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2 Local government is messy, but Austin won't help it.

4 Five generations of a local family gathers for one photo. 5 Hedley athletes do well on the gridiron and cross country course.

8 And Little Miss Cheer girls join the Bronco Cheerleaders. All this and much more as The Enterprise reports in this week's amazing edition!

Hedley barbecue to be held Thursday

The Hedley Lions Club's annual Chicken Barbecue will be held Thursday, September 4, at the Hedley Park starting at 6 p.m.

Plates are \$10 each and includes barbecue chicken, potato salad, beans, and tea. To purchase advance tickets, call Michael Metcalf at 806-205-0064. Tickets will also be available at the event.

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.

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 Septem-

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

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

Blood drive to be held next Thursday

Coffee Memorial Blood Center and Clarendon High School will host a Community Blood Drive to help save lives on Thursday, September 11, from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Every donor will receive a glow-in-the-dark Wicked T-shirt and a free bundtlet from Nothing Bundt Cakes (while supplies last).

Each donation makes a powerful difference; one pint can save up to three lives.

To book an appointment for donating blood, call 877-340-8777 or visit obi.org.

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





Bronco Royalty

Clarendon High School seniors Madi Benson, Gracie Ellis, Elliot Frausto, and Kenidee Hays were announced as the 2025 Homecoming Candidates during last Friday's pep rally. This year's homecoming queen will be crowned during halftime ceremonies Friday night in Bronco Stadium when Clarendon takes on Sanford-Fritch.

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Abbott touts Texas' newest state laws

legislative priorities the Governor stronger schools, and a future built worked closely with members of on freedom, faith, and hard work." the House and Senate to pass and

"This session will be remembered as one of the most conse-

Governor Greg Abbott cele- life and property rights, and to services such as private school tui- trical work. brated the implementation of sev- ensure every child has access to tion, instructional materials, and the 89th Regular Legislative Ses- ered. Today, Texans will realize lion in funding for the 2026-2027 These laws reflect several our values: safer communities, country.

> Starting today, September 1, across the state, including:

Senate Bill 2 - School Choice Texans safe, to defend freedom, proved educational providers and like welding, plumbing, and elec-

House Bill 2 - provides a record \$8.5 billion in new funding Bill of Rights - strengthens parenfor public education and a historic tal rights by banning DEI hiring key new laws will go into effect \$4 billion for teacher and staff pay and training, requiring sex edu-

quential in Texas history," said - establishes an Education Sav- of Career Training - aligns edu- schools, enforcing biological Governor Abbott. "We made bold ings Account program allowing cation with workforce needs and sex in sports ("No boys in girls' promises to the people of Texas eligible students to direct fund- expands programs in high schools sports"), protecting parents' rights to secure the border and keep ing toward their choice of preap- and technical colleges for trades in directing their child's upbring-

Senate Bill 10 requires the eral landmark bills passed during a great education. And we deliveducational therapies. With \$1 bildisplay of the Ten Commandments in every public elementary sion that went into effect Septem- the results of many of these prom- school year, the program will be and secondary school classroom ises. The laws we passed reflect the largest day-one launch in the beginning with the 2025-2026

Senate Bill 12 - the Parents' cation to be "opt in," prohibiting House Bill 120 - expansion harmful gender ideology in K-12



Standard Bearers

Clarendon Lions Anndria Newhouse and Lauren Graves place flags on Kearney Street last week ahead of the Labor Day weekend as part of the club's flag service for local businesses.

Hundreds expected for homecoming celebration

It's going to be a big night in Clarendon this Saturday, September 6, as hundreds of CHS alumni are expected to gather for an all-school reunion in the culmination of the 2025 homecoming fes-

Reneé Mott reported Tuesday that she turned in a total of 296 to the caterer for Saturday's barbecue. That represents people who pre-paid for the meal and is not all inclusive of everyone who will be in town for homecoming or will likely still come downtown for music and fellowship.

The event was the idea of the late Tommy Hill, Class of 1974, and a committee led by Mott, Virginia Patten, 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. Admission will be free, and the Sandell's famous hamburgers and full concessions 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 (or the former Eads Furniture building for earlier graduates) 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

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 Bronco on Sanford-Fritch at 7:30.

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

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. Stocking Ice Cream Parlor will also be open Saturday afternoon and evening. The Donley County Courthouse and the Saints' Roost Museum will also be open for tours.

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce will host a Sip & Shop tour starting at 1:30 p.m. Clarendon College buses will be available to take shoppers to local businesses for sipping and shopping. A sign-up form is available at ClarendonTx.com for those interested. There is no charge, but seating is limited on the buses. The Sip & Shop route will start at the Whistle-Stop followed by Floatin' T Boutique, and Cornell's Country Store before going back downtown to visit Henson's, Every Nook & Cranny, and Ramblin' Ranch.

