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

### Museum to hold cookoff Saturday

The Saints' Roost Museum will hold its 29th annual Col. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff this Saturday, September 23, and its first Shindig Under The Stars on Friday, September 22.

Friday night's Shindig will feature a dinner at 6:30 p.m. followed by DJ music and dancing at 8:30. Funds raised from this event will benefit the museum's new Wheels of History building now under construction. The cost of the Shindig is \$25. Call 806-874-2746 for information.

On Saturday a dozen chuckwagon teams will compete for top prizes and bragging rights. Tickets for the cookoff are still available at the Donley County State Bank and Every Nook & Cranny. Although admission is free, a \$25 meal ticket is required to enjoy the authentic chuckwagon chicken fried steak dinner.

The tradeshow Saturday starts at 10 a.m. Local and area entertainers will also be performing. The authentic wagons will serve at 1 p.m. with the traditional chicken fried steak dinner, and other activities will include a hay auction and the Goodnight family reunion.

### Scarecrow contest sign-ups underway

The Friends of the Library are hosting their annual Scarecrow Contest, and sign-ups are open through Friday, October 2, at the Burton Memorial Library.

Registration for the fourth annual contest is \$20. Participants display a homemade Scarecrow of any kind at their home or business. Judging will be held on Monday, October 23, and winners will be announced Wednesday, October 25.

Residents can vote on their favorite scarecrow on Facebook or in person at the library. This year a Friends of the Library judging committee will choose one residence and one business winner as the grand prizes.

### Cub Scouts to hold sign-ups Tuesday

Clarendon Cub Scout Pack 437 will hold a recruitment night for this year next Tuesday, September 26, at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Cub Scouts is open to kids in kindergarten through fifth grade.



## Sheriff says school lockdown was appropriate

School officials and the Donley County Sheriff's Office are reviewing what worked well and what needs improvement after a false alarm caused Clarendon CISD campuses to go on lockdown for about half an hour last Thursday, September 15.

Sheriff Butch Blackburn said the school acted appropriately even though ultimately it was determined there was no threat to the school or the students.

"In my opinion, they did exactly

what that should have done with the information they had to start with," Blackburn said.

CCISD administration was made aware of a perceived threat by a student at about 8:50 a.m. According to a statement by the school, the student had left campus, and all campuses were put on lockdown until law enforcement could arrive and ascertain the whereabouts of the student. Sheriff Blackburn found the student off campus, and the lockdown was lifted at 9:24.

Both the sheriff and Superintendent Jarod Bellar said that at no time was there ever a threat to the school, but the school acted on the side of caution to be sure. The sheriff's investigation, which involved multiple witnesses and school security camera footage, revealed there was never a threat of any kind from the student.

"It was good in a way to have a real lockdown instead of a practice," Blackburn said. "We can learn from mistakes."

Bellar agreed and said the lockdown went well but that there are areas to be improved upon. The app used to implement the lockdown was triggered with a default "intruder" message, which Bellar said was not an accurate description of the reason for the lockdown but was the best of the default choices at the time.

The school is working to improve and customize the app, which is used to communicate on campus, and is also exploring other ways to communicate with the par-

ents. CCISD's new safety officer had not started officially but responded Thursday with the sheriff's office. The officer's first day on the job was Monday of this week.

Both Bellar and Blackburn ask parents to remember that in the event of the lockdown to please not come to the campus. No one will be allowed in or out of the buildings, and the presence of more people will add to congestion and potentially present more safety issues.



### CHS crowns Roys

Emma Roys was crowned the 2023 Clarendon High School Homecoming Queen during pre-game ceremonies in Bronco Stadium last Friday. Shown here are Morgan Johnston, Courtlyn Conkin, Roys, and Bayleigh Bruce.

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### Hedley's Queen

Hedley High School crowned Flor Silvestre as the 2023 Homecoming Queen during ceremonies last Thursday evening. Members of the court are Madison Moore, Ashlee Holmes, Silvestre, and Malorie Collins.

HHS PHOTO / MANDI GAY

## District court hears five Donley County cases

Five Donley County cases were among 29 pleas heard by the district court August 24 when it met in Childress.

District Attorney Luke Inman, along with Assistant District Attorney Harley Caudle, prosecuted the cases for the State of Texas, with the Honorable Judge Ron Enns presiding by assignment.

Jason David Herbert, 47, from Clarendon, was placed on four years probation for the first degree felony offense of possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone.

Herbert was arrested by Donley County Sheriff's Deputy Vincent Marasco on May 29 and he pleaded to an information filed by the State on July 12.

Herbert was also ordered to pay a \$4,000 fine to Donley County, \$340 in court costs, \$180 lab fee, and complete 400 hours of com-

munity service. If his probation is revoked, Herbert faces up to 99 years or life in the Institutional Division of TDCJ.

Mehgan Matthews, 39, from Iowa Park, was placed on ten years probation for the third degree felony offense of theft of service.

Matthews was arrested by Sheriff Butch Blackburn on March 25, 2021. Matthews was indicted by a Donley County Grand Jury on January 19, 2022.

Matthews was also ordered to pay \$290 in court costs, \$109,000 in restitution, and complete 200 hours of community service. If her probation is revoked, Matthews faces up to 10 years in the Institutional Division of TDCJ.

