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

CISD seeks input on honoring Kenny King

A survey being conducted by Clarendon CISD seeks opinions on naming the football field for CHS alumnus and football legend Kenny King.

After his high school career as a Broncho, King played for the University of Oklahoma before playing with the Oakland/Los Angeles Raiders, playing in two Super Bowls and setting a Super Bowl record.

The name of the stadium would not change. If the school moves forward with the proposal, it would be Kenny King Field at Bronco Stadium.

Votes may be cast at <https://bit.ly/41Rvcam> through Thursday, August 21.

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 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 31, 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.

The City of Clarendon will hold its budget hearing on September 4 at 5:30 p.m. and a tax hearing at 5:00 p.m. on September 11.

Little Cheer camp set for Saturday

Little Miss Cheer Camp will be on Saturday, August 23, from 9:00 a.m. to noon for Pre-K through Second Grade at the school and from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. for grades three through six. The cost is \$40 per camper, and for families, a second camper is \$30.

Little Miss Cheerleaders will perform during the pep rally on August 29 and again that evening during the halftime of the football game.

For more information, contact Jenae Ashbrook at the school.



CC livestock judging program begins new era

One of Clarendon College's signature programs is entering a new era with a leadership transition underway.

Since the inception of the livestock judging program at Clarendon College in 1976, only two men have ever held the distinction of head coach – Jerry Hawkins and Johnny Treichel.

That steady leadership has resulted in one of the most stable and consistent judging programs in the country. After careful consideration, CC officials announced this week that Ty Gillespie will be taking on the position of head livestock judging coach and judging teams' coordinator.

Gillespie is a familiar face to the program, having served alongside Treichel since 2019. He grew up in Joshua and is a CC alumnus himself,

having attended Clarendon College to judge livestock in 2015. He continued his education at Texas Tech University, where he was a member of the livestock judging team under the direction of Jon DeClerck and Ryan Rathmann while obtaining a bachelor's in Animal Science. He then went on to receive a master's degree in Agriculture from West Texas A&M University.

Gillespie not only brings a wealth of knowledge from his days as a judging competitor and assistant coach but also brings experience in the trenches of production agriculture, where he and his family manage a show cattle operation that focuses on selling steer projects to 4H and FFA members in Texas and surrounding states.

"There's no doubt I have big shoes to fill," Gillespie said. "This

program has been built and led by exceptional individuals. My goal will be to preserve the rich history and tradition that has been forged while continuing to progress the program in a positive direction. At the forefront will always be the development of students into winners and leaders in the game of life."

Clarendon College is excited to welcome Gillespie into his new role and looks forward to the vision and leadership he will bring to the program as we build towards a strong future.

In July, Treichel was promoted as the new Dean of Students. He assumed the role of head livestock judging coach in the fall of 2003 and has served diligently in that position for the past 22 years. He leaves behind a legacy marked with immense success both in and out of



Johnny Treichel and Ty Gillespie

CC PHOTO

the judging circle.

During his time, he has coached teams to win contests and had many students named to the All-Ameri-

can team. Individually, he has been named a distinguished alumnus at both Clarendon College and West
See 'New Era' on page 3.



Golden 50

Lisa Heald, Sharon Braddock, Glenda Hawkins, Beverly McCaskill, and Sharon Shaller perform the Tennessee Wag Walk during the 50th anniversary celebration for the Donley County Senior Citizens Center last Saturday, August 16. Center Director Denise Bertrand says about 175 attended the event which raised approximately \$7,000. Matt Moore won the 50/50 raffle and took home \$2,610, and Shelia White won the quilt raffle. See more photos from the celebration on page eight.

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City, Republic work on trash deal details

The Clarendon City Council and Republic Services worked on their franchise agreement last Thursday as the company prepares to take over the city's trash collection October 1.

Republic representative Matthew Peterson said his company is working now to bring in new and refurbished Dumpsters to replace those now owned by Waste Connections.

Peterson again discussed his company's intention to get involved in the community, noting that they are joining the Chamber of Commerce and highlighting his employees participating in Friona's big cheeseburger cookoff. Republic won that cookoff this year and donated the winnings back to the community in the form of backpacks and school supplies.

Peterson asked what his company could do for Clarendon, and Alderman Brittany Wolfe replied, "Just pick up our trash regularly."

To which Peterson replied, "We are really excited to show you how it's done."

As the transfer day get closer, residents may notice new Dumpsters showing up in their alleyways before the old ones are removed.

In other city business, aldermen appointed Paula Lowrie as the city's tax code officer and voted to plan for the voter approval rate of \$0.560241 per \$100 valuation.

Action was taken to set garbage rates according to Republic's rates plus \$1.50 per residential account and \$3 per commercial account and top increase water and sewer rates by three percent.

The council also approved the lease of a dump truck and F-250 pickup truck.

Following a 24-minute closed session to evaluate City Administrator Brian Barboza, the council approved extending his contract to September 2027 and an increase in pay.



Employee of the Month

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce recognized Kelli Roberson of at Whistle-Stop (fourth from the left) as the Employee of the Month in Donley County for August. Also shown here are Whistle-Stop owner Kim Green and Chamber representatives Courtney Monroe, Sharlene Bordonaro, Roger Estlack, and Jowlene Weiss. To nominate a great local employee for their excellent customer service, visit clarendontx.com/employeeofthemoth.

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HCISD okays deficit budget for FY 2026

Hedley CISD trustees adopted a deficit budget Monday night following a public hearing as the school continues to look for ways to increase enrollment.

"We had a good meeting and good discussion, and we adopted a deficit budget due to a lack of enrollment," Superintendent Tracey Langford said.

The shortfall of about \$500,000 will be made up from the school's reserves. Langford says Hedley has suffered a decrease in state funding with enrollment being below 90 students for the last two years. Hedley's enrollment is 86 this week.

Langford says if they can boost enrollment back above 90, the state funds will increase. School officials continue to consider programs and incentives that might interest kids and families to help boost enrollment, and the school's adoption of a hybrid calendar this year might draw some interest also. Under the hybrid calendar, Hedley will go to a four-day week following the Thanksgiving break.

Langford said the hybrid calendar was adopted for this year after a survey of teachers, kids, and parents. Classes will be held from 7:40 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. with the school year ending on May 21. Once a month teachers will have to stay an extra day to fulfill contract obligations, and students will be able to use those days for tutoring.

"We're going to try it and see what it looks like," Langford said. "We will survey again in the spring to see what people think about it."

Langford said one thing trustees have not talked about going for another Voter-Approved Tax Ratification Election (VATRE). Last November, Hedley ISD voters said "no" to a proposed 12-cent increase in the school's tax rate.

The VATRE rate could have brought in about \$257,000 in new revenue but was turned down at the polls 108-135.

Hedley trustees Monday approved a tax rate of \$0.65610 per \$100 valuation, which Langford said is about 2.98 increase over the current rate.

Langford said the school is looking forward to a positive year.

"We have a good staff and good group of kids, and we're off to a good start," Langford said.

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Seen and unseen tax changes in the big bill

President Trump’s One Big, Beautiful Bill has proven to be one of the most contentious bills in recent memory. At the heart of the debate is who the OBBB benefits. While the left claims the bill is simply a tax break for the rich, the right claims our middle class will benefit the most.