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." REFZ Sports Bar & Grill will provide a mobile full-service bar at the event starting at 6:30 p.m. Pre-payment was required for the barbecue. A few plates will be available, but only on a first come, first served basis after ticket holders.



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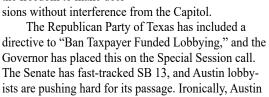
Local control is messy and complicated

Recently in our little community, we experienced firsthand the messy, complicated business of local government. Facing funding challenges, our city manager filed a preliminary deficit budget, as the local newspaper editor, I wrote a story about it to raise awareness. What followed could be a case study for political junkies.

Our City Council is in a real budget crisis, caught between public frustration over taxes and widespread confusion about how the process works. But here's the good news: we're having the conversation. It's loud and messy - on Facebook, at the coffee shop, and at our kids' sports events

– but it's ours. Neighbors are asking tough questions and pushing for solutions that reflect our community's values.

What we don't need is Austin making things harder. Local communities know their needs better than **reporter** anyone – and they deserve the freedom to make deci-



by suzanne bellsnyder

is using its own lobbyists to silence ours. The Texas Public Policy Foundation (TPPF), funded by Austin insiders and billionaires, leads the charge. Their strategy is familiar: produce "debt reports" that lump every dime of local debt together into one eye-popping number, stirring outrage. They used this same tactic during the voucher debate to discredit public schools. If they can convince you your local government is failing, they can justify stripping away your local voice in Austin and shifting the power to special interests.

The truth is rural and small communities depend on the very associations targeted by SB 13. Groups like the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB), Texas Association of Counties (TAC), and Texas Municipal League (TML) provide training, support, and advocacy. They help our local officials navigate complex laws, track legislation, and represent us at the Capitol when our part-time councils and small staffs can't make the trip. Banning them won't save taxpayers money – it will centralize power in Austin and silence rural voices.

For conservatives, this should feel backwards. Local control is a conservative principle. Yet SB 13 undermines it. Here's why legislators should oppose it:

Rural communities need a way to stay in the conversation; associations are often the only affordable

SB 13 will silence small towns while urban areas with legal departments keep their seat at the table.

It creates a lopsided system where big business can lobby freely, but small-town governmen That's not transparency – that's silencing.

Local advocacy often makes the difference between fair policy and devastating outcomes.

If legislators want to help taxpayers, there are better solutions:

Fix the appraisal system. In stagnant communities, property values are spiking with no basis in reality. It's unfair and unsustainable.

Require livestreaming of meetings. Mandating transparency and providing small towns with grant funding for equipment would build trust and account-

Invest in training. Rural communities struggle to recruit professionals. Require financial officers to complete budgeting courses and continuing education to prevent mistakes and improve local government

These reforms would strengthen local government instead of weakening it.

Thankfully, the House – and leaders like Rep. Ken King of Canadian – have historically pushed back against this kind of overreach. Rural Texas has often been the voice of reason, and I hope that holds true

At the end of the day, local control is supposed to be messy. Democracy at the coffee shop, in the bleachers, or at a city meeting is the best kind of politics. But if SB 13 passes, decisions that should be made right here at home will be dictated from Austin.

Don't let the lobbyists at the Capitol convince you to give away your voice. The day we have to ask for Austin's permission to fix our roads, fund law enforcement, or maintain our parks is the day we've lost what makes local government work. Let's keep decision-making where it belongs - right here at home, even when it's messy and complicated.

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The doctor is back at the keyboard

I'm back...

My time away from writing the last two months--for repairs, rejuvenation, re-connection and respite from the world of 24/7 caregiving--has been more than rewarding. Resulting are at least two more "R" words: Resumption and re-commitment.

Truly I have missed writing weekly. Perhaps you haven't missed me, and perhaps I am viewed like the pesky youngster who vowed he'd leave home, marched away in morning hours, but by mid-afternoon, realized that he'd behaved badly.

Surely, thought he, his return home would be with outstretched arms of parental love, only to find that his parents had moved and left no forwarding address. Or, perhaps my assumptions resemble the eternal optimist who ran for a lower level political office. His favorable votes came from only SOME of his relatives, and he was defeated in a landslide. Still, he appeared for a breakfast address the next morning, including in his opening remarks that "it's always good to be among friends, even if they ain't yours!"....

During an eight-day respite, I flew to Denver, to be guests in three homes of Howard Payne University alumni, all of whom are making positive marks in life, and all thankful for their college experiences where I was president.

One met me at the airport--even carried my luggage--for the drive to his family's beautiful home in nearby Highland Ranch. Unforgettable was an hour of gazes the next morning at the Rocky Mountains. Little wonder the Rockies have captured writer's and songwriter's attention.

