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

CC Regents vote on tuition, fees, taxes

Clarendon College remains an incredibly affordable option for those seeking higher education even after the Board of Regents voted to increase tuition Monday.

During a called meeting, the board raised tuition prices across the board by \$4 per semester hour. CC President Robert Riza said it was the first tuition increase at the school in four years.

Regent Jack Moreman said Clarendon College "is still the best deal around."

College officials said the cost to attend CC is still below the cost to attend other regional community colleges, specifically Amarillo College, Frank Phillips College, and Vernon College.

The board also approve modest increases to student fees and voted to propose maintaining the college district's current tax rate of \$0.251149 per \$100 valuation, which, with updated property values, will levy an additional \$3.39 next year on the average residence in Donley County.

CC will hold public hearings on the proposed tax rate on August 16 and August 23.

Chamber social to be held Thursday



Game on

Josiah Howard gets ready to pass the ball as the Clarendon Broncos opened their first practice of the season Monday morning . The Broncos will have their first scrimmage August 17 in Shamrock. COURTESY PHOTO / ADELTIA ELAM

Authentically Southern Donley County native's book examines Southern identity

By Roger Estlack, Clarendon Enterprise

Is your mama's cooking really Southern just because you grew up tional Thanksgiving meal, which in Texas? And what exactly makes she and her husband later enjoyed. her cooking Southern anyway?

Tippen, PhD., examines Southerness as it relates to cooking and more specifically as it's expressed cally Southern. through cookbooks.

Tippen, a 2002 graduate of into those issues in her first book, Inventing Authenticity: How Cookbook Writers Redefine Southern Identity.

Tippen, who is now an Assistant Professor of English at Chadeveloped an interest in what it through citations. means to be Southern and what exactly is "the South" geographi- that the reason a recipe is authencally and began to question her tic is that they got it from their own identity. Her native Texas Panhandle is a vastly different experience compared to life in Louisiana or Georgia.

phone with her mother, writing down all the recipes for a tradi-

In her research, Tippen began A new book by a Donley to look at the headnotes of cook-County native Carrie Helms books written since 1990 and specifically at the ways the authors tried to "prove" they were authenti-

Inventing Authenticity then looks at four basic ways cookbooks Clarendon High School, delves verify or confirm their Southern credentials, and Dr. Tippen devotes a chapter to each of those methods.

The first way is through historical narratives which focus on the inventions of the dishes as being authentically Southern in tham University in Pittsburg, Penn., their origins. The second way is

"They try to convince people



Seven men leave local facility for offenders

By Roger Estlack, Clarendon Enterprise

Seven registered sex offenders who had recently arrived in Clarendon all packed up and left town this week, but an "alternative housing" facility for similar offenders is still in operation.

Donley Count Sheriff Butch Blackburn said the men arrived here in the last two weeks, but they departed Tuesday morning for Houston and El Paso after parole officials discovered a "technical error."

Blackburn said he didn't know what the "error" was, but he believed an outcry from the public and citizens' calls to state officials concerning the men's presence in this community had something to do with their removal.

"I think that helped more than anything," Blackburn said. "Putting pressure on the state is the only way to stop this."

State Sen. Kel Seliger said his office received a call concerned about the facility in Clarendon. His office then notified the state agency of the concern, and the agency took it from there. Seliger said there is a definite need for such facilities in the state but also said he understands the concerns.

"These get located in big towns and small towns," the senator said.

Seliger said his office often helps make the connection between constituents with concerns and the appropriate agency.

"That's what we do," Seliger said. "The people of Donley County are always welcome to call our office."

Sheriff Blackburn said six of the seven men who left town were among the seven whose names were published in public notices in last week's Enterprise. The seventh man who left this week just arrived last Thursday. Another man, who has served the entirety of his sentence, will be moving here this week.

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce will hold its next Business After Hours at the Donley County Senior Citizens Center this Thursday, August 9.

The come-and-go event will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and will provide Chamber members and prospective members an opportunity to learn more about what's happening in the local business community. Visitors are welcome to arrive at any time during the event and may feel free to leave early if they need to get to other appointments

Refreshments will be served.

CHS Fish Camp to be held August 13

Clarendon High School's Fish Camp will be held Monday, August 13, at 7 p.m.

All incoming freshmen and new students are asked to meet at the CHS Auditorium for this event.

Methodists to host back to school bash

The First United Methodist Church of Clarendon is hosting a Back to School Bash for elementary students this Sunday, August 12, from 6:45 to 8 p.m.

Elementary students are invited to enjoy sack races, water guns, ping pong, and an ice cream sundae bar.

"Some people don't actually consider Texas as the South, and that had never occurred to me," Tippen said.

With its basis in Tippen's doctoral dissertation from Texas Christian University, Inventing Authenticity evolved out of the author's questions about her own Southerness and desire to reconnect to a rich heritage of culinary culture that she once eschewed

growing up. "I tried really hard not to learn how to cook," Tippen told the Enterprise. "My Mom will back that up; I would just disappear and not be a part of that

activity." In her introductory chapter, Tippen discusses a time when she

grandma, and their grandma was authentic."

A third chapter is devoted to Southern cooks who aren't necessarily from the South and how these "adopted Southerners" establish their authenticity, and the final chapter deals with other ways of establishing authenticity, such as pictures of Mason jars and other images that evoke the proper regional appeal.