Knowing that each side will stick to their mainstream media talking points, a long couple of weeks was needed to read the bill, take notes, cross-reference and review extensive material. (After devoting two weeks to the project, it is now seen why most avoid this tedious approach.)

Bills are written in legalese. And while most of us—including myself—are far from being tax, economic or legal experts, the OBBB does reinforce why we are a democratic republic/representative democracy and not a straight democracy.

Focusing on tax sections, and where tax breaks were mentioned, seeing which income group benefited most, the OBBB seemed to benefit one group. But with a better understanding of past legislation, it also seemed to benefit another. In other words, with ample research, there are both seen and unseen benefits.

Whenever income was mentioned in the OBBB, it read as a middle-class tax break with penalties for the wealthy. For example, Section 70103 permanently ends the old personal exemptions. Before 2018, taxpayers could deduct around \$4,000 for their qualifying family members. Trump’s 2017 tax law took those deductions away but replaced them with higher standard deductions and larger child tax credits to help the middle class. The OBBB makes these changes permanent.

There is an exemption for those over 65 who can still claim a personal deduction of \$6,000; however, taxpayers making more than \$75,000 will start to receive smaller deductions. The more one makes, the less they can deduct.

In Section 70105, the OBBB increases the Qualified Business Income deduction from \$50,000 to \$75,000, meaning more small business owners and self-employed taxpayers will qualify for this tax break.

Section 70111, for taxpayers who itemize their deductions, the OBBB limits how much those deductions reduce taxes if the taxpayer’s income is high.

Section 70120 allows more deductions for state and local taxes, but the amount reduces with the more money you one makes.

Section 70202, a big promise for Trump, makes overtime pay tax deductible, yet the deduction starts phasing out if the income is over \$150,000.

Section 70203 allows taxpayers to deduct interest payments on new cars, yet the deduction is reduced if the taxpayer earns more than \$100,000 per year.

Section 70601 is designed to prevent wealthy individuals from using large business losses to avoid paying taxes.

Section 70603 closes a loophole that allowed large corporations avoid limits on tax deductions for high executive pay by spreading salaries across related companies in a corporate group.

Finally, Section 73001 disallows anyone making more than \$1 million dollars per year to receive unemployment benefits.

Basically, every time a tax break is mentioned, there seemed to be an income cap.

There are two major problems with reading a bill of this magnitude.

First, at nearly 900 pages, it’s just too long. It is believed that bills should be broken down into smaller, more accessible measures to allow legislators to be able to disagree with some portions without killing the entire deal.

Second, to understand this bill, one must know all the ins and outs of the 2017 tax bill. In several sections, the bill simply referenced or reverted things back to the 2017 tax bill without giving the details of the old bill. The only way to understand the full details of OBBB is to have a copy of the 2017 bill and read them side by side and line by line. Doing so is where many of the tax breaks for the wealthy were created, which OBBB simply reinstated, like Pass-Through QBI Deduction, high Corporate Tax Rate and higher Estate/Gift Tax.

Honestly, it’s brilliant how calculated and strategic our Founders were to create a democratic republic as our frame of government because a straight democracy simply would not work here and now. Not everyone has two weeks to read an entire bill. And even then, there were plenty of parts where the bill was utterly confusing.

So, does this bill benefit the rich or our middle class? The answer seems to be yes to both. Basically, the OBBB carried over major tax cuts on income, businesses and estates from the 2017 bill which help the wealthy while new portions created several tax breaks for our middle class.

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historically speaking
by dr. james finck

Post revolutionized American eating

While all people do some good during their lives, a few people bring about major changes that impact almost everyone. Charles W. Post was such a man.

Suffering from a nervous breakdown, Post came from Minois to Fort Worth in 1886 hoping the change of climate would be beneficial. While in Fort Worth, he dabbled in real estate and helped establish the Sylvania Addition. Living on a 200-acre ranch in what is now Forest Park, Post maintained adequate health until 1890 when he suffered a relapse. Changing climates again, he entered a sanitarium in Battle Creek, Michigan.

In charge of the sanitarium were Dr. John Kellogg, superintendent, and W. K. Kellogg, business manager, who were supplementing their patients’ diets with food substitutes made from grain.

Because the coffee in the sanitarium was atrocious, Post decided that he also could devise a food substitute. He had known poor people in West Texas who produced better coffee than that in the sanitarium by mixing chicory with roasted wheat. Recovering sufficiently to leave the sanitarium, Post remained in Battle Creek, and after a period of experimentation, he developed a beverage from wheat, bran, and molasses. Post gave this new beverage the name of Postum.

Aided by an aggressive advertising strategy, Postum quickly caught on. The new beverage became such a success that a number of competitors arose, one of which was Monk’s Brew, which was really the same thing as Postum but selling under a different name. Because Postum was selling at twenty-five cents

and Monk’s Brew at five cents, Post was feeling the competition.

But rather than lowering the price of his Postum, Post bought out Monk’s Brew. With Post controlling both ends of the price range, the other competitors quickly dropped out of the picture. Then recalling the remaining packages of Monk’s Brew, Post repackaged the product into Postum packages and easily sold them for twenty-five cents. Postum was now the unchallenged coffee substitute.

It turned out that Postum sales were greatest in the winter. Therefore, to fill the summer slump, Post developed Grape-Nuts in 1897. Another of Post’s new cereals, Elijah’s Manna did rather poorly until 1904 when Post changed its name to Post Toasties. Other cereals followed in quick succession. The General Mills Corporation emerged, and over the years dozens of food products were added to the General Mills family.

Following his retirement from General Mills in 1906, Post returned to Texas with his wife and daughter, and he again became a real estate developer, this time helping to develop Garza County in northwest Texas.

Until Post’s arrival, Garza County had been administratively attached to Borden County for judicial purposes. Low rainfall and parched lands made farming and ranching difficult, and the population of Garza County was sparse. At a barbecue given on the OS



