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

Tax and budget hearings to be held in August

August brings annual public notices to the pages of your local newspaper as local governments prepare to set their budgets and tax rates for the coming fiscal year.

Last week's ENTERPRISE included a small taxing unit notice for the Donley County Hospital District, which will hold a tax rate meeting at 5:30 p.m. on August 18 at 3 Medical Drive.

Clarendon College is advertising a tax rate hearing on August 20 at 5:30 in the VIP Room of the Bairfield Activity Center followed immediately by a budget hearing at 5:45 p.m.

Donley County will hold a public hearing in the Commissioners' Court Room on its proposed tax rate and budget at on August 24 at 9 a.m. The county is also giving notice this week of the proposed increases in elected officials' salaries.

Clarendon CISD is giving notice that it will hold a hearing on the school's proposed budget and tax rate on August 25 at 6 p.m. in the Administration & Technology Building.

Hedley CISD will begin advertising next week that its budget and tax hearing will be on August 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the superintendent's office.

There are other pulic notices in this week's Big E Classifieds, so informed citizens will want to check those out and see what is happening in Donley County as well as neighboring counties.

Public notices inform citizens about their governments and are important to holding elected officials accountable. Citizens are urged to read the ENTERPRISE each week to keep up with these important public notices.

Bronco season tickets on sale now

Reserved seating and season Bronco football tickets are on sale at the Administration Building, 416 S. Allen, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

For ticket pricing, call the office at 806-310-7220.

Also, Bronco fans over the age of 65 can get a Senior Citizen Pass from the Administration Building. The pass will allow senior citizens into any school sponsored home athletic event. If you currently have a senior pass, you do not need a new one.



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Happy Day

Hedley first graders Harper Glover and Taylor Tribble smile big on the first day of class Tuesday morning. Hedley Elementary opened with an enrollment of 35 students, beating expectations for its first year as a pre-kindergarten through sixth grade district.

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Chow time

Clarendon school board members Mike Word (right) and Donny Howard serve up sandwiches to third graders Miles and Ian Word and their parents Cameron Word and Brittney Word during the Bronco Bash Monday night. Clarendon Superintendent Byron May said Monday's activities went great as CCISD prepares for classes to start August 12. May said it looks like the district will start the school year with about 40 kids more than last year, and he said not all of that growth is from Hedley students coming to the high school and junior high. He says more Clarendon students have returned and some families connected with area data center construction projects have also enrolled students.

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HISD drops federal rules for school cafeteria

Hedley school trustees voted to withdraw from the federal school lunch program during a called meeting on Monday, August 10.

Interim Superintendent Larry Jeffers told the Enterprise that with a smaller enrollment as an elementary school, it just wasn't worth it to continue to deal with the federal regulations.

"We will handle all that in house without any federal involvement," Jeffers said, "and run the cafeteria on our own."

The board approved two motions related to the lunch program. The first was to discontinue the Federal Lunch Requirements due to the reduced number of students, and the second was to discontinue the National School Lunch Program.

"We may just kick the food pyramid on its side now instead of turning it upside down," Jeffers joked.

Jeffers said Hedley's enrollment on the first day of school Tuesday was 35, which was about five students higher than he previously predicted.

In other school business, Monday, trustees met with the school's attorney to discuss possible consolidation, but no action was taken following the discussion in closed session.

An hourly rate increase was approved for non-contractual employees as presented, and trustees also voted to accept the resignations of custodian Larry Ely, paraprofessional Katherine Monroe, cafeteria worker Josh Harrison, and cafeteria manager Jeremy Jeffers.

County files proposal for FY '27 budget

Donley County Commissioners filed a proposed \$4.47 million budget this week for fiscal year 2027, an overall decrease of about \$100,000 compared to the current budget.

The proposed budget approved on Monday increases several line items, and County Judge John Howard notes that the county's proposed tax rate is higher than the current rate, the first increase in several years. Declining revenues in traffic fines is a principal reason that taxes will be going up, Howard said, calling it "necessary to support the budget."

"We expected to see about \$500,000 in traffic fines, but it has been closer to \$300,000," Howard said.

Less highway patrol activity means lower revenues for the county, the judge said.

"We're now months without an area DPS sergeant here," he said. "There are DPS shortages across

the state."

Also affecting the budget is a carryover from the current budget that is about \$100,000 less than projected.

The county's total proposed tax rate for FY 2027 is \$0.684567 per \$100 valuation compared to the current rate of \$0.558867. The proposed rate will bring in \$303,444 more than last year's budget. An estimated \$2,582,425 will be collected in property taxes with fees, fines, grants, and other sources bringing in the additional revenue.

Looking towards the future, Howard notes that this coming fiscal year will be the last payment in lieu of taxes from the wind farm near Jericho, which amounts to \$200,000. The wind turbines will come on the tax roll and be subject to ad valorem taxes for fiscal year 2028, but it remains to be seen what their value will be after depreciation.

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We like rural Texas as is

Rural Texas is dying. I keep hearing some version of that statement as Texas debates data centers, economic development and the future of our rural communities.

And frankly, I am tired of it. Rural Texas has challenges. Some communities are losing population. Schools are fighting for enrollment. Healthcare can be difficult to access. Housing is a problem in many towns. Small businesses struggle to find employees. I’ve written about all of this.

But rural Texas is not dying. And we are certainly not some problem waiting for Austin to come fix.

Recently, Railroad Commissioner Wayne Christian has been on the stump saying “Rural Texas IS dying,” pointing to population losses across rural counties. His answer includes welcoming data centers that he says can bring billions in investment, jobs and economic prosperity to communities that “desperately need it” and creating a “commission” to study our “decay.”

This narrative about rural Texas bothers me. Sure, most rural communities are dealing with population decline, but that can’t be the only metric by which to judge us. Calling rural Texas “dying” reduces hundreds of very different communities to a statistic — and then uses that statistic to justify somebody else’s idea of what we need.

Life in rural Texas has changed dramatically over the last several generations. Agriculture has become more efficient. One farmer can work land that once required several families and hired hands. Technology is better. Families are smaller. Retail has consolidated. Young Texans leave for college and careers.

But a town doesn’t have to double in size to be healthy. Maybe success means having enough children to sustain the school, enough customers to support local businesses, enough workers to provide essential services and enough opportunity that young people who want to stay can build a life there.

That isn’t decay. That’s viability. And there is something else that gets lost in all this talk about rural decline: a lot of us actually like living this way.