Paul Glynn Stewart, 61, from Arlington, was placed on three years probation for the state jail felony offense of possession of a controlled

substance in penalty group two, Tetrahydrocannabinol.

Stewart was arrested by DPS Trooper Kelly Hill on September 9, 2022. Stewart was indicted by a Donley County Grand Jury on January 30, 2023.

Stewart was also ordered to pay a \$2,500 fine to Donley County, \$290 in court costs, \$180 restitution, and complete 100 hours of community service. If his probation is revoked, he faces up to two years in the State Jail Division of TDCJ.

Brandon Le Houghton, 29, from Hollister, Calif., was placed on three years probation for the offense of possession of a controlled substance, Tetrahydrocannabinol.

Houghton was arrested by Donley County Sheriff's Deputy Brian Stevens on June 12. Houghton pleaded to an information filed by the State on June 26.

Houghton was also ordered to pay a \$2,500 fine to Donley County, \$290 in court costs, \$180 restitution, and complete 100 hours of community service. If his probation is revoked, Houghton faces up to two years in the State Jail.

Donna Marie Hendon, 30, from Fort Worth, was placed on three years probation for the state jail felony offense of possession of a controlled substance in penalty group two, Tetrahydrocannabinol.

Hendon was arrested by Stevens on June 4 in Donley County. Hendon pleaded to an information filed by the State on June 16.

Hendon was also ordered to pay a \$2,500 fine, \$290 in court costs, \$180 restitution, and complete 100 hours of community service. If her probation is revoked, Hendon faces up to two years in the State Jail Division of TDCJ.

## City okays tax rate, budgets

The Clarendon City Council approved its tax rate and budget for the coming fiscal year during its regular meeting last Thursday, September 15.

Aldermen adopted a tax rate of \$0.610083, which is expected to bring in 3.56 percent more revenue to the city. The city budget was also unanimously passed by the council.

The council also considered the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation's EDC budget and Hotel Occupancy Tax budget and the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce's Hotel Occupancy Tax budget. Both were approved.

Publicity and Tourism Agreements with the Chamber and CEDC were considered and renewed for a two-year period. The Chamber receives 25 percent of the city's Hotel Occupancy Tax revenue and the CEDC administers the other 75 percent.

An agreement for consultation services with David Dockery was approved. Dockery is retiring as City Administrator at the end of September but will stay on part time for a limited time as a consultant to help manage projects that are already underway.

The council considered upgrading handrails scheduled for the Downtown Revitalization Project. It's possible that excess grant funds may be allowed to be used for the handrails. In the event that's not approved, the city agreed to split the cost of the upgrades with the CEDC.

Paving bids were considered for work being done on the east side of town. Bryers Paving had the low bid at just over \$87,000. The next lowest bid was close to \$113,000.

In public comments, Cindy Cockerham address the board about the health and safety hazard of an abandoned house on the southwest corner of Sims and Third street across from Bronco Stadium.

## Mystery dinner to be held at Mulkey Sunday

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

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, and advance tickets are required and can be purchased at MulkeyTheatre.com or in person at the Clarendon Visitor Center.

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Patrick's bias influenced trial

Lt. Governor Dan Patrick, as leader of the Texas Senate, conducted a sham trial while claiming to be unbiased in the impeachment hearing of Ken Paxton and had us all fooled.

Immediately following the vote to acquit Paxton on the 16 charges, and from the dais where he presided as the "impartial" Judge in the case, Dan Patrick revealed to Texans his bias immediately with an emboldened speech admonishing the House for their handling of the impeachment.

But in fact, it was in the Senate where corruption was pervasive amongst Paxton, Patrick, and the like. No matter how perfect the case in the House had been, an acquittal was likely in the cards for Paxton. We can look at Patrick's calculated decisions and clearly see how impeachment was dead on arrival in the Senate.

Patrick could not be an unbiased judge and should have stepped aside. The Rules passed by the Senate allowed Patrick to appoint a jurist to serve as the Court's presiding officer. Paxton and Patrick have a long history as political allies, and most alarmingly, they are both funded by billionaires Tim Dunn and Wilkes Brothers through the Defend Liberty PAC. The PAC made a \$3M combined contribution and forgivable loan to Patrick in June, leading up to the trial. Patrick is not an attorney and has no experience, and this was a critical decision, as Patrick's bias could not be overcome.

Patrick veiled his intentions by claiming he would do his "duty", but he made several critical decisions in the trial, which provided an advantage for the defense.

Patrick ruled on the first day that Paxton would not be compelled to testify nor required to attend the trial. This was the first signal of his intention to shield his friend, Paxton, from public scrutiny. A more obvious bias was his tolerance of the ridiculous and ongoing "hearsay" objections made by Paxton's attorney, Tony Buzbee, which contributed to confusion during the line of questioning around several vital witnesses. It was also revealed following the trial that Patrick had ruled in favor of the defense regarding the admission of critical testimony by Paxton's mistress. The bribery charges related to the mistress were at the heart of why Paxton was helping his friend Nate Paul, and there was no doubt the mistress's testimony would be damning to the defense.

And, then, there are the seriously concerning conflicts of interest that were allowed to influence the trial. The impeachment charges were extraordinary in that three Senators and the Lt Governor himself had conflicts of interest related directly to the events involved in this case.