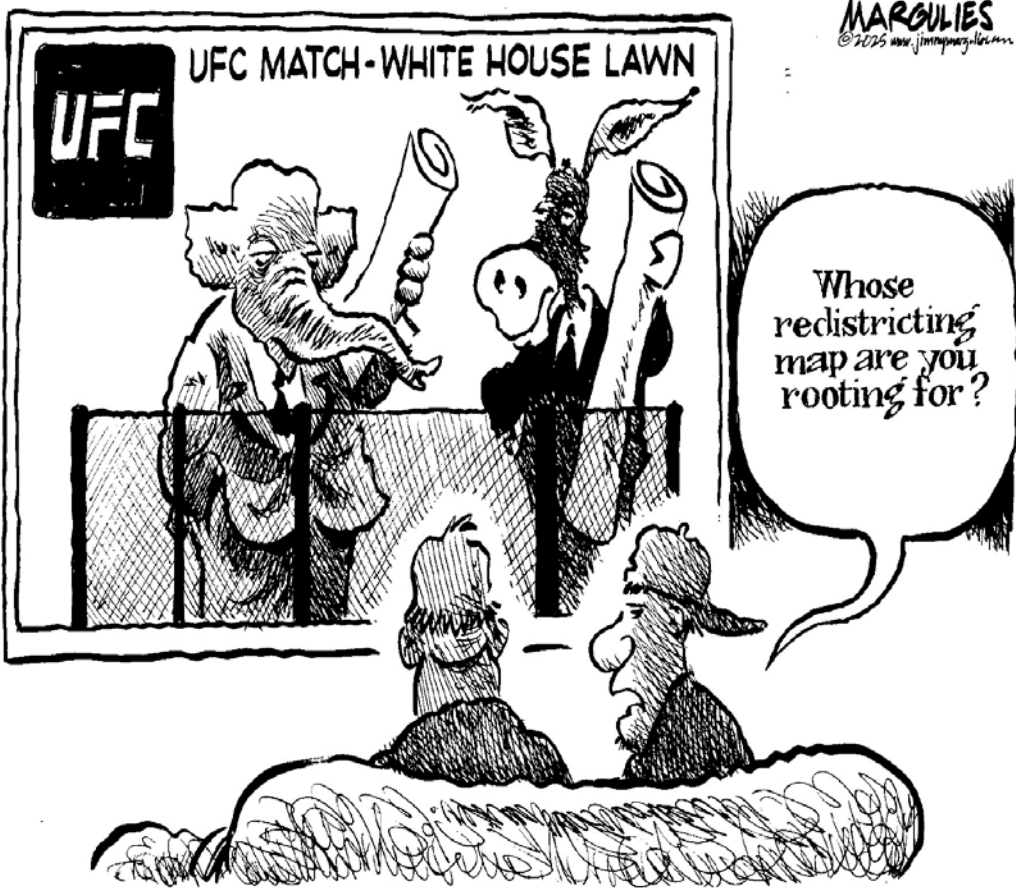
vignettes
tales of the old west
by george u. hubbard

Ranch to honor the Post family, Mr. Post made a speech in which he proposed that Garza County become reorganized for self-government. He also proposed establishing a model farm colony and a modern town. Because spring roundup was in progress on the OS, a large number of cowboys were present, and they welcomed Post’s proposal with enthusiasm. They even took up a collection to help defray expenses for an election to be held early in 1907. The election was successfully petitioned, and after the votes were counted, the result was overwhelmingly in favor of independence from Borden County. It is said that even the horses voted in favor of the measure.

In 1907 Post also founded the town that bears his name. Post, Texas, situated at the foot of majestic Caprock escarpment, became (and still is) the county seat of the fully independent Garza County. It was known as Post City until its formal incorporation in 1914.

Post went to great efforts to help the residents of Garza County cope with the arid conditions that prevailed. Sponsoring new agricultural techniques that helped make farming profitable in that area, Post even made experiments in rainmaking. Believing that upward air currents would condense atmospheric vapor and produce rain, he exploded many charges of dynamite, both in the air and on the ground. It is claimed that these experiments were 40 percent effective. Although Post, who died in 1914, had created an empire in foods and had revolutionized America’s eating habits, he was a Texan at heart.

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



Saluting the 2025 Hedley Owls team

I am not a writer. I’m a Dad. Hedley is a six-man football tam with only six players participating in sports. A seventh will be joining shortly. Saturday, August 16th, these six players played two back-to-back scrimmage football games with only a five-minute delay between games to switch fields. Not only did they switch fields in the five-minute delay, the also carried there gear from field to field.

I personally am very proud of these

players and their parents/guardians, Hedley staff, and coaches. These players not only play Friday night football, they also run cross country on Saturday mornings, have jobs, and attend church as a group on Wednesdays and Sundays.

These six players will one day be leading the USA, and I’m looking forward to the positive changes they will make. The six players are Takoda Edwards, Paeton Glover, Brady Goodwin, Payton Inman, Kutter O’Keefe, and

Josue Prieto. The seventh player will be Alex Garcia. They are led by Coach Grant and Coach Hood.

Some folks have made the statement that Hedley doesn’t offer enough because the school is small. I think they offer more. They offer “team,” not “I.”

One of the players made a statement to his Dad, “I’m tired and sore, but I’m not letting my teammates down.” And that was after the first game.

Shaun O’Keefe

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the lion's tale

by brian barboza

The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting August 19, 2025, with Boss Lion Pro Tem Chanel Silva in charge.

We had nine members and one guest this week – Anna Howard, who presented our program.

Mrs. Howard spoke about her career and the role of the Donley County Hospital District. She started as a paramedic with the district and then became the district administrator in 2007. The district funds and oversees the Associated Ambulance Authority as well as providing help for indigent citizens with their healthcare.

The Authority has four ambulances to cover Donley County and receives about 800 calls per year. They are currently working on purchasing a new ambulance, which will cost in excess of \$400,000. The district has been saving for this for several years. They also hope to get a second new ambulance thanks to some state funding that is becoming available for rural counties. All of the current ambulances have more than 200,000 miles on them.

The hospital district tax you pay goes mostly to cover the ambulance service with a small part going to indigent health care. The district levies a tax of about 17 cents per \$100 valuation.

There being no further business, we were adjourned.

New Era:

Continued from page one.

Texas A&M University. Most importantly to Treichel is the long list of great students he has had the opportunity to see grow and flourish both while at Clarendon and beyond.

It has been a pleasure to uphold the tradition that was set before my arrival as coach,” Treichel said. “I would like to thank all of the students and their parents that I have had the pleasure of working with over the past years. Many of whom have become lifelong friends. Seeing them succeed in life has given me much more pride than a banner or trophy ever could.”

As the program facilitates this smooth transition, Treichel will still carry the title of judging teams’ consultant and will be available to assist where needed. He will also continue to travel with the team in the fall.

“Johnny and I have made a great team over the past six years,” Gillespie said. “Johnny has been so much more than a co-worker to me. When you spend that much time together, you become like family. I will forever cherish his mentorship, and it will be reassuring to have him remain close to the program and be there to lean on and offer support and advice.”

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.560241 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of City of Clarendon.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.560241 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.537774 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.560241 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2025 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for City of Clarendon from the same properties in both the 2024 tax year and the 2025 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that City of Clarendon may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that City of Clarendon is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2025 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 11, 2025 AT 5:00 pm AT Clarendon City Hall, 313 South Sully Street, Clarendon Texas 79226.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, City of Clarendon is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the Clarendon City Council of City of Clarendon at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

Property tax amount= (tax rate) x (taxable value of your property)/100

FOR the proposal: Tom Thompson, Brittney Wolfe, Christopher Topliff, Ashlee Estlack, Chelsi Shadle

AGAINST the proposal: PRESENT and not voting: Mayor Jacob Fangman
ABSENT:

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

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

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

	2024	2025	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.593711	\$0.560241	decrease of -.033470 per \$100, or -5.64%
Average homestead taxable value	\$89,404	\$115,847	increase of 29.58%
Tax on average homestead	\$530.80	\$649.02	increase of 118.22, or 22.27%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$391,907	\$408,047	increase of 16,140, or 4.12%

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

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October 10 & 11
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Menus