We like knowing our neighbors. We like small schools where people know our kids. We like open spaces, locally owned businesses and communities where people still show up when somebody needs help. We don’t necessarily want to become the next booming suburb, and growth for the sake of growth isn’t automatically success.

We want our communities to be strong enough that the people who choose this way of life can continue to live it.

And people all over rural Texas are working on that every day.

Since I’ve been back in the Panhandle, I’ve had the opportunity to meet and work these folks -- chambers of commerce, economic development corporations, and county and city officials – all are doing amazing work to make their communities places where their neighbors can live, work and play.

They are building housing, figuring out childcare, helping businesses expand, keeping Main Street stores open and recruiting industries that fit their communities and create good jobs.

They aren’t sitting around waiting for Austin to rescue them.

That’s why I am bothered by the idea that the answer to rural Texas is simply finding somebody willing to announce another billion-dollar investment.

There is a difference between investment in rural Texas and investment that benefits rural Texans.

A project can carry an enormous price tag because the equipment inside it costs billions. That doesn’t necessarily mean billions of dollars will circulate through the local economy.

Before we declare data centers the answer to rural decline, let’s ask some basic questions. How many permanent jobs will they create? How many families will those jobs support? How much business will they generate locally? And what resources will the project require in return?

Those aren’t anti-growth questions. They are economic-development questions.

Good rural economic development isn’t about chasing the biggest capital-investment number. It is about building an economy capable of sustaining a community.

That might mean a manufacturer employing 40 people, expanding an agricultural business, supporting new ag technology, training plumbers and mechanics or building houses so families can actually move to town.

And yes, in the right place and under the right circumstances, it might even be a data center.

But the starting question should be what does this community need? Not what can we put there?

If state leaders really want to understand what rural Texas needs, there is an easy way to find out.

Ask us.

Before creating another commission to study rural decline or prescribing another economic-development solution from Austin, put rural economic-development professionals, county judges, school leaders, business owners, farmers and young families around a table.

Ask what’s working. Ask what’s getting in their way. Ask why families leave and why others choose to stay.

The answers will probably be boring and they won’t make headlines. They will involve housing, workforce, healthcare, childcare, infrastructure, education, access to capital and giving communities the tools to shape their own futures.

There are rural Texas communities facing serious challenges. Pretending otherwise doesn’t help them.

But neither does declaring rural Texas a dying place that needs to be saved.

Rural Texas is not monolithic. It is a collection of communities with different economies, resources, challenges and ideas about their futures.

Rural Texas does not need Austin to rescue it. It needs Austin to listen to it.

And if our state leaders really want to have that conversation, I’ll gladly help put some people around the table.

They’ve been doing the work for years.

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by suzanne bellsnyder

Speaking of Grahams and Crackers

When my Uncle Mort draws a bead on topics, he redefines “random.” He’s as likely to converse about frogs “belly-bouncing” into his favorite fishing hole as he is about whether there’s life in distant galaxies.

Recently, he targeted a favorite snack, Graham Crackers. How’s that for random? His latest query may justify placement at or new the top in his ongoing state of “wackiness.” (Remember, he once questioned whether Joyce Brothers and the Smothers brothers were related.) This time, he asked if I thought that Graham Crackers were intended to honor one or two late Grahams – or perhaps both.

Dr. Billy Graham was a world-renowned Christian evangelist, and Lindsey Graham was a veteran US Senator respected nationally for working both sides of the aisle with enthusiasm, candor, and humor.

Dr. Graham, in ministry for some 85 years, died at age 99+ eight years ago, and Senator Graham died suddenly in July at age 71....

Within seconds, my computer provided enough data to choke a herd of horses, enabling me to answer my ancient uncle’s query with ease. Graham Crackers were popular treats long before Dr. Graham and Senator Graham were born. The crackers’ name was selected to honor Rev. Sylvester Graham, a Presbyterian minister in Massachusetts in the 1820s-1830s.

A dietary reformer known for his vegetarianism stance – as well as the temperance movement – he recommended whole grain bread. He endorsed Graham Flour, the basic ingredient in the popular snack. Wayda minute! I’m beginning to ramble like Uncle Mort. I could easily have answered: “NO.”

Doing so, however, might have meant Mort would wedge in another question that might just as well be directed to a tree, fireplug or the data center of your choice.

The crackers do, however, memorialize a preacher who emphasized the importance of good health, admonish to the masses that all should go to great lengths to avoid great widths....

THE Grahams had hard-scrabble beginnings. Billy was born on a farm near Charlotte, NC, and Lindsey in a shack behind his parents’ bar/cafe/pool hall in tiny Pickens, SC. Both were admired by most, their integrity unquestioned. Dr. Graham’s financial books were always open, and the senator’s net worth was likewise modest.

I have greatly admired many Texas political leaders. A few include House Speaker Sam Rayburn and several other congressional figures, including George Mahon, Jim Wright and Charles Stenholm. Two women forged the way for women in politics – Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison and Congresswoman Barbara Jordan. Jordan was the South’s first African American woman to serve in Congress. (Of the aforementioned, only Hutchison is still living.)

Most political observers were shocked by Jordan’s election, including a radio station reporter who excitedly exclaimed, “And your opponent was a white man!” Jordan, quick-witted and respected, quickly responded. She had a memorable rejoinder, “Yes, and he still



the idle american
by don newbury

is.”....

On May 14, 1971, “Gordon Wood Day” was celebrated in Brownwood, where he won seven state football championships. Many luminaries attended, including football coaches from throughout Texas and beyond. Featured speaker was President Lyndon Johnson, just two years into retirement. He reminisced about then having time to enjoy sitting in his front porch rocking chair, adding, “Next year I may rock.” He inserted his prepared remarks into his pocket after 15 minutes. His face was marked by wrinkles carried over from his presidential years. His face brightened, however, as he remembered that he was among friends, hanging on each word.

Then, he spoke extemporaneously for 20 more minutes. He was in his element, recalling that it was in Brownwood where the 1948 State Democratic Convention was held. It served as the springboard for his election to the US Senate. “They didn’t have enough hotel rooms, so appeals were made to locals to provide sleeping quarters for delegates,” he remembered.

As emcee, I had researched Brownwood Bulletin files, fascinated by a boxed story on the front page that ran for several weeks prior to the convention. “Will you sleep a Democrat at your house?” When he finished, I asked if he thought a popular idiom may have originated there, the one about “politics making strange bedfellows.” He laughed heartily, and the some 2,000 attendees left, smiling....

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Consider Constitution’s coinage clause

In a 2023 Saturday Night Live sketch, George Washington, played by comedian Nate Bargatze, tries to motivate his troops during a desperate moment in the Revolutionary War.

