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

Homeschool group to meet August 25

The Donley County Home-school Co-Op is having a Potluck Dinner on Friday, August 25 at 6 p.m. at the Family Life Center, 300 Carhart Street.

Bring your families and a potluck dish and join us for an evening of fellowship and fun. All homeschool families are welcome to join us.

Local governments planning hearings

August is planning time for local governments as they begin the process of setting budgets and tax rates for the coming year with notice being given in the pages of THE CLARENDON ENTERPRISE.

Clarendon College will hold a Public Budget Hearing on Thursday, August 17, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in Bairfield Activity Center and also a Public Hearing on Tax Increase the same day and place at 5:45 p.m.

Hedley CISD will have a Public Meeting to discuss its Budget and Proposed Tax Rate at 6:00 p.m., on Monday, August 21, 2023.

The City of Clarendon will have a Public Budget Hearing on Thursday, August 24, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

Donley County will have a Public Hearing on its Proposed Budget and a Public Hearing on Tax Increase on Monday, August 28, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Clarendon CISD will also have a Public Meeting to discuss Budget and Proposed Tax Rate at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, August 28, 2023.

Watch the ENTERPRISE for more public notices about local government operations.

Cub Scout leaders sought for new year

Clarendon Cub Scout Pack 437 is asking any interested parents or other adults to consider signing up as Den Leaders for the coming year.

Cub Scouts is open to kids in Kindergarten through fifth grades. Activities include camping, fishing, archery, BB gun shooting, the Pinewood Derby, the Raingutter Regatta, and much more! Cubs also learn about citizenship, patriotism, first aid, outdoor skills, woodworking, nature, sports, and physical fitness all while maintaining an emphasis of doing their duty to God and Country.

Pack 437 is chartered by the First Methodist Church in Clarendon and has provided opportunities for fun, learning, and character development for more than 60 years.

To learn more about volunteering as a Cub Scout leader, contact Gaylyne Manns at 806-207-0037 or Roger Estlack at 806-662-4689.

City names Barbosa to be next administrator

City Manager Brian Barbosa of Knox City will take over as Clarendon's new city administrator October 2 following last week's regular meeting of the City Council.

Aldermen concluded several months of searching for the next administrator with a unanimous vote on August 10 to offer the job to Barbosa, who was an early finalist for the job in January. He will succeed City Administrator David Dockery, who will retire at the end of this fiscal year.

Barbosa, is an alumnus of Clarendon College; and, in a letter to city officials accepting the position, he expressed his pleasure at being offered the job and said he looks forward to coming to Clarendon.

"I am delighted to have been selected to serve as the City Administrator for such a fine city like Clarendon," Barbosa wrote. "The opportunity to return to Clarendon, not as a student but, in a leadership role in the community to serve the citizens and help shape the visions

of the Mayor and City Council is an honor. I am looking forward to being a part of shaping the community's future and achieving great things and calling Clarendon home."

In other city business, the council approved an amendment to Ordinance 501, increasing water and sewer rates by three percent effective October 1, and also approved a measure to increase gate fees at the Citizens Convenience Center by 50 percent following increases in charges by Waste Connections.

A proposal from Cater Sand & Gravel was accepted to replace the wooden posts on the awning at 104 S. Kearney with square steel tubing was approved.

Aldermen approved a request to close Fourth and Gorst streets near the Donley County Senior Citizens for the August 19 Senior Thang.

A bid was approved to treat and repair the wood façade of the Burton Memorial Library.

Following new state legislation forbidding cities from enacting

minor curfew ordinances, the city council repealed Clarendon's minor curfew ordinance.

A resolution was approved to allow the city to receive money from the state's opioid settlement fund.

In his administrator's report, Dockery updated the council on the progress of downtown revitalization, the eastside paving project, and the aquatics center. Dockery particularly praised the managers and employees of the aquatics center for a great season and an exceptional job.

Committee sets Bond's new salary

A Donley County Salary Grievance Committee more than tripled the salary of Precinct 3&4 Constable Randy Bond when it met last Thursday, August 10, rejecting the \$1,236 figure set by the Commissioners' Court and calling for a new annual salary of \$3,804.

The unanimous decision of the nine-member committee is binding on the commissioners' court. A less than unanimous decision would have meant the commissioners only had to "consider" the committee's decision.

Bond ran unopposed for the vacant constable's office as a Republican in March of 2022, had no opponent in last year's general election in November, and took office in January.

County Judge John Howard stated during the committee meeting that the constable's salary had been reduced in fiscal year 2022 following former constable Doug Wright's resignation in February of 2021. Howard said Bond knew what the salary was when he ran for the office.