August 25 - 29

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Sliced ham, buttered carrots, black eyed peas, whole wheat roll, apple crisp, iced tea/2% milk.
Tues: Chicken teriyaki, long grain rice, stir fry veggies, butter cake, whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Goulash (beef, tomato, macaroni, cheese), mixed greens, cornbread, coconut cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Soft tacos, Spanish rice, ranch style beans, garden salad, sopapilla cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Ham & navy beans, spinach, mashed potatoes, cornbread, bread pudding, iced tea/2% milk

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Stuffed baked potato w/ ham, broccoli, whole wheat roll, pineapple cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Tues: Pork loin, brown rice, peas & carrots, whole wheat roll, pumpkin pie, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Chicken fried steak w/ country gravy, homemade mashed potatoes, green beans w/bacon & onions, whole wheat biscuit, banana pudding, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Pot roast, brown gravy, potatoes, onions, carrots, green beans, whole wheat roll, fruit cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Chili dog on a bun, baked beans, marinated cucumber onion salad, oatmeal raisin cookie, fruit, iced tea/2% milk

Clarendon CISD

Breakfast
Mon: Sausage kolache, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Tues: Cheese omelet, toast, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Wed: Breakfast sandwich, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Thu: Breakfast pizza, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Fri: Dutch waffle, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch
Mon: X-treme burrito, corn, cucumbers, dessert, fruit, milk.
Tues: Chicken n waffles, veggie cup, potatoes, fruit, milk.
Wed: Chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, carrots, squash, grapes, milk.
Thu: Hamburger, chips, tomato cup, broccoli, pears, milk.
Fri: Meat & cheese chalupa, beans, salad, salsa, orange smiles, pudding, fruit, milk.

Hedley ISD

Breakfast
Mon: Cinnamon roll, bacon, banana, fruit juice, milk.
Tues: Pancake wrap, yogurt, mixed berries, fruit juice, milk.
Wed: Scrambled eggs, bacon, biscuit, gravy, oranges, fruit juice, milk.
Thurs: Bagel sandwich, apricots, fruit juice, milk.
Fri: French toast, sausage, grapes, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Pizza, carrots, fried okra, milk.
Tues: Chicken n waffles, tater tots, veggie cup, strawberries & bananas, milk.
Wed: BBQ sandwich, corn, zesty cucumbers, rosy applesauce, cookie, milk.
Thurs: Pizza pasta, tomato cup, broccoli, pears, milk.
Fri: Drumstick, roll, salad, tomato, cucumbers, milk.



TxDOT Childress District Car Seat Technicians honored earlier this month included (back) Daniel Valdes - Briscoe County, Shawn Willoughby - Donley County, Chris Wiley - Cottle County, Lance Rekieta - Cottle County. (front) Randy Pointer - Briscoe County, Tammie Lizama - District Operations, Nicole Tyler - Traffic Safety, Courtney Halsell - Maintenance Support, Ethan Cummings - Childress Area Office, Reagan Elliott - Motley County, and Jason Heilig - Knox County. Not pictured: Brandon Beck - Hardeman County.

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Clarendon College's Dr. Ken McIntosh received the Texans Caring for Texans Award this month.

Texans Caring for Texans awards given last week

One Clarendon College employee and 24 Childress District employees, including one from Donley County, were presented with the Texans Caring for Texans award at a ceremony on Thursday, Aug. 7 in Canyon on the campus of West Texas A&M University.

The award, established in 1996 by the late Rep. David Swinford, honors state employees who go above and beyond in their service to their communities and the state of Texas.

Dr. Ken McIntosh was honored as a faculty member of Clarendon College for his service and dedication to his students and for his work establishing a fund for co-workers battling cancer.

Reagan Elliott, TxDOT Motley County equipment operator, was honored not only for his dedication to his job but also for his involvement in the Matador community. Members of the TxDOT Employee Assistance Committee (EAC) were

also presented with the prestigious award.

The committee members volunteer their time to organize fundraisers, cook, and engage in various activities that benefit employees experiencing medical hardships. EAC members include Jeremy Beck, Mandy Cabler, Ethan Cummings, Janette Easley, Jansyn Martinez, Val Gonzalez, James Harris, Annabel Jurado, Anthony LaCario, Tammie Lizama, Trevor Ray, Michael Sanchez, Michael Torrez, Chris Wiley, and Ginger Wilson.

The TxDOT district's car seat technicians received the award for their vital role in ensuring the safety and well-being of children throughout the district. District car seat techs include Brandon Beck, Ethan Cummings, Reagan Elliott, Courtney Halsell, Jason Heilig, Tammie Lizama, Randy Pointer, Lance Rekieta, Nicole Tyler, Daniel Valdez, Chris Wiley, and Shawn Willoughby.

Emmy-winning artist to hold benefit at Clarendon College

Saddle up and let the spirit soar—when the haunting melodies of Celtic tradition meet the raw grit of cowboy soul, a night of music becomes a mission. Join Clarendon College for an unforgettable benefit concert that unites two powerful musical worlds in a heartfelt stand against cancer.

On Friday, September 19, 7:30 pm, in the Barfield Activity Center on the campus of Clarendon College, an evening with Emmy winner Connie Dover promises not only harmony, but hope, as she transforms every note into a lifeline.

Acclaimed by the Boston Globe as “the finest folk ballad singer America has produced since Joan Baez,” Connie Dover is a singer, poet and Emmy Award-winning producer and composer. Her soaring, crystal-clear voice and inspired arrangements of the music of Scotland, Ireland and early America display a depth and breadth of range that have established her as one of the world's pre-eminent traditional singers.

She studied at Oxford University, and she researched music from Edinburgh, Scotland, to Miles City, Montana.

It was around Wyoming campfires, trading songs with old-time cowboys, where Dover discovered that the ancient ballads she learned in Scotland were still being sung on

cattle trails in the Rocky Mountains.

She spends her summer cooking on a ranch in northwest Wyoming, and part of the winter months cooking at a remote hunting camp in northern Montana. Her love for the high plains and mountains of the American West paint the broad landscape of her music.

She has released six critically acclaimed solo albums, and her music can be heard on many soundtracks and recordings of folk music. She received the 2007 Emmy Award for Musical Composition and Arrangement, the Speakeasy Prize in Poetry, and the Yellowstone and Teton Song Contest Grand Prize. She has also been inducted into the Missouri Music Hall of Fame.

Her concert is a benefit event to support the College cancer fund. She has waived her usual concert fees and is being brought to Clarendon by Dr. Ken & Eulaine McIntosh. Dover is a life-long friend of Mrs. McIntosh. The evening includes a reception of light hors d'oeuvres and a chance to win one of her CDs.

Ticket prices vary, with General Admission being \$25.00 per person, or five tickets for \$100.00. Cost is less for college employees, students of all public schools, and children. Tickets go on sale next week. Watch for information in the Enterprise and on social media for how to purchase tickets.

TTU partners with FBI for national security

The Texas Tech University System (TTU System) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) have entered into a landmark Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) to advance U.S. national security, cybersecurity and critical infrastructure protection.

The agreement was signed today (Aug. 18) at the TTU System Building in Lubbock during a ceremony that included FBI Operations Director of the Criminal and Cyber Branch, B. Chad Yarbrough; U.S. Congressman Jodey Arrington; Texas Tech University (TTU) President Lawrence Schovanec, Ph.D.; Angelo State University (ASU) President Ronnie Hawkins; and TTU System Vice Chancellor of Innovation & Collaboration Stephen Bayne, Ph.D.