Washington told them they were fighting for a country of their own, a nation where they would choose their own laws, their own leaders, and their own system of weights and measures.

“One day,” Washington declares, “our proud nation will measure weight in pounds, and 2,000 pounds shall be called a ton.” When a soldier asks what 1,000 pounds will be called, Washington simply replies, “Nothing, because we will have no word for that.”

Washington continued to explain that as free men, Americans will measure some liquids in liters and milliliters, but only soda, wine, and alcohol. Milk and paint, however, will be measured in gallons, quarts, and pints, God willing. “How many liters are in a gallon, sir?” a soldier asks.

Washington responds, “Nobody knows.”

While the sketch was one of the funniest SNL has produced in years, it also contained a grain of truth. Article I, Section 8, Clause 5 of our Constitution gives Congress the power “To coin Money, regulate the Value thereof, and of foreign Coin, and fix the Standard of Weights and Measures.” While the weights- and- measures portion makes for great comedy, the authority to coin money has been far more significant in American history.

Before the Constitution was ratified, the Articles of Confederation gave the national government very little authority over the nation’s finances.

Individual states issued their own paper money while foreign coins circulated alongside state currencies. As a result, money often had different values from one state to the next, making trade difficult and creating confusion for merchants and consumers alike.

These problems were made even worse during the Revolutionary War. The Continental Congress printed large amounts of paper money, known as Continentals, but because the national government lacked the power

to raise sufficient tax revenue, the currency quickly lost its value. This gave rise to the phrase “not worth a continental” and convinced many of the nation’s leaders that the United States needed a stronger central government with authority over the monetary system.

The Coinage Clause, reinforced by later Supreme Court decisions, gives Congress the exclusive authority to coin money and regulate its value.

Article I, Section 10, Clause 1 goes even further by prohibiting the states from coining money altogether. The principle of exclusive federal authority over currency became so well established that the Supreme Court cited it in several early cases as a classic example of the difference between concurrent powers and exclusive federal powers under the Supremacy Clause.

The Constitution, however, did not eliminate every source of monetary confusion.

Early America developed a dual banking system in which both the federal government and the states could charter banks. While only the federal government could officially coin money, state-chartered banks accepted deposits of gold and silver and issued paper banknotes redeemable for those deposits. These notes circulated as currency throughout local economies.

The problem was that state banknotes often varied in value because they depended on the financial health of the issuing bank. A note issued by one bank might be accepted at full value nearby but discounted elsewhere if people questioned the bank’s stability.

This loophole was finally closed during the Civil War. Congress passed the National Banking Act of 1863, creating a uniform national banking system and a national currency. A few years later, Congress imposed a 10 percent tax on state banknotes, making



historically speaking
by dr. james finck

them too expensive to circulate and effectively eliminating them from the marketplace.

While researching this topic, I came across an interesting use of the Coinage Clause that I had not known before. During the Great Depression, President Franklin D. Roosevelt took the United States off the gold standard.

In 1933, he issued an executive order which made it illegal for most Americans to own gold and required them to exchange their gold for paper currency at the official price of \$20.67 per ounce. Adding more currency, FDR intentionally reduced the dollar’s value. The resulting inflation helped many debtors because it lowered the real value of what they owed while increasing the prices they could receive for the goods they produced.

When the government’s actions were challenged in court, the Supreme Court upheld them in Nirtz v. United States (1935), relying in part on Congress’s broad constitutional authority over the nation’s monetary system under the Coinage Clause. Although the United States has never returned to the gold standard, President Gerald Ford signed legislation in 1974 restoring the right of Americans to own gold.

Since Bargatze’s sketch centered on weights and measures, it is worth mentioning why that authority appears alongside the power to coin money. The two powers work together to create a stable national economy. Just as a single national currency prevents confusion over the value of money, uniform standards for weights and measures prevent disputes over the quantity of goods being bought and sold.

Whether someone is purchasing a pound of flour, a gallon of milk, or paying with a dollar, our Constitution sought to ensure that everyone across the United States would be operating under the same set of rules. James Finck is a professor of American history at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma. He can be reached at james.finck@swoknews.com. This article first appeared in The Southwest Ledger.

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Obituaries

McCampbell

Essie Jean McCampbell, better known as Jean, was born on May 26, 1937, and passed away in her home on Thursday August 6, 2026.

Services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, August 15, 2026, in First Baptist Church in Clarendon. Burial will follow in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon.

Viewing will be held Friday at the funeral home.

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

Jean was the oldest of eight children and was raised with the strength, determination, and resilience that would come to define her throughout her life. She attended and graduated school in Clarendon, Texas, where she would go on to become a beloved member of the community.

Throughout her life, Jean worked hard to provide for herself and her family. She worked for Ruby Brumley as a cook for more than 20 years, in addition to holding several other jobs throughout her life. She was never afraid of hard work and believed in doing whatever was necessary to make ends meet and take care of the people she loved.

Jean was known for her loud, boisterous, and unmistakable presence. She commanded attention, spoke her mind, and never had much trouble letting you know exactly how she felt. Her honesty, toughness, and strong-willed nature were simply part of who she was. But behind that tough exterior was a woman whose love ran deep and whose family was the center of her world.

Jean was the foundation upon which her family was built. Her strong spirit, tough love, determination, and willingness to sacrifice shaped not only her children, but generations that followed. She taught those she loved to be strong, stand on their own, work hard, and make their own way in this world. Her strength and resilience made her a respected

and unforgettable presence throughout the Clarendon community.

On August 13, 1978, Jean married Walter William McCampbell. Together, they shared 13 years of marriage until his passing on March 18, 1992. Their home was built on strength, resilience, family, and the belief that those they loved should be prepared to face whatever life threw at them.

Beyond her family, one of Jean's greatest joys was cooking. Her kitchen was much more than a place to prepare food—it was a place where love was served alongside every meal.

Whether she was cooking for herself, preparing for a family celebration, or simply feeding those who happened to be around, Jean found joy in cooking and making sure people around her had a home cooked meal to enjoy.

When Jean wasn't in the kitchen, there was a good chance she was out on somebody's lake, casting a line and drinking a beer. Fishing brought her happiness, peace, and an escape from the everyday stresses of life. It was one of the simple pleasures that allowed Jean to relax, enjoy the moment, and do something she loved.

Her home became a gathering place for multiple generations. It was a place filled with music, good food, laughter, stories, and the unmistakable sound of Jean making her presence known. She treasured every visit, every celebration, and every opportunity to watch her family grow.

