



THE CLARENDON Enterprise

08.27.2026

The Texas Panhandle's First Newspaper.
Established 1878.

THE CLARENDON NEWS & THE DONLEY COUNTY LEADER

www.ClarendonLive.com

Single Copy **\$2⁰⁰**

THIS WEEK

- 2 Suzanne says one size fits all won't work for schools in Texas.
- 3 CC welcomes students back for the fall semester.
- 4 The Greens recall their misadventures of youth.
- 8 Greenbelt moves forward with a new water proposal.

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

Tax and budget hearings slated next few weeks

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.

Clarendon CISD has given notice two weeks ago 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 advertised last week that its budget and tax hearing will be on August 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the superintendent's office.

The City of Clarendon also gave notice last week and says it will hold a budget hearing on September 3 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall and then hold a tax rate hearing on September 10 at 5 p.m. before that night's regular meeting.

The City of Hedley will hold a meeting at 7:00 pm on September 10, 2026, at Hedley City Hall to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2026. The proposed tax rate is \$0.377496 per \$100 of value.

The Donley County Appraisal District Board will hold its budget hearing on September 8, 2026, at 7 p.m. at the appraisal office.

Public notices run often in the ENTERPRISE and the Big E Classifieds for Donley County entities and other communities in the Greenbelt region. Informed citizens will want to check those out regularly and see what is happening in the region.

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

Hedley annual BBQ to be held Sept. 3

The Hedley Lions Club and Hedley Volunteer Fire Department will host the community's annual chicken barbecue next Thursday, September 3, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Hedley School Park.

Tickets are \$10 each and are available ahead of time at Hedley City Hall or from Lion Mark C. White by calling 806-277-0412. Tickets will also be available at the park, but tickets are limited to 224.



NRCS Chief Colton L. Buckley addresses Clarendon College Ranch & Feedlot Operations students Monday.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO

Lessons from 'The Chief' Top NRCS official meets with CC students

Roger Estlack,
The Clarendon Enterprise

The first day of class set a high bar for the Clarendon College Ranch & Feedlot Operations program when it hosted the new chief of the National Conservation Resource Service (NRCS) as the first guest speaker of the semester Monday.

Colton L. Buckley was appointed to the position by President Donald Trump in May as the youngest person ever to lead the 91-year-old organization. At 32, Buckley brings with him an impressive resume and a desire to provide service to America's ag producers.

Buckley was in Lubbock earlier in the day to speak at the Agricultural Water Sustainability Summit, but the chief made time to come to Clarendon's RFO program for a simple reason.

"The people in this room are more important than any bureaucrat," Buckley told the class. "You are the next generation of agriculture leaders."

As part of the US Department of Agriculture, NRCS is the largest private land conservation agency in the world, Buckley said, and his focus is serving producers wherever they are and regardless of politics.

"We don't look at what con-

gressional district you're in, and we don't care if you're in a red or blue state," Buckley said. "My job is to get help to producers."

The chief has refocused the agency, changing its motto from "Helping people help the land" to "Keeping working lands in working hands." The agency focuses on protecting natural resources for future generations through voluntary programs and expertise in the field, and for Buckley it's a personal mission as well.

The Gatesville, Texas, native was a teenager when the ranch operation his grandfather spent a lifetime building began running out of water.

"I watched as my grandfather had to face the choice of losing the herd or losing the house," Buckley said. "I was 15 when I slapped my hand on the back of that cattle trailer."

That early lesson in the importance of conservation led Buckley, at age 19, to become the campaign manager for Sid Miller when he successfully ran for Texas Agricultural Commissioner in 2014. He worked for Miller in the Texas Department of Agriculture and later became the chief of staff at NRCS before being named associate chief of the agency prior to taking the top job.

See 'Lessons' on page 3.



Clarendon College RFO students and faculty with NRCS Chief Colton L. Buckley Monday afternoon.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO

Seperate accidents result in two fatalities

Two men died in separate accidents on US 287 in Donley County last Friday, August 21.

According to the Texas Department of Public Safety, the first accident occurred at 1:07 a.m. approximately two miles west of Hedley.

Robert Allan Hill, age 68, of Amarillo was driving a 2016 Nissan Frontier westbound (the wrong way) in the eastbound lanes on US 287. Gustavo Nunez Perez, age 61, of Amarillo was towing a trailer

with a 2016 Ford F350 westbound on US 287 and attempted to avoid Hill's Nissan, but he was unable to mis the car, resulting in a near head-on collision.

After the impact, Hill's vehicle caught fire; and a third vehicle, a 2021 Toyota Carolla driven by 26-year-old Sean Blake Wolfe of Amarillo, also traveling westbound, lost control while going through the debris in the roadway and struck the Ford truck.

Hill was pronounced dead on

the scene from the injuries sustained during the crash. The accident remains under investigation.

Later the same day, a second accident occurred on US 287 approximately two miles northwest of the Hall County line at 1:30 p.m.

The DPS preliminary investigation of that single-vehicle accident revealed that David Donald Beineke, age 76, of St. George, Utah, was driving a 2003 Ford F-150 northwest on US 287 when he failed to drive in a single lane. The

pickup left the roadway, entered the center median, and rolled over multiple times.

The driver was not wearing a seatbelt and was thrown from the vehicle as a result.

Beineke was being transported to UMC in Lubbock by a medical helicopter when he died in transit due to the injuries sustained in the crash.

The crash also remains under investigation by the Department of Public Safety.

CHS earns distinction from TEA

Clarendon High School earned a state distinction and scored well in the 2026 Texas accountability ratings, but Clarendon CISD has improvements to make, according to school officials.

"These results give us a clear starting point," Superintendent Byron May said. "There are things here worth celebrating, and there are areas where our students deserve stronger results. Our responsibility now is to build on what is working and create greater consistency across the district."

CHS earned a state Distinction Designation in Social Studies and received an overall accountability score of 87 in the 2026 Texas Education Agency ratings. Clarendon Elementary earned a 79 with a relative strength in math, and Clarendon Junior High received a 69 with a relative strength in reading. The combined results from the district's campuses produced an overall Clarendon CISD score of 79, and it was noted that Student Achievement outpaced Academic Growth.

Clarendon High School earned an A rating. Fifty-seven percent of students reached Masters on the US History End of Course (EOC) exam, and the campus also posted a 100 percent four-year graduation rate and strong college-readiness results. The primary concern was Academic Growth, which scored 58.

Clarendon Elementary earned a 79, or a C, with mathematics emerging as a clear strength. Sixty percent of students met grade level in math, and 21 percent reached Masters. The elementary campus also improved its Closing the Gaps score from 73 to 78.

Clarendon Junior High received a 69, or a D. Reading remained a relative strength, with 80 percent of students reaching Approaches and 23 percent reaching Masters. The CJH campus's most significant concerns were student growth and mathematics. Academic Growth scored 52, while 29 percent of students met grade level in math.

The combined results from Clarendon CISD campuses produced an overall district score of 79, or a C. The clearest districtwide pattern was the gap between Student Achievement, which earned an 81, or a B, and Academic Growth, which scored 61, or a D.

The district says it is entering this work after several years of significant changes in leadership (a new superintendent and new junior high and high school principals), curriculum, and instructional systems. The 2026 results provide a baseline as the current leadership team works to establish greater consistency across campuses.

The district says its priorities for 2026-27 include stronger instructional alignment, closer monitoring of individual student growth, targeted support in junior high math and continued expansion of successful college and career opportunities.

"We have proof that Clarendon students can achieve at a very high level," Dr. May said. "Now our job is to make that success more consistent across classrooms, subjects and campuses. That is where our work is focused."

Complete results are available at TXschools.gov.

GET LOCAL

Subscribe today, and get more connected to the community around you!



Local News Local Events Local Sports Local Shopping

Digital Subscription **\$30**
Less than 58¢ per week

Print + Digital Subscription **\$60**
About \$1.15 per week

Subscribe online at ClarendonLive.com
or call us at 806-874-2259.

One size does not fit every Texas school

It is back-to-school time in Texas, and in a political season that means education plans are arriving almost as quickly as school-supply lists.

It is good to see Gov. Greg Abbott and Democratic challenger Gina Hinojosa make public education central to the governor’s race. Hinojosa is calling for higher teacher pay, less high-stakes testing, stronger neighborhood schools and an end to state takeovers. Abbott, who is asking us for a 4th term as Governor, is emphasizing reading and math intervention, teacher recruitment, reduced classroom screen time and greater scrutiny of education spending.

It is a debate Texas needs to have.

Abbott’s latest proposal announced this week, would require school districts to direct at least 70 percent of its spending “into the classroom.” It would also require audits of districts with poor academic performance or suspected administrative bloat. And, Abbott says Texas should eliminate mandates that cost schools money without improving education.

There is some irony in imposing a new statewide spending mandate while promising to free districts from unnecessary state mandates.

That raised a familiar rural question: Will the same policy work equally well in Houston and Spearman?

Texas has more than 1,000 school districts serving communities with dramatically different enrollment, geography, demographics and resources. One size rarely fits all of Texas – and it almost never fits rural Texas.

Many rural districts have shrinking enrollment and smaller classes from year to year. They face changing demographics, difficulty recruiting certified teachers and limited housing for new employees. Yet we can agree that rural students deserve the same academic, career and extracurricular opportunities available elsewhere.

Providing those opportunities may require transporting students to another community for welding, health science or dual-credit courses. It may require sharing teachers, investing in technology or paying more to recruit someone qualified to teach a hard-to-fill subject.

