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

Clarendon College 125th anniversary celebration Sept. 9

Clarendon College turned 125 years old Tuesday, and a year's worth of celebrating is set to begin this Saturday, September 9.

CC will kick off its quasiquintennial with a public reception at the Vera Dial Dickey Library from 2 to 4 p.m. that day. Light refreshments and snacks will be served, and the library will have on display some of the history and artifacts of the college's past.

Saturday evening will feature an invitation-only event at the Bairfield Activity Center donors, current and former members of the Board of Regents, and other dignitaries.

"We are excited to recognize 125 years of excellence in education and community growth," said CC President Tex Buckhaults. "We will not only commemorate our rich history and celebrate our past over the next year, but we will also look ahead and celebrate our bright future."

CC became the first college in the Texas Panhandle when it opened September 5, 1898, as a Methodist institution. It became a public junior college in 1927.

"Since the day our doors opened, we've had an unwavering belief in an education rooted in values, creativity and intellectual curiosity," says Buckhaults. "We are proud to offer students across the region an opportunity for success close to home."

Additional anniversary observations will be held throughout the academic year. For more information about these or other events, contact Clarendon College at 806-874-3571.

Blood drive set for Hedley on Sept. 13

A Hedley Community Blood Drive will be held Wednesday, September 13, from noon to 4 p.m.

The Bloodmobile will be at the school, and donors can sign up ahead of time in the school office or by calling 806-331-8833 on online at OBI.org.

Hall County Picnic to be September 16

The annual Hall County Picnic will be held Saturday, September 16, in Memphis starting at 7 a.m. with the cowboy breakfast at Bertie Fannies.

Activities for the day-long event are detailed on the ad on page eight of this week's ENTERPRISE and will include an ex-students reunion, games, vendors, food, a street dance, and also a parade.

For more information, contact the Memphis Chamber of Commerce at 806-259-3144 or by emailing memphischamber@texas.com

Donley County jury convicts 'sovereign citizen'

A two-day district court jury trial of a self-styled "sovereign citizen" ended with a conviction at the Donley County Courthouse last Wednesday, August 30.

John Edward Hopper was found guilty for the third degree felony offense of evading arrest in a motor vehicle with a deadly weapon.

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

Hopper, 56 from Denver, Colo., was arrested by Donley County Deputy Brian Stevens on August 8,

2022. Hopper was indicted by the Donley County Grand Jury on December 5, 2022.

The State called three principal witnesses in its case in chief, including Carson County Chief Deputy J.C. Blackburn, Donley County Deputy Brian Stevens and Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn.

According to testimony, Hopper identifies as a "sovereign citizen," a fringe belief that a person can exempt themselves from the authority of law enforcement by filing certain paperwork with county officials and reciting certain nonsensical incantations when interacting

with law enforcement.

Stevens testified about the 10-mile pursuit, which reached speeds in excess of 100 miles per hour on the congested US Highway 287.

Both J.C. Blackburn and Butch Blackburn testified about the defendant's refusal to exit the vehicle, resulting in J.C. Blackburn breaking out the window and forcibly removing Hopper in order to take him into custody.

"A lot of us have seen the 'sovereign citizens' videos on the internet, usually filmed by the person who thinks it's going to work," said Caudle. "This guy was a textbook

example.

When this defendant finally pulled over and ended the pursuit, instead of complying with the deputy's commands, he slid a piece of paper out the barely cracked window and told the deputy 'you've been served,' before rolling the window back up. The paper was basically a bunch of gibberish about the defendant being a person, not a corporation, and not



Hopper

being required to obey traffic laws because he wasn't traveling for commercial purposes."

After all the evidence was presented, it only took the Donley County jury 12 minutes of deliberation to find Hopper guilty of the evading offense.

"Unfortunately, we've seen a huge uptick in these evading arrest in a motor vehicle cases in our district, and the majority of the time the defendant is someone just passing through our area," said Inman. "I guess they think that since the police aren't allowed to chase them where they are from, that the same is true

See 'Conviction' on page 4.

Enrollment up 6.8 percent for fall at CC

Enrollment is up at Clarendon College this fall as the school celebrates its 125th anniversary.

Total headcount following the 12th class day last week was reported at 1,373, an increase of 6.8 percent over last year's fall enrollment of 1,285.

CC President Tex Buckhaults said growth was primarily in dual credit classes and enrollment in prison classes. Headcount was up slightly on the Clarendon campus from 288 last year to 291 this year, while enrollments at the Pampa, Childress, and Amarillo centers remained flat with enrollments of 100, 34, and 66 respectively.

Dual credit students through area high schools totaled 659 up from 616 a year ago.