Jean's legacy is found in the family she built, the lives she touched, the meals she prepared, the lessons she taught, the laughter she shared, and the strength she passed down from one generation to the next.

She was strong. She was resilient. She was unapologetically Jean. And she was loved & loved deeply.

She was preceded in death by her parents, B.W. Smith Sr. and Beatrice Smith; her husband, Walter William McCampbell; her sons, William Eugene McCampbell and Joe Mac McCampbell; her brothers, B.W. Smith Jr., Curtis Smith Sr., Billy Smith, and Bobby Smith; and her sister, JoAnn Brown.

Those left to cherish her memory include her children, Barbara Smith of Clarendon; Stanley

Smith of Clarendon; Geraldine Kelly and her husband, Tim, of Crowley; Danny D. McCampbell and his wife, Naila, of Houston; and Danny R. McCampbell of Amarillo; her brother Archie Smith and his wife, Vanessa, of Mesquite; her sister Doris Gardner of Clarendon; 32 grandchildren; 63 great-grandchildren; and 13 great-great-grandchildren, along with a host of beloved nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends.

Thompson

Sannie "San" Thompson was born on April 10, 1947, in Donley County at Adair Hospital to Herschel "Shorty" Thompson and Ruby May Thompson. He passed away on Sunday, August 9, 2026. No services are scheduled, per his wishes, and he will be cremated and buried at Citizens Cemetery in section 10 in a family plot.

C O P D Thompson and Parkinson's disease are hard ways to die. As are drowning in one's own fluids (CIOD), or dying slowly in a rest-home with Parkinson's, after having depleted all of the family's assets and care giving energy.

I choose the unselfish exit time and place.

The Ten Commandments say "Thou shall not kill." God sent Jesus, about 1450 years later, to be a sacrifice for the sins of all who believe in him. John 3:16 is one of the verses that says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever shall believe in him shall not die but have everlasting life", or Acts 16:31, Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shall be saved...

"All have sinned..." Jesus, you are my only hope.

Please pray for my family and friends in this time of grief.

Survivors include his daughter, Yvette Palmer and husband, John; and his dearest friend, Frances Smith.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Parkinson's Foundation in San's name.



McCampbell



Thompson



Proposed Salary Increases for Elected Officials FY 2027

Elected Official	Current Salary	Proposed Increase
Judge	\$47,881	None
Commissioner Pct 1	\$18,978	None
Commissioner Pct 2	\$18,978	None
Commissioner Pct 3	\$18,978	None
Commissioner Pct 4	\$18,978	None
Sheriff	\$75,000	None
County Attorney	\$36,387	None
County - District Clerk	\$41,803	\$1000
Treasurer	\$41,803	\$1000
Tax Assessor Collector	\$39,015	\$1000
JPPct1 & 2	\$39,015	\$1000
JP Pct3 &4	\$39,015	\$1000
Constable Pct 3 & 4	\$3,918	None

Note: Each Elected Official and Employee of Donley County receives an additional \$5 per month longevity pay for each month of service beginning after 5 years' service.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.6845670 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Donley County.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.6845670 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.5506299 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.6962270 per \$100
DE MINIMIS RATE	\$0.8412564 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2026 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Donley County from the same properties in both the 2025 tax year and the 2026 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that Donley County may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for Donley County exceeds the voter-approval rate for Donley County.

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for Donley County, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for Donley County.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Donley County is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2026 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON August 24, 2026, AT 9:00 am AT Donley County Commissioners Courtroom.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the voter-approval tax rate and the de minimis rate. If Donley County adopts the proposed tax rate, Donley County is not required to hold an election to seek voter approval of the rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the Commissioner's Court or by attending the public meeting mentioned above.

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

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

FOR the proposal: Judge John Howard Greg Wootten
Dan Sawyer Del Essary
Daniel Ford

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

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

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

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

	2025	2026	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.5588670	\$0.6845670	increase of 0.1257 per \$100, or 22.49%
Average homestead taxable value	\$80,911	\$104,268	increase of 28.87%
Tax on average homestead	\$452.18	\$713.78	increase of 261.60, or 57.85%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$2,278,981	\$2,582,425	increase of 303,444, or 13.31%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Donley County at 806-874-2744 or visit www.co.donley.tx.us for more information.

Donley County Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Proposed Budget

This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$464,146, which is a 20.37% percent increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$18,748.24.

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August 16
Bronco Booster Tournament • Clarendon Country Club • Call 806-874-2166 for more information

August 29 & 30
Men's & Women's Club Championship • Clarendon Country Club • Call 806-874-2166

September 7
Labor Day Scramble • Clarendon Country Club • Call 806-874-2166

September 19 & 20
One-Person Scramble
Clarendon Country Club • Call 806-874-2166.

September 27
Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff • SaintsRoostMuseum.com

October 1 - 3
Old Texas Route 66 Motor Tour at the Jericho Gap • thejerichogap.com

October 3
REFZ Ride for Kids Poker Run. See ClarendonTX.com for details.

October 3
Tex Selvidge Scramble • Clarendon Country Club • Call 806-874-2166

October 10
Six-Person Skins • Clarendon Country Club • Call 806-874-2166

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Menus

August 17 - 21
Donley County Senior Citizens

Mon: Cheeseburgers, potato wedges, melon or fresh fruit, sugar cookie, iced tea/2% milk.

Tues: Chicken fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, whole wheat roll, cherry/pineapple crisp, iced tea/2% milk.

Wed: Oven fried chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, whole wheat roll, fruit crisp, iced tea/2% milk.

Thurs: Sweet & sour chicken, long grain rice, stir fry veggies & peas, whole wheat roll, chocolate pudding w/whipped topping, iced tea/2% milk.

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

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Polish sausage, cabbage, mashed potatoes, whole wheat roll, black forest parfait, iced tea/2% milk.

Tues: Enchilada casserole, pinto beans, Spanish rice, garden salad, sopapilla cake, iced tea/2% milk.

Wed: Steak fingers, red skin potatoes, black-eyed peas, whole wheat roll, chocolate cake, iced tea/2% milk.

Thurs: Ham & pinto beans, sweet potatoes, marinated cucumber & onion salad, cornbread, sliced pears, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Bacon cheeseburger on whole wheat bun, potato wedges, fruit, sugar cookies, iced tea/2% milk

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Breakfast

Mon: Pancakes, bacon, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Tues: Breakfast combo, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Wed: Breakfast pizza, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Thurs: Breakfast cookie, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Fri: Donut, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch

Mon: Hot dog, potatoes, tomato cup, fruit, milk.

