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

Sales taxes revenue continues to climb

The City of Clarendon saw its seventh straight month of growth in sales tax revenue when Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar distributed August allocations last week.

Clarendon received \$39,835.05 for the month which is up 3.29 percent over the same period one year ago.

The city is now running 8.44 percent ahead for the calendar year-to-date with sales tax revenues totaling \$278,639.83.

Howardwick's sales tax income was also up with an increase of 6.55 percent for the month at \$889.28. The lakeside city is up 16.36 percent for the year at \$8,253.35.

Hedley had an increase of 204.03 percent with revenue of \$1,935.53, bringing that city's total to date up 102.58 percent at \$8,934.40.

Statewide, Hegar delivered \$842.7 million in local sales tax allocations for August, 8.2 percent more than in August 2017.

These allocations are based on sales made in June by businesses that report tax monthly, and sales made in April, May and June by quarterly filers.

Sen. Seliger to host town hall Sept. 19

State Senator Kel Seliger (R-Amarillo) is making his annual tour through the counties of Senate District 31, meeting with citizens of the Panhandle, South Plains and Permian Basin to discuss the upcoming 86th Legislature.

Seliger will be in Clarendon on September 19 from 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Bairfield Activity Center.

Annual Fish Fry to be held this Sunday

The Donley County VFW Auxiliary and Donley County Senior Citizens are having the Annual Fish Fry on August 19 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center.

There will be fried fish, sides, and desserts. Adults are \$8 and kids are \$5. There will also be chicken strips as an alternative to the fish. Proceeds will benefit both organizations.

Elementary to hold screenings Aug. 20

Clarendon Elementary will preschool and speech screening on Monday, August 20, at the school.

Children must be three years old on or before August 20, 2018, to be eligible for the screening.

Call Jill Frausto at 874-3855 to schedule an appointment.



Shekinta considers options for ministry

Shekinta Ministries continues to operate in Clarendon but the direction of one of its facilities remains up in the air as its founder looks for a direction he says might be "more palatable" to local citizens.

The ministry, which operates "alternative housing" for parolees, drew public attention two weeks ago when seven registered sex offenders were listed in public notices as living at a house on Gorst Street.

Within a few days, most of those offenders were moved out of Clarendon due to what Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn was told was a "technical error."

Shekinta founder and president David A. Hurlbrink told the Enterprise last Wednesday that he didn't apply properly for the Gorst Street location.

"There is an application process to go through," Hurlbrink said, "and I apparently inadvertently violated that process. I wasn't successful in getting the Gorst location approved."

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice says Shekinta Ministries rents to parole clients as it is an Alternate Housing Resource for the client population with an approved facility at 218 N. Sully St. that can house up to seven paroled offenders.

Hurlbrink told the Enterprise that a White Street address mentioned in last week's article is actually his personal residence and office.

Hurlbrink says he understands the public's concern about having registered sex offenders move into the community, but he says he feels it's his calling to help those men.

"I completely get where everyone is coming from," he said. "Those are today's modern lepers. No one wants to do anything with them. I've been called to put together an immersion program for them."

That program includes getting the men employed and teaching them life skills such as cooking and balancing a checkbook.

"I want to serve the community not harm community," he said. "The last thing I want is people scared."

Hurlbrink says he previously served in the military and eventually moved to Texas.

"Things fell apart for me," he said. "I started seeking the Lord. I See 'Shekinta' on page 4.



Training for Tragedy

Clarendon CISD personnel participated in two days of intense training to help them better prepare for modern school security issues. Monday was devoted to "mental health first aid" to help identify and deal with troubled students and adults. On Tuesday, (top photo) Carrie Hicks and McKayla King participate in trauma first aid in which all school employees learned how to respond to severe bleeding. Also Tuesday morning, (bottom photos) local law enforcement responded to a simulated active shooter situation at the school.

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Court hears pleas in local cases

Six Donley County cases were among nineteen pleas heard in the 100th Judicial District Court in Childress last Thursday, August 9.

District Attorney Luke Inman, along with Assistant District Attorneys Harley Caudle and Greg Buckley, prosecuted the cases for the State of Texas, with the Honorable Judge Stuart Messer presiding.

Danny Wayne Mullins was

convicted and sentenced to six years in the Institutional Division of the TDCJ for the third degree felony offense of driving while intoxicated, third or more.

Mullins, 32, from Lewisville, was arrested in Donley County on August 7, 2016. Mullins was later indicted by the Donley County Grand Jury on March 22, 2016. Mullins was originally placed on community supervision when he

pleaded guilty on January 23, 2017. The State filed its motion to adjudicate on May 9, 2018, alleging two violations of community supervision. Pursuant to the plea agreement, Mullins is also required to pay a \$3,000 fine to Carson County and \$336 in court cost.

Herman Lee Jackson pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication community supervision for four years for the

second degree felony offense of burglary of a habitation.

Jackson, 38 from Clarendon, was arrested by Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn on October 18, 2017. Jackson pleaded to an information filed by the State on August 6, 2018.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Jackson is required to pay a \$500 fine to Donley County, \$488 in court See 'Court' on page 8.



Lake of fire

Smoke and ash blew across the city last Wednesday after lightning set fire to the cattails in Clarendon Lake adjacent to the wastewater treatment facility.

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Lowered tariffs still threat to local papers

The US Department of Commerce's August 2 reduction of tariffs imposed earlier this year on Canadian newsprint won't relieve the burden on newspapers, industry officials say.

In January, the DOC set preliminary tariffs of up to 32 percent on uncoated groundwood paper from Canada in response to a complaint from a single paper mill located in Longview, Wash. At the end of the DOC investigation into the complaint, the tariffs were reduced to just over 20 percent for one large Canadian producer, Catalyst Paper Corp, just under 10 percent for two other big producers, and as little as

around 1 percent for others.

While this was a positive step, the combined countervailing and antidumping duties still range up to 20 percent, depending upon the manufacturer, according to the News Media Alliance and the Stop Tariffs on Printers & Publishers (STOPP) coalition.

The additional costs cannot be absorbed, especially by small community newspapers.

The DOC decision is not final. The International Trade Commission (ITC) will decide Aug. 29 whether to reverse the tariffs at the end of its investigation into whether imports

See 'Tariffs' on page 10.