Tippen said she worked on the book for four years before it finally went to print. It was a journey of

Inventing

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also discusses

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collecting recipes and getting relatives and acquaintances Inventing to bring out Authenticity "The Goods" old family cookbooks with handwritten notes about favorite dishes.



passing of her maternal grandpar- associated with a recipe. The book ents. As Thanksgiving approached, deals with the unpleasant issues all she wanted was her family's of race in terms of "authorship" angel biscuits... a buttermilk bis- of Southern dishes and also talks cuit recipe handed down through about how some recipes change generations. She soon was on the over time so much so that the origi-



perform, to was living far from home after the thereby reinforcing the identity

Dr. Carrie Helms Tippen

nal dish is almost lost.

Inventing Authenticity: How Cookbook Writers Redefine Southern Identity is available in print Food-Centered Partnerships. through the University of Arkansas Press and as an e-book for 25 per- Principal Investigator for this grant, cent off through Amazon.com.

a second work about cookbooks in the future that will deal with community. CIC launched this inibroader issues of how the genre is written like and can be read like Foundation in 2017 to encournovels and how cookbooks are viewed from the fields of anthropology and sociology and what they can tell us about technology, and older) address their key needs. culture, and the economy.

Tippen was recently awarded a \$13,000 grant for a project that links undergraduates with seniors around food and stories. The projby the Council of Independent Colimplement a CIC/AARP Foundation Intergenerational Connections:

Students Serving Older Adults project, Food Story/Food Secure: Building Community Through

Dr. Tippen will serve as the which will be used to enhance con-Tippen says she hopes to write nections between undergraduate students and older adults in the tiative with support from the AARP age colleges to create or extend programs in which students help low-income older adults (ages 50 Chatham students will receive training in oral history techniques as they interact with seniors to share meals and conversation and gather stories about foods that are ect is one of a select group chosen important to individual identity and culture. Students will record leges (CIC) to receive a grant to stories, collect recipes, and work together to create a community See 'Tippen' on page 5.

"Just because we lost seven doesn't mean we won't gain that many more back," the sheriff said.

Blackburn said his office has received several calls about what is commonly referred to as halfway house operating in the city.

"These facilities are by no means supported by the Donley County Sheriff's Office or wanted by the sheriff's office," Blackburn said. "This was something the state allowed without consideration of the well-being of Donley County or its citizens. We already had plenty of homegrown sex offenders without bringing more in."

The sheriff says people should be careful about hiring people they don't know and should keep watch on their kids.

"I'm warning the citizens that we will likely continue to be flooded with these types of people as long as we have this facility operating," he said.

Blackburn said registered sex offenders have to notify his office within 48 hours of moving to Donley County, and then his office runs a printed notice in the Enterprise as soon as possible. A state-run website listing sex offenders lags up to three weeks in being updated.

The sheriff said currently anyone convicted of a sex crime is

See 'Offenders' on page 5.

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Alamo hero's descendant favors plan

By Errol Flannery

I am a direct descendant of David Crockett. He was my great-great-great-great-grandfather through his second wife, Elizabeth Patton.

My ancestor came to Texas and quickly got involved in the fight to free it from the tyrant Santa Anna. He believed it was the right thing to do. Despite his worldwide fame and his career in Congress, when he arrived at the Alamo he humbly insisted on being just a private in the Texian and Tejano forces. He was the best shot among the defenders, so he volunteered to defend the fort's weakest point - the palisade on the compound's southern side. And though he was a newly minted Texian, he gave his life on March 6, 1836. He was 49 years old.

This was the Crockett both of legend and history, the Crockett my family knows: a born leader who did his duty and spurred those around him to do theirs.

In a reunion back in June, more than 160 of David's descendants and extended family and friends from all over the country stood where he stood and walked where he walked. We have followed, with great interest, the planning and controversy that have surrounded the Alamo for decades because we believe that the Alamo is a sacred and unique site that spans three centuries of history. While we appreciate that there is still an Alamo of some semblance to visit and pay our respects to, we also believe that it has the potential to be so much more than it is today.

For all the awe we feel when we enter the church and see the artifacts - including one of David's rifles in the Long Barrack, the fact is, the Alamo as a whole is mistreated and has been for a long time. The battlefield is barely recognizable as it has been covered by buildings and active streets. Visitors struggle to understand the immense amount of physical change that has taken place since the fall of the Alamo in 1836. Protesters and street preachers are allowed to destroy the experience of visiting the place where the defenders fought and died. We are long overdue a commonsense approach to the historical presentation of one of our country's most renowned spaces.

The state of Texas, through the General Land Office, and the city of San Antonio are working on a historic plan that aims to provide that commonsense approach, and I believe it succeeds in doing so. Although there can never be a plan that is perfectly agreeable to everyone concerned, this plan will restore reverence to the Alamo as a whole. One thing we must agree on is that we cannot fail to save the Alamo.

The plan calls for closing Alamo Street directly across from the Alamo. This will improve safety for visitors, help preserve the Alamo itself, and stop the daily desecration of the battlefield. It will delineate much of Alamo Plaza's original footprint through excavation, as well as create structures throughout the site to provide historical interpretation and spaces for re-enactments that will finally provide visitors with a much-needed understanding of what the Alamo was like during the mission and fort periods. The plan also calls for building the museum that the Alamo deserves. Discussion of relocating the Cenotaph is intensely emotional for some. I appreciate the resistance to the removal of historical monuments, and I am against their destruction and desecration. Fortunately, the plan for the Alamo calls for restoring and relocating the Cenotaph from the middle of the battlefield to just south of it. This relocation makes sense because it places the Cenotaph near the original main gate of the Alamo and makes a clear statement that the Alamo is a place of both importance and reverence, and it will enable amazing new possibilities and programs on the battlefield itself. For me, it comes down to a simple question: If you intended to travel to a distant location to visit a 300-year-old historic site, what would you hope to see when you get there? The Alamo, which represents the beginning of the city of San Antonio and is also located along El Camino Real, a nationally recognized historic trail, is just such a site. Yet this history is not currently represented in downtown San Antonio the way so many have hoped it would be. It is time to allow the Alamo to meet our expectations as a unique and powerful connection to Texas history. As David Crockett said, "Be always sure you are right, then go ahead." This plan is right. Let's go ahead and get it done.