It was tough to leave the next day, but there were miles to go and others to see. My host handed me automobile keys, admonishing me to "bring it back empty." I complied, looking forward to returning four days later for another couple of days. (I drove the car some 700 miles, and, as instructed, returned it empty.)...



by don newbury The drive from Denver to Casper was breath-taking. Mountains seemed to loom without ceasing. God's creative genius seemed ever present, the topography so unlike some expanses of West Texas where some folks jokingly feel that God may have been growing weary as he finished up late on that sixth day. So, some say, he decided to leave

the land "just like it is, and create some

people who like it that way!"....

In Casper, more delight awaited. There, an alumnae and her husband were more than welcoming. She is the dental office manager for her husband of 26 years. At the midpoint of their marriage, a freakish accident permanently took away use of his legs. Determined to forge on in dentistry, he resumed his practice from a wheelchair a year later.

His commitment, faith, boldness, perseverance and determination are like none I have ever seen.

Their home on the banks of the beautiful North Platte River, again provided additional evidence of God's presence, handiwork and provision.

Dare I believe that the couple closed their dental practice for the two days of my visit? I was humbled to the core, hard to convince that they were "just using two vacation days." Never to be forgotten is the hour spent alongside the dentist in the Argo moving slowly down the river, an antelope high atop an adjacent ridge, watching us meander

down the stream. (For the uninitiated, maybe for driving too slowly.)

The three of us alternately laughed and cried as we captured long-ago moments. It was difficult to head back to Fort Collins. I learned later that my alumnae--who had expertly edited our college annual more than three decades brush to be re-claimed upon my next

In Fort Collins, I was welcomed by two alums who married soon after college graduation. He's now in international sales. But he spent years traversing four states and driving some 55,000 miles annually, never tiring of the open, yawning freeways where buffalo once

I understand his enchantment, and deeply admire their parenting of three children, one of whom, at age 19, has in automotive and EV technology. Two children remain at home, and one fordeep church commitments, and mom now manages a church-operated coffee public.. An extra treat was attending a football game, joining in the couple's ter cheering.

Already my word allotment has keys--with both eyes now wide open....

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as was I, an Argo is an amphibious craft that also moves on land, albeit at speeds never warranting traffic citations, except

toothbrush had been left behind, but the ago--called to say they'd save my tooth-

ran and cars frequently are miles apart.

graduated with a highly-technical degree feited a bedroom for me. The family has house, open to both congregants and the excitement of a son playing and a daugh-

been exceeded. But there is more to share in upcoming weeks. I'm still vertical, ventilating and able to find home

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George Strait is a true Texas treasure

Whether they're living "Somewhere Down in Texas" or it's just their exes who live in Texas, when Americans think of country music, they think of George Strait. Known as one of the most successful artists of all time and the King of Country Music, George Harvey Strait Sr. is a Texas treasure and cultural icon, representing the very best of the Lone Star State.

Strait was born in Poteet, Texas, on May 18, 1952, and grew up on a family-owned cattle ranch in Pearsall with his father, John Strait, a junior high math teacher, and his brother, Buddy. As a young Texan, Strait's priority was working his family's 2,000-acre ranch, and there wasn't much leisure time to sit back and listen to music. It wasn't until the early 1970s while he was serving in the Army that his passion for country music was born. After coming home following his military service, Strait earned a degree in agriculture from Southwest Texas State University, now known as Texas State University, and then moved to Nashville, Tennessee, to pursue his dream of becoming a country music star.

Once in Music City, Strait signed with MCA Records. He quickly gained popularity, as his songs were the perfect combination of traditional western and modern country music. In 1989, Strait won his first of three Country Music Association Entertainer of the Year awards. To this day, he is still considered to be one of the most influential country music artists, and his music has shaped

the genre forever.

Despite his huge success in arenas across the globe, the King of Country still remembers his **times** Texas roots.

by sen. john cornyn After the catastrophic floods in the Hill Country and across Texas last month, George

Strait hosted a benefit concert in Boerne. Texas, called "Strait to the Heart" to raise funds for Texans impacted by the tragedy. "Our hearts and prayers are with you all. The goal with this event is to raise meaningful, immediate support that can be put directly into the hands of flood victims without delay, while also honoring the first responders that work tirelessly to save lives," said Strait. The concert raised more than \$6 million for affected families in the region.

Most recently, on Aug. 13, 2025, President Donald J. Trump named George Strait as one of the 2025 Kennedy Center Honorees: American Icons in Performing Arts. "Over his extraordinary four-decade career, he has sold more than 120 million records worldwide, amassed 60 number-one hits, and produced 33 platinum-certified albums more than any other living American. He is the only act in history to have a Top 10 hit every year for more than three decades," wrote the White House.