Bond filed legal action against the Donley County Commissioners'



Donley County Judge John Howard (left) and Constable Randy Bond (right) discuss his salary request during a county grievance committee meeting August 10. ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ROGER ESTLACK

Court seeking a "reasonable salary" for his office in March 2023 but dropped his action in April.

Bond told the committee last week that he was seeking a reasonable salary.

"All I need is a salary that's reasonable to run this office," he said.

In a letter to the county, Bond sought a salary of \$45,000, which is the same as a Donley County Sheriff's Deputy.

County Clerk Vickie Tunnell asked Bond during the meeting why he needed a full deputy's salary when the constable only covers half the county.

"I deserve a deputy's salary,"

Bond said. "How am I expected to do my job?"

During the meeting, Howard asked Bond why he had quit as the county's chief deputy if he wanted a deputy's salary. Bond replied that he had stepped away from law enforcement after working a double murder in Howardwick.

During the course of the committee meeting, it was discussed that while Bond's salary is only \$1,236 per year, he still receives health insurance through the county as a county official. However, county employees have to pay about \$200 per month of the insurance premium, effectively wiping out his salary and resulting in Bond

having to write a check back to the county to cover the insurance.

After consulting with County Treasurer Wanda Smith, the committee unanimously approved a motion by County Tax Assessor Kristy Christopher to set Bond's salary at \$3,804 plus related taxes and retirement costs.

Members of the committee were Judge John Howard, Sheriff Butch Blackburn, County Attorney Landon Lambert, County Clerk Vickie Tunnell, County Treasurer Wanda Smith, County Tax Assessor Kristy Christopher, and members of the public Natrona Barton, Pauline McAfee, Jimmy Hampton, and Melissa Hatley.

Senior Thang to be held on this Saturday

People of all ages are invited and encouraged to attend That Senior Thang this Saturday, August 19.

Barbecue Chickens will start coming off the grill at 1:00 p.m. as the first act of the third annual fundraiser for the Donley County Senior Citizens Center. It's first come, first served this year with half chickens available for \$8 each or whole chickens available for \$15.

The main Thang begins at 5:00 and continues until 9:00 at the intersection of Gorst and Fourth streets.

The Thang will old-fashioned family fun for people of all ages. There will be a full concession with everything from BBQ sandwiches, hot dogs and Pulled pork sandwiches to homemade ice cream and watermelon and a County Store full of home baked goodies.

Free street games will include hoops, prize ducks, toy car races, corn hole, ladderball, marbles, and face painting.

Come try your luck at Chicken Drop Bingo, the Silent Auction or the 50/50 Raffle. For the more adventurous player, there will be Straw Tower Building, Two-on-Two Basketball, Jalapeno Eating, Watermelon Seed Spitting, and Wheelchair Races. Put your team of four together and compete at Water Balloon Volleyball, Texas Skis, or the Balloon Blast. Winners take half of the entry fees.

The Donley County Senior Citizens invites everyone to come join the fun. Remember to BYOC (Bring Your Own Chair).

City sales tax dips in August

Clarendon's sales tax revenue slipped again when Texas Comptroller Glen Hegar delivered August allocations to local governments last week.

Clarendon's revenue dropped 8.21 percent to \$48,735.95, and the city's year-to-date figure is now off 1.77 percent from the same period last year at \$333,577.73.

Howardwick also fell for August, down 15.41 percent from a year ago at \$1,784.57, but the lakeside city is still positive for the year-to-date at \$13,740.62, up 6.82 percent.

Hedley was up for the month 14.56 percent at \$1,265.62 and is up for the year-to-date at \$8,989.64.



Broncos scrimmage

Clarendon Bronco Lyric Smith tries to avoid the Stratford defense during the first scrimmage of the season last Saturday morning. The Broncos will travel to Childress this Friday for a 5 p.m.

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Carson Co. sheriff says Rep. Jackson cursed at officers

By William Melhado, The Texas Tribune

US Rep. Ronny Jackson (R-Amarillo) threatened to beat up a state trooper and take down the Carson County sheriff in the next election after deputies detained the congressman at a rodeo outside of Amarillo in July, according to a sheriff's incident report released Friday night.

The report said that Jackson screamed profanities at deputies who were trying to clear the area for emergency medical workers to attend to a teenager who was having a seizure. Deputies asked the former White House physician to step back four times before they put Jackson in

handcuffs, according to their reports.

After the congressman was released, he demanded Carson County Sheriff Tam Terry call him and investigate the incident. During that call, Terry, a Republican, said that Jackson warned him that he would "bury me in the next election."

