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THIS WEEK

3 Hedley athletes are ready to take the field for 2025.
4 A former Clarendon city council member is honored.
6 New faculty at Hedley are ready to enlighten students.
8 Community turns out for annual Bronco Classic golf tournament.

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

Senior Citizens 50th anniversary set for Saturday

The Donley County Senior Citizens will hold their 50th Anniversary Celebration and Fund-raiser Saturday, August 16, from 5 to 8 p.m. at 115 E. 4th.

Activities will include dinner and a show, music, cowboy poetry, comedy skits, a 50/50 raffle, and a quilt raffle. Cookbooks will be for sale also.

Bring your chair, appetite, and a sense of humor to celebrate this milestone.

Tax hearings set for local governments

August brings opportunities for citizens to get involved in their local governments with public hearings set for tax rates and budgets.

Clarendon College will hold a tax rate hearing on August 21 at 5:45 in the VIP Room of the Bairfield Activity Center, and Hedley CISD will hold a budget and tax rate meeting on August 18 at 6:00 p.m. in the board room.

Donley County will hold a tax and budget hearing at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, August 25, in the Commissioners Courtroom of the Courthouse.

Clarendon CISD will hold its budget and tax hearing at 7 p.m. on August 25 in the Administration & Technology Building.

Other public notices this week include a Sheriff Sale notice on September 2 at 2:00 p.m. on the steps of the Donley County Courthouse that will include properties from seven delinquent taxpayer as well as requests for proposals and a bid notice.

Jackson seeking academy prospects

The Office of Congressman Ronny Jackson (TX-13) has announced that United States Service Academy nomination applications for the Class of 2030 are now open. To be considered for a nomination, candidates must submit all required materials by October 3, 2025.

Nominations can be found here: <https://jackson.house.gov/services/service-academy-nominations.htm>. The US Service Academy Application for Nomination can be found here: https://jackson.house.gov/uploaded-files/jackson_academy_application-2025_2.pdf.



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Back to School Bash

Seventh grader and Colt Cheerleader Kreedence Gaither smiles with four-year-old Ransom Hoggard and her chocolate ice cream during the Back to School Bash at Clarendon CISD Monday evening in Bronco Stadium. CCISD students began classes on Wednesday, August 13.

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City August sales tax revenue up 8.76%

Clarendon posted strong growth in sales tax revenue when Acting Texas Comptroller Kelly Hancock delivered August allocations to local governments last week.

The city brought in \$51,580.16 for the month, which was up 8.76 percent compared to the same period last year.

The August allocation pushes the city's calendar year-to-date total to \$368,913.89, an increase of 8.30 percent over this point in 2024.

Hedley's sales tax revenues dropped 45.57 percent to \$1,461.98 this month, but the city is just slightly behind on the year-to-date, down 0.78 percent with collections of \$10,705.35.

Howardwick also slipped this month, down 7.32 percent for August at \$2,043.28, but the lake-side city is still 21.17 percent ahead for the year at \$15,751.16.

Donley County Assistance District No. 1, still in its first year of collections, received \$1,490.55 for August in the City of Howardwick with collections for the year-to-date

of \$10,241.02.

Statewide, Hancock delivered \$1.3 billion in local sales tax allocations for August, 5.2 percent more than in August 2024. These allocations are based on sales made in June by businesses that report tax monthly and on sales made in April, May and June by quarterly filers.

County project freshening old office buildings

Clarendon's Courthouse Square will look a little spiffier when Donley County completes two projects currently underway on Sully Street.

The former Hall Income Tax office and the old appraisal district building are both receiving facelifts designed by A Fine Feathered Nest and brought to life by Pearson Construction.

County Judge John Howard said the project is costing the county about \$60,000 and is intended to approve the appearance of the square.

"It looked a little like a slum," Howard said of the two plain, non-descript structures.

Chriss Clifford drew up designs to improve the buildings last year along with a proposal to spruce up the county attorney's office located north of City Hall. Howard said commissioners ultimately decided to move forward with the two northern most buildings but to wait on the county attorney's office since the city is

pursuing a TxDOT grant to replace the sidewalk on that block.

"We want to wait and see what happens with the sidewalk there," Howard said. "We're pleased the city is working with TxDOT to get that replaced."

There is currently a ramp up to the county attorney's door, and a sidewalk project will have to deal with that elevation difference before the county spends money on the appearance of the building.

The former Hall's building is now the home of the adult probation office, and the sheriff's office is using a conference room in the old appraisal district office for trainings and using the vault in the building as an evidence locker.

Howard said the county also owns the vacant lots neighboring the buildings undergoing renovations and he would like to see some of that developed for future businesses.



Top Photo: Rob Ledwig installs door hardware at the sheriff's department training office for Pearson Construction. Middle Photo: Closed windows will be opened and replaced in the old appraisal district office now used by the sheriff. Bottom Photo: A new awning will accent new windows and a new door at the adult probation office.

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County budget proposal is \$4.5M

Donley County Commissioners filed a proposed \$4.5 million budget this week for fiscal year 2026 as well as supplemental budgets for courthouse restoration work and FEMA-funded emergency generators.

The new budget proposal increases several line items, but County Judge John Howard notes that the county's tax rate is again going down thanks to higher revenues brought in by rising property values.

The county is also continuing to receive state funds to help fund the Donley County Sheriff's Department, and law enforcement will also benefit from sales taxes generated by voter-approved County Assistance Districts 1 & 2 – in the City of Howardwick and the unincorporated areas of the county to the tune of an estimated \$22,000.

The county's total proposed tax rate for FY 2026 is \$0.5588672 per \$100 valuation compared to the current rate of \$0.5839820. The proposed rate will bring in \$80,163 more than last year's budget with \$20,747 coming from new property added to the tax roll. An estimated \$2,001,551 will be collected in property taxes with fees, fines, grants, and other sources bringing in the additional revenue.

On the expense side, health insurance will cost the county about \$38,000 more in the new fiscal year, and other insurance costs will be up by about \$26,000, including a 20 percent increase in liability insurance.

County officials' combined salaries will be going up by about \$4,400 altogether, with no raises for commissioners or the county judge. The county's judge's supplemental salary from the state is increasing, however, from the current \$25,000 to \$37,800. The budget also includes \$14,000 for increases in other salaries of non-elected employees.

The supplemental budget for the courthouse restoration work totals \$3,052,911 with almost \$2.6 million coming from the state and the balance of almost \$458,000 coming from the county's capital reserves. Howard said that work will include a steel beam to reinforce the original 1890 main staircase, brick repair on the south wall, and stone conservation work.

Another supplemental budget includes \$883,977 for emergency generators to be installed in key facilities in the county with FEMA providing almost \$800,000 of that cost. The project was approved last year but has been stalled because the cost of equipment increased dramatically from the time the grant application was originally put together. The county is negotiating with the government to see how best to proceed either by rebidding, acquiring more funding, or scaling back the project.

Another grant-funded program also continues to help employ a second highway safety officer for the county to patrol highways since the DPS presence here has been reduced.

Commissioners will hold a public hearing on its proposed budget and tax rate on August 25 at 9 a.m. See the notice in this week's Enterprise for more information.