Angela Paxton, of course, as the spouse and a party to some of the bribery charges intertwined through the case, was allowed to participate in the trial as an observer only. The Senate rules removed Senator Paxton from the deliberations. Still, she was allowed to sit on the floor during the entire trial, while Patrick ruled that General Paxton did not need to participate. Senator Paxton's presence on the floor certainly would have a chilling effect on some of the more sensitive discussions around the mistress and the issues with home renovations, as she had been a direct party to those events.

Two other Senate members, Sen Bryan Hughes and Senator Donna Campbell, also had conflicts of interest. Hughes was the "straw requestor" mentioned in Impeachment Article II, and his name was given during the trial testimony. Paxton's extramarital affair with Laura Olsen drove the allegation of the bribery charge outlined in Article IX. Olsen had worked in the Senate as a member of Donna Campbell's staff.

In no other trial would a jury member be allowed to have any involvement in a case and be allowed to sit as part of the jury. Because of these conflicts, these members should have recused themselves from deliberations and voting. But they did not.

The Counting of the Votes

Conflict of interest issues are truly significant because they impacted the fairness of the trial overall, and most importantly, they had a direct impact on the final vote.

The Senators, as the jury, cast their individual votes, and a conviction would have required a 2/3 supermajority vote of the body. It was determined that Mrs./Sen Paxton would not be allowed to vote, but she was included in the total needed to reach the supermajority. With her present "not voting," the 2/3 threshold was 21; if she had recused herself, the threshold would have been 20. Even more interesting is that if all three Senators with conflicts had "recused", as they should have, the vote needed would have been only 19.

Republicans Campbell and Hughes both voted to acquit on all 16 charges. Vote counts leaked to the media have said there were 20 votes to convict behind closed doors, but without the 21 being there, some of the fringe voters were afraid to go against Patrick and Paxton.

There are a couple of other events that should cause concern. Since the jury was not sequestered at any time during the trial, they had access to their phone, email, and social media, which meant that they were open to influence. Seven of the Senators, who ultimately voted to acquit, were seen having dinner together in Austin on the evening prior to closing arguments. Patrick confirmed in a post on social media that he "consulted" with two of the jurors on the night before the verdict was voted on after sending the jury home with strict instructions not to talk with anyone.

The biggest miscalculation the House made was to believe that this trial ever had a shot in the Texas Senate. The House pursued impeachment because they were alarmed by the evidence they discovered during the investigation of Paxton's treatment of the whistleblowers.

Patrick clearly manipulated this solemn, important constitutional process provided by our state constitution and manipulated the proceedings to save Paxton, his political ally, and his donors. He has also used this trial to launch a political war against the House, when, in fact, the House and the Senate are independent bodies by design, to ensure that the interests of Texans are protected.

During the trial, the House attorney Rusty Hardin mistakenly interchanged Patrick and Paxton's names during the questioning of witnesses. They portrayed Rusty as senile for this, but maybe Rusty was on to something. Patrick and Paxton are one and the same. They are Politicians who will do anything to stay in power. And they did.

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guest commentary by Suzanne Bellsnyder

Strengthn 50-year-old Public Info Act

By Kelley Shannon

With trust in government waning, a Texas law can help keep a closer watch on public officials. Even citizens who continue to have faith in government can use this law to stay better informed.

How is taxpayer money spent? What's happening behind the scenes as government decisions are made?

The Texas Public Information Act provides answers to these crucial questions. The act has been here for us for 50 years and is essential in protecting our right to know.

Like a well-built old house, the landmark law is constantly in need of upkeep, yet it withstands the test of time. It can expose the truth.

At the half-century mark, let's seize the moment to strengthen the Public Information Act to ensure it works for future generations. The nonprofit Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas will explore this idea at its state conference Sept. 28 in Austin. Discussions will feature transparency advocates, state lawmakers, journalists and everyday Texans from East Texas to Uvalde who have fought for more openness, sometimes in matters of life and death.

The Public Information Act was at issue in a court victory in June to force the release of Texas Department of Public Safety records related to a 2022 mass shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde. The law was

also the subject of legislation enacted Sept. 1 to close a loophole some police departments used to hide information when someone dies in law enforcement custody.

Other new legislation to keep the law up to date defines "business day" in the act to prevent government offices from wrongly shutting their doors to information requestors, as many did for months during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Originally known as the Open Records Act when it was enacted in 1973, the Public Information Act is steeped in our state's history. It came about in a tumultuous time after the Sharpstown scandal in state government. Attorney Bill Aleshire, then a legislative aide for a sponsor of the Open Records Act, recalls helping to write the bill using model legislation from the nonprofit group Common Cause and the best open records ideas from other states.

The Texas law became one of the strongest in the nation. It presumes state and local government records are open - giving citizens a great deal of power in asking for documents, emails, videos and other items - unless a specific exception prevents releasing the information. In most cases, government agencies must ask permission from the Texas Attorney General's Office to withhold records. The office is supposed to be an unbiased arbiter, with staffers acting as umpires, of sorts, in

thousands of rulings every year.

The importance of the agency's Open Government Division was highlighted in the recent Texas Senate impeachment trial of Attorney General Ken Paxton, who was accused of abusing his power over the public information law. He was acquitted of that charge and all other impeachment counts.

Along with impartial decisions from the attorney general's office, the Public Information Act needs updated, effective enforcement measures to hold individual government agencies accountable if they are not following the law.