The number of students taking courses through area correctional facilities grew to 124 compared to 81 last fall.

Distance education students – those taking classes strictly online – dropped one from 100 to 99.

Students attending CC this year will benefit from three new positions designed to improve student success rates. Buckhaults said the college has hired Dr. Mitch Parker as the new dean of students along with Tamara Bains and Charlata King as student support specialists. CC will be trying to improve early alerts that might indicate students in need of help whether the problem is attendance or trouble logging into classes, Buckhaults said.

State funding is going to be measured on student success going forward. CC received an additional \$2.6 million in state funds this year, pushing its overall budget to \$12.59 million. In addition to the new positions, Buckhaults said the college was able to boost all employee salaries by \$1,800 per year and other compensation for stipends and adjunct pay were also increased.

Buckhaults said the student supports specialists' work over the summer shows promise for the future as it resulted in higher passing grades for students.



Bird watchers

Leon Ward and Kolby Foad keep a close eye on the birds during last Thursday's Hedley Chicken BBQ, hosted by the Hedley Lions Club. A total of 450 halves were sold during the annual event and food ran out early, which is unusual. Hedley Lions Secretary Mark C. White said they usually have some birds left over and he couldn't remember another time when they sold out. The great turnout was especially unexpected since many Hedley school families were out of town at the Owl football game in Groom.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / KARI LINDSEY

Hill takes safety job at CCISD

An armed safety officer will soon be working at Clarendon CISD as the school complies with a new state requirement.

State Trooper Kelly Hill will be retiring from his current position and taking on the new role through cooperation with the Donley County Sheriff's office.

Superintendent Jarod Bellar said the new position is an unfunded mandate from the Legislature.

"House Bill 3 requires that we have a license peace officer on each campus effective September 1," Bellar said.

Clarendon CISD technically has three campuses – high school, junior high, and elementary – but Hill will be the safety officer over the entire school under a Good Faith Exception resolution approved by the school board.

The state is providing \$15,000 per campus for the first year, plus \$10 per student, which amounts to a total of about \$49,000 in state funds for the first year. There's no guarantee that money will be available in the future, and the total is not enough to cover the expense of employing and equipping Hill's position, Bellar said.

"We'll have to use some of our own money," he said.

In addition, the school will work with Hill to identify potential school employees who would be willing and able to be trained to carry a weapon for those times when Hill is absent or not available.

"Kelly will bring a lot of experience and knowledge to the job," Bellar said. "He will be a real asset to the district. It gives me a feeling that a weight has been lifted knowing we have someone who will run towards a threat."

Hill will technically be a deputy of the Donley County Sheriff's Office, which will carry his commission as a peace officer, but all the expense of his position will be the responsibility of the school district.

See 'Safety' on page 5.



Chamber honoree

Andrew Adams of Lowe's Family Center was named the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce Employee of the Month for August last week. Andrew was nominated for his friendly service to the customers at Lowe's. Shown here are Chamber representatives with Adams. To nominate an outstanding local Chamber member employee, visit ClarendonTx.com/employeeofthemonth.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ELAINA ESTLACK

Mulkey to host second mystery dinner Sept. 24

The Mulkey Theatre will host its second mystery dinner on Sunday, September 24, as "Love on the Titanic" embarks on a memorable voyage.

The maiden voyage of the Titanic is underway. The captain and his crew have an evening planned full of entertainment. There is even a wedding being planned on this maiden voyage. However, shortly after you set sail, the captain is beginning to look nervous, and the crew is frantically taking drastic measures. Is there a problem or just a sinking feeling?

Participants are encouraged to come dressed in costume. This is set in the early 1900s when guests

were boarding the Titanic. You can dress as first-class customers or guests on the lower decks. You can also come as guests ready to attend the wedding. It promises to be one to remember.

Seating is limited to 60 people, and advance tickets are required and can be purchased at MulkeyTheatre.com and in person at the Clarendon Visitor Center at Mulkey Theatre.

Tickets are \$45 per person and include a catered dinner. BYOB is permitted.

This is Mystery Dinner will be produced by Amarillo Escape & Mystery, which previously came to the Mulkey in January 2022.



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Looking back at US political party history

With all the political fighting in our nation, I feel Willie and Waylon need to rerelease their hit song about Luckenbach, Texas, with a new chorus that says we are feuding like the Democrats and Republicans.

In fact, it seems as though political affiliation or left or right persuasion are the chief indicators of our identities. I am also discovering that many are often confused about political differences or what parties even stand for.

More interesting is discussions about political parties past.

Especially with the era of cancel culture, there seems to be confusion of what parties did in the past making it difficult to know which party to condemn.