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Congressional punishment and expulsion

On Dec. 21, 2023, the United States House of Representatives voted 311-114 to expel Rep. George Santos, R-N.Y., from Congress. Doing so was the first time a member had been expelled without a prior conviction of a crime since the Civil War.

While Santos eventually would plead guilty to identity theft and wire fraud and be sent to prison, his conviction was not necessary for his expulsion because Congress makes its own rules on how it treats its members. Article I, Section V, Clause II of the Constitution states, “Each House may determine the Rules of its Proceedings, punish its Members for disorderly Behaviour, and, with the Concurrence of two thirds, expel a Member.”

Fortunately, not many members of Congress have been expelled, but there have been some. In the House there have only been six. Three of them – Reps. John Bullock Clark, D-Mo.; John W. Reid, D-Mo.; and Henry C. Burnett, D-Va. – were expelled during the Civil War. All three were elected to Union states but left to join the Confederacy. In 1980 Michael Myers was expelled after he escaped from a mental hospital and went on a killing spree. Wait, wrong Myers. Michael J. Myers, D-Penn., was expelled in 1980 after he was arrested in an FBI sting for accepting bribes. In 2002 James A. Traficant, D-Ohio, was expelled after being convicted of bribery, racketeering and tax evasion. Finally, there was Santos in 2023. Six in 250 years is actually not that bad. The Senate, however, more than doubled that number.

While the Senate has expelled 15 senators, the number is a bit deceiving. Fourteen were expelled during the Civil War for supporting the Confederacy: Sens. James M. Mason, D-Va.; Robert M.T. Hunter, D-Va.; Thomas L. Clingman, D-N.C.; Thomas Bragg, D-N.C.; James Chesnut Jr., D-S.C.; Alfred O.P. Nicholson, D-Tenn.; William K. Sebastian, D-Ark.; Charles B. Mitchel, D-Ark.; John Hemphill, D-Texas; Louis T. Wigfall, D-Texas; John C. Breckinridge, D-Ky.; Trustron Polk, D-Mo.; Waldo P. Johnson, D-Mo.; and Jesse D. Bright, D-Ind. Ten of the names make sense as their states eventually seceded from the Union. Three of them, however – Breckenridge, Polk and Johnson – were from Union states but left to serve the Confederacy. The most interesting of the group is Jesse Bright from Indiana.

Although he was a senior Democrat from a Northern state who served as president pro tempore when the Civil War began, Bright still strongly supported slavery.

On Aug. 17, 1861, Texan Thomas Lincoln was arrested trying to cross into the Confederacy with weapons and a letter from Bright to Confederate President Jefferson Davis. The letter read, “Allow me to introduce to your acquaintance my friend, Thomas B. Lincoln of Texas. He visits your capital mainly to dispose of what he regards a great improvement in fire-arms. I recommend him to your favorable consideration as a gentleman of the first respectability, and reliable in every respect.”

When the Senate reconvened the following December, a resolution was passed to expel Bright. The five-man Judiciary Committee met and agreed with the charges. Senate debates were headed by Massachusetts Sen. Charles Sumner, an abolitionist Republican, who hated Bright. After a heated debate before a now Republican-controlled Senate, Bright made his closing remarks, gathered his belongings and left the chamber knowing he had lost. He was expelled by a vote of 32-14.

The only non-Civil War expulsion from the Senate occurred during John Adams’ administration. William Blount was appointed Governor of Tennessee by George Washington, and when Tennessee gained statehood, he was its first senator.

Falling into financial difficulties from land speculation, Blount hatched a scheme where Natives and British soldiers would attack Spanish Florida and Louisiana with hopes of claiming new land. When his plan was discovered, Adams himself wrote a letter to Congress asking them to use their powers to expel Blount. The Senate complied with a vote of 25-1 making Blount the first person expelled from Congress.

While expulsion is the extreme, this clause also allows Congress to “punish its Members for disorderly Behaviour.” The two types of punishments used are censures for the Senate and censures and reprimands (a lesser censure) for the House. These are formal public rebukes, but while a disciplinary action, they do not remove the member from office or revoke their rights and privileges.

The Senate has only censured nine, the first in 1811 of Massachusetts Federalist Timothy Pickering for reading confidential material in open session and the last in 1990 of David Durenberger, R-Minn., for unethical conduct relating to reimbursement of Senate expenses and acceptance of outside payments and gifts.

The House has had 23 censures and 10 reprimands. The first in 1831 of Ohio National Republican William Stanbery for insulting the Speaker of the House and the last in 2025 of Al Green, D-Texas, for disrupting President Trump’s joint session address. The most famous censure was 1954 Joseph McCarthy, R-Wis., for his role in the Red Scare.

When our founders created Congress, they knew the body needed a way to police themselves, so they borrowed the idea from Parliament. Yet unlike Parliament which only needs a majority to expel members, our founders wanted to protect the people’s choice of representatives by requiring a two-thirds vote. It is clear the protection worked, maybe too well. Outside of the Civil War only four members of Congress have been expelled in its 236-year history which honestly is probably not enough.

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Criminalization of dissent in America

The government’s war on homelessness – much like its war on terrorism, its war on drugs, its war on illegal immigration, and its war on COVID-19 – is yet another Trojan Horse.

First, President Trump issues an executive order empowering federal agencies to clear out homeless encampments and lock up the homeless in mental institutions using involuntary civil commitment laws intended for dealing with individuals experiencing mental health crises.

Days later, a gunman allegedly suffering from a mental illness opens fire in New York City, killing four before turning the gun on himself.

Coming on the heels of Trump’s executive order aimed at “ending crime and disorder on America’s streets,” the shooting has all the makings of a modern-day Reichstag fire: a tragedy weaponized to justify allowing the government use mental illness as a pretext for locking more people up without due process.

An Orwellian exercise in double-speak, Trump’s executive order suggests that jailing the homeless, rather than providing them with affordable housing, is the “compassionate” solution to homelessness.

According to USA Today, social workers, medical experts and mental health service providers say the president’s approach “will likely worsen homelessness across the country, particularly because Trump’s order contains no new funding for mental health or drug treatment. Additionally, they say the president appears to misunderstand the fundamental driver of homelessness: People can’t afford housing.”

And then comes the kicker: Trump wants to see more use of civil commitments (forced detentions) for anyone who is perceived as posing a risk “to themselves or the public or are living on the streets and cannot care for themselves in appropriate facilities for appropriate periods of time.”

Translation: the government wants to use homelessness as a pretext for

indefinitely locking up anyone who might pose a threat to its chokehold on police state power.

When you consider the ramifications of giving the American police state that kind of authority to preemptively neutralize a potential threat, you’ll understand why some might view these looming mental health round-ups with trepidation.

By directing police to carry out forced detentions of individuals based not on criminal behavior but on perceived mental instability or drug use, the Trump administration is attempting to sidestep fundamental constitutional protections – due process, probable cause, and the presumption of innocence – by substituting medical discretion for legal standards.

Taken to its authoritarian limits, this could allow the government to weaponize the label of mental illness as a means of exiling dissidents who refuse to march in lockstep with its dictates.