Getting down to the very last straw

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Rodney Daingerfield took great delight in self-deprecation, striving always to be regarded as the least respected guy on the planet. The late comedian played it to the hilt, laughing all the way to the bank.

There's a new guy on the "poor me" stage, and I'm talkin' real life. The nameless guy is insistent that his investment portfolio is limited to only two stocks - Facebook and plastic straws. His negative stance is comparable to the cynic who was convinced that if

he invested only in pumpkins, they'd outlaw Halloween....

For decades, plastics have been viewed as solid investments. Investors in plastic straws are reeling, however, as major buyers jump ship. No longer are plastic straws viewed as best way to get liquids from cups to kidneys. Plastic straws' sudden collapse

started like a domino fall when Starbucks opted to go with paper straws. The corporate giant cited environmental concerns, pledging support to diminish landfills and clean up oceans and waterways. (Not mentioned is the possibility of Starbucks' attempt to shift the national spotlight from recent blunders causing racial tensions, but that's a whole 'nuther story.)

Other "biggies" – like American Airlines, Disney, McDonalds, Hyatt and Marriott – are following suit. The companies are "thumbs down" on plastic straws, choosing to ride the waves of conservation. In this manner, they join the chorus of "good" for our land. Truth

of "ka-ching/ elimination of plastic straws also enhances bottom lines.. the idle in Lake Michigan and the other at DFW.

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blow, you'll have them there shortly," the

man counters, re-opening his Wall street

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more than once. Several years ago, SWA

lime slices served with hot tea. I regret-

ted the move, long favoring such wedges

announced elimination of lemon and

in my tea. The company said it would

Flight attendants applauded, since they

would no longer be in "hurry up" mode

to slice lemons. ('Course, the down side

who formerly could file claims to nurse

sliced fingers at home.)

is elimination of sick leave for attendants

Now, SWA is flying high on its

claim of "TRANSfarency" - perhaps the

best airline commercial in decades. The

company will likely continue to domi-

nate, despite ceasing to hand out pea-

nuts, a practice begun when the "peanut

airline" took to the skies nearly 40 years

ago. Folks with peanut allergies appreci-

ate the new policy, and empathetic folks

surely understand. Passengers who crave

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Yes, we can do better. We should be able to accept paper straws – or perhaps no straws – even if the latter "takes some gettin' used to."... *****

The "straw thing" brings to mind the old joke of a loose-jawed Texan on a crowded plane. He asks the guy next to him about his hometown. The "middle seat" guy folds his newspaper momentarily, answers, "Chicago," then returns to reading.

"You got them great lakes up there, don't you?" the Texan interrupts. Again, the man folds his paper, as if to get ready for the next barrage. Sure enough, it comes. "If we had the great lakes down in Dallas/Fort Worth, we'd be a whole lot bigger than Chicago," he blusters.

"Why don't you move them?" the Illinois guy asks; the Texan explains that he doesn't know how they could be to tell, however, the unmistakable sounds relocated. "Get a straw, placing one end

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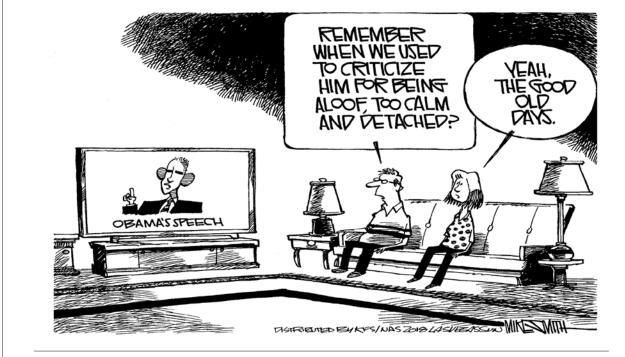
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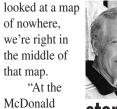


Seeing Milky Way over Ft. Davis

If you've been to Fort Davis on a night when the moon is barely visible, you know that when you look skyward you see the Milky Way in all its radiance. Fort Davis is one of the darkest spots in the United States so you get a good glimpse of the stars at night. They really are big and bright.

The darkness is one reason the McDonald Observatory is located just outside of Fort Davis. Scientists from all over the world go there to do research. Residents of Fort Davis are mindful of the need to keep the area dark and seldom use their bright lights while driving at night. All lighted areas in the town have covers on them to make sure the light goes down, not up.

The observatory is one of the main tourist attractions in Fort Davis. On Tuesday, Friday and Saturday nights, visitors go there for star parties where they peer through strong telescopes and listen to informal lectures about the stars. Marc Wetzel is an education specialist at McDonald. "We're a little bit higher than Denver, Colorado. Here our elevation is about 6,500 feet. We're at a high altitude in a remote area. If you



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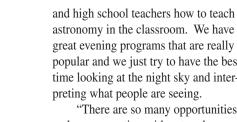
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measure distances to galaxies and can even find planets around other stars. We can determine the expansion rate of the entire universe here. It's truly a gem. We have one of the largest telescopes in the entire world and one of the biggest efforts to study the universe and address some of the most fundamentally amazing questions that we've had for the length of time humans have been on earth. If you've never seen the Milky Way before, you can see it plainly here in all its glory without using any amplified device.

