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

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.

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.

The Donley Appraisal District will hold its budget hearing on September 9 at 7 p.m. at 304 S. Kearney.

The City of Hedley will hold a tax hearing on September 11 at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

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.

Arkansas man gets five year sentence

An Arkansas man was sentenced last Monday, August 18, when the 100th Judicial District Court met in Donley County.

Bralen Malika Austin, 28, from Weymouth, Ark., was sentenced to five years in prison for the third-degree felony offense of evading arrest in a motor vehicle, with a deadly weapon.

Austin was arrested by Texas DPS Trooper Lynn Mays on December 8, 2019. Austin was placed on probation on July 7, 2021 for four years.

On September 22, 2022, the State filed its motion requesting the court to revoke Austin's probation, alleging 10 violations of his conditions of probation. Austin pleaded true to the violations of his community supervision.

Austin was also ordered to pay the remaining \$4,000 fine and \$305 court costs.

City to host open government class

The City of Clarendon will host and seminar on the Texas Open Meetings Act and Texas Open Records Act on September 18 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Bairfield Activity Center.

The city is inviting all local elected officials as well as the general public. The seminar is free, but the city would appreciate a \$25 donation to help cover the cost of the training. Those interested in attending are asked to RSVP to City Secretary Machiel Covey by September 12 at 806-874-3438.



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CCISD to honor Kenny King

The name of Kenny King, one of Clarendon High School's most famous alumni, will be added to the football field at Bronco Stadium following Monday night's action by the CCISD Board of Trustees.

Following an online community survey, trustees voted in favor of approving Kenny King Field at Bronco Stadium.

Clarendon CISD Interim Superintendent Rick Teran said the survey results showed almost 60 percent approved or

strongly approved of the proposal.

More than 75 percent of respondents were very familiar with King's accomplishments, and another 17.1 percent were somewhat familiar. Of those taking the survey, 79.3 percent said it was important to recognize outstanding alumni.

Teran said the school board approved the measure 5-2 with Trustees Chrisi Tuck and Mike Word voting against the measure.

Tuck told the Enterprise

she likes the idea of recognizing alumni but was concerned about where naming things might lead. Word could not be reached before press time.

Teran said he was happy with the decision and hopes to find ways to honor more outstanding alumni.

"I think it's a great idea," Teran said. "I also think we should go further with something like a Hall of Honor."

The interim superintendent said he hopes to put forth an idea of plaques in the gym that could recognize outstand-

ing alumni whether those people have found success in athletics, politics, music, and other fields.

Teran said King will be attending Clarendon High School homecoming activities next week, but a formal naming ceremony will not be held until later in the football season.

A 1974 graduate of CHS King set a Super Bowl record Oakland Raiders' victory in Super Bowl XV and also played for the Raiders in Super Bowl XVIII.



Former Clarendon High School coach Jeff Walker watches as Super Bowl legend Kenny King addresses the crowd at the Bronco Gym during the 2016 presentation of a golden football to the community leading up to Super Bowl 50.

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Sweet refreshments

Hazeley McClelland and August Moffett smile in their new lemonade stand Saturday. The first class structure was built by their grandfather, and the girls were doing a brisk business with lemonade, tea, cupcakes, sno cones, and other treats on the hot afternoon.

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Jackson celebrates export control law

Congressman Ronny Jackson's (TX-13) bill, the Maintaining American Superiority by Improving Export Control Transparency Act, was signed into law last week by President Trump.

This legislation authorizes disclosures to Congress of each export control license application, clarifying the applicant, the recipient, and the decision made, and the compliance measures implemented to uphold U.S. export regulations. Representative Sara Jacobs (CA-51) co-led this bill in the House, and Senators Jim Banks (R-IN) and Mark Warner (D-VA) championed the companion bill in the Senate.

"Today, President Trump took decisive action to secure America's supply chain and prevent cutting-edge technology

from being acquired by our most dangerous adversaries," Jackson said.

"By signing the Maintaining American Superiority by Improving Export Control Transparency Act into law, we are securing the advanced technologies that keep our nation safe and ahead of China, Russia, Iran, and North Korea. This law is an important step in protecting American innovations, strengthening our defenses, and ensuring the United States remains the undisputed leader in a rapidly changing and increasingly hostile world."

"Proud to see this bill on President Trump's desk," said House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Brian Mast. "Export controls are critical to winning the AI arms race and this technology

will define generations to come. President Trump and Republicans in Congress will ensure the right tools are in place to maintain U.S. dominance."

"I was honored to join President Trump at the White House today as he signed my bill into law," said Senator Jim Banks. "This will help keep America safe by ensuring our sensitive technology doesn't end up in the hands of China to be used against us."

"I'm grateful that our bipartisan, bicameral bill is becoming law," said Congresswoman Sara Jacobs. "This legislation ensures more transparency around what the United States exports – from nuclear materials to chemicals to high-end technology – to both protect our national security and continue to promote American

innovation at its finest."

"As our strategic competitors are working overtime to close the technology gap, the United States must remain vigilant in protecting the innovation that underpins our national security and economic leadership," said Senator Mark Warner.

"I'm proud to see the Maintaining American Superiority by Improving Export Control Transparency Act signed into law. This legislation strengthens oversight of our export control processes, increases transparency, and will help ensure that critical technologies don't fall into the wrong hands. It's an important step forward in modernizing how we safeguard emerging technologies while maintaining our competitive edge globally."

Homecoming reunion gains big attention

Clarendon High School Homecoming 2025 next weekend is shaping up to be one of the biggest in many years thanks to the volunteer efforts of several alumni.

