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

### Local cities' sales tax revenue down

Sales tax revenues in all three Donley County municipalities slipped when Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar delivered local sales tax allocations last week.

Clarendon's August revenue dropped 4.16 percent to \$36,301.59. The city is now running 2.01 percent behind for the calendar year-to-date with sales tax revenues of \$389,879.32

Hedley was also down with revenues of \$625.38, reflecting a 10.76 percent drop compared to the same period one year ago. Hedley's remains in the positive for the year-to-date, up 11.63 percent at \$9,615.02.

Howardwick was down slightly 0.61 percent with an allocation of \$1,920.58. The lakeside city is up 5.9 percent on the year-to-date with sales tax revenues of \$16,598.44.

### Mystery dinner to be held at Mulkey

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?

This is Mystery Dinner will be produced by Amarillo Escape & Mystery.

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

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.

### Craft Celebrations to be held Sept. 30

The First Assembly of God will present its Craft Celebrations Fall Edition on Saturday, September 30, 2023, featuring crafts, upcycled items, food, fellowship, and fun.

The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church at 301 S. Orpe Street.



### Donley County Royalty

Clarendon and Hedley High Schools will celebrate their homecomings this week, and each school will crown their Queen. Clarendon will have a pregame ceremony this Friday at 6:30 p.m. featuring Homecoming candidates (top photo) Bayleigh Bruce, Morgan Johnston, Emma Roys, and Courtlyn Conkin. Hedley's ceremony will be on Thursday at 7:00 between the Junior High and High School football games. The Hedley candidates are (bottom photo) Madison Moore, Ashlee Holmes, Malorie Collins, and Flor Silvestre.

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## County approves burn ban

The Donley County Commissioners Court enacted a burn ban during their regular meeting Monday, September 11.

Even with the rain earlier this week, warm weather and high winds will quickly make conditions ripe for wildfires thanks to growth of brush and grass earlier this summer.

Under the commissioners' order no outdoor burning is allowed on a day of a forecasted Fire Weather Watch or a Red Flag Warning issued from the National Weather Service in Amarillo.

Anyone engaging in outdoor burning must contact the Donley County Sheriff's office prior to ignition and give the dispatcher a burn location, a contact phone number, and approximate burn time. The persons engaging in outdoor burning needs to be present on the site of the burn until the burn is completed.

Anyone engaging in any form of outdoor burning is asked to burn with extreme caution at all times.

The burn ban will stay in effect for the next 90 days.

Also at Monday's county meeting, commissioners approved their regular meeting schedule and the holiday schedule for fiscal year 2024. Trainings were approved for County Clerk Vicki Tunnell and County Attorney Landon Lambert.

Commissioners considered and approved donating the county's unclaimed capital property to the Saints' Roost Museum. The unclaimed funds are dispersed to the county from the state and this year amounted to \$3,800.

The county nominated Lon Adams, Jacob Fangman, and Johnny Floyd to serve another term on the Donley County Appraisal District Board. Elections by the local taxing entities will be held later.

County Judge John Howard reported the window repair project at the courthouse should be finished this month, weather permitting, and said work on the county barn at Hedley is continuing.

## State okays new funding rules for junior colleges

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) approved emergency rules at a special-called board meeting last week that will govern Texas' new funding system for Clarendon College and other community colleges, effective September 1.

House Bill 8 (HB 8), passed by the Texas Legislature during its 88th session and signed into law by Governor Greg Abbott in June, codified the new, dynamic model that will fund community colleges in Texas. The model moves to an outcomes-based approach and rewards colleges for awarding degrees, certificates, and other "credentials of value."

Clarendon College President Tex Buckhaults said the state's community colleges cooperated on building the new funding model.

"All 50 college districts came together for the good of everyone," Buckhaults said. "We're not competing against each other; we're working together, and student success is paramount. We want to get them

finished and get them in good paying jobs."

Buckhaults said CC is receiving \$3.01 million under the new formula thanks to its long history of high student success rates.

"This isn't new; it's what we've been doing," he said.

Gov. Abbott said the new formula will be good for the future of Texas.

"The Texas of tomorrow depends on ensuring our students have the workforce training and preparation needed to succeed in dynamic, high-demand industries," said Gov. Abbott. "House Bill 8 is a transformational step forward in funding Texas community colleges based on measurable outcomes and supporting work-based learning opportunities for hardworking Texans. I thank the Texas Legislature and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for working to improve the community college system in the state of Texas and help  
**See 'Funding' on page 6.**



### Celebrating in style

Clarendon College cosmetology students styled themselves to replicate a photo of the college's first graduating class from 1900 when CC's 125th anniversary was celebrated last Saturday night at the Bairfield Activity Center. Shown here are (standing) Ryen Slatten, Brooklynn Hugg, Josh Olivo, Delijiah Castillo, (seated) Raymond Sanchez, and Samantha Price.

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# US political parties are needed evil

What is interesting about studying political parties is that there are no founding documents that set rules for how they behave or what their function should be.

For most political issues, I like to start with the U.S. Constitution. While there are disagreements over interpretation, there is at least something written that we can try to understand. Yet interesting enough there is nothing about parties in the Constitution; America's founding document is completely silent on the subject.

The best example of the founders lack of forethought in the creation of parties is how the president was chosen. According to the Constitution, "The Electors shall meet in their respective States, and vote by Ballot for two Persons... The President of the Senate shall, in the Presence of the Senate and House of Representatives, open all the Certificates, and the Votes shall then be counted. The Person having the greatest Number of Votes shall be the President... In every Case, after the Choice of the President, the Person having the greatest Number of Votes of the Electors shall be the Vice President."

In other words, whoever wins the Electoral College is president and second place is vice president. If we still operated under this system, our current president would be Joe Biden and our vice president would be Donald Trump. Can you imagine how this would work today? Well, it did not work back then either. While there were no parties in the very beginning, by the third election in 1796 the Federalist candidate won the presidency, and the Democratic Republican candidate became vice president. It worked about as well as a Biden/Trump presidency would work today. And so, in 1804, the 12th Amendment changed voting procedures to the current system. It's not that the founders could not envision political parties when they wrote the Constitution — they did. It's that they hoped the new nation could rise above them and overcome their differences.

Many of the founders were fans of the political philosopher Henry St John, 1st Viscount Bolingbroke. Lord Bolingbroke, writing in England, pushed the idea of a "Patriot King," a man who could stand above the political factions in Britain at the time and consider the people's needs first. The founders hoped to model the American president along this line — a man not swayed by factions (an early word for parties) but someone who was above and represented the people. They wanted leaders who put the welfare of the people and the nation above his own. The problem with parties, the Founders believed, is that they value the party above the nation.

