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## THIS WEEK

- 2 Six local young men earn an honor that will last their lifetimes.
- 3 Fundraisers are underway to benefit the Burton Memorial Library.
- 4 Clarendon Elementary kids place at the district UIL meet.
- 6 Lady Broncos win the White Deer Tournament.

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

## Pesticide training to be held at DCAC

Donley County AgriLife Extension will be hosting a virtual pesticide training offering five CEUs on Tuesday, December 20, at the Donley County Activity Center.

The cost will be \$35 and registration will begin at 8:30 and the meeting should be over by 2 p.m.

If you have any questions call the Extension office at 806-874-2141.

## City hits new sales tax revenue record

Sales tax revenue for the City of Clarendon reached a new milestone when Comptroller Glenn Hegar delivered monthly allocations last week.

Clarendon surpassed the half-million-dollar mark for sales tax collections during calendar year 2022 with a 12-month total of \$500,638.16.

Although December's monthly allocation was down 8.83 percent at \$33,640.67, the city finished the year 3.45 percent ahead of 2021 and set the record for its highest collection in a calendar year.

In Hedley, sales tax revenue was up 16.13 percent at \$857.51, but the year was down 4.48 percent to \$12,458.17.

Howardwick posted big gains for both the year and the month, up 10.05 percent for the year with revenue of \$22,006.91 and up 9.81 percent for the month at \$1,499.54.

Statewide, the comptroller sent \$1.1 billion in local sales tax allocations for December, 12.4 percent more than in December 2021.

These allocations are based on sales made in October by businesses that report tax monthly.

## Second craft fair scheduled Dec. 17

A second Donley County Craft Fair has been scheduled for December 17 in the CEDC Building at US 287 and Kearney Street.

Organizer Tessie Robinson many booths are already rented and are going fast. Those interested in the a booth should contact Robinson by text 806-220-6222 or email tessiehr22@gmail.com.

## Early deadlines set for next two issues

With the coming holidays and much needed vacation time, the Enterprise has set early deadlines for the next two issues.

All news, ads, and photos for the December 22 and December 29 editions of the Enterprise must be turned into the office by 5 p.m. this Thursday, December 15. We hope you all have the merriest of Christmases and the Happiest of New Years.



Troop 433's newest Eagles are Koltyn Shields, Ben Estlack, Dan Estlack, Mason Allred, Henry Bivens and Haughton Bivens.

# Attaining the Highest Goal

## New Eagles pursued dream for ten years

By Roger Estlack

Six new Eagle Scouts were formally pinned Sunday, December 11, by Clarendon's Scouts BSA Troop 433 in a Court of Honor at the First United Methodist Church.

Mason Allred, Haughton Bivens, Henry Bivens, Benjamin Estlack, Daniel Estlack, and Koltyn Shields earned scouting's highest rank after a decade on the trail to Eagle that started for them in the first grade.

Saturday's ceremony marked the end of one journey but the beginning of another, according to guest speaker Lou Ellerbrook, a Troop 433 Eagle from the Class of 1994.

"You're not done; there's always more to do," Ellerbrook said, who challenged them to live up to the ideals of an Eagle Scout as they go on to serve on church boards, school boards, city councils, and whatever roles they take

up in life.

As the ceremony continued, each young man was pinned with his Eagle medal by his parents, and later each spoke about their Eagle Scout projects and who their mentors were throughout scouting. Each boy also received a Congressional commendation from US Rep. Ronny Jackson.

All of the boys were keenly aware of the honor that comes with being an Eagle, a rank that only between two and five percent of scouts ever attain.

"It means now I carry the responsibility of what people think I can do and am capable of doing and that I have to push myself to help other people and always be prepared to help," Mason told the Enterprise.

Ben said becoming an Eagle was something he always wanted to accomplish.

"It means being an upstand-

ing citizen and a good person, and I feel like it makes you a better person," he said.

Dan said the idea of being an Eagle Scout means honor and service to him.

"To me it means I have to have honor in my everyday life and to be a part of my community and try to better it," Dan said.

Koltyn said Eagles are role models.

"It's a sign that you're a trustworthy and honest person who can set an example for others," he said.

Haughton joined scouts a year behind his brother but caught up to the older boys in the last couple of years. He likes the idea of being a part of something bigger that is represented by being an Eagle.