Once the government is allowed to control the narrative over who is deemed mentally unfit, mental health care could become yet another pretext for pathologizing dissent in order to disarm and silence the government’s critics.

Take heed: this has the potential to become the next phase of the government’s war on thought crimes, cloaked in the guise of public health and safety.

This is not about public safety. It’s about control.

We’ve seen this tactic before. When governments seek to suppress dissent without provoking outrage, they turn to psychiatric labels.

Throughout history, from Cold War-era Soviet gulags to modern pre-crime initiatives, authoritarian regimes have used psychiatric labels to isolate, discredit, and eliminate dissidents. As historian Anne Applebaum notes, admin-



speak truth to power
by john whitehead

istrative exile, which required no trial and due process, “was an ideal punishment not only for troublemakers as such, but also for political opponents of the regime.”

The word “gulag” refers to a labor or concentration camp where prisoners (oftentimes political prisoners or so-called “enemies of the state,” real or imagined) were imprisoned as punishment for their crimes against the state. Soviet dissidents were often declared mentally ill, institutionalized in prisons disguised as psychiatric hospitals, and subjected to forced medication and psychological torture.

Totalitarian regimes used such tactics to isolate political dissidents from the rest of society, discredit their ideas, and break them physically and mentally.

What’s unfolding in America is the modern police state’s version of that same script.

Civil commitment laws are found in all states and employed throughout American history.

Under the doctrines of parens patriae and police power, the government already claims authority to confine those deemed unable to act in their own best interest or who pose a threat to society.

When fused, these doctrines give the state enormous discretion to preemptively lock people up based on speculative future threats, not actual crimes.

This discretion is now expanding at warp speed.

The result is a Nanny State mindset carried out with the militant force of the Police State.

Once dissent is equated with danger – and danger with illness – those who challenge the state become medicalized threats, subject to detention not for what they’ve done, but for what they believe.

Unless we resist this creeping mental health gulag, the prison gates will eventually close on us all.

Constitutional attorney John Whitehead is the president of the Rutherford Institute.



What’s it worth to become a legend?

Let’s ask a hypothetical question here. Would you (if you’re an adult already) trade your reputation as a responsible wage earner for the guarantee of becoming legendary?

Well, I’d like to tell you about Old Man Jenkins. He was friendly but kinda mysterious. You know ... as if anything he did or said or became before he came here just wasn’t any of our business. We didn’t even know his first name until he died. Then somebody looked it up. Old Jenkins lived in a cabin he built. “Back up in the hills,” he said. We haven’t even found it yet.

He’d make leather stuff and bring it to town and either sell it here or mail it off to people. He’d maybe come to town four times a year. So what do you do when you are mailing leather and

avoiding people’s questions? Well, you could become a legend. And Jenkins did just that.

He liked cats, and he’d always load up with a store-bought bag of cat treats and started teaching our cats to jump. He’d start by scrunching a cat against his shins, then block the escape route with his hands. The only way out was to jump his hands ... and they did.

Every time they jumped, Jenkins gave them a cat treat. He started in on strays, then moved on to gentle house cats owned by old ladies. First thing you



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know, he had all but one cat in town happily jumping for a treat. Sometimes they just jumped for fun.

The only cat that failed was that three-legged cat of the Garcia family. Named Tripod, of course. Well, old Tri gave it his best, but having just one hind leg didn’t get the job done. But he got a treat for trying, anyway.

Old Man Jenkins died on one of his trips to town, and no one has ever found his cabin. But that’s okay. Maybe legendary status is reward enough. It’s the American Way.

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Hedley's 2025 Cross Country team includes: Coach Hood; Abbi Hood, Senior; Shailyn Hanes, Senior; Paeton Glover, SENIOR; Payton Inman, Sophomore; Takoda Edwards, Sophomore; Brady Goodwin, Sophomore; Josue Prieto, Freshman; Kutter O'Keefe, Freshman; and Damian Alston, Freshman.

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The 2025 Hedley varsity football team includes Coach Hood; Paeton Glover, Senior; Payton Inman, Sophomore; Takoda Edwards, Sophomore; Brady Goodwin, Sophomore; Josue Prieto, Freshman; Kutter O'Keefe, Freshman; Coach Grant; and not pictured Alex Garcia, Freshman).

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PRPC Dispute Resolution Center To Host Basic Mediation Training

Those interested in attending the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission's Dispute Resolution Center Basic Mediation Training in September 2025 and Family Law Mediation Training in September/October 2025 must register by August 25.

This allows for time to order materials necessary for the training and adequately prepare to offer the training. These trainings meet the criteria for approval by the Texas Mediation Credentialing Association.

The Basic Mediation Training is designed to offer the 40 hours of training required for individuals to become a court recognized mediator under the laws and governing regulations in the State of Texas. The training is also certified as an MCLE course by the State Bar of Texas for 40 hours of CLE with 2.5 hours of ethics.

The Family Law Mediation training will allow individuals to mediate cases involving matters including divorce, child custody/

support, Estate/Probate, Guardianship and CPS.

It will total 30 hours of training and include detailed training in domestic violence.

The training will be offered at the PRPC Building, 415 SW 8th Avenue. There is also an option to attend via the online platform Zoom.

Glover also stressed "We don't want the cost to be a barrier to anyone attending the training. If the cost is going to prevent you from attending, please call and we will be happy to discuss options for you."

Employers are encouraged to consider sponsoring employees to attend the training. It is an important investment for employers that will offer their employees skills that can offer businesses the opportunity to change the way they handle conflict within their organization and customer disputes.

Individuals interested in the training or needing additional information should contact Jerri Glover at dispute@theprpc.org or 806-372-3381.



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August 16
Donley County Senior Citizens Center
50th Anniversary Celebration • 4th & Gorst Streets • See ClarendonTX.com

August 17
Mulkey Theatre • The Bad Guys 2 • 2:00 p.m.

August 22 & 23
Mulkey Theatre • The Bad Guys 2 • 7:30 p.m.

August 23
Night Scramble • Clarendon Country Club • 806-874-2166

August 24
Mulkey Theatre • The Bad Guys 2 • 2:00 p.m.

September 14
Gospel and Bluegrass Night • Mulkey Theatre • 6:30 p.m. • mulkeytheatre.com

Menus

August 18 - 22
Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, garden salad, garlic toast, brownie, iced tea/2% milk.
Tues: King ranch chicken, ranch style beans, garden salad, tortilla, black forest parfait, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Smothered steak & gravy, buttered carrots, broccoli & cauliflower, whole wheat roll, lemon cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll, sliced peaches, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Pulled pork sandwich, hoagie roll, French fries, coleslaw, cantaloupe, iced tea/2% milk

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, cornbread, fruit cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.
Tues: Beef soft tacos, cheese, refried beans, mixed green salad, Mexican brownie, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Chicken fried steak w/ country gravy, homemade mashed potatoes, California mixed vegetables, fruit, whole wheat buttermilk biscuit, oatmeal cookies, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Sweet & sour chicken, egg rolls, long fry Asian veggies, whole wheat roll, chocolate pudding, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Bacon cheeseburger on whole wheat bun, onion rings, chef's choice dessert, iced tea/2% milk

Clarendon CISD
Breakfast
Mon: Pancakes, bacon, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Tues: Breakfast combo, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Wed: Breakfast pizza, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Thu: Breakfast cookie, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Fri: Donut, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Hot dog, potatoes, tomato cup, fruit, milk.
Tues: Chicken fajitas, beans, carrots, salsa, apple, sherbet, fruit, milk.
Wed: Cheeseburger, French fries, salad, peaches, milk.
Thu: Popcorn chicken, roll, corn, broccoli salad, apples, cookies, milk.
Fri: Pizza, carrots, salad, fruit, milk.