I heard Democratic leaders in 2016 and Republican ones in 2020 say they hoped the economy would sour so they could take back the presidency in the next election. Think about that. Actually hoping bad things would happen to the U.S. economy so their party could win the next election. This was the founders' fear of factions in a nutshell: they would rather see nation struggle under the other party's leadership than be successful. A party cares more about the party than the nation. The founders knew this.

John Adams once wrote, "There is nothing which I dread so much as a division of the republic into two great parties, each arranged under its leader, and concerting measures in opposition to each other. This, in my humble apprehension, is to be dreaded as the greatest political evil under our Constitution." James Madison in Federalists No. 10 wrote, "By a faction, I understand a number of citizens, whether amounting to a majority or a minority of the whole, who are united and actuated by some common impulse of passion, or of interest, adverse to the rights of other citizens, or to the permanent and aggregate interests of the community." While both these men would succumb to the intoxicating pull of parties, the one who always stood above them and made it the subject of his final thoughts to the nation was George Washington.

When Washington decided to step down after two terms, one of his fears was the nation's political divide. During his tenure there were already the beginnings of a fracture, but as long as he was at the helm, he could keep them at bay.

Deciding not to run again, Washington's Farewell Address, though mostly penned by Hamilton, warned of the two major issues the first president feared: One was getting involved in foreign affairs and the other was parties. Washington wrote, "I have already intimated to you the danger of parties in the State, with particular reference to the founding of them on geographical discriminations. Let me now take a more comprehensive view and warn you in the most solemn manner against the baneful effects of the spirit of party generally. This spirit, unfortunately, is inseparable from our nature, having its root in the strongest passions of the human mind. It exists under different shapes in all governments, more or less stifled, controlled, or repressed; but, in those of the popular form, it is seen in its greatest rankness and is truly their worst enemy."

While all the founders saw parties as evil, they quickly became a necessary one as the two sides began to organize even while continuing to denounce them at their party meetings.

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**historically speaking**  
by dr. james finck

# Did the Flag of 1824 fly over Alamo

Although some historians disagree, it is believed by many that the heroic defenders of the Alamo fought under a modified Mexican flag.

In the first conflicts that eventually led to the fight for independence, the thousands of settlers in Texas simply wanted just treatment and an end of cruel oppression by the Mexican government. This is not to say that thoughts of independence did not exist. But the earlier skirmishes were attempts to obtain the just and fair treatment guaranteed by Mexico.

The Mexican constitution of 1824 essentially organized Mexico into a republic of self-governing states. Although Texas was denied that political recognition and was attached to Coahilla, the Texas settlers were to have the same rights as the Mexican settlers. In addition, Mexico encouraged immigration and settlement in its outer reaches with the idea that the newcomers would be integrated into the Mexican culture. Immigrants by the thousands flocked into Texas, but it soon became apparent to the Mexicans that the expected integration would

not occur.

The continued influx of settlers into Texas caused the Mexican government to see this area slipping out from under Mexican control. Taking matters into his own hands, President Santa Anna stripped Texans of their political rights, and he became more and more oppressive and ruthless in dealing with the Texans, as they were then called. The guarantees of the constitution of 1824 were being almost completely ignored.

Although the majority of the gallant band of 158 Texans who defended the Alamo against some 1,500 Mexican soldiers were fighting with independence in mind, a few were still expressing themselves as Texans who merely wanted their promised rights.

As a symbol of their campaigns to win a more just treatment, it is believed by some historians that the Texans in

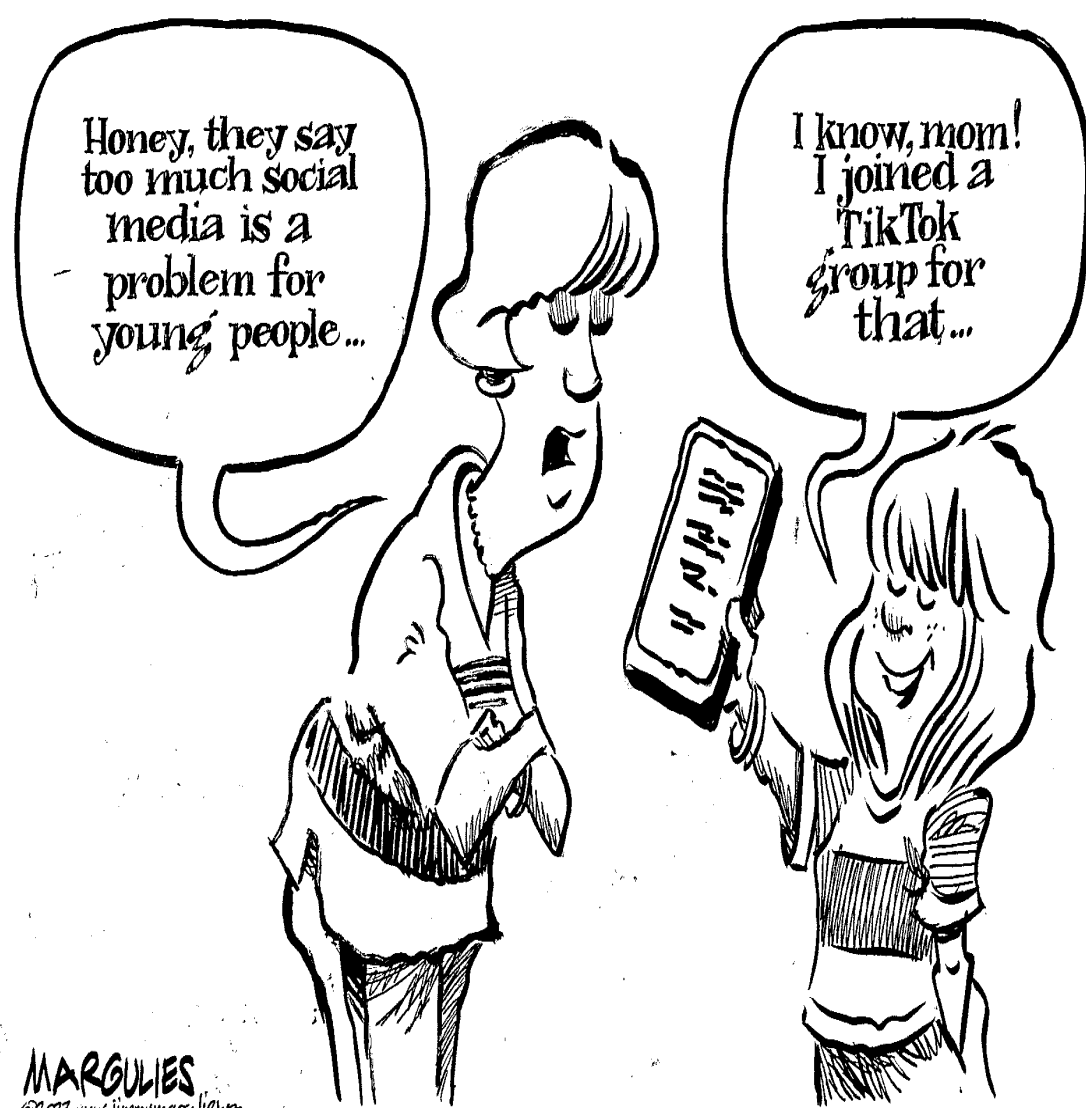


**vignettes**  
tales of the old west  
by george u. hubbard

the Alamo flew a modified version of the Mexican flag (among other flags) with its green, white, and red vertical stripes. The eagle had been removed from the center white portion of the flag, and the numerals "1824" had been sewn in its place. The flag, which probably pre-dated the battle of the Alamo, was intended to remind the Mexicans that what the Texans really wanted was a restoration of the constitutional guarantees of 1824.