This year, the 48th Annual Kennedy Center Gala will take place on Dec. 7, where Strait will be recognized for his artistic accomplishments. As Kennedy Center Board Chair, President Trump played a big role in the selection process of Strait, and all Texans tip our hats to him for checking yes on this Lone Star State selection. By choosing Strait, President Trump is honoring not only a legendary musician and national treasure, but also a servant-hearted and devoted Texan, who has dedicated so much of his time and talent to helping others.

If we can learn anything from the life that George Strait has led and the legacy he's built, it's that no matter where life may take us, we should always remember our roots. Texas isn't just a place on a map, it's a way of life. It's smiling and talking with strangers in the grocery store line. It's neighbors helping neighbors when tragedy strikes. And it's world-renowned musicians returning home to lift up their fellow Texans in a time of need. As he sings in one of his hit songs, "My prayer is that you'll take me anywhere in Texas, the only home I know. I'm a child of the Alamo and the Yellow Rose, so when I go: Take me to Texas."

Senator John Cornyn, a Republican from Texas, is a member of the Senate Finance, Judiciary, Intelligence, Foreign Relations, and Budget Committees.

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Fall hunting season should be very good

Thanks to timely spring rains optimistic as they take to the field this fall, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

A hunter in camouflage and good shape this year." a bright orange vest and hat rattles antlers.

tively mild summer temperatures set the stage for abundant forage and vegetative cover supporting multihunting season. (Courtney Sacco/ Texas A&M AgriLife)

Although portions of the Trans Pecos, Edwards Plateau and South Texas has experienced a steady Texas Plains continue to experience some form of drought, more than 60% of the state is drought-free, factors, including habitat loss and according to the U.S. Drought Mon-fragmentation of native grasslands itor.

"Whenever we have sufficient spring and early summer rains, we the last few years have seen productend to see really good recruitment, tive nesting seasons for bobwhite leading to population growth across most species," said Marcus Blum, weather conditions supporting nest-Ph.D., AgriLife Extension wildlife ing cover and food availability. specialist and assistant professor in the Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Department to be very good this year," said Ryan of Rangeland, Wildlife and Fisheries O'Shaughnessy, Ph.D., executive Management.

of vegetation, which not only provides nutrition, but critical protection for nesting, brooding, fawning boom year — probably pretty close and thermal cover from the heat.

The season kicks off soon for Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Dove Population Status, they can anticipate good potential for a Pecos have received some relief productive year.

gists estimate the state supports 35.9 scaled quail populations. million mourning doves — a 5% the long-term average.

servation Regions in the southern good as everyone is hoping for." part of Texas also saw record highs.

number around 11.7 million — an two or more poults per hen during 8% decrease from 2024, but still annual surveys suggest a grow-15% above the long-term population ing population. The 2024 Summer

Conditions good for white- poults per hen.

gestation and fawning periods, as well," Blum said. Texans should expect to see many scape, Blum said.

looked is the importance of mater-quality habitat management is necesnal condition on fetal development sary to allow that rainfall to translate in white-tailed deer," he said. "If into high-quality forage that meets the doe is in good condition, she the needs of Texas' game animals. will be able to allocate more energy into developing a stronger, healthier to meet the habitat needs of your fawn."

size and antler production.

"Lactation is also an extremely and relatively mild summer tem- demanding time in terms of nutriperatures, hunters have reason to be tion, so it is important that does have access to quality forage to support their health and that of their fawn," Blum said. "I think many will be in

"Bucks depend heavily on high-quality forage during the Timely spring rains and rela-summer months — particularly plants rich in protein, calcium and phosphorus," he said. "Although forage availability varied by region, ple wildlife species ahead of the fall I think we can anticipate solid antler growth in most parts of the state this year."

> Over the last three decades, decline in both bobwhite and scaled quail populations, driven by several they depend on.

> Despite this downward trend, quail, aided in large part by positive

"It looks like the bobwhite population in the Rolling Plains is going director of the Rolling Plains Quail These rains facilitate the growth Research Foundation. "We've had great rainfall, and all of our surveys suggest we're going to be in another to where we were in 2016."

O'Shaughnessy said he anticidove hunters, and based on the latest pates a similarly positive outlook for the South Plains.