More than 280 people are expected to arrive for the alumni reunion, and the list is growing daily.

The event was the idea of the late Tommy Hill, Class of 1974, and a committee led by Virginia Patten, Renee Mott and others have made it a reality with plans for fun over a three-day period, September 4-6.

The Sandell Drive-In will kick things off Thursday night with a special screening of Grease. The show starts at dusk, and the Sandell's famous hamburgers will be available.

Friday's activities begin that morning with golf at the Clarendon Country Club. "Friday Golf" at the club, \$15 per person gets green fees and a cart. Tee time is 10 a.m. For more golf information, call Tim Brown at 806-662-1184.

The new downtown event center The Roost will be the location for much of the reunion activities. Located in the former Cowboy Church in the 200 block of S. Kearney, The Roost will be open at 11 a.m. Friday for visiting and snacks, and alumni are welcome to hang out there anytime over the weekend. For those who ordered the alumni t-shirts, those will be available at lunch at The Roost.

The Homecoming Pep Rally will be at 2:30 p.m. at the Bronco Gym. The Colt Parents' Mexican Pile-On will be from 5 to 7 p.m. at the school cafeteria for \$10 per plate. Charcuterie and Sloppy Joes will also be available before and after the game at The Roost. The Broncos will take on Sanford-Fritch at 7:30.

A Fifth Quarter will follow the game at The Roost with deejay music, snacks, and BYOB.

Saturday the Roost will open at 8 a.m. with donuts and coffee. JD's Food Truck will be on site for breakfast burritos and lunch.

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce will host a Sip & Shop tour starting at 1:30 p.m. with buses taking shoppers to local businesses. A sign-up form is available at ClarendonTx.com for those interested. There is no charge, but seating is limited.

The Mulkey Theatre will hold a matinee show of Jaws at 2 p.m. with a special \$5 admission price., and a Dessert Bar will be available at The Roost starting at 3 p.m.

The Homecoming Supper will be catered by Dyers BBQ Saturday night with serving to begin at 7 p.m. and live music on Kearney Street by "Just In Time." Barbeque is \$20 per plate and you must RSVP with payment to Renee Mott by this Friday, August 29. REFZ Sports Bar & Grill will provide a mobile full-service bar at the event starting at 6:30 p.m.

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US ignoring forgotten war in Korea

How many are surprised to know that this summer marked the 75th anniversary of the start of a war that claimed the lives of more than 36,000 Americans?

If this had been a major anniversary of the American Civil War or World War II there would be ceremonies and parades, yet with the Korean War, relatively nothing.

Appropriately called “the forgotten war,” Korea technically was a United Nations conflict and not an American war; although, American troops made the largest contingent in combat and the combined forces were led by American five-star General Douglas MacArthur.

On June 25, 1950, only five years after the end of WWII, the Northern Korea People’s Army invaded South Korea. U.S. President Harry S. Truman’s foreign policy of containment meant he must do everything in his power to stop North Korea and South Korea from uniting under communist control.



historically speaking
by dr. james finck

Because it has everything history buffs love to study, it’s hard to understand why the Korean War is nearly forgotten. There is a reason WWII is so much more popular than World War I. Wars like WWII and the Civil War are “sexy” — a word I hate but have learned to accept. When students were asked to name battles and generals from WWII, they can name at least a dozen. When asked the same for WWI: silence

WWII and the Civil War era books are the most read in American history. Why? Both had larger-than-life generals, heroic battles and campaigns that spanned across the continents. In WWI, soldiers spent most of their time in trenches. Yet Korea has everything those wars have, just on a smaller scale.

Few generals are larger than MacArthur. Fewer battles more harrowing than Heartbreak Ridge, Pork Chop Hill or the Chosin Reservoir, and MacArthur’s plan to get behind the North Korean forces was nothing short of epic. Not to mention, arguably the greatest sitcom of all time was set during the Korean War. Yet Korea is still forgotten.

North Korea had the early advantage in the war as they attacked first across the 38th parallel and pushed UN forces all the way down to the southeastern corner of the peninsula. UN forces dug in at Pusan and were able to stop the advance. Ever the risktaker, MacArthur made a bold move to counterattack while at the same time sent troops on an amphibious assault behind enemy lines at Inchon near the 38th parallel. The plan worked and North Korean troops were forced to retreat north to protect their own nation.

With UN forces now in control, Truman and MacArthur abandoned containment, and instead went with a rollback plan, deciding to cross the 38th parallel and try to unify Korea under the Democratic South Korean government.

UN forces advanced all the way up to the Chinese border at Chosin and Chongjin. However, once in place, Chinese forces fiercely attacked across the border where Americans saw some of the worst fighting in the war. Not only did UN troops fight the Chinese and North Koreans, but also the weather. In late November to mid-December, it turned brutally cold. Behind the Chinese strength, UN troops were once again pushed down the peninsula past the 38th parallel. By the end of 1950, they had lost the South Korean capital of Seoul.

Reinforced by the Eighth Army in the early months of 1951, UN troops stopped the bleeding, retook Seoul and pushed communist troops back to the original 38th parallel where the war turned into a stalemate.

When Eisenhower became commander in chief, he determined it was not worth losing American lives over small battles that did not seem to make a difference because communism had been contained at its original position. On July 27, 1953, an armistice was signed, one that is still in place today.