For example, there is nothing worse than wanting to cancel everyone and everything having to do with slavery only to find out your party was its biggest supporter.



historically speaking by dr. james finck

The history of political parties is difficult in America, as the two major parties of today will do a complete ideological 180 degree turn from their founding.

Over the next few weeks I will give a more concise version of my History of Political Parties class to clear up some of the confusion about parties, where they come from, how they changed and what they stand for.

The best way to start a discussion about political parties switching between liberal and conservative is to identify what it means to be liberal or conservative. This itself is difficult as those terms will change from their inceptions.

I do not want to spend too much time discussing classic versus modern liberalism and conservatism; it is confusing to even those of us who study this for a living. Suffice to say that while there are some core similarities, there are also differences between these terms when they were first coined in the 18th and 19th centuries and how they are used today.

Liberalism evolved during the reign of absolute monarchs. It revolved around individual rights, limited government, and private property in a time when most people had none of these.

Men like Adam Smith, the father of capitalism, pushed for a free-market system or one where people could pursue their own economic interest without government interference. They believed government was created by people - not God, as kings insisted - and is there for the protection of the people's rights.

One of the outcomes of classic liberal thought was the American Revolution, but another was the French Revolution. These two revolutions were very different with the American Revolution being much more "conservative."

The American Revolution was not as revolutionary as in many ways the Americans kept a similar government and replaced the king with an elected president. The French Revolution was a bottom-up revolution that overturned and destroyed every aspect of French cultural, social, and political life.

Like the liberals, classic conservatives believed in limited government. Too much government only interfered with important institutions like the family or the church. However, some government was necessary to protect those institutions and rights.

This idea was particularly popular with the American Founding Fathers, especially Alexander Hamilton, who created a republic instead of a democracy run by the people.

Lastly, conservatives put a higher value on morality. Liberals, who focused on individuals, saw no way to determine morality and believed each person could have their own. Conservatives

believed morality was higher than the individual and can be controlled by social institutions like the church.

These political philosophies were incredibly important to America's Founding Fathers and shaped our Constitution. Yet, they will change over time, with the emergence of the Industrial

Revolution, and will become the shaping ideals of American political parties.

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When Young's kids dimmed light

In governing his large household with a combination of love and authority, Brigham Young had to establish a few "necessary" rules. While encouraging his ten older daughters of dating age to entertain their beaus in the parlor of their home, the Lion House, Brigham insisted that the coal oil lamp in the center of the room not be turned out nor even dimmed.

Where there is a will, there is always a way. One night when the romancers were assembled, they hit

upon a scheme for reducing the lighted condition. Taking books from the bookshelves, they built a well around the lamp, and soon the light went only to the ceiling, leaving the rest of the parlor in relative darkness.



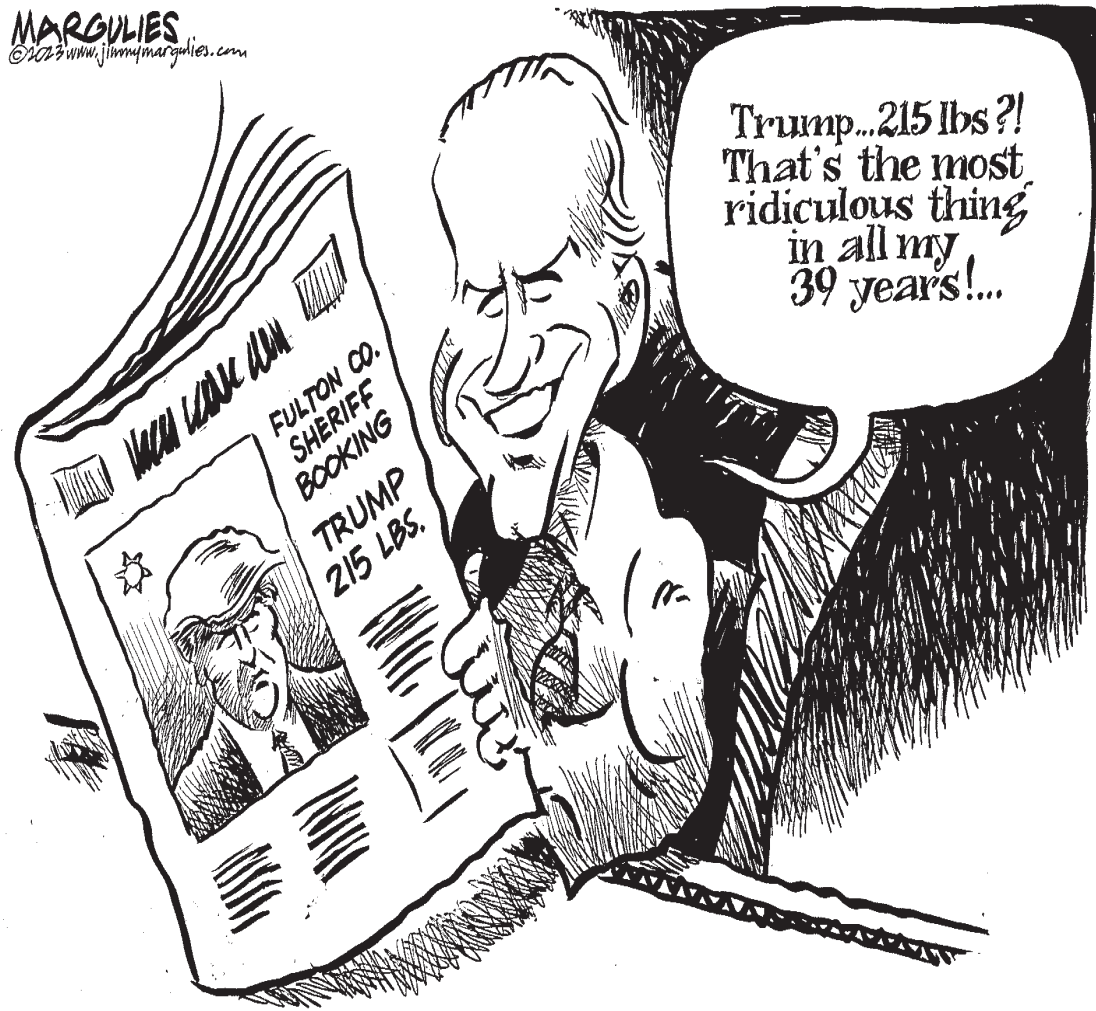
vignettes tales of the old west by george u. hubbard