Although portions of the Trans from extreme drought, it hasn't Texas Parks and Wildlife biolobeen enough to support a rebound in

"The region has been so dry for increase from 2024 and 28% above so long that even if the scaled quail had a really good nesting season, The estimates for mourning they're entering a very low breeding doves in the Central Mixed Grass population," O'Shaughnessy said. Prairie in the Rolling Plains and the "There might be a slight bump, but Tamaulipan Brushlands Bird Con- I don't know that it's going to be as

According to Texas Parks and This year, white-winged doves Wildlife biologists, observations of Turkey Survey documented 2.66

"We're seeing stable or increas-With a population of roughly ing trends in Rio Grande turkey 5 million, Texas is home to more recruitment, and given the summer white-tailed deer than any other rains parts of the state received, state. And thanks to mostly positive I anticipate the productive spring environmental conditions during turkey season will translate into fall

While much of the state fared new, healthy additions to the land- relatively well in terms of timely rains, Blum said regular precipita-"Something that is often over-tion is only part of the equation, and

"Managing the landscape desired species is going to weigh Blum said studies have shown on the results," he said. "For us as health and nutrition during gestation landowners and hunters, to conserve has lasting impacts throughout the our game and non-game species, we life of a fawn, including future body need to steward the land that supports them."

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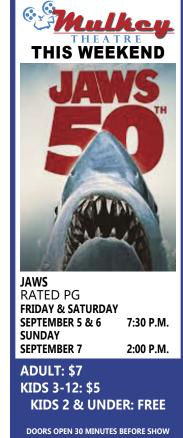
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WHEREAS, this day forever changed the course of history, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts and minds of all Americans, and reminding us of the fragility of life and the strength of our shared humanity; and

WHEREAS, we honor the memory of those who perished, including the passengers and crew aboard the hijacked planes, the workers in the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, and the brave first responders who made the ultimate sacrifice in their efforts to save others; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the courage and selflessness of firefighters, police officers, emergency medical personnel, and countless others who risked their lives to protect and serve their fellow citizens on that fateful day; and

WHEREAS, the events of September 11, 2001, united our nation in an extraordinary spirit of resilience, compassion, and determination, demonstrating the strength of our values and the enduring power of hope; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to set aside time to reflect on the lessons of 9/11, to honor the lives lost, and to reaffirm our commitment to the principles of freedom, justice,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jacob Fangman, Mayor of the City of Clarendon, do hereby proclaim September 11, 2025, as a day of remembrance and reflection in Clarendon Texas.

Let us pause to honor the memory of those we lost, express gratitude to the heroes who responded with courage and compassion and recommit ourselves to the ideals that define us as a nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Clarendon, Texas to be affixed this 2nd day of September 2025.

CITY OF CLARENDON

TAXPAYER IMPACT STATEMENT

(Required under Texas Government Code §551 as amended by HB 1522, effective **September 1, 2025)**

This notice informs taxpayers of the potential impact of the proposed budget and tax rate for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, comparing what would be paid under the no-new-revenue tax rate versus the proposed tax rate.

1. Average Taxable Homestead Value

Prior Year (FY 2024-2025) Current Year (FY 2025-2026) \$89,404 \$115,847

2. Tax Rates

No-New-Revenue Tax Rate (FY 2025-2026) Proposed Tax Rate (FY 2025-2026)

\$0.537774 per \$100 valuation \$0.560241 per \$100 valuation

3. Estimated Annual Tax Bill Comparison

Scenario	Tax Rate	Estimated Tax Bill	Difference from NNR
Prior Year (FY 24-25)	\$0.593711	530.80	(92.19)
NNR (FY 25-26)	\$0.537774	622.99	
Proposed Budget (FY25-26)	\$0.560241	649.02	26.03

Calculations:

Prior Year Tax Bill= 0.593711 x 89,404/100= 530.80 No-New-Revenue (NNR) Tax Bill= 0.537774 x 115,847/100=622.99 Proposed Tax Bill= 0.560241 x 115,847/100= 649.02

Summary

If the City of Clarendon adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.560241 per \$100 valuation, the average homestead owner would pay approximately \$26.03 more annually compared to the no-new-revenue tax rate. This increase supports continued city services and equipment investments.



Community Calendar

September 4

Hedley Lions Club Chicken BBQ

September 5 & 6 Mulkey Theatre • Jaws • 2:00 p.m.

& 7:30 p.m.

September 7 Mulkey Theatre • Jaws • 2:00 p.m.

September 12 & 13

Mulkey Theatre • Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale • 7:30 p.m.

September 13 & 14 Men's & Women's Club Championship • Clarendon Country Club • Call

806-874-2166 September 14

Mulkey Theatre • Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale • 2:00 p.m.

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**



September 8 - 12

Donley County Senior Citizens Mon: Soft tacos, Spanish rice, ranch style beans, garden salad, sopapilla cake, iced tea/2% milk.

Tues: Mushroom steak, baked potatoes, green beans, roll, fruit cup, iced tea/2% milk.

Wed: Meatloaf, cheesy potatoes, side salad, cornbread, cherry cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.

Thurs: Chicken strips, gravy, macaroni & cheese, baked beans, whole wheat roll, coconut cake, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Polish sausage, cabbage, mashed potatoes, roll, black forest parfait, iced tea/2% milk

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Spaghetti & meat sauce, garden salad, garlic toast, brownie, iced tea/2% milk.