Hedley ISD
Breakfast
Mon: Waffles, bacon, oranges, fruit juice, milk.
Tues: Scrambled eggs, potatoes, toast, grapes, blueberries, fruit juice, milk.
Wed: Breakfast pizza, sliced bananas, strawberries, fruit juice, milk.
Thurs: Pancake sandwich, cantaloupe, fruit juice, milk.
Fri: Breakfast burrito, hash browns, apple, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Popcorn chicken, curly fries, tomato cup, fruit cup, Texas toast, milk.
Tues: Frito pie, chickpeas, carrots, cinnamon apples, sherbet, milk.
Wed: Chicken alfredo, breadstick, salad, peaches, milk.
Thurs: BBQ chicken wrap, corn, broccoli salad, apple, brownies, milk.
Fri: Country fried steak, roll, potatoes, strawberries, milk.

Texas opens nominations for volunteer awards

Nominations are now being accepted for the 42nd Annual Governor's Volunteer Awards. Administered by the OneStar Foundation, the Governor's Volunteer Awards are an opportunity for the State of Texas to honor exemplary individuals who have demonstrated exceptional dedication to improving their communities through outstanding service and volunteering.

"Every day, Texans from all walks of life give their time and talents to lift up their neighbors and strengthen the fabric of our communities," said First Lady Cecilia Abbott. "Greg and I are continually moved by the powerful stories of service we see across the state. Texans are encouraged to celebrate outstanding individuals and orga-

nizations whose compassion and leadership are a testament to the Texas spirit by nominating them for an Annual Governor's Volunteer Award."

"As we launch the 42nd Governor's Volunteer Awards, we are proud to recognize the everyday heroes who remind us that service is not only an action but a legacy," said OneStar President and CEO Chris Bugbee.

"Through this partnership with the Governor and First Lady, we celebrate the perseverance, generosity, and impact of Texans who are building stronger, more connected communities across our state."

Nominations are open in nine categories: Governor's Lifetime Achievement Award, First Lady's

Rising Star Award, Volunteer of the Year Award, Volunteer Family of the Year Award, Community Champion Award, Education Champion Award, Corporate Champion Award, Rebuild Texas Disaster Impact Award, and AmeriCorps Legacy of Service Award.

To submit a nomination and view award category descriptions, eligibility guidelines, and the submission deadline, visit onestarfoundation.org/governors-volunteer-awards.

Awardees will be honored during National Volunteer Month in April 2026 at the Governor's Mansion during an awards ceremony hosted by First Lady Abbott, Honorary Chair of the Governor's Volunteer Awards.

New educational course encourages forest literacy

Texas A&M Forest Service and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative have launched an online forestry education course — Forest Literacy: Understanding the Values of Trees, Forests and Sustainability.

The online course is designed to give formal and informal educators, academic administrators, natural resource personnel and others who educate the public about forests across the U.S. and Canada a better understanding of forest and natural resource concepts.

Inspiring the next generation
The purpose of the course is to empower educators, parents and community members to deepen their understanding of forests and inspire the next generation of environmental stewards.

"Forest literacy is fundamental for navigating our interconnected world and building a sustainable future," said Melanie Villegas-Portillo, Texas A&M Forest Service conservation education program specialist. "This course will strengthen each learner's ability to engage,

educate and advocate for the forests through informed action and shared understanding."

The course was created in partnership with the Sustainable Forestry Initiative, an independent nonprofit addressing local and global sustainability challenges.

"This free online course will introduce learners to the many values of trees and forests—and the importance of managing them sustainably," said Josh Brankman, Sustainable Forestry Initiative vice president of education. "By creating an interactive learning resource that anyone can access, we will inspire forest conservation and green infrastructure, expand pathways to green careers and produce advocates that help ensure forests remain a positive force for environmental, economic and community well-being."

Online course covers wide range of topics

Topics covered in the course include the ecological and societal roles of forests; forest ecosystem functions and indicators of forest

health; forests' roles in human well-being, biodiversity and climate resilience; deforestation, urbanization, pollution and environmental impacts on forest ecosystems; forest health management; and personal forest stewardship encouragement.

The online course is self-paced and can be completed in two hours.

All participants who pass the course will receive a certificate of completion. Texas teachers seeking continuing professional education credits may request their Texas Education Agency certificate after completing the course.

Course concepts are designed within the scope of the Texas Forest Literacy Plan, a framework available to students, teachers and families for learning about the important role forests play in Texas and beyond. The framework prepares Texans to make sustainable decisions about the use and management of natural resources across industries and in everyday life.

Learn more about the Forest Literacy course and enroll.



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting August 12, 2025, with Boss Lion Protém Chanel Silva in charge.

We had 14 members present, four attending virtually, and three guests this week – Bob and Jowlene Weiss and Lion Michael Metcalf, all guests of the club.

Hedley Boss Lion Metcalf invited Clarendon Lions to help serve during the Hedley Chicken BBQ, which will be Thursday, September 4, starting at 6 p.m. Volunteers need to be there by 5:30. Hedley will also be hosting the annual Cotton Festival on October 10 and 11.

Bob Weiss spoke as a member of the Chamber of Commerce board and discussed new businesses in town and updated the club on several upcoming events. He also promoted the REFZ Ride for Kids Fun Run coming up October 4, and encouraged folks to either volunteer or participate. A portion of the proceeds from the ride go to the Lions Club's Toys for Joy project and the Christ's Kids food ministry.

Lion John Howard gave an update on the county and work being done on county owned buildings.

There being no further business, we were adjourned to spread peace, harmony, and Lionism.



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Faithful servant

Former Clarendon alderman Eulaine McIntosh was recognized by Mayor Jacob Fangman during a called city council meeting last Thursday, August 7, for her many years of service to the city.

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Small Business Optimism Rises

The NFIB Small Business Optimism Index rose 1.7 points in July to 100.3, slightly above the 52-year average of 98.

Contributing most to the rise in the Optimism Index were respondents reporting better business conditions and reporting that it is a good time to expand. In contrast to the Optimism Index, the Uncertainty Index increased by eight points from June to 97. Twenty-one percent of small business owners reported labor quality as their single most important problem, up five points from June and ranking as the top problem.

“Optimism rose slightly in July with owners reporting more positive expectations on business conditions and expansion opportunities,” said NFIB Chief Economist Bill Dunkelberg. “While uncertainty is still high, the next six months will hopefully offer business owners more clarity, especially as owners see the results of Congress making the 20 percent Small Business Deduction permanent and the final shape of trade policy. Meanwhile, labor quality has become the top issue on Main Street again.”