"It's an honor [being an Eagle] and a privilege," he said, "and I like being a part of the community of Eagles."

For Henry becoming an Eagle

is a reminder of the path to get there and all that was learned along the way.

"It's having fun with friends, helping your community, helping friends reach a goal, and learning some 'adulthood' things along the way to learn some responsibility."

Each of the six new Eagles look back on their time in scouting and recall several fun activities, but they generally all agreed that camping or some activity at camp stood out for them as their favorite memories. Whether it was fishing, cooking, shotgun, or building their own shelter to survive the night, each boy had a special memory.

No scout can attain the Eagle Rank without a major project that gives back to the community. An individual project is big undertaking, but these boys coordinated their projects and accomplished them all on one day in June 2021.

See 'Eagles' on page 8.

## Franks caps NFR with big ride

By Ted Harbin, TwisTed Rodeo

LAS VEGAS – Cole Franks has spent the last two ProRodeo seasons traveling with three-time world champion bareback rider Tim O'Connell and Jess Pope, who clinched his first gold buckle this season.

"I've just got to complete the trifecta and have all of us in the rig wearing gold buckles," said Franks, 21, of Clarendon, Texas.

He concluded a fantastic sophomore season with a solid run through the 2022 National Finals Rodeo. He placed in eight of 10 rounds and finished second to Pope in the average race; that, alone, is worth \$60,159. He earned just shy of \$147,000 in 10 December nights in the Nevada desert.

"It was slow compared to what it was last year, but it was a lot more fun this year," Franks said. "I drew a lot nicer horses. They were just on

the weaker ends of the pens every time. I feel like I did what I could with what I had. Today I made a little bobble at the end that cost me a little bit, but I'm pretty happy with how it ended.

He rode Pickett Pro Rodeo's New Scarlet for 88 points, which would have won half the rounds this year. During Sunday's 10th round, Franks finished in a tie for fifth place and added \$6,063. He finished the year with \$263,378

"I've dreamed of getting on that horse for a long time," he said. "I watched Tim get on him at San Angelo (Texas) this year. That horse is so much fun, so much fun. He just floats right underneath himself. That's probably one of the funnest horses I've been on.

"That's a lot of those Pickett horses. They are all really good to get on. That's the first Pickett horse I've been on (at the NFR). I was



Cole Franks rides in Vegas.

PRCA PHOTO / CLICK THOMPSON

pretty excited about it when I saw the draw last night."

Finishing so high in the aggregate race is also a blessing that came with riding well for 10 nights. He finished the NFR with 852 cumulative points, just eight behind Pope, who has won the average title for three straight years. That is a standard that proves the consistency of the top guys during the championship event.

"It is awesome to be able to do that," Franks said. "Last year I was third in the average, so moving up one spot in the average is awesome. I'm going to be plugging for next year. I'm going to have to bump Jess out of that, but that's going to be work."

Franks isn't afraid to work, and it's why he's been among the top five in the world standings each of his first two years in the PRCA.

## Chamber names second winner

Another winner has been named, but there is still a total of \$350 in Clarendon Chamber Christmas Cash available to win this holiday season.

Anna Howard was the second \$100 winner drawn by the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce last Friday during its "Shop Small Big Christmas" promotion.

Sign-ups continue for drawings that will be held for \$100 on December 16; and the big \$250 giveaway

will be held December 23. Participating merchants include Amanda's Country Soaps, Country Bloomer's Flowers & Gifts, Every Nook & Cranny, Henson's, J&W Lumber, Mike's Pharmacy, Rambling Ranch Boutique, Saye's Flying A Tack, Whistle-Stop, and Wicked Fast Attire.

To enter, shoppers will fill out an entry at local participating merchants. The Chamber will gather them up each Friday morning, and

hold the drawings live on the Chamber's Facebook. Enter as many times as you shop locally, so shop often. Entries stay in the hopper each week, so those who enter will have multiple chances to win.

In addition, three downtown merchants are staying open late this Thursday night, December 15, for shoppers' convenience. Those stores staying open until 7:30 p.m. are Henson's, Ramblin' Ranch, Every Nook & Cranny and Saye's Flying A Tack.



Jowlene Weiss presents Howard with her winnings.

## Local surveys to help county, communities

An important survey will be conducted in the coming weeks by Donley County, the City of Clarendon, and the City of Hedley, which should help local communities become eligible for more grant funds.