The CRADA marks a significant milestone in the shared commitment of the FBI and the TTU System to advance innovation, enhance national security, and foster meaningful collaboration between federal agencies and leading higher education institutions.

Under the agreement, the FBI will utilize university-led research and development through TTU's Critical Infrastructure Security Institute (CISI), which is addressing vulnerabilities in the nation's most vital systems, including the electric grid, water utilities, communication systems, military assets and other infrastructure critical to the economy.

The agreement also allows the FBI to leverage ASU's long-standing commitment to national security education through its partnerships with Goodfellow Air Force Base, its National Security Agency-certified cybersecurity programs, and its Regional Security Operations Center, which offers real-time cybersecurity defense for West Texas communities and hands-on training for students pursuing careers in cybersecurity and defense.

Through this CRADA, the FBI and TTU System institutions will collaborate on advanced research, expand training opportunities and enhance the resilience of infrastructure sectors such as energy, water, telecommunications, health care and defense.

This partnership positions the TTU System and West Texas as key leaders in defending the nation's security and sovereignty, delivering innovation, education and workforce development that will protect the nation for years to come.

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Obituaries



Thornberry

Thornberry

Patricia Grady Thornberry, 100, of Clarendon, passed away on Sunday, August 17, 2025, in Memphis.

Graveside services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 23, 2025, in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon. Viewing will be held at the funeral home on Friday, August 22 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Patricia Grady, the daughter of Don Nelson Grady and Jewel Kerbow Grady, was born at Clarendon, October 9, 1924. She was the descendant of early day pioneers who came to what would become Briscoe County and Donley County. She grew up at the family ranch in Briscoe County and at Clarendon. She belonged to the Clarendon First United Methodist Church. She attended school in Clarendon and graduated from Clarendon High School in 1942. Pat then attended TSCW (now Texas Woman’s University) where she received a BA degree in Business/Economics.

Pat married Bill Thornberry June 20, 1946, at the Little Chapel in the Woods, Denton, Texas. They lived in Clarendon two years before moving to the Grady ranch. She was the fourth generation of her family to live at the ranch, founded in 1898, and this is where they brought up their two sons. They farmed and ranched, later leasing the ranch from her parents. They raised commercial and registered Hereford cattle and belonged to the Texas Hereford Association, the American Hereford Association, and the Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raiser’s Association. In 2016 the family received the State of Texas Department of Agriculture’s Family Land Heritage Award for ownership and management of the ranch for 118 years. The fifth and sixth generations are continuing the Spike A Ranch legacy.

Pat had a lifelong interest in history and archaeology and belonged to the Clarendon Genealogy Society and the Clarendon Archaeology Society. She was also a member of Les Beaux Arts Club and the Scarlet Saints Chapter of the Red Hat Society.

Pat was devoted to God, her family, and the ranch.

She was preceded in death by Bill on December 16, 2010.

She is survived by two sons, Richard and wife, Leane, of Lub-

bock and William Don (Sandy) and wife, Bobbie, of Clarendon; grandchildren Trisha DuBose of Lubbock, Amy Thornberry of Clarendon, Seth Thornberry (Tara) of Dallas, and Carey Thornberry (Ashley) of Early; great-grandchildren Mia, Perry, and Phoebe DuBose; Evelyn and Minerva Thornberry; Hallie and Harper Thornberry and Hayden Welch; and nephews Mac, Drew, and Lance Thornberry and their families.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials may be made to Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department, PO Box 364, Clarendon, Texas 79226; Silverton Volunteer Fire Department, PO Box 250, Silverton, Texas 79257; or to the charity of your choice.

Gillham

Martha “Beth” Gillham, 85, of Austin, Texas, passed away on August 4, 2025, from complications of cancer, she was surrounded by loving friends.

Born on July 29, 1940, in Clarendon, Texas, Beth was the only child of John Rollins Gillham and Clara Alexander Gillham. From an early age, she stood out for her determination and spirit. As a girl, she could often be found at the West Texas Fat Stock Shows, proudly leading her entries and bringing home ribbons — the first of many honors in a life filled with accomplishment.

Beth’s love of learning carried her to Texas Tech University, where she earned her B.S. in Food & Nutrition and Home Economics Education. More importantly, she formed friendships that would last a lifetime, including Betsy Hanson, who became as close as a sister. She went on to earn her Ph.D. in Nutrition from Iowa State University, where she met Harriett McCoy, another soul who became family.

In 1975, Beth moved to Austin to join the University of Texas as an Associate Professor of Human Ecology in the College of Natural Sciences. For the next 30 years, she poured her energy into teaching and mentoring, serving as Director of the Coordinated Program in Dietetics and guiding more than 400 dietitians into the profession. She supervised countless graduate students, offering not just academic guidance but life advice, encouragement, and the occasional gentle nudge to “get back on track.” She was dedicated to the Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics (AND), and was recognized by her peers, earning the prestigious Medalion Award in 1991. She served as chair of the AND Commission on Accreditation and Education Standards, where she earned her peers respect for her leadership and commitment to the excellence in the education of dietetic practitioners. She was also recognized for the 50-year Membership Award in 2013, and the Texas Dietitian of the Year in 1989.

Beth’s professional life was

deeply entwined with personal connections. Upon arriving at UT, she found a mentor and friend in fellow professor Margaret Epwright but that was just one of many lifelong friendships she nourished. Beth also grew close to professors Phyllis Richards and Margaret Briley. Over time, Beth became the mentor and supported students-turned-professors-turned-friends Monica Meadows and Lynn Davis who became like family.

Although Beth was an only child, she wove together a wide and loving family from her aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. She stayed close to Harriett and Betsy’s families, and was a proud surrogate aunt to Kathryn (Vern) Hanson and Julie (Matt) Malwitz.

She believed family was as much about choice as about birth, and she chose generously. She cultivated her garden of friends by staying in touch by Zoom, phone and email with friends from her school days in Clarendon and Iowa State as well as her Alexander and Gillham cousins, former students and CPD faculty.

A devoted member of Northwest Hills United Methodist Church, Beth made many close friendships in the church family. She also volunteered on many committees, with a special fondness for the Finance Committee, where her sharp mind and steady hand were invaluable.

She had a zest for life outside of work and church, too. Beth was a loyal University of Texas sports fan, often spotted at the Lady Longhorns basketball games or cheering football from her living room. She loved water aerobics, reading, dominos, and bridge. She delighted in travel — both across the United States and internationally — with her beloved friends from the university and church. The ocean, especially, spoke to her soul, and she dreamed of one last cruise across the seas.

Beth will be remembered as a generous and unwavering leader, a wise and compassionate mentor, and a steadfast friend. She stood up for people who needed a voice, and behind her advocacy was quiet, consistent generosity. Her life was not only about what she accomplished, but about the people she lifted up along the way.

She is preceded in death by her parents, John and Clara Gillham; Harriett McCoy and Betsy Hanson. She is survived by Kathryn (Vern) Hanson; Julie (Matt) Malwitz; Monica (Rob) Meadows; Lynn Davis; Mary Frances Markley and Cathy Troutner.