With such epic battles it is hard to understand why this conflict is forgotten. Many think it is because the Korean War was sandwiched between WWII and Vietnam, it only lasted three years and the loss of life was much smaller than the other two wars. It was also the first war America did not win. Yes, we did not lose, but we did not win either.

Not everything about the conflict has been forgotten. In 1970, Robert Altman released his dark comedy, M.A.S.H., which, in 1972, turned into possibly the greatest sitcom of all time. Both the movie and the M.A.S.H. series that ran on CBS from 1972 to 1983 follow the antics of doctors and nurses of the 4077th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital during the Korean War.

The problem with M.A.S.H. today is that many people think it is about Vietnam. A quick online poll showed that younger people said Vietnam, people in their 40s were mixed, and everyone 50 or older said Korea. An 18-year-old asked his friends when M.A.S.H. happened and the majority replied, “What is M.A.S.H.?” Sad.

While the Vietnam War Monument in Washington, D.C., was dedicated in 1982, Korean War veterans and their families would wait more than a decade longer to see the 1995 dedication of the Korean War Monument.

Although it is one of the least-known or visited monuments in D.C., Korean War veterans are gaining well-deserved recognition in what I believe to be one of the best monuments in our capitol. Its depiction of soldiers crossing a rice paddy is a haunting must-see on any D.C. trip.

Hopefully over the next couple years, we can do more to remember the men and women who served, fought and died in this forgotten war and hopefully these soldiers of the Silent Generation can stand next to those of the Greatest Generation. Though their fight is not as well known, their sacrifices were just as great.

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The death of bipartisanship in Texas

Don’t get it wrong, I am a Republican and have been an active member of my party since I was first able to vote. Some may try to call me a RINO – whatever that is supposed to mean – but I will put my Republican credentials up against anyone, and my record will speak for itself.

But I am a Texan first, and the events of the last few weeks, set in motion by Governor Abbott’s call for a Special Session, have been heartbreaking. Austin has officially become like Washington, D.C., and this week, we witnessed the death of bipartisanship in Texas.

The Texas House and Senate both passed the redistricting map which changes five seats from Blue to Red, effectively increasing Republican power in our congressional delegation, which will help the GOP in Washington, where they hold a slim margin to pass the President’s agenda. The Texas Republicans testified during the debate on the floor that the purpose of the map, which is legal, was to add Republican seats. Now some of you may be saying, good – Texas voted for Trump – so there should be more Republican seats, and I agree, but it’s the way things played out that should be concerning to all of us as Texans.

I’ve written before about the loss of Texas independence, and I’ll remind you of that today. As a state that values an independent culture, our ability to do what’s best for Texans over all other factors has been a part of the fabric of who we are. So when Governor Abbott uses Texas flood victims as his hook to bring back legislators for a political power grab at redistricting, and uses a national media platform to threaten to jail legislators, the Austin political class is clearly now out of sync with everyday Texans.

I think most Texans are looking to our elected officials to give urgency to the things that are impacting our daily lives – I call them our kitchen table issues – things like the cost of housing and rising property tax appraisals, the rising price of food and what we spent on school shopping, our healthcare costs and insurance – my goodness, the cost of insurance. And thinking long term, we are also worried about water and infrastructure, our children’s education, and the viability of the communities we live in.

We don’t give a damn, really, about redistricting; that’s an insider’s game, but we do hate that Austin is adopting a

Washington playbook on how they do business. I mainly engage in social media on X (formerly Twitter), and this week, it has been bizarre



guest commentary
by suzanne bellsnyder

to see the new Republican alliances that have formed. The Republicans who have criticized Speaker Dustin Burrows for being a RINO for not promoting a Republican Agenda are now singing his praises and are a unifying force. Frankly, it’s all fake, performative politics on behalf of both the Republicans and the Democrats.

The truth is, the Republicans were always going to get their map; the Democrats left the state, but they had to come back. The Dems did this same thing in 2003 when I was a baby staffer in the Senate. The House Dems left the state, then the Senate Dems left the state, and then they all came back, and we, the Republicans, passed a map against their protests. That was in the days of Tom DeLay, Tom Craddick, and under a new Republican majority in the Capitol. Because elections have consequences, and a redistricting bill is one of those.

I only take issue with the way this has been handled. First, if the urgency existed for the new maps, a redistricting bill could have been done in the regular session, not a special, as special sessions are best reserved for addressing emergency issues such as a response to the flooding. Second, there was no need to threaten to lock up and “arrest” legislators – which did not happen, by the way – when you didn’t have the power to do that. The sensationalism of this event was meant to get the Governor on the national media circuit to elevate his profile, and it was at the expense of creating a workable environment in the Texas Capitol.

And why does that matter? Because Texas – in particular, rural Texas – faces many issues that are not partisan. And many impactful policy changes in Texas require a 2/3 or 100-vote majority. Since Republicans only hold 88 seats, they are required to work with Democrats to pass the issues that matter most to Texans.

On water, the Texas Water Development Board has sounded the alarm: without action, demand will outpace supply. That means farmers, ranchers,

and small towns will pay the price first. Addressing that reality requires funding packages that must go before voters – and those only clear the Legislature with a two-thirds bipartisan vote.

On roads, every Texan relies on the system—whether that means farm-to-market routes in Dalhart or Interstate 35 in Austin. Funding those roads and dedicating revenue for their maintenance and expansion requires constitutional amendments, which both chambers of the Legislature must approve with a two-thirds supermajority before going to the voters.

On property taxes, every homeowner feels the burden. Reforming the system—like increasing the homestead exemption—must be done through a constitutional amendment. These reforms can’t just pass as ordinary laws; they require a two-thirds supermajority in both the Texas House and Senate before going to the voters.