Donley County Judge John Howard says the survey will determine whether our communities can apply for grants to purchase new ambulances when needed and conduct street repairs in our cities as well as other municipal projects.

"Based on current census data we are not eligible to apply for these important CDBG funds," Howard said. "We must correct the wrong information in the census by conducting our own survey."

The surveyors will be local citizens, who most people should be familiar with as having grown up here in Donley County.

Participation is voluntary, but it is vital that local officials collect enough responses to correct the census information and ensure county and city eligibility to apply for these grants to help the community.

County and city officials ask that when you see the surveyors, thank them for their community service, and they thank you for your assistance in this vital project.

"Spread the word and let's bring some of our federal tax dollars home to help our communities," Howard said.

## Public input needed on internet map

Region 16, The City of Amarillo, Amarillo Area Foundation, Connected Nation, local businesses, vested business partners, and non-profit organizations have been working together in "the Panhandle Spirit" to build what is being called "Panhandle Connected."

The goal of "Panhandle Connected" is to ensure that all students and cities in the Panhandle of Texas have access to sustainable, low-cost, and equitable internet connectivity.

On November 18, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) released the first draft of a new National Broadband Map, that displays where broadband internet services are - and are not - available across the country.

The recently released National Broadband Map will help the federal government decide where it should direct many millions of federal dollars under the national Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) program. Identifying inaccuracies in the maps produced by the FCC will help Texas get its full share of funding.

To improve the accuracy of these data sets, the FCC created the challenge process for states, local communities, and the general public to challenge both the accuracy of the physical map and service availability data.

For more information, visit panhandleconnected.org.



# An honor to last a lifetime

My son is an Eagle Scout.

Those words fill me with a pride that almost makes me burst with joy, and I know it's a feeling I share with his mother and other parents whose children have accomplished the same goal.

For Ben and his buddies, this goal has been one they have had – and one their parents have shared – for a long time. Their journey started ten years ago when they joined Cub Scouts and began working on their Tiger rank. We talked about it then, that they were taking their first steps on the trail to Eagle.

Twelve kids started in that den in 2012. On Sunday, five of them plus one younger brother were presented with the highest honor in scouting, the rank of Eagle Scout.

Only between two and five percent of kids who join scouts will ever make it to Eagle. It takes a level of commitment and dedication on the part of not only the kid but also his family to get there. And as the kids get older, there is more and more competition for their time and their attention. For those who do make it though, scouting instills values and skills that will last a lifetime and shapes young men and young women to be good citizens, good leaders, good parents, and, hopefully, future scout leaders.

For a community our size to produce one or two or three Eagle Scouts in a year is rare anymore. Producing six from Troop 433 is awesome. And then when you add that just a week ago, our companion Troop 4433 pinned the first two girls as Eagles in our section of the Panhandle, that brings Clarendon's total to eight for 2022. Incredible!

Though my father and grandfather never attained the rank of Eagle, they were super supportive of scouting in Clarendon and in Hedley. My parents made sure that my brother and I got our bird. They are surely proud now - as we are - that they now have three grandsons who are Eagle Scouts. Carrying on that legacy has been important to our family to make sure this generation has the same opportunities we had.

Ben's group, which includes his cousin Daniel Estlack, Mason Allred, Koltyn Shields, Henry Bivens, and Haughton Bivens, are all young men who are very important to me. I've watched them all grow and mature while still remaining boys at heart.

They can be fun and act goofy, but then the training and the upbringing can kick in, and these guys are serious, thoughtful, community-minded, and service oriented.

That's what scouting does. If you follow the mantra of Keep It Simple, Make It Fun – something my mother used to recite and men like T.C. Saye were good at – then the impact you can have on a young person's life is incredible.

These boys carry with them memories that will last a lifetime. Memories of adventures, games, camping, learning, and laughter that will overshadow the occasional but necessary boring presentation. Through those fun experiences they have learned the meaning of Duty to God and Country. They realize the importance of helping other people and keeping themselves physically fit, mentally awake, and morally straight. They also realize that value of twelve important character traits that scouting holds most dear – trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

The Diamond Back Patrol – the name they chose for themselves in fifth grade – did one thing in particular that will stand out in local scouting history. All of these boys completed their Eagle Projects in one day. A single Eagle project takes a lot of time, planning, and hard work. To pull off six major projects in one day was nothing short of miraculous. It showed not only the commitment of these boys and their families and friends, who gave of their time and talents to make it happen, but it also showed the camaraderie these guys have for each other.