Did such a flag really fly at the Alamo? The only Texian flag to survive the battle was that of the New Orleans Greys. Although some historians insist that the "1824 flag" never existed at the Alamo, replicas of the flag are on display in the visitors' center at the Texas State Capitol grounds, at the San Antonio public library, and at Baylor University's student union building, along with explanatory plaques describing its use at the Alamo. The truth of the matter may never be known.

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# The month of August brings tears

Usual readers — both of you, and a few relatives who sometimes read to see if I "got it right" — may remember that a month ago, I decided to put my "quill back in the goose" until September.

A few cool days in New Mexico beckoned, and off we drove to the Land of Enchantment, neither footloose nor even close to fancy free, as it turned out.

Brenda, my wife of 57 years joined me, along with Sailor, our beloved rescue dachshund who was also invited by our longtime friend — retired educator Delnor Poss. Delnor masqueraded as a basketball official for colleges and universities throughout the land for several decades....

A widower for more than a year, he welcomed us to his inviting three-story home that he largely constructed himself over a couple of decades, starting with a modest A-frame structure.

At age 88, he's still doggedly determined to "get it right," just as he did as a game official. Long-time golf coach and athletic director at Midland College, he can't abandon the work ethic he learned early in his hard-scrabble life. Now, he's a consultant at Eastern New Mexico's Ruidoso campus, down the mountain from his Alto, NM, home that features breathtaking balcony views in all directions.

We "yakked" for two nights, recalling specific hills and valleys of our lives. The short time there was golden, and then....

The second night, a phone call at an unseemly hour bore sad news. Gone from this life was a close friend of some 30 years. Caleb Pirtle, 82, who wrote more than 90 books, was the best author

I've ever known.

Vacation thoughts dissipated. We began the 550-mile drive home the next day, my mind whirling with brief stories I might share a few days later at his memorial service. He always wrote "just right." Compared to his writing, my words — written or spoken — didn't have a chance....

Ever modest, Caleb called himself a "used word salesman."...

Then, another call was equally unwelcome. A friend from college years, Ray Hildebrand, also 82, had passed in Kansas City.

He was to music what Caleb was to journalism. Ray, too, was in a league by himself.

Though best known for writing and singing "Hey, Paula" — a #1 song on secular charts in 1963 — he was a consummate composer of contemporary Christian songs. He was a forerunner of this genre, differing from most composers today who are given to repetition(s). Of the some 500 songs he composed, more than half have been published, many of which even old-timers sing, not knowing they sprang from his creative mind....

As sportswriter Blackie Sherrod once said of daily columnist George Dolan, before God made George, he broke the mold.

Friends joke that fun-loving Ray,

too, may have been made in a broken mold.

Due to an earlier commitment to speak at the Brownwood Kiwanis Club's 100th anniversary dinner, I was unable to attend his Kansas City funeral the same day. Three hundred others did, though. They "open-miked" through a memorial service of more than two hours. Everyone loved Ray; many spoke....

We watched the streamed service, awash in tears interspersed with laughter of bygone days.

One friend told of Ray's erratic driving habits, explaining that his speed was determined by the tempo of music from his car radio.

He said that if "Old Man River" were playing, Ray might be driving 30 MPH on a freeway, backing up traffic for miles. "Shake, Rattle and Roll," however, might mean he was pegging 95 MPH on a country road, passing all vehicles with abandon....

Rare talents both, they were model Christians, and memories of them are cherished.

The month of "column silence" is one of two such respites in two decades, both in August.

The other was in 2020. A few days into "vacation," Julie Choate, our oldest daughter, died suddenly at age 50 of a pulmonary embolism. Perhaps future column lapses won't be announced, or won't be in August....

Dr. Newbury, longtime university president, remains active as a columnist, author and speaker. Contact: 817-447-3872. Email: [newbury@speakerdoc.com](mailto:newbury@speakerdoc.com). Facebook: [donnewbury](https://www.facebook.com/donnewbury).

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**September 14**  
 Owls v Patton Springs • 7:30 p.m. • Home

**September 15 & 16**  
 The Equalizer 3 • 7:30 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

**September 17**  
 The Equalizer 3 • 2:00 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

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**September 21**  
 Donley County Senior Citizens Bingo Night. 5:30 p.m.

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# Menus

**Sept. 18 - 22**

**Donley County Senior Citizens**  
 Mon: Soft tacos, Spanish rice, ranch style beans, garden salad, baked apples, iced tea/2% milk.  
 Tues: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, broccoli, whole wheat roll, cherry/pineapple crisp, iced tea/2% milk.  
 Wed: King ranch chicken, ranch style beans, garden salad, tortilla, churros, iced tea/2% milk.  
 Thurs: Roast/gravy, baked potatoes, spinach, whole wheat roll, banana pudding, iced tea/2% milk.  
 Fri: Pollock, Brussel sprouts, French fries, hushpuppies, sugar cookie, iced tea/2% milk.

**Hedley Senior Citizens**  
 Mon: Beefy tater tot casserole, brown rice, chopped spinach, angel peach dessert, whole wheat buttermilk biscuits, iced tea/2% milk.  
 Tue: BBQ ribs, homemade macaroni & cheese, peas & carrots, snickerdoodles, whole wheat buttermilk biscuits, iced tea/2% milk.  
 Wed: chicken fried steak, country gravy, homemade mashed potatoes, county green beans w/ bacon, chocolate mocha gooey butter cake, whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.  
 Thurs: Lemon baked tilapia, buttered linguini w/parmesan, broccoli, cherry crisp, apricots, whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.  
 Fri: Chicken fried chicken on whole wheat bun, crispy tater tots, coleslaw, mound bars, iced tea/2% milk.