The Texas supermajority requirement in our Constitution is no accident. It’s a guardrail against extremes, and a reminder that for big issues – the ones that shape the future of Texas – we can’t govern by narrow margins or performative stunts. We need broad coalitions and consensus.

This is why the collapse of bipartisanship in Austin matters. It’s not about protecting politicians or keeping score in the red-blue horse race. It’s about whether the Legislature can still rise to the occasion on the issues that demand unity. Without bipartisanship, we can’t amend our Constitution to secure water for the next generation, protect rural schools, or maintain the infrastructure that underpins our economy.

I’m a Republican. I’m proud of that, and I’ve never been afraid of a good fight. But I also know that some fights aren’t about partisanship – they’re about whether Texas is going to remain Texas: independent, forward-thinking, and capable of solving our own problems.

What we saw in this special session was a performance designed for national news and campaign donations. But what we need is leadership that remembers who we are as Texans. Bipartisanship isn’t weakness. It’s the only way we move forward on the things that matter most.

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Looking after nature’s fallen birds

When we first noticed the baby sparrow, here at the house, it saddened us all. He had fallen from his nest and was slowly walking around the front yard under the tree while his mother and father had an absolute fit.

We knew we were looking at a dead baby bird, as it was only a question of who does it, where it is done, and how long before it happens. Years of experience in these kinds of things have taught us the finality of a baby bird falling out of a tree.

Would the end come from a cat, or from a raccoon wandering up from Lewis Creek, or a snake? One of the problems with being a baby bird is that almost everything with teeth wants to eat you, and if you can’t fly, there’s not much you can do about it. We learned that picking the baby up and putting

him back in the nest wouldn’t work, so we were forced to just watch his timid movements around the yard and whisper to him, “I’m sorry, pal.”

You might think that the older we get, the tougher our shells become to these little natural tragedies, but it doesn’t seem to work that way. Maybe it’s because we’ve now had children of our own, and grandchildren, too. Maybe that’s why it actually hurts more to see a helpless baby bird today than when we were 11 and riding our bikes on the river trails. Back then we were bulletproof, flexible, and



home country
by slim randles

immortal. But we learned things over the years. We saw people our age die. We saw younger people die. We accumulated our own little collection of personal tragedies.

Then the baby found the drain spout. Yep, that little rascal hopped into the drain spout coming off the roof and had sense enough to stay in there, coming to the edge of his “cave” only for meals from his anxious mother. A week later, I thought I recognized him sitting on a tree branch, looking smug. He wasn’t in the drain spout and I didn’t see any feathers around on the ground.

We live in an age of small miracles. If you find an injured bird, you can always call or email the experts here at injuredbird@nycbirdalliance.org. NYC birds tend to fly into glass windows, I’m told.

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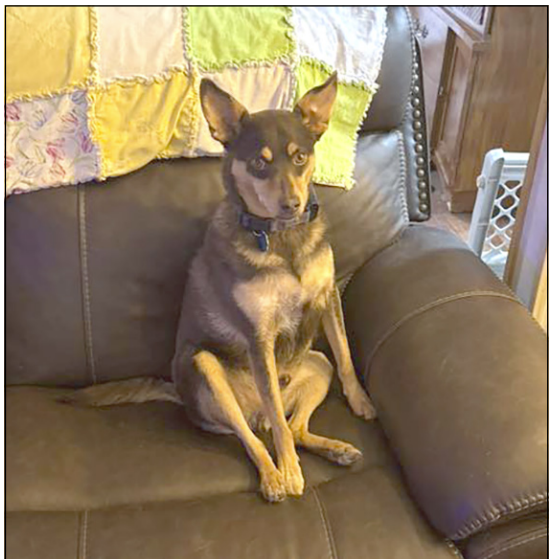
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August 29 & 30
Mulkey Theatre • Jaws • 7:30 p.m.

August 31
Mulkey Theatre • Jaws • 2:00 p.m.

September 1
Labor Day Scramble • Clarendon Country Club • Call 806-874-2166

September 4
Hedley Lions Club Chicken BBQ

September 13 & 14
Men's & Women's Club Championship • Clarendon Country Club • Call 806-874-2166

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

September 20 & 21
One-Person Scramble • Clarendon Country Club • Call 806-874-2166

September 27
Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff • SaintsRoostMuseum.com for information and tickets

October 10 & 11
Hedley Cotton Festival

Menus

September 1 - 5
Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Closed
Tues: Chicken pot pie, peas & carrots, garden salad, strawberry shortcake, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Pot roast, gravy, potatoes, onions, carrots, green beans, whole wheat roll, peach cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Pork roast, pinto beans, macaroni & tomatoes, corn-bread, peanut butter cookie, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: BBQ beef on a bun, tater tots, sloe slaw, chocolate chip cookie, apricots, iced tea/2% milk

Clarendon CISD
Breakfast
Mon: No School
Tues: Breakfast burrito, hash-brown, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Wed: Waffles, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Thur: Stuffed bagel, cheese stick, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Fri: Donut, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch
Mon: No School
Tues: Walking taco, beans, fresh veggie cup, fruit, milk.
Wed: Lasagna, breadstick, broccoli, marinara sauce, apple-sauce, milk.
Thur: Fiesta bowl, celery, carrots, mixed fruit, sherbet, milk.
Fri: Chicken spaghetti, breadstick, garden salad, sweet potatoes, apples, fruit, milk.