"I convey the night sky and all the amazing things about it to young children. Try to explain a black hole to a third grader. I train elementary, middle



great evening programs that are really popular and we just try to have the best time looking at the night sky and interpreting what people are seeing.

"There are so many opportunities to make a connection with nature here and understand what we see when we look at the dark sky."

Nearly 100 people work at the observatory. There are residences in the complex and some employees live in Fort Davis. Nighttime is not the only time people can go to the observatory. It also studies the sun and offers information programs about the ball of fire.

The observatory, located on Mount Locke 16 miles from Fort Davis, is owned by the University of Texas. It was made possible by the bequest of William Johnson McDonald, a Paris, Texas banker in hopes that astronomers would find ways to forecast weather, thus helping farmers far ahead of planting time. Mount Locks is named for the rancher who donated land for the observatory.

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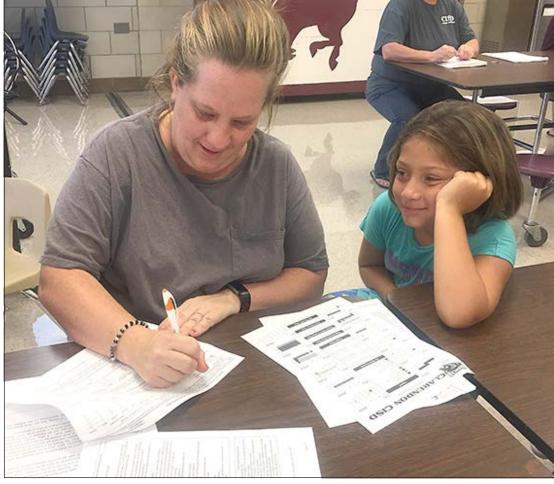




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Josie Murillo and her mother, Stacie Murillo, attend registration at Clarendon CISD on Monday night. Classes at public schools in Clarendon and Hedley start next Thursday, August 16.

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Obituaries Gaines

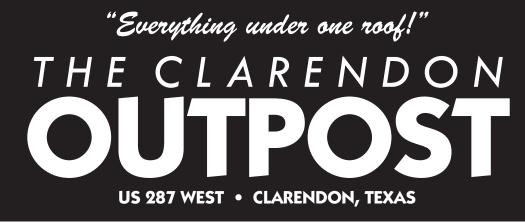
Richard Darrell Gaines, 52, of Clarendon Saturdied day, August 4, 2018. in Claude.

Memorial Services were be held on Wednesday, August 8, 2018, at 3:00 pm in the First Baptist Church in Clarendon with Elder

Jeff Riles, officiating. Cremation & Arrangements are under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Richard was born July 20, 1966, in Clarendon to Alton and Billie Ruth Wilson Gaines. He had been a resident of Clarendon most of his life. He was a US Army veteran. He loved football and played semi pro football for few years. Later, he tried out for the Dallas Cowboys. He loved working on computers and fixing computers. He also enjoyed collecting autographs from all sporting events. He was a member of





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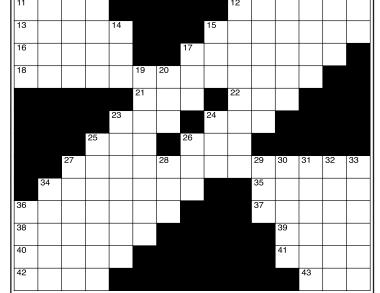
He leaves to cherish his memory, his son, Richard Duane Gaines and wife Chelsi of Amarillo; his daughter, Rebecca Danielle Gaines and husband Brad Snow of Utah; 5 brothers, Alton Gaines of Clarendon, Johnny Gaines of Amarillo, Danny Gaines of Clarendon, Randy Gaines of Amarillo, and Brent Gaines of Clarendon; a sister, Glenda Wilson of Clarendon; 4 grandchildren, Brooklyn Gaines, Bane Snow, Emma Snow, and Bella Snow; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

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- 4. Where sauces cook 8. Type of horse
- 10. Heavy sword (Brit.)
- 11. Nui, Easter Island
- 12. A type of burner
- 13. Spanish island
- 15. Rapid alteration of a
- musical note 16. Where priests work
- 17. Most impoverished
- 18. Tom Petty's band
- 21. Luke's mentor -Wan
- 22. No longer is
- 23. Mandela's party

CLUES DOWN

- 1. One who is rejected
- 2. Suitable for crops
- 3. Per , each
- 4. Indulges 5. Preoccupy
- 6. NIN frontman Reznor
- 7. Posted
- 9. Infamous Ukraine village
- 10. Bizarre
- 12. One who loves to read
- 14. The products of human creativity
- 15. Extinct flightless bird of
- New Zealand 17. Famed Chinese American
- architect

- 25. A type of "zebra" 26. The common gibbon 27. American icon 34. Hunting expeditions 35. What a princess wears 36. Switched gears 37. Protege to Freya (Norse myth.) 38. Serves 39. Darken 40. Fencing swords
- 41. Middle English letter

24. Legislator (abbr.)

- 42. Go slowly
- 43. A type of flute

20. Corpuscle count (abbr.) 23. Pokes holes in 24. Peter's last name 25. Offered as a prize 26. French river 27. Young woman 28. A pot has one 29. Of the ears 30. Full of parasites

19. These can be used to burn trash

- 31. Dole out incrementally
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- 33. Hearty 34. External form
- 36. Turn violently

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August 17 Broncos v Shamrock • scrimmage • 5:00 p.m. • Away

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

September 1 & 2 Whistle-Stop Trade Days

September 3 Labor Day

September 9 Grandparents' Day

September 11 Patriot Dav

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



August 13 - 17 **Donley County Senior**

Mon: Cheeseburger, potato wedges, tomato, lettuce, pickle, banana pudding, iced tea/2% milk. Tue: Ham & beans, cornbread, spinach, lemon pudding, iced tea/2%milk.