Tues: Beef tips & noodles, broccoli & cauliflower, roll, chocolate cake, iced tea/2% milk.

Wed: Chicken fried steal w/country gravy, broccoli, mashed potatoes, whole wheat roll, fruit crisp, iced tea/2% milk.

Thurs: Slicad ham, huttared carrots, black eyed peas, roll, fruit crisp, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Chicken strips, gravy, potato wedges, garden salad, roll, brownie, iced tea/2% milk

Clarendon CISD

Breakfast Mon: Breakfast pizza, fruit, fruit

juice, milk. Tues: French toast, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Wed: Biscuit, gravy, scrambled eggs, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Thu: Pancake wrap, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Fri: Cinnamon roll, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Mon: Pulled pork sandwich, street corn, cucumbers, applesauce, dessert, milk.

Tues: Chili cheese totchos, biscuit, fresh veggie cup, potatoes, strawberries & bananas, fruit, milk.

Wed: Fish, mac & cheese, carrots, squash, grapes, milk, Thu: Pizza baked pasta, bread-

stick, tomato cup, broccoli,

pears, milk. cheese burger, beans, garden salad, salsa, orange smiles, pudding, fruit, milk.

War of the Wagons to be held Sept. 5

The Texas Panhandle War Memorial along with the VA and Easy Thoughts Counseling have announced "War of the Wagons II".

The event will take place at the Texas Panhandle War Memorial in Amarillo on Friday, September 5, from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m.

This is a free family event focusing on our Veterans and mental health awareness.

Come out, bring your lawn chairs and coolers, taste some good food, have some family fun, listen to good music by the Texas Blues Rangers, and see who is Crowned "Warrior" of the year for best Specialty Plate, One Bite and Dessert.



Five Generations

A Howardwick family is celebrating five generations with the addition of a new baby girl. Great Great Granny Heidi Phelps holds the newest generation along side Great Nana, Grandma, and Daddy.

Hunters encouraged to practice wildfire safety

vent wildfires.

Pockets of dry vegetation season.' remain in areas where recent rain-Rolling Plains, Eastern Hill Country, South Texas and Lower Gulf Coast. In late August and early September, these areas could support small wildfires, however fire weather conditions are not expected, reducing the risk of large, hard-to-control hunting or camping: wildfires.

continues to monitor conditions closely and encourages residents and door activities that could spark fires.

"Even a small spark can quickly ignite a wildfire under the right con-

cusing curriculum on core subjects matter.

and U.S. founding documents.

remove materials.

obtaining abortions.

an elected judge.

by requiring parent-led advisory

cially or logistically supporting

abortions, including entering into

Senate Bill 9 gives prosecu-

tors the ability to appeal dangerous

bail decisions made in cases involv-

amount or conditions of a bail set by

Texas Cyber Command, a pur-

whose mission is to defend, respond,

ter-city agreements between gov-

ernmental entities and foreign

adversaries while promoting agree-

countries, individuals, and organiza-

tions, including designated transna-

quickly when a property owner

property unlawfully. It also increases

criminal penalties for criminal mis-

involving a home and engaging in

a real estate transaction involving

inal offense for transnational repres-

sion and requires a new training

legal interest in.

Senate Bill 1333 empowers

sheriffs and constables to take action spouses.

chief related to criminal trespass mission.

acquiring real property in Texas.

House Bill 128 prohibits sis-

and recover from cyber threats.

House Bill 150 creates the

New Laws: Effective Sept. 1

Senate Bill 13 increases paren- Water Development Board with the

Senate Bill 33 prohibits Texas is put before voters to approve in

and infrastructure projects.

abled individual.

governmental entities from finan- November) to finance water supply

contracts with abortion providers or parole for a defendant convicted

with entities that assist individuals in of trafficking a persons in all cases

ing the most heinous crimes and tively punish defendants for human

repeat felons. This bill also ensures trafficking. This bill also increases

only elected judges may reduce the the penalty for any conduct consti-

pose-built agency in San Antonio Texas Veterans Commission to

ments with allies of the United mation with the intent to provide

tional criminal organizations, from a provisional license recognizing the

submits a sworn complaint that a responsibility of several veteran

squatter has taken possession of their related programs from the Texas

property the person does not have a valid votes an election fraud offense

Senate Bill 1349 creates a crimtion fraud to a second-degree felony,

Senate Bill 17 prohibits certain resources to veterans.

tal oversight of school libraries responsibility to coordinate water

As dove season begins in Texas, A&M Forest Service Fire Chief. bans/. it's important for hunters to remain "Texans are encouraged to stay alert alert and take proactive steps to pre- and be aware of hazards that can cause a wildfire while hunting this

Human activity is responsible fall has been limited, including the for 90% of wildfires in Texas, with debris burning and equipment use being the two leading causes. Equipment and vehicle use has accounted for over 4,500 wildfire ignitions in not contact the road and that any Texas since 2020.