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

Lunch  
 Mon: Fish sticks, potatoes, okra, roll, fruit, milk.  
 Tues: Chicken fajitas, beans, carrots, salsa, sherbet, fruit, milk.  
 Wed: Chicken alfredo, breadstick, green beans, fruit, milk.  
 Thu: Popcorn chicken, roll, corn, crunchy broccoli, cookie, fruit, milk.  
 Fri: Pig in a blanket, potatoes, tomato cup, snowball salad, fruit, milk.

**Hedley ISD**  
 Breakfast  
 Mon: Pancakes, bacon, fruit juice, fruit, milk  
 Tues: Croissant ham & cheese sandwich, fruit juice, fruit, milk.  
 Wed: Breakfast pizza, fruit juice, fruit, milk.  
 Thu: Big bites, fruit juice, fruit, milk.  
 Fri: Donut holes, sausage, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Lunch  
 Mon: Country fried steak, gravy, potatoes, okra, roll, 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, salad, apples, cookie, milk.  
 Fri: Potato bowl, tomato cup, roll, snowball salad, milk.



**Storm damage**  
 Vehicles at the home of Bill and Deanna Cornell were badly damaged late Sunday night when a freak storm tore their carport apart southeast of Clarendon. A third car not visible here because it remained under the wreckage. At least two of the vehicles were totaled by the damage. The storm, which was accompanied by heavy rain, also damaged other structures and trees in the area.



Ryker Thomas battles to get past the Shamrock defense during Saturdays peewee game.



Braxton Bruce runs the ball for the peewee 5th and 6th grade team on Saturday.



Jaequan Weatherton gains yards against Wellington last week.

## DHDC offers beginners coding course

The Don Harrington Discovery Center has announced they will offer an beginners-level coding course titled Code Your Future for students in 4th-8th grade.

This beginners course will introduce participants to today's most popular programming language JavaScript and explore video game design and coding in Construct 3. This class will also offer a hybrid option for students to continue their learning outside of the classroom.

"This hybrid option will allow learners to continue the fun and learning from home, and for those who miss a session, it will help them to catch up," Director of Education Heather Stover said. "It will give them access to the program that we are using in class and pre-recorded video guidance from our instructor."

Technology and computer programming continue to be an increasing component of the future. Coding teaches skills such as problem-solving, logic-reasoning, and attention-to-detail.

It often puts kids ahead in higher education and their careers as well. With the dynamic curriculum this course offers, students will gain an academic boost toward their future.

Amarillo College instructor Mark Nair will be returning as the instructor of this course. This three-week program will give students 12 hours total of instruction time. The program will run from September 26 through October 12 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:45 pm to 6:45 pm. Class size is limited. Register today at DHDC.org.

## Livestock conference set for September 14

The "GRAZE: All Things Livestock Conference" will be held Sept. 14 at the Ollie Liner Center in Plainview, 2000 S. Columbia St., hosted by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Hale and Floyd counties.

Andy Hart and Mark Carroll, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agents for Hale and Floyd counties, respectively, said this conference is loaded with several top beef cattle experts who will provide information related to forage management and beef health.

The conference will begin at 8 a.m. The cost of the conference is \$45 and includes breakfast, lunch catered by Leal's, and a conference cap. For registration information, call Audrey Gloyna at 806-291-5267. Registration will be accepted at the event as well.

This year's signature sponsor is Browning Seed Inc. of Plainview. Hale County Farm Bureau is the breakfast sponsor and Plains Land Bank is one of the lunch sponsors.

"The GRAZE conference will have a tremendous group of vendors offering new products with the most up-to-date information to help your operation in the future," Hart said. "Vendors will provide door prizes to be given away throughout the meeting."

This year's line-up of topics will assist with small and large herd information that will bring value to livestock operations.

Topics and speakers will be: Value of Utilizing Calving Season and Implants, Jason Smith, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist, Amarillo. Value of Grazing Cover Crops, Paul DeLaune, Ph.D., Texas A&M AgriLife Research environmental soil scientist, Vernon. Sense Hub Feedlot, Bruce Voyles, Merck Animal Health. Vaccination Practices with Beef Calves, Juan Pinero, DVM, AgriLife Extension dairy specialist, Amarillo. Cow Pregnancy Check Ultrasound Demonstration, Tommy Perkins, Ph.D., West Texas A&M University associate professor of animal science, Canyon.

Do not miss this high-quality beef cattle program," Hart said. "The speakers are high-caliber experts who will be happy to answer questions and assist you with any of your beef cattle needs."

For more information about these or other agriculture programs contact Hart at 806-291-5270 or by email at amhart@ag.tamu.edu.

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**Golden Diplomas**

Clarendon College recognized several alumni with golden diplomas in recognition of their 50th anniversary of graduating from the college. Johnny Hill and Mary Wade Robinson were recognized in person. Dr. Jeremy Sain accepted the golden diploma for his father, Oren Sain. The recognitions were part of the college's 125th anniversary celebration Saturday evening at the Bairfield Activity Center.

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The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting at the Masonic Lodge on September 12, 2023, with Boss Lion Pro Tem Richard Green in charge.

We had 11 members in person, two members virtually, and four guests this week – Anthony Michaude and Elizabeth Flanigan, guests of Lion Chanel Silva; David Montgomery, guest of Lion Landon Lambert; and Bob Weiss, who presented our program.

As a board member of both the Saints' Roost Museum and the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Weiss informed the club of events coming to our community in the next few weeks. The annual Col. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff will be held at the museum on Saturday, September 23, but another event will also be held there the night before. The Shindig Under the Stars on September 22 will help raise money for the museum's new Wheels of History building. The project is expected to cost \$250,000 and the museum has raised \$180,000 so far. The Shindig will cost \$25 per person and will include music, dancing, hamburgers, shish kabobs, and wraps. Engraved bricks are also being sold to be laid near the new building. A regular-sized brick is \$100, and an eight inch by eight inch brick is \$175.

Mr. Weiss also spoke about the second annual Hot Rods to Harleys Fun Run coming up on Saturday, October 7, hosted by the Chamber and benefiting the Lions' Toys for Joy Drive and Christ's Kids Ministry. This year's run will start at the museum and run to Hedley, McLean, Lake McClellan, and then back to Clarendon. The event starts with breakfast at 8:00 a.m. and will end with awards at 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$25 to register, and people can sign up at the Visitor Center or online at ClarendonTX.com/funrun.

Lion Roger Estlack reminded everyone about the upcoming "Love on the Titanic" mystery dinner at the Mulkey Theatre on Sunday, September 24, and also about the "Boomtowntown" musical comedy coming to the Mulkey on October 15.

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

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**West Texas Ranch Rodeo to be held in Amarillo**

The West Texas Ranch Rodeo announced last week a new home for 2024 and beyond. This WRCA Sanctioned event will be hosted by the Amarillo National Center at the Tri-State Fairgrounds.