The events described in the report starkly contrasted with the congressman's public statement just days after the July 29 incident. A spokesperson for Jackson said at the time that he was detained amid a "very loud and chaotic environment" and was released as soon as law enforcement realized he was trying

to help. Notably the statement said Jackson was sitting "in the stands during the entire rodeo, in full view of the assembled crowd, and was not drinking."

But according to an account from Chief Deputy J.C. Blackburn, the GOP congressman was seen drinking backstage of the rodeo event. A Jackson aide disputed that in a statement Friday.

"Congressman Jackson was not drinking and was prevented from giving medical care in a potentially life-threatening situation due to overly aggressive and incompetent actions by the local authorities present at the time of the incident,"

said Kate Lair, a spokesperson for Jackson. "Again, he was asked to help the teenager when no other uniformed medics were present. Congressman Jackson, as a trained ER physician, will not apologize for sparing no effort to help in a medical emergency, especially when the circumstances were chaotic and the local authorities refused to help the situation."

The sheriff's report, released to The Texas Tribune in response to a public information request, includes several accounts from deputies detailing what happened at the White Deer rodeo. After a teenager collapsed at the event, onlookers

began to gather around her and EMS asked Department of Public Safety Trooper Young to clear the crowd, which included Jackson who said he was helping assist the patient. The report did not include the first name of many law enforcement officials present at the scene.

Young ordered Jackson to step back and moved him back. According to Deputy Alexander, Jackson pointed to Young and said, "I'm going to beat that mother f**kers' a**!"

The congressman later told Terry that in his attempt to care for the patient, he thought it was safe to **See 'Jackson' on page 6.**



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Ghost Dance symbolized Indians' last great hope

In the late 1880s, a relatively unknown, nondescript Paiute Indian went to heaven, was instructed by God, and returned to introduce a Messianic religion among the Indians of the western United States.

Wovoka was a visionary man as his father had been, and over the years he had several experiences that established his reputation as a seer and a prophet among the Indians of western Nevada.

"If Paiutes need a prophet, I am that prophet," Wovoka preached. "Paiutes should have a Paiute prophet. I, Wovoka--son of Tavibo--am that man."

After visiting Wovoka in the winter of 1891-92, James Mooney, a U. S. Government anthropologist, described him as "a young man, a dark full-blood, compactly built and taller than the Paiute generally, six feet in height."

Wovoka then instructed the people in more specific terms. "You must be good and love one another, have no quarreling, and live in peace with the whites."

Along with these instructions, God instructed Wovoka to introduce a new dance among the Indians as a symbolic representation of their coming restoration.

Wovoka experienced additional trances over the next two years, and further instructions from on high emphasized those that had already been delivered.

Wovoka spoke for over an hour about his experience in heaven and the things he had been commanded to teach to his people. He taught that the time was near

for the Indians to become a united people. "I saw Indians of every tribe, of every nation, walking arm-in-arm like brothers. One time they were enemies. Now they are as one."

Wovoka also taught that the Indians would soon be restored to their former state of glory. They would stand tall and handsome, and free from the oppressions of the white men.

"You must wash your sins away," Wovoka declared. "You must make yourselves pure before God and all the spirits that have gone before. For to you, my people, God has revealed a wonder that will go to Indians everywhere."

Thus, even though Wovoka preached a doctrine of eventual Indian supremacy, it was also a doctrine of peace and righteousness.

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Many Indian tribes believed Wovoka, and his new doctrine became a new great hope for them.

From the east and from the north, tribe after tribe sent delegates to Mason Valley to meet Wovoka and learn firsthand of his religion and of the Ghost Dance. The Bannocks and the Shoshones in Idaho played major roles in spreading the message.

According to Mooney, who became an authority on the Ghost Dance, "The great underlying principle of the Ghost Dance doctrine is that the time will come when the whole Indian race, living and dead, will be reunited upon a regenerated earth, to live a life of aboriginal happiness, forever free of death, disease, and misery."

The dance is a circular dance of both males and females. Some tribes dance around a pole or a tree, while others use nothing in the center of the circle. Slowly the circle rotates in a clockwise direction as the dancers, with holy symbols painted in their faces, entwine their hands and move from right to left.

As the various tribes conducted their Ghost Dance ceremonies, a few variations naturally developed. Some tribes performed the dance on ground hallowed by a pre-dance dedication ceremony.



vignettes tales of the old west by george u. hubbard

ritual referred to by whites as a "sweat bath." In many tribes, the dance required fasting by the participants. In almost all tribes, the ritual included a ceremonial garment, or shirt, which constituted a protective shield for the wearer.