A graveside service will be held on August 23 in Clarendon, Texas. A memorial service will be held in Austin at Northwest Hills United Methodist Church on November 15th at 1:00 p.m.

She was a special woman whose light and kindness touched many — and she will be deeply missed.

Memorial contributions may be made to Northwest Hills United Methodist Church, 7050 Village Center Dr., Austin, TX 78731; Habitat for Humanity, 8001 Cameron Rd., Austin, TX 78754; or online to Habitat for Humanity International.



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CLUES ACROSS

1. Mongolian politician
5. Coconut palms
10. Rounded knob
14. Japanese city
15. Covers in soft material
16. Walk around
17. Ancient region in Syria
18. French painter
19. Grandmother
20. Cow part
22. Rocky peak
23. Secret plan
24. Sings to one’s lover
27. More (Spanish)
30. Father
31. Chinese philosophical principle
32. Hat
35. In agreement
37. A person’s brother or sister
38. Evil spirit
39. Monetary units
40. Partner to cheese

41. About Sun
42. A place to dance
43. Performer ___ Lo Green
44. Beach accessory
45. Recipe measurement (abbr.)
46. Partly digested food
47. Pooch
48. Honorific title added to family name
49. Salts
52. Lichens genus
55. Lowest point of a ridge
56. Type of sword
60. Albanian language
61. Gold measurement
63. Italian seaport
64. Longtime late night host
65. Extremely angry
66. U. of Miami mascot
67. Mid-month day
68. Omitted from printed matter
69. Upper body part

CLUES DOWN

1. Two-toed sloth
2. Cooking ingredient
3. Iranian city
4. Publicly outs
5. Steep-sided hollow
6. Spoke
7. General law or rule
8. Extravagantly theatrical
9. Very fast airplane
10. Arm bones
11. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
12. ___ fide: legitimate
13. Gemstone
21. Counsels
23. Top exec
25. Cool!
26. Touch lightly
27. Extract money via taxation
28. Dyes
29. Cloying sweetness
32. Soft drinks
33. Capital of Guam

34. Chemical compound
36. The bill in a restaurant
37. Car mechanics group
38. Late comedian Newhart
40. Health care for the aged
41. Wise individuals
43. A passage with access only at one end
44. Trim
46. Former OSS
47. The upper surface of the mouth
49. Edible lily bulbs
50. Type of reef
51. Vaccine developer
52. Mottled citrus fruit
53. A place to store lawn tools
54. Rare goose native to Hawaii
57. Hollywood pig
58. Musician Clapton
59. Take a chance
61. Spanish soldier
62. Mark Wahlberg comedy

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Concert to be held at CC on September 19

A special concert will be held at the Clarendon College Bairfield Activity Center on Friday, September 19, to help raise funds for college employees battling cancer.

The Western Winds and Celtic Whispers concert will feature Emmy award-winning singer/songwriter Connie Dover for a night of Celtic Soul and Cowboy Spirit with the show starting at 7:30 p.m.

General admission will be a minimum donation of \$25.00 per person or five people for \$100. College employees can enter for a minimum donation of \$15 each, students ages 13 to 22 are \$10 each, and kids 12 and under get in for \$5.

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Law enforcement is increasing patrols for Labor Day Holiday

Whether it's coming home from the pool or a BBQ, summer fun can end quickly with just one bad decision. Every 23 minutes there's a crash in Texas involving a driver under the influence of alcohol. That's more than 60 crashes a day in our state and adds up to a lifetime of pain for families who lost loved ones.

As the Labor Day holiday approaches, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is asking Texans not to drink and drive and to always choose a sober ride. Law enforcement will be watching for Texas drivers who make the wrong choice and drive drunk instead of calling a ride, taking public transit, or designating a sober driver. Texans know that it's never just about fol-

lowing the law — it's about saving lives.

"As Texans, we care about our neighbors and families, and that doesn't stop when we get behind the wheel," said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. "Even when you are celebrating Labor Day, it's important to do so responsibly and choose a sober ride so we can all get home safely."

Drunk driving has far-reaching risks and consequences, but you can always find a sober ride. That's the message TxDOT hopes to spread with its "Drive Sober. No Regrets" Labor Day campaign and partnership with Texas law enforcement agencies.

In Texas in 2024: During the summer, 273 people were killed and 596 were seriously injured in DUI-alcohol related crashes. (June 1 - Aug. 31, 2024) Over Labor Day weekend alone, there were 327 DUI-alcohol related traffic crashes, resulting in 10 fatalities and 36 serious injuries. (Friday, Aug. 30, 6 p.m. to Monday, Sept. 2, 11:59 p.m.). Twenty-four percent of the total traffic deaths during the Labor Day time period in Texas were DUI-alcohol related.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is conducting a national increased enforcement period Aug. 15 - Sept. 1 to stop drunk drivers. Local Texas law enforcement will mirror the same enforcement period and boost efforts to identify motorists suspected of driving while intoxicated.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.243937 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Clarendon College.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.243937 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.234731 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.254206 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2025 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Clarendon College from the same properties in both the 2024 tax year and the 2025 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that Clarendon College may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Clarendon College is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2025 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON August 21, 2025 AT 5:45 pm AT Clarendon College Bairfield Activity Center VIP Room.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Clarendon College is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the Board of Regents of Clarendon College at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

Property tax amount= (tax rate) x (taxable value of your property)/100

FOR the proposal:	Jim Shelton Janice Knorpp Shaun O'Keefe Clay Montgomery	Lon Adams Guy Ellis Jay Anders
AGAINST the proposal:	None	
PRESENT and not voting:	None	
ABSENT:	Chris Matthews	Carey Wann

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

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

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

	2024	2025	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.254900	\$0.243937	decrease of -0.010963 per \$100, or -4.30%
Average homestead taxable value	\$72,481	\$84,114	increase of 16.05%
Tax on average homestead	\$184.75	\$205.19	increase of 20.44, or 11.06%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$787,309	\$825,000	increase of 37,691, or 4.79%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Clarendon College at 806-874-3571 or , or visit https://www.clarendoncollege.edu/ for more information.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.5588672 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Donley County.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.5588672 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.5417750 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.5591530 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2025 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Donley County from the same properties in both the 2024 tax year and the 2025 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that Donley County may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Donley County is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2025 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON August 31, 2025 AT 2:00 PM AT the Donley County Courthouse.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Donley County is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the Commissioner's Court of Donley County at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

Property tax amount= (tax rate) x (taxable value of your property)/100

FOR the proposal:	Judge John Howard Greg Wootten Dan Sawyer	Del Essary Daniel Ford
AGAINST the proposal:	None	
PRESENT and not voting:	None	
ABSENT:	None	

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The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by Donley County last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Donley County this year.

	2024	2025	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.5839820	\$0.5588672	decrease of -0.0251148 per \$100, or -4.30%
Average homestead taxable value	\$73,949	\$80,911	increase of 9.41%
Tax on average homestead	\$431.85	\$452.19	increase of 20.34, or 4.71%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$2,045,254	\$2,125,417	increase of 80,163, or 3.92%

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Clarendon Lions Club Regular meeting each Tuesday at noon. Brian Barboza, Boss Lion. Roger Estlack, Secretary

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

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

FACILITIES AVAILABLE - Family Reunions, Receptions, Business Meetings, Club Functions, and more. Clarendon Lions Hall, 111 W. Fourth. Call 874-2259 for rental information.