Tues: Ham & cheese sliders, beans, carrots, salsa, ice cream, fruit, milk.

Wed: Sloppy Joe, salad, veggie blend, fruit, milk.

Thu: Popcorn chicken, roll, corn, broccoli, salad, fruit, milk.

Fri: Cheeseburgers, potatoes, salad, fruit, milk.

The ‘Wick has the best night sky

He Says – I want to remind all the Clarendon Broncos starting school this week to stay well, stay safe, and enjoy the privilege of being able to attend our fine public schools. Be kind to your teachers, your coaches, and each other.

She Says – As Aretha Franklin put it, RESPECT! The cooks, the custodians, the bus drivers as well as the teaching staff all deserve kindness and respect for making our schools an important influence in our community.

He Says – I don’t need to mention the HOT, HOT weather, but I want to remind everyone, not just the athletes and musicians that perform outside, to be aware of the danger of becoming overheated. Hydrate, hydrate, hydrate!

She Says – Even though the practice time outside is limited, every year we read of someone collapsing from the heat.

He Says – Actually, the UIL has very strict rules regarding practice time. Each student is limited to eight hours per week outside of school hours. And I know coaches must provide unrestricted, unlimited access to water and breaks.

She Says – Well the heat has certainly changed our “deck time.” Now we are getting up earlier to enjoy coffee on the deck before the sun gets too hard to handle (about 9:00 a.m. for us) and then sneaking out after dark to enjoy the last of the day.

He Says – Yeah, I think that’s our favorite times of day – sitting on our deck in early morning and late evening. Watching the hummingbirds battle over a spot on the feeder.

She Says – And watching our coward of a cat zoom under your chair when the wild turkeys appear.

He Says – We’ve lived in Howardwick for seven years and our location is great. It’s a quiet street, and behind the house is a dry creek lined with big beautiful trees. Our deck is high up, and we look right into the trees.

She Says – That’s why it’s called our “tree house.”



he says, she says

by richard & mary green

He Says – Evenings are the best! Birds are active on our feeders, the deer are waiting for the corn, and slowly, darkness begins to ease in among the trees. That’s when the stars will begin to sparkle. The night sky in the ‘Wick is truly magnificent! If you have not watched the stars pop out, my friends, you are missing a great chance to just enjoy life.

She Says – While I do enjoy our deck time, I’m joining the groups of people who are eager for fall and cooler weather.

I’ve lost so many plants this year – some from neglect, some from over-watering, and some were just not cut out for hot weather.

He Says – I don’t wish death, damage, or destruction on anyone, but as Uncle Calvin would say, “A nice little hurricane in the Gulf might bring us some rain!”

She Says – Be careful what you wish for! The entire country has suffered from dramatic weather this year! Floods, fires, drought, 100 degree days – and you want a hurricane!

He Says – What I want is rain.

She Says – You’re in a big school there.

Cattle prices haven’t hit the ceiling yet

With smaller supplies of cattle on hand and good demand for beef continuing, prices could hold and go higher yet, said David Anderson, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension livestock marketing economist and professor, Texas A&M Department of Agricultural Economics, who spoke at the Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course.

“We are going to produce less beef this year and next year and maybe into 2028,” Anderson said. “We can’t expand the herd in a drought, and the whole Great Plains area has been and is still dry. Expansion is going to happen slowly due to the drought, higher input costs and interest rates, and the market volatility – tariffs, trade, screwworm and other pests – we are still seeing.”

Anderson said the slow movement to herd expansion means increases in beef production will also be slow.

“One way to increase beef production will be the cattle from Mexico, with the planned border openings later this month,” he said. “But that will also depend on the speed of the port openings and the number of cattle coming into the US”

The Santa Teresa, New Mexico, port west of El Paso is the largest entry point for Mexican cattle, with more than 500,000 head moving through annually.

That port will be the second or third of the various ports to open, with the Douglas, Arizona, port opening first.

“We’ll start importing feeder cattle; my expectation is it will slowly ramp up, and we won’t get as many as we were in 2024 and before,” Anderson said. “These numbers will add to our supply of feeder cattle, but it won’t really depress prices. We’re still going to have high prices.”

That’s because those cattle won’t become beef in the store until mid-2027. So, Anderson said, not much impact is expected on prices in the near term.

Calf prices will still have room to go up, he said.

“We will have tighter supplies with good demand, and that’s a recipe for higher prices,” Anderson said.

Anderson said fed cattle are selling for an average of \$230 per hundredweight now, but by next quarter, they could move to \$243-\$245 per hundredweight.

In 2027, that price could go as high as \$250-\$256 per hundredweight. Prices for lightweight cattle or feeder calves, 500-600 pounds, have dropped slightly in the past few weeks, from \$476.24 to \$437.44 per hundredweight, but are expected to climb back as high as \$459-\$467 per hundredweight in the second quarter of 2027.

He said producers have stopped culling cows as much as they were, but they haven’t been holding back heifers.

“Right now, their dilemma is ‘do I sell the heifers today and get good money or hold the heifers and count on their offspring to make me money?’” Anderson said. “For the most part, the check in hand has been more attractive than the check from future offspring.”

The US Department of Agriculture July cattle report indicated 100,000 heifers had been held back, so that is not huge, he said, but it is an indication that the process has started.

“It’s hard to grow a herd if you don’t keep numbers back,” he said. “However, the trend on the beef side is more pounds of beef per head, so we don’t have to have as big of growth to get back to the same supply as before.”

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ANSWER:

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The Bronco Booster Club Classic annual golf tournament was held Saturday at the Clarendon County Club. Placing first and shooting a 58 was the team of Ricky Mooring, Gary Jack, Eddy Eads (all Class of 1976), and Derek Shields (Class of 1999).

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Second place was decided in a two-hole shoot off and won by Howard Farms shooting a score of 60. Team members were Harrison Howard (Class of 2024), Bodee Bratcher, Garret Moseley and Brendon Bowman.

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The third place team at the booster classic went to TWFG Insurance and members Michael Thompson, Dalton Benson, Gavin Word, and Keegan Crump. Dalton and Gavin are both ex-Broncos.

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Gabe Broussard was the Closest-to-the-Pin winner at the tournament.

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Several raffles were held during the Bronco Booster Classic, but Donnie Childers of Tulia won two raffles – one for a booze cooler and one for barbecue and booze.

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Winners of the chipping and putting contest at the Bronco Booster tournament were Redell Johnston and Derek Gourley.