A rural district may run buses across hundreds of square miles – bringing children to school and transporting them to extracurricular activities – while serving only a fraction of the students enrolled in an urban district. In rural Texas, that bus is part of delivering an education.

So are counselors, nurses, librarians, special-education diagnosticians, principals and security officers. They may not stand in front of a classroom all day, but classrooms cannot operate without them.

Rural schools often have fewer students, but they do not have fewer responsibilities.

Abbott can point to two major school-finance investments during his tenure: the landmark 2019 reforms and the \$8.5 billion package approved in 2025. That new funding was spread across two years, with approximately half going to teacher and staff compensation – including meaningful raises for experienced rural teachers. Most of the remainder was divided among designated purposes such as operating costs, special education and school safety.

Meanwhile, the basic allotment – the foundation of school funding and the money districts can use with the greatest local flexibility – had remained frozen at \$6,160 per student for six years while inflation rose more than 20 percent. The 2025 package effectively increased it by only \$55, to \$6,215.

The \$8.5 billion headline is accurate, but it does not mean local boards received \$8.5 billion to allocate according to their communities’ needs. Nor did it restore the purchasing power schools lost to inflation.

The state increasingly divides education funding into separate allotments, attaches requirements and tells districts how the money must be spent. Every legislative session also brings new policies, training and reports.

I was recently shown the Texas Association of School Boards’ guidance explaining the laws passed during the last legislative session. The manual was roughly two inches thick.

Every requirement in that manual must be read, interpreted, implemented, documented and sometimes reported to the Texas Education Agency. The state cannot continually add responsibilities and then criticize districts for employing the people needed to carry them out.

Texas may need to get its own house in order first. A recent State Auditor’s report found that TEA had one manager for every 3.5 nonmanagerial employees, compared with a statutory standard of one for every 11 unless an exemption is approved. From 2021 to 2025, TEA’s management staff grew 38 percent, while management salary costs increased nearly 64 percent. Auditors also identified inconsistent monitoring of some state grants, although they found that TEA generally followed procurement, contracting and grant-administration requirements.

And if Texas is going to lean into greater scrutiny of public-school districts, shouldn’t the same standard also apply to its new \$1 billion voucher program? Of course it should. Yet, participating private schools do not face the same A–F ratings, open-meetings requirements, elected-board oversight, or operational and funding mandates imposed on local public schools.

Texas has allowed it’s own TEA to operate at a different standard and granted private schools receiving public money substantial autonomy while moving toward greater state control of public schools.

Local flexibility does not mean avoiding accountability. But accountability does not require Austin to make every local decision.

The simple, and better approach is to increase the basic allotment, adjust it for inflation, eliminate unnecessary mandates and give locally elected boards greater flexibility over how the money is used.

The state should establish expectations, protect taxpayers and demand results. Local communities should decide whether their schools most urgently need another teacher, counselor, bus, security officer or administrator.

Rural schools do not need less accountability. They need the flexibility to serve the children standing in front of them – not the hypothetical district imagined in Austin.

Suzanne Bellsnyder is editor and publisher of the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman and Sherman County Gazette.



texas rural reporter
by suzanne bellsnyder

Enjoying life on the road with Reeds

Allen Saunders , an obscure Canadian cartoonist, is cited for an inscription in his 1956 “Mary Worth” comic strip. No doubt it had local impact, but much more the next year when repeated in the Reader’s Digest .

“Life is what happen to us while we’re making other plans” has been quoted often.

Sometimes, though, it simply doesn’t apply. My friend, Ray Reed – reflective and appreciative of his 85 years – wouldn’t change much. Of course, he misses Barbara, his wife of 58 years, as well as a family pet, Pogo, who lived 35 years....

A 58-year marriage is saluted, but what kind of pet lives so long? Surely Pogo would have been featured – perhaps in the 140-year-old Hood County News. But, it never occurred to Ray, his wife or their children – Janna and Wes – that not every family had a pet Macaw. It had the run (or the fly) of the house – from shortly after hatching in Wharton, TX – for 35 years.

In 2020, Ray endured a “double whammy,” losing Barbara to kidney disease, and Pogo a few months later.

A Yellow-collared Macaw, he was virtually a family member. His large cage took up most of his 8x10 foot room, and a smaller one was great for travel and hotel check-ins. “Any dogs or cats?” was a frequent question, but birds weren’t mentioned. (“I don’t think he ever made any ‘mistakes’ or even forfeited a feather,” Ray remembers, and Pogo, at about eight ounces, was mostly feathers.)....

Ray and Barbara met at Howard Payne College (now HPU), where they graduated in 1963. Most of their teaching was at Wharton High School, where Ray coached football for 11 years. He later served two years as tax assessor/collector, then ended his career as Wharton Public Schools business manager. In 2008, they moved to the “Reed Place,” about four miles north of Granbury. Their home was on “Reed Road,” so named for his family, but mostly to help emergency personnel find addresses by names instead of numbers. It was the first of all Hood County roads re-named to eliminate confusing numbers.) His parents (sharecroppers for 10 years upon arrival from Decatur) later bought the small spread through which Reed Road runs.

Now, back to the bird. Pogo enjoyed fruits and nuts, and mimicking humans; that’s what Macaws do. They are, after all, among the most intelligent of the 20 or so parrot species. He often perched on shoulders in the Reed home, but also found extended index fingers to be good places to pause.

Pogo escaped just one through a door left open, and the family was jarred, of course. They tacked up signs and called friends all around. Five weeks later, he was recovered by folks about five miles away. After making sure it



the idle american
by don newbury

was the missing bird, they called the Reeds. Minutes later, Pogo fluttered to Ray’s shoulder and they went home. The family was whole again.....

So, Reed, a respected citizen and proud graduate of both Granbury High School and HPC, continues his Christian pilgrimage, living out his commitments to God, family, grateful students and friends.

He has lived an idyllic and successful life – reserved and modest – and worthy of respect.

Ray and his brother, Danny – who lives nearby – are now the only Reeds on Reed Road....

We talked during lunch recently about the quote referenced earlier. We discussed mutual blessings, agreeing that any plans we make are subject to change. “I used to always have a ‘Plan A and B’,” he joked, “So maybe I should consider C, D and E. I tell my church friends that we must ‘keep on keeping on’.”

He considers tomorrows worth getting up for. Experiencing both gains and losses, Ray wishes everyone well. That’s what the 1874 gospel song, “Great Getting Up Mornin’,” suggests in its lyrics, “Fare thee well, fare thee well.”

What a day that will be when we have no more plans to make, sorrows to bear or birds to recover...

Dr. Newbury, longtime chancellor of Howard Payne University, lives in the Metroplex. Email: newbury@speakerdoc.com. Phone: 817-447-3872.



"ODDLY ENOUGH IT WAS EASY TO GET INTO."

America 250: Battle of Long Island

Back in July, I wrote a column about the Declaration of Independence in which I praised the document while also arguing that, in many ways, it was worthless. Its ideas were revolutionary, but words alone did little to secure American independence. To accomplish that, the colonists would have to defeat the greatest military power in the world, a task that seemed almost impossible.

The war had actually begun more than a year earlier, in April 1775, with the shots fired at Lexington and Concord. However, a major turning point occurred March 1776. I wrote a column then about General Henry Knox’s remarkable effort to transport artillery from Fort Ticonderoga to Boston, a journey of more than 300 miles. Once those guns were in place, the British abandoned Boston, but General George Washington knew they would return.

Washington correctly predicted that the British would target New York. Their objective was not simply to capture the city but to control the mouth of the Hudson River. Britain’s early strategy was to seize the river and cut New England off from the rest of the colonies. British leaders wrongfully believed New England was the center of the rebellion and that isolating it would quickly end the war.

Washington moved his army of 19,000 soldiers to present-day Lower Manhattan and began strengthening the city’s defenses. He reinforced harbor batteries and built fortifications in northern Manhattan and on Brooklyn Heights. At that point in the war, Washington had yet to learn that his inexperienced troops could not stand toe-to-toe with the professional British army. He believed he could defend the city.

He was wrong. In July 1776, 400 British ships carrying 32,000 troops under General William Howe arrived at Staten Island. Preparing for the attack, Washington placed General Israel Putnam in

command of the defenses on Brooklyn Heights. Although guards were stationed along the major roads, Washington failed to secure Jamaica Pass, a little-used route east of the American lines. That oversight became one of the most significant mistakes of the war.

Howe quickly took advantage of the weakness. On the night of Aug. 26, he led 10,000 British soldiers through the lightly defended pass, allowing them to attack the Americans from behind. The Battle of Long Island began on the morning of Aug. 27, 1776. British forces launched coordinated attacks against American positions while Hessian soldiers and British regulars overwhelmed troops south of Brooklyn under the command of General John Sullivan. Washington quickly crossed the East River from Manhattan, but there was little he could do except watch the battle unfold.

Sullivan’s men fought bravely but suffered heavy losses from Hessian artillery and bayonet attacks. Realizing his troops were in danger of being surrounded, Sullivan ordered a retreat before eventually being captured. Although the battle ended in a major British victory, historian David McCullough argued in his Pulitzer Prize-winning book “1776” that Washington’s leadership during the evacuation prevented an even greater disaster. Washington was also learning an important lesson: he could not fight the British army in a conventional battle; he would have to adapt his strategy if the revolution was to survive.