there stood Brigham.

Without a word, Brigham removed the books one by one, and then he said, "The girls will go upstairs to their rooms, and I will say goodnight to the young men."

No one will ever know what Brigham said to the boys. His words were not recorded. But we can safely assume there were never any further attempts to adjust the lighting in the parlor.

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



TWC extends thanks to Texas labor

This Labor Day, the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) wants to recognize the state's workforce for making Texas the best place to live and work.

The Lone Star State enjoys global renown due to the skill and dedication of its workforce and the vast opportunities for its businesses. In recognition of Labor Day, TWC spotlights these qualities by celebrating yet another year of record-breaking growth for the Texas labor force.

By the Numbers: Texas has its largest labor force in history with more than 15 million people.

First in the nation for annual job growth, Texas employment grew by 441,700 new positions between July 2022 and July 2023.

Texas has added jobs for 29 consecutive months, the longest growth streak ever recorded in the state.

Employment in Texas has achieved record highs for 22 consecutive months.

Texans are hard at work—the statewide labor force participation rate of 64.2 percent is 1.6 percent higher than that of the U.S. national average.

Over 82 percent of Texans between the ages of 20 and 54 participate in the labor force.

Texas has one of the youngest labor forces in the country with a median age of 39.1 years—two years below the US national median.

Texas' annual employment growth has outpaced the national average in 10 out of the 11 major industries.

In July, the number of people employed in Texas exceeded 14.4 million, marking another record high for the Lone Star State.

Nearly 26,000 new private sector jobs were added in Texas during the month of July 2023, demonstrating businesses are continuing to move to and grow in Texas.

There are now 644,000 employers in Texas, the most in our state's history,

and the engine behind the many jobs being created in the state.

Texas private sector employers have added more than 2.5 million jobs in the past decade.

As the workforce in Texas continues to grow at record-setting pace, TWC remains committed to serving all who make this state the best place to do business. Our services ensure Texans in the workforce can thrive as they progress in their careers.

Find out how we can serve your career needs by visiting the TWC website at https://twc.texas.gov or stopping by one of the more than 170 Workforce Solutions offices around Texas.

From your Texas Workforce Commission, thank you for your work. Happy Labor Day!



Kyler Booth hands off the ball to Nick Clark last week for the Owls.

HHS PHOTOS / MADISON MOORE



Saul Carreon fights the defense to gain yards for the Owls. Hedley fell to Claude 45-0 in the 3rd quarter.

HHS PHOTOS / MADISON MOORE

Obituaries

Gay

Jeneda Maurice Gay, 85, of Hedley, passed away on Saturday, September 2, 2023, in Amarillo.

Funeral services are scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Thursday, September 7, 2023, at First Baptist Church in Hedley with Anthony Knowles officiating. Burial will follow at Rowe



Gay

Cemetery in Hedley.