“With hopes that the business environment will improve and that there will be more opportunities to expand, our members are feeling more optimistic about the future,” NFIB State Director Jeff Burdett said. “While finding qualified applicants remains a real challenge for Main Street, there’s no doubt that making the 20 percent Small Business Deduction permanent has played a significant role in boosting small business owners’ enthusiasm. We believe voters’ approval of Prop 9 in November will further boost enthusiasm by providing significant tax relief to small businesses.”

In July, there was a notable improvement in overall business health. When asked to rate the overall health of their business, 13 percent reported excellent (up five points), and 52 percent reported good (up three points). Thirty-one percent reported the health of their business was fair (down four points), and 4 percent reported poor (down three points).

The percent of small business owners reporting poor sales as their top business problem rose one point to 11 percent. This is the highest level of poor sales since February

2021. The net percent of owners expecting better business conditions rose 14 points from June to a net 36 percent (seasonally adjusted). This reading is comfortably above the historical average.

In July, 16 percent (seasonally adjusted) reported that it is a good time to expand their business, up five points from June.

Eleven percent of owners reported that inflation was their single most important problem in operating their business, unchanged from June’s lowest reading since September 2021.

The net percent of owners expecting higher real sales volumes fell one point from June to a net 6 percent (seasonally adjusted). Though expected real sales are higher than actual sales, the current reading is also comfortably below the 52-year average.

Twenty-two percent (seasonally adjusted) plan capital outlays in the next six months, up one point from June, but seven points below the historical average of 29 percent.

As reported in NFIB’s monthly jobs report, a seasonally adjusted 33 percent of all small business owners reported job openings they could not fill in July, down three points from June and the lowest level since December 2020, though still well above its monthly historical average of 25 percent. Of the 57 percent of owners hiring or trying to hire in June, 84 percent reported few or no qualified applicants for the positions they were trying to fill. A seasonally adjusted net 14 percent of owners plan to create new jobs in the next three months, up one point from June.

The percent of business owners reporting labor costs as the single most important problem fell one point from June to 9 percent.

Seasonally adjusted, a net 27 percent reported raising compensation, down six points from June. A seasonally adjusted net 17 percent plan to raise compensation in the next three months, down two points from June.

Fifty-five percent of small business owners reported capital outlays in the last six months, up five points from June’s lowest reading since August 2020.

Of those making expenditures,

38 percent reported spending on new equipment, 23 percent acquired vehicles, and 15 percent improved or expanded facilities. Twelve percent spent money on new fixtures and furniture and 5 percent acquired new buildings or land for expansion.

A net negative 9 percent of all owners (seasonally adjusted) reported higher nominal sales in the past three months, down four points from June.

The net percent of owners reporting inventory gains remained at a net negative 8 percent, seasonally adjusted. Not seasonally adjusted, 12 percent reported increases in stocks, and 17 percent reported reductions. A net negative 3 percent (seasonally adjusted) of owners viewed current inventory stocks as “too low” in July, two points higher than June’s negative 5 percent reading.

Four percent of owners reported that financing and interest rates were their top business problem in July, up one point from June. Twenty-five percent of all owners reported borrowing on a regular basis, down one point from June and a historically low reading.

A net 4 percent reported their last loan was harder to get than in previous attempts, down one point from June. A net 5 percent reported paying a higher rate on their most recent loan, down four points from June and matching the monthly average.

Seventeen percent of small business owners reported taxes as their single most important problem, down two points from June and ranking as the second top problem. The percent of small business owners reporting government regulations and red tape as their single most important problem fell one point to 8 percent, making it the fifth most important issue overall. Six percent reported competition from large businesses as their single most important problem, down one point from June.

The NFIB Research Center has collected Small Business Economic Trends data with quarterly surveys since the fourth quarter of 1973 and monthly surveys since 1986. Survey respondents are randomly drawn from NFIB’s membership. The report is released on the second Tuesday of each month. This survey was conducted in July 2025.

Plan now to minimize impact of screwworm

Start thinking about the biggest threats to the livestock and wildlife industry now. That was the advice given at the Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course during a panel discussion and general session talk about New World screwworm.

Almost 2,000 livestock producers and industry-affiliated participants attended the event hosted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Department of Animal Science.

“We are not in crisis mode; we are in awareness and preparedness mode,” said T.R. Lansford, DVM, Texas Animal Health Commission deputy executive director and assistant state veterinarian, Bryan-College Station. “This has to be a community effort from producers to government agencies, because as long as New World screwworms are in Mexico, Texas has an increased risk.”

Planning for eradication – again Lansford said New World screwworms will require all hands on deck. The name of the game will be mitigation and control until the most effective eradication method – sterile fly release – is able to ramp up adequate production.

Screwworms were successfully eradicated from the U.S. in 1966 using the sterile insect technique. However, current sterile fly production is approximately 110 million flies per week in Panama, and between 400 million and 500 million per week are needed to control the current outbreak.

Another plant is planned, with a sterile fruit fly production facility in Chiapas, Mexico, being converted to sterile screwworm fly production. However, the earliest it is expected to open is July 2026, and it will produce only 60 million to 100 million flies per week.

“Eradication efforts can cost

stakeholders tens of millions of dollars, but freedom from the pest provides approximately \$1 billion in direct benefits to livestock producers and about \$3.7 billion in benefits to the general economy annually,” Lansford said.

Panel highlights concerns

When screwworms were a daily chore back in the 1950s and 1960s, livestock operations had more horses, hired hands and even dogs that could smell the infections to help with the daily monitoring, gathering and treatment of livestock. But those things are not in place today, according to a New World Screwworm panel at the short course.

The panel included Jim McAdams, rancher and past National Cattlemen’s Beef Association president; Joe Paschal, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension livestock specialist emeritus and ranching and genetics consultant; Alberto Banuet, Ph.D., a rancher from Yucatan, Mexico, and Ron Gill, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension livestock specialist and professor in the Department of Animal Science.

They expressed concerns that many smaller operations lack the labor and facilities to manage screwworms if they reach the U.S., and even larger operations that infrequently monitor or handle their livestock may struggle to do so.

McAdams, who had firsthand experience with screwworms in the 1950s and 1970s when they reappeared, said to mitigate the risk in livestock operations, “we need to get our mind right. All we can control is what we do. We need to start preparing our facilities and make it where if and when it gets here, it is as easy on you as possible.”

Producers need to ensure they have the ability and facilities in place to catch the animals and check them or treat them in the least stressful manner. They need to “train” their cattle so they can handle them and

get them treated, he added.

Preparedness steps

Internal and external working groups have developed a “three-legged stool” approach to preparedness, which includes treatment, surveillance and movement control.

For producers, preparedness begins with monitoring animals regularly for signs of myiasis or maggots.

Any suspicious maggot cases should be reported to the Texas Animal Health Commission for livestock and pets at 800-550-8242 or the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for wildlife at 512-389-4505, or to an accredited veterinarian or an AgriLife Extension agent. Do not move the animal; let the individual reporting agency representative come to the animal’s location.

AgriLife Extension’s New World screwworm webpage has new fact sheets and a technical bulletin to provide more detailed information about the New World screwworm and the science behind the pest and destruction it causes.