My favorite part of the story happened that night, and, to me, it explains how the American army ultimately won



historically speaking
by dr. james fink

the war. After Howe halted his assault and began surrounding the American position, Washington ordered a silent nighttime withdrawal. Campfires continued to burn, giving the impression that the Continental Army was preparing to defend its position the next day. Instead, Washington gathered every available vessel, from military transports to small fishing boats. Throughout the night and into the following morning, approximately 9,000 Continental soldiers were quietly ferried across the East River to Manhattan.

The problem was that as dawn approached, nearly one-third of the army had yet to cross. Washington knew that once the British discovered the evacuation, they would attack and capture the soldiers left behind, troops he could not afford to lose.

Then something remarkable happened.

As the sun began to rise, a thick fog settled over the battlefield, concealing the remaining American troops and allowing them to complete their escape. According to eyewitness accounts, Washington was the last man to leave Brooklyn. Shortly after he reached Manhattan, the fog lifted. The army had escaped to fight another day.

There is no logical reason why a small force of farmers and tradesmen should have been able to defeat the most powerful military in the world. Many have called it fate, luck, or fortune.

I believe it was divine providence. For the past 250 years, Americans often have spoken of a special blessing on this nation. Whether one attributes it to God or something else, the events at Brooklyn in August 1776 remain one of the most remarkable moments in American history.

James Fink is a professor of American history at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma. He can be reached at james.fink@swoknews.com. This article first appeared in The Lawton Constitution.

The Clarendon Enterprise (USPS 947040, ISSN 1088-9698) is published each Thursday by Roger A. Estlack at 105 S. Kearney Street, Clarendon, Texas 79226-1110. Periodicals postage paid at Clarendon, Texas 79226-1110. Copyright © 2026. All rights reserved.

This paper’s first duty is to print all the news that is fit to print, honestly and fairly to all, unbiased by any consideration even its own editorial opinion.

Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing, or reputation of any person, firm, or corporation which may occur in the columns of The Clarendon Enterprise will be gladly corrected upon being brought to the attention of the management.

ENTERPRISE STAFF

Roger A. Estlack
Publisher & Editor

Ashlee Estlack
Contributing Editor

Tara Allred
Advertising Manager

CORRESPONDENTS

Sandy Anderberg
Clarendon Sports

Richard & Mary Green
Howardwick

Benjamin Estlack
Special Assignments

Elaina Estlack
Photographer

CONTACT INFORMATION

Phone
806.874.2259

Fax
806.874.2423

E-Mail
news@clarendononline.com

Web Site
www.ClarendonLive.com

ADVERTISING

Open Display rates are \$6.50 per PASS column inch. Classified Ads are \$15 for the first 20 words and 15¢ per word for each additional word (Boxes or special typography are extra.). Thank You Notes are \$20 for the first 40 words and 15¢ per word for each additional word. Basic engagement, wedding, anniversary, and birth announcements are \$20 each. Expanded wedding announcements are \$30. A one-column announcement picture is \$10, and a two-column announcement picture is \$15. Pictures submitted for publication should be picked up within ten days after publication. Death notices are printed at no charge. Obituaries are published for \$45 or \$50 with a photo.

DEADLINES

News articles and photos are due by Monday at noon. Advertising and Classifieds are also due by noon Monday. Deadlines may be altered for holidays or special issues.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Annual subscriptions are available for \$25 digitally or \$50 for print plus digital. **POSTMASTER:** Send all address changes to: The Clarendon Enterprise, PO Box 1110, Clarendon, TX 79226-1110.

LETTERS

Letters to the editor are welcome. Views expressed in letters are those of the writers and do not necessarily reflect the views of the editor or staff of The Clarendon Enterprise. Submission of a letter does not guarantee publication. Letters may be edited for grammar, style, or length. All letters must be signed and must include an address and telephone number for verification. To improve your chances of publication, type and double space your letter, stick to one main topic, and keep it brief. No letters will be accepted from candidates for local political offices. Letters submitted to this newspaper become the property of The Enterprise and cannot be returned.

The Texas Panhandle’s First Newspaper

THE CLARENDON NEWS, established June 1, 1878 with which have merged: The Clarendon Traveler, February 1889; The Clarendon Journal, November 1891; The Banner-Stockman, October 1893; The Agitator, February 1899; The Clarendon Times, May 1908; The Donley County Leader, March 12, 1929; The Clarendon Press, May 18, 1972; and The Clarendon Enterprise, March 14, 1996.

Member 2026



National Newspaper Association



Texas Press Association



Panhandle Press Association





Clarendon College RFO Instructor Tye Chesser introduces NRCS Chief Colton Buckley during the first day of class Monday. ENTERPRISE PHOTO

Lessons: Buckley working to modernize agency

Continued from page one.

In addition to renewing NRCS's focus, Buckley is working to modernize the agency's programs and rebuild its staff after personnel reductions in 2025. The agency offers 168 programs, and more than 90 of them were out of date and past their five-year statutorily mandated review period.

On staffing, Buckley said NRCS lost 24 percent of its employees to government efficiency cuts and 90 percent of those were people who worked directly with producers.

"I've got more money to help landowners, but I've got to have human staff to do that," he told students. "I'm picking folks who come off farms and ranches who face what you face and what your folks face."

Programs focused exclusively on "green" goals have been canceled, and non-profits that work with NRCS are having to prove they are helping people, Buckley said.

The new chief has championed the concept of "one farmer, one file"

to streamline paperwork between NRCS and its sister agencies – the Farm Service Agency and the Risk Management Agency.

He's also working on updating technology in agency offices to improve service delivery and so employees can certify field reports on tablets.

"We had 50 percent of field offices unable to get on the computer 50 percent of the time because the network and computers were out of date," Buckley said.

Buckley took several questions from students about specific policies, and he encouraged them to talk to their representatives.

"It is so important that when you hear of policy changes that will affect you, that you engage with your elected officials from city councils and county commissioners to members of Congress and even members of the executive."

Buckley also had advice for RFO students on which college course to take to be successful and encouraged them to take traditional

classes after finishing the ranch operations program at CC.

"Speech and communications are the most important classes you can take as part of a liberal arts education," he said. "You're going to have to talk to people – in marriage, interviewing for a job, asking for a raise, everything."

He also said communication and hard work can lead to success.

"You may not always be the best dressed, best looking, or smartest person in the room," he said, "but you can be the one that works the hardest and has the most integrity."

The chief told students that his story is proof anyone can accomplish great things.

"I grew up in a trailer house. My father was an abusive alcoholic, and my mother was a drug addict," Buckley said. "Now I'm the chief of the world's largest natural resource agency with a \$10 billion budget, and I was hand-picked for this job by the man who sleeps in the White House."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON DONLEY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The Donley Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2027 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on September 8, at 7:00 p.m. at the office of the Donley Appraisal District at 304 S Kearney, Clarendon, Texas.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

- The total amount of the proposed budget is \$358,550.
- The total amount of increase from the current year's budget is \$23,367.
- The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget is 3.
- The number of employees compensated under the current budget is 3.

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

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

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

At the same meeting there will be a public hearing for the taxing units to express views concerning the reappraisal plan for 2027-2028.



Clarendon College students returned to campus this week for the fall semester. CC PHOTO

CC welcomes students for fall classes

Clarendon College welcomed students back for the fall 2026 semester as classes begin Monday, August 24.

Faculty and staff are prepared for another exciting semester as returning Bulldogs come back to campus and new students begin their Clarendon College journey.

For students who have not yet registered, there is still time. Fall registration will remain open through Thursday, August 27, giving students an opportunity to enroll and get started this semester.

"We are excited to welcome our students back and begin another great year at Clarendon College," said Clarendon College President

Texas D. Buckhaults. "Our faculty and staff have been working hard to prepare for the fall semester, and we are looking forward to seeing our campuses and classrooms filled with students again. For anyone who has been thinking about starting or continuing their education, there is still time to join us this fall."

Clarendon College offers a variety of educational opportunities designed to meet students wherever they are in their educational journey. Students can choose from academic transfer courses, career and technical education programs, workforce programs, and a wide selection of online courses.

Whether a student is working

toward an associate degree, preparing to transfer to a university, earning a workforce credential, or simply taking a few courses to move closer to a goal, Clarendon College provides options to help students take their next step.

Students interested in attending Clarendon College this fall are encouraged to complete the enrollment process as soon as possible. The final day to enroll for fall 2026 classes is August 27.

For more information about enrolling for the fall 2026 semester, contact the Clarendon College Admissions Office at admissions@clarendoncollege.edu or 806-874-3571.



BE HEALTHY.

Keep doing the activities you enjoy by exercising regularly and eating healthy foods.

Learn more at AgeWellLiveWell.org.



SUBSCRIBE TODAY!

THE CLARENDON

Enterprise

CALL US AT 806-874-2259

¿Qué Pasa?

Community Calendar
August 28 & 29
Mulkey Theatre • Insidious: Out of the Further • 7:30 p.m.

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

August 30
Mulkey Theatre • Insidious: Out of the Further • 2:00 p.m.

September 3
Annual Community Chicken Barbecue • Hedley Lions Club & Hedley VFD • 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. • Hedley School Park

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 9 & 10
Hedley Cotton Festival
Bingo, Parade, Barbecue and more!