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting August 26, 2025, with Boss Lion Brian Barboza in charge.

We had nine members present, two attending virtually, and one guest this week. Butch Brown, who presented our program.

Upcoming club activities include setting out flags for Labor Day and the Pancake Supper, which will be held November 7.

Hedley Lions will have their Chicken Barbecue September 4. Tickets are \$10 each, serving begins at 6 p.m. at the Hedley School Park, and Clarendon Lions will be assisting.

Mr. Brown related several humorous tales from his many years of service as city manager in another community. He said learning of the challenges facing local governments today reassured him that retirement had been a good choice.

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

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Honey bee webinar set for Friday

Texas beekeepers lost 61 percent of their honey bee colonies – nearly 60,000 hives over the past year, according to the most recent statewide survey of more than 400 beekeepers.

This was one of the steepest declines in beehives ever recorded in Texas, said Garrett Slater, Ph.D., Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service honey bee specialist and assistant professor in the Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Department of Entomology based at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Overton.

“This isn’t just a beekeeping

problem, it’s an agriculture and food security challenge,” Slater said. “When we lose bees at this scale, the ripple effects touch every Texan, from farm to table.”

Recognizing the urgency, AgriLife Extension will host a free webinar for Texas beekeepers, growers, educators and the public – What’s Happening to Our Bees? Exploring Honey Bee Declines – at 6 p.m. Aug. 29. Slater will explain the statewide survey data and explore possible solutions. The session will blend scientific findings with practical strategies to strengthen colony survival and pollinator resilience.

To register, visit [https://tx.ag/](https://tx.ag/BeeWebinar)

Once registered, participants will receive a confirmation email containing the webinar link.

AgriLife Extension’s apiculture program worked closely with the Apiary Inspectors of America and Auburn University to review and refine this year’s survey, ensuring it captures critical data on colony losses, management practices and challenges facing beekeepers.

Bees pollinate one-third of the food we eat, including high-value Texas crops like melons, berries, nuts and vegetables. A sustained decline in pollinator health could upend agricultural productivity, rural economies and ecosystem balance..

SBA Opens Nominations for 2026 National Small Business Week Awards

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has opened nominations for the 2026 National Small Business Week Awards. National Small Business Week recognizes the contributions of America’s 36 million small businesses – which make up 99 percent of all businesses in America, create two out of every three new jobs, and employ about half of America’s workforce. Next year, National Small Business Week will take place May 3 – 9, 2026.

“During National Small Business Week, we honor America’s job creators and the vital role they play in making our country the greatest in the world,” said SBA Administrator Kelly Loeffler. “From farms to factories, hardworking small businesses are the engine of our economy, the heartbeat of local communities, and the foundation of our

nation’s strength. Thanks to our free enterprise system, small businesses power generational opportunity and economic growth. With the America First agenda, they are a key part of a historic comeback that is renewing the promise of the American Dream.”

“National Small Business Week highlights the incredible achievements of the American entrepreneur and the small businesses they create. As these entrepreneurs follow their American Dream, we celebrate their successes and honor their hard work, innovation, and growth,” said SBA Regional Administrator Justin Crossie. “I look forward to recognizing and celebrating the small businesses in the South Central Region.”

To nominate a small business in your area and download related forms, criteria, and guidelines, visit sba.gov/nsbw. All nominations must

be submitted electronically by 6 a.m. Central time ET on Dec. 8, 2025. National awards will be presented during a ceremony in Washington, D.C., next May during National Small Business Week.

A business owner from each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Guam will be selected for State Small Business Person of the Year awards.

State award winners will compete for the 2026 National Small Business Person of the Year title, SBA’s signature award.

Nominations will be accepted for numerous other categories, including small business exporting awards, disaster recovery awards, and federal procurement awards. To view the full list of awards, local area contacts, and other related information, visit sba.gov/nsbw.

Panhandle PBS announces premiere of student-driven “Jackson Street Presents”

Panhandle PBS is excited to announce the premiere of “Jackson Street Presents,” a collaborative, Amarillo College student-media driven pilot project that has resulted in two 30-minute programs and additional video content for both television and web.

Through a partnership with the Amarillo College Matney Mass Media Program and Amarillo College’s FM90, 10 Amarillo College students took creative and technical responsibility for every production stage of the project including directing, camera operation, cinematography, production sound mixing, as well as pre- and post-production tasks such as graphics, set design, digital imaging, and more.

Two episodes of “Jackson Street Presents” will air on Pan-

handle PBS at 10 p.m. on Saturday, August 23, and Saturday, August 30. Short performance segments will also broadcast on Panhandle PBS throughout the fall. Content from the project will also be featured on the Panhandle PBS YouTube channel at youtube.com/panhandlepbs

For this initial pilot season, students chose to amplify the vibrant Texas Panhandle music scene. Featured acts include three performers from Amarillo – Bennie Miller, El Salto and Dude-Man - and Tennessee-based trio Rhinestones and Rust. In the upcoming 2025-2026 season of “Jackson Street Presents,” content will expand and may include additional Amarillo College and Amarillo community features.

“Jackson Street Presents” has provided real-world experience to

empower students with professional skills for workforce readiness. In addition to empowering students with technical expertise, Panhandle PBS, Amarillo College Matney Mass Media Program, and Amarillo College’s FM90 have aimed to instill the skills of teamwork, goal setting, deadline management and self-confidence. The series is a tangible product to build resumes, and students will be able to enter the workforce with a professional product shared with up to 400,000 residents across the Texas Panhandle region through the reach of Panhandle PBS.

