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THIS WEEK

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6 The USDA has announces farm support package details.
8 And answers to common questions about the city pool.

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

Tickets available for Mulkey concerts

Tickets go on sale this week for two live performances at the Mulkey Theatre planned for August, featuring Insufficient Funds, and September, featuring Red Steagall.

"Peace, Love, Rock & Roll – Clarendon" will mark the 50th anniversary of Woodstock on Friday, August 30, at 7 p.m. The concert will feature the popular Amarillo band Insufficient Funds, whose members previously performed at several block parties for the Mulkey.

General admission for the August 30 concert is \$20 per person. VIP tickets are available for \$40 each and includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, event T-shirt, and a 5x7 commemorative event photo. Advance tickets for Mulkey seat sponsors are on sale at the Visitor Center now through August 1. Tickets go on sale to the general public August 2.

In conjunction with the 25th annual Col. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff, the Mulkey and the Saints' Roost Museum will present Red Steagall in two performances Saturday, September 28, at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Tickets for the Steagall concert are \$50 each, and proceeds benefit the Museum's building fund as well as the Mulkey. Tickets will go on sale to the general public on August 1.

Tickets for both concerts can also be purchased online at MulkeyTheatre.com.

Groups to distribute school supplies

Three local groups have teamed up to ensure no kid goes without the tools they need to succeed this school year.

The Lila Kate & Kylie Monroe Memorial Fund, the First United Methodist Church, and Christ's Kids Outreach Ministries will offer free basic school supplies Friday, August 9, at the Christ's Kids Ministry Center 416 S. Kearney, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Donations to support this effort can be mailed to PO Box 45, Clarendon, TX 79226.

Fish Camp set for next week at CHS

Clarendon High School incoming freshmen and new students are invited and encouraged to attend Fish Camp next week. The welcome and orientation event will be held at 6 p.m. next Tuesday, August 6, on the east side of the high school building.

Sales Tax Holiday is next weekend

Shoppers can save on several school supply items during the state's sales tax holiday on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 9-11.

The law exempts sales tax on qualified items priced below \$100, saving shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend.

Apparel and school supplies that may be purchased tax-free are listed at TexasTaxHoliday.org.



City deliberates fate of pool project

The Clarendon City Council last week deliberated the fate of a proposed aquatics facility and discussed using city funds to help make up a shortfall between the low bid and money dedicated to the project.

A&S General Contractors had the lowest price of \$2,716,838 when bids were opened on July 9. Funds currently dedicated to the project through donations and grants, however, total \$2,253,055, leaving a shortfall of \$463,783. City officials would also like to have a five percent contingency fund of \$126,842 in the event of change orders or cost overruns.

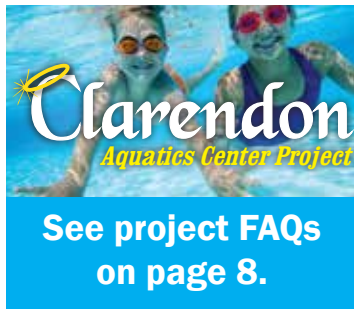
The city has until August 23 to accept or reject the bid submitted by A&S.

"Things have changed dramatically over the last four years," Mayor Sandy Skelton told the council. "I'm feeling okay about investing city funds into this project."

Skelton told the council that the cost of building the swimming pool had gone up from \$500 per square foot of surface water in 2015 to more than \$800 per square foot today. City officials had initially said four years ago that no public funds would be spent on constructing the facility, but he said they had no way of knowing then what was going to happen with the prices of steel and concrete. The mayor also said a strong economy has pool builders busy and not hurting for work, which leads to higher prices.

The project has now been bid three times, coming in over budget each time. The most recent low bid has come the closest to the funds available but only after the size of the project was reduced from about 4,200 square feet of water surface area to 3,160 square feet.

"We highly recommend not bidding again," Skelton said, noting



that he and City Administrator David Dockery have been meeting with A&S to find ways to cut costs.

One proposed way to save about \$180,000 would be to use gunite (or sprayed concrete) instead of cast concrete walls for the pool. City officials note that there is a trade-off in using the cheaper method, however, in that it leads to increased maintenance costs down the road and is considered not as strong as traditional building methods.

The city also has about \$1.1 mil-

lion in general and capital reserves and could tap some of those funds to help make up the short fall as well as pursue additional donations.

"We're going to have to put in some city funds if we want to go forward," Dockery said.

Clarendon Economic Development Corporation Secretary Roger Estlack and CEDC President Robert Riza both addressed the council about the water recreation project. The CEDC gave \$25,000 initially to the project and also financed bonds of \$500,000 to help pay for its construction.

Estlack urged the city to accept the current low bid, negotiate as much savings as possible, and use city reserves to make up the difference in order to start construction and open the aquatics center in 2020 rather than further delay the project.

Riza said the time has come to finish the project and that if the city

fails to do so, it would never be able to go ask for donations for this kind of project again.

Alderman Larry Jeffers said he was not opposed to using city funds to support building the pool, and Alderman Nathan Floyd agreed.

"I feel good about it," Floyd said.

Alderman Jacob Fangman asked about other costs associated with opening a pool, such as equipping lifeguards, signage, and other expenses. He said he worries about putting too much of the city's reserves into the project.

"I think a pool is a great thing, but we need to think about the big picture," Fangman said.

Skelton warned against considering scrapping the pool project and said the city would be in the hole with design and other costs if the project is not pursued.

See 'Pool' on page 4.



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Construction zone

Workers with LA Fuller & Sons prepare to install a portion of new 12-inch water line near the intersection of Bugbee and Fifth Tuesday morning as they strive to finish their work in that part of town before school starts. Clarendon City Administrator David Dockery the new water lines on Fifth Street is nearing the end and will go up Bugbee Avenue next. The new line in front of the school is twice the size of the pipe it is replacing and is part of the city's larger USDA-funded water system improvement project.

District court hears local women's pleas

The district court handed down sentences in the cases of two Clarendon women last week.