Ideas on how to boost enforcement are plentiful, ranging from imposing financial penalties on misbehaving governments to increasing public officials' training requirements to ensuring information requestors can recover attorneys' fees if they must sue to obtain public records.

With the right tools, we can safeguard the intent of the law, which states in its preamble that the people insist on remaining informed.

"The people," it says, "in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know."

Kelley Shannon is executive director of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas, an Austin-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to protecting the public's right to know and speak out about government.



When tangues get all toungeled up

We've always heard about how tiny errors can foster various responses, ranging from serious misunderstanding to thigh-slapping laughter.

Hitting the keyboard's "I" instead of the intended "o" caused chuckles recently. Reading an advertisement for funeral home employment, a radio announcer listed requisites for the job.

"Must be able to ease the grieving process for live ones," he said, quickly changing to, "I meant, loved ones.".... \*\*\*\*\*

Many Texans could complete college degrees in the time it takes to be served at Texas Drivers' License offices.

Even simplest requests require appointments to be made months in advance. The system is broken, and all I have heard suggests that a "fix" is nowhere in sight. Now, the "blame spotlight" is cast on computers.

A while back, I learned that I'd need to make an appointment some three months ahead in order to make a simple change on my driver's license.... \*\*\*\*\*

To the computer I went, perusing communities that have DPS offices, even if for only a few hours each month.

With a trip to Lubbock upcoming, I checked on Floydada, a small town en route, learning that a DPS representative would be there on the day of my trip. Upon arrival, I was "next up" at the DPS office.

Within 10 minutes, the task was accomplished; my new driver's license came in the mail about 10 days later.... \*\*\*\*\*

How many among us have chipped nails, broken pencil leads or worn ends of index fingers plumb off listening to recorded messages, urging us to stay on the phone?

"Your call is very important to us. However, due to heavy call volume, you may experience a delay." We often hear such multiple times.

Just once, I'd like to hear another message, like, "Due to reduced call volume, most of our agents aren't busy helping other customers. You will be served immediately.".... \*\*\*\*\*

It's fun to hear unusual names, particularly in the world of sports.

How about Jonah Bride, who plays professional baseball for the Oakland Athletics?

His name has intrigued sportswriters, one of whom suggested, "...Never a bridesmaid but always a Bride.".... \*\*\*\*\*

I've never been certain about how to differentiate boats from ships. Until now, that is.

Google claims that a boat must be less than 40 feet long and weigh less than 40 tons. Longer or heavier vessels qualify for designation as ships.

I guess I'm up the creek without a paddle - or sailing down the river on Sunday afternoons - on boats. Too much information, right?.... \*\*\*\*\*

One last thing about "getting it right." Football coaches today employ some expressions their fathers and grandfathers used.

Here's one: Questioned by report-



the idle american by don newbury

ers on topics they can't immediately answer, coaches lean on this response: "We won't know about that until we see the film."

They haven't "filmed" games for decades. The process is digitized now, and I guess it would sound silly if they answered, "until we see the digits."By the time they get this one right, games will be recorded in some new manner where digits don't come into play, but AI (artificial intelligence) may.... \*\*\*\*\*

A young father faced frustration in helping his six-year-old son learn how to display his age by holding up his fingers and thumb.

The youngster had mastered the technique in years two through five. He was foggy, though, about also using his other hand. To him, this was advanced math!

Now, Dad is wondering when he should break the news that when he reaches age 11, he'll need to take one shoe off.... \*\*\*\*\*

Numbers will keep going up, but for now, they're saying that 70,000 "participants" were "mudded in" by the heavy rains that blanketed the usually dry desert in Black Rock, NV.

It'll shoot into hundreds of thousands later when stories are spun for grandchildren.

What happens in Vegas stays in Vegas, but at rally's end near Black Rock, they likely feared that what happens in the desert stays there, too!... \*\*\*\*\*

Dr. Newbury, a longtime university president, is now a speaker and columnist in the Metroplex. Contact: newbury@speakerdoc.com. 817-447-3872. Facebook: donnewbury.



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Community Calendar

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

**September 22**  
Owls v Paducah • 7:30 p.m. • Away

**September 22**  
Broncos v Tulia • 7:00 p.m. • Away

**September 22 & 23**  
The Hill • 7:30 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

**September 24**  
The Hill • 2:00 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

**September 23**  
Col. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff Authentic chuckwagons compete for top prizes • Live entertainment, trade show, and museum tours • See SaintsRoostMuseum.com for information and tickets

**October 6**  
Owls v Booker • 7:30 p.m. • Away

## Menus

**Sept. 25 - 29**  
**Donley County Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Beef stroganoff, black eyed peas, spinach, whole wheat roll, strawberry shortcake, iced tea/2% milk.  
Tues: Salisbury steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll, apple cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.  
Wed: Enchilada casserole, tossed salad, pinto beans, Spanish rice, churro, iced tea/2% milk.  
Thurs: Baked chicken, bow tie pasta, green beans, whole wheat roll, peach cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.  
Fri: Cheeseburgers, potato wedges, melon, sugar cookie, iced tea/2% milk.