Although the Indians' intentions, as taught by Wovoka, were noble and peaceful, government officials and local settlers looked upon the rapid spread of the Ghost Dance with considerable alarm.

In Oklahoma's Indian Territory, the Arapahoe and Cheyenne Indians became fervent adherents of the Ghost Dance and the new life it symbolized. They held Ghost Dances on the North Canadian River and in other nearby locations with several thousand Indians in attendance.

Fearing the possibility of an Indian uprising, Captain Woodson at Oklahoma's Darlington Indian Agency ordered that future Ghost Dances be discontinued, but the dances continued despite the prohibition. The El Reno Herald reported in August 1893 that settlers were so frightened by the sights and sounds emanating from the dance venues that they would abandon their homes and seek protection elsewhere.

Within the Sioux nation, Sitting Bull and Red Cloud had

accepted Wovoka's messiahship, and they looked upon the movement as a beginning of the liberation they so desperately wanted. Believing that by peaceful means they would finally be freed of the white man's oppression and double-dealing, they made the Ghost Dance a popular feature on their Pine Ridge and Rosebud reservations.

In October 1890, Sitting Bull invited Kicking Bear, the chief high priest of the Ghost Dance among the Sioux, to introduce the dance on Sitting Bull's own reservation of Standing Rock. Refusing new government orders to abandon the dance, Sitting Bull added to the government's long-standing mistrust of him.

Two weeks later the Battle of Wounded Knee occurred. Riding into battle wearing their ceremonial protective garments which were supposed to protect them from harm and death, the Indian warriors were massacred. Short Bull, who had been one of the original Sioux delegates to Wovoka, later asked, "Who would have thought that dancing could make such trouble?"

With these two tragedies among the Sioux, the Ghost Dance began to fade in popularity, and the Indians' last hope of redemption from the oppression of the white men died.

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

How to Be Healthy, Connected, Informed to Age and Live Well

By Claire Irwin, HHSC Age Well Live Well Coordinator

Everyone benefits from making a plan and having access to the tools needed to age and live well. Texas has about 5.1 million people over the age of 60, according to the United States Census Bureau.

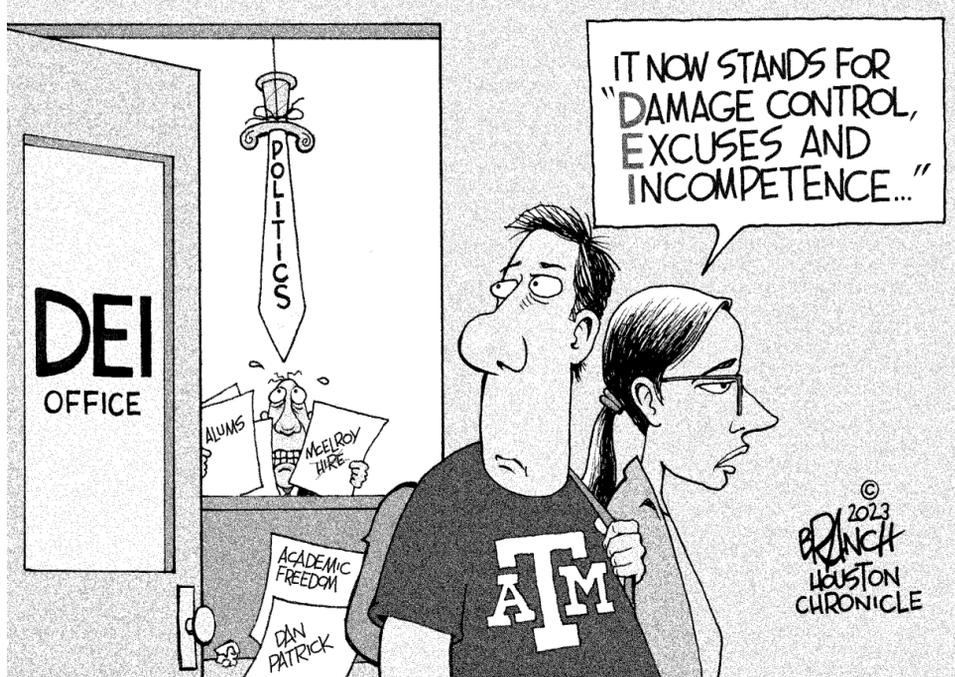
The Texas Health and Human Services (HHS) Age Well Live Well campaign provides educational and motivational resources for people, organizations and community leadership to take a proactive approach to aging.