On Monday, July 22, the court met in Childress where Kari Mint Bartley pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication community supervision for four years for the third degree felony offense of possession of a controlled substance in penalty group one, methamphetamine.

Bartley, 45 from Clarendon, was arrested in Hall County by

Memphis Police Officer Daniel Deherrera on May 29, 2019. Bartley pleaded to an information filed by the State on July 11, 2019.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Bartley is required to pay a \$500 fine to Hall County, \$381 in court costs, \$180 in restitution, \$350 in attorney fees and successfully complete 200 hours of community service. If Bartley violates probation, she could face up to 10 years in the Institutional Division of the TDCJ.

The court then met in Memphis on Wednesday, July 24, and heard the case of Nasha Clarice Gibson, 36, who pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication community supervision for three years for the state jail felony offense of criminal mischief.

Gibson, also from Clarendon, was arrested in Donley County by Deputy Randy Stubblefield on July 1, 2019. Gibson pleaded guilty to an information filed by the State on July 23.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Gibson is also required to pay a fine of \$500 fine to Donley County, \$300 in attorney fees, \$15,400 in restitution, \$488 in court costs, and successfully complete 100 hours of community service. If Gibson violates probation, she could face up to two years in the State Jail.

In both cases, District Attorney Luke Inman, along with Assistant District Attorney Harley Caudle, prosecuted the case for the State, with Judge Stuart Messer presiding.

Rep. King files for re-election

Republican State Representative Ken King announced last week his campaign for re-election to the Texas State House of Representatives in House District 88.

The district covers Armstrong, Bailey, Briscoe, Castro, Cochran, Donley, Gray, Hale, Hansford, Hemphill, Hockley, Lamb, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts, Swisher, and Yoakum counties.

"I'm proud of what we accomplished this year," said King. "We passed a conservative, balanced budget and ensured an additional \$800 million in border security funding. I'm especially proud of our work to increase penalties for incest after working with Lamb County District Attorney Scott Say, and secure much-needed resources for our volunteer firefighters."

King and his wife, Robin, live in Canadian.



Generous donation

Hong Boupaphanh (right) of the Jinda Café presents a check for \$1,400 to Donley County Senior Citizens representatives Mary Shields and Kay Dye. The money will help the seniors purchase carpools to protect the vans used for the Meals on Wheels program.

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Aldermen vote for lower tax

Clarendon Aldermen proposed dropping the city's ad valorem tax rate by almost 26 cents per \$100 valuation during their regular meeting last Thursday, July 25.

The proposed tax rate is \$0.4999 compared to the current rate of \$0.75868, according to City Administrator David Dockery.

"That puts our rate under 50 cents and generates less than \$500,000 in revenue, which makes the city a small taxing unit," Dockery said.

The reduced rate was made possible by the city paying off bonds that were issued in 2012 for street and water line improvements.

Aldermen also conducted a budget workshop, and Dockery said the tentative budget for fiscal year 2020 totals about \$2.544 million, which is an increase over usual expenses budgeted for 2019. Dockery said the new budget includes a three percent cost of living adjustment for city employees.

In other city business last week, aldermen approved the city's quarterly investment report and voted to support Eddy Edwards of Borger to serve on a board with the Texas Municipal League.

In a called meeting Monday, July 29, the city council also approved a bid from Panhandle Striping & Seal Coating to stripe and seal coat the Smiley Johnson Municipal Airport runway and tarmac for \$49,999 as part of a state RAMP grant project.

School HVAC work underway

Clarendon ISD Superintendent Mike Norrell says air-conditioning improvements are underway at the public school.

Rooftop units for the junior offices, the library, the home economics department, the cafeteria and kitchen, the girls' locker rooms, the second grade class rooms, and the elementary offices were delivered and being lifted into place this week.

Norrell said the school is still hoping to have those systems operational when school starts later this month.

Plans for cooling the Bronco Gym are still being reviewed by a structural engineer to make sure roof can support the weight of the system.

Another summer project at the school will eventually expand parking opportunities on Fifth Street across from the Elementary School. The district purchased and razed a house with an eye towards future development.

State of the City

City Pool – To be or not to be

At its meeting on July 25, the City Council had a lengthy discussion about the proposed swimming pool. The question before the Council over the next three weeks is whether or not to accept the low bid from A&S General Contractors to construct the pool. The Council must make that decision on or before August 23, the last day for accepting or rejecting bids. Fund raising for the pool over the last four years has been very successful, but the costs for construction continue to rise due to the good economy and the government-imposed tariffs on concrete and steel. If companies are busy, they will bid a job but bump up their profits in the event they are selected. A&S had a reasonable bid at \$2,716,838, and City officials are working with them now to reduce costs while continuing to fund raise.

The pool was not designed to compete with area waterparks (Wellington, Pampa, and Canyon) but rather to provide a medium size pool that we could afford and would be enjoyed for many years by citizens of all ages. Donley County Commissioners' Court and the Clarendons Economic Development Corporation (EDC) have already made substantial contributions, but the City of Clarendon has not at this time. The City has ample reserves to make a significant contribution, but the size of that donation is yet to be determined.

In my opinion, it would be a huge lost opportunity for the residents of Clarendon and Donley County to not go forward with this quality of life project. How often does a small community receive such a large amount of donated funds for any project? And, keep in mind that the donations are for the exclusive purpose of constructing a pool and nothing else. If the City does not go forward with the project, all donations would be returned to the donors. However, none of the donors have asked for their money back; they simply want a pool to be built.

Mulkey Theatre

The City staff and City Council applaud the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) for completing the renovation of the Mulkey Theatre. The grand opening in May was very exciting, and the entertainment for the evening was fabulous. Numerous movies have already been shown and several special events are on the calendar, one of which is a concert by Red Steagall on the evening of Saturday, September 28. Red performed at the very first Chuckwagon Cookoff 25 years ago. If you haven't been to a movie or special event at the Mulkey, give it a try sometime soon. Keep up the good work, EDC!