**Hedley Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Seasoned baked crusted fish, broccoli, cheese, & rice bake, buttered carrots, caramel peach crisp, whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.  
Tue: Kielbasa w/peppers & onions, buttered rice, broccoli, Watergate salad, whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.  
Wed: Chicken fried steak w/ gravy, homemade mashed potatoes, chopped spinach, pear slice upside down cake, whole wheat buttermilk biscuit, iced tea/2% milk.  
Thurs: Buttermilk ranch chicken, baked macaroni & cheese, buttered peas, banana pudding, whole wheat buttermilk biscuit, iced tea/2% milk.  
Fri: Bacon cheeseburger on whole wheat bun, sweet potato fries, mixed green salad, molasses cookies, iced tea/2% milk.

**Clarendon ISD**  
Breakfast  
Mon: Sausage kolache, yogurt, fruit juice, fruit, milk  
Tues: Breakfast strudel, cheese stick, fruit juice, fruit, milk.  
Wed: Cereal, toast, fruit juice, fruit, milk.  
Thu: Breakfast bread, yogurt, fruit juice, fruit, milk.  
Fri: French toast, sausage, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Lunch  
Mon: Meat and cheese chalupas, beans, corn, salsa, pudding, fruit, milk.  
Tues: Frito pie, beans, veggie cup, cookie, fruit, milk.  
Wed: Cheese breadsticks, broccoli, marinara sauce, fruit, milk.  
Thu: Fiesta bowl, celery, carrots, sherbet, fruit, milk.  
Fri: Steak fingers, gravy, roll, green beans, corn, fruit, milk.

**Hedley ISD**  
Breakfast  
Mon: Sausage kolache, yogurt, fruit juice, fruit, milk  
Tues: Cheese omelet, toast, fruit juice, fruit, milk.  
Wed: Biscuit, gravy, scrambled eggs, bacon, fruit juice, fruit, milk.  
Thu: Breakfast pizza, fruit juice, fruit, milk.  
Fri: French toast, sausage, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Lunch  
Mon: Meat & cheese chalupas, beans, corn, salsa, oranges, pudding, milk.  
Tues: Chili cheese totachos, breadstick, veggie cup, potatoes, strawberries and bananas, milk.  
Wed: Pizza, carrots, squash, grapes, milk.  
Thu: Hamburger, chips, tomato cup, garden salad, pears, milk.  
Fri: X-treme burritos, corn, cucumbers, cookie, milk.



The Adopt a Bronco fundraiser brings together Noah Pearson, Daniel Estlack, Ben Estlack, and August Pearson.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ROGER ESTLACK

## Pearson boys adopt the Estlacks

This year the Bronco Parents started a new fundraiser called Adopt a Bronco. It pairs elementary students with high school athletes so older kids can mentor elementary students.

I have been adopted alongside my cousin Daniel by the Pearson family. Last week, we were lucky enough to get to spend some time with them at Stocking's Ice Cream Parlor and get to know each other a

little bit.

My elementary student, August, is a fourth grader. Like me, he enjoys playing tennis and from what I understand he is quite the athlete in the sport. Daniel's student is a third grader named Noah, and



the cub reporter by benjamin estlack

he also likes to play tennis like Dan and I do.

It was fun to meet with the two boys and talk with them about some of their hobbies and interests.

We learned that we all like archery also.

It was great to get to meet with them. They seem like really nice kids, and I am excited to be a mentor to August. Hopefully, we will get to play tennis together sometime.

## Obituaries

### Durbin

Edna Jewell Durbin, 92, of Amarillo, Texas died Thursday, September 14, 2023, in Amarillo.

Graveside services were held on Monday, September 18, 2023, in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon with Chuck Robertson and Thomas Miller, officiating.



Durbin

Arrangements are under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Edna "EJ" was born August 7, 1931, in Hedley to Willie Grey and Veta Mae Morgan Tims. She had been a longtime resident of Donley County before moving to Amarillo in 1974.

She owned her own costume shop in Amarillo for several years. Edna enjoyed coloring, rock art, and working in the yard with her flowers. She also had taught Sunday school for several years at Martin Baptist Church in Clarendon.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands, Robert Osburn and James Durbin; a son,

Gary Lynn Osburn; a daughter, Brenda McConnell; and a sister, Nelda Nance.

She is survived by her daughter, Judy Osburn of Amarillo; a sister, Doris Berry of Amarillo; her grandchildren, Clint McConnell and wife Kathy and Delinah Mills and fiancé Jody Paugh; six great grandchildren; one great great grandchild; a family friend, Brad Hanvey; and her fur babies, Lula and Missie Poo.

The family request memorials be sent to Citizens Cemetery Association / PO Box 983 / Clarendon, TX 79226.

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### StuCo officers

Clarendon High School Student Council officers this year are President Courtlyn Conkin, Vice President Emma Roys, Treasurer Jacob Murillo, and Secretary Ethan Warren.

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### Colts beat Smyer 50-6 last Thursday

The Clarendon Junior High Colts defeated Smyer 50-6 last week.

Markael Anderson was the lead scorer for CJH, and quarterback Kreed Robinson threw a pass to Aiden Burnam for a score. Paxton English also grabbed an interception.

Technical difficulties prevented a more comprehensive report. The Colts are scheduled to face Tulia at home September 21 at 5 p.m.

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**Big hitter**

Melody Goad from Brisco, Texas, takes a swing at the driving range last Wednesday, September 13, during the 31st annual Western Lone Star Senior Ladies Golf Association Tournament. Forty-eight golfers were in attended the five-day event, which included a late night shopping spree in Clarendon Tuesday evening.