2024 will be the 3rd year for the West Texas Ranch Rodeo and will be held April 26 and 27 in the Amarillo National Center. Amarillo will now be the host of Spring, Summer and Fall Major League Ranch Rodeos!

The Adult rodeo will be a (two go) WRCA Sanctioned rodeo featuring 14 Ranch teams. Saturday morning April 27th will see the Youth (single go) rodeo.

Fourteen youth teams are slated for this event. Moving to the Amarillo National Center will allow the

rodeo to add other ancillary events as well.

The competitors have to prove they make their living working cattle to put steak on your plate. Each team is certified by the Working Ranch Cowboys Association and adheres to the rules of the World Championship Ranch Rodeo. This rodeo is presented by Modelo and the Amarillo Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Ranch kids up to 16 years of age create a team of five members where their cumulative age is less than 66.

Each team is certified by the Working Ranch Cowboys Association and adheres to the rules of the Youth World Championship Ranch Rodeo. The Youth Ranch Rodeo is

presented by Oliver Saddle Shop of Amarillo.

Each team will compete in each of their events twice. Once Friday night and then Saturday night with performances starting at 7pm. Points and times from each performance are combined to get placings.

More spectators can come as since the rodeo will be indoors. More teams can be invited to the Rodeo. More ancillary events can be added such as horse shoeing contest, horse tank golfing, calf fry, crafts competitions and more. Announcements will be made soon detailing all of the new additions.

For more information contact Lane Provence 806-806-570-8983 lane@wtranchrodeo.com

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**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Type of crayon
- 7. Fashion accessory
- 10. Most cerebral
- 12. Incline from vertical
- 13. Dependent on
- 14. Broken in
- 15. Strongly desires
- 16. Mounted soldier
- 17. Ad \_\_: when necessary
- 18. Cattle
- 19. Ottoman military commanders
- 21. \_\_ student, learns healing
- 22. Composed in poetic meter
- 27. Promotional material
- 28. Where people live
- 33. Sodium
- 34. Embarrassing
- 36. Medical man
- 37. Mother of Hermes
- 38. One who saves the day
- 39. Tooth caregiver
- 40. Not clothed
- 41. Slope covered with loose stones
- 44. Used to cook
- 45. Praises enthusiastically
- 48. Rooney is a famous one
- 49. Beekeeper
- 50. Pigpen
- 51. Potato chip brand

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Living quarters
- 2. Horizontal passage
- 3. Attacks
- 4. Vietnamese offensive
- 5. Midway between east and southeast
- 6. Confined (abbr.)
- 7. Book of Esther antagonist
- 8. Port in Yemen
- 9. CNN's founder
- 10. Type of bulb
- 11. Prepare
- 12. Promoted
- 14. Dinner jackets
- 17. Partner to cheese
- 18. Nebraska city
- 20. Human gene
- 23. Pays no attention to
- 24. Lowland South American plain
- 25. Blood group
- 26. Mauna \_\_, Hawaiian volcano
- 29. Atomic #37
- 30. Unit of electrical resistance
- 31. Jeweled crowns
- 32. Nastiest
- 35. Traditional cars need it
- 36. Bowler hat
- 38. Robust
- 40. Not straight
- 41. Stony waste matter
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Bronco Mason Sims tries to get past the Roscoe defense Friday at Floydada.

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Bronco Lyric Smith catches the ball in the air last week against Roscoe.

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## Broncos fall short against Roscoe

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon Broncos are three weeks into the 2023 football season and made a good showing despite a 16-32 loss to the Roscoe Plowboys last Friday night in Floydada.

The Broncos were able to get the first score of the game only two minutes into the game when senior Lyric Smith grabbed a Roscoe pass and ran it back 75 yards for the touchdown. Smith ran in the two-point bonus to take the lead 8-0.

Smith, who has recovered from his injury in the Panhandle game, also grabbed four tackles from his

spot on defense. Dalton Coles led the way with 17 defensive tackles, Easton Frausto finished with 12, and Anthony Cenicerros added 11 tackles, one QB sack, and forced a fumble.

Colton Caudle did a great job on offense and turned four catches into 115 yards with a long 85-yard run. Caudle's yardage include one touchdown at the end of the first quarter to put the Broncos up after the first eight minutes. Smith posted 128 yards in the game while Mason Sims added 49 on the night.

Quarterback Harrison Howard was 15 of 26 passing which included two interceptions. The Broncos'

total offensive yards was 241, which included 228 yards passing and one TD.

Roscoe was able to fight their way back before the break to take a 16-12 lead over the Broncos. They continued to increase that lead until the final buzzer.

The Broncos are looking forward to Friday night when they host Smyer in their homecoming game. Kickoff is at 7 p.m. with the Queen Coronation at 6:30 in Bronco Stadium.

The Junior High Colts will travel to Smyer Thursday, September 14, with a game time of 5:00 p.m.

## Lady Broncos finish Top 3 in Bison Run

By Sandy Anderberg

Elliot Frausto ran to a first-place finish in the Caprock Canyon Bison Run last week to top the field of 72 high school runners in the two-mile race.

Frausto's time of 13:17 was two tenths ahead of Madi Benson who ran second with a time of 13:19. Tandie Cummins completed the pack of three with a time of 13:22.

Berkley Moore was sixth with a time of 14:02, and Presley Smith was 11th at 14:09. Gracie Ellis was 13th with a time of 14:11, and Lilly Robinson ran 59th finishing in 18:16.

Bryce Williams ran another good race finishing fourth with a personal best time of 18:40 that was just over a second behind the winners. Brice Wagner was 7th with a time of 19:48, and Tanner Cavanaugh ran 36th at 34:08.

The Broncos and Lady Broncos also competed in the Amarillo ISD Invitational at Rick Klein Park last Saturday. The Lady Broncos finished in fourth place as a team in the Small Schools division. Benson competed well and finished 12th out of 146 other runners with a time of 14:02.37.

Frausto was 26th at 14:29.87, and Cummins was 28th with a time of 14:32.71. Moore ran 31st at 14:35.41, and Smith finished the race in a time of 15:97.81 for 49th. Ellis was 54th at 15:23.13 and Kenidee Hayes was 99th with a time of 17:12.23.

Williams ran the three-mile race in 17:49.01 for 17th place, Wagner was 45th at 19:29.14, and Cavanaugh was 118th with a time of 23:42.57 out of 130 total runners.

The Broncos and Lady Broncos will run in Amarillo at John Stiff Park on September 16.

## Waiting on rain: Texas gardeners prioritize water

For most Texas gardeners, the heat of summer has felt never-ending, and the rain has been far too sparse, creating a need to prioritize which plants to water, and which ones can wait.

September also traditionally brings much needed showers heading into fall, so Stein said don't give up hope.