US Department of Agriculture Projects

The installation of over 800 electronic water meters was successfully completed several months ago. State of the art equipment now allows city staff to read all city meters within an hour or less compared to several days in the past. Additionally, the new technology produces highly accurate water consumption information per customer which includes when water is being used during a 24-hour daily cycle. This information can be very helpful in determining if a customer has a possible leak and can help in resolving other issues as well.

Construction of a new water standpipe on the east side of town was completed several months ago as well. Clarendon now has two standpipes which work in coordination with each other to produce a more consistent flow of water throughout the city.

Replacing several miles of old cast iron water pipe is in progress but far behind schedule. Only about 22 percent of the project is finished at this time, which means that the completion date will likely extend into late 2020. City officials are not pleased with the progress and are doing everything possible to pressure the Amarillo contractor to accelerate the project.

Street Paving

Once the water pipe replacement project is complete, City officials can then concentrate on the next street paving initiative, which will be decided by registered voters. The debt for the last paving project has been retired, so we look forward to paving more streets if citizens vote to do so. However, we must get those new water pipes in place before any paving can be done. In the meantime, work on potholes will continue to be a high priority. Patience and understanding, please.

Abandoned & Unsightly Properties

The City has a contract with Texas Communities Group, headquartered in Lubbock, to focus on abandoned properties that are tax delinquent for at least five years or for three years of non-payment if the property has a history of code compliance issues. Hopefully owners would pay the taxes owed and bring the property up to code. If not, a foreclosure process will follow. The property could then be sold and brought up to code or demolished by the new owner. If the property is not sold, the City could take ownership and demolish the structure.

Additionally, the City Council has established a Building Standards Commission which focuses on those properties that are unsafe and unsightly. Most are current on taxes but the properties need to be brought up to code, sold or demolished. Property owners are sent certified letters inviting them to appear before the Building Standards Commission with the goal being to improve the property within a certain time frame. In the past several months, approximately 8 – 10 properties have been demolished and that trend should continue in the future. The City appreciates those property owners who have stepped up to improve their properties and, in some cases, have demolished structures without City involvement.

Tax Reduction & Elimination

As a result of recently paying off a 2012 debt for street, water, sewer and drainage improvements, the City Council just approved (July 25) a significantly lower property tax rate for next year. As a result, property owners will realize a savings when they pay their taxes in January 2020.

Additionally, In January 2019 the City Council voted to eliminate the City's portion of the very unpopular personal property tax on cars, trucks, boats, trailers, RVs, campers, etc. The City of Clarendon is now among the majority of Texas cities that do not impose personal property tax on its citizens.

City Budget

The current City Operating Budget is \$2,802,037, and it is projected that we will finish this fiscal year (ending September 30) with a surplus of approximately \$220,000. Special thanks goes to City supervisors for closely monitoring their department budgets throughout the year. We have been fortunate to finish the last three fiscal years with revenue over expense by over \$200,000 annually. Having ample reserves for unexpected expenses and for special projects is a high priority for the City Council.

Appreciation

The City Council wants to express appreciation to all citizens in our great community for choosing to live here, for shopping locally and for supporting various events throughout the year. Your city representatives are Mayor Sandy Skelton (806-206-7506), City Administrator David Dockery (806-874-3438), and Aldermen John Lockhart (Mayor Pro-Tem), Larry Jeffers, Eulaine McIntosh, Jacob Fangman and Nathan Floyd.

Two giants from Texas High

When the Great Depression had a strangle hold on the nation in 1930, the “haves” were outnumbered by the “have-nots” greatly. It wasn’t even close.

Most scenes seemed rural, and many young men joked that they didn’t know their first names weren’t “Gitwood” until age 14 or so.

Thing was, with nearly everyone “pore.” My friend Mamie McCullough claims this condition was one step down from “poor.” Essentially, most folks were “in the same boat.”

The masses were too busy trying to scratch out a living to give much thought to status. A common joke was shared when the dreary era finally ended. They said a rabbit – hopping merrily down the trail – seemed unhurried, since nobody was chasing it.”....

It’s probably erroneous to paint the era in a hue far too “dreary,” and/or with a brush much too wide.

Many folks who remember those years do so fondly, and foundational values born of this time shaped a nation. Patriotism shone at its utmost brightness when courageous and committed men and women shouldered heavy loads leading to victory in World War II.

“The Greatest Generation” description was earned. Few Americans challenge this monumental acclaim....

Two births of infant boys in Texarkana, TX, occurred in 1930. One was a few months older, and he lived into his 90th year. His achievements were many, and he became one of the world’s richest men.

The other – whose parents likewise were deeply rooted in things rural – was a year behind the other at Texarkana, TX, High



the idle american

by don newbury

School. He, too, was a distinguished graduate, but his life was cut short. When cancer took him, he was 48.

You’ve heard and read much of the former. He was “first” in many things, though unsuccessful in two US presidential races. His name was H. Ross Perot, who relentlessly persevered successfully in many other arenas of achievement....

The other was Dr. Donald M. Anthony, for whom I was a pallbearer at his funeral in 1978.

He spoke positively and often about how Perot – a high school friend – had influenced his life. Upon graduation in 1947, Perot distinguished himself at Texarkana College before he was accepted to the Naval Academy.

That’s where Anthony headed after high school graduation a year later. Later, Anthony was a distinguished graduate of East Texas Baptist University....

Dr. Anthony was one of several friends who knew Perot “up close.” I was never privileged to meet Dr. Perot, but respectfully add the “Dr.” to his name, since 19 higher education institutions conferred honorary doctoral degrees.

I was privileged to work alongside Don Anthony at Tarrant County College for a half-dozen years or so. He

was president of the Northeast Campus; I was the “flack” whose job it was to keep TCC “in the news and off the front page.”

Ever the gentleman, he was revered by the faculty he led and the students he served....

Few of us remember what long-ago friends said, verbatim anyway.

Facing death with courage, dignity and great faith, Dr. Anthony often shared a conviction with friends about his declining health. He was a devout Christian, and smiled with the recitation that reflected his innermost being. “I am prepared for the probable, and praying for the unlikely.”

Now there’s a quote worth taking to heart....