Wed: King ranch casserole, Spanish rice, salad, tortilla, pineapple tidbits, iced tea/2% milk.

Thu: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll, cookie, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: BBQ chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, biscuits, carrot cake, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Spaghetti & meatballs, Italian vegetables, broccoli, garlic toast, pumpkin squares, iced tea/2% milk. Tue: Salmon patties, scalloped potatoes, green peas, tossed vegetable salad, wheat roll, peach apple crisp, iced tea/2% milk.

Wed: Meatloaf/tomato sauce, mashed potatoes, winter blend vegetables, wheat roll, apple fluff, iced tea/2% milk.

Thu: Roast beef, baked potato, buttered carrots, wheat roll, chocolate pudding, iced tea/2% milk Fri: BBQ sandwich, tater tots, carrots & zucchini, ambrosia, iced tea/2% milk.

Clarendon ISD Breakfast

Thu: Sausage kolache, fruit juice,

Hi, gang! I received two of the already been tact the IRS.

Away" by Janna Kiehl, Texas Pan- Social Secuhandle BBB.

BBB first told you about the istration. Fill IRS scam back in 2014. Although the calls have decreased in frequency and some perpetrators have been arrested, BBB advises to remain diligent about protecting yourself against this and all types of fraud. As with any scam, once they are out there - and successful - they will continue to pop up from time to time.

has increased significantly," said way to get some relief from the calls is to avoid answering them." The scam artists call local citizens attempting to scare them into sending money. Don't be a victim, instead be a hero and hang up; then report it!

to report and look up scams in any area of the country. BBB's Scam Tracker tool helps warn others and helps BBB track scams. It's also an easy way to get the story out there. Your personal information will not be published.

The scam artists claim there are multiple 'cases' against you and if you don't pay right away, you will be arrested. Others threaten there is already a warrant out for your arrest. If you're in doubt about whether you owe the IRS taxes, call the IRS using a number you looked up on your own.

Don't call back a number that called you or left a message. Don't be frightened into giving your account information, because once you share, it's in the scammers hands for good. The IRS will not start an initial contact with you via email, text online ads unless you've checked or social media messages that asks for personal or financial information. If you get an email that claims ESN numbers. You don't have to to be from the IRS, do not reply or know what these numbers mean. click any links. Instead, forward it to Just ask the seller to give you them phishing@irs.gov.

Here it is August again, and I



IRS calls with a voice mails this comproweek. If you get one just hang up. mised: Con-Bob

"Fake IRS Calls Don't Go Contact

"Our call volume on IRS scams

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vit. Examine your credit report. Put a fraud alert or freeze on your credit report. Report it to the FTC ID Theft hotline 877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338).

"Stolen" Ruse Behind Blocked Phones" FTC

Cell phone scammers have hit on a new trick that's costing vic-Janna Kiehl, BBB President. "One tims hundreds of dollars and leaves them with a blocked phone they may never be able to use. The trick starts with an online ad for a low-priced phone, usually an iPhone or another premium device. Often the ad will also invite "best offers" and victims sometimes find the seller will accept even crazy, low-ball bids.

> That should be a serious red flag for buyers but apparently the warning is missed and victims send their money believing they got a fantastic bargain. That is, until a few weeks or months later when the phone stops working.

> When the owners contact the service provider, they're told the phone was reported stolen and cannot be re-activated. What's going on? According to recent posts on forums for AT&T phone users, the scammers usually actually own the phone and, after selling it, claim for it on an insurance policy. The crooks generally take steps to disguise their true identity. They end up with victims' money and the insurance cash.

Don't let this happen to you. Beware of buying phones through out the reputation of the owner and the status of the phone's IMEI or and then go online to check them up. If you think your SSN has out via one of the free services, such

http://www.checkesnfree.com. as (Note: You'll have to turn off your ad blocker because these sites make their money from advertising.) But if you are already a victim, the best you can do is tell the police. However, even if they trace it back to the original owner, this person likely will say he or she was not the one who sold it they'll say it was stolen and sold by someone else.

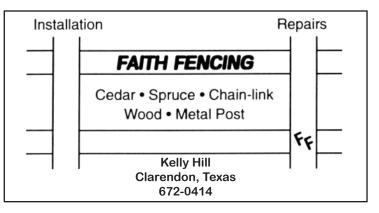
"Fake Geek Squad Techs" FTC

For our second Snippets item this week, we turn to the well-known "tech support scam," in which victims receive a phone call pretending to come from Microsoft. Posing as technicians, the scammers claim your PC has been infected by a virus and that they can fix it if you allow them remote access to your computer. Remote access means you let them log onto your PC from wherever they are they tell you how to do this and then they proceed either to steal information from your computer or link it into a botnet, which is a network of compromised computers used for sending out viruses and spam. Last year, we saw the scammers also pretending to be from PC maker Dell. And now, they are posing as technicians from Geek Squad, operated by retailer Best Buy. There have also been a few reports of the scammers pretending to be from Apple. The Geek Squad scam is a little different. Of course, it relies on the victim being a subscriber, but the scammers just phone people at random until they get a hit. Then they claim the victim is due for a refund on their Geek Squad subscription. The end game is the same though: The phony geek says he needs access to your device to confirm the refund.