The best mitigation steps for livestock operations include:

Routinely inspect livestock for maggots, whether in pastures, pens, prior to or post transportation.

Prevent wounds with proper facility maintenance. Treat any wounds promptly to prevent and/or reduce infestations.

Schedule birthing of animals and other procedures that would cause an opening in the skin during the cooler months when fly populations are low.

While parts of the process could be uncomfortable in the future, such as quarantines, Lansford said there is a commitment to continuity of operations. To ensure continuity for most operations, it is paramount that producers who see something say something to aid in early identification and minimize the spread.

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- Auto manufacturer
- The 23rd letter of the Greek alphabet
- Two-year-old sheep
- Member of indigenous people in Asia
- Airborne (abbr.)
- Actress de Armas
- Not moving
- Cool!
- Plants of the arum family
- Perceptible by touch
- Rorschach test
- Monetary units
- Art
- Cardinal number
- Dueling sword
- Hates
- Fixed in one place
- Pie __ mode
- Moved on foot
- Passenger’s spot on a motorcycle
- A way through
- “Rule, Britannia” composer
- Leader
- Flowing
- Common greetings in Arabic countries
- Solution for all difficulties
- Soft clothing fabric
- Building material
- Sea bream
- A way to cause to be swollen
- One and only
- Skin color
- Wreath
- Nevertheless
- They __
- Sea eagle

CLUES DOWN

- Policemen (French)
- Toy dog
- Inflamed colon disease
- Muscular weaknesses
- Helps little firms
- References
- Takes down
- Facilitates
- One-time empress of the Roman Empire
- Engine additive
- Chemistry solution
- Written account
- Consumed
- Coming after all others
- No (slang)
- Government lawyers
- Super Bowl winner Manning
- Small amount
- A way to save for your future
- A way to travel behind
- Midway between northeast and east
- Head pain
- Loud lawn insect
- Actress Hathaway
- Boat race
- About fish
- Nursemaid in India
- Marketable
- Tinier
- Parts per billion (abbr.)
- Paddle
- Oneness
- Bitter compound
- Not around
- Very fast airplane
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New HISD Faculty

New employees at the Hedley this year are (back) Jonathan Hood, Josh Watts, Becky Berry, (middle) Jessica Koetting, Stephanie Wilkinson, Stephanie Daniels, Breanna Watts, Sophia Standridge, (front) Valuree Hood, Judith Jones, and Carla Orcutt. Hedley classes started on Tuesday, August 12, with Clarendon students starting Wednesday, August 13.

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DPS launches 90 days of safety campaign

In honor of the Texas Department of Public Safety’s (DPS) 90th Anniversary, DPS Colonel Freeman F. Martin has kicked off a new statewide public safety initiative: 90 Days of Safety.

During a press conference at DPS Headquarters in Austin, Colonel Martin, along with DPS officials, announced details of the new campaign—including the rollout of a new “Keeping Texas Safe” coloring and activity book that will be available to children statewide.

“For 90 years, the Texas Department of Public Safety has answered the call to protect and serve this great state, but we can’t do this job alone,” said Colonel Martin. “That’s why, over the next three months, the department will be highlighting ways everyday Texans can do their part to keep Texas safe through the 90 Days of Safety campaign. Texas is better off when we all do our part to keep our communities, roads and families safe.”

Colonel Martin was joined for the announcement by Texas Highway Patrol Chief Bryan Rippee, Homeland Security Division Chief Gerald Brown, Lt. Colonel Jason Taylor, Lt. Colonel Walt Goodson, other DPS leaders and special guests K-9 Disco—the main character of DPS’ new coloring book—and his handler, Trooper Christa Steadman.

DPS’ 90 Days of Safety will be a three-part campaign, broken down into 30-day themes: Keeping Texas Communities Safe, Keeping Texas Roads Safe and Keeping Texas Fam-

ilies Safe. Each theme highlights different ways the public can take an active role to make Texas a safer place to call home.

The first 30-day theme, Keeping Texas Communities Safe, begins today, August 11.

Throughout the 90 Days of Safety, DPS will share a series of social media content and public service announcement (PSA) video messages from various DPS leaders geared toward educating the public about available public safety resources and actions they can take to make our state safer. DPS will also air corresponding PSAs in the waiting areas of more than 180 driver license offices across the state. A new page on the department’s website—DPS Celebrates 90 Years—has also been created as a one-stop shop for all information related to DPS’ 90th Anniversary and the 90 Days of Safety campaign.

Watch the first 90 Days of Safety PSA video message, this one from Colonel Martin, titled “Keeping Texas Communities Safe,” here.

In addition to the 90 Days of Safety, DPS is re-launching its statewide coloring book program with an updated coloring and activity book titled “Keeping Texas Safe.” Keeping Texas Safe is designed to promote conversations between children and adults about public safety through a variety of games, puzzles and coloring pages. Readers will notice the main character of the book, K-9 Disco, offers age-appropriate tips for young Texans along

the way. K-9 Disco’s character is inspired by one of DPS’ commissioned K-9s—a 4-year-old Vizsla trained to detect explosive devices who is stationed at the Texas State Capitol in Austin. K-9 Disco and his handler, Trooper Christa Steadman, were present for the coloring book’s launch this morning. Learn more about them, and see pages from Keeping Texas Safe, here.

The Keeping Texas Safe books will be distributed to officers within DPS’ Safety Education Service (SES) and will be made available this fall. Trained in media relations and public speaking, DPS Safety Education Service Lieutenants and Sergeants are charged with educating the public and serving as Public Information Officers to the media regarding public safety in Texas. Additionally, these officers regularly offer presentations to schools and community organizations on drug use prevention, traffic safety, underage drinking, child passenger safety and other education and awareness programs. Presentations can be tailored for a variety of audiences and age groups, free of charge.

DPS issued a press release celebrating 90 years since the Texas Legislature established the agency on Aug. 10, 1935. Additionally, in the weeks prior, DPS has shared a series of videos and historical photographs in honor of the 90th anniversary. Each series pays tribute to numerous divisions across the department, highlighting key milestones and significant changes over the years.

5th Annual Tee Off for Tatas Golf Tournament

Panhandle Breast Health (PBH) and Street Volkswagen are teaming for the Fifth Annual Tee Off for Tatas Golf Tournament starting with a 1 p.m. shotgun start on Sunday, Sept. 14, at Comanche Trail Golf Course. A limited number of sponsorship are still available ranging from \$100 to \$2,500.

This year’s sponsors include IBEW Local Union 602, Amarillo National Bank, and Leona Grubbs, realtor. Green sponsors are SKP Creative and Metal Trades Council,

AFL-CIO. Tee Box sponsors include Jones Press; Adair Buckner, Attorney-at-Law; Victor Glenn, CPA; Pride and Company; and Amarillo I40 Urgent Care. Sponsorships at the \$2,500 level receive a complimentary team registration.

The maximum number of teams is 25. The \$500 4-person team entry includes: 18 holes of golf, shared cart, a meal, swag bags, door prizes, opportunities to win Top Team, Longest Drive, and Closest to the Pin awards and a Hole-in-One prize.