A life worth taking to heart is that of Eddie Janek, a 92-year-old Galvestonian whose good cheer heartens us upon every visit to his beautiful city.

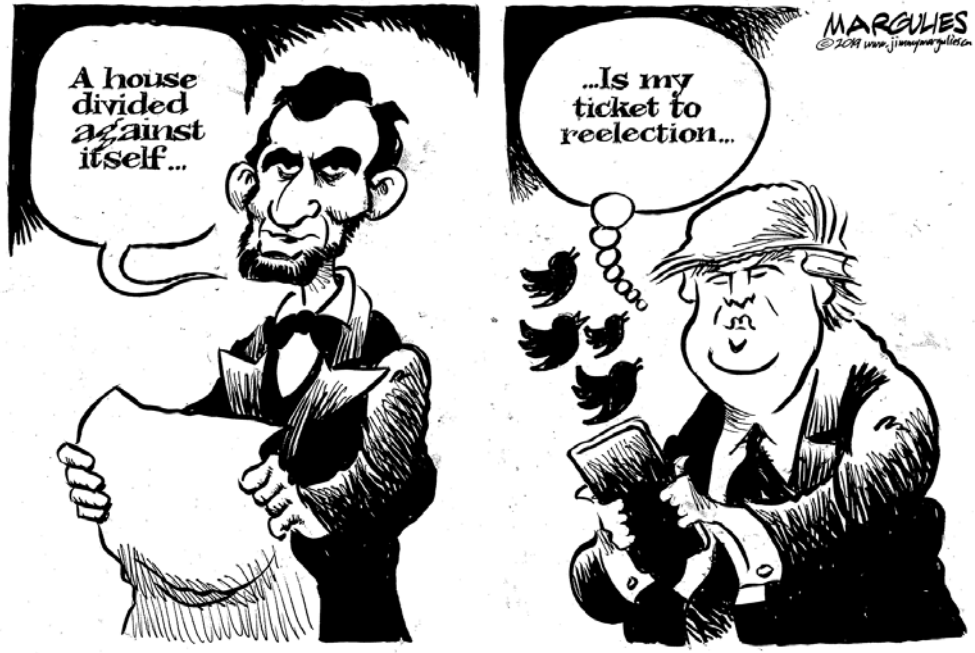
He’s a successful businessman “still at it” – an icon who started out “pore.”

Reared by a widowed mother near West, TX, he remembers occasional Saturdays when she allowed him to take two chickens to town....

A grocer paid him 15 cents for the chickens.

That’s all he needed. Three nickels bought admission to the Best Theater, a soda water/popcorn treat and a comic book. Life, he claims, was good then, and good now....

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Getting bumped at movies

We went to see the movie Rocketman the other day. Matinee. Didn’t know what the crowd would be like, although we didn’t buy tickets before getting to the theater. The movie had been out a couple of weeks. At the box office, there was a seating chart and we chose to sit in the middle about 3 rows down from the last row. We usually sit on the back row because otherwise the people sitting behind us keep bumping the backs of our seats.

We were in a huge multi-screen movie complex in Midland. When we arrived in the darkened theater there were only two other people there. They were sitting close to the aisle a dozen rows down from us. Then two other people came in and sat at the end of our row near the aisle. All the empty seats in this huge theater and here was someone on our row.

Then came the fifth and last person to make up the entire audience of seven. He sat directly behind us just about the time the movie was starting. He had apparently bought every item the concession stand had for sale and began unwrapping all of his purchases. The



stories of texas

by tumbleweed smith

sound of crinkling paper carried straight to our ears. So did the sound of his grabbing handfuls of popcorn from a cardboard tub. He made chewing noises. Then he fell asleep and started snoring. I whistled real loud and woke him up. When he became fully awake he resumed his unwrapping, grabbing and chomping. In spite of all that, we enjoyed the movie. We had gone to Las Vegas to see Elton John and loved doing it.

We have experienced small numbers of people at movie theaters before. When our young son was in high school he worked at our local movie theater. Several times around sundown he would call us from the theater and invite us down, saying they wouldn’t show the movie unless 10 people were in the audience and only 8 people

were there. We saw lots of movies for free, but he always made us buy popcorn.

Getting back to people behind us kicking the backs of our seats: once we were in New York City and bought tickets to see CATS. A woman with her small child was sitting behind us. All during the musical the child kept kicking the back of the seat where my wife was sitting. It wasn’t a gentle bump. It was like the child reared back and took direct aim at kicking the seat. My wife Susan jerked at each kick. At intermission Susan said something to the woman about her child kicking the seat. She didn’t seem to care. Her attitude was “that’s your problem.” We had spent a lot of money getting to New York, paid outrageous prices for the tickets and we couldn’t really enjoy what was happening on stage because of this child whose mother apparently would let him get away with murder. That is not the ideal way to see a musical on Broadway.

That’s when we started sitting on the back rows of movie theaters. We haven’t been big fans of Andrew Lloyd Webber’s music since then.

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The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting July 30, 2019, with Boss Lion Pro Tem Landon Lambert in charge.

We had 11 members and no guests this week.

Lion Tex Buckhualts reported on the college and said the volleyball team will be returning to campus this week followed by the judging team in the coming days.

Lion David Dockery reported on the city's new tax rate and said city officials are working to get the pool project within budget. Lion John Howard reported the county budget planning discussions include how to pay for a capital murder trial.

Lion John Hellman said the Memphis Convalescent Center is looking for feedback on its performance – things it does well and suggestions for improvements.

The Wheeler Lions will host a family night and zone meeting on August 13 and invited our club to join them.

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

Native, perennial grass growth webinar

COLLEGE STATION – How Grasses Grow will be the topic of the Aug. 1 natural resources webinar hosted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service ecosystem science and management unit.

The webinar is part of the Texas Range Webinar Series scheduled the first Thursday of each month from noon to 1 p.m., said Pete Flores, AgriLife Extension webinar coordinator in Corpus Christi.

Dr. Morgan Treadwell, AgriLife Extension range specialist, San Angelo, said nearly every single native, perennial grass species reproduces through vegetative reproduction or from below-ground buds.