Jeneda was born May 3, 1938, in Grapeland, Texas, to Finis Bolton and Myrtle Frances Carter Woodard. She married Thomas Gay on June 11, 1955, in Hedley. She had been a resident of Hedley most of her life where she was a caregiver to many. Jeneda enjoyed sewing, cooking, taking care of her plants outside, and reupholstering furniture. She loved bowling and playing games, especially dominoes and cards. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Hedley.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband in 2012; her sons in law, David Evans and Mark

Kirk; three brothers, Ray, Toby, and Jack Woodard; a sister, Ellen Dickey; a grandchild, Carl Thomas Gay; and a niece, Darlene Cook.

She is survived by her daughters, Diann Evans, Becky Kirk, Debbie Hanes, and Patty Dipprey all of Hedley; her brother, Johnny Woodard of Lefors; 13 grandchildren; 33 great grandchildren; 7 great great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family request memorials be sent to Rowe Cemetery Association, PO Box 213, Hedley, Texas, 79237.

Sign the online guestbook at www.robertsonfuneral.com

Agencies ask Texans to prevent fires while hunting

During the current dove hunting season, Texans are urged to help protect the lands and natural resources that we all love by being mindful of activities that may cause a wildfire.

Persistent triple-digit temperatures and minimal rainfall over the past two months have resulted in extremely dry vegetation across the state, which increases the likelihood of dangerous wildfires. Any outdoor activities that create heat or sparks can ignite dry vegetation and wildfire.

“Since mid-June, Texas has been marked by devastating wildfires that have burned more than 75,000 acres,” said Wes Moorehead, Texas A&M Forest Service Fire Chief. As Texans recreate this hunting season, it is important to remember that your actions can leave a lasting impact, and everyone has a role to play when preventing wildfires.”

Every year, hunters take to Texas lands for the start of dove hunting season. Wildfires caused by vehicles, trailers, ATV/UTVs and other equipment frequently used while hunting and camping are common during the season, which occurs each year from September to January.

This year, conditions are favorable for wildfire ignitions and Texas land management agencies urge everyone to be cautious on hunts, whether it takes place on public or

private land.

“We are excited to welcome hunters back to the National Forests and Grasslands in Texas for another successful season. Hunting season is one of the busiest times on the forests and grasslands, and safety is always our primary concern,” said Kimpton Cooper, National Forest and Grasslands in Texas Forest Supervisor. “Combining efforts with our state partners to spread awareness, while encouraging our visitors to follow guidelines can significantly reduce the risk of wildfires during hunting season. Remember, practicing responsible behavior and being vigilant can help preserve the natural environment and ensure everyone’s safety.”

As the upper-level ridge continues over Texas, widespread temperatures will remain in the triple-digits with lower relative humidity values. With little to no improvement in fuel dryness, fire potential is expected to persist for North, Central and East Texas.

“As Texans venture outdoors, it’s important to remember just how dry the vegetation is. It doesn’t take much for an inadvertent spark or carelessness to cause a wildfire,” said Chis Schenk, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Statewide Fire Program Leader. “The high temperatures cause fires to spread rapidly and make it hard for firefighters to

work. Please enjoy the outdoors but be careful with fire.”

Nine out of 10 wildfires in Texas are human-caused and everyone can make a difference by taking personal responsibility for their actions. Remain vigilant as drought conditions continue to expand and intensify and be cautious with any activity that may cause a spark.

To avoid accidentally starting a wildfire while dove hunting:

Avoid driving over and parking on dry grass - the heat from your vehicle can easily ignite the grass.

Always check with local officials for burn bans or other outdoor burning restrictions. Each county in Texas sets and lifts its own burn bans. View the latest burn ban map here: <https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/burn-bans/>.

If you are taking a trailer out on your adventures, make sure that the tires are properly inflated, chains will not contact the road and any loose metal will not continually hit anything else, all of which can cause sparks.

Always be ready to put out a fire should one start. Have a shovel and water with you in camp and have a fire extinguisher with you at all times.

For more information on preventing wildfires this hunting season, please visit <https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/HuntingFireSafety/>.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.610083 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of City of Clarendon.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.610083 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.587470 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.610083 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 City of Clarendon 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 City of Clarendon 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 City of Clarendon is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2023 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 14, 2023, at 5:15 pm at City Hall, 313 S Sully Street, Clarendon Texas 79226.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, the City of Clarendon 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 Aldermen of the City of Clarendon 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:	Mayor ProTem Larry Jeffers Alderman Tommy Hill	Alderman Eulaine McIntosh Alderman Terri Floyd
AGAINST the proposal:	None	
PRESENT and not voting:	Mayor Jacob Fangman	
ABSENT:	Alderman John Lockhart	

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.