Team registration, mulligans and “Pink Advantages” are available online at <https://www.panhandle-breasthealth.org/registration>. Early bird players who register and pay by Friday, Aug. 29, will receive one free raffle ticket for a chance to win a golf weekend.

All proceeds directly support PBH’s mission to reduce breast cancer deaths through education, prevention and early detection. Contact Judy Neill, at judy@pbh-ama.org or call 806-331-4710.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET & PROPOSED TAX RATE

The _____ Clarendon ISD _____ will hold a public meeting at _____ 7:00 p.m. on August 25, 2025, _____ in _____ Administration & Technology Building, 416 S. Allen St _____ Clarendon, Texas _____. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district’s budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

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

Maintenance Tax	\$ _____ 0.7705 _____ /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$ _____ 0.0000 _____ /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year’s Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	_____ 3.54 _____ % increase	or	_____ % (decrease)
Debt service	_____ 0 _____ % increase	or	_____ 0 _____ % (decrease)
Total expenditures	_____ 3.54 _____ % increase	or	_____ % (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value
(as calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ _____ 767,687,311 _____	\$ _____ 788,906,841 _____
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ _____ 2,496,971 _____	\$ _____ 4,497,452 _____
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ _____ 225,288,389 _____	\$ _____ 300,052,873 _____
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ _____ 2,204,474 _____	\$ _____ 3,404,556 _____

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

Bonded Indebtedness

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

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year’s Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year’s Rate	\$ _____ 0.80670 _____	\$ _____ 0.0000 * _____	\$ _____ 0.80670 _____	\$ _____ 4,802 _____	\$ _____ 9,976 _____
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ _____ 0.69854 _____	\$ _____ 0.0000 * _____	\$ _____ 0.69854 _____	\$ _____ 5,817 _____	\$ _____ 8,961 _____
Proposed Rate	\$ _____ 0.7705 _____	\$ _____ 0.0000 * _____	\$ _____ 0.7705 _____	\$ _____ 6,288 _____	\$ _____ 10,588 _____

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year’s Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ _____ 152171.00 _____	\$ _____ 178245.33 _____
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ _____ 53045.67 _____	\$ _____ 42752.67 _____
Last Year’s Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ _____ 0.8067 _____	\$ _____ 0.7705 _____
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ _____ 427.92 _____	\$ _____ 329.41 _____
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ _____ (98.51) _____

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

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is _____ 0.7705 _____. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of _____ 0.7705 _____.

Fund Balances

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

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ _____ 4,439,412 _____
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ _____ 0 _____

A school district may not increase the district’s maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district’s debt service.

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

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7 p.m. Corey Blais - W.M., Russell
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meeting each Tuesday at noon.
Brian Barboza, Boss Lion, Roger
Estlack, Secretary

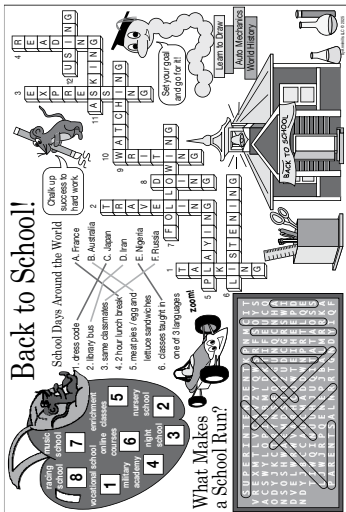
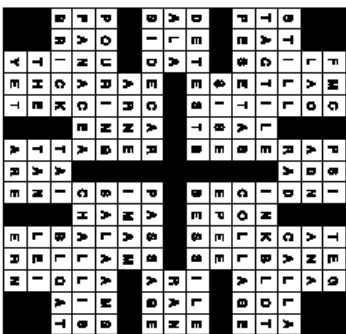


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lege, Clarendon, Texas 79226, faxed to (806)
874-1498 or emailed to mark.james@clar-
endoncollege.edu. Proposals must be received
by 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 14, 2025
(the "due date"). Clarendon College reserves
the right to reject any or all bids/proposals
and to waive technicalities. For questions and
specifications regarding this request, contact
Mark James, Director of Athletics, Clarendon
College (806) 874-4833 or mark.james@clar-
endoncollege.edu. Estimated date of award:
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for Commercial Buses of various sizes for the
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must be received by 10:00 a.m. on Wednes-
day, August 20, 2025 (the "due date"). Brand
Names and Model Numbers are to establish
quality. Approved substitute brands will be
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specifications for brands other than stipulated
in this proposal. Clarendon College reserves
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meets approval for a substitute. Evaluation
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cially among fellow educational institutions)
b) Warranties and Exchange Policies
c) The total long term cost to the College Dis-

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trict to acquire the goods and services
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dor's proposed goods and services
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Proposals should address all of the questions/
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NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE - THE STATE OF
TEXAS - COUNTY OF DONLEY. By virtue of
Orders of Sale issued out of the Judicial Dis-
trict Court of DONLEY County in the following
cases on the 28th day of July 2025 and the
4th of August 2025 and to me, as Sheriff,
directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell
at 2:00 P.M. on the 2nd DAY OF SEPTEMBER,
2025, which is the first Tuesday of said month,
at the OFFICIAL door of the Courthouse of
said DONLEY County, in the City of Clarendon,
Texas, the following described property located
in DONLEY County, to-wit:
Cause No. DTX-17-07338, CLARENDON INDE-
PENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND/OR C.E.D.
#25 FOR CLARENDON ISD vs. SHERIDAN
GRANT
Tract 1: GEO: 13-01-0300-0400-0001
LOT #40 Peyton Place, Sherwood Shores, How-
ardwick, Texas
Tract 2: GEO: 13-01-0320-0590-0001
LOT #59 Pueblo, Sherwood Shores, Howard-
wick, Texas
Cause No. DTX-19-07500, DONLEY COUNTY
vs. RIPPEOTIE, NEOMA
Tract 1: GEO: 11-12-0220-0110-0001
All of the North one-half (N/2) of Lot No.
Eleven (11) and all of Lots Nos. Twelve (12),
Thirteen (13) and Fourteen (14), in Block No.
Twenty-two (22), of Wasson's Sub-division of
Block No. 13, of McLean's Addition to the Town
of Clarendon, Donley County, Texas
Cause No. DTX-21-07613, DONLEY COUNTY
vs. STRINGER-LUND, CHARLES E.
Tract 1: GEO: 12-02-0010-0030-0001
All of Lots Nos. Three (3) and Four (4), in Block
No. One (1), Nat Smith Addition to the Town of
Hedley, Donley County, Texas
Cause No. DTX-23-07764, DONLEY COUNTY
vs. JARAMILLO, NATHAN
Tract 1: GEO: 12-01-0020-0160-0001
All of Lot No. 16, in Block No. 2, in the original
Town of Hedley, Donley County, Texas, accord-
ing to the recorded map or plat thereof on file
in the County Clerk's Office of Donley County,
Texas.
Cause No. DTX-23-07811, DONLEY COUNTY