Avoid driving over and parking Texas A&M Forest Service on tall, dry grass – the heat from your vehicle can easily ignite the grass.

Always check with local offivisitors to remain cautious with out- cials for burn bans or other outdoor burning restrictions. Each county in Texas sets and lifts its own burn bans. View the latest burn ban map ditions," said Jared Karns, Texas here: https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/burn-

Senate Bill 7 assigns the Texas

House Bill 2306 eliminates

Senate Bill 1212 enhances the

when the victim is a child or a dis-

ability to prosecute and more effec-

tuting the offense of trafficking of a

establish and maintain an electronic

database of contact information for

service members leaving active duty

who give consent. The database will

allow state agencies and veteran

organizations to access the infor-

individuals within the database with

licensing agencies immediately issue

out-of-state licenses of military ser-

vice members, veterans, and military

Health and Human Services Com-

mission to the Texas Veterans Com-

ing invalid votes or refusing to count

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protecting election integrity.

House Bill 5115 makes count-

House Bill 114 consolidates

Senate Bill 1818 requires Texas

Senate Bill 1814 instructs the

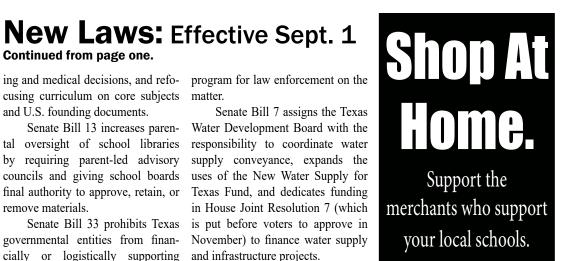
persons to a first-degree felony.

Never leave a cooking fire or campfire unattended and always make sure it is completely out by drowning it, stirring it and feeling to ensure that it is out cold before you leave.

When taking a trailer out on your adventures, make sure that tires are properly inflated, chains will loose metal will not continually hit To prevent a wildfire while anything else, all which can cause sparks.

Always be ready to put out a fire should one start. Have a shovel and water with you in camp and have a fire extinguisher with you at all times.

For more information on preventing wildfires this hunting season, please visit https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/ HuntingFireSafety/.



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White Deer JV edges out Owls

Takota Edwards runs the ball for the Owls Thursday night against White Deer. The Owls lost 28-25.

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Junior High Owls place at XC meet

Hedley High School and Junior High athletes participated in cross country competition in Lubbock last week. Shown here are Nayeli Rodriguez, who placed 10th, and Jeremiah Shelley, who placed 17th, in the junior high race along with Paul Berry and Jose Martinez. High school runners were (back) Alex Garcia, Brady Goodwin, Josue Prieto, Payton Inman, Brandon Moore, and (front) Abbi Hood and Shailyn Hanes.

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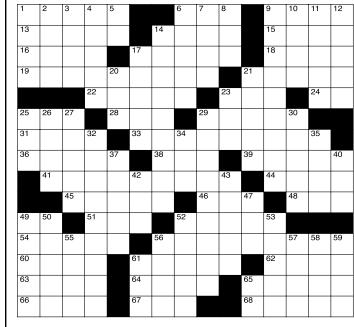
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Fairly large 6. Barrels per day (abbr.)
- 9. Cover the entirety of
- 13. Leafy appetizer
- 14. Showy ornament
- 15. Norse personification of old age 16. Athletes 17. Closes tightly
- 18. Attack via hurling items 19. Where the reserves stand
- 21. Sword 22. Begat
- 23. Damage another's reputation
- 24. Northeast 25. Turf
- 28. For each 29. Hours (Spanish)
- 31. Western state
- 33. One who offers help 36. Flanks
- 38. A woolen cap of Scottish origin

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Vipers
- 3. Slog
- 4. Emits coherent radiation
- 6. Bleated
- 8. Tooth doctor
- 10. Commoner

- 12. Cave deposit material
- 14. Home energy backup
- 20. Face part
- 21. Frocks
- 25. Giving the impression of dishonesty
- 26. About ear

- 39. Free from drink or drugs
- 41. Tunnels
- 44. Mature 45. More dried-up
- 48. Steal something
- (abbr.)
- 51. Female fish eggs
- 52. Small petrel of southern seas
- 54. Edible starches
- 56. Historical 60. In a place to sleep
- 62. Off-Broadway theater award
- 63. Chinese dynasty
- 64. Resembling a wing 65. Small projection on a bird's wing
- 66. Of the Isle of Man
- 68. Plate for Eucharist

- 2. Ancient city in Syria
- 5. "Pollock" actor Harris
- 7. Monetary units of Afghanistan
- 9. One who takes apart
- 11. Beat poet Ginsberg
- 17. Begets

- 23. Hill or rocky peak

- 46. News organization
- 49. Forms one's public persona

- 61. Horse grooms
- 67. Derived unit of force (abbr.)