Be Healthy: Texercise, a statewide health promotions initiative of HHS, educates and encourages people age 45 and older and communities to adopt healthy lifestyle habits.

Be Connected: The HHS Know Your Neighbor campaign encourages Texans to form and maintain new connections with older neighbors to help reduce the risks of isolation and loneliness.

Be Informed: Planning ahead using Texas Talks can help people talk about aging and needs that may arise. Every November and December, four new topics are presented for considering.

Building a healthy future includes finding fun ways to exercise, exploring nutritious foods, connecting with others, learning about available resources to help and planning ahead.



Labor quality is the top business concern for small businesses

The NFIB Small Business Optimism Index increased 0.9 of a point in July to 91.9, marking the 19th consecutive month below the 49-year average of 98. Twenty-one percent of owners reported that inflation was their single most important problem in operating their business, down three points from June.

“With small business owners’ views about future sales growth and business conditions dismal, owners want to hire and make money now from solid consumer spending,” said NFIB Chief Economist Bill Dunkelberg. “Inflation has eased slightly on Main Street, but difficulty hiring remains a top business concern.”

Although state-specific data isn’t available, NFIB State Director Annie Spilman said:

“Our job creators are uneasy about the future, making it difficult to know how best to prepare and plan. Inflation and the persistent labor shortage continue to take a toll on employers, employees, and consumers. Thankfully, the regulatory and tax relief advanced by the Texas Legislature will make it easier to do business in this challenging economy.”

Key findings include:

Owners expecting better business conditions over the next six months improved 10 points from June to a net negative 30 percent, 31 percentage points better than last June’s reading of a net negative 61 percent. This is the highest reading since August 2021 but historically very negative.

Forty-two percent of owners reported job openings that were hard to fill, unchanged from June but remaining historically very high.

The net percent of owners raising average selling prices decreased four points to a net 25 percent seasonally adjusted, still a very inflationary level but trending down. This is the lowest reading since January 2021.

The net percent of owners who expect real sales to be higher improved two points from June to a net negative 12 percent, a very pessimistic perspective.

As reported in NFIB’s monthly jobs report, 61 percent of owners reported hiring or trying to hire in

July, up two points from June. Of those hiring or trying to hire, 92 percent of owners reported few or no qualified applicants for the positions they were trying to fill. Thirty-three percent of owners reported few qualified applicants for their open positions and 23 percent reported none.

Fifty-five percent of owners reported capital outlays in the last six months, up two points from June. Of those making expenditures, 38 percent reported spending on new equipment, 22 percent acquired vehicles, and 15 percent improved or expanded facilities. Eleven percent spent money on new fixtures and furniture and 6 percent acquired new buildings or land for expansion. Twenty-seven percent of owners plan capital outlays in the next few months.

A net negative 13 percent of all owners (seasonally adjusted) reported higher nominal sales in the past three months, down three points from June and the lowest reading since August 2020. The net percent of owners expecting higher real sales volumes improved two points to a net negative 12 percent.

The net percent of owners reporting inventory gains was unchanged at a net negative 3 percent. Not seasonally adjusted, 14 percent reported increases in stocks and 14 percent reported reductions. A net negative 4 percent of owners viewed current inventory stocks as “too low” in July. By industry, shortages are reported most frequently in retail (15 percent), transportation (14 percent), manufacturing (11 percent), and services (9 percent). Shortages in construction (6 percent) have been reduced. A net negative 2 percent of owners plan inventory investment in the coming months, up one point.

Falling four points from June, the net percent of owners raising average selling prices dropped to a net 25 percent (seasonally adjusted), the lowest since January 2021. Twenty-one percent of owners reported that inflation was their single most important problem in operating their business. Unadjusted, 14 percent reported lower average selling prices and 40 percent reported higher average prices.

Price hikes were the most frequent in finance (53 percent higher, 13 percent lower), retail (52 percent higher, 10 percent lower), wholesale (44 percent higher, 15 percent lower), and construction (43 percent higher, 6 percent lower). Seasonally adjusted, a net 27 percent plan price hikes.

Seasonally adjusted, a net 38 percent reported raising compensation. A net 21 percent plan to raise compensation in the next three months, down one point from June. Ten percent of owners cited labor costs as their top business problem, up two points. Twenty-three percent of owners said that labor quality was their top business problem.

The frequency of reports of positive profit trends was a net negative 30 percent, down six points from June. Among owners reporting lower profits, 30 percent blamed weaker sales, 19 percent blamed the rise in the cost of materials, 18 percent cited labor costs, 9 percent cited lower prices, 5 percent cited usual seasonal change, and 4 percent cited higher taxes or regulatory costs. For owners reporting higher profits, 44 percent credited sales volumes, 34 percent cited usual seasonal change, and 9 percent cited higher selling prices.