"It has been a tremendously hot and dry summer, and many plants are hurting and some appear to be dying," Stein said. "Water the best you can right now, pray for rain and hang in there until it comes."

With the U.S. Drought Monitor showing most of Texas ranging from abnormally dry to exceptional drought, very few parts of the state

are getting the rain crops, gardens and people need right now. Currently, over 75% of the state is in a stage of drought, which is affecting more than 23.5 million people.

"Sustaining adequate moisture in the garden and landscape is the No.1 priority for late summer and fall," Stein said.

Those Texans with water restrictions will have to continue to choose where they put their water and how best to conserve it.

Last month's Texas A&M AgriLife Gardening Guide offers additional guidance on watering during drought along with some conservation tips.

Critical time for pecans, plants with green fruit and berries

For Texans forced to prioritize where to use their water, keep in mind that now is the critical time for pecans.

Plants that already have fruits or berries in the green stage also need to be afforded special consideration during drought. A lack of moisture can cause fruit to drop as well as reduce size and affect color.

Thinking ahead to decorating for the holiday season, Stein said keep an eye on your holly plants. Water is needed for the berries to reach their festive shade and to remain on the plant until it is time for use.

He also reminds those with these plants that raw holly berries are toxic to people and pets.

## Jones runs to a third-place finish in Bison Run

By Sandy Anderberg

Seventh grader Karli Jones ran the two-mile cross-country course in at time of 14:34 in Quitaque last week at the Valley Invitational held at Caprock Canyon State Park.

Eighth grader Addy Havens ran a good race as well and finished in sixth place with a time of 15:13. The team finished 2nd in a field of 68 runners.

Elie Rodriguez finished 18th with a time of 17:57 and Makynna Williams was 30th at 20:02. Josie Murillo ran the course in a time of 20:10 for 31st, Brilyn Bruce was 46th with a 22:17, and Hadley Bebout was 54th at 23:28.

The Lady Colts will run in Groom at The Cross September 16.

## Funding: Continued from page one.

meet the needs of our growing state."

This action by the Coordinating Board finalizes the fiscal year 2024 formula and the new funding model for community colleges. Formula funding will be distributed in three installments with 50 percent being released on Oct. 15, 25 percent on Feb. 15 and the final 25 percent on June 15.

"The Board's unanimous approval of these new emergency rules to implement House Bill 8 will transform how we fund community colleges, putting a primary focus on student outcomes," said Commissioner of Higher Education Harrison Keller. "This was the culmination of many months of research, planning, data analysis, outreach, communications, and collaboration following the signing of House Bill 8 by Governor Greg Abbott."

The legislation, sponsored and championed by Rep. Gary VanDeaver and Sen. Brandon Creighton, expands upon the report and year-long efforts of the Texas Commission on Community College Finance.

"The Board is grateful to the committee members, community college leaders, and agency staff who helped get the new funding model to full implementation within just a few short months," said Chairman of the Coordinating Board Dr. Fred Farias. "Now our community colleges can work toward improving student outcomes and increasing the number of credentials of value so more Texans benefit from our rich economy."

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**ANSWER:**



The Bronco Cheerleaders lead the Clarendon football team onto the field in Floydada to face Roscoe last Friday.

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## EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS FOR THE NOVEMBER 7, 2023 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION

**Proposition Number 1  
(HJR 126)**

**HJR 126** proposes a constitutional amendment to protect a person's right to engage in generally accepted farm, ranch, timber production, horticulture, or wildlife management practices on real property that the person owns or leases. The proposed amendment would not affect the authority of the legislature to authorize the regulation of these practices by: (1) a state agency or political subdivision as necessary to protect the public health and safety from imminent danger; (2) a state agency to prevent a danger to animal health or crop production; or (3) a state agency or political subdivision to preserve or conserve the natural resources of the state under the Texas Constitution. Additionally, the proposed amendment would not affect the legislature's authority to authorize the use or acquisition of property for a public use, including the development of natural resources under the Texas Constitution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment protecting the right to engage in farming, ranching, timber production, horticulture, and wildlife management."**

**Proposition Number 2  
(SJR 64)**

**SJR 64** proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the governing body of a county or municipality to exempt from property taxation all or part of the appraised value of real property used to operate a child-care facility. The proposed amendment would authorize the governing body to adopt the exemption as a percentage of the appraised value of the property, but that percentage could not be less than 50% of the appraised value of the property. The proposed amendment also would allow the legislature to define the term "child-care facility" and to establish additional eligibility requirements to receive the property tax exemption.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing a local option exemption from ad valorem taxation by a county or municipality of all or part of the appraised value of real property used to operate a child-care facility."**

**Proposition Number 3  
(HJR 132)**

**HJR 132** proposes a constitutional amendment to prohibit the legislature from imposing a tax based on the wealth or net worth of an individual or family. The proposed amendment also would prohibit the legislature from imposing a tax based on the difference between the assets and liabilities of an individual or family.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment prohibiting the imposition of an individual wealth or net worth tax, including a tax on the difference between the assets and liabilities of an individual or family."**

**Proposition Number 4  
(HJR 2- Second Special Session)**

**HJR 2** proposes a constitutional amendment to modify certain provisions of the Texas Constitution related to property taxes. The proposed amendment would authorize the legislature to temporarily limit the maximum appraised value of real property for property tax purposes in a tax year. The proposed amendment also would increase the mandatory homestead exemption for school district property taxation from \$40,000 to \$100,000. The proposed amendment would require the legislature to provide for a reduction in the amount of the limitation on school district property taxes imposed on the residence homestead of the elderly or disabled. Additionally, the amendment would exempt appropriations not dedicated by the Texas Constitution and used for property tax relief from being considered as appropriations when determining whether the rate of growth of appropriations in a biennium has exceeded the constitutional tax spending limit. The proposed amendment would further authorize the legislature to provide that members serving on an appraisal board in a county with a population of at least 75,000 serve terms not to exceed four years.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to establish a temporary limit on the maximum appraised value of real property other than a residence homestead for ad valorem tax**

**purposes; to increase the amount of the exemption from ad valorem taxation by a school district applicable to residence homesteads from \$40,000 to \$100,000; to adjust the amount of the limitation on school district ad valorem taxes imposed on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect increases in certain exemption amounts; to except certain appropriations to pay for ad valorem tax relief from the constitutional limitation on the rate of growth of appropriations; and to authorize the legislature to provide for a four-year term of office for a member of the board of directors of certain appraisal districts."**