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County:

Continued from page 1.

Howard also says that the Texas Association of Counties has let its members know they expect the Texas Legislature to crack down hard on local governments taxing authority in the next session.

“The likelihood is the Legislature will box us in on our ability to raise taxes in the future,” Howard said.

The county is also facing increasing costs in the upcoming budget. County officials and employees will see raises with exception of the members of the commissioners’ court. This is the fourth year that commissioners and the county judge have not had their local salaries raised.

Health care costs are another big expense for the county, going up about seven percent or close to \$1,000 per employee, Howard said.

The county has eliminated two fully time positions in the new budget – a highway safety officer position that was previously funded by a grant and a position that had been split between the treasurer’s office and the Justice of the Peace Precinct 1&2 office.

Commissioners will hold public hearings on its proposed budget as well as the tax rate on August 24 at 9 a.m. See the public notice in this week’s ENTERPRISE for more information.



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting August 11 with Boss Lion Eric Gehman ringing the bell.

We had 10 members and one guest this week. Monroe Newhouse was the guest of Lion Anndria Newhouse.

The club discussed upcoming activities, including the Labor Day flag service and a September blood drive. Lion Lauren Graves was recognized for her volunteer efforts keeping our young trees alive at the Lions Hall and also weed eating this week. Thank you, Lion Lauren!

The date for the annual Pancake Supper was set for Friday, October 23, which will be the last home football game with Memphis as our guests. Tickets will go on sale soon.

Lion Byron May reported on the Bronco Bash this week and said the public school is getting ready to open on Wednesday with an estimated 40 more students that last year. Lion Byron said the higher number is stressing some resources, but the school is taking it in stride and making it work.

Lion Tex Buckhualts reported on the college where activities are starting to pick up in preparation for the fall semester, and his office is working on the budget for the new year.

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



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CLUES ACROSS

1. Midway between south and southeast

4. Fathers

9. Wine grape

14. Al Bundy's wife

15. Derived from ammonia

16. Venezuelan state

17. Interest rate

18. Experts

20. Vascular tissues

22. Smooth and glossy

23. Administrative region in S. Korea

24. One from Damascus

28. Special interest group

29. It cools your home

30. Oh, God!

31. Intestinal pouches

33. Men

37. Twelfth star in a constellation

38. Former CIA

39. Arrange in grades of size
41. A baglike structure in a plant or animal

42. “The Great Lakes State”

43. Having earlike appendages

44. Momentarily stop

46. Ancient kingdom

49. Of I

50. White clerical vestment

51. Songs to one's beloved

55. Charges

58. Computer application originator

59. A place to dock a boat

60. One guided by reason

64. Slang for cigarette

65. Sailboats

66. “Jerry Maguire” actor Zellweger

67. Screen type

68. Country legend Haggard

69. Puts together in time

70. When you anticipate arriving

CLUES DOWN

1. Involuntary muscular contraction

2. Eastern US transit agency

3. Leaves a place

4. Cease to participate

5. Current units

6. Cease to exist

7. General's assistant (abbr.)

8. Earth vibration

9. Very strong winds

10. For each one

11. A bog

12. The creation of beautiful or significant things

13. Affirmative

19. Pie ___ mode

21. Nonclerical

24. Indonesian island

25. Educational environment

26. Namibian peoples

27. Bring out or develop
31. Moves into a place of thought

32. Out of the way

34. Loads a ship

35. Beloved Hollywood alien

36. Distinguishes

40. The ancient Egyptian sun god

41. Secondary or explanatory title

45. Relating to a wing

47. One who gives a speech

48. In the middle

52. Loop with a running knot

53. Airborne (abbr.)

54. Sweet persons

56. Put into play

57. Small cattle breed

59. Millisecond

60. Revolutions per minute

61. They ___

62. Moon crater

63. A place to stay the night



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Clarendon College Vice President of Information Technology Will Thompson (right) receives the Texans Caring for Texans Award last week during a ceremony at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

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Thompson receives Texans Caring award

A Clarendon College employee were recognized with the Texans Caring for Texans Award last Thursday, August 6, at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

Will Thompson was recognized for his outstanding contributions and commitment to serving others. His CC’s Vice President of Information Technology and a dedicated member of the Clarendon College community.

The Texans Caring for Texans award celebrates individuals who go above and beyond in making a positive impact across the state and was established in 1996 by the late State Rep. David Swinford to honor state employees for professional excellence in service to their communities and to Texas.

Last week’s ceremony recognized Panhandle region employees of state services and higher education institutions. Sixty-three individuals from 23 agencies across the Panhandle were honored. State Representative John Smithee delivered the keynote address for last week’s 32nd annual presentation.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.248477 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Clarendon College.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.248477 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.238921 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.267734 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2026 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Clarendon College from the same properties in both the 2025 tax year and the 2026 tax year.

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

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Clarendon College is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2026 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON August 20, 2026 AT 5:30 pm AT Clarendon College Bairfield Activity Center VIP Room.

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

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

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

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

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

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

	2025	2026	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.243937	\$0.248477	increase of 0.004540 per \$100, or 1.86%
Average homestead taxable value	\$89,381	\$104,268	increase of \$16.66%
Tax on average homestead	\$218.03	\$259.08	increase of \$41.05, or 18.83%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$826,614	\$835,335	increase of \$8,721, or 1.06%

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Clarendon College at 806-874-2744 or visit [ClarendonCollege.edu](https://www.ClarendonCollege.edu) for more information.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

Clarendon Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 pm on August 25, 2026 at Administration & Technology Bldg, 416 S Allen St in Clarendon, Texas. This meeting is to discuss the school district’s budget that will determine the tax rate the school district will adopt. The school district invites public participation in the discussion.

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

Maintenance Tax\$0.7637/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)

School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters\$0.00/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year’s Budget

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

Maintenance and operations1.43% increase or % (decrease)

Debt service0.00% increase or 0.00% (decrease)

Total expenditures1.43% increase or % (decrease)

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

Total appraised value* of all property\$865,831,451\$1,042,330,408

Total appraised value* of new property**\$4,448,692\$1,402,225

Total taxable value*** of all property\$300,052,872\$297,708,310

Total taxable value*** of new property**\$3,355,796\$1,278,623

* Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(8).