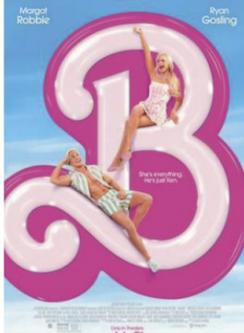
Three percent of owners reported that all their borrowing needs were not satisfied. Twenty-five percent reported all credit needs were met and 62 percent said they were not interested in a loan. A net 6 percent reported their last loan was harder to get than in previous attempts. Four percent reported that financing was their top business problem. A net 23 percent of owners reported paying a higher rate on their most recent loan. To date, Fed policies raising interest rates and reducing their portfolio have not had a significant impact on small firms.

The NFIB Research Center has collected Small Business Economic Trends data with quarterly surveys since the fourth quarter of 1973 and monthly surveys since 1986. Survey respondents are randomly drawn from NFIB’s membership. The report is released on the second Tuesday of each month. This survey was conducted in July 2023.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 2023
 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 24, 2023 at 5:30 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 2023-2024.
This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year’s budget by \$12,785 which is a 3.56% increase from last year’s budget, and of that amount \$200.00 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 2023-2024 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 7, 2023. City Hall will be closed on September 4, 2023 for Labor Day.

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- Community Calendar**
- August 18**
Broncos v Childress • 5:00 p.m. • Away
- August 19**
That Senior Thang Games, activities, and food booths for the whole family. Donley County Senior Citizens Center
- August 18 & 19**
Barbie • 7:30 p.m. • Mulkey Theater
- August 20**
Barbie • 2:00 p.m. • Mulkey Theater
- August 25**
Broncos v Panhandle • 7:00 p.m. • Home
- September 21**
Donley County Senior Citizens Bingo Night. 5:30 p.m.
- September 23**
Col. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff Authentic chuckwagons compete for top prizes • Live entertainment, trade show, and museum tours • See SaintsRoostMuseum.com for information and tickets

Menus

Aug. 21 - 25
Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Soft tacos, Spanish rice, Rach style beans, garden salad, baked apples, iced tea/2% milk.
Tues: Pulled pork, hoagie, French fries, coleslaw, melon, peanut butter cookie, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: BBQ chicken, baked potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll, cherry cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, broccoli, whole wheat roll, cherry/pineapple crisp, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Pollock, Brussel sprouts, French fries, hushpuppies, fruit cocktail, sugar cookie, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Savory spaghetti w/meat sauce, roasted red potatoes, California blend vegetables, fruit cobbler, garlic Texas toast, whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Cheesy ham & hashbrowns casserole, chopped spinach, Amish sugar cookies, buttermilk whole wheat biscuit, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Chicken fried steak, country gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered peas, Hello Dolly bars, whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Bacon ranch chicken, baked macaroni & cheese, buttered carrots, peaches, Robert Redford dessert, whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Fried catfish, broccoli and cauliflower salad, mixed green salad, ginger molasses cookies, hash puppies, iced tea/2% milk.

Clarendon ISD
Breakfast
Mon: Pancakes, bacon, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Tues: Breakfast taquito, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Wed: Breakfast pizza, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Thu: Breakfast cookie, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Fri: Breakfast burrito, hash-browns, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Cheeseburger, potatoes, okra, strawberries, fruit, milk.
Tues: Tex Mex stack, beans, carrots, salsa, sherbet, fruit, milk.
Wed: Meatball sub, salad, green beans, peaches, fruit, milk.
Thu: Popcorn chicken, roll, corn, broccoli salad, apple, fruit, milk.
Fri: Hot dog, potatoes, tomato cup, snowball salad, fruit, milk.

Hedley ISD
Breakfast
Mon: Pancakes, bacon, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Tues: Maple pancake sausage sandwich, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Wed: Breakfast pizza, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Thu: Big bites sandwich, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Fri: Donut holes, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

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



New faces at CCISD
Clarendon CISD welcomes Jayson Pigg, Ag Teacher, Tyson Pate, Shop Teacher, Erin Shaw, K-7 Counselor, Marci Criswell, Secondary Band Teacher, Brandi Moffett, 2nd grade teacher, Trae Hannon, Coach & Teacher, Jordan Enriquez, Coach & Teacher, Aaron Wampler, Head Football Coach & Athletic Director, Alissa Upton, Elementary Aide, Tracie Boyd, Theatre Teacher, Michelle Richardson, Elementary Music Teacher, Shyanne Lanning, Junior High Aide, Matt Lanning, Custodian, Braylee Shields, Elementary Aide, Emeri Robinson, Elementary Aide.