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Saints' Roost Museum
610 East Harrington
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Call 874-2746.

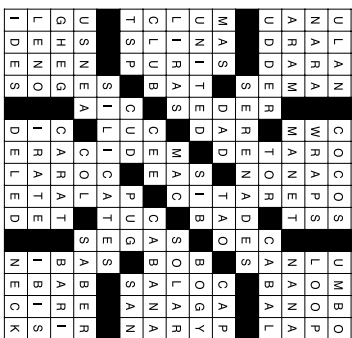
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Thanks again,
Allene Leathers

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THE CITY OF HEDLEY is now accepting applications for a City Clerk. Application available at City Hall 109 Main Street. The City of Hedley is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

THE CITY OF HEDLEY is now accepting applications for a part time Trash Truck Driver. 9-3 Monday - Thursday and 9-12 Friday. Apply in person at City Hall 109 Main Street. The City of Hedley is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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CLARENDON COLLEGE is accepting separate bids for the sale of the following two surplus vehicles. All vehicles will be sold as is. Contact Doug Kidd 806-206-5032 with questions. Bids must be submitted to Darrin Trumper at the president's office no later than 3:30p.m., August 29, 2025.
2006 Toyota Corolla, 1.8 liter 4 cylinder engine, 298,544 miles.
2006 Toyota Avalon, 3.5 liter V6 engine, 348,159 miles.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET FOR DONLEY COUNTY
A Public Hearing on the Donley County Proposed Budget will be held on August 31st, 2025, at 2:00 pm in the Commissioners Courtroom in the Courthouse in Clarendon. This year's Budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$80,163, which is a 3.92 percent increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$20,747.00.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON
Proposed 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget
The City of Clarendon (City) City Council will

LEGAL NOTICE

hold a public hearing on the proposed 2025-2026 fiscal year budget. The public hearing will be held in the City of Clarendon City Hall Building at 313 South Sully, Clarendon, Texas 79226 at 5:30 p.m. on September 4, 2025. The public is encouraged to review the City's proposed budget on the City of Clarendon website at <https://cityofclarendontx.com> or view a paper copy of the budget in the City Secretary's office. THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY \$16,140 WHICH IS A 4.12% INCREASE FROM LAST YEAR'S BUDGET. THE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR IS \$2,424. Members of the public are encouraged to provide input through any means available and/or to attend the public hearing. The Clarendon City Council will vote to adopt the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 at the end of the Public Hearing.

CLARENDON COLLEGE is soliciting proposals for Commercial Buses of various sizes for the programs of our institution. Proposals are to be received in the Athletic Office, P.O. Box 968, 1122 College Drive, Clarendon, College, Clarendon, Texas 79226, faxed to (806) 874-1498 or emailed to mark.james@clarendoncollege.edu. Proposals must be received by 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 20, 2025 (the "due date"). Brand Names and Model Numbers are to establish quality. Approved substitute brands will be considered. Please furnish complete specifications for brands other than stipulated on this proposal. Clarendon College reserves the right to determine whether or not an item meets approval for a substitute. Evaluation criteria will consist of the following:
a) Prior Performance and Reputation (especially among fellow educational institutions)
b) Warranties and Exchange Policies
c) The total long term cost to the College District to acquire the goods and services
d) Compliance with specifications
e) Billing and Shipping Accuracy
f) Delivery and Installation Schedules (Complete units must be shipped.)
g) Proposed purchase price and quality of vendor's proposed goods and services
h) The extent to which the goods and services meet the needs of the College
i) Vendor Profile
j) Experience and qualifications of the service provider
k) The vendor's past relationship with the College District
Clarendon College reserves the right to negotiate with any/all proposers at any time, before or after submission of a proposal. Clarendon College reserves the right to reject any or all bids/proposals and to waive technicalities. For questions regarding this request, contact Mark James, Director of Athletics, Clarendon College (806) 874-4833 or mark.james@clarendoncollege.edu. Proposals should address all of the questions/issues that have been shown in this request. Failure to adhere to these procedures or to obtain approval for deviations may result in an incomplete evaluation of your proposal. Estimated date of award: August 20, 2025.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE - THE STATE OF TEXAS - COUNTY OF DONLEY. By virtue of Orders of Sale issued out of the Judicial District 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,

LEGAL NOTICE

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 INDEPENDENT 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, Howardwick, Texas
Tract 2: GEO: 13-01-0320-0590-0001
LOT #59 Pueblo, Sherwood Shores, Howardwick, Texas
Cause No. DTX-19-07500, DONLEY COUNTY vs. RIPPETOE, 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, according 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 APPRAISAL DISTRICT vs GUILLEN, JOSE SANTANA
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
Tract 1: GEO: 13-01-0140-1400-0001
All of Lot(s) 140 & 141. Country Club Central Section, of Sherwood Shores IX, situated in Donley County, Texas
ALL BIDDERS MUST REGISTER WITH THE TAX OFFICE PRIOR TO SHERIFF'S SALE. Levied on the 28th day of July 2025 and the 4th of August 2025 as the property of said Defendants to satisfy the judgments rendered in the above styled and numbered causes, plus all taxes, penalties, interest, and attorney fees accrued to the date of sale and all costs recoverable by law in favor of each jurisdiction. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 28th DAY OF JULY 2025 AND THE 4TH OF AUGUST 2025. CHARLES H. BLACKBURN, JR. Sheriff, DONLEY County, Texas

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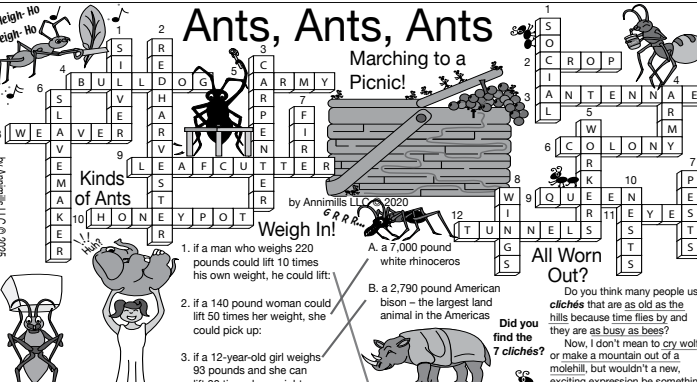
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1. If a man who weighs 220 pounds could lift 10 times his own weight, he could lift:
A. a 7,000 pound white rhinoceros
B. a 2,790 pound American bison - the largest land animal in the Americas
C. a 2,200 pound crocodile

2. If a 140 pound woman could lift 50 times her weight, she could pick up:
A. a 7,000 pound white rhinoceros
B. a 2,790 pound American bison - the largest land animal in the Americas
C. a 2,200 pound crocodile

3. If a 12-year-old girl weighs 93 pounds and she can lift 30 times her weight, then she can lift:
A. a 7,000 pound white rhinoceros
B. a 2,790 pound American bison - the largest land animal in the Americas
C. a 2,200 pound crocodile