Support for “Jackson Street Presents” has been provided by the Amarillo College Foundation. For more information contact Panhandle PBS at 806-371-5479 or Amarillo College at 806-371-5000.

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Obituaries

Watts

James Edward Watts, 86, of Clarendon passed away on Monday, August 18, 2025, in Clarendon.



Watts

Graveside services were held on Friday, August 22, 2025, at Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon, with Joe Neal Shadle officiating.

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

James was born on May 7, 1939, in Clarendon to James Olen Watts, Sr. and Lucille Myrl Smith Watts. He married Loretta Fern Ashcraft on May 7, 1996, in Clarendon, where he remained a lifelong resident. A hard-working man, James was a dedicated employee of the City of Clarendon for many years and had previously worked as a heavy machine operator in construction.

James will be remembered for his lighthearted spirit—he was a jokester at heart, enjoyed riding around town and taking back roads, loved trips to Amarillo, and always looked forward to family reunions.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Fern, in 2021; the mother of his daughters, Thelma Phipps; his daughters, Elizabeth May Watts and Debbie Davis; and his brothers, Carroll Wayne Watts, Buster Kerlee, Billy Kerlee, and James Olen “Buttons” Watts, Jr.

He is survived by his daughters, Jamie Reynolds and husband Jerry, Patty Bell and husband Billy, and Linda Massey and husband Kenneth, all of Honey Grove, Texas, Heather Watts, and Tammy Christopher and husband Clay of Clarendon; his sons, J.C. Watts of Lubbock and Jerry Stegall and wife Tammy of Pampa; his sister, Edna Watts of Amarillo; 15 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; a niece, Julie Dallas and husband Barry of Red Oak, Texas; along with many other beloved nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

The family requests memorials be made to a favorite charity of choice.

Crump

Vandel Morris Crump went to be in his forever home August 21, 2025.



Crump

Graveside services with Masonic Rites were held on Monday, August 25, 2025, in Rowe Cemetery in Hedley. Memorial services followed at Community Fellowship Church in Clarendon with Rev. Larry Capranica officiating.

Morris was born on Novem-

ber 4, 1940, in Paris, Texas to Virgil Morris and Raydell Hagood Crump. He was the second child of four children. Virgil Ray, Ruby Paulette, and Larry Eugene were his siblings. When Morris was born, he was very allergic to any kind of milk. The doctor told his mother to find something he can tolerate and feed him or else he is going to die. She found he could keep mashed up bananas and vanilla wafers down. He would laugh and say, “I guess that was why he loved the woods, being raised on monkey food.” Paulette and Morris were plagued by asthma from all the rain in East Texas. When he was 10 or 11 they went to Hall County to pull cotton boles and found that those two got better in the dyer air, so they moved there. When Morris was 12, he had a bad case of rheumatic fever, once again nearly dying. The doctor at Memphis said if he were to survive that he would likely never walk again. Morris said he would lay in bed dreaming of walking outside, roaming the river, and watching all God’s plants and animals. When he got strong enough to get out of bed to sit up, not walking, Larry and Paulette, 10 and 8 at the time, would pull him outside in a wagon. He said it was the greatest feeling being outside again. He never liked being indoors very much at all. These past five weeks were hard on him because he couldn’t walk much further than the house to the pickup.

In 1959, he graduated Memphis High School and at his mother’s plea, went to Texas Tech for two semesters. Morris’ heart didn’t belong in a building, so he came back to Hall County. In 1963, he married Janie Ivey and they had Morris Ray and Randall Lynn. He always said Janie was a good mother, but things just didn’t work between them. Morris took to drinking and ended the marriage. He married Loretta Ham and she had two small boys, Justin and Jason Ham. Morris said he would always be grateful that she pushed and shoved him to finally get help to quit the liquor. That marriage ended in 1989. Morris had been a farmer and ran a few cows with his father-in-law, A.B. Ivey. Farming wasn’t to Morris’ liking, so he day worked at Hedley Feedyards, for several of the area ranches, hauled hay, and shod horses. Morris’ motto was if a man will work he won’t starve. He worked for Bill Craft and the JA’s. He said each time he went and lived at those ranches it was because he needed a break from the hay hauling and the horse shoeing. He finally went to work full time in 1985 at the High Card Ranch staying there until 2004.

Morris loved good horses and he was blessed to have raised several of them using Joe Neal Shadle’s stud. In fact, 4 of those horses made it to the AQHA show year end winning 3rd and 4th place awards in team penning. He started out roping calves going to Claude with Harold Lindley. This was before team roping caught on in Texas. With his sons, brother Larry, and his children, Morris built a roping arena at his house. The Crump’s put on several jackpot ropings. If any young kids wanted to learn to rope,

Morris would say, “You come work the chute and when your time to rope comes up, you can rope.” It worked out well for several young boys. When ranch rodeos first started in the early 80’s, that was something Morris really enjoyed doing. He rodeoed with Ray and Randy on the ranch team with other people until he met up with Linda McCleskey. She had four sons, James, Willie, Elwyn, and Wyman. His boys had been team roping from under 10 years old and Linda’s boys had been riding broncs since about that age, so with several different combo’s of their children, they won lots of rodeos from 1993 to 2003. Justin Ham even got in on a couple of those rodeos.

Branding time was Morris’ favorite time of year. He enjoyed flanking calves, especially getting those big calves down. He said the one man he really enjoyed flanking with was Tony Sparks. He said Tony enjoyed busting a big one on the ground as much as he did. After leaving the High Card, he went back to shoeing horses, day working at ranches, and working at the area feelots. At one time, Morris, his sons, and all of Linda’s sons worked together at McLean Feeders. Morris loved the wild canyon country and enjoyed it to the fullest.