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

	2022	2023	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.607285	\$0.610083	increase of 0.002798, or 0.46%
Average homestead taxable value	\$55,481	\$56,702	increase of 1,221, or 2.20%
Tax on average homestead	\$336.93	\$345.93	increase of 9.00, or 2.67%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$359,602	\$372,387	increase of 12,785, or 3.56%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for the City of Clarendon at 806-874-2744 or visit www.clarendontx.com for more information.

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Community Calendar

- September 8**
Owls v Northside • 7:00 p.m. • Away
- September 8**
Broncos v Roscoe • 7:00 p.m. • Away
- September 8 & 9**
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem • 7:30 p.m. • Mulkey Theater
- September 10**
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem • 2:00 p.m. • Mulkey Theater
- September 14**
Owls v Patton Springs • 7:30 p.m. • Home
- September 15**
Broncos v Smyer • 7:00 p.m. • Home
- September 21**
Donley County Senior Citizens Bingo Night. 5:30 p.m.

Menus

Sept. 11 - 15

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Spaghetti with meatballs, garden salad, sliced peaches w/whipped topping, garlic toast, iced tea/2% milk.
Tues: Smothered steak & gravy, baked potato, broccoli & cauliflower, whole wheat roll, lemon cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Meatloaf, cheesy potatoes, side salad, cornbread, cheesy cobbler iced, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Sweet & sour chicken, long grain rice, stir fry veggies w/peas, whole wheat roll, brownie, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Chili dog on a bun, French fries, cucumbers/onion salad, oatmeal raisin cookie, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Buttermilk ranch chicken, herb roasted potatoes, buttered carrots, chocolate chip cookie, whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: French onion pork chop, au gratin potatoes, parmesan baked zucchini, carrot coffee cake, whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Chicken fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, brown rice, broccoli, peach parfait, buttermilk whole wheat biscuit, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Ham and broccoli macaroni casserole, roasted red potatoes, peas & carrots, Amish sugar cookies, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Chili hot dog on a whole wheat bun, sweet potato fries, mixed green salad, banana, no bake cookies, iced tea/2% milk.

Clarendon ISD

Breakfast
Mon: Breakfast pizza, fruit juice, fruit, milk
Tues: Dutch waffle, sausage, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Wed: Power breakfast, biscuit, gravy, scrambled egg, bacon, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Thu: Pancake wrap, yogurt, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Fri: Cinnamon roll, sausage, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Corn dog, potatoes, tomato cup, fruit, milk.
Tues: Quesadilla, salsa, beans, cucumbers, ice cream, fruit, milk.
Wed: Spaghetti bowl, breadstick, veggie cup, salad, fruit, milk.
Thu: Chicken fried steak, roll, gravy, broccoli, corn, fruit, milk.
Fri: Pizza, carrots, green beans, dessert, fruit, milk.

Hedley ISD

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Lunch
Mon: Corn dogs, potatoes, tomato cup, milk.
Tues: Nacho Grande, salsa, beans, cucumbers, apricots, ice cream cup, milk.
Wed: Crispy chicken sandwich, veggie cup, garden salad, fruity gelatin, milk.
Thu: Breaded pork chop, gravy, roll, broccoli, corn, mandarin oranges, milk.
Fri: Pizza, carrots, green beans, apple, cookie, milk.

Conviction: Jury finds 'sovereign citizen' guilty

Continued from page one.

here, and they are greatly mistaken.” US Highway 287 runs through four of the five counties in the 100th Judicial District, and Interstate 40 runs through two of the five counties, according to Inman.

The majority of the evading cases the 100th Judicial District Attorney’s office handles comes from these two main thoroughfares, according to Inman.

According to court documents, the jury was also presented with a four-minute long video of Hopper presenting a training session at a sovereign citizen gathering that took place the day before his arrest.

In the video, Hopper instructs those present on how to interact with law enforcement if stopped for a traffic violation.

“The defendant’s ‘training session’ with the other lunatics featured him reading, essentially word-for-word, the piece of paper he poked out the window to Brian [Stevens] the following day,” said Caudle. “His advice to his audience was to ‘keep saying it over and over until they give up and get the hell away from your car.’”

Following his conviction, the jury returned to deliberate on punishment. 22 minutes later they pronounced their sentence of 10 years in a Texas prison. However, they

recommended that the defendant be placed on probation, in lieu of immediate incarceration.

“We were very pleased with the jury’s verdict, sentence and input into our overall presentation of this case and their thoughts towards this Defendant,” said Inman. “I sincerely hope this Defendant’s failed experiment in how to ‘beat the system’ is the main topic of conversation at the next sovereign citizen training event or seminar or whatever they call it. Or at the very least, that the rest of the crazies know to steer clear of our part of the world.”