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**Golf champs**

The Clarendon Country Club held its annual Club Championship Tournament last weekend. The 2023 Men's Club Champion was Matt Salsman, the 2023 Ladies' Club Champion was Theresa Shelton, the 2023 Super Senior Men's Champion was Vance Moxom, and the 2023 Senior Men's Champion was Neal Conrad.

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Clarendon CISD celebrates homecoming with a parade during the pep rally last Friday.

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**Pest management training set Sept. 27**

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will be hosting a training for all integrated pest management coordinators in Texas public schools on Sept. 27 in Amarillo.

The training will be held at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Amarillo, 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd. Registration cost is \$155 per person. To register, visit <https://tx.ag/AmarilloSchoolIPM>.

The course will allow new school IPM coordinators to receive six hours of educational training. A total of five Texas Department of

Agriculture continuing education units are also available for licensed pesticide applicators — two general, one laws and regulations, and two integrated pest management.

The course will feature the following topics, with Hurley conducting the education:

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For more information, contact Hurley at jahurley@ag.tamu.edu.



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting September 19, 2023, at the Masonic Lodge with Boss Lion David Dockery in charge.

We had nine members in person and two attending virtually this week.

The Boss Lion updated the club on the HVAC situation at the Lions Hall. Donations have been coming in, and we are getting close to our goal. With just a few more donations, we should be able to return to the Lions Hall soon.

Sweetheart applications will be reviewed next week, and tickets for the Lions Pancake Supper on October 27 will also be available next week.

Our program today was presented by Lion Chuck Robertson, who is a third generation member of the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department.

The CVFD was founded in 1906 and currently has 32 members. Officers are Fire Chief Jeremy Powell, First Assistant Chief Glen Wright, Second Assistant Chief Joel Horn, Third Assistant Chief Rufugio Benavidez, and Secretary/Treasurer Chuck Robertson.

The department operates with a \$48,000 budget from the city and county and expenses beyond that budget are covered by donations and grants. The Texas Forst Service provides 80/20 grants for trucks and 90/10 grants for gear and equipment. To outfit one fireman with structure gear, wildland gear, and a radio is about \$7,500.

The department answers between 100 and 120 calls per year and provides mutual aid with volunteer fire departments in Hedley, Howardwick, Groom, McLean, Memphis, and other communities.

In addition to many hours of fire training, volunteer firemen are also often trained EMTs and storm spotters.

Lion Chuck took several questions and gave an excellent program. The Boss Lion expressed his appreciation for the entire fire department and stated that our community is very fortunate to have such a dedicated group.

There being no further business, the meeting was dismissed to spread Lionism and good cheer throughout our fair county.

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**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Type of cat
- 6. Weaponry
- 10. Western Christian Church service
- 14. Significant eruption of pustules
- 15. Baltic nation
- 17. Start of American holiday season
- 19. Unhappy
- 20. Maintains possession of
- 21. Metrical foot of one long and three short syllables
- 22. Mountain pass
- 23. Vestments
- 24. Type of dish
- 26. Escaped quickly
- 29. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire
- 31. Wings
- 32. Political action committee
- 34. Touches lightly
- 35. Stood back from
- 37. Philippine Island
- 38. Popular winter activity
- 39. Type of amine
- 40. Small freshwater duck
- 41. Filled with love
- 43. Without (French)
- 45. Vetch
- 46. Swiss river
- 47. Describes a sound
- 49. Sign language
- 50. Hair product
- 53. Have surgery
- 57. Quality of being imaginary
- 58. Far-right German party
- 59. Drove
- 60. Former French coin of low value
- 61. Hard, durable timbers

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Body art
- 2. Middle East military title
- 3. Actor Pitt
- 4. Container
- 5. Speak incessantly
- 6. Relating to algae
- 7. Jacob \_\_, journalist
- 8. Rock TV channel
- 9. Boat's cargo
- 10. Most wise
- 11. Within
- 12. Chinese industrial city
- 13. Scotland's longest river
- 16. Not capable
- 18. Footwear
- 22. Savings account
- 23. Capable
- 24. Vaccine developer
- 25. Tax collector
- 27. Fencing swords
- 28. Native religion in China
- 29. Promotional materials
- 30. A shot in a film production
- 31. Afflict in mind or body
- 33. A passage with access only at one end
- 35. Breathing devices
- 36. Employ for wages
- 37. Kids' TV channel (abbr.)
- 39. Popular Boston song
- 42. Made amends
- 43. Selling at specially reduced prices
- 44. Atomic #18
- 46. With fireplace residue
- 47. Unleavened combread
- 48. Draw out
- 49. Southwestern Alaska island
- 50. Where the Pyramids are
- 51. People of Nigeria
- 52. Smaller quantity
- 53. Destroy the inside of
- 54. City
- 55. Chivalrous figure (abbr.)
- 56. No (Scottish)



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Kaitin Elhert placed 7th at the Tri-State Fair last week.

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**Homecoming victory**

The Hedley Owls defeated Patton Springs for a homecoming victory, 64-43, last Thursday. Shown here are #25 Saul Carreon, #8 Billy Curry, #15 Paeton Glover.

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**Hedley Owls Spotlight**

By HISD Students

Last week at Hedley ISD the Owls played against the Patton Springs Rangers with an ending Varsity score of 64 to 48! The game also held the 2023 Homecoming election. Ashlee Holmes, Flor Silvestre, Malorie Collins, and Madison Moore all were a part of the Homecoming court. Flor Silvestre was crowned Hedley ISD 2023 Homecoming Queen.