Morris was a 50 year Mason, Lubbock Scottish Rite, Al Morrah Shriner, and Eastern Star man.

He was preceded in death by his parents; all of his siblings; and son, Randy.

He is survived by his wife, Linda of 30 years; son, Ray and wife Mike Elizabeth; stepsons, James and wife Jayna, Willie and wife Holly, Elwyn and wife Pam and Wyman and wife Shonda McCleskey, and Justin and Jason Ham; six grandchildren, Chris, Mike, Carissa, Dustin, Jacee, and Cody Crump; 19 step-grandchildren, Colby, Dillon, Justin, Klaiton, Heath, Kade, Jasmine, Kadee, Lilly, Casey, Cooper, Ryan, Bree, and Kayla McCleskey, Nash Baker, Cameron Rich, and Rustin, Reagan and Rance Ham; 27 great-grandchildren, and step-grads with one more due September 20th; sisters-in-law, Dolores Crump, Lucy Poole, Janette and Jerry Wagner, Sondra and Ronald Hatcher; brother-in-law, Carl and Christy Cox; daughter-in-laws, Deana Crump, and Buckie Crump; his favorite niece, Charla Crump, Helen Reyes, and his brother Virgil’s three daughters; and nephew, Larry Crump, Jr. He leaves behind a whole slew of friends that he had made through his 84 years. His friends Dallas and Elisabeth Moore that tried in vain to make a sheep lover out of him. Morris did love his goats though.

Morris knew Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and his greatest wish was that all his family and friends would come to really know God. He said the morning of the day he died only by God’s great mercy he had lived this long. I know I need to put an end to this, but I’ll not put a period here for it’s not over and ended, Morris has just begun to live.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Taxis

5. Space Systems Command

8. Plant seed by scattering

11. Alliances

13. Fiddler crabs

14. Heroic tale

15. Yemen capital

16. Misleading gesture

17. Cain and __

18. Simple shoe

20. Hundredweight

21. Children’s toy in the snow

22. Gets rid of

25. Free of deceit

30. Performed a dance

31. Chinese philosophical principle

32. Exaggerated

33. Refrain from inflicting

38. A doctrine

41. Can be subdued

43. A place to bathe

45. Land used for pasture

48. Curved piece of iron

49. Automobile

50. Fencing sword

55. Breezes through

56. Child

57. NBA legend Iverson

59. Horsley and Iacocca are two

60. Midway between northeast and east

61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation

62. U.S. leader during much of WW2

63. Lair

64. Fibrous material

CLUES DOWN

1. Home of “60 Minutes”

2. Expression of sorrow or pity

3. __ fide: legitimate

4. Immune response

5. Assistance and support

6. Glared

7. Spanish saloon

8. Pitch black

9. S-shaped lines

10. Statistical test

12. __ Paulo, city

14. Graduation garb

19. A way to record

23. Not good

24. Weather events

25. A pituitary hormone

26. Jamie Foxx film

27. Rocker’s accessory

28. One point east (clockwise) of due north

29. One who obtains pleasure from another’s pain

34. Consume

35. Licensed for Wall Street

36. Sick

37. Israeli city __ Aviv

39. Removed the husk

40. Mass of rocks and sediment

41. Two-year-old sheep

42. Area units

44. Prison overseer

45. Walked

46. Wartime escort aircraft carrier

47. Tax

48. 50 percent

51. Swiss river

52. Tatle

53. Actor Idris

54. Resist authority (slang)

58. Egg of a louse

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Lady Broncos run through CC teams

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Bronco cross country team annihilated 23 other teams as they competed in the Canyon 6-mile Relay Cross Country Meet.

The Lady Bronco team finished the race in a time of 40:51.32 for the win, which was just under three minutes in front of rival the Wellington Lady Rockets. Madi Benson, Elliot Frausto, Addy Havens and Emmarie Holland were the runners on the team. Normally, a cross country event is an individual sport, but Canyon High School changed the format to the 6-mile relay race that included 1A, 2A, and 3A teams.

Lexi Phillips competed in the Varsity Girls Single event and finished fourth out of a field of 21 runners from 1A to 6A. Phillips' time was 11:36.62 and Mary Jo Dushay ran 18th with a time of 14:23.93. Laken Smith ran in the junior varsity division and finished with a time of 11:20.98 for fourth place.

Tristen Ybarra was the lone varsity Bronco runner in the meet and claimed second place in that event with a time of 8:18.31, which was just behind the winning time of 7:46.31.

The runners will run in the Valley Invitational on September 2.



The Lady Broncos and Broncos CC teams ran in the Canon 6-mile Relay Cross Country Meet last week.