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**APPRAISAL DISTRICT vs GUILLEN, JOSE SAN-
TANA**
Tract 1: GEO: 12-01-0220-0070-0001
All of Lots Nos. Seven (7) and Eight (8), all in
Block No. Twenty-two (22), in the Original Town
of Hedley, Donley County, Texas, as shown on
the recorded map or plat thereof.
Cause No. DTX-23-07820, DONLEY COUNTY
vs SMITH, JOE
Tract 1: GEO: 13-01-0240-1330-0001
All of Lot No(s) 133 Nocona Hills an addition to
the City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas,
as shown by a map recorded in Volume 169,
Page 57 of the Plat Records of Donley County,
Texas
Cause No. DTX-23-07832, DONLEY COUNTY
vs LOVELADY, HAROLD
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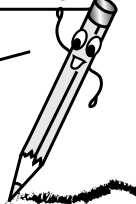
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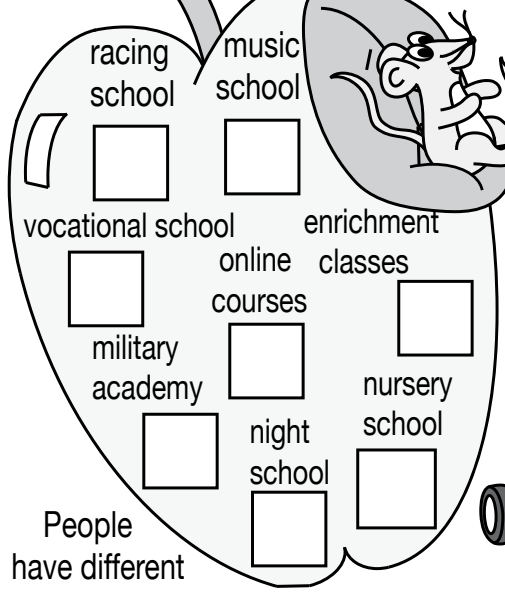
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Back to School!



People
have different
needs, dreams and goals.
There are many kinds of schools and programs
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**Can you match each school in the apple
above to its purpose below? Write the number
(1, 2, 3,...) of each purpose in the correct box.**

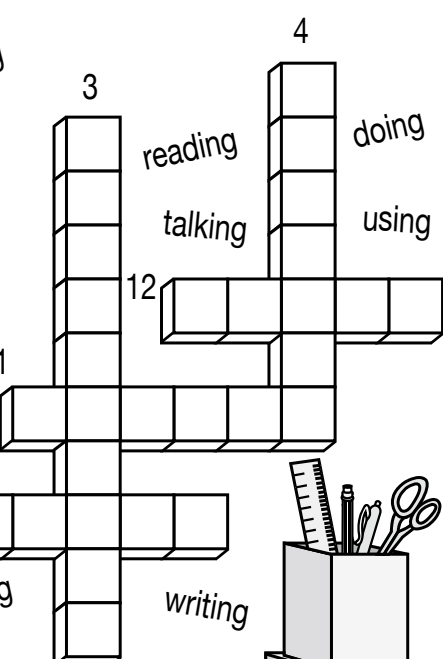
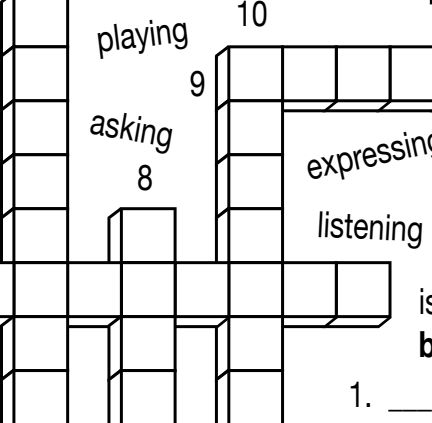
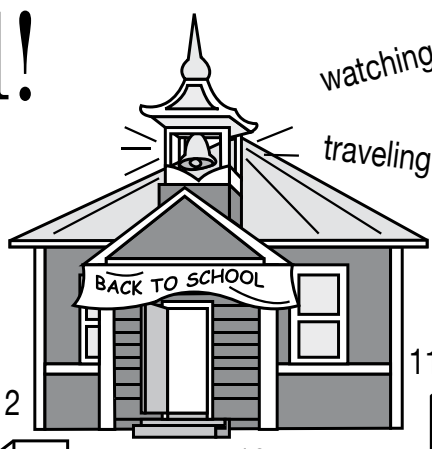
- teaches a skill or trade to help you on a job or career path
- teaches how to get along with others
and other pre-kindergarten skills
- for people who work or take care of children during the day
- prepares people for service and leadership in the armed forces
- lets people keep on learning and trying new things
- lessons taught and completed on a computer
- business, recording arts, how to set up live events
- safety, vehicle care, skid control, driving awareness

People of all ages are going back to
school! Yes, all ages! Some are getting a
basic education, some are preparing for
kindergarten or college, and others are
interested in learning skills and trades to
help them land a better job or build a career.
It doesn't matter how old we are - we all
can learn something new to help ourselves.



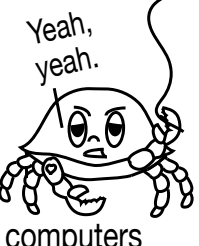
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on this page are hard!
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Schools are busy places. What
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- _____ about feelings
- _____ on field trips
- _____ ideas through art and music
- _____ books
- _____ games
- _____ to teachers and classmates
- _____ rules
- _____ experiments
- _____ films
- _____ stories
- _____ questions
- _____ software and computers



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The Flying V team and the Howard Farms team gear up for the start of the Bronco Booster Club Classic last Saturday at the Clarendon Club Classic.

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Thirty-eight former Clarendon Broncos came out to support this years Clarendon Bronco Booster Club Classic at the Country Club.

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Nathan Floyd shows off his prize at the Clarendon Bronco Booster Club Classic.

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CHS Bronco Booster Club hosts classic golf tourney

The Clarendon Bronco Booster Club Classic drew strong community support while raising money for local athletics last Saturday at the Clarendon Country Club.

Floyd’s Automotive claimed first place in a chip-off, earning \$500. BJM Sales also finished second and earned \$300, while Speed’s won a chip-off for third, earning \$150.

Special contest winners included Brad VandenBoogaard, closest to the pin (\$50); Junior Cenicerros, chipping contest (\$50 United gift card); and Anthony Cenicerros, putting contest (\$50 United gift card).

Raffle prizes went to Caleb Mitchell, Yeti cooler; Raylan Shelton, Turtlebox speaker; Stormy McAnear, Proffer Aesthetics package; Ronda Haynes, Corrective Aesthetics package; Michael Thompson, all-weather bag; Dalton Benson, men’s Pelican cooler; and Joel Horn, women’s Pelican cooler.

Silent auction items brought in top bids from Bryan Caison, \$300 for a Cole Franks and Friends basket; Ashlee Wortham, \$255 for a beef package; and Joe Bilbrey, \$200 for a fishing pole and bucket.

Organizers extended special thanks to REFZ for providing fajitas and top sponsors Mike’s Pharmacy, Stone Bros. Collision and United Supermarkets for their donations.



Randy White shows off his winnings last week.

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Michael and Debbie Thompson show off their raffle prizes last week at the Clarendon Country Club.

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