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Newspaper readers need to take action

By Andrew Johnson
Publisher of the Dodge County (WI) Pioneer and Incoming President, National Newspaper Association

It isn't that easy to drop everything in the middle of the week and fly to Washington. If you're a community newspaper publisher, going anywhere in the middle of the week is a challenge. That is when the newspaper has to be edited, wrapped up in color, printed, labeled and distributed to readers.

People in Mayville, Wisconsin, where I publish the Dodge County Pioneer, count on my paper. It is how they find out what is happening in town. We don't have a local TV station. Facebook and Google are here, but the internet has no jurisdiction in my town.



guest commentary
by Andrew Johnson

That is why I dropped everything one day in July, and flew to the nation's capital to testify before the International Trade Commission. It probably surprised my readers that international trade is important to my little weekly newspaper. But it is. In fact, this commission holds in its hands the future of local journalism in Mayville. It holds the same reins for the flow of news and information in thousands of small towns across the US I went to ask the commissioners to stop taxing our paper. This tax is hurting the Pioneer, its readers and Mayville.

The paper we print on is newsprint, known in the industry as uncoated groundwood paper. Most of it comes from Canada. Although there are five paper mills in the US that make this paper, American newspapers have also used Canadian paper for more than a century. It simply isn't possible in the continental US to make enough newsprint to supply the needs of US newspaper readers.

Last January, the Department of Commerce slapped a tax, better known as a tariff, on this Canadian paper, and then hit it again in March. The government was responding to a lawsuit by a single paper mill, owned by a New York investment firm, alleging that the Canadian competition was affecting its profits. The ITC allowed the tax to stay in place while it investigates. For much of this year, American publishers have been receiving continual price increases from their printers, who have been trying all year to adjust to tariffs of more than 30 percent on the paper they use to print our editions. In early August, the federal government said the tariffs could be lowered somewhat in September, but they still would be about 20 percent. This newsprint price increase is very hard for small town newspapers to absorb.

It is the ITC that ultimately decides whether these tariffs will continue at all. Its job is to figure out whether tariffs would help US producers. US producers – the five US mills – certainly face challenges. But those come from the fact that most large newspapers have dramatically cut back on paper usage. There is less demand for newsprint in the US, so lower prices have resulted. It is not unfair competition, but natural market forces, while digital editions take over the larger newspaper world that affect the papermakers. A tariff to punish Canada won't create more US papermaking jobs. Larger publications will move faster to digital so they can buy less paper. Smaller ones like mine, will simply shrink and may go away entirely, leaving their towns with no local paper. This tariff just hurts the Pioneer, and newspapers like it.

The ITC will accept comments on this tax until Aug. 20. If you want to let the commissioners know what you think, you can find a contact form at www.usic.gov.



'Besmirching' is on the rise today

Roger Summers, one of the all-time great writers for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, has long had a way with words. My late mother would have said he "wrote a blue streak." In retirement, he still takes spells of prolific writing between periods of "hibernation." (Or maybe it's the other way around.)

Whatever, his current writing – some on the Internet and some in old-fashioned books that require "page-turning" – remains excellent.

Here lately, he's been churning out a slew of synonyms for words that dominate the day's news. Few of them remind us of Shakespeare's claim that "a rose by any other name would smell as sweet." More likely, his "word litany" describing our world today is more akin to sports-writer great Blackie Sherrod's "take" on purity. Sherrod once described some guy being "as pure as driven slush." That's a too-close description of today's world....

Summers' lists serve to remind me that I don't look up word meanings as often as I used to. Maybe I've become accustomed to writing the first words that come to mind, or maybe I've joined the masses who feel that in communicating – like in tossing horseshoes – it's quite okay to simply "come close."

One word that seems to have new life is "besmirched." Now that's a "one-size-fits-all" word these days, whether the topic is news, politics, sports, religion or world hunger.

A Merriam-Webster definition provides many choices. For synonyms, it lists "sully, tarnish, blacken, stain, taint, smear, befoul, soil, contaminate, pollute, disgrace, dishonor, stigmatize,

injure, damage, debate, spoil, ruin, slander or defame." Added is this comment: "When you besmirch something, you cause it to have a smirch. Indeed, there's a 'whole lot of smirching going on'...."



the idle american
by don newbury

Take the Pro Football Hall of Fame's induction of new members recently. The annual event reeks of accomplishment. This year, however, negativity crept in, since the bright lights of notoriety also shined on Terrell Owens' induction. Mostly, it centered on his decision NOT to attend the Canton, OH, event. Instead, he threw his OWN party in Chattanooga, TN, where he played college ball.

The HOF admitted him anyway, sadly, "in absentia." One could have hoped they might have taken a page from the Texas Sports Hall of Fame guidelines. It requires attendance, a lesson Dallas Cowboys great Emmitt Smith learned the hard way.

He was chosen for TSHOF honors in 2003. Upon announcement of his impending induction, his agent said that Smith would attend IF TSHOF could come up with a \$25,000 appearance fee. That was Smith's story, and he stuck to it. Besides, he said a father/daughter banquet was scheduled for the same night. For Smith, his failure to attend was a PR disaster. And, he was NOT admitted to the TSHOF.....

Alas, the damage was done. He "besmirched" himself and his profession. Eight years later, he was inducted. This time, he attended the dinner – without requiring an appearance fee.

Sports enthusiasts likely also remember Dallas Cowboys star Zeke Elliott's recent tardy arrival at an autograph signing session. A long line of his admirers had been standing for more than an hour, some learning upon reaching his table that he would sign ONLY "Elliott paraphernalia" purchased on site.

Much, much more "besmirching" could be cited, but such references would do little more than plunge us more deeply into snow banks of "driven slush."....

Lord Byron once declared concerning newspapers: "Without offense to friend or foe, we sketch your world exactly as it goes." For many years, this quote appeared daily on the masthead of the Abilene Reporter-News. In today's world, we settle for less, bowing instead to whatever flies in social media. In 2018, approximation is close enough.

We'd do well to re-visit the statement included on most diplomas – "with rights and responsibilities appertaining thereto."

We should accept the responsibilities – as well as claim the rights – striving for common sense solutions. Today, common sense is in short supply....

Dr. Newbury is a former educator who "commits speeches" round about. Comments/inquiries to: newbury@speakerdoc.com.