At separate hearing on Friday, Messer officially placed Hopper on probation and set the terms of that probationary sentence.

In addition to the standard conditions of probation, Messer ordered Hopper to serve 180 days in the Donley County Jail, the maximum allowed by law, with the sentence to begin at the conclusion of the hearing.

Messer added multiple additional conditions of probation, among them that Hopper is prohibited from operating a vehicle with a child passenger and must surrender his passport to the probation department so he cannot leave the country despite business ties to Costa Rica.

“After speaking with the

jury after the trial, we knew they expected ample conditions placed on this defendant to protect everyone involved,” said Caudle. “As a ‘sovereign citizen’ who believes the law doesn’t apply to him, certain conditions were requested by the State and granted by Messer that will make this man either change his ways or find a more permanent home in the Texas criminal justice system other than the Donley County jail.”

As a further condition of probation, Messer ordered that Hopper is prohibited from associating with “persons of disreputable character,” specifically referencing individuals who advocate the illegitimacy of criminal laws.

“The standard ‘don’t associate with persons of disreputable character’ condition typically references people with felony convictions or currently on probation themselves,” said Inman. “I’m glad the judge added other ‘sovereign citizens’ to the list of people this defendant can’t associate with, because we don’t need this guy out there encouraging others to follow in his footsteps.”

If Hopper violates any of the regular or numerous additional conditions of his probation, his probation can be revoked by the Court and the defendant sent to prison to serve his 10-year sentence.

Panhandle Breast Health to hold annual Tee Off

Panhandle Breast Health (PBH) will host the Third Annual Tee Off for Tatas Golf Tournament at 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17, at Comanche Trail Golf Course. The tournament is open to all golfers of all skill levels and will benefit PBH, a local organization providing breast cancer screenings to uninsured residents of the Texas Panhandle.

The tournament will be a

scramble format, with four players per team. The cost to enter is \$500 per team, which includes green fees, cart rental and dinner. There will be prizes awarded for first-, second- and third-place teams. Other prizes include \$500 for the first hole-in-one on the designated hole, Longest Drive and Closest to Pin. Each player will receive a Swag Bag and the opportunity to win a door prize.

Registration for the tournament is now open. To register, please visit the PBH website at www.panhandle-breasthealth.org.

Players will have the opportunity to purchase Mulligans and a Pink Advantage at check-in which begins at noon. A Kendra Gives Back event will be available immediately following play in the clubhouse.



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Bronco Easton Frausto gains yards for the against Trinity Christian.

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Bronco Dalton Coles carries the ball for the Broncos last week.

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Bronco Shane Hagood carries the ball for the Broncos in Lubbock.

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QB Harrison Howard makes a throw to Bryce Williams on Friday night.

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Hudson Howard runs the ball for the Colts last Thursday at home.

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Broncos continue tough schedule

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon Bronco football team met up with two strong teams early in the season but remain positive as they head into their next matchup with Roscoe.

The Broncos lost to a good Trinity Christian team in Lubbock 0-56 last Friday night. They were unable to get anything going in the game, racking up 130 offensive yards.

Senior quarterback Harrison Howard was successful finding a receiver ten out of eighteen times, but two interceptions hindered the Broncos' attempts to find the end-zone. Howard also rushed for 31 yards and grabbed four tackles on defense.

Shane Hagood, who is just a sophomore, carried the ball 18 times for 60 yards plus five in the air and senior Easton Frausto finished with 19 total yards and three tackles on the night. Tyler Cavanaugh posted eight total yards and Bryce Williams had one catch.

Colton Caudle was a workhorse on defense with seven tackles and Jared Musick followed with six. Grant Haynes added five tackles and Mason Sims grabbed four.

The Broncos are continuing to work hard to improve each practice in preparing for their next opponents and will travel to Floydada Friday night, September 8 to take on Roscoe at 7:00 p.m.

The Junior High Colts opened their season at home last week with a loss to Trinity Christian at 24-6 with Markael Anderson scoring the lone Colt touchdown. The Colts will host Roscoe in Bronco Stadium on Thursday, September 7, at 5:00 p.m.



Addy Havens cheers on the Colts last week.