**Proposition Number 5  
(HJR 3)**

**HJR 3** proposes a constitutional amendment to redesignate the national research university fund as the Texas University Fund (TUF), and to appropriate funds from the economic stabilization fund to the TUF. The proposed amendment would appropriate to the TUF an amount equal to the interest income, dividends, and investment earnings attributable to the economic stabilization fund for the preceding state fiscal year. The appropriation amount could not exceed \$100 million for the state fiscal year beginning September 1, 2023, or an amount adjusted for the increase in the general price index, not to exceed two percent, in subsequent state fiscal years. The proposed amendment also would prohibit any state university that is entitled to participate in dedicated funding provided by Article VII, Section 18 of the Texas Constitution from receiving money from the TUF.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment relating to the Texas University Fund, which provides funding to certain institutions of higher education to achieve national prominence as major research universities and drive the state economy."**

**Proposition Number 6  
(SJR 75)**

**SJR 75** proposes a constitutional amendment to create the Texas water fund. The Texas water fund would be a special fund in the state treasury outside the general revenue fund, administered by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) or its successor to assist in financing water projects in the state. The proposed amendment would direct the Texas water fund administrator to use the fund only to transfer money to other TWDB funds or accounts. The proposed amendment would authorize the legislature to appropriate money for deposit to the water fund to be available for permitted transfers. No further legislative appropriation would be required for the water fund administrator to transfer money from or restore money to the fund, including the transfer of money to or the restoration of money from certain designated TWDB funds and accounts. The water fund would consist of: (1) money transferred or deposited to the fund by general law; (2) other revenue that the legislature by statute dedicates for deposit to the fund; (3) investment earnings and interest earned on amounts credited to the fund; (4) money from gifts, grants, and donations to the fund; and (5) money returned from any authorized transfer. The proposed amendment would require the legislature, by general law, to provide for the manner in which money from the Texas water fund may be used. The proposed amendment also would require that at least 25% of the money initially appropriated to the Texas water fund be transferred to the New Water Supply for Texas Fund.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment creating the Texas water fund to assist in financing water projects in this state."**

**Proposition Number 7  
(SJR 93)**

**SJR 93** proposes a constitutional amendment to establish the Texas energy fund. The Texas energy fund would be a special fund in the state treasury outside the general revenue fund, administered by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) or its successor. Money in the Texas energy fund could be used, without further appropriation, only by PUC or its successor to provide loans and grants to finance or incentivize the construction, maintenance, modernization, and operation of electric generating facilities necessary to ensure the reliability or adequacy of an electric power grid in the state. The proposed amendment would require PUC to allocate

money from the fund for loans and grants to eligible projects for electric generating facilities that serve as backup power sources and in each region of the state that is part of an electric power grid in proportion to that region's load share. The Texas energy fund would consist of: (1) money credited, appropriated, or transferred to the fund by or as authorized by the legislature; (2) revenue that the legislature dedicates for deposit to the fund; (3) the returns received from the investment of the money in the fund; and (4) gifts, grants, and donations contributed to the fund.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the Texas energy fund to support the construction, maintenance, modernization, and operation of electric generating facilities."**

**Proposition Number 8  
(HJR 125)**

**HJR 125** proposes a constitutional amendment to create the broadband infrastructure fund. The broadband infrastructure fund would be a special fund in the state treasury outside the general revenue fund, administered by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (Comptroller). Money from the fund could be used, without further appropriation, only for the expansion of access to and adoption of broadband and telecommunications services. The broadband infrastructure fund would consist of: (1) money transferred or deposited to the fund by the Texas Constitution, general law, or the General Appropriations Act; (2) revenue that the legislature by general law dedicates for deposit to the fund; (3) investment earnings and interest earned on money in the fund; and (4) gifts, grants, and donations to the fund. The proposed amendment would authorize the Comptroller to transfer money from the broadband infrastructure fund to another fund as provided by general law, and the state agency that administers the fund to which any money is transferred could use the money without further appropriation only for the expansion of access to and adoption of broadband and telecommunications services. The broadband infrastructure fund would expire on September 1, 2035, unless extended by adoption of a joint resolution of the legislature. Immediately before the expiration of the fund, the Comptroller would be required to transfer any unexpended and unobligated balance remaining in the broadband infrastructure fund to the general revenue fund.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment creating the broadband infrastructure fund to expand high-speed broadband access and assist in the financing of connectivity projects."**

**Proposition Number 9  
(HJR 2)**

**HJR 2** proposes a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to provide a cost-of-living adjustment to eligible annuitants of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS). The proposed amendment also would authorize the legislature to appropriate money from the general revenue fund to the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts to pay the cost-of-living adjustment.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing the 88th Legislature to provide a cost-of-living adjustment to certain annuitants of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas."**

**Proposition Number 10  
(SJR 87)**

**SJR 87** proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to exempt from property taxation tangible personal property held by a medical or biomedical manufacturer as a finished good or used in the manufacturing or processing of medical or biomedical products.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation equipment or inventory held by a manufacturer of medical or biomedical products to protect the Texas healthcare network and strengthen our medical supply chain."**

**Proposition Number 11  
(SJR 32)**

**SJR 32** proposes a constitutional amendment

to expand the authority of the legislature with regard to conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County. The Texas Constitution permits conservation and reclamation districts in certain counties across the state to issue bonds to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities but does not currently provide this authority to El Paso County. The proposed amendment would add conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to those districts currently allowed, if authorized by general law, to issue bonds supported by property taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities. The proposed amendment would not limit the powers of the legislature or of a conservation and reclamation district with respect to parks and recreational facilities as those powers currently exist.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities."**

**Proposition Number 12  
(HJR 134)**

**HJR 134** proposes a constitutional amendment to abolish the office of County Treasurer in Galveston County. The amendment would authorize the Galveston County Commissioners Court to employ or contract with a qualified person or designate another county officer to perform any functions that would have been performed by the County Treasurer. The proposed amendment would take effect only if a majority of the voters of Galveston County voting on the proposition favor the amendment.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment providing for the abolition of the office of county treasurer in Galveston County."**

**Proposition Number 13  
(HJR 107)**

**HJR 107** proposes a constitutional amendment to increase the mandatory retirement age for state justices and judges. Currently, the Texas Constitution establishes that justices and judges of the appellate courts, district courts, and criminal district courts must retire on the expiration of the term during which they reach the age of 75 years or an earlier age, not less than 70 years, as the legislature may prescribe. The proposed amendment would change the mandatory retirement age for justices and judges of the appellate courts, district courts, and criminal district courts to 79 years or an earlier age, not less than 75 years, as the legislature may prescribe. The proposed amendment also would remove the provision stating that justices and judges may only serve until December 31 of their fourth year in office if they reach the age of 75 years in the first four years of a six-year term.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment to increase the mandatory age of retirement for state justices and judges."**