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

October 18
"Prohibition" musical play by Texas Comedies • Mulkey Theatre • See ClarendonTX.com for more details

Menus

Aug. 31 - Sept. 4

Donley County Senior Citizens

Mon: Steak fingers, gravy, red skin potatoes, black-eyed peas, hot rolls, chocolate cake, iced tea/2% milk.

Tues: Pork loin, black-eyed peas, turnip greens, cornbread, sliced peaches, iced tea/2% milk.

Wed: Pot roast/gravy, potatoes, carrots, green beans, roll, peach cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.

Thurs: Chicken fajitas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, garden salad, sopapilla cheesecake, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Chili dog on a bun, baked beans, cucumber/onion, oatmeal raisin cookie, iced tea/2% milk

Clarendon CISD
Breakfast
Mon: Pancakes, bacon, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Tues: Breakfast burrito, hashbrowns, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Wed: Breakfast sandwich, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Thurs: Stuffed bagel, cheese stick, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Fri: Donut holes, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Steak fingers, gravy, roll, green beans, corn, fruit, milk.
Tues: Walking taco, beans, veggie cup, fruit, milk.
Wed: Calzone, broccoli, tomato cup, fruit, milk.
Thu: Boneless chicken wings, chips, carrots, celery, fruit, milk.
Fri: Cheeseburger, salad, sweet potatoes, fruit, milk.

Hedley ISD
Breakfast
Mon: Pancakes, bacon, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Tues: Breakfast bread, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Wed: Breakfast pizza, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Thurs: Breakfast cookie, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk.
Fri: Donuts, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Hotdog, fries, fruit, milk.
Tues: Cheeseburger mac, green beans, rolls, fruit, milk.
Wed: Walking tacos, beans, salad, cookie, fruit, milk.
Thu: Popcorn chicken, corn, salad, sherbet, fruit, milk.
Fri: Hamburger, fries, ice cream, fruit, milk.

Recalling wild times growing up

He Says – Hey, when you were young, say nine to 13 years old, did you ever climb your neighbor's fruit trees and gobble up their cherries or peaches or apricots? I remember I certainly did. The local veterinarian lived in my neighborhood, and he had great cherry trees in his backyard. My buddies and I probably ate most of his crop one summer.

She Says – Yes, I did that, too. We didn't have any fruit trees, but across the street and over a wire fence was the Moodys' cherry trees and the McSpaddens' peaches. The Moodys' didn't seem to care, but my friend, Joy, and I were run off by the McSpaddens several times. Oh, the joy of sitting up in that peach tree and gorging on those peaches!

He Says – Stealing fruit from trees wasn't a major crime in those days. Some of the pranks my buddies and I did might bring heavy drama today. One trick we did a couple of times was to wait just until dark and then bomb passing cars with water balloons. Another time, we had guys on both sides of the street; and when a car approached, we would reach down and pretend to yank a rope up in front of the car. They would hit the brakes because at that time of the evening they couldn't tell if we were pulling up a rope or not. That usually made the driver really angry, sometimes getting out of the car to yell at us, only to be pelted by water balloons. Then we ran like the dick-

ens and hid.

She Says – That's just terrible! You were hooligans! You would not have gotten away with that in my neighborhood.

He Says – We only did it a couple of times and then my buddy Gordon Beamguard got caught by the driver. The man took him by the arm and marched him home where his mother took a belt to him.

She Says – The Jr High Principal lived across the street from me. If he'd caught you, you would have been doing some form of neighborhood community service until you graduated high school.

He Says – Another thing... remember those big old cast iron clothesline poles? Those were great fun for us. There were always sparrows nesting in the cross bars and we would shut off one end and force the sparrows out the other side into a sack. Then we'd go to a neighbor's house that had a screen door. We'd put the bird inside the screen door, close it really quick and then knock like crazy on the door – then run. When the neighbor answered the door, the sparrow would fly into the house! I added to my cuss word vocabulary doing that. You were

probably a perfect little angel at that age.

She Says – I was no angel, but I certainly wasn't a budding delinquent like you! I babysat a lot; and when it was my little sister I was keeping, I got to have a friend spend the night. The telephone was our weapon of choice. We'd pick a number at random from the phone book – remember those? And make those annoying calls asking, "Is your refrigerator running? You'd better go catch it!" "Do you have Prince Albert in a can? Please let him out!" We thought we were so clever. By the time we were 13, we were calling bars, pretending to be looking for our errant husbands. Bartenders would answer the phone, and the women bartenders would just hang up, but the men seemed to believe us. Once they actually handed the phone to a guy with the made-up name we'd used, and he said, "I'm on my way!" That made our night.

He Says – I really liked calling someone – usually a business and asking about Prince Albert in a can. I do not understand the joy it gave me, because most people hung up immediately. But I liked doing it. Old Mrs. Haidey had that little store on Hedgecoke, and I would call her at least once a week, and she'd yell, "You little so-and-so, get a job!"

She Says – So, now I think I know who it is that's calling Lowe's using my phone. You rat!

War of the Wagons 3 to benefit Texas Panhandle War Memorial

The Texas Panhandle War Memorial, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and Easy Thoughts Counseling, will host "War of the Wagons 3" from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, at the Texas Panhandle War Memorial.

The free family event will focus on veterans and mental health awareness.

Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and coolers and enjoy food, family activities, music

and entertainment.

Activities will include Pitch N' Slide and bounce houses, while Lindsey Lane will provide live music.

The event also will feature the annual "Warrior" of the Year competition, with awards for best specialty plate, One Bite, dessert and People's Choice.

Raffle tickets benefiting the Texas Panhandle War Memorial are available online at Zeffy.



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting August 25, 2026, with Boss Lion Eric Gehman in charge.

We had nine members in attendance this week.

Lion Landon "L Jefe" Lambert reported on the county, and Lion Jacob Fangman reported on the city. Lion Christina Brady reminded everyone of the blood drive coming up September 10, and Lion Roger Estlack reported the Hedley Lions Club will partner with the Hedley Volunteer Fire Department to hold the annual chicken barbecue September 3 at 6 p.m. in the Hedley School Park.

Plans are still in the formative stage for Flapjack Bingo to be held on November 6. Stay tuned for further details.

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

POSITIVE FEED SALES
All-In-One 30% Supplement for Cattle
DANNY ASKEW
806-679-6927

SUBSCRIBE TODAY!
ONLY \$60/YR
THE CLARENDON Enterprise
806.874.2259

Mulkey THEATRE
THIS WEEKEND

INSIDIOUS: OUT OF THE FURTHER
RATED PG-13
FRIDAY & SATURDAY
AUGUST 28 & 29 7:30 P.M.
SUNDAY
AUGUST 30 2:00 P.M.
ADULT: \$8
KIDS 3-12: \$6
KIDS 2 & UNDER: FREE
DOORS OPEN 30 MINUTES BEFORE SHOW
874-SHOW • MULKEYTHEATRE.COM

Support
Life support
Mile for mile, teens are involved in three times as many fatal crashes as all other drivers. OMG, being in a coma really wrecks your social scene! So buckle up.
Click It or Ticket
seatbeltsrock.com
Save a Life
Texas Department of Transportation

PHELPS PLUMBING
heating • air-conditioning
806-662-7126
HVAC# TACLB3255E PLUMBING # 12746

SPECIAL PESTS & TERMITES
\$120 INITIAL TREATMENT \$499 / MO. MAINTENANCE
ACE PEST CONTROL
"Is your place an ace place?"
Terry & Jason Wheeler, C.A. TPCL 10615
www.acepestcontrol.pro
806-372-5449
ace.pest@yahoo.com
We Specialize in General Pest, Termite, Pretreatments

HALL RANCH
Shooting Sports, LLC
Coaching & Training Services
License To Carry - Safe School Training • NRA - Basic to Advanced Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun • Range Safety & Practice Time by Appointment
806-822-7722
HallRanchShootingSportsLLC.com
4501 CR 12, CLARENDON, TX 79226

6 Months FREE of Great Tasting Water
Now that is something to smile about. Give us a call today.

Rayne WATER CONDITIONING 806-353-4232

Your Friendly Pharmacy
From prescription medicine to vitamins, we provide everything you need, along with best wishes for a speedy recovery.
Brandon Frausto, PHARMACIST
Call 874-3554 or Toll Free 800-766-2089

Mike's PHARMACY
Hwy 287 West • Clarendon, Texas

SUDOKU
Fun By The Numbers
Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!
Level: Advanced
Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

1	9	8	9	7	8	6	2	4
9	7	8	9	2	6	1	3	7
7	2	6	1	8	7	9	9	8
9	8	2	6	1	9	4	7	9
8	1	7	2	9	7	8	6	9
6	7	9	7	8	9	2	1	8
7	8	9	7	6	2	9	8	1
8	6	1	8	9	9	7	7	2
2	9	7	8	7	1	8	9	6

ANSWER:



Quilt club honors veteran

Golden Needles Quilting Club members quilted a red, white, and blue veterans quilt at the Senior Citizens Center on Thursday, Aug. 20. The quilt was donated to the club by Frances Tillery. Quilting were Linda Crump, Linda Falk, Louella Slater, Dorotha Reynolds, Janan Koontz, Annis Stavenhagen, and Frances Smith. The club also presented a veterans quilt to Joe Hannon. His son, also a veteran, Joe Hannon Junior did the presentation. We are so thankful to the veterans for their service to our wonderful country.

COURTESY PHOTO

Texas Tech Passes Historic 45,000-Student Milestone

As Texas Tech University opened the fall semester Monday, it did so with record-breaking enrollment, surpassing 45,000 students for the first time in university history and welcoming its largest-ever class of students entering college for the first time.