During the game, Nicolas Clark ran up 347 yards and was featured on News Channel 10's The Wrap Up. Ray Curry and Kyler Booth both had six tackles for the game.

The Hedley Junior High football team got their first win of the season with a score of 58-13 ending the game in the 3rd quarter.

Kaitin Elhert made her appearance at the Tri-State Fair placing 7th with her medium weight goat.

The Junior High and High School cross country teams made their appearances at the Groom meet on Saturday. The school also had a Homecoming dance for the first time in three years.

The Owls will play Paducah on 9/22 in Paducah.



**Junior Owls win big**

The Hedley Junior High Owls mercy-ruled Patton Springs last week with a 58-13 win in the third quarter. Shown here are #20 Sebastian Garcia and #15 Payton Inman.

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# Broncos beat Smyer, 64-26

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon Broncos breezed by Smyer 64-26 in their first win of the season last Friday night before a huge Homecoming crowd. The Broncos racked up over 550 offensive yards and found the end-zone 12 times.

Senior running back Lyric Smith's highlight of the night was a 72-yard kickoff return for six from the Broncos' 28-yard line. Smith counted for 284 yards on the night with 19 carries for 226 yards in addition to 58 yards in the air. He also grabbed five tackles on the defensive side.

Quarterback Harrison Howard was 13 of 20 passing for 226 yards and four strikes. Along with Smith, Howard hit Mason Sims for a 35-yard touchdown and found Easton Frausto and Grant Haynes in the air to account for another two scores. The Bronco offensive line did a good job of opening holes in the Smyer defense to allow the Broncos to rack up 325 yards rushing.

Defensively, the Broncos stopped the Bobcats from gaining any advantage on the field moving the ball. Colton Benson led the team with 13 tackles and Frausto finished with 11. Anthony Cenicerros and Dalton Coles added 10 tackles each. Sims posted five tackles and Haynes finished with four. Heston Seay and Ranger Drenth were in on three tackles each, Kaleb Mays had two, and Hayden Moore, Braylon Rice, Michael Randall had one each.

The Broncos are looking for their second win September 22 at Tulia and preparing for their District opener against Wheeler on October 6.



## Touchdown

Bronco Grant Haynes catches the ball in the endzone last week against Smyer.

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Bronco Easton Frausto goes for a catch on Friday against Smyer.

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Bronco Dalton Coles takes down the runner last week at Bronco Stadium.

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Lady Bronco Tandie Cummins came in 21st with a time of 13:51 at Badger Run in Amarillo last weekend.

## Lady Bronco CC team finishes 5th at Badger Run

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Bronco cross country team made a good showing at the CC meet in Amarillo at John Stiff Park against some tough bigger class schools.

Tandie Cummins led the Lady Broncos over 75 competitors with a 21st place finish and a time of 13:51.74 and Berkley Moore ran 29th with a time of 14:18.82.

Presley Smith was 33rd at 14:32.45 and Madi Benson was 34th with a time of 14:32.67. Gracie Ellis ran the course in a time of 14:49.45 for 39th and Kenidee Hayes was 43rd at 15:27.14.

Bryce Williams ran 26th in the 5k in a field of 92 runners with a time of 17:50.87 and Brice Wagner finished 28th at 17:51.77. Tanner Cavanaugh was 78th crossing the line with a time of 22:54.39.

The Broncos and Lady Broncos will run September 23 in Lubbock.

## Havens runs fifth in Groom CC Meet

By Sandy Anderberg

Addy Havens has been running well all year and her hard work paid off as she led the Clarendon Junior High Lady Colts in the Groom Invitational Meet at The Cross last weekend. Havens took fifth place with a time of 14:24.88 which was only ninety seconds off the first-place time.

Eli Rodriguez ran 15th at 16:54.00 and Josie Murillo ran the course in a time of 17:33.41 for 20th place. Hadley Bebout was 21st at 17:42.86, Landry King was 23rd at 17:48.79, and Makynna Williams finished 30th with a time of 22:09.09.

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**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.

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**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2023-24 CITY OF HEDLEY PROPOSED BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE** The City of Hedley will hold a public hearing on Monday, September 25, 2023 at 7pm at City Hall, 109 Main St, Hedley, Texas. The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the budget for 2023-2024 and to consider tax rate. The public is encouraged to come.

**NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING FOR THE 2023-24 CITY OF HEDLEY PROPOSED BUDGET AND PROPOSED NEW TAX RATE.** The City of Hedley will hold a Special Meeting on Friday, September 29, 2023 at 6pm at City Hall, 109 Main St, Hedley, Texas. For the purpose of approving the proposed budget for 2023-2024 which will be adopted and approving the new tax rate. The public is encouraged to come.