**Proposition Number 14  
(SJR 74)**

**SJR 74** proposes a constitutional amendment to establish the centennial parks conservation fund as a trust fund outside the state treasury. The fund could be used, in accordance with general law, only for the creation and improvement of state parks. The centennial parks conservation fund would consist of: (1) money appropriated, credited, or transferred to the fund by the legislature; (2) gifts, grants, and donations received by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) or its successor for a purpose for which money in the fund may be used; and (3) investment earnings and interest earned on amounts credited to the fund. The proposed amendment would authorize the legislature to appropriate money from the centennial parks conservation fund to TPWD or its successor for the creation and improvement of state parks.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the centennial parks conservation fund to be used for the creation and improvement of state parks."**



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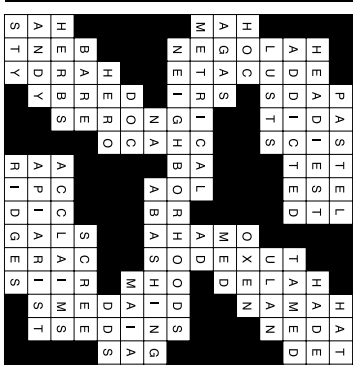
**Clarendon Lions Club** Regular meeting each Tuesday at noon. David Dockery, Boss Lion. Roger Estlack, Secretary

**Clarendon Alcoholics Anonymous Group** 806-661-1015, 806-671-9766, 806-205-1840, 24 hour hotline 877-421-4334. Mon. & Sat. 7 p.m. 416 S Kearney St.

**Clarendon Chamber of Commerce** Regular Board of Directors meeting third Tuesday each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Clarendon Visitor Center.

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**Home Team**

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**Tailgate Party**

1. tasty side dish often made with brown sugar  
2. people devoted to their teams  
3. beef patties cooked over a fire and served on a bun  
4. place where tailgate parties take place (where you keep the car)  
5. favorite thirst quenchers filling coolers  
6. people use this to decorate their bodies with their team's colors  
7. vehicles from which 'tailgate' parties get their name  
8. people party outside the stadium until this starts the game  
9. slang term for football; old footballs were made from this  
10. heated surface where delicious food is cooked

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**CLARENDON CISD WILL BE** accepting sealed bids on the following: two - convection ovens. Starting bid on each oven is \$100. For more information about the ovens, please contact Terry Ralston at 806-626-3322. Bids must be received in writing in the Clarendon CISD Administration Office by 3:00, Friday, September 15.

**CLARENDON CISD WILL BE** accepting sealed bids on the following: playground equipment. There is no minimum starting bid. For more information about the playground equipment, please contact Terry Ralston at 806-626-3322. Bids must be received in writing in the Clarendon CISD Administration Office by 3:00, Friday, September 15.

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**PRIVATE CLUB ALCOHOL BEVERAGE PERMIT** The Country Club of Clarendon, Inc., 100 Porter Drive, Howardwick, Donley County, Texas 79226, has applied for renewal of their Private Club Alcoholic Beverage Permit. Officers of the club are: Robert Brewster, President; Gabe Broussard Vice President; Derek Shields Secretary/Treasurer.

**CLARENDON CISD IS SEEKING** public comment, consideration and approval on review and modifications to the Return to In Person Instructional Continuity of Services plan and the Use of Funds plan for ESSER III purposes. Please submit these comments to Clarendon CISD by contacting Jennifer Bellar at bellar.jen@clarendonisd.net or by offering your comments during the public comment period at the regularly scheduled school board meeting on September 11, 2023 at 7:00 at the Clarendon CISD Video Conference Room.

**SMALL TAXING UNIT NOTICE**  
The Donley County Hospital District will hold a tax rate meeting at 5:30 p.m. on September 19, 2023, at 3 Medical Drive Clarendon, Texas 79226 to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2023. The proposed tax rate is 0.15 per \$100 of value. 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.

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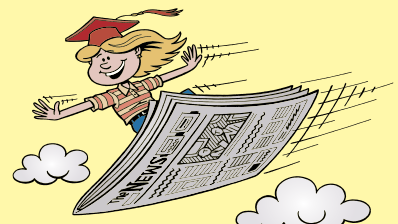
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Today, we have 2 crosswords about the fall game of football. The first one is about the great tailgating parties before the game, and the second about the game itself. **Work with a friend to fill them in.**

**Fall Sports Action!**

- tasty side dish often made with brown sugar
- people devoted to their teams
- beef patties cooked over a fire and served on a bun
- place where tailgate parties take place (where you keep the car)
- favorite thirst quenchers filling coolers
- people use this to decorate their bodies with their team's colors
- vehicles from which 'tailgate' parties get their name
- people party outside the stadium until this starts the game
- slang term for football; old footballs were made from this
- heated surface where delicious food is cooked

**face paint**

**fans**

**pigskin**

**kickoff**

**burgers**

**baked beans**

**drinks**

**trucks**

**parking lot**

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**quarterback**

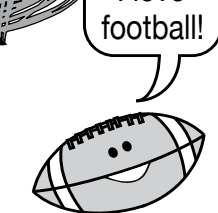
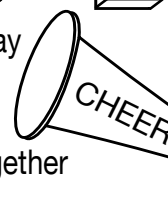
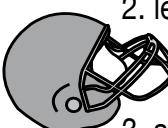
**field goal**

**offsides**

**teams**

**grill**

- score 3 points by kicking the football
- leader of the team, usually throws the football
- slang term for the field teams play on
- when all the players get together to discuss the next play
- coaches use these to stop the clock in tight situations
- groups of players that work together
- place fans go to watch a game
- when a player is on wrong side of "scrimmage" line as play starts
- when a player tackles the quarterback before he throws the ball
- bringing the football into the end zone; main way to score





**Owls fall to Vernon Northside**

Varsity Owl Paeton Glover catches the ball during the Owls close loss to Vernon Northside, 47-54.

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Hedley Junior High Owl Payton Inman runs the ball while Sebastian Garcia blocks against Vernon Northside last week. The Junior High Owls lost 7-20.

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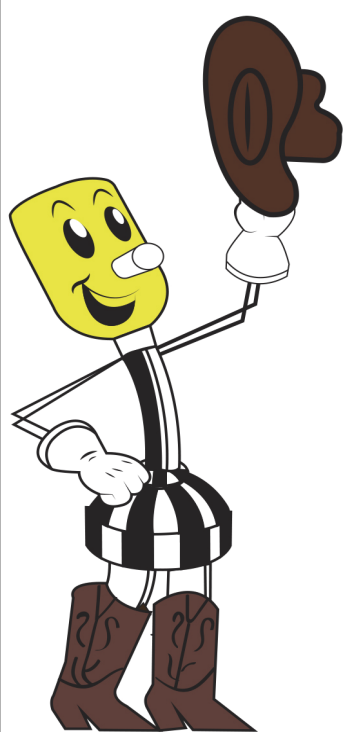
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