Summer Celebration big hit for city

As most of you know thru participation or from TV, Channel 10 visited our great city on their Summer Celebration tour on July 23. The city and its people did a great job of showing why Clarendon is special. Clarendon has some great projects in the works and some unique activities thru the year. Some of our civic and business leaders did a wonderful job of conveying these to our local and the Channel 10 viewers.

Our local attendance was good and we had great participation by many of our local businesses and organizations with their booths. And the weather was outstanding after all the hot days that preceded our event.

I would like to thank the mayor and Judge Howard and many others who spent their time doing interviews in advance of the tour. Channel 10 spent one whole day getting information about our city. Thanks to the businesses that either purchased ad time or sponsored an event. A big thanks to the cheerleaders and football team members who came

and showed so much enthusiasm. And finally, thank you to Jeff McKee, Keith Floyd, and Denise Bertrand for working so hard in organizing and doing the physical work it takes to make an event like this a success.

Bob Weiss,
Chamber Manager

November will be key election for the nation

It is hard to imagine (except they think this is how to take charge) why the elected Democrats and many of our Republican representatives knock President Trump, considering the great improvement in the economy. The record shows more minorities are working and wages are going up. It has been stated that there are six million jobs available in our country today.

Our elected Republican representatives better wake up if they are trying to stall progress. They might get re-elected this November, but in 2020, it

will be a different result for them. Both of our congressional leaders are part of the problem. I hope they will be replaced next January.

Yes, Trump can be crude with some of his remarks. Can you blame him after all the junk the media puts on him, his family and his administration? Consider Dem Maxine Waters, who tells people to mouth off when they see one of Trump's key people in a restaurant, or grocery store.

November will be a key election. I pray that the voters nationally will vote Republican. We don't need to have progress in reverse because a Democratic controlled House or Senate is in charge. The Democrats seem to be heading for a US socialist society. Socialism has been a failure in every country. Capitalism, free enterprise, has been successful in the US. If it ain't broke, don't try to fix it.

Tom Stauder,
Clarendon

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New faculty

Clarendon CISD has several new faces as this school year gets underway. Shown here are (back) Brian Fritz, Junior High Math ; Carlos Camarena, Elementary Music; Drew Ahrens, Band ; Savannah Ahrens, Junior High Special Education ; Christopher Woodcock, High School Social Studies; (front) Travis Victory, Junior High Principal; Paige Roberts, Elementary Aide; Anne Dushay, Fifth Grade ; and Dennis McMenamy, High School Theatre. Not pictured: Elizabeth Cranford, High School English; and LaTonia Ralston, Junior High Aide.

COURTESY PHOTO / LISA GRAN



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting August 14, 2018, with Boss Lion John Howard in charge.

We had 14 members and Sweetheart Brandilyn Ellis this week.

The Boss Lion had brought over an ancient gavel from the Courthouse to preside with this week and spun a fanciful yarn about the possibly origin of the implement.

Lion David Dockery reported the city had executed contracts for the USDA water infrastructure project and for the engineering for the city pool project. The city is also looking at engineering and demolition of the old hotel building.

It was reported that the Courthouse is in this month's issue of Texas Highways.

Lion Rit Christian reported on the college where the volleyball team is back and budget work is underway. Lion Mike Norrell reported on the public school where active shooter and first aid training was held today, and Lion Landon Lambert reported on DWI prosecution training held last week.

Lion Scarlet gave a brief but impressive program on fall vegetable planting. You can plant seeds now for early yield vegetables such as squash, beans, carrots, and broccoli to name a few.

There being no further business, we were adjourned.

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 - One-time European money
 - Disfigure
 - Polish city
 - Move quickly on foot
 - Landlocked West African country
 - Used in aromatherapy
 - The greatest of all time
 - Type of horse
 - Volcanic craters
 - Type of graph (abbr.)
 - Supporters
 - North and South are two
 - Spread
 - Adjusted
 - Vietnamese offensive
 - Nazi architect
 - Nigerian peoples
 - When you hope to get there
 - Ridicules
 - Allied Powers vs. Central Powers
 - Produce
 - Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
 - Hebrew unit of liquid capacity
 - Type of sword
 - "Sin City" actress
 - Female reproductive cells
 - Afflicted
 - One point north of northeast
 - Garland
 - Spiritual leader
 - Negative
 - Tooth caregiver
 - Cheek

- CLUES DOWN**
- Form of "to be"
 - A hand has one
 - Thought
 - Physical body
 - Removes
 - One who perpetrates wrongdoing
 - Make one
 - Kate and Rooney are two
 - ___ Ladd, "Shane" actor
 - Makes fun of
 - Space station
 - Gene
 - Satisfy
 - Livid
 - It comes after "et"
 - More (Spanish)
 - Electronic data processing
 - Buffer solution to separate DNA and RNA
 - Primate
 - Scattered
 - Evergreen tree
 - What engaged couples will say
 - Barbie's friend
 - Midway between south and southeast
 - A position from which progress can be made
 - Showed up
 - Insecticide
 - Type of milk
 - Verandas
 - Annoyingly talkative
 - Abba ___ Israeli politician
 - "Heat" director
 - Plant genus
 - Swiss river
 - Prejudice
 - Actor Idris
 - Freedom fighters (slang)
 - Criticize

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August 17
Owls v Chillicothe • scrimmage • 6:00 p.m. • *Awy*

September 1 & 2
Whistle-Stop Trade Days

September 3
Labor Day

September 9
Grandparents' Day

September 11
Patriot Day

September 22
Col. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff • Saints' Roost Museum

Menus

August 20-24
Donley County Senior
Mon: Soft beef taco, salad, Pinto beans, chocolate pudding, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Turkey sandwich, relish plate, pea salad, potato salad, fruit salad, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Lasagna, tossed salad, green beans, garlic bread, butterscotch, iced tea/2% milk.
Thu: Chicken fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, wheat roll, peach cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Ground beef & tater tot casserole, turnip greens, carrots, whole wheat roll, brownie, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Creamy mushroom steak, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, wheat roll, Emerald pears, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Beef taco bake, Spanish rice, cauliflower, tossed salad, country apple crisp, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Chicken tenders, baked potato w/sour cream, peas & carrots, strawberries & whip cream, iced tea/2% milk.
Thu: Roasted turkey & bread dressing, seasoned broccoli, Waldorf salad, cranberry squares, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Chicken salad sandwich, tomato, lettuce, pickle, carrot sticks, watermelon, iced tea/2% milk.