Texas Tech’s enrollment stands at 45,812 students, an increase of more than 3,859 students from a year ago.

This marks the fifth consecutive year of enrollment growth at Texas Tech.

In just two years, the university’s student body has grown by more than 12 percent, reflecting continued momentum in both attracting new

students and retaining those already enrolled.

“We have been strategic in how we recruit students, communicate the value of a Texas Tech education, and make that education accessible,” Texas Tech President Lawrence Schovanec said. “Our faculty and staff provide an exceptional academic experience and a level of personal support that distinguishes Texas Tech. Students who visit our campus experience a community and culture that is difficult to replicate. Reaching 45,000 students is an important milestone, but as we grow, our priority will continue to be student success as reflected in degrees awarded and our increasing gradua-

tion rates.”

A significant driver of Texas Tech’s growth continues to be the number of students choosing the university to begin their college careers. This fall, Texas Tech welcomed more than 9,552 first-time-in-college students, setting a university record. Since 2024, that demographic’s enrollment has increased by more than 39 percent.

The university is also seeing continued improvement in student success.

Preliminary data for the academic year just completed show Texas Tech’s four-year graduation rate at 51 percent, while its six-year graduation rate is almost 70 percent.

Businesses invited to partner with WT students for Business Summit

Businesses in the Texas Panhandle are being invited to participate in the fourth annual Buff Business Summit & Competition, which will pair local high school students with businesses to develop solutions to real-world challenges.

America’s Small Business Development Center at West Texas A&M University, in partnership with the Paul and Virginia Engler College of Business and the WT Enterprise Center, is accepting applications from businesses interested in serving as Business Part-

ners.

The annual competition gives students from six local high schools an opportunity to tackle challenges facing participating businesses and develop creative, practical solutions.

Business Partners can submit challenges involving areas such as marketing, operations or new projects they are considering launching.

Participating businesses can receive fresh and innovative ideas while increasing their visibility in the community. There is no cost to

participate.

The program also supports local education and entrepreneurship. Business Partners will help present scholarships to the Engler College of Business to students on the winning team.

A limited number of Business Partner applications will be accepted. The deadline to apply is Monday, Aug. 31. Businesses interested in participating or seeking more information can contact Gina Woodward at gwoodward@wtamu.edu or 806-651-8500.

Texas researchers study link between social media and mental health

By Freda Ross, Texas News Service

Excessive social media use could be harmful for people in their late teens and early 20s.

A report from a team at the University of Texas Health-Houston School of Behavioral Health Sciences found higher social media use is associated with increased levels of anxiety, depression and suicidal thoughts among young adults.

Jeff Temple, psychologist, professor and associate dean for clinical research at the school, said it is the first time the age group has been studied.

“College students as well as those in the workforce, trade school, military, not working, and it’s a contemporary sample, so the newer type

of things like TikTok, the sort of endless scroll that we see with smartphones and social media,” Temple outlined.

Study participants who used social media for more than six hours a day reported the most symptoms. Temple added the research could not determine if social media use contributed to the mental health problems or if people with mental health issues spent more time on social media.

More than 1,000 participants self-reported their social media use between 2018 and 2025, forming the foundation for the study. Women used social media more than men and reported heightened feelings of anxiety.

Temple pointed out the research could help create healthy boundaries for social media use.

“What I don’t want it to be used as is saying that social media is the boogeyman. It helps people stay connected, maintain relationships, find communities. For instance, during COVID, it was a literal lifesaver,” Temple acknowledged.

Temple stressed social media is here to stay, and as a society, we need to learn how to regulate it.

“The conversation really shouldn’t be whether social media is good or bad,” Temple added. “It should be how do we help young people, and really all people, use it in ways that support rather than undermine our mental health?”

WTAMU goes Hollywood for homecoming

Chip Chandler, WTAMU

West Texas A&M University is going Hollywood for its 2026 Homecoming celebrations.

Students chose “Lights! Camera! Buffs!” as the theme for this year’s festivities, which run October 19 to 24.

Registration is now open for the October 24 WT Homecoming parade. Deadline is October 10 to register floats, cars, livestock, bands and more for the annual parade along Russell Long Boulevard.

Registration is \$50 for non-profits, \$75 for businesses and free for WT student and campus organizations. The parade – which will be hosted by NewsChannel 10 per-

sonalities – will be broadcast on KFDA’s MeTV (digital channel 10.4 and cable channel 127) and will stream on WT’s home page and social media platforms and KFDA’s NewsChannel 10 Plus streaming services.

Homecoming 2026 also will include The Phoenix event honoring the 2026 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients, reunions, a cook-out, block party and more, all culminating in the gridiron match between the Buffs and the Western New Mexico University Mustangs at 6 p.m. October 24 in Bain-Schaeffer Buffalo Stadium.

A full schedule of events will be available at wtamu.edu/home-

coming.

At the parade, check-in will begin at 11 a.m. October 24, and all participants must be in place by 12:30 p.m. for the parade’s kickoff at 1 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for student organizations, people’s choice winners and community groups. Click here for parade guidelines.

Maintaining strong community ties is a component of the University’s long-range plan, WT 125: From the Panhandle to the World.

That plan is fueled by the One West comprehensive fundraising campaign, which raised more than \$200 million dollars, the largest such campaign in Texas Panhandle history.

Mr. Fix It

Kyle Hill

Minor repairs, odd jobs, and more.

672-8908



Oren Shields

M-44240

806.205.3666

806.277.0335

Fully Licensed & Insured

Residential/Commercial

ShieldsPlumbingServices@yahoo.com

Consumer Cellular®

OVER 50? UNLIMITED

FOR JUST \$35/MONTH.

Backed by #1 Network Coverage and Customer Satisfaction.*

Switch & Save Today.

855-493-3803

© 2026 Consumer Cellular Inc. Terms and Conditions subject to change. Plans shown above include \$5 credit for AutoPay and E-billing. Taxes and other fees apply. Credit approval required for new service. Cellular service is not available in all areas and is subject to system limitations. For unlimited plans, high-speed data is reduced after 35GB on single-line plans and 50GB of combined usage on multi-line plans for the remainder of your billing cycle. Unlimited data plans only for customers age 50+. *2025 ACSPI Survey of customers rating their own wireless service provider. ACSPI and its logo are registered trademarks of the American Customer Satisfaction Index LLC. For more about the ACSPI, visit www.theacspi.org.

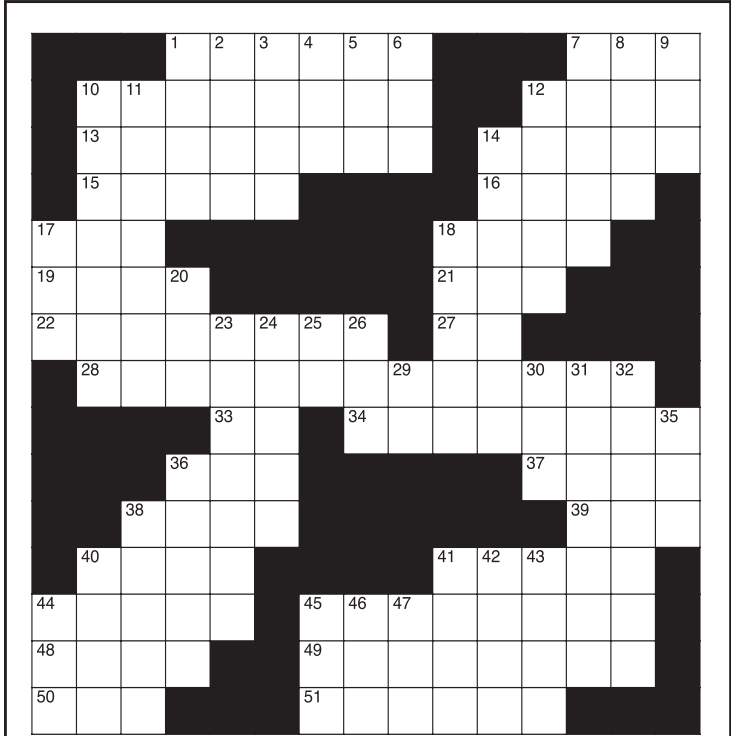
105.3 FM★KLSR

LOCAL & LIVE

Get it all on 105!