It's simple to avoid this trick. Microsoft, Dell, Apple, the Geek Squad and anyone else who claims to be from tech support know nothing about what's going on in your computer, so they can't possibly tell whether it has a virus or not. So, if you get one of these calls, just hang

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dropped on August 6.

There was still no response, and the second was dropped August 9 on Nagasaki. On August 15, 1945, the Japanese surrendered with the formal signed surrender aboard the USS Missouri docked in Tokyo Bay

big day in history

Leaflets usually write about the "Dog Days of were dropped Summer" or Perseid meteor shower. over Japa-But in scrolling, "Today in History" I nese cities found August 6, 1945, was a signifi- and country-

utter

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

Lunch

Thu: Pizza, corn, tony tomato cup, fruity gelatin, fruit, milk. Fri: Cheeseburger, hamburger garnish, cucumber slices, carrots, cinnamon applesauce, fruit, milk.

Hedley ISD

Lunch

Thu: Pizza, seasoned corn, tomato cup, fruity jello, milk Fri: Frito pie, cucumber slices, carrot sticks, cinnamon applesauce, milk.



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting August 7, 2018, with Boss Lion John Howard presiding.

We had 14 members and Sweetheart Jenci Hernandez this week.

In a vacation roundup report, Lion David Dockery reported on his trip to South Fork, Colo., - missing the big storm that hit the city a week Ruidoso.

Lion Tex Buckhaults reported back on fall hours, the volleyball team is on campus, and other students will return August 25. Classes begin August 28.

Lion Landon Lambert said his at Clarendon College. office will host a training for pros-Activity Center.

International Sea Serpent Day.

There being no further business, we were dismissed to spread Lionism and good cheer throughout on-farm natural resources. our fair county.

At 8:16 a.m. an American B-29 bomber named the Enola and Gay dropped Little Boy, an atomic destruction" bomb on Hiroshima, Japan, killing and President between 90,000 and 166,000 in the Harry Truman months following the blast.

cate day for the world.

The world knew Japan was ised, "A rain of ruin from the air, the defeated, surrender plans had been like of which has never been seen on drawn up and submitted to the Japanese on July 25, 1945, but it was ignored.

this earth." The country did not surren-

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der, and the first atomic bomb was ing Japanese.

went to the radio airwaves and prom-

on September 2, 1945.

Was dropping the bomb the right decision? To the people of America it appeared to be the right move

Critics say it was wrong, but ask yourself what would the Japanese have done if they had developed that bomb? We would all be speak-

New game lets you engineer space flights

Last Monday, my Dad got me a \$200,000 just game called Kerbal Space Program. for the Rocket Kerbal Space Program is game all and the fuel. about exploring space, while testing experiments on and around different culate planets.

I like this game because it trol. If the thrust allows me to engineer a spacecraft. and control are It opens my dream of being a NASA above the center **reporter** engineer.

I'm given a budget for every rocket will not launch. It's normally only about fly properly.

Conservation partners to meet

ago; and Jenci reported on her trip to Conservation Service (NRCS) in conservation efforts and to collect Donley County and the Donley public input to help guide future County Soil and Water Conserva- conservation activities. Through on the college where the offices are tion District are inviting the public regular identification of conservation to attend their FY19 Local Working opportunities, effective Farm Bill Group (LWG) meeting August 16, investment can continue to benefit 2018, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Donley County. Farmers, ranchers, Courson Ranch Operations Building conservationists, and others inter-

The purpose of this annual ecuting DWI cases at the Bairfield LWG meeting is to set local conservation priorities and bring conserva-The club recognized Tuesday as tion stakeholders together to discuss conservation topics and issues relevant to helping Donley County farmers and ranchers better conserve

The agenda of the meeting tx.nrcs.usda.gov/.

The USDA Natural Resources is to update attendees on recent ested in obtaining Federal technical and financial assistance to improve private land in Donley County are invited to participate.

For more information, contact Weldon Sears, district conservationist, at (806) 874-3561 Ext-3. Additional information can also be found at the NRCS Web site at http://www.

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Offenders: Continued from page one.

vary some depending on circumstances and some people convicted of sex crimes do not have to register at all based on when they committed their crime.

"We have some folks here just as dangerous as these were, but they committed their crime before it was required to register," he said.

Blackburn said sex offenders also face different rules depending on whether they are on probation, which carries the most restrictions, are on parole, or have served their Sully St, Clarendon, TX. 79226, is development. sentence entirely.

Last week, social media discussions exploded over concerns about the number of registered sex wrote. offenders living in the city after a man reportedly attempted to pick up a local girl. Although it was never proved that it was related, the incident resulted in the public's attention focusing on a facility, frequently being called a halfway house, in north Clarendon.

Texas Department of Criminal ties other than on Sully Street. Justice Public Information Officer Robert C. Hurst told the Enterprise that Shekinta Ministries rents to parole clients as it is an Alternate Housing Resource for the client population.

non-profits and religious groups and sites are not TDCJ contracted faciliare a housing option for individuals ties. on supervision.

way house and alternative housing is that TDCJ does not have a contracts with alternate housing providers, whereas a halfway house is a facility that has a contractual relationship with TDCJ.