Each guy in turn had to lead and be a leader. They all had to help each other, take guidance from each other, and pull together in a way that we hadn't really gotten to see them do before. But we knew they had it in them – they've been Eagles at heart for a long time.

To my men, I want you each to know how very proud I am of each of you. Ben, Dan, Mason, Koltyn, Henry, and Haughton – it has been my pleasure to get to take this journey with you. I cannot wait to see what you all accomplish. Take those skills and those memories and make the world a little better.

And for my son, your Mom and I – and the whole family – are incredibly proud of you. You bring joy to our lives, you live the Scout Law and Oath, and it is a blessing to be your parents. We love you, Ben.

Go fly high, men. Soar with the Eagles and fear no challenge for you are up to the task.



editor's commentary  
by roger estlack

## Czech families suffered in Civil War

Although the majority of Czech immigrants had no interest in participating in America's Civil War, they could not escape its hardships. Food, for example, was scarce. Many families lived on home-grown bacon, homemade molasses, and home-ground commmeal. Sugar and coffee were especially scarce, and families roasted and ground corn and acorns as replacements. They frequently substituted beef tallow for bacon and lard.

Generally speaking, the Czechs opposed the institution of slavery, and fighting to preserve it was not to their liking. Whenever Confederate recruits came along seeking to conscript all able-bodied men, the Czech men usually managed to be somewhere else.

On one such occasion, the Confederates took young Ferdinand Doubrava by surprise. While working in his field, Doubrava suddenly found himself sur-

rounded by Confederate soldiers and a pack of bloodhounds. Hampered by not knowing the English language, Doubrava managed

to produce enough documents to prove that he was a subject of the Austrian Empire. The Confederate soldiers and their dogs left without further harassing Doubrava, but the incident remained so distasteful in Doubrava's mind that he developed a thorough dislike of Texas.

Doubrava's dislike of Texas, however, had earlier seeds. Things had been unexpectedly difficult from the very beginning of his immigration when he and his family sailed in a "two-masted



vignettes  
tales of the old west  
by george u. hubbard

tub." In Europe, Doubrava had not farmed the way farming had to be done in Texas.

"I knew less about plowing than did the oxen themselves," he once explained.

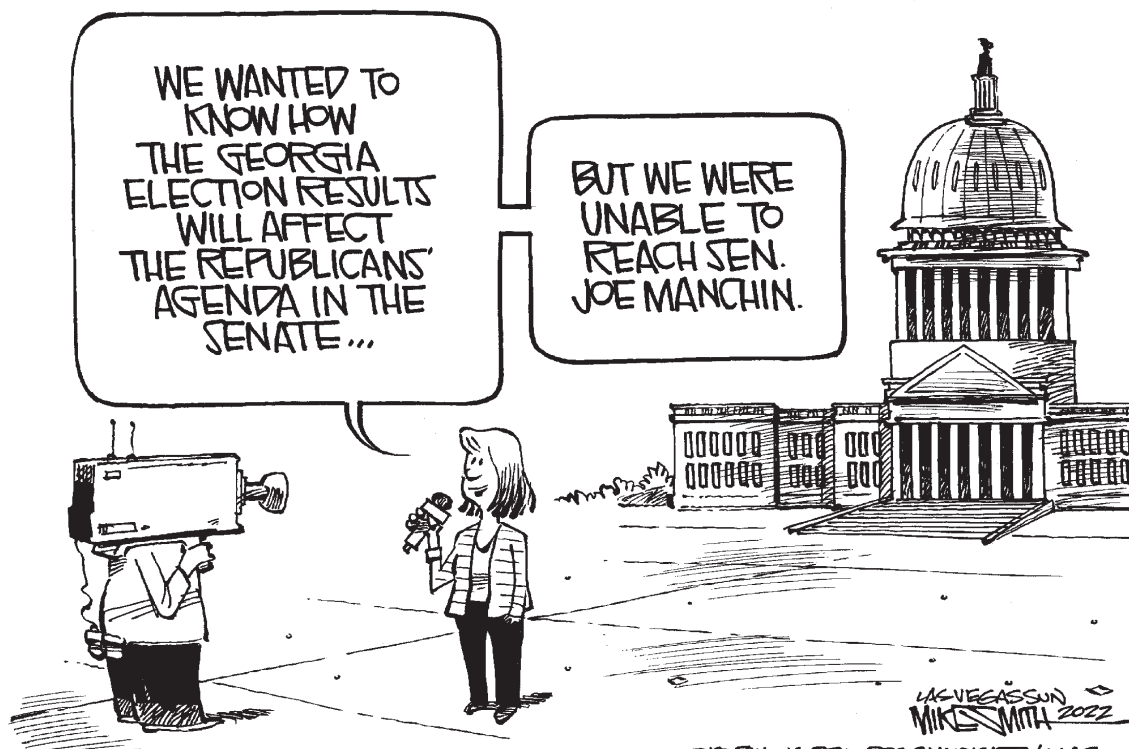
In Texas during the Civil War, the family suffered from malaria and typhoid fever. Doctor calls were \$25.00 apiece. Flour was a dollar a pound when it could be found, and sugar, tea, and coffee might as well have been non-existent.