DPS Issues Reminders for Drivers

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) reminds drivers to use extra caution in-and-around school zones and neighborhoods as we approach the new school year.

This includes knowing state laws about driving near stopped school buses and not using cell phones when you're behind the wheel. It also means utilizing the many resources available to parents, school staff and students.

"It takes time for drivers to get used to seeing buses on the roads and more kids walking on the sidewalks or crossing streets," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "We're asking people to take some extra time and be cautious in order to do your part and keep everyone safe as kids across the state head back to school. We're also encouraging parents to talk to their kids now about how to stay safe and when to report anything that may seem suspicious."

DPS offers these tips for back-to-school safety:

- Give students extra room and don't assume they are paying attention to your vehicle. Students are often distracted by mobile devices, listening to electronic devices or by other students, and they 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 your 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 the 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.
- DPS would also like to remind students, parents, teachers and school administrators about some other valuable safety tools.
- The iWatchTexas program is a critical resource for reporting suspicious activity in schools and communities in order to help prevent dangerous attacks. Everyone is urged to download the free iOS or Android iWatchTexas mobile app prior to the start of the school year. Tips can be reported via the website, the mobile app or by calling 844-643-2251. All reports are confidential. For information on how to use iWatchTexas, you can view this how-to video.
- Remember, iWatchTexas is not for emergencies. If there is an emergency on a school campus or in a community, call 911 immediately. Also, the program can be used to report suspicious activity in areas other than schools.
- The Texas School Safety Center is another useful tool for school security. It's part of Texas State University and offers valuable resources on school safety for parents and members of the school community. It's designed to be a central location for research, training and technical information for all school districts, charter schools and community colleges in the state. The Texas School Safety Center has staff experienced in school safety and can provide technical assistance or training, conduct program evaluations or offer resources to schools. Classes are also available online for the community.
- Finally, in 2021, DPS implemented the Active Shooter Alert System. This is not school-specific but could be used in the event of a shooting at or near a school. The alert system is designed to notify people in close proximity to an active shooter situation through cell phones, local broadcast media and Texas Department of Transportation Dynamic Message Signs (DMS). These alerts are used to encourage people to avoid the area or shelter-in-place, when a situation arises.
- DPS will issue an Active Shooter Alert when an agency submits a request that meets the requirements. Those include an active shooter in the agency's jurisdiction, determining that the alert would assist people near the active shooter's location, verification of the active shooter situation through a preliminary investigation by the requesting agency and that the shooter's last known location is identifiable.

Nominations open now for Panhandle Great 25 Nurses

The Panhandle Great 25 Nurses is an opportunity to recognize Registered Nurses from all practice areas for their contributions to the communities in which they live and practice both the art and science of nursing.

Organizers' hope is this award will continue to be recognized throughout the nursing community for years to come in the Texas Panhandle as an esteemed honor and prestigious accomplishment for the nursing profession.

As they embark on our 7th annual Panhandle Great 25 Nurses celebration, they invite the public to join their efforts to recognize 25 deserving professional nurses throughout the Texas Panhandle. Nominations will be accepted until August 31.

The criteria and link to nominate can be found at <https://www.panhandlegreat25.com/nominate>

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VALERO helps first responders memorial

Valero, a major refiner and employer with deep roots in the Texas Panhandle, has provided the lead gift of \$200,000 in a fundraising effort to build the Texas Panhandle First Responders Memorial in downtown Amarillo.

The Memorial is a project of Friends of AJ Swope in partnership with regional first responder agencies. It will list names of dozens of Texas Panhandle law enforcement officers, firefighters and emergency medical technicians who have died in the line of duty over the past 141 years.

"Valero's leadership in this effort is invaluable," said Gary Pitner, a member of the Friends of AJ Swope board. "Having a respected corporate citizen step up demonstrates Valero's commitment to the Texas Panhandle and their respect for first responders. We're grateful to

have them on board." The Memorial is planned for the northwest corner of South Polk Street and 11th Avenue south of the historic Bivins Home that houses the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce and Center City of Amarillo. Friends of AJ Swope is working toward a \$1.5 million fundraising goal and expects to start construction in 2024.

The Memorial's concept includes a slightly below grade, terraced, black granite monument with a water feature and lighting that will host the names of the 91 fallen law enforcement officers, firefighters and emergency medical services personnel.