Memphis / Texas

(806) 259-3511



CLUES ACROSS

1. A vast desert in Africa

7. Reciprocal of a sine

10. Type of phone

12. Biblical figure

13. One who renounces a religious belief

14. Warren and Monroe are two

15. Wild ox

16. Dismounted a horse

17. Cave dweller

18. Where infants sleep

19. Popular type of shoe

21. Clumsy large person

22. Evil-like

27. Integrated circuit
28. Austin-based athlete

33. Postscript

34. Follows 18

36. People of Gambia

37. Popular actor Nicolas

38. Platform for a lectern

39. Taxi

40. American songwriter Sammy

41. Iranian city

44. Heavy clubs

45. One who is expelled

48. In bed

49. Lifelessness

50. Former CIA

51. Most slick

CLUES DOWN

1. Slovenly person

2. In addition

3.hovels

4. Pie ___ mode

5. Subway rodent

6. They ___

7. Indigenous S. American people

8. Fine sand

9. Central nervous system

10. Nightclub entertainment

11. The perfect example of something

12. Supreme Islamic leader

14. Pain

17. Binary-coded decimal

18. Projecting corner of an angle

20. “Succession” actor Brian

23. Dinner table decor

24. Ancient settlement in modern Turkey
25. You can call Paul Simon this

26. Opposite of a pro

29. Atomic #28

30. Type of drug (abbr.)

31. Arrives at

32. Nullifies

35. Bird’s beak

36. Partner to “oohed”

38. Ray-finned fishes

40. Taxis

41. Sat on and controlled

42. Sea eagles

43. Remain as-is

44. Chinese revolutionary

45. Tooth caregiver

46. Snakelike fish

47. Compensate

Worship

DIRECTORY

CLARENDON

ARENA OF LIFE COWBOY CHURCH
FOURTH & PARKS • PASTORS: BUNK & AMY SKELTON
SUN. SERVICE: 10:30 A.M. • WED. BIBLE STUDY: 7 P.M.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
US 287 E • 874-3156 • REV. SETH SHIPMAN
SUN. SCHOOL: 10 A.M. • SUN. SERVICE: 10:30 A.M.
SUN. EVENING: 7 P.M. • WED.: 7 P.M.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
300 S. CARHART • 874-2495
SUN. BIBLE CLASS 9:30 A.M. • SUN. SERVICE: 10:30 A.M.
SUN. 6 P.M. • WED. 7 P.M.

CHURCH OF NAZARENE
209 S. HAWLEY • 874-2321 • PASTOR: ALLEN POSEY
SUN. SCHOOL: 9:30 A.M. • SUN. SERVICE: 11 A.M.
• WED.: 7 P.M.

COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
12148 FM 2162 • 874-0963
PASTOR: LARRY CAPRANICA
SUN. SCHOOL: 10 A.M. • SUN. SERVICE: 11 A.M.
SUN. EVENING: 6 P.M. • WED. COMMUNITY KIDZ 5:30 P.M.
WED. ADULT BIBLE STUDY: 6 P.M.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
120 E. THIRD ST. • PASTOR: DR. KEN MCINTOSH
SUNDAY SERVICE: 5 P.M.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD
4TH ST. & HWY. 70 SOUTH • PASTOR: JASON HOUSTON
SUN. SCHOOL: 9:30 A.M. • SUN. SERVICE: 10:40 A.M.
WED. BIBLE STUDY: 6:30 P.M.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
300 BUGBEE AVE. • 874-3833 • REV. LANCE WOOD
SUN. SCHOOL: 9:45 A.M. • SUN. SERVICE: 10:55 A.M.
SUN. EVENING: 6 P.M. • KID’S ACTIVITIES: WED. 6 P.M.
YOUTH STUDY: WED. 7 P.M.
COLLEGE MINISTRY: WED. 9 P.M.

CLARENDON METHODIST CHURCH
420 S. JEFFERSON • 874-3667 • BRO. RYAN QUIST
SUN. SCHOOL: 9:45 A.M. • SUN. SERVICE: 11 A.M.
SUN. YOUTH: 6:00 P.M. • WED. BIBLE STUDY 6:30 P.M.

JESUS NAME APOSTOLIC CHURCH
720 E. MONTGOMERY • REV. 874-2078
REV. CALVIN BURROW
SUN. SERVICES: 3 P.M. • WED.: 7 P.M.

RISE UP KINGDOM MINISTRIES:
501 S. MCCLELLAND • PASTOR: JOSY SHADE
SUNDAY DISCIPLESHIP CLASS: 9:30 A.M.
SUN.: 10:00 A.M.

CHRIST’S KIDS OUTREACH MINISTRY:
416 S. KEARNEY • 874-2007
SUN. BREAKFAST 9:30 A.M. • SUN. PRAISE & WORSHIP 10 A.M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:30 A.M. • WED.: 5 P.M.

KINGDOM HALL JEHOVAH’S WITNESSES
12120 US 287 (JUST WEST OF CLARENDON) • 874-5020
PUBLIC MEETING & WATCHTOWER STUDY: SUN. 10 A.M.
BIBLE STUDY: CONGREGATIONAL THEOCRATIC MINISTRY
SCHOOL & SERVICE MEETING • TUES.: 7 P.M.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
301 S. PARKS ST. • 874-2511 • REV. JIM AVENI
SECOND SUNDAY SERVICE: 11 A.M.

ST. MARY’S CATHOLIC CHURCH
MONTGOMERY & MCCLELLAND
FR. BALA POLLISETTI
SUN. MASS 11 A.M.

ST. STEPHENS BAPTIST CHURCH
300 N. JEFFERSON ST. • PASTOR: ROY WILLIAMS
SUN. SCHOOL: 10 A.M. • SUN. SERVICE: 11:15 A.M.
WED.: 7 P.M. (WEATHER PERMITTING)

TRUE CHURCH OF GOD & CHRIST
301 N. JEFFERSON • ST. PASTOR: JEFF RILES
SUN. SCHOOL: 10 A.M. • SUN. SERVICE: 11:15 A.M.
WED.: 7 P.M.

THE GATHERING
623 W. FOURTH • PHYLLIS COCKERHAM
SUNDAY: 10 A.M. • WED.: 7 P.M.

HEDLEY

CHURCH OF CHRIST
110 E. SECOND ST. • MINISTER: STEWART MESSER
SUN. BIBLE CLASS: 10 A.M. • SUN. SERVICE: 11 A.M.
SUN. EVENING: 6 P.M. • WED.: 7:30 P.M.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
300 N. MAIN ST. • PASTOR: STAN COSBY
SUN. SERVICE: 11:30 A.M.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
210 N. MAIN ST. • 856-5980 • PASTOR: BRUCE HOWARD
SUN. SCHOOL: 10 A.M. • SUN.: 11 A.M. & 6 P.M.
WED.: 7 P.M.

HOWARDWICK

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
235 RICK HUSBAND BLVD. • 874-3326 • REV. JIM FOX
SUN. SCHOOL: 8:45 A.M. • SUN. SERVICE: 10:00 A.M.
SUN. EVENING: 5 P.M. • WED.: 6 P.M.

MARTIN

MARTIN BAPTIST CHURCH
US 287 W
SUN. SCHOOL: 10 A.M. • SUN. SERVICE: 11 A.M.
SUN. EVENING: 6 P.M. • WED.: 7 P.M.

BRICE

BRICE DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE
PASTOR: LOUIS BENNETT
SUNDAY: 9:45 A.M. • SUN. EVENING: 6 P.M. • WED.: 6 P.M.

SPONSORED BY

ROBERTSON FUNERAL DIRECTORS

COUNTRY BLOOMERS FLOWERS & GIFTS

WALLACE MONUMENT CO.

GENE & KATHY HOMMEL

CLARENDON FAMILY MEDICAL CENTER

J&W LUMBER

PILGRIM BANK

For corrections or additions, call the Enterprise at:

874-2259

Local Advertising

That Works as Hard as You Do

**We reach more than
7,450 people every week,
and we know how to make the most of your advertising budget!**



**Print Ads, Digital
Advertising, Social
Media, & More**

**ADVERTISE
HERE**

Call us to learn more about the opportunities for your business.

THE CLARENDON 
Enterprise

Spreading the word since 1878.

806.874.2259
ads@clarendonlive.com



The Big E Classifieds SELL★BUY★NOTICE

**Covering Donley, Childress,
Collingsworth, & Hall Counties!**

CLARENDON: **806.874.2259** CHILDRESS: **940.226.4303**
Deadline: Monday @ 5 p.m.
CASH, CREDIT CARDS, & VENMO ACCEPTED.

MEETINGS

CLARENDON



CLARENDON LODGE #700 AF&M
Stated meeting: Second Mondays,
7:30 p.m. Refreshments at 6:30 p.m.
Practice: Fourth Mondays, 7 p.m.
Jim Owens - W.M., Russell Estlack -
Secretary, 2 B 1, ASK 1



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



CLARENDON LIONS CLUB
Regular meeting each Tuesday at noon. Eric
Gehman, Boss Lion. Roger Estlack,
Secretary



CLARENDON ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS GROUP
806-661-1015, 806-
671-9766, 806-205-1840, 24 hour
hotline 877-421-4334. Mon. & Sat. 7
p.m. 416 S Kearney St.



AL MORRAH SHRINE CLUB
Stated meeting: Third Mondays, 7:00 p.m.
Refreshments at 6:30 p.m. President
Charles "Butch" Blackburn, Recorder
Terry Ashcraft.

Meeting Listings: \$8.50/mo.

Call 806.874.2259 to have your regular club or
organization meeting listed.

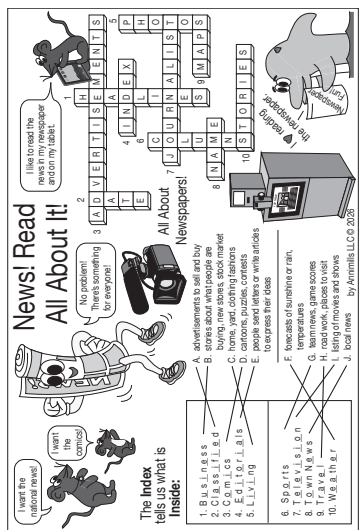
ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLARENDON

FACILITIES AVAILABLE - Family Reunions, Re-
ceptions, Business Meetings, Club Functions,
and more. Clarendon Lions Hall, 111 W. Fourth.
Call 806-874-2259 for rental information.