Despite the hardships, Doubrava succeeded in growing cotton, and he also succeeded in hiding it from the Confederates. Immediately after the Civil War ended, he sold four years' worth of cotton to a northern firm for a large sum of money paid in gold, and he moved his family out of Texas to Wisconsin.

George U. Hubbard is an author and former resident of Clarendon.



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## A 'Word in Wood' style testimony

Not until his later years did Rev. Jerry Neill have the time needed to hone his woodcarving skills, but when he did, he was relentless, turning out small art objects that soon cluttered his workshop.

For about six decades, he and his wife, Judy, were immersed in Christian service, him centering primary efforts on church music ministry and her fully yoked. They reared two daughters, Kristi and Kasey, who are now Mrs. Sam Perry and Mrs. Brad Reedy, respectively. Judy also taught private piano lessons for a half-century.

Jerry and Will Rogers would have hit it off, each regaling the other with jokes and stories, all laced with laughter that were hallmarks of both lives....

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A Lubbock native and graduate of Lubbock High School, Texas Tech and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Jerry never retired until last year. After serving as youth minister at First Baptist Church of Garland, he was Minister of Music and Youth at First Baptist Church in Snyder for 17 years. In 1989, they relocated to Palestine, TX, where he was Music Minister at Southside Baptist Church for 17 years. Then, he accepted what he thought was to be an interim music assignment at Faith Church, near Tyler. The "interim" stretched over 14 years.

Not until 2021 did the Neills sign off on fulltime Christian service, moving to Glen Rose to be nearer their daughters and their families.

That's when the woodcarving accelerated, with objects stacking up when COVID suddenly claimed Jerry's life on August 26. He died in a matter of days, this musical giant who was 81....

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At his memorial service, his "word in wood testimony" was printed in the program.

It was a heart-touching account of his relationship with the Lord that began in 1951, when he was 10 years of age.

Dozens of his art pieces were displayed at his funeral, and guests chose items to take home. Many had Biblical sayings attached, but one read "Real Men Use Duct Tape," and another, "A Grouch Lives in this House." These hand-carved items will help friends to remember a wonderful friend and Christian servant....

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My wife and I knew the Neills during our five-years in Snyder.

Judy taught all three of our daughters in weekly piano lessons. As a result, all three were accompanists for church and school choirs.

We admired them greatly, as well as their daughters and families....

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Judy learned early on that her hubby would ever thrive on practical joking, some of it bordering on impractical.

One Sunday service stands out. Our pastor was flanked by the minister of education – who had thick, gray hair – and Jerry, who wore hair pieces of varying quality over several decades.

That day, Jerry was sporting a new

hairpiece. The education minister's hair drew attention because he obviously was the victim of a "dye job" that went terribly wrong. It had a purplish hue.

Looking first at one and then the other, our pastor observed, "Oh my soul. One dyes it and the other buys it..."

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Another friend, musician/university teacher Steve Goacher, remembers a piece penned a half century ago by his late father, Keith Goacher of Anderson, Indiana. It centers on the time pressures faced by college students. He thought combining months might help.