"There are no TDCJ contracted facilities in Donley County; however, Shekinta Ministries, 218 N. an approved alternate housing location that provides residence for up contact Shekinta founder and presito seven paroled offenders," Hurst

Blackburn told the Enterprise no return call as of press time. that he understands Shekinta is operating three locations here, the one on tinuing to oppose Shekinta's opera-North Sully Street, another on North tion here. Gorst Street, and a third on White Street. Hurst said Tuesday afternoon they have been convicted of their he could not find any information about state-approved Shekinta facili-

Hurst wrote that facilities such it. as the one operated by Shekinta have to follow a procedure to be opened. Potential facilities can request placement on the Alternate Hous-Alternate housing locations, the application process through the our county," Blackburn said.

supposed to register, but the rules Hurst said, are typically operated by Parole Division. Alternate Housing

Hurst said TDCJ or other state The difference between a half- agencies do not provide funding for these facilities.

> So how do offenders find out about Alternative Housing available in a place like Clarendon?

> Hurst said clients who have no other viable residential plan options are provided information about approved Alternate Housing Resource locations to assist in plan

> The Enterprise attempted to dent David A. Hurlbeck for a comment Tuesday afternoon. There was

Blackburn, meanwhile, is con-

"These people are not innocent; crimes," the sheriff said. "This situation is not good for Donley County. We don't have any local control over

"I appreciate the concerns of our local citizens, and I ask them to continue to let their state leaders know we do not want this and do not ing Resource Listing by completing need this added chance for crime in



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The I.B. Morrow family taken about 1945. Shown here are (back) Ina Mae, Helen Ileen, Ira "Kenneth," Lucy Lee, (front) John Thomas, Earl B., I.B. "Kenneth," Maggie Lula, Jewel Walker, Rose Anna, and Mary Annie. This picture was taken by Tommie Saye. The background curtain is now displayed in the Saints' Roost Museum. COURTESY PHOTO



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Morrows hold reunion in Clarendon

The Morrow Family Reunion is of I.B. and Jewel attending the reunion Clarendon and Lucy Lee Torres of Membuilding put on by John Earl Morrow.

Morrow and their nine children. Children of Clarendon, Ira "Kenneth" Morrow of north of the Clarendon rodeo grounds.

held each year on the first Saturday in were Mary Annie Brown of Amarillo phis. August at the Clarendon Lions Club and John Thomas Morrow of Clarendon. Also attending were children, grandchil- Clarendon from Goodnight in about The Reunion is in the honor of I.B. dren, and other relatives of the following 1945. They bought a house from a Mr. "Kenneth" Morrow and Jewel Walker children of I.B. and Jewel: Helen Myers Morgan. This house is located a block

Tippen: Continued from page one.

cookbook that celebrates both the University in Abilene, Texas. culture and contributions of senior project.

ests include contemporary American Fort Worth. Literature, Southern culture, food

She taught literature and com-

adults in the community. All stories position as an adjunct at West Virwill be added to CRAFT's Western ginia Wesleyan College and Davis Pennsylvania Foodways Collection & Elkins College for three years High School and UIL Literary Critibefore earning a PhD. in English cism for setting me up for the rest Dr. Tippen's academic inter- from Texas Christian University in

Tippen got an early start in writing, food studies, and women's writing, working for The Clarendon studies. She earned her BA and MA Enterprise where she wrote news and Swissvale, Penn., with her husband, in English from Hardin-Simmons feature articles as well as a weekly Jay.

column, "Life's Lessons." She also says her hometown school experiences have served her well.

The Morrow family moved to

"I definitely credit Clarendon of my life," Tippen said. "I draw on that material and information that I learned in high school every day."

Dr. Tippen currently resides in



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Court revives lawsuit to gut ethics agency

By Emma Platoff, Texas Tribune

A conservative advocacy group's legal challenge to the Texas Ethics Commission, the state agency that administers and enforces election law, took a leap forward this week after the lawsuit, dismissed in 2016 by a district judge, was revived by an appeals court.

The case will now go back to a Travis County district court. The decision by the Austin-based 3rd Court of Appeals is the latest in an ongoing series of blows between Empower Texans, an influential Tea Party-affiliated group led by Michael Quinn Sullivan, and the commission, just for Empower Texans, but for which years ago investigated the organization for alleged campaign law violations.

The lawsuit at issue asks

out many of its core functions, the Ethics Commission, as it is cur-Texans, pointing to the way in which constitution." the Legislature structured the comnot. Empower Texans' aggressive play in Republican primaries -and its insistence that it does not have to disclose more information about its funding sources – has often brought it into conflict with the Ethics Commission, as the agency investigates alleged campaign finance violations.