Clarendon ISD
Breakfast
Mon: Pancakes, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Tues: Cereal bar, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Wed: French toast, sausage, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Thu: Oatmeal, cinnamon toast, yogurt, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Fri: Breakfast burrito, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Steak finders, gravy, roll, mashed potatoes, carrot coins, strawberries and bananas, fruit, milk.
Tues: French bread pizza, marinara sauce, garden salad, California blend vegetables, fruit cup, chocolate pudding, fruit, milk.
Wed: Boneless chicken wings, celery sticks, carrots, orange smiles, fruit, milk.
Thu: Chicken quesadilla, corn, beans, salsa, lettuce and tomato garnish, fresh seasoned fruit, fruit, milk.
Fri: Sloppy Joe sandwich, broccoli, oven fries, peaches, fruit, milk.

Hedley ISD
Lunch
Mon: Steak finders, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrot coins, hot roll, strawberries & bananas, fruit, milk.
Tues: Spaghetti bowl, breadstick, garden salad, California vegetable blend, fruit cup, pudding, fruit, milk.
Wed: Chicken wings, carrot sticks, celery sticks, orange smiles, brownie, fruit, milk.
Thu: Chicken quesadilla, Spanish rice, beans, corn, apple slices, fruit, milk.
Fri: Sloppy Joe, oven fries, broccoli bites, peaches, fruit, milk.

AgrLife Extension to offer QuickBooks training

AMARILLO - The Texas A&M AgrLife Extension Service will offer Panhandle District QuickBooks Pro Short Courses on Aug. 21-22 in Amarillo and Sept. 11-12 in Lubbock. The two-day trainings will run from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day at the respective Texas A&M AgrLife Research and Extension Centers, located at 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd. in Amarillo and 1102 E. Farm-to-Market Road 1294 north of Lubbock. DeDe Jones, AgrLife Extension risk management specialist in Amarillo, said through the years, attendees have indicated they've seen thousands of dollars

Beware of traveling scammers

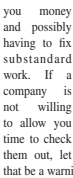
Hi, gang! These traveling paving company and traveling termite scammers are at the top of my list, and I have talked to too many who have been scammed, starting in 1956 when I went to work for the Perryton Police Department.

I recommend that you first ask if they have a permit from the City of Clarendon. If they say yes take it and look at it, then call 874-3438 and check it out. Even if they do, still be cautious. The cities of Hedley and Howardwick do not have permits but ask anyway; and if they say yes, then you know they're lying. I was unable to contact Hedley or Howardwick to check on permits so if you live there or out in the county just call the Donley County Sheriff's office and ask them to send a deputy to investigate. The first story from the BBB will tell you more on what to check. Bob

"Don't Pay Traveling Paving Companies Before Checking With BBB" by Janna Kiehl Texas Panhandle BBB

This time of year it seems everyone is sprucing up yards, homes, business landscapes and even driveways and parking lots. Paving companies often show up in the area at this time of year. BBB hears from consumers who claim the companies used high pressure and urgency. Some have mentioned that the company is using the BBB seal in their advertising or company documents. "Beware of companies who use high pressure, and claim their 'deal' is only good today," said Janna Kiehl, BBB President. They offer to do the job with leftover materials and trick you into thinking their discount price can't be beat." Some companies have been known to claim to use the BBB accredited business seal to gain credibility when they are not BBB accredited.

When approached by a paving company, even one using the BBB logo find out more about the company at www.bbb.org or by calling 806/379-6222. Checking before you agree to anything may save



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Never pay up front, never sign a contract without reading and understanding it and never give in to pressure. Remembering these three things will save a lot of headaches and money. Before you buy or sign: Call the BBB for a report on the company. Reports are available online at www.bbb.org/Amarillo or by calling 806-379-6222.

I Verify that any contractor you are considering doing business with is properly licensed, bonded and insured, is registered at the BBB and has the applicable license to do business in the city. 2. Call the BBB and comparison shop with well known, reputable companies. The BBB can provide a list of industry specific businesses, at no cost. 3. Compare apples to apples and remember a good deal involves a lot more than price. 4. Get the complete name and address of the company. Know their business before giving them yours. 5. Agree on a price and get details in writing.

"Doing business with itinerant workers may be a fast, convenient way to get a jaggging job done," said Kiehl, "but consider what you get for your money, what type of business you are supporting in the community and whether or not they are a BBB Accredited Business. It's not a good deal if the job isn't done right or is done with poor quality materials and has to be re-done in a short time." Buy from reputable companies with a proven track record.

"How to donate wisely after a disaster" by Colleen Tressler, FTC
Natural disasters and weather emergencies are in the news. Whether it's the devastating wildfires along


the West Coast, the relentless rains and flooding along the East Coast, or tornado strikes in the Midwest, it's heartbreaking to see people lose their homes and businesses. But it's despicable when scammers exploit such tragedies to appeal to your sense of generosity. If you're looking for a way to help, the FTC urges you to be cautious of potential charity scams. Do some research to ensure that your donation will go to a reputable organization that will use the money as promised?

Consider these tips: Donate to charities you know and trust with a proven track record with dealing with disasters. Be alert for charities that seem to have sprung up overnight in connection with current events. Check out the charity with the Better Business Bureau's (BBB) Wise Giving Alliance, Charity Navigator, Charity Watch, or GuideStar. Designate the disaster so you can ensure your funds are going to disaster relief, rather than a general fund that the charity could use for any of its work. If you get donation requests by email, never click on links or open attachments in e-mails unless you know who sent it. You could unknowingly install malware on your computer.

Don't assume that charity messages posted on social media are legitimate. Research the organization yourself. When texting to donate, confirm the number with the source before you donate. The charge will show up on your mobile phone bill, but donations are not immediate.

Find out if the charity or fundraiser must be registered in your state by contacting the National Association of State Charity Officials. If they should be registered, but they're not, consider donating through another charity.

To learn more, go to ftc.gov/charity. For tips to help you prepare for, deal with, and recover from a natural disaster or severe weather event, visit DealingWithWeatherEmergencies.com. Stay safe out there!



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First United Methodist Church would like to invite you to come join us in worshipping Jesus and fellowshiping together on Sundays.

*It would be our blessing to have you join us!
We look forward to seeing you on Sunday!*

Maranapna,
Buddy Payne,
Pastor

Blessings of rain fall upon Howardwick

What a wonderful sound to awake to - rain falling on the roof and windows with that clean, washed-sky smell.