With school starting in hot weather, it opens with "August." As students attend fast-fleeting classes, the next pair of months is called "September." Midterms and homecoming occur in "October," followed by finals and Christmas in "December." Following are "Janufeb," "Februarch" and "Mapril," periods preceding "Munc," which features finals, graduations and weddings.

Remember "ring by spring" stories?....

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One of Keith's favorite stories began with a question (one that "fits" today as we face many shortages.) His question: "Did you hear that the Russians invaded the Sahara Desert?"

Hearer asks, "What happened?"

Mr. Goacher's answer: "Nothing for a couple of years, but then there was a shortage of sand."....

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 12:07 a.m. -See Caller 900 Blk E 2nd  
 4:14 p.m. -EMS assist EB 1-40 MM 126 semi-truck fire  
 4:30 p.m. -Clarendon fire paged semi-truck fire EB 1-40 MM126  
 7:26 p.m. -Report of vehicle v deer accident N 70  
 10:27 p.m. -Loose livestock near rest area  
 11:40 p.m. -Report of possible stolen vehicle 800 block W 2nd  
 December 6, 2022  
 08:36 a.m. -Loose livestock near NB rest area-Giles  
 10:18 a.m. -Requesting welfare check 700 block S Carhart  
 10:24 a.m. -EMS assist 700 block S Carhart  
 3:16 p.m. -Send Animal Control to 600 block E Wood  
 4:48 p.m. -EMS assist 1500 block W 5th  
 10:25 p.m. -EMS assist- location not logged  
 December 7, 2022  
 12:50 a.m. -Semi hit pole 800 block W 2nd landed on electrical lines  
 6:56 p.m. -Report of dog attack Hawley and Montgomery  
 10:25 p.m. -Noise complaint 100 block N Sully  
 December 8, 2022  
 1:17 a.m. -Reporting possible assault 1100 block E 3rd  
 10:38 a.m. -EMS assist Clarendon Nursing Home  
 7:01 p.m. -Report of some-

one walking through property 100 Blk E Montgomery  
 10:10 p.m. -Noise complaint 100 Blk N Sully  
 December 9, 2022  
 8:14 a.m. -Loose livestock HWY 203  
 9:09 a.m. -See caller 300 block S Kearney  
 12:56 p.m. -Ems assist location not logged  
 1:17 p.m. -Ems assist 200 block W Montgomery  
 4:21 p.m. -See complainant at Sheriff Office  
 4:54 p.m. -To jail with one in custody  
 4:57 p.m. -EMS assist 300 block S Jefferson  
 5:06 p.m. -Units paged vehicle fire near NB Rest Area  
 December 10, 2022  
 12:14 a.m. -Noise complaint 100 block N Sully  
 7:56 a.m. -EMS assist 100 Blk Janny  
 10:17 a.m. -EMS assist EMS Station  
 10:35 a.m. -To jail with one in custody  
 10:39 a.m. -EMS Assist EMS Station  
 8:48 p.m. -Multiple calls of subject walking near County Road 1 Eb  
 10:47 p.m. -Suspicious person 400 Blk W 2nd  
 December 11, 2022  
 12:50 a.m. -Courtesy ride to Hall County  
 10:59 a.m. -Ems assist 200 block Janny  
 6:34 p.m. -See caller 800 block W 2nd

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Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO or the Company) publishes this notice that on September 30, 2022, it filed its Statement of Intent and Application for Authority to Amend Transmission Cost Recovery Factor (TCRF) with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) in Docket No. 54040. The filing was made in accordance with the Public Utility Regulatory Act (PURA) § 36.209 and 16 Tex. Admin. Code (TAC) § 25.239. The TCRF will recover SWEPCO's reasonable and necessary costs for transmission infrastructure improvements as well as changes in wholesale transmission charges under a tariff approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to the extent that the costs or charges have not otherwise been recovered. In this application, SWEPCO seeks to recover its transmission capital investments from April 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022. SWEPCO also seeks to recover through the TCRF approved transmission charges that are not otherwise being recovered through current rates. This notice is being published in accordance with PURA § 36.103 and 16 TAC § 22.51(a)(l).

**STATEMENT OF INTENT TO CHANGE RATES**

SWEPCO requests that the Commission approve an increase of \$8,441,187 above the revenue requirement approved by the Commission in SWEPCO's last base rate case, Docket No. 51415 for its Texas retail customers. This amounts to a 2.1% percent increase in SWEPCO's overall annualized Texas retail revenue requirement. SWEPCO proposes that its requested rate change become effective 35 days after the filing of the Statement of Intent and Application. The proposed effective date is subject to suspension and extension by actions that may be taken by the Commission.