"This is a huge victory, not everybody who's subject to speech 1991 and granted further powers regulations from the Texas Ethics in 1993, has eight commissioners, Commission," said Joe Nixon, the selected by Texas' governor, lieulawyer who's representing Empower tenant governor and speaker of the whether the Texas Ethics Commis- Texans. "We feel very confident that House.

sion has the legal authority to carry in the end, it will be determined that including enforcement and oversight rently structured, is acting in vioof campaign finance rules. Empower lation of the state and the federal

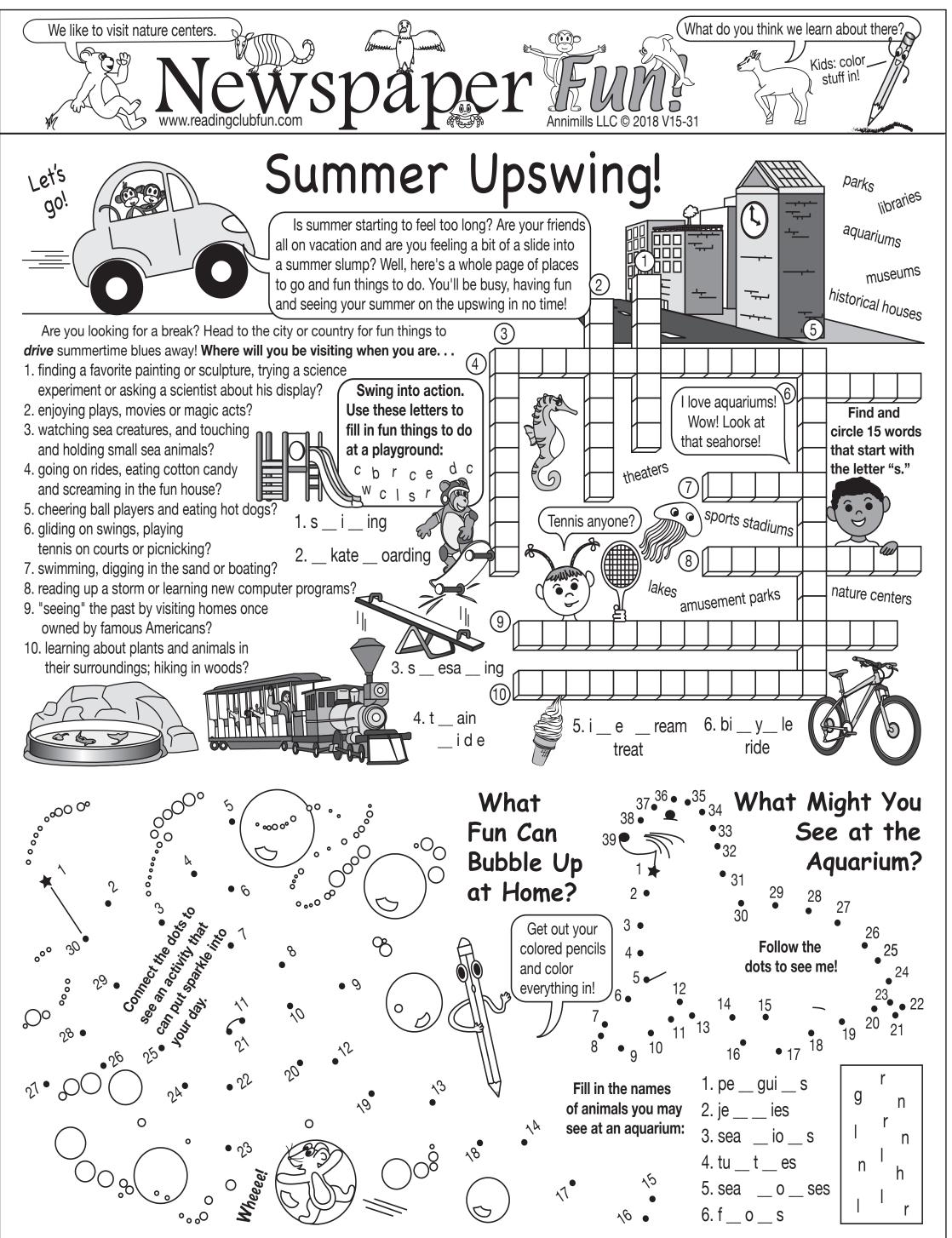
It will likely be years before mission in the 1990s, alleges it does the lawsuit is meaningfully resolved. But if Empower Texans succeeds, the Ethics Commission - which currently functions much like the Federal Ethics Commission - could find itself radically restructured, if not gutted. The lawsuit claims that the commission should not have the power to regulate campaigns and political donations.

The commission, created in



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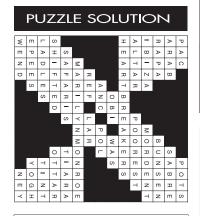
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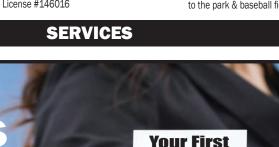
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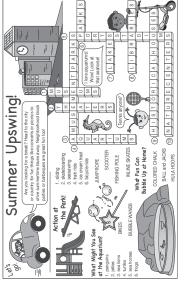
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Notice of Tax **Revenue Increase**

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Clarendon College District conducted public hearings on August 16, 2018, and August 23, 2018, on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the Clarendon College District from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 4.10 percent.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised last year at last year's tax rate of \$.251149 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$504,619.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$.251149 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$525,342.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$.251149 for each \$100 of taxable value, including tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$527,783.

The Clarendon College Board of Regents is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on August 28, 2018, in the Bairfield Activity Center VIP Room, Clarendon College, 1122 College Drive, Clarendon, Texas 79226, P.O. Box 968, Clarendon, Texas 79226 at 1:00 p.m.

The **<u>Clarendon College District</u>** 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 <u>4.10%</u> 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 <u>\$33,402</u>. Based on last year's tax rate of <u>\$.251149</u> 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 <u>\$34,750</u>. 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 **<u>\$.251149</u>** per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be **<u>\$87.27</u>**.

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