Ole Jim, Buffy the Wonder Dog, TC (The Cat), and I watched from the patio while filling our lungs with that sweet air. We hoped it would continue all day but within an hour or so the sun was shining, with a smile I say, "Thank you, Lord, for the blessing you have given me today in the form of rain."

As any of my readers know, I love history and with August being a month without many subjects to write about, I turned to the year 1776 and found the Battle of Long Island, also known as the Battle of Brooklyn, that was fought in August. This was the first battle fought by the United States after declaring

independence on July 4, 1776. It was a battle won by the English under the command of General Howe. It was a major loss of life for the American troops with approximately 20 percent captured or killed. It would have been worse except 400 Maryland troops took a stand and prevented more losses of American troops although at great loss of life to the Maryland 400, less than 20 troops survived.

Washington was able to move the Continental army back to Manhattan but was unable to prevent the capture of New York harbor. What courageous men those were! I would hope we still have that type of courage living in Manhattan. Okay, folks, a major event is taking place this week all across Texas. School starts. In our area that means the big yellow school bus will be making the rounds so watch closely when approaching the bus and follow the law which states: when the bus is stopped and lights are flashing you must stop when approaching from either direction. You may begin moving when the bus moves or the driver signals to you. You do not have to stop when the bus is on another street or is stopped at a pedestrian crossing. Watch those little dudes; they are our most precious commodity.



wick picks by Peggy Stockerham Howardwick • 874-2886

First Methodist Church starts new youth group

About a month ago, our church (First United Methodist) got a new youth group started. We have a new pastor named Buddy, and he wants to bring back our youth group since we have the potential of being the future of the church.

I think we have lots of fun at our church group, and I would like to see it expand. I think if our youth expanded, it would help our church grow.

Me and my cousins have made many new friends through our lessons and fun games like Donkey Kong (a type of ping pong game), volleyball, and our most recent game, Dragon Tale.



the cub reporter by Benjamin Estlick

Earlier this week on Sunday, we helped put on a party for the elementary kids that are going back to school.

I feel like this youth group might bring me and my cousins closer to God and let us learn His word in a very fun and entertaining way.

I have loved my time at youth group, and I would love to see our Youth group expand and grow.

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Shekinta: Continued from page one.

wasn't doing what He told me to do. He allowed things to blow up then came together. This whole thing is me trying to give back."

Shekinta Ministries was founded in August 2014, he said. The name means "the Lord's presence." "Without spirit we can't affect transformation and that's what this program is designed to do," Hurlbrink said. "Take guys with a basic understanding of God and immerse them in God's word."

Hurlbrink said he moved to Clarendon in March 2017 and purchased the Sully Street location when he starting receiving his VA pension.

He says he would like parents and the public to know that he understands their concerns.

"I would say to them that we have put these men under GPS supervision," he said. "I was continually in touch with parole office. They were required to

register everywhere. They were tightly regulated and supervised. Last thing I want is an offense in my community. I understand the fear but I have to push through the fear. "I believe these are godly men who truly want a fresh start. As long as they were willing to put in the work, I felt obligated to give them the chance."

Hurlbrink says he has been reconsidering the direction of his ministry especially in regards to the Gorst Street property.

"I knew resistance would be there, but I thought we could show the community through the fruits of our ministry," he said. "We've all sinned and fallen short of the Lord. I believe Jesus paid for those sins no matter how horrific."

Hurlbrink hasn't decided whether to pursue reapplying for the Gorst house to seek the same type of offenders. This week he told the Enterprise that he is considering

opening it up to serve veterans in some way.

"Maybe that would be more palatable," he said

Hurlbrink apologizes for the disruption Shekinta has caused to Clarendon.

"I love my community, and I'm sorry for any fear that has gone around. That's the last thing I wanted. Shekinta is here to be of service in any way that I possibly can."

Meanwhile, Sheriff Butch Blackburn is not letting up on his warning about having offenders residing in the community. He says that while seven offenders left Clarendon, another man moved to town who has completed his supervision by the state.

"I would just urge citizens to know who they are hiring and be aware of what's going on and keep an eye on their kids," Sheriff Blackburn said.



Pictured here the Detwiler Cattle/Heck Cattle Team from Childress and Clarendon won 3rd place last week at the 2018 Big Bend Rodeo in Alpine. COURTESY PHOTO

Local rodeo team finishes in top 3

A local rodeo team finished in the top three during the 2018 Big Bend Ranch Rodeo in Alpine August 10-11.

The Thompson Ranch from Munday was the 2018 BRRR Champion. This is a back-to-back win for the 2017 Champions. Besides cash and prizes, the team won an automatic bid to the Working Ranch Cowboys Association World Championships held in November in Amarillo. The Thompson team scored points in almost all five events on both Friday evening and Saturday evening.

Placing second was the Veale Ranch/Teepie Cattle team from

Parker and Tarrant counties, and The Detwiler Cattle/Heck Cattle team from Childress and Clarendon placed third.

Roscoe, a 12-year-old Roan gelding ridden by Rodey Wilson from the Wilson Cattle/Haystack Cattle team was named Top Horse. Cutter McClain from the Detwiler Cattle/Heck Cattle team was named Top Hand of the rodeo.

Results from the other weekend events are: RHAA Competition - Wrangler Class: 1st Place, Dakota Holmes, 2nd Place, Travis Aulom; Cowboy Class: 1st Place, Brady Clark; Junior Class: 1st Place, Kelsey Thomas 2nd Place,

Kye Fuston; and Senior Class: 1st Place, Clint Jones, and 2nd Place, Elizabeth Yeary.

Youth Working Cowhorse Competition - Juniors (12 and under): 1st Place, Karlee Day, 2nd Place, Thomas Mellard, 3rd Place, Aiden Mellard; and Senior Event (13 and over): 1st Place, Rane Peebles 2nd Place, Evan Means, and 3rd Place, Rylie Craven.

The winner of each class in this youth competition wins an automatic bid to the Championships in Amarillo.

The next Big Bend Ranch Rodeo will be held August 9-10, 2019.