All customers in SWEPCO's Texas retail rate classes will be affected by this change. The impact of the rate change on various customer classes will vary from the overall impact described in this notice.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Persons with questions or who want more information on SWEPCO's Statement of Intent and Application may contact SWEPCO at 428 Travis Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101, or call toll-free at (888) 216-3523 during normal business hours. A complete copy of the Statement of Intent and Application and related filings is available for inspection at the address listed in the previous sentence.

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**Friends of the Library holds two fundraisers**

The Friends of the G.B. Burton Memorial Library are finishing the year with two fundraising projects. This effort includes a Quilt Raffle and the annual Bake Sale. Purchase your raffle tickets for a chance to win one of four quilts, which are donated by LeAnn Howell and EulaineMcIntosh. Raffle tickets are available now for purchase at the Burton Library, 217 Kearney St. Be sure to get yours by 5:45 p.m. this Thursday, December 15. Tickets are \$1 each or six for

\$5. The Drawing will be Dec. 15 at 6:30 p.m. You do not have to be present to win. Three of the quilts are lap blanket size and one is a double. They are on display now at the library. Also catch the Friend's Christmas Bake Sale during late night shopping, Thursday, December 15, from noon until 8:30 p.m. For more information, call the Library at 806-874-3685 or stop in. Help support your local library, which in turn supports our community.

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*Community Calendar*  
**December 16 & 17**  
 Black Panther: Wakanda Forever • 7:30 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

**December 18**  
 Black Panther: Wakanda Forever • 2:00 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

**December 16**  
 Broncos & Lady Broncos v Canadian • 6:30 p.m. • Home

**December 16**  
 Owls & Lady Owls v Shamrock • 5:00 p.m. • Home

**December 27, 28, & 29**  
 Lady Broncos @ Wildcat Classic Tournament • TBA

## Menus

**Donley County Senior Citizens**  
 Mon: Beef with broccoli, rice, steamed carrots, iced tea/2% milk.  
 Tues: Baked pork loin, cornbread salad, black-eyed peas, spinach, applesauce, iced tea/2% milk.  
 Wed: Chicken parmesan, spaghetti noodles, country veggies, spinach salad, garlic bread, pineapple, iced tea/2% milk.  
 Thurs: Cheeseburger, roasted potatoes, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onion, orange, iced tea/2% milk.  
 Fri: Closed

### Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Baked chicken breast, broccoli rice casserole, yams, apricots, wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.  
 Tue: Honey glazed ham, baked potato, seasoned spinach, angel food cake, roll, iced tea/2% milk.  
 Wed: Chicken paprikash, corn, long grain & wild rice, tossed salad, raspberry dream cake, wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.  
 Thurs: Breaded pork chop, black-eye peas, mashed potatoes, gravy, Robert Redford dessert, iced tea/2% milk.  
 Fri: BBQ chopped beef on bun, pinto beans, glazed applesauce cake, mandarin oranges, iced tea/2% milk.

## Davis voted Offensive MVP

By Sandy Anderberg  
 Clarendon High School senior Jmaury Davis was voted the Offensive MVP by the District 2-2A coaches according to Athletic Director Clink Conkin.

Davis, a Texas Tech commit, has been a staple for the Bronco football team his entire high school career and has racked up several hundred yards from the Bronco backfield.

Fellow senior Colton Benson was awarded the Pride Award which was shared with Flores from Memphis, Brandon of Quanah, Garcia of Wellington, Meadows of Wheeler, and Peevey from Shamrock.

Sophomore Colton Caudle was named to the Defensive End position, and junior Jared Musick was named on the Defensive Line. Junior Lyric Smith was to the inside line-backer position and fellow junior Quay Brown was named to the defensive secondary. Senior Wilson Ward was the lone kicker on the team. Smith was also honored as a running back and Benson and junior Anthony Ceniceros was named to the offensive line first team.

Second team honors went out to senior Gannon Broussard in the offensive line spot, and sophomore Mason Sims earned the tight end spot.