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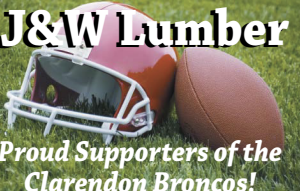
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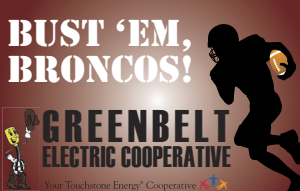
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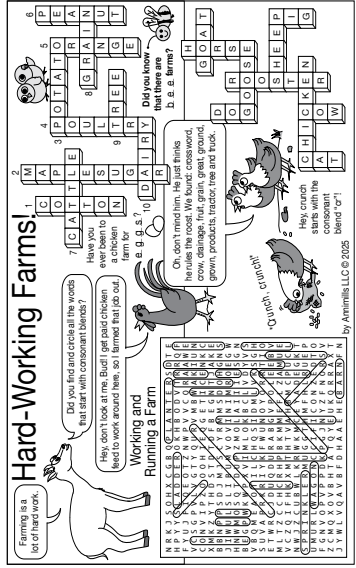
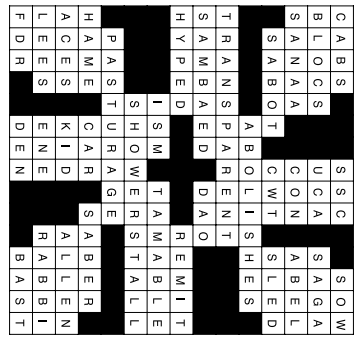
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The City of Hedley will hold a meeting at Hedley City Hall on September 11th, 2025 at 7:00 PM to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2025. The proposed tax rate is \$0.377496 per \$100 of value. Visit Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property. The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

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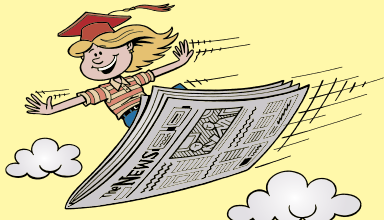
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2. tap tree sap to make syrup, candy
3. vegetable grown in the ground; has "eyes"
4. turkey, chicken
5. in warm areas, fruit, juice
6. used for "butter," oils
7. animals for beef
8. wheat, corn, oats
9. for yards, forests, Christmas
10. cows, milk, cheese, butter

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Can anyone see where Chitter is working?

Oh, it's a machine used in a field to cut wheat or corn.

Do you know what a "combine" is?

Hey, hay! Hey! You found me!

Can you find and circle 5 words that are spelled with "ee" and have the long "e," or "ē" sound?

Have you ever been to a chicken farm for _____?

Use the word list below if you get stuck!

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potato
grain
tree
maple
sugar
peanut
poultry
cotton

★ A **combine** also separates and gathers seeds from the plants!

Pork prices reach record highs with holiday demand ahead

Retail pork prices hit record high levels this summer and are expected to remain elevated heading into the holiday season, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service experts said.

In July, average retail pork prices reached the highest point of the year, \$5.01 per pound, up from \$4.92 a year ago, said David Anderson, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension livestock and food marketing economist and professor in the Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Department of Agricultural Economics, Bryan-College Station.

“Supplies remain tight as U.S. pork production has edged lower due to reduced sow numbers, despite gains in productivity per litter,” he said. “Consumers should expect higher prices this fall because production is about the same as last year and we’re not seeing expansion in the herd. “Without more production, prices are going to stay high.”

Wholesale prices for several key cuts, including hams, pork bellies and trimmings used for sausage are well above year-ago levels, Anderson said.

However, pork loins are a relative bargain at \$1.13 per pound wholesale, compared to \$1.26 a year ago. Seasonal shifts in consumer demand also shape the market, with ribs and shoulders popular for summer grilling while hams gain momentum in the fall and winter

holidays.

Despite the record high prices, Davey Griffin, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension meat specialist and professor in the Department of Animal Science, Bryan-College Station, said pork remains a competitively priced protein when compared to beef and poultry.

Packers and retailers are already booking hams for Thanksgiving and Christmas, with bellies and the bacon market they supply, continuing to hold strong demand, he said.

“Pork is in a good spot right now to provide affordable protein options for consumers, especially with beef prices remaining very high,” Griffin added.

While Texas is not among the nation’s top pork-producing states, the industry plays a role in both commercial and niche markets.

A major operation in the Texas Panhandle supplies hogs to a large processing plant, but most of the state’s production capacity remains small in scale compared to Midwest states, Griffin said. Smaller-scale producers and processors across the state also serve foreign and domestic ethnic markets that prefer lighter hogs for whole carcass or specialty cuts.

While Texas may trail other states in pork production, it does have a unique \$50 million-a-year show pig industry serving thousands of youths who raise animals for

major stock shows each year. Many of those animals ultimately enter the food chain, while breeding gilts help sustain herds.

Exports remain a key driver of U.S. pork demand, but recent tariff disputes have shifted global trade flows. Anderson noted that Mexico is now the largest market for U.S. pork, with 230 million pounds shipped there in June alone. By comparison, exports to China have fallen sharply, from an average of nearly 38 million pounds per month last year to just 4 million in May following retaliatory tariffs.

“Mexico continues to be our strongest partner, while China’s demand has dropped significantly due to trade barriers,” Anderson said. “Those shifts ultimately feed back into the U.S. market and help explain why prices remain firm across most cuts.”

Looking ahead, Anderson and Griffin expect pork prices to stay strong through the holiday season, particularly for hams and bacon, which see peak demand in November and December. While some cuts like pork loins and trimmings may ease later in the year, overall tight supplies and steady demand are likely to keep retail prices near record highs.

“Unless we see a meaningful increase in production, high prices are here to stay into early next year,” Anderson said.

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The public hearing will be held on September 9, at 7:00 p.m. at the office of the Donley Appraisal District at 304 S Kearney, Clarendon, Texas.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

- The total amount of the proposed budget is \$335,183.
- The total amount of increase from the current year's budget is \$10,503.
- The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget is 3.
- The number of employees compensated under the current budget is 3.

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office located at 304 South Kearney St. The phone number of the Donley Appraisal District is (806) 874-2744.

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