"This webinar will help you enhance your understanding of the fundamentals of grass development strategies and how potential above-ground disturbances can promote or hinder future vegetative production," she said.

There is no fee. This webinar and others in the series can be accessed at <https://naturalresource-webinars.tamu.edu/>. For more information on the webinars, contact Flores at pflores@ag.tamu.edu.

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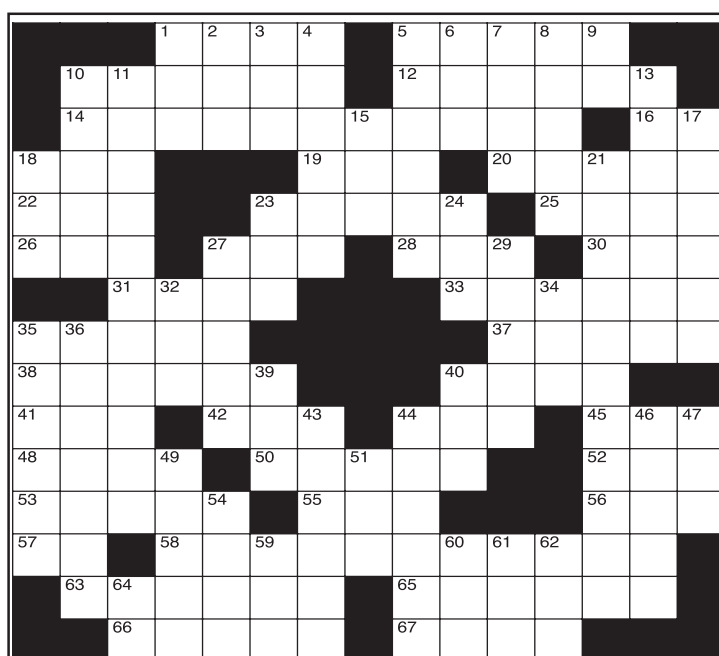
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12. Cobb and tossed are two
14. Not sensible
16. One of the six noble gases
18. Helps little firms
19. A way to approve
20. Triangular bones
22. Plead
23. Longs
25. Covers with turf
26. Peyton's little brother
27. Partner to cheese
28. Famed patriot Adams
30. Tear
31. One-billionth of a second (abbr.)
33. Dog
35. Electronic communication
37. Marked
38. Informed upon (slang)
40. Actor Damon
41. Black, long-tailed cuckoo
42. A type of corrosion (abbr.)
44. Sportscaster Patrick
45. Witch
48. Neatly, carefully store
50. Indicates silence
52. Computer giant
53. Sea eagles
55. Moved quickly
56. Small island (British)
57. Prosecutor
58. A type of monk
63. Pictures or sculptures of the Virgin Mary
65. Area of muddy ground
66. Saddle horses
67. Fasting in Islam

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1. Engine additive
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3. Satisfaction
4. Park lunch
5. Remarks to the audience
6. Resinous substance
7. Expression of sorrow or pity
8. Rhythmic patterns
9. "Westworld" actress Harris
10. Published false statement
11. Ability to be resourceful
13. Small, herringlike fish
15. 2,000 lbs.
17. Scraped
18. One point east of due south
21. Books of the New Testament
23. Political action committee
24. Resembles a pouch
27. Genus of badgers
29. Daniel Francois ___, South African P.M.
32. Pull up a chair
34. Egg of a louse
35. Removed
36. Catches poachers
39. Fall back
40. Sports equipment
43. Stroke gently
44. Jeans and jackets
46. Firs genus
47. Greenwich Time
49. "Wings" actor
51. Dishonorable man
54. Stiff, hairlike structure
59. Snag
60. Portuguese river
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Tue: Salisbury steak, green salad, green beans, wheat roll, apple cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.

Wed: Baked chicken, roast potatoes, whole wheat roll, broccoli salad, peanut butter cookie, iced tea/2% milk.

Thu: Sloppy Joe on a bun, tater tots, corn, melon medley, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Beer battered cod, black-eyed peas, coleslaw, cornbread, fruit salad, iced tea/2% milk.

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Our first cross-country train ride

I know I kind of left y'all on sort of a cliff hanger two weeks ago. So I'm here to tell you more about my vacation. Just as a recap if you didn't see the first part, we had flown to Chicago and gone to the Field Museum and Wrigley Field and were just about to leave on the train to San Francisco. When we got on the train, our room was nearly at the front of the train, and we got to be in the sleeper car which has lots of private rooms.

We explored the train and saw the different cars – like the dining car – and got to meet the staff. We got to hang out in our room, and we dropped down our bunk beds. We went to dinner, which was really

good. I loved the chicken. I woke up about 1:00 the next morning, and we were stopped. Later we found out the track had been washed out ahead of us in a flood, and they had been working all night to fix it. We ended up spending 12 hours in Nebraska.

We started back up on our trip, but we had to change crews in the middle of nowhere.

We had a lot of fun on the train. We played card games and my Dad



the cub reporter
by benjamin estlack

Patch burn grazing workshop slatted in Decatur

DECATUR – The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the Great Plains Fire Science Exchange will host a patch burn grazing workshop Sept. 17-18.

Patch burn grazing is the application of prescribed fire to grasslands in order to focus livestock grazing on a specific area.

The objective is to increase plant diversity and structure to benefit wildlife while also maintaining and enhancing cattle production, said Dr. Morgan Treadwell, AgriLife Extension range specialist, San Angelo.

The two-day event will start Sept. 17 at 9 a.m. at the Decatur Conference Center, 2010 U.S. Highway 380 in Decatur. The event con-

cludes Sept. 18 at 4 p.m. The cost is \$45, and online registration is available until Sept. 4 at <https://tinyurl.com/y4gdelxl>.

“Our patch burn grazing workshop group meeting has been held throughout the Great Plains in efforts to build knowledge and increase awareness of the utility of this unique management tool,” said event speaker Treadwell. “This meeting will consist of presentations related to research and the practice of using patch burn grazing, producer panels and tours.”