- 27. Male parents 29. Popular grilled food
- 30. Vaccine developer
- 32. Not conforming 34. Polite address for women
- 35. 1970 U.S. environmental law 37. Astronomical period of 18 years
- 40. One who fights the government
- 42. Center for Excellence in Education
- 43. Watches discreetly
- 47. An electrically charged atom 49. Hymn
- 50. Arabic given name 52. Popular pie nut
- 53. City in Zambia 55. Species of cherry

58. Make angry

- 56. John ___, British writer 57. Be next to
- 59. Give birth to a lamb or kid



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The Bronco offensive line blocks for quarterback Kyler Bell against Panhandle last week.



Bronco Kaleb Mays gains yards for the Broncos last week.

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The Panhandle Panthers try to take down Bronco Caleb Herbert Friday night at Bronco Stadium. ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ROGER ESTLACK





Bronco Ranger Drenth carries the ball Friday night at home.

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Locally Owned

Broncos drop season opener

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon Broncos fell to a good Panhandle team last Friday night on the Kenny King Field at Bronco Stadium in their 0-71 loss.

The young Bronco team played hard but struggled to put things together. The Broncos played aggressively and saw potential in their passing game and running game.

They have been working hard in practice and will be ready for Sanford Fritch in their Homecoming game on Friday, September 5, with kick off at 7:00 pm.

The Bronco junior varsity took on Panhandle on Thursday and did a commendable job against the Panthers. No score was available. Neither varsity nor junior varsity stats were made available to the Enterprise before press time.

The JV Broncos and junior high Colts will travel to Sanford Fritch on Thursday with games at 5:00 and 6:30.



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting September 2, 2025, with Boss Lion Brian Barboza ringing the bell.

We had 11 members present this week.

The club discussed upcoming events including a flag service for Patriot Day, September 11, as well as a blood drive the same day. Lion Anndria Newhouse said the club may be called to help with a fall food project at the senior citizens.

The Boss Lion reported a new door will soon be installed in the flag room of the Lions Hall to allow for easier loading and unloading. Once that's completed, the club will turn its attention to kitchen improvements.

Clarendon Lions will be helping Hedley Lions with their chicken barbecue this Thursday, September 4. Tickets are \$10 each and serving will begin at 6 p.m. at the Hedley school park.

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

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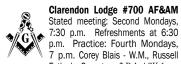
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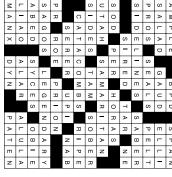
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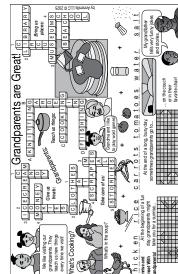
Mon. & Sat. 7 p.m. 416 S Kear-

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

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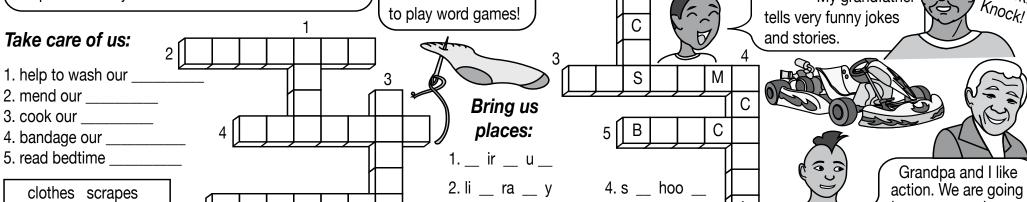
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Grandparents are great! Some kids have a grandmother or grandfather living in their home. They spend time together every day. Many children live near their grandparents and get to visit often. Other kids live miles away from their grandparents and have to take a long drive or a flight to get to their homes for a visit.

Cars, planes, phones, computers and the mail help us keep in touch with grandparents. Holidays and vacations are wonderful times to get together, hear family stories, and share meals and fun times. Grandparents can teach us many things. They help to care for us. They take us places. I'll bet that your grandmother or grandfather often gives you treats or surprises when you visit!

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Study the clues to fill in the four puzzles 2. about grandparents. Grandparents: Teach us things: D Grandma and I like My grandfather to play word games! tells very funny jokes and stories.



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Little Miss Cheer members showcased their skills and performed with the Bronco Cheerleaders during the pep rally on Friday.





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