SBA local disaster loans available

Small nonfarm businesses in 79 Texas counties, including Donley County, eligible to apply for low-interest federal disaster loans from the US Small Business Administration, announced Director Tanya N. Garfield of SBA's Disaster Field Operations Center-West

The deadline to apply is November 8, 2018. These loans offset economic losses because of reduced revenues caused by drought in the following primary counties that began on Nov. 14, 2017.

Primary Texas counties: Archer, Armstrong, Bailey, Baylor, Bowie, Briscoe, Carson, Cass, Castro, Childress, Cochran, Collingsworth, Cottle, Crosby, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Donley, Floyd, Foard, Garza, Gray, Hale, Hall, Hansford, Hardeman, Harrison, Hartley, Haskell, Hemphill, Hockley, Hutchinson, Kent, King, Knox, Lamar, Lamb, Lipscomb, Lubbock, Lynn, Marion, Moore, Morris, Motley, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Red River, Roberts, Sherman, Stonewall, Swisher, Terry, Titus, Wheeler, Wichita, Wilbarger and Yoakum;

that have suffered agricultural production losses caused by the disaster and businesses directly impacted by the disaster," Garfield said.

Small nonfarm businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private nonprofit organizations of any size may qualify for Economic Injury Disaster Loans of up to \$2 million to help meet financial obligations and operating expenses which could have been met had the disaster not occurred.

"Eligibility for these loans is based on the financial impact of the disaster only and not on any actual property damage. These loans have an interest rate of 3.385 percent for businesses and 2.5 percent for private nonprofit organizations, a maximum term of 30 years and are available to small businesses and most private nonprofits without the financial ability to offset the adverse impact without hardship," Garfield said.

By law, SBA makes Economic Injury Disaster Loans available when the US Secretary of Agriculture designates an agricultural disaster. The Secretary declared this disaster

on March 8, 2018.

Businesses primarily engaged in fanning or ranching are not eligible for SBA disaster assistance. Agricultural enterprises should contact the Farm Services Agency about the US Department of Agriculture assistance made available by the Secretary's declaration.

However, nurseries are eligible for SBA disaster assistance in drought disasters.

Applicants may apply online, receive additional disaster assistance information and download applications at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>. Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or emaildisastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance. Individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing may call (800) 877-8339.

Completed applications should be mailed to U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155. Applicants will need the following numbers: Texas Declaration #15459 and Disaster TX-00490.

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DPS warns Texans of traffic dangers associated with new school year

AUSTIN – As the new school year begins, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) cautions Texans to slow down in school zones, and to be aware of children walking and to from school or waiting for buses. Drivers should be especially alert and careful around school buses – which make frequent stops – and always follow traffic laws regarding school buses and school zones. The start of the school year also generates an increase in overall traffic in many areas, and drivers should take extra precautions.

“With school districts across Texas returning to classes in the coming weeks, DPS is urging drivers to slow down and be alert in school zones and wherever children are present,” said DPS Director Steven McCraw. “Motorists who disregard the law and illegally pass stopped

school buses put our schoolchildren in harm’s way – and that reckless and irresponsible behavior will not be tolerated by DPS.”

The moments when students are entering or exiting the bus can be one of the most dangerous times during a child’s trip on a school bus. Accordingly, DPS reminds drivers to reduce speed and be aware that children may unexpectedly step into a roadway without checking for oncoming traffic.

State law requires that drivers stop when a bus is stopped and operating a visual signal – either red flashing lights or a stop sign. Drivers should not proceed until the school bus resumes motion; the driver is signaled by the bus driver to proceed; or the visual signal is no longer activated. Approaching drivers do not have to stop for a

school bus that is operating a visual signal if the roadway is separated by a physical barrier or an intervening space. (If a highway is divided only by a left-turning lane, the roadways are not considered separated, and drivers must stop for school buses.)

As a reminder, school buses, by law, must stop at all railroad crossings.

Drivers who illegally pass school buses face fines up to \$1,250 for the first offense. For individuals convicted of this offense more than once, the law allows the individual’s driver license to be suspended for up to six months. (A ticket for illegally passing a school bus cannot be dismissed through defensive driving.) Additionally, this offense could potentially include criminal charges if they cause serious bodily injury to another.

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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 \$ 1.17000 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
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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	0.00	% increase	or	1.03	% (decrease)
Debt service	0.00	% increase	or	0.00	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	0.00	% increase	or	1.03	% (decrease)

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

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Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 229,550	\$ 1,006,482

* “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 26.01(21).
*** “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 & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year’s Rate	\$ 1.17000	\$ 0.00000	\$ 1.17000	\$ 3,946	\$ 7,868
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.22909	\$ 0.00000	\$ 1.22909	\$ 4,428	\$ 7,663
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.17000	\$ 0.00000	\$ 1.17000	\$ 4,024	\$ 7,663

* 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	\$ 58,028	\$ 52,364
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 35,530	\$ 32,113
Last Year’s Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.1700	\$ 1.1700
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 415.70	\$ 375.72
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		(\$ 39.98)

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 Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.1700. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.1700.

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)	\$ 2,784,397
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The _____ Hedley, ISD _____ will hold a public meeting at _____ 6:30 PM August 30, 2018 _____ in _____ Superintendent Office Board Room at Hedley, ISD _____ Hedley, Texas _____. 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 \$ 1.04000 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax \$ 0.00000 /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters \$ _____ /\$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	4.58	% increase	or	0.00	% (decrease)
Debt service	0.00	% increase	or	0.00	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	4.58	% increase	or	0.00	% (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	\$ 217,056,925	\$ 221,878,504
Total appraised value** of new property**	\$ 223,180	\$ 0
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 58,040,753	\$ 60,717,443
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 223,180	\$ 0

* “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 26.01(21).
*** “Taxable value” is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ _____ 0.00 _____
* Outstanding principal.

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	\$ 1.04000	\$ 0.00000	\$ 1.04000	\$ 5,608	\$ 10,444
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.01501	\$ 0.00000	\$ 1.01501	\$ 6,152	\$ 9,707
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.04000	\$ 0.00000	\$ 1.04000	\$ 6,304	\$ 10,319

* 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	\$ 63,341	\$ 66,577
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 25,896	\$ 27,241
Last Year’s Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.04	\$ 1.04
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 269.32	\$ 283.31
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 13.99

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 Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.0401. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.0401.