The main workshop tour will be of the Caddo-Lyndon B. Johnson National Grasslands and will showcase plant and wildlife diversity stemming from patch burn grazing.

AgriLife Extension offers 12-week online training

COLLEGE STATION – Generation Next: Our Turn to Ranch is a 12-week online course to be offered August 18 - November 9 by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

“This curriculum is perfect for new landowners or those who are looking to start a new agricultural operation on an existing ranch,” said Dr. Megan Clayton, AgriLife Extension range specialist, Corpus Christi. “With more and more people venturing into new areas of agribusiness, we want to provide

them with access to experts in the areas that will be critical to their success.”

The course fee is \$120, which includes 12-weeks of expert instruction, a Generation Next T-shirt and completion certificate at the end of the course. Register online at <https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu/productListingDetails/2785> or call 979-845-2604.

Participants will learn about starting a new ag business or enterprise, including tax implications, insurance needs, developing grazing

taught me how to play Double Solitaire. We started following the Colorado River.

There were rafters, and in the middle of the bright daylight we saw two full moons... whiter than white. We also got to see two bald eagles getting fish out of the river.

After the delays, they told us we weren't going all the way to California and that they were going to put us on a bus in Reno, Nevada, for the rest of the trip. But we rented a car instead and drove the rest of the way to San Francisco and got to see some really pretty mountains on the way.

I'll finish the rest of the trip next week with what saw in San Francisco!

Patch burn grazing benefits a wide range of wildlife species, particularly grassland birds, by providing a mosaic of different vegetation types, said Treadwell. Burned and grazed patches support early successional plants and a variety of native forbs that provide food for many animals, including bobwhite quail.

Patch burning also provides dense nesting cover, open brooding areas and escape cover which improves the survivability of young birds, she said.

“The diversity of structure and plants created through the combination of burning and grazing is not reproducible by either of these methods used alone, or by any other management practices,” Treadwell said.

or wildlife leases, finance management, land management techniques and resources, alternative ranching and ecotourism opportunities and more, she said.

“Those who attend should plan to spend about an hour and a half at some point during the week working on the lesson and activities,” Clayton said. “The activities will ultimately build a useful business plan for your operation.”

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This notice concerns	2019	Clarendon College
	(insert year)	(insert taxing unit name)

It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 572,973.00
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 572,973.00
Last year's tax base	\$ 230,820,906.00
Last year's total tax rate	\$.251149 /\$100
This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 526,157.70
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 240,046,458.00
= This year's effective tax rate (Maximum rate unless taxing unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)	\$.21918 /\$100
This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 526,157.70
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 240,046,458.00
= This year's effective operating rate	\$.21918 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.2366 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0 /\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$.2366 /\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Clarendon College adopts a 2019 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.21918 per (name of taxing unit) (current year) (unit's effective tax rate)

\$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2018 taxes by \$ 6,033.00 (increase or decrease) (previous year) (amount of increase or decrease)

Schedule A – Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the taxing unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General Fund	\$ 0.00

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at:

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Name of person preparing this notice Paula Lowrie

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Obituaries

Minatrea

Sandra Minatrea, 70, of Princeton, Texas, passed away July 27, 2019, at 6:25 pm, in the presence of her family.

Sandra came into this world on January 22, 1949, in Tipton, Oklahoma. She was the first of three daughters born to J.D. and Dorene. She was nineteen years old when she married Kenneth on September 15, 1968, twenty-one when Kameron was born in February of 1970, and twenty-four when Keenan arrived in January of 1973.

Sandra was a woman of strong Faith, deeply thankful in all situations, and always able to find Joy. She was her family's Great Intercessor; constantly praying for God's will in their lives.

She had an unailing ability to encourage. She saw the best in everyone and could draw it out. She was kind, loyal and funny.

Sandra Gail (Young) Minatrea was proceeded in death by her father, J.D. Young, her mother, Edith Dorene (Null) Young, her sister, Peggie Ann (Young) Hawley, and her daughter-in-law, Judith Anne (Lawrence) Minatrea.

She is survived by her husband, Marvin Kenneth Minatrea, her sister, Patricia Dale (Young) Wright, her son and his wife, Miles Kameron Minatrea and Angela Ruth (Lasher) Minatrea, and her son Matthew Keenan Minatrea. She adored her grandchildren, be they biological, by marriage or "adopted", and was a proud aunt and great-aunt. She deeply loved her friends, and tolerated Dad's dog.

Sandra's Celebration of Life service will be on Saturday, August

10, at 1:00 pm. The service will be held at North Dallas Funeral Home, located at 2710 Valley View Ln, Dallas, TX 75234. www.northdallas-funeralhome.com

If you plan on attending, please send RSVP via text at 214-310-3495. It's not a requirement. It will just help with logistics. All are welcome. If you'd like to send flowers, please send them to the funeral home.

She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. ~ Proverbs 31:26

Tunnell

Mable Margaret Tunnell, 91, of Clarendon died Sunday, July 28, 2019, in Amarillo.

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 31, 2019, in the First United Methodist Church in Clarendon with Kirk Watson, officiating. Burial will follow in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon.

Arrangements are by Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Mable was born May 9, 1928, at her grandmother's in Hedley to William Henry and Myrtle Overa Moore. She lived most of her life at the R.O. Ranch in Donley county. She married Jay Stone in 1943 and they had one son, Roger "Rod" Stone. She married Richard Tunnell on June 3, 1977, in Amarillo. They owned drug stores in Clarendon, Pampa, Dumas, and Canyon. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Clarendon.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Sis Frazier and Nell Stanton.

She is survived by her husband, Richard Tunnell of Clarendon; a son, Roger "Rod" Stone and wife Pam of Lawrence, Nebraska; a step-son,

Kelly Tunnell and wife Vicky of Clarendon; two grandchildren, Jer and Justin Johnson; two great-grandchildren Koen and Kaser Johnson; Nephews, Jimmy Riley of Amarillo and Troy Stanton of Texas.

The family request memorials be sent to Citizens Cemetery Association.

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Beal

Freddy "Scooter" Wayne Beal, 47, of Hedley died Sunday, July 28, 2019, in Amarillo.