Saints' Roost Museum

610 East Harrington, Clarendon
Tuesday - Saturday
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Open for appointments.
Call 806-874-2746.



HELP WANTED

WELLINGTON

PRN-RN: Collingsworth General Hospital is ac-
cepting applications for a PRN- RN. Applicants
with a positive disposition, organizational and
socialization skills desired. Contact Isabella Ro-
driguez, HR Director, at 806-447-2521 Ext 348 if
you have any questions, or complete an applica-
tion online at www.collingsworthgeneral.net.

MLT/MT: Collingsworth General Hospital is ac-
cepting applications for a Part-Time Medical Labo-
ratory Technician (MLT) or Lab Medical Tech-
nologist (MT). Applicants with a positive dispo-
sition, organizational and socialization skills de-
sired. Contact Isabella Rodriguez, HR Director, at
806-447-2521 Ext 348 if you have any questions,
or complete an application online at www.collingsworthgeneral.net.

MAINTENANCE: Collingsworth General Hospi-
tal is accepting applications for a full-time Main-
tenance Worker. Applicants with a positive dispo-
sition, organizational and socialization skills de-
sired. Benefits include: health, dental, vision
insurance and 401K. Contact Isabella Rodriguez,
HR Director, at 806-447-2521 Ext 348 if you have
any questions, or complete an application online
at www.collingsworthgeneral.net.

DISTRICT CLERK/BOOKKEEPER: The Salt Fork
SWCD #133 will be taking job applications with
a resume for a District Clerk/Bookkeeper. Inter-
views will be done by the Board as applications
are submitted. When hired, on the job training
will be provided. The applicant must be able to
pass a government background check to obtain
government credentials and will be finger print-
ed. Must be able to work independently. A job
application and job description can be picked
up at the USDA Service Center, Salt Fork SWCD
#133, 801 Fort Worth St., Wellington, TX 79095.
The applicant will provide administrative support
for the District and the Natural Resources Con-
servation Service. The applicant reports directly
to the District made up of five board members.
The applicant should be proficient using a laptop.

HELP WANTED

CLARENDON

Clarendon City Hall is seeking individuals and lo-
cal businesses interested in bidding on upcoming
property clean-up projects within the city. These
projects may include mowing, trash and debris
removal, and occasional tree removal, depend-
ing on the needs of each property.

You will receive the property address and have
time to submit a bid before any work begins. All
approved clean-up work will be paid for by the
City of Clarendon. Contractors must provide
their own equipment and complete the work by
the agreed-upon date.

We currently have eight properties ready for
cleanup. Once our list is finalized, we will share
the property addresses and begin the bidding
process.

If you would like to be added to the list of in-
terested contractors, please contact City Hall at
806-874-3438.

FOR RENT

MEMPHIS

THE MEMPHIS HOUSING AUTHORITY has
apartments for rent. One-, two- and three-bed-
room units are available at this time.

Interested persons should visit the Housing
Authority office at 216 South 6th St. to pick up
an application. For more information, call 806-
205-6303, fax 806-205-6318 or email director@memphisthousing.com.

LEGAL NOTICE

CHILDRESS

LEGAL NOTICE
Application has been made with the
Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission
for a **Retail Dealer's On-Premise Li-
cense by Maria Acosta dba Los 4 Juan-
itos Mexican Food LLC, to be located**
at 601 Avenue NE, Childress, Chil-
dress, Texas. Officers of said corpora-
tion Maria Acosta are Maria Acosta,
Owner.

CLARENDON

SMALL TAXING UNIT NOTICE

The City of Hedley will hold a meeting at 7:00
pm on September 10, 2026, at Hedley City Hall
to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax
year 2026. The proposed tax rate is \$0.377496
per \$100 of value.
Visit Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes to find a link to
your local property tax database on which you
can easily access information regarding your
property taxes, including information about pro-
posed 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.

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE: All real estate
advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair
Housing Act which makes it illegal to advertise "any
preference, limitation, or discrimination based on
race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status,
or national origin, or an intention, to make any such
preference, limitation, or discrimination." Familial
status includes children under the age of 18 living
with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women,
and people securing custody of children under
18. This newspaper will not knowingly accept any
advertising for real estate which is in violation of the
law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwell-
ings advertised in this newspaper are available on
an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrim-
ination, call HUD toll-free at 1-800-669-9777. The
toll-free telephone number of the hearing impaired
is 1-800-927-9275.

MAKE MONEY WITH THE CLASSIFIEDS!

Now Serving Clarendon, Childress, Memphis, & Wellington!

THE GREENBELT THE CLARENDON

INTREPID Enterprise

Let our sales team help you place an ad today in print and online!

Call 806.874.2259.

NEWSPAPERS IN EDUCATION

NEWSPAPER FUN IS SPONSORED BY OUR NEWSPAPERS IN EDUCATION PARTNER:



MEMBER FDIC

CALL US TODAY TO FIND OUT HOW YOUR BUSINESS CAN BE AN NIE PARTNER AND SPONSOR NEWSPAPERS FOR
STUDENTS IN CLARENDON, CHILDRESS, WELLINGTON, AND MEMPHIS!

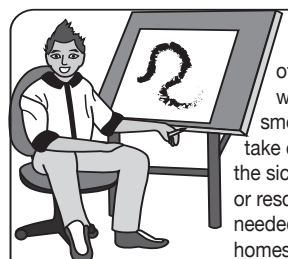
We like to talk to people and...

Newspaper Fun!

Animills LLC © 2026 V35

...learn about the work they do.

Kids: color
stuff in!



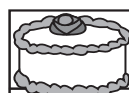
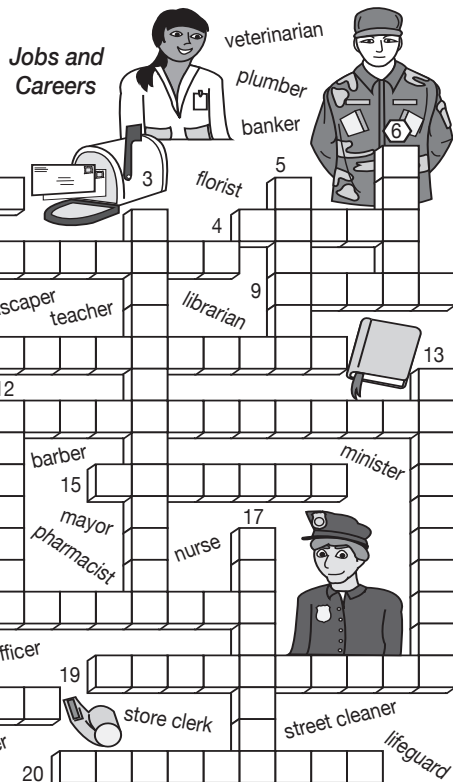
I'll bet you can think of lots
of people in your town or city
who work to keep things running
smoothly every day! Some people
take care of older people, children or
the sick. Others are ready to protect
or rescue people whenever it is
needed. Some workers keep our
homes and yards in good repair. Shop
owners stock clothing, hardware and everything else we need.
Don't forget the restaurant workers and chefs who please us
with delicious dishes when we are hungry! What job or
career do you think you would like to have some day?

Read the clues to fill in the puzzle with jobs and careers:

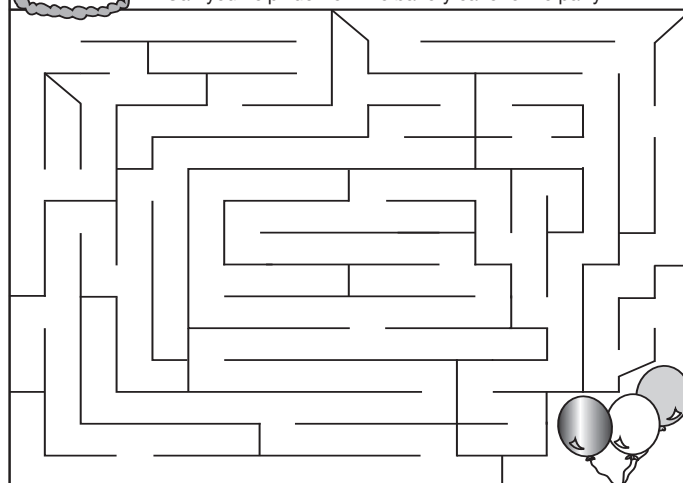
- cooks in restaurant to feed people
- gives medicines ready, gives advice
- drives equipment that sweeps roads
- leader of town or city, holds meetings
- cuts or trims hair
- cares for people, helps doctors
- puts out fires, rescues people from buildings
- works with flowers, plants
- sells breads, cakes, pies
- stocks shelves, uses register
- protects people, keeps the peace
- works on the water pipes
- cleans, presses clothes
- teaches swimming lessons, keeps swimmers safe
- plans lessons, classes
- doctor for pets
- leads people in prayer, takes care of a church
- helps families and businesses save and use their money
- mows lawns, plants gardens
- lends books, helps find information

Let's Work Together!

Jobs and Careers



Special Delivery What's a party without a cake?
Can you help "deliver" the bakery cake to the party?