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)	\$ 1,394,105
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0

Trump signs National Defense Authorization Act

WASHINGTON - President Donald Trump signed the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (NDAA) into law today. This is the fourth NDAA signed into law under US Congressman Mac Thornberry's (R-Clarendon) chairmanship of the House Armed Services Committee and the 58th year that a NDAA has been signed into law.

"We have begun to reverse the disastrous cuts of recent years. This year's NDAA continues to rebuild and repair our military and to prepare for the security challenges to come," Thornberry said. "The President has consistently supported our military. They deserve the best equipment, training, and support our country can provide."

The NDAA authorizes \$717 billion in spending for defense needs, including significant increases for readiness recovery, and it provides a 2.6 percent pay raise for our troops, the highest increase in nine years. It also extends special pay and bonuses for servicemembers in high-demand

fields. Thornberry also said, "This bill continues to reform the Pentagon to make sure that the tax payers are getting the most for their money. These reforms also help to speed up decision-making, so our warfighters get what they need faster."

Key Highlights of the NDAA: Authorizes \$17.7 billion to begin to rehabilitate and replace worn our Army equipment, \$40.8 billion to begin address the military aviation crisis, \$36.3 billion to restore our at sea strength, and \$23.5 billion to rebuild military buildings and infrastructure;

Funds the growth in endstrength of Army, Navy, Air Force, Naval and Air Reserve, and Air Guard as requested;

Increases funding for training in each service;

Charges the Chief Management Officer (CMO) with finding efficiencies and reducing 25 percent of the cost of certain Department-wide activities, enhancing accountability;

Provides \$21.8 billion for equipment maintenance and \$3.7 billion for spare parts;

Adds funding to improve America's missile defense;

Makes key investments in other critical military capabilities to confront aggression and address threats around the world, including threats from Russia, China, North Korea, and Iran; and

Places emphasis on policy and programs to advance America's security against emerging threats - Artificial intelligence, space and counter-space capabilities, cyber, influence operations, hypersonics, among others.

The bill provides \$11.2 billion in funding for nuclear weapons activities, including work done at Pantex, which is \$176 million more than the Administration's request. All life extension programs, including the W76-1 program currently underway at Pantex and the lower-yield W76-2 warhead program that will soon be initiated, are fully funded. The bill includes \$24 million

to continue design activities for the Pantex Material Staging Facility, which will dramatically improve operations and security at the plant. To help with aging infrastructure and security needs at Pantex and other facilities across the enterprise, the bill provides an additional \$118 million above the budget request. The bill also includes funding to accelerate two nuclear modernization programs and their associated warhead programs: the Ground-Based Strategic Deterrent and the Long-Range Standoff missile.

Approximately \$2.5 billion is authorized for Bell's V-22 Osprey, H-1, and other programs, including the procurement of seven new Ospreys and 25 new H-1 helicopters. Much of the work for those aircraft will be performed in Amarillo.

Full funding was authorized for research and development, including the technology demonstrator, in the Joint Multi-Role Program as part of the Army's Future Vertical Lift. Bell's V-280 Valor is a part of that program.

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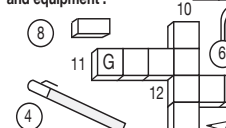
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Illustrations of school supplies: a pair of scissors, a desk, a chair, a laptop, a backpack, a pencil, a ruler, and a notebook.

Little Mouse is excited about the new school year. He has a message for you. Use the alphabet code to see it:

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	

The Real Reason Mary's Lamb Followed Her to School
 Puff! Mary forgot her backpack.
 Pant! I'll get it there!



Court: Continued from page one.

costs, \$6,298.44 in restitution to the victim, and successfully complete 300 hours of community service. If Jackson violates probation, he could face up to 20 years in the Institutional Division of the TDCJ.

Megan Dawn Mason pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication community supervision for four years for the second degree felony offense of burglary of a habitation.

Mason, 41 from Howardwick, was arrested by Donley County Deputy Randy Stubblefield on June 2, 2018. Mason pleaded to an information filed by the State on August 8, 2018.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Mason is required to pay a \$3,000 fine to Donley County, \$488 in court costs, \$400 in attorney fees, and successfully complete 300 hours of community service. If Mason violates probation, she could face up to 20 years in the Institutional Division of the TDCJ.

Christian William Goodman pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication community supervision for two years for the Class A misdemeanor offense of unlawful use of a criminal instrument.

Goodman, 22 from Calera, Okla., was arrested in Donley County by DPS Trooper Spencer Berry on July 4, 2017. Goodman pleaded to

an information filed by the State on December 21, 2017.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Goodman was required to pay an upfront fine of \$4,000 to Donley County, \$458 in court costs, and complete 100 hours of community service. If Goodman violates probation, he could face up to one year in the Donley County Jail.

Jose Esteban, Jr., pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication community supervision for two years for the Class A misdemeanor offense of possession of marijuana.

Esteban, 29 from Houston, was arrested in Donley County by DPS Trooper Justin Dillman on October 10, 2017. Esteban pleaded to an information filed by the State on December 21, 2017.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Esteban was required to pay an upfront fine of \$4,000 to Donley County, \$458 in court costs, and complete 100 hours of community service. If Esteban violates probation, he could face up to one year in the Donley County Jail.

Carlos Antonio Guerrero pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication community supervision for two years for the Class A misdemeanor offense of unlawful use of a criminal instrument.

Guerrero, 24 from Farmers

Branch, was arrested in Donley County by DPS Trooper Darik Heider on January 4, 2018. Guerrero pleaded to an information filed by the State on July 5, 2018.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Guerrero was required to pay an upfront fine of \$4,000 to Donley County, \$458 in court costs, and complete 100 hours of community service. If Guerrero violates probation, he could face up to one year in the Donley County Jail.

The court also heard a local case when it met last Tuesday, August 7, in Carson County.

Adrian A. Gonzalez pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication community supervision for two years for the Class A misdemeanor offense of possession of marijuana.

Gonzalez, 25 from Houston, was arrested by Donley County Deputy Justin Watts on September 7, 2017. Gonzalez pleaded guilty to an information filed by the State on October 26, 2017.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Gonzalez was required to pay an upfront fine of \$4,000 to Donley County, \$458 in court costs, \$180 drug lab restitution, and complete 100 hours of community service. If Gonzalez violates probation, he could face up to one year in the Donley County Jail.



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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The **Clarendon College District** will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by **4.10%** percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax rate calculated under Tax Code Chapter 26). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on **Thursday, August 16, 2018, at 12:30 p.m.** at the Bairfield Activity Center VIP Room.