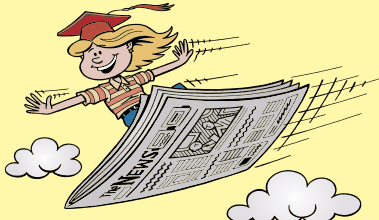
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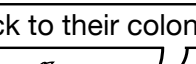
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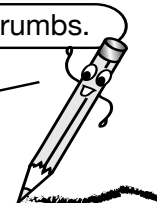
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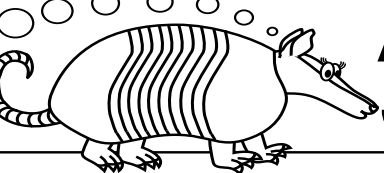


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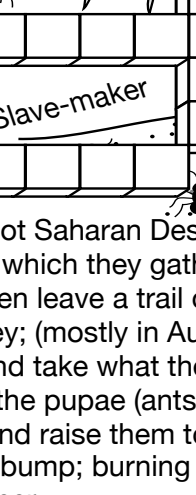
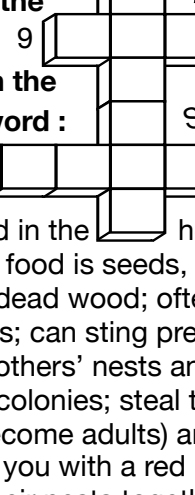
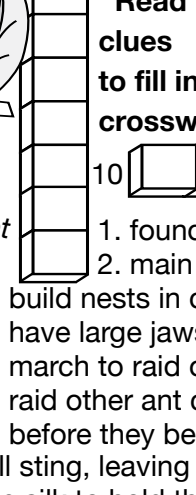
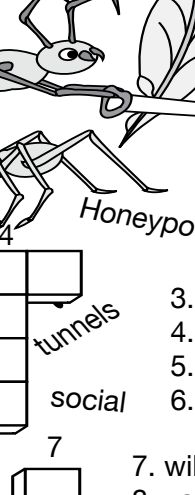
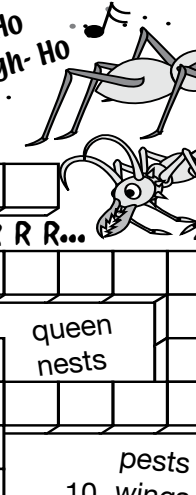
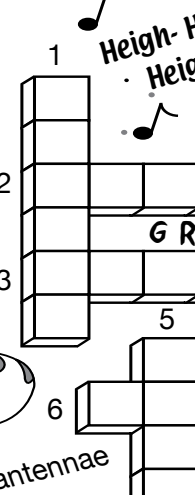
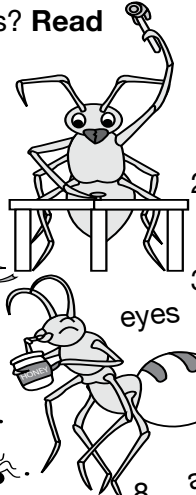
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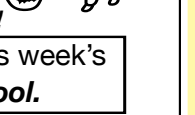
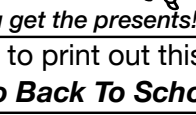
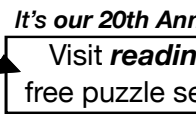
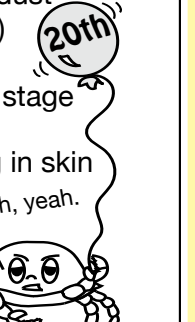
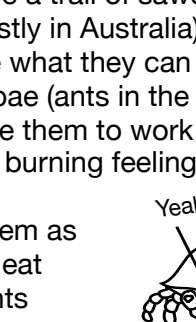
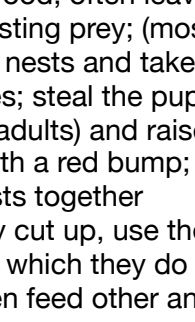
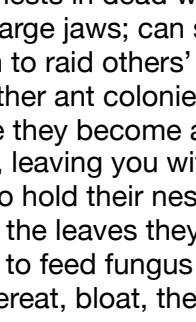
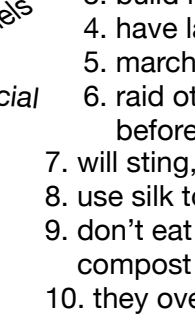
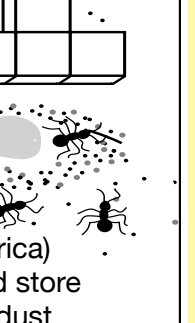
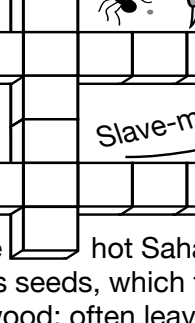
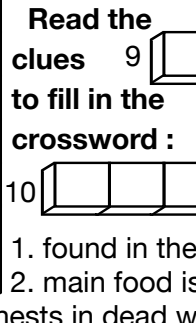
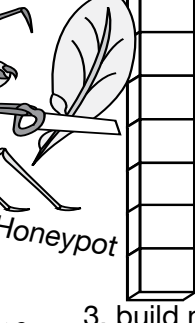
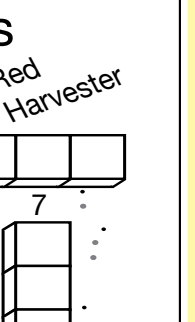
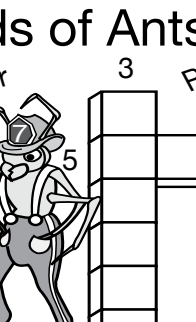
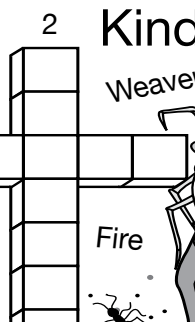
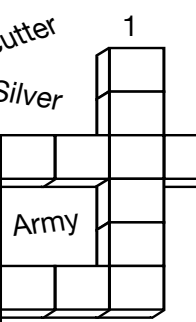
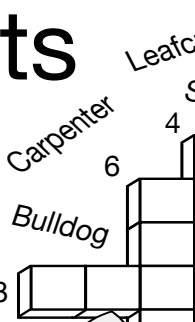
Ants are world-famous insects. There are over 8,000 kinds of ants. They seem to be everywhere except in very cold areas of the world. They have been found in the ground, in rotting wood, under sidewalks, in buildings and even on ships at sea! Ants can be helpful to us because they control pests. However, sometimes ants sting or bite us, or get into our food supplies. Then we think **they** are the pests!

How much do you know about ants? **Read the clues to fill in the crossword:**

- called this because they live and work together and help each other
- will share food stored in this part of his body with other ants
- these sense flavors, sounds, odors; also used to "talk" to other ants
- these ants "march," keeping on the move, carrying everything
- ants that build and defend the nest, care for the young, gather food and do all of the other work
- a group of ants
- ants help us by getting rid of these
- young queens and males have these to fly
- largest ant, lays all the eggs
- often built in the earth or in wood
- most ants have 2 compound _____, each made up of tinier ones
- used to travel from room to room in nest



Read the clues to fill in the crossword:



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