** New property is defined by Tax Code Section 26.012(17).

*** Taxable value is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

Bonded Indebtedness

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

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates										
	Maintenance and Operations		Interest and Sinking Fund*		Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student			
Last Year's Rate	\$	0.77050	\$	0.0000 *	\$	0.77050	\$	6,335	\$	10,626
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$	0.81091	\$	0.0000 *	\$	0.81091	\$	6,802	\$	10,638
Proposed Rate	\$	0.7637	\$	0.0000 *	\$	0.7637	\$	6,686	\$	10,340
* The interest and sinking fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.										

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year’s Levy on Average Residence		
	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$178,245	\$175,757
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$42,753	\$43,256
Last Year’s Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$0.7705	\$0.7637
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$329.41	\$330.35
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$0.94
Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person age 65 or older or their surviving spouse, if the surviving spouse was age 55 or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.		

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 0.7637. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of 0.7637.

Fund Balances

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

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)\$4,131,627

Interest and Sinking Fund Balance(s)\$0

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

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 Regular Board of Directors meeting third Tuesday each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Clarendon Visitor Center, 110 S. Kearney.



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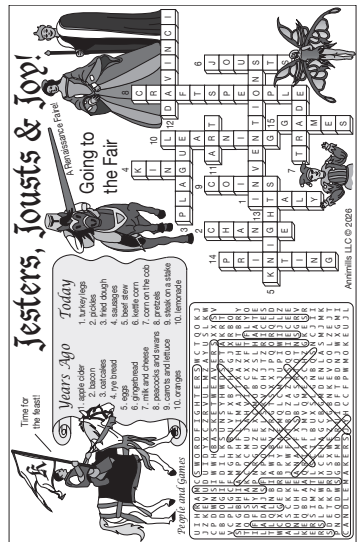
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REGION A PANHANDLE WATER PLANNING GROUP PRE-PLANNING PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE 2031 REGIONAL WATER PLAN**

The Region A Panhandle Water Planning Group (PWPG) will hold a public pre-planning meeting to receive suggestions and recommendations from the public concerning issues and provisions that deserve consideration during development of the 2031 Region A Regional Water Plan and the 2032 State Water Plan. The PWPG will also discuss its process for interregional coordination and collaboration regarding water management strategies during development of the 2031 Regional Water Plan. The pre-planning meeting will be held as part of the regularly scheduled Region A PWPG meeting. DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, September 23, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. PHYSICAL LOCATION: Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, 415 SW 8th Avenue, Amarillo, Texas 79101 ONLINE ACCESS: GoTo Meeting: <https://meet.goto.com/817393101> PUBLIC COMMENT: Members of the public may provide oral comments during the meeting, either in person or through the online meeting. Written comments will be accepted beginning upon publication of this notice and through the conclusion of the meeting. Written comments may be mailed to Jarian Fred, Region A PWPG Administrator, Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, P.O. Box 9257, Amarillo, Texas 79105, or emailed to jfred@theprpc.org. The PWPG will continue to accept public input throughout preparation of the regional water plan. CONTACT AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. Questions or requests for additional information may be directed to Jarian Fred, Region A PWPG Administrator, at (806) 372-3381 or jfred@theprpc.org. The physical contact address is Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, 415 SW 8th Avenue, Amarillo, Texas 79101. Additional information is available at www.panhandlewater.org. Persons needing special accommodations or language assistance to participate should contact Jarian Fred as early as possible before the meeting. This notice is provided pursuant to Texas Water Code §16.053(h) and 31 Texas Administrative Code §9357.12(a)(1) and 357.21.

HALL COUNTY

PUBLIC NOTICE: Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway proposes to install two 50-ft-tall communications towers in their railroad right-of-way in Hall County at (latitude, longitude) 34.60414, -100.46603 and 34.65259, -100.47859 which will be licensed through the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). As part of its responsibilities assigned by FCC for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), BNSF invites the public to notify BNSF of any effects the placement of this tower may have on properties listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, or any concerns the public may have with regard to the potential impact the tower may have on natural and cultural resources subject to NEPA or NHPA review and consideration. Please direct your comments to Natasha Zavala at HDR, 10450 Holmes Rd, Suite 600, Kansas City, MO 64131 or natasha.zavala@hdrinc.com. Comments must be received within 10 days of this notice.

DONLEY COUNTY

SMALL TAXING UNIT NOTICE

The Donley County Hospital District will hold a tax rate meeting at 5:30 p.m. on August 18, 2026, at 3 Medical Drive Clarendon, Texas 79226 to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2025. The proposed tax rate is 0.1670 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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SMALL TAXING UNIT NOTICE

Gateway Groundwater Conservation District will hold a meeting at 8:00 AM on August 31, 2026 at 223 South Main Street, Quanah, Texas 79252 to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2026. The proposed tax rate is \$0.0100 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.

GATEWAY GCD RULES HEARING

The Gateway Groundwater Conservation District, in compliance with Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code and its Rules, will receive public comment on proposed amendments to the District Rules that primarily affect Rules 1.1 and 8.8 regarding Measuring, Monitoring, and Reporting Requirements, at a public hearing to be held at the Gateway Groundwater Conservation District office located at 223 South Main, Quanah, Texas 79252 at 8:00 a.m., on August 31, 2026.

After the conclusion of the public hearing, the District Board will discuss comments received and consider possible adoption of rule amendments. Written and oral public comments on the proposed rules must be submitted to the District on or prior to the hearing date. A complete copy of the current and proposed Rules of the District are available at www.gatewaygroundwater.com and at the District office, 223 South Main Street, Quanah, Texas 79252; (940) 663-5722.

GATEWAY GCD'S NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE PROPOSED DESIRED FUTURE CONDITIONS OF THE AQUIFERS BY GMA 6

The Gateway Groundwater Conservation District (GGCD) is currently receiving public comments on proposed desired future conditions (DFCs) for the relevant aquifers in Hardeman, Childress, Cottle, Foard, King and Motley counties through 2080 until August 31, 2026, pursuant to §36.108, Texas Water Code. Written comments may be submitted to at 223 South Main Street, Quanah, TX 79252; P.O. Box 338, Quanah, TX 79252; or gatewaygcd@att.net. The GGCD will hold a public hearing on the proposed DFCs on August 31, 2026, at 8:00 AM at the District office located at 223 South Main, Quanah, TX 79252. Please contact the GGCD General Manager, Carrie Dodson, with questions at (940)663-5722; gatewaygcd@att.net; or visit www.gatewaygroundwater.com. The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) designated Groundwater Management Area 6 (GMA 6) to include: GGCD, Clear Fork GCD, Mesquite GCD, Rolling Plains CD, and Upper Trinity GCD. For information on GMA 6, visit www.gma6tx.org. GMA 6 proposes the following DFCs for GGCD, which are expressed as the listed total decline in water levels during the designated period: Seymour Aquifer: (period 2010-2080): Pod

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1 in Childress County:33 feet; Pod 3 in Motley County: 15 feet; Pod 4 in Childress, Foard, and Hardeman counties: 1 foot. Blaine Aquifer (period 2010-2080): Childress County North of the Red River: 9 feet; Childress County south of the Red River and all of Cottle and Hardeman Counties: 2 feet; King County: 7 feet; Foard County: 10 feet; Motley County: non-relevant for joint planning. Dockum Aquifer (period 2013-2080): Motley County: 22 feet. Ogallala Aquifer (period 2013-2080): Motley County: average drawdown of up to 23 feet.