While many of these fallen first responders have been memorialized in other ways, no single memorial exists honoring all of the first responders of the Texas Panhandle who have given the ultimate sacrifice

in the line of duty. Providing such a place to pause and reflect is important to create a lasting tribute, showing respect for the loss of each first responder who so selflessly served the citizens of the Panhandle region.

"A memorial indicates that we as citizens are grateful for each first responder's service, recognize their sacrifice, honor their individual legacies, and respect their families and the loss they have endured," Pitner said. "The stories of each lost first responder not only convey the sacrifice and bravery of these Panhandle heroes, but also honor the profession, volunteerism and service of all first responders."

Fundraising efforts for the Texas Panhandle First Responders Memorial are ongoing. More information and a secure payment portal for donations can be found at friendsofajswope.org.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET FOR DONLEY COUNTY

A Public Hearing on the Donley County Proposed Budget will be held on Monday, August 28, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in Commissioners Courtroom in the Courthouse in Clarendon.

This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$129,645 or 7.06%, and of that amount \$17,972.00 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

Jackson: Continued from page one.

put a gumball in the patient's mouth as a way to elevate her blood sugar. But in an exchange included in the report between Terry and White Deer EMS provider Kimberly Thomas, Thomas says that the gum presents a choking hazard to patients having a seizure, and that most gum is sugar free and thus would not address low blood sugar.

Due to Jackson's extremely agitated state, in which he continued to yell profanities, deputies brought him to the ground and placed the congressman in handcuffs, according to the report. Officers then escorted Jackson out of the rodeo grounds and removed the handcuffs, while he continued to scream profanities

at Trooper Young. After the congressman was released, his wife, Jane Jackson, approached the deputies and demanded their information before their group got into a Black SUV and left the scene.

Later that evening the Sheriff Terry received a text from dispatch that read, "Congressman Ronny Jackson wants a phone call tonight referencing something that happened at the rodeo."

When Terry called Jackson at the provided number, the congressman said he was "f***ing pissed" about the incident and said the deputies had used bad judgment. He demanded an investigation and consequences for the deputies involved.

After threatening to "bury" the sheriff in the next election, Jackson ended the call with the phrase, "Game on," Terry wrote in the report.

Law enforcement officials have not yet released footage of the incident, but Terry's report said that he has reviewed tapes and agreed that the deputies' actions were justified.

Jackson was first elected in 2020 to represent the 13th Congressional District, a deeply conservative district in the Panhandle. He is one of Trump's staunchest allies in Congress and a vocal booster of his 2024 comeback campaign.

Editor's Note: More information on this story is available at ClarendonLive.com.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The _____ Clarendon Consolidated Independent School District _____ will hold a public meeting at _____ 6:30pm, Monday, August 28, 2023 _____ in the Administration & Technology Building at 416 S. Allen _____ Clarendon, Texas _____. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

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

Maintenance Tax \$ 0.8263 /\$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	3.47	% increase	or	0.00	% (decrease)
Debt service	0.00	% increase	or	0.00	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	3.47	% 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	\$ 709,879,605	\$ 726,701,645
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 1,404,665	\$ 1,842,331
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$213,013,840	\$ 212,435,650
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 1,404,665	\$ 1,842,331

* "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	\$ 0.9901	\$ 0.0000 *	\$ 0.9901	\$ 5,107	\$ 8,809
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 0.79275	\$ 0.0000 *	\$ 0.79275	\$ 4,328	\$ 9,365
Proposed Rate	\$ 0.82630	\$ 0.0000 *	\$ 0.82630	\$ 4,324	\$ 9,987

* 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	\$ 113,673	\$133,806
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 66,783	\$ 33,951
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 0.9901	\$0.8263
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$661.22	\$280.54
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (380.68)

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 0.8263. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of 0.8263.

Fund Balances

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

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) \$ 4,259,834
 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 \$0.5904987 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Donley County.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.5904987 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.555670 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.590703 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2023 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Donley County from the same properties in both the 2022 tax year and the 2023 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 2023 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON August 28, 2023, at 9:00 AM at 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 Commissioners 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:

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

FOR the proposal: Judge John Howard, Daniel Ford, Dan Sawyer, Mark White, Neil Koetting

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.

	2022	2023	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.595644	\$0.590498	decrease of -0.005146, or -0.86%
Average homestead taxable value	\$48,736	\$49,965	increase of 1,229, or 2.52%
Tax on average homestead	\$290.29	\$295.04	increase of 4.75, or 1.64%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$1,836,090	\$1,965,735	increase of 129,645, or 7.06%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Donley County at 806-874-3625 or doncojudge@windstream.net or visit www.co.donley.tx.us for more information.

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