The second public hearing will be held on **Thursday, August 23, 2018, at 1:00 p.m.** at the Bairfield Activity Center VIP Room.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: Ruth Robinson, Darlene Spier, Jack Moreman, Lon Adams, and Jerry Woodard.
AGAINST: None.
PRESENT and not voting: None.
ABSENT: Dr. Bill Sansing, Susie Shields, Edwin Campbell, & Tommy Waldrop

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in **Donley County** last year was **\$33,402**. Based on last year's tax rate of **\$,251149** per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was **\$83.88**.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in **Donley County** this year is **\$34,750**. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of **\$,241241** per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be **\$83.83**.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of **\$,251149** per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be **\$87.27**.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

NOTICE OF 2018 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR DONLEY COUNTY

A tax rate of \$.69984 per \$100 valuation has been proposed for adoption by the governing body of Donley . This rate exceeds the lower of the effective or rollback tax rate, and state law requires that two public hearings be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate.

The governing body of Donley County Commissioners Court proposes to use revenue attributable to the tax rate increase for the purpose of increased costs of complying with unfunded mandates.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$ <u> .69984 </u> per \$100
PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE	\$ <u> .699410 </u> per \$100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$ <u> .679524 </u> per \$100
ROLLBACK TAX RATE	\$ <u> .728224 </u> per \$100

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Donley County from the same properties in both the 2017-2018 tax year and the 2018-2019 tax year.

The rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate that Donley County may adopt before voters are entitled to petition for an election to limit the rate that may be approved to the rollback rate.

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You are urged to attend and express your views at the following public hearings on the proposed tax rate:
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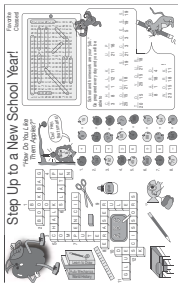
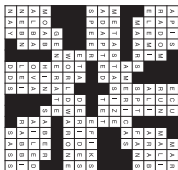
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING CLARENDON COLLEGE
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DONLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS are taking sealed bids for the construction of a metal barn building for Precincts 1, 2 and 4. Bid specs are available in the County Judge's office in the Courthouse. Sealed bids must be turned into the County Judge's office in the Courthouse no later than 12 noon on August 31st. Bids will be opened during the regular session of Commissioners Court on Monday, September 10th. Donley County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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Rolling Plains soil health, conservation field tour set

VERNON – The Rolling Plains field tour, Practices to Improve Soil Health and Soil/Water Conservation, will be hosted Aug. 29 by Texas A&M AgriLife at Vernon and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service.

The event will begin at the Punkin Center Volunteer Fire Department in Haynesville, located 0.3 miles south of the intersection of Texas Highways 240 and 25, 3 miles north of Electra.

Registration will be from 7:45-8:30 a.m. and the tour will be from 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission is free and transportation will be provided.

To ensure adequate transportation space, RSVP to Dr. Emi Kimura by Aug. 25 at 940-552-9941 ext. 233, or by emailing emi.kimura@ag.tamu.edu or texting 307-760-7115.

Three general Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be offered.

“We decided to do something

a little different this year,” said Kimura, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agronomist, Vernon. “Instead of just talking about our work in our research fields, we will be visiting producer fields in Iowa Park, Electra, Elliot, Lockett and Holliday.”

Dr. Paul DeLaune, AgriLife Research environmental soil scientist, Vernon, said some of the tour stops will be at on-farm sites sponsored by the Southern Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education, or SARE, grant program.

“We have been conducting research in many of these areas for several years and wanted to take this opportunity to discuss our findings in producers’ fields where the practices are actually being implemented,” DeLaune said.

Lunch will be in the Wilbarger Auditorium, 2100 Yamparika St. in Vernon, and feature Dr. Richard Vierling, AgriLife Research center director at Vernon, along with a farmer panel.

Field stops in Archer, Wichita and Wilbarger counties will cover the following topics:

Infiltration, runoff, nutrient cycling and soil health in no till cropping systems.

Challenges in no-till. Crop rotations to maximize production and soil function.

Termination timing of cover crops.

Cover crop and double crop water use.

Incorporating cover crops in wheat cropping systems.

Double crops vs. cover crops in wheat cropping systems.

Mixed species vs. single species cover crops in wheat cropping systems.

Grazing wheat and cover crops in no till systems.

Mixed species vs. wheat for fall grazing.

Firsthand knowledge from experienced and beginning no-till producers.

The complete agenda is at: <https://tinyurl.com/kimurablog>.

Aldermen okay tree trimming

The Clarendon City Council met in regular session last Thursday, August 9, to consider several agenda items.

Aldermen accepted a bid from Matt Stidham to trim trees along a drainage ditch running from Fifth Street at Kearney to Sixth Street. The council also authorized OJD Engineering to survey along that route as well.

The council was notified that the contracts for the USDA water system improvement project had been executed. Those are now waiting agency review before a pre-construction conference is held.

City Administrator David Dockery also reported on the status of the old Antro Hotel, which was partially knocked down in a recent storm. Contractors are being contacted following an engineer’s recommendation to demolish the building.

Dockery also reported that a committee reviewing the city’s sign ordinance is recommending that a certain number of “off premise” signs be allowed for limited times for events. The definitions and limitations of those regulations have yet to be finalized however.

Tariffs:

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have caused or threaten to cause material injury to the U.S. paper industry. The STOPP coalition is encouraging the ITC to reverse the tariffs. Newspaper publishers, US paper industry officials, Canadian newsprint manufacturers and 19 members of Congress expressed opposition at a ITC hearing last month.

If the ITC does not reverse the tariffs, these duties will continue to cause harm in the marketplace, unless Congress stops them, according to the STOPP coalition, which urges newspaper companies, owners and publishers to contact their representatives and senators and ask them to co-sponsor the PRINT Act (S. 2835 / H.R. 6031).

Introduced in May, the proposed legislation would suspend the collection of newsprint tariffs until further study is done on the impact on publishers and printers. The coalition has provided a new set of talking points to discuss when contacting elected officials about the issue.

To date, 31 senators and 38 representatives, including US Rep. Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon) have co-sponsored the legislation. The coalition’s goal is to reach 60 co-sponsors in the Senate and 100 in the House before Labor Day.

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