team is also studying how agrivoltaics could affect the environment, including impacts on the accumulation of soil organic carbon, biodiversity and emission of greenhouse gases.

"My idea is to see how agrovoltaics affects pasture productivity in arid and semi-arid regions, where we get low precipitation," Gomez-Casanovas said. "These solar panels keep the moisture in the soil, so they can be beneficial from a hydrologi-

cal standpoint due to the shade the panels provide and a reduced amount of water lost by plants and soil.”

One question she is determined to answer is how to effectively sustain and enhance food productivity – whether on crops or pastures – under the solar panels and how this will impact the environment.

"Details are extremely important. The height, density and orientation of the panels, the materials used in their construction, and the types of plant species will play a major role in plant productivity and the environmental and economic viability of this novel strategy," she said.

She plans to run simulations on different agrivoltaics designs to determine plant productivity and then test those experiments in the field.

Broader bioenergy research for regional solutions

Gomez-Casanovas said as she continues her grant work, she also plans to tackle several issues important to Texas and the neighboring states.

Nuria Gomez-Casanovas, Ph.D., conducts eddy covariance tower maintenance. Eddy covariance is an approach that measures the exchange of gases between the ecosystem and the atmosphere 24/7. (Photo courtesy of Nuria Gomez-Casanovas)

Gomez-Casanovas said she will continue working with scientists in Illinois, Florida and Alabama, but also will begin collaborating with scientists in Texas, Mississippi and Louisiana who are studying bioenergy sorghums.

Additionally, she will work with other AgriLife Research scientists on amending soils with biochar to see if that can enhance productivity of semi-arid ecosystems.

“It would be benefitting the water cycle of these systems and provide plants more water for growth while enhancing soil health – it could be a win-win practice in semi-arid systems,” she said.



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