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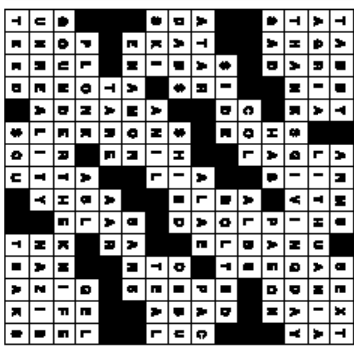
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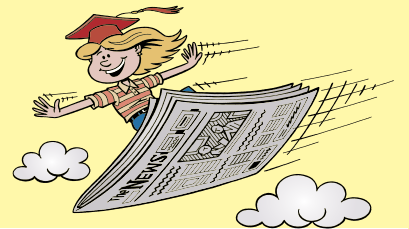
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7. use this to type information into the computer  
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### Retired School Personnel to hold meeting

The Donley County Retired School Personnel Association will have their bi-monthly meeting on Monday, September 25, at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. The program speaker will be the District President Charla Overton, who will present recent and upcoming information about TRS and the Texas Legislative actions.

Please make plans to be there to have your questions answered about the supplement checks, the Cost of Living Adjustment and any other concerns you may have.

There will be a potluck dinner, so bring your favorite dish and enjoy a meal together. If you are a retired school personnel and not a member of the Donley County Unit, now would be a good time to join.

### Arts club holds regular meeting

By Lauren Austin

Les Beaux Arts Club held its September meeting at the First United Methodist Church on Friday, September 8.

The meeting was called to order by President Chrisi Tucek. Markeeta Howard led us in prayer. The hostesses were Chrisi Tucek, Amy Thornberry, Cindy Shelton, Markeeta Howard.

We did not have a program but instead enjoyed a delicious lunch, distributed our new books for the year and discussed all of the exciting things happening with Arts Club.

The officers for 2023-2024 are President Chrissi Tucek, Vice President Theresa Shelton, Secretary Rebecca Chesser, Treasurer Haley Shelton, Reporter Lauren Austin, and Historian Amy Thornberry.

Our next meeting will be on Friday, October 6.



### Country Club Luau

The Clarendon Country Club held a Luau Party on Saturday night to say goodbye to summer.

COURTESY PHOTOS

## Pantex, Y12 teams celebrate NNSA awards

Ten outstanding teams were recognized during award celebrations at the Pantex Plant and the Y-12 National Security Complex for the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Defense Programs (DP) Awards of Excellence.

The winning teams met or exceeded criteria that directly contribute to the sites' national security mission.

More than 250 Consolidated Nuclear Security employees were involved in the projects that were recognized in the 2021 awards.

At a ceremony to recognize the 2021 winners, Pantex Site Manager Colby Yeary said, "We celebrate the hard work of the men and women who ensure America's nuclear deterrent provides security to our nation and a warning to our adversaries. We continue to lead by example in our commitment to excellence, and the results we're seeing in improved performance, deliverables, and innovation speak to the excitement I observe in my colleagues every day."

At a similar ceremony in Oak

Ridge, Tennessee, Y-12 Site Manager Gene Sievers said, "Representatives from Defense Programs select Award of Excellence winners from a large number of applications across the Nuclear Security Enterprise. These folks know the positive impacts of your work, and the awards you're receiving today are a clear recognition that you are making a difference for our nation."

Teresa Robbins, NNSA Production Office manager, noted, "Recipients of this award have made notable and significant achievements in providing increased quality, productivity, cost savings, and innovations, that enhance the agility and reliability of our nuclear deterrent."

The Defense Programs Awards of Excellence were established in 1982 to recognize significant individual and team accomplishments in support of NNSA's nuclear weapons program. An executive review panel meets annually to select the winners.

Marvin Adams, NNSA Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs told recipients, "I am simply amazed

at the accomplishments our workforce and the wider enterprise makes each year. Our government leadership, American citizens, the warfighters we support, and our allies can rest confident because of your valuable contributions."

At Pantex, the winning projects for 2021 were: Completion of the B61-12 LEP First Production Unit ahead of schedule; Implementation of Lightning Detection and Warning System Upgrades that will improve the ability to ensure the safety of production operations; Utilization of Interim Quality Release that saved 64 days of potential production delays; and culmination of a 10-year effort that produced the W88 ALT 370 First Production Unit ahead of schedule.

A multi-site project for which both Y-12 and Pantex received 2021 awards was Gas Mass Spectrometry Coordination that certified the machine to serve as a backup for Y-12 while a commonly used gas mass spectrometer was repaired.

Hay continues: "Visitors to the exhibit will find an engaging narrative about the bison – both historically and in the present – while also interacting with hands-on technology, learning about conservation, and viewing items from the PPHM collection that are rarely on display."

For more information please visit panhandleplains.org.

## PPHM explores American Buffalo in exhibit

Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum announces the public opening of its newest exhibit, The Fall and Rise of an American Icon, on September 14, 2023. This new exhibition in the PPHM focuses on the tragic and hopeful story of the American Buffalo.

The exhibit chronicles interactions between bison and people over the past centuries on the Great Plains. From the international demand for buffalo hides in the 1820s and the Euro-American hunters flooding the plains in the mid-1800s, to the alarming collapse of the bison herd in the 1880s and the U.S. Government's notorious campaign to forcefully move Native peoples to

reservations – the collapse of centuries of human interaction with the bison came swiftly.

The exhibition coincides with the premier of Ken Burns' newest documentary, "The American Buffalo," which will take place the evening of September 13.

Burns' team consulted the PPHM archives and collection while researching for the program. As PPHM is a sponsor of the documentary, the exhibit will act as the reception for the premier.

"As The Fall and Rise of an American Icon makes clear, much of the human history with the bison involves extreme mismanagement," says Andrew Hay, PPHM Execu-

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