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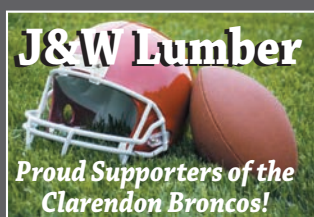
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The City of Hedley will hold a meeting at 7:00 pm on September 14, 2023, at City Hall, Hedley Texas, to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2023. The proposed tax rate is \$0.393024 per \$100 of value. The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in City of Hedley by 5.58%. 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 way the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

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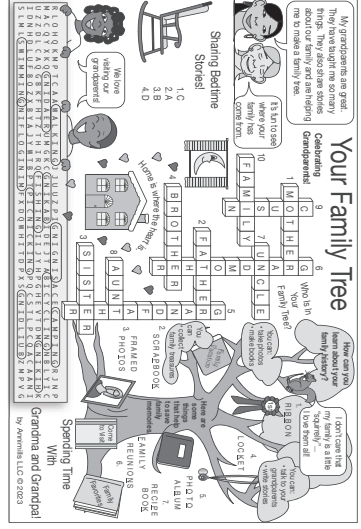
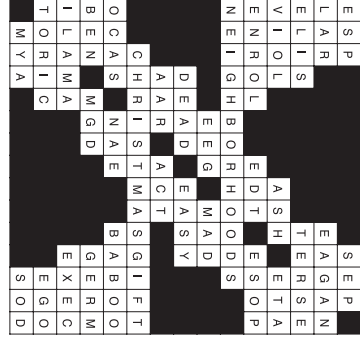
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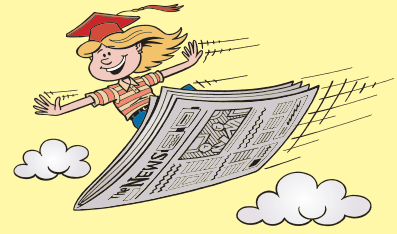
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Almost 70 lady golfers are expected to attend the three-day match play tournament.

Free practice rounds will be held Sunday, September 10, followed by a welcome party. Qualifying rounds will be held Monday, September 11, and the first day of match play will be Tuesday, September 12.

Tuesday evening will have free time scheduled for shopping,

although participants will be shopping other days as well. Local merchants are being encouraged to stay open until 8 p.m. on September 12.

Second day matches get underway on September 13, and the tournament concludes on September 14.

For more information, contact Sherol Johnston at 806-674-8590.

Scenes from the Hedley Chicken BBQ



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting at the Masonic Lodge Hall September 5, 2023, with Boss Lion David Dockery in charge.

We had 14 members in person and four attending virtually this week.

The Boss Lion thanked the members of our club who traveled to Hedley last week to help the Lions Club there with the chicken barbecue. The club received several expressions of appreciation from the Hedley Lions, and the barbecue was a huge success for the community. The Boss Lion also thanked Lions who set out and picked up flags for Labor Day, and volunteers were secured to set out and pick up flags again next Monday for Patriots Day.

Lion Jacob Fangman put on his mayor's hat and delivered the first half our program this week on the city's accomplishments this year. The mayor highlighted new contracts with Greenbelt Water Authority, the sheriff's office, and a new trash collection service. He also discussed the soon-to-be finished downtown revitalization project, a new lift-station, and paving currently underway on the east side of town. The city's long saga with the former Neece house on Bugbee Avenue was settled, the house was demolished, and the property is back in private hands. A new front-end loader replaced one that was about 30 years old, and the city also has a new website. Another grant funding replacement of a water line under a portion of US 287 on Gorst Street, and new grant applications are underway for more downtown revitalization and wastewater system improvements. Other grants are being sought, and the city has hired a new administrator to take office next month.

Lion Roger Estlack in his role as the secretary of the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation gave a similar report for the second half of our program. Lion Estlack discussed the work that has been done leading up to the new REFZ Sports Bar & Grill that will be opening soon downtown at US 287 and Kearney. He said many CEDC efforts are long term efforts that take months or years to accomplish. The new restaurant has been a priority of the CEDC for several years and is expected to generate more traffic and activity for downtown. The CEDC has agreed to purchase banner arms for the new street lights that will be installed as part of the downtown revitalization that will promote our community events and can be changed seasonally. The CEDC is also working on retail business recruitment for the US 287 corridor through a grant-funded retail recruitment program. Three CEDC board members were trained in San Antonio in March, and the board is working on compiling a list of available commercial properties that can be used to help recruit new businesses. The board members were also trained on what national chain retailers are looking for when it comes to locating in new communities. Lion Estlack also talked about the CEDC's role in managing the Mulkey Theatre and upcoming events there, the CEDC's ongoing support of the Saints' Roost Museum, and the CEDC's ongoing marketing for our community and local events. He outlined the availability of façade grants for local businesses, and discussed the working of an advisory committee now in place to guide development of the Antro Plaza where the old hotel used to be at First and Kearney.

Lion Scarlet Estlack reminded everyone of the upcoming 125th anniversary events at Clarendon College this weekend from 2:00 to 4:00 on Saturday at the college library.

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