CLARENDON CISD

2026-2027 PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF NON-DISCRIMINATION IN CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

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For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX & 504 Coordinator, Jennifer Bellar at 806-310-7220 and/or Erin Shaw at 806-310-7220.

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Texas vaccination requirements unchanged

Terri Langford and Samanta Habashy, The Texas Tribune

While vaccine requirements have not changed for Texas students this year – despite federal efforts to drop and space out some inoculations – Becca Harkleroad understands how many parents are confused.

“Despite all the confusion that hits the news ... nothing’s changed,” said Harkleroad, the executive director of the Texas School Nurses Organization.

In January, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention dropped the rotavirus, COVID-19, influenza, hepatitis A and hepatitis B vaccines from the recommended list. But a federal judge in Massachusetts – and a Biden appointee – halted that move in March, keeping the pre-2026 vaccine recommendations in place. The federal government is appealing that decision.

Then on Monday, President Donald Trump ordered the splitting up of the common measles, mumps and rubella vaccine into three separate shots. The three have been combined into a single shot since 1971 to help ensure children do not delay or miss doses and after hearing from parents who wanted to reduce the number of doctor visits needed to complete vaccinations.

But because each state, including Texas, is able to set up its own recommendations, Trump’s move serves as a guideline, not a mandate, the Texas Department of State Health Services confirmed.

According to the state’s health department, nothing has changed for the 2026-2027 school year.

Any changes to Texas’ requirements would have to be made by the Legislature which will meet again in January, according to the state health agency. The Republican-controlled state Legislature has generally embraced policies that weaken vaccine mandates, including last year’s passage of a bill that made vaccine exemption forms more accessible to parents.

“Nothing has changed for vaccine requirements in Texas at this time,” Harkleroad said after Trump’s action. “It’s very concerning to me that the president’s executive order raised the age-old questions about vaccines – their safety, efficacy, and the autism link. That science is settled.”

Rebecca Hardy, president of Texans for Vaccine Choice, praised Trump’s decision.

“TFVC applauds Trump’s EO

that moves federal vaccine policy toward greater informed consent and vaccine safety, but Texas law still needs to change,” she said, adding that it’s not her group’s priority to continue “chasing an ever-changing vaccine schedule.”

Instead, she wants to see Texas expand and strengthen exemption rights. “When Texans have the right to exempt themselves, the specific vaccines on the schedule become irrelevant,” Hardy said.

For decades, the CDC has relied on a panel of vaccine experts to make recommendations about what vaccines should be administered to children, which informs various states’ vaccine requirements to enroll in public schools and how doctors counsel patients. But last year, the US Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. fired all 17 members of the nation’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, or ACIP, and replaced them with vaccine policy critics.

Trump’s Monday order waters down longstanding vaccine schedule-setting procedures even more by sidestepping the CDC and ACIP altogether and instead tasking the US Health and Human Services’ Safer Childhood Vaccines task force with reporting back to the president on implementation of his order.

“Decades ago, children received only a small fraction of the vaccines required today,” Trump said while signing the order on Monday. “Effective immediately, my administration is recognizing gold standard childhood vaccine recommendations for only 11 core vaccinations against the most serious and dangerous diseases along with the MMR.”

Trump further supported that the five vaccines that the feds tried to drop from the recommendation list in January be allowed to move forward, which does not affect the judge’s March decision. Trump also directed the US attorney general to employ legal challenges against states that violate children’s rights to religious or medical vaccination exemptions.

“The Immunization Partnership is alarmed by the administration’s executive order on childhood vaccines,” said Rekha Lakshmanan, executive director of the Houston-based The Immunization Partnership, a vaccine education and advocacy group. “Rather than building trust, it adds to the confusing messages parents are receiving while Texas confronts declining vaccination rates and outbreaks of prevent-

able diseases.”

Unlikely to face such federal scrutiny on exemption violations, Texas has long allowed parents to exempt children from vaccines, expanding exemptions reasons widely in 2005 to include “conscientious” objections. Then last year, lawmakers made exemptions even easier to obtain by making the exemption forms downloadable. Previously, parents had to request a form from DSHS to be mailed to them.

Since Texas parents have easier access to exemption forms, the number of K-12 students with an exemption increased in Texas despite a record-breaking measles outbreak that began in West Texas last year. Two children died and 762 people were infected in Texas in 2025. This year, the number of measles cases in the United States has already surpassed the number seen nationally last year.

Last year, there was a slight increase in the measles vaccination rate for Texas kindergarteners, but that comes after years of decreases. The Texas Tribune offers a way to check a school’s vaccination rate here.

Compared to the previous school year, 18 fewer counties had kindergarten measles vaccination rates at the 95% benchmark for herd immunity. The number of counties where at least 5% of kindergarteners had a conscientious exemption for measles on file increased from 98 to 132, representing 52% of all counties. Ninety six of 252 counties met the kindergarten benchmark of 95% vaccination against measles

So far this summer, public health officials have seen a drop in the number of children who typically turn out for publicly funded vaccinations.

“The numbers are way down,” said Dr. Philip Huang, the director of Dallas Health and Human Services.

He attributed the drop to confusion over what is required and stepped-up immigration enforcement. Like last year, Huang says, fewer Hispanic children are turning up at back-to-school vaccination events typically held during the summer months.

“We’ve been reporting a large number of drops in our Hispanic numbers. We’re hearing about the concerns over the ICE situation,” he said, referring to the increase in federal immigration enforcement.

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2. it was a period of time that covered about two hundred years and brought great _____

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4. many of the countries then were ruled by a _____ or queen

5. _____ were men who were the leaders in the king's army; they wore armor and rode on horses in battles

6. later, knights only fought on horseback in competitions or _____

7. people started to sail or travel to other countries to explore and _____

8. buying and selling goods brought _____ more work and money

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