Kids Working

Kids can do some kinds of work to make money. Choose something
you can do, that your parents agree to, and that you think people need
done. (Make a plan with your parents - you may have to check local
rules too.) **Match the first part of each job with the second part:**

- squeeze lemons to
- string beads
- look for a route
- walk and feed
- baby sit children
- take acting lessons



- when parents need to go out
- make lemonade
- pets for neighbors on vacation
- to deliver newspapers
- to make bracelets, necklaces
- work in a movie, show

- feed chickens or do other chores
- borrow a rake
- light house cleaning
- water, bucket, soap, hose
- clean out closets
- fix things like



- to work in neighbors' yards
- bikes or build things like bird houses to sell
- dust, vacuum, pick up
- and have a garage sale
- on the family farm
- wash cars with a friend



Office 806.356.6100
Fax 806.356.6517

Lewis Whitaker, Broker
Lee Whitaker, Broker

4600 I-40 West Suite 101
Amarillo, Texas 79106

www.whitakerrealestate.com



STATEWIDE CLASSIFIEDS



**TexSCAN Week of
Aug. 23-29, 2026**

CELLULAR PHONE SERVICE

Consumer Cellular - the same reliable, nationwide
coverage as the largest carriers. No long-term contract,
no hidden fees and activation is free. All plans feature
unlimited talk and text, starting at just \$20/month. For
more information, call 1-855-493-3803.

CHARITY

Donate your car, truck, boat, RV and more to support
our veterans! Schedule a FAST, FREE vehicle pickup
and receive a top tax deduction! Call Veteran Car
Donations at 1-855-808-4152 today!

MEDICAL

DENTAL INSURANCE from Physicians Mutual
Insurance Company. Coverage for 400 plus procedures.
Real dental insurance - NOT just a discount plan. Do not
wait! Call now! Get your FREE Dental Information Kit
with all the details! 1-855-901-0467 www.dental50plus.com txpress #6258

Audien Hearing. The world's first hearing aid
with touchscreen controls. No tiny buttons, apps or
prescriptions. 45-day risk free trial. Free shipping.
Lifetime support. More than 1.5 million happy
customers. Call Audien, 1-855-717-9854.

Texas Press Statewide Classified Network

184 Participating Texas Newspapers • Regional Ads
Start At \$250 • Email ads@texaspress.com

NOTICE: While most advertisers are reputable, we cannot guarantee products or services advertised. We
urge readers to use caution and when in doubt, contact the Texas Attorney General at 800-621-0508 or the
Federal Trade Commission at 877-FTC-HELP. The FTC web site is www.ftc.gov/bizop.





Residents listen to a Lancium representative discuss a plan to bring new water to the Greenbelt system Tuesday.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / AARON RAMOS

Greenbelt moves forward with Lancium water proposal

Aaron Ramos, Greenbelt Intrepid
Ashlee Estlack, Contributing Editor

The Greenbelt Municipal and Industrial Water Authority may soon have a new source of water thanks to a proposal from the Lancium data-center near Childress.

Representatives of the data center met with the Greenbelt Board of Directors and the Childress City Council Tuesday, August 18, at Fair Park Auditorium in Childress to discuss the proposal as the community continues battling Stage 4 drought conditions.

If implemented, the proposal would provide water to Greenbelt member cities Childress, Quanah, and Crowell and easing demand on Greenbelt Lake and the groundwater sources in Donley County.

Lancium proposed dedicating three of the six wells located on its data center property near Kirkland to provide water into the Greenbelt system. The plan proposes a two-year lease to Greenbelt for the pipeline and treatment facility at zero dollars – no fee, no water rate, and no concession in return to Lancium. The deal would include approximately 16.5 miles of new pipeline and a water treatment facility to connect the wells to Greenbelt’s system – all paid for by the data center. This would not send water back to the Lancium campus.

“This would tie into our 6-million-gallon tank on the Memphis side of Childress and would utilize an AMO system to treat the water,” Bobbie Kidd, Greenbelt General Manager told the Intrepid. “The

greatest thing is any water produced by groundwater in Childress County will take a load off of the entire Greenbelt system.”

Childress is the largest user of Greenbelt water with Red River Water Authority as the second largest customer. This pipeline would directly support water supply to Childress, Quanah, Crowell, and Red River customers.

“This can help supply water to more than 40 to 50 percent of the Greenbelt system,” Kidd said. “I don’t see how you lose. I don’t see the negative if you might run out of water.”

Lancium previously requested water supply from the Greenbelt system but was denied due to Greenbelt being unable to provide the requested volume.

Kidd said “we told them no because we don’t have the water. They saw the lake for themselves, and the deal changed somewhere after that.”

Kidd said Greenbelt will most likely need to rebuild chlorinator system in Childress, but Lancium would pay for those upgrades as well.

For Greenbelt and its five member cities, the additional supply could help reduce some of the demand currently placed on Greenbelt Lake and existing wells as the drought conditions persist. Lancium says the goal with this project is to move the region from Stage 4 toward Stage 3 drought conditions.

The water authority is already developing a new groundwater well

field and pipeline in northern Donley County to tie that into its distribution system, but the completion date for that project is November 2027.

The data center-proposed funding of the project as part of a two-year agreement. The company estimates the wells could provide up to one million gallons of raw water each day with hundreds of thousands of gallons a day of treated water.

The importance of maintaining a dependable water supply was also emphasized by Childress Regional Medical Center CEO Holly Holcomb, who said a significant interruption or decrease in water could affect critical hospital services, including dialysis, chemotherapy, surgeries, and deliveries.

Lancium’s proposed water source is the Blaine Aquifer, and the data center presented an independent study from Jacobs Engineering regarding the potential impact of pumping from the aquifer. Engineering, water quality requirements, and permitting through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality must be completed before the project can begin, but Lancium said construction permitting can begin immediately with water targeted to flow by the first quarter of 2027.

While the Greenbelt board voted to move forward with the project, nothing has been signed yet by any parties. The proposed terms will now be drafted and reviewed by legal teams for a formal vote of the Greenbelt board and will also need to be approved by TCEQ.

HELLO SUNSHINE

Goodbye Clogged Gutters

Upgrade your gutters this summer! LeafFilter blocks out common debris.

LeafFilter
GUTTER PROTECTION

Save up to 35%
Summer Sale

Lifetime Warranty

Before LeafFilter After LeafFilter

Save up-to*

35% Off

+ Free gutter inspection, quote good for 1 year Promo code: 285

Call 1-833-405-0911

*Promotional offer includes 25% off plus an additional 10% off for qualified veterans and/or seniors. Cannot be combined with other offers. See representative for full warranty details. AR 366202625, AZ ROC 944027, CA 1038785, CT HIC087850, DC 4222026, HI, FL C8C086818, IA C272303, ID PCE-5804, LA 568844, MA 202292, MD M4NC1225, MO B448, MI 262000293, MN 262000293, NE 50145-24, NJ 13VH12285000, NM 408893, NV 88990, OR 28284, PA PA173643, RI GC-41354, TN 101981, UT 10783658-5501, VA 270569446, VT 1740000871, WA LEAFFLH-763P-G, WI No. 537-DCFRR WV WV056962. Promotion exp. 8/31/2026.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The _____ Hedley Independent School District _____ will hold a public meeting at _____ 6:30 p.m. August 27, 2026 _____ in _____ Supintendent's Office, 301 Jones Street _____ Hedley, Texas. 79237 _____.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

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

Maintenance Tax	\$ _____ 0.65610 _____ /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$ _____ 0.0000 _____ /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

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

Maintenance and operations	_____ % increase	or	_____ 44.59 _____ % (decrease)
Debt service	_____ 0 _____ % increase	or	_____ 0 _____ % (decrease)
Total expenditures	_____ % increase	or	_____ 44.59 _____ % (decrease)

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

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ _____ 269,944,144 _____	\$ _____ 332,429,990 _____
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ _____ 174,755 _____	\$ _____ 1,143,504 _____
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ _____ 104,942,003 _____	\$ _____ 96,631,696 _____
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ _____ 174,755 _____	\$ _____ 1,143,504 _____

* "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.

Local News • Local People

Support the Reporters and Columnists Who Keep You Informed.
Subscribe Today!

ONE FULL YEAR:
Digital Edition \$30
DELIVERED TO YOUR EMAIL

Print + Digital \$60
PRINT EDITION BY MAIL W/ DIGITAL EDITION!
All print subscriptions now come with digital bonus!

THE CLARENDON Enterprise
Spreading the word since 1878.
SUBSCRIBE ONLINE AT
ClarendonLive.com/Subscribe-Save
806.874.2259
PO Box 1110, Clarendon, TX 79226

MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER

Keeping You Informed

News and current events from around the community, the country and the world

Saving You Money

Local retail and shopping deals; garage sale listings; and exclusive offers on local services and events

Connecting Community

Bringing local faces, places, resources and events into focus for a strong, connected community

Protecting Local Journalism

A local watchdog for the public good, committed to keeping citizens informed.

Enterprise
SWEETSTAKES WINNER DIVISION 1A
2025
Clarendon
Enterprise
SWEETSTAKES WINNER DIVISION 1A
2025
Clarendon

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 0.65610	\$ 0.0000 *	\$ 0.65610	\$ 8,810	\$ 9,886
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 0.61621	\$ 0.0000 *	\$ 0.61621	\$ 9,700	\$ 9,524
Proposed Rate	\$ 0.62590	\$ 0.0000 *	\$ 0.62590	\$ 9,557	\$ 10,014

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

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

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 108,906	\$ 110,079.50
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 6,672.50	\$ 6,639
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 0.65610	\$ 0.65610
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 43.78	\$ 43.56
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (0.22)

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

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is _____ 0.65610 _____. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of _____ 0.65610 _____.

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)	\$ 1,383,627
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$

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

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

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.