Graveside Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, August 2, 2019, at Rowe Cemetery in Hedley with Rev. Oliver White Officiating.

Arrangements are by Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Scooter was born on August 14, 1971, in Amarillo to Freddie Wayne Sr. and Mildred Boyd Beal. He graduated from Palo Duro High School in 1993. He moved from Quail to Hedley, where he has been a resident for the past seven years. He was a part of the Choctaw Tribe. He was a member of the New Life Ministries Church in Wellington. He loved cars and collected hundreds of Hot Wheels. He enjoyed airplanes, The Beach Boys, and going to church.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandmother Vesta Beal; maternal grandparents Charles and Rosa Boyd; and an uncle, Cecil Boyd.

He is survived by his parents Freddie Sr. and Mildred Beal of Hedley; a brother Robert Beal of Hedley; two sisters Memorie Beal of San Antonio and Robbie Beal of Memphis; one niece; six nephews; one great-niece; five great-nephews; numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins; and many loving friends.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be sent to the New Life Ministries Church or Faith City Missions

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USDA announces details of support package for farmers

US Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue last week announced further details of the \$16 billion package aimed at supporting American agricultural producers while the Administration continues to work on free, fair, and reciprocal trade deals.

In May, President Trump directed Secretary Perdue to craft a relief strategy in line with the estimated impacts of unjustified retaliatory tariffs on US agricultural goods and other trade disruptions. The Market Facilitation Program (MFP), Food Purchase and Distribution Program (FPDP), and Agricultural Trade Promotion Program (ATP) will assist agricultural producers while President Trump works to address long-standing market access barriers.

“China and other nations have not played by the rules for a long time, and President Trump is the first President to stand up to them and send a clear message that the United States will no longer tolerate unfair trade practices,” Secretary Perdue said. “The details we announced today ensure farmers will not stand alone in facing unjustified retaliatory tariffs while President Trump continues working to solidify better and stronger trade deals around the globe.

“Our team at USDA reflected

on what worked well and gathered feedback on last year’s program to make this one even stronger and more effective for farmers. Our farmers work hard, are the most productive in the world, and we aim to match their enthusiasm and patriotism as we support them,” Secretary Perdue added.

The administration says American farmers have dealt with unjustified retaliatory tariffs and decades of non-tariff trade disruptions, which have curtailed US exports to China and other nations. Trade damages from such retaliation and market distortions have impacted a host of US commodities.

High tariffs disrupt normal marketing patterns, raising costs by forcing commodities to find new markets. Additionally, American goods shipped to China have been slowed from reaching market by unusually strict or cumbersome entry procedures, which affect the quality and marketability of perishable crops. These boost marketing costs and unfairly affect our producers. USDA is using a variety of programs to support American farmers, ranchers, and producers.

Market Facilitation Program (MFP) signup at local FSA offices will run from Monday, July 29 through Friday, December 6, 2019.

Payments will be made by the Farm Service Agency (FSA) under the authority of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) Charter Act to producers of alfalfa hay, barley, canola, corn, crambe, dried beans, dry peas, extra-long staple cotton, flaxseed, lentils, long grain and medium grain rice, millet, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, rapeseed, rye, safflower, sesame seed, small and large chickpeas, sorghum, soybeans, sunflower seed, temperate japonica rice, triticale, upland cotton, and wheat. MFP assistance for those non-specialty crops is based on a single county payment rate multiplied by a farm’s total plantings of MFP-eligible crops in aggregate in 2019.

Those per-acre payments are not dependent on which of those crops are planted in 2019. A producer’s total payment-eligible plantings cannot exceed total 2018 plantings. County payment rates range from \$15 to \$150 per acre, depending on the impact of unjustified trade retaliation in that county.

Dairy producers who were in business as of June 1, 2019, will receive a per hundredweight payment on production history, and hog producers will receive a payment based on the number of live hogs owned on a day selected by the pro-

ducer between April 1 and May 15, 2019.

Many producers were affected by natural disasters this spring, such as flooding, that kept them out of the field for extended periods of time. Producers who filed a prevented planting claim and planted an FSA-certified cover crop, with the potential to be harvested qualify for a \$15 per acre payment. Acres that were never planted in 2019 are not eligible for an MFP payment.

In June, H.R. 2157, the Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act of 2019 was signed into law by President Trump, requiring a change to the first round of MFP assistance provided in 2018. Producers previously deemed ineligible for MFP in 2018 because they had an average AGI level higher than \$900,000 may now be eligible for 2018 MFP benefits.

Those producers must be able to verify 75 percent or more of their average AGI was derived from farming and ranching to qualify. This supplemental MFP signup period will run parallel to the 2019 MFP signup, from July 29 through December 6, 2019.

For more information on the MFP, visit www.farmers.gov/mfp or contact your local FSA office, which can be found at www.farmers.gov.

Honor luncheon to be held

The 10th Annual Louise Daniel Women’s History Luncheon and Women’s Equality Day Celebration will be held at 11:30 a.m. Friday, August 23, in the Great Hall at Polk Street United Methodist Church, 1401 S. Polk St. in Amarillo.

The event will honor women who are Texas licensed peace officers—past and present—in the Texas Panhandle. The event is held annually near the end of August to coincide with Women’s Equality Day, which commemorates ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, giving women the right to vote.

Featured speaker will be Sergeant Carla Burr, sergeant in the Crime Prevention Unit and Public Information Officer for the Amarillo Police Department, on the topic “Earning Her Badge.” Born and raised in Liberal, Kansas, she attended West Texas A&M University, graduating with a BA in mass communications. She will share her story of starting with the Amarillo Police Department in 1993 as a civilian police dispatcher, attending the Amarillo Police Academy in 1996 as the only woman out of 25 and moving through the ranks to her current position.

Burr’s career experience has included serving as a liaison officer with the Amarillo High School cluster, as a member and later team commander of the Hostage Negotiator Team, on the detectives, robbery/domestic violence squad and then in the training and personnel division, where she served as one of two sergeants over the police academy. In March 2018 she moved to her current position and recently earned her Certified Crime Prevention Specialist certification.

Although a number of women now hold Texas licensed peace officer positions in the Panhandle, it wasn’t so in earlier years. Lisa Dawson, who began her career in

1983, became Potter County’s first female lieutenant in 2010 and first female captain in 2013. She retired after 35 years of service.

Carmella Jones of Claude served as sheriff of Armstrong County in the 1990s, and Fleta Barnett is the sheriff there now. Barnett saved the life of the Armstrong County sheriff when she was a deputy in the department and a prisoner attacked the male sheriff. Maribel Tiarzon has served as Chief of Police in the town of Cactus, in Moore County.

The committee is preparing a list of women who have served or are serving as Texas licensed peace officers, but is seeking the names of those it may not know about. Anyone wishing to suggest the name of a woman licensed peace officer is asked to send the woman’s name, the agency she is working or has worked for, her position or title and any special, but brief, additional information to Jane Harlan at ejharlan@suddenlink.net as soon as possible.

The public is invited to attend the luncheon. The cost is \$15 for students, \$30 for others or \$350 for a table of eight. Reservations should be made by August 16 by sending a check to the Amarillo College Foundation, P.O. Box 447, Amarillo, TX 79178, noting that it’s for the Louise Daniel Luncheon. Reservations may also be made on the website www.louisedaniel.org. Proceeds will benefit the Louise Daniel Women’s History Lecture Fund at the Foundation. For any questions, call committee secretary Jane Harlan at (806) 355-4125.

Daniel, who died in 2003, had been an Amarillo science teacher, education advocate, landscape photographer and community leader. The luncheon honors her last wish, to remind women of the struggles and efforts of earlier women to overcome barriers to equality and to celebrate their contributions to Panhandle history.

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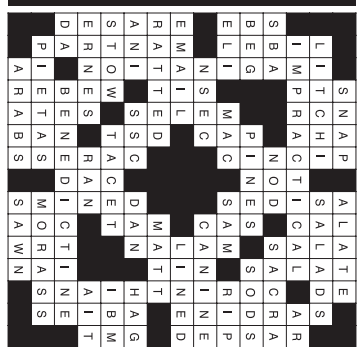
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Clarendon Aquatic Center Frequently Asked Questions

Editor's Note: The following are city officials' answers to some comments and questions that citizens have had about the proposed Clarendon Aquatics Center.

Q. Why did the City have a pool designed that exceeds the amount of money available for construction?

A. The design and bid process has been on-going for the past four years. The benefactor approached the Mayor in July of 2015 and expressed his interest in providing a Challenge grant to the City for the purpose of building a swimming pool. At that point the City Council requested that a committee be formed to determine the feasibility of such a project. A Steering Committee was established and, shortly thereafter, they approached Waters Edge Aquatic Design to complete a conceptual design and cost projections.

The design process took over a year to complete and it was determined that we could build a pool with approximately 4,200 square feet of water surface for approximately \$500 per square foot, including features (climbing wall, splash pad, diving board, basketball goal, etc.). Upon bidding the project we found that economic conditions had changed drastically. Bid prices were \$100 per square foot higher than expected; consequently, this prompted the City to adjust the project and rebid. At the second bid opening, the price had increased another \$100.00 per pool surface area. The City then contacted the engineer to determine the steps needed to reduce the project cost, and, at that point, it was determined that the only way to reduce the cost was to reduce the size of the project.

Reengineering and redesign commenced, and the pool was reduced in size from 4,200 square feet to 3,100 square feet and released for bid again. The result was a low bid of \$2,716,838 and it is this design we are now working to fund.

Our fund raising has been successful but the escalating cost of the project was due to the government imposed tariffs on steel and concrete as well as the strong economy. If construction companies are busy, they will typically bid higher than usual in the event they are awarded the job.

Q. What are the sources of funding for the Pool Project?

A. Funding for this project came from several different sources, local individuals and businesses, foundation grants, Clarendon Economic Development Corporation, Texas Parks and Wildlife grant, and most importantly the challenge grant provided by a generous benefactor which initiated the effort to build the first public swimming pool in our community.

Q. What could the City do with the granted and donated funds if no pool were built?

A. The City Council acted at the beginning of the project discussion that the funds provided for the specific purpose of building the pool if not used for that purpose would be returned to whoever contributed the funds. The return of funds would leave the City with a deficit of at least \$150,000 due to the previously incurred expenses for design, survey, and ADA review. This would mean if the pool is not built the City would gain an approved set of construction plans and no pool.

Q. Why did the City choose the location at W. 4th Street and N. Kearney Street?

A. Again, there are several reasons the City chose this location. First, is the proposed site is connected to the existing park system by the walking trail. The importance of the connection is meeting Texas Parks and Wildlife criteria for receiving a grant for \$500,000. Secondly, the City owned the property in question which would allow for development of underutilized property. Any

funding used to purchase additional property for the pool would reduce the funding available for construction. Finally, the Steering Committee, City Council and major benefactor wanted the project to be built in a central location to allow for more convenient accessibility. In consultation with officials with the Wellington water park, it has been determined that we have adequate space for parking. The property in question is larger than it appears.

Q. Should the City enclose the pool to allow for year-round use?

A. Enclosing the pool was considered initially as year-round use would be a great addition to the project. However, cost was prohibitive, adding an inflatable enclosure would increase the cost of construction at least \$400,000 and a permanent structure would be even more costly to construct as well as additional maintenance costs. While the current design does not include an enclosure, it is a feature that could be added in the event funding was available.

Q. What affect will this project have on the City Budget and Fund Reserves?

A. While it is impossible to accurately determine the number of patrons that will utilize the pool, a projection of revenue that will be generated is unknown at this time. We have discussed the expenses that would be expected such as labor, training, utilities, insurance, chemicals, and maintenance. These costs should be offset by admission and concession fees, but additional funding from the city budget may be required. Long term maintenance issues have also been discussed and, at this time, a fund has been established to defray those future expenses. Additionally, several local donors have expressed a desire to help with on-going expenses if needed.

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