## Colts face Shamrock at home

Both junior high Colt basketball teams hosted Shamrock last week and were narrowly defeated each game. The A Team lost 21-23, and the B Team lost 5-14.

The A Team Colts fought hard against the Irish and stayed fairly even in the first half of play only trailing their opponent by four points at halftime. But they struggled offensively and fell behind a bit in the third quarter. They were able to get back on track, but the clock and foul trouble worked against them.

Hudson Howard hit two three-pointers for six points, and Parker Haynes and Hayden Moore each put in five. Brylon Rice finished with three, and Kreed Robinson added two.

The B Team played just as hard, but could not make shots fall. The Irish was able to step up the scoring in the final quarter to get the nine-point win. Klay Wilkins and D'Won Brown put in two each, and Kendon Hanes added one.

## Family, friends help reach Eagle rank

Last Sunday, a group of my scout troop had our Eagle presentations to officially become Eagle Scouts.

I've been involved in scouting since the first grade; and through all of the fun, my goal has always been to become an Eagle Scout like my father. I finally was able to make that dream come true, and I'm so happy for all of the wonderful things it taught me and all of the amazing times it was able to give me.

My time in scouting has really

seemed to fly by, and it feels amazing having spent almost 10 years making memories and having fun with my friends. It is truly one of the greatest experiences of my entire life, and I am excited that I got to be awarded with such a prestigious rank.



**the cub reporter**  
 by Benjamin Estlack

I am so thankful for everyone who has supported me throughout my scouting journey, especially my Dad, who got me into scouts and has helped me every step of the way. I'm also thankful for my Mom, who has been an amazing scout mom and helped with everything from Cub Scouts all the way through my Eagle Project.

I believe scouts have made me a better man, and I am looking forward to what awaits me in my scouting life.

## CISD Elementary students compete well at District UIL

Clarendon Elementary School competed in the district UIL academic meet held in Wellington December 6-7.

The students worked hard preparing for the meet and had a great showing in multiple events. The following students placed as individuals at the meet: Elliott Robertson - 2nd in storytelling and 1st in creative writing; Clara Messer - 3rd in storytelling; Slaid Pittman - 5th in storytelling; Memory Arnold-Farmer - 6th in storytelling; Hunter Shields - 4th in music memory, 3rd

in 4th grade spelling; Jax Vanden Boogaard - 2nd spelling and 3rd chess puzzle; Ryan Cranford - 4th in chess puzzle; Payden Artis - 6th in chess puzzle; Henry Robertson - 5th place music memory, 3rd place number sense, 3rd chess puzzle; Cotton Halsey - 4th place number sense; Xander Phillips - 2nd chess puzzle; Cameron Taylor - 4th chess puzzle; Jaquodan Ballard - 3rd place music memory; Emma Christopher - 1st place ready writing, 2nd place spelling; Adleigh Moore - 5th place ready writing; Trigg Harper - 5th art

smart; Kase Zongker - 3rd number sense, 4th place maps, graphs, and charts; Teagan Chesser - 1st place listening skills; and Wade Fowler - 2nd place chess puzzle, 2nd place social studies.

The following teams placed in the top 2 at the academic meet: 3rd grade spelling - 2nd place team, 3rd grade chess puzzle - 1st place team, 4th grade number sense - 2nd place team, 4th grade chess puzzle - 1st place team, 5th grade number sense - 2nd place team, and 5th grade chess puzzle - 2nd place team

## Institute helps assess value of Texas' ecosystem

Can you put a price on clean air, water or white-tailed deer? The Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute, NRI, partnered with other agencies to study and assess the value of these "commodities of nature" and subsequent losses associated with land use changes.

As a result, these services, such as clean air, clean water and flood control provided by healthy forest, range and wetland ecosystems, are commonly overlooked. Although of critical importance, ecosystem services typically lack formal market structures, and their value can be difficult to quantify appropriately.

The assessment is critical because Texas experienced a 15.9% growth in population—more than any other US state—between 2010 and 2019. With no signs of slowing, this rapid growth and subsequent development places increased strain on the state's natural resources and the services they provide all Texans.

To resolve this, researchers with NRI, Texas Agricultural Land Trust, TALT, and the US Department

of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service, NRCS, conducted one of the first comprehensive, statewide assessments of Texas' ecosystem services and assessment of the investments required to maintain their benefits. While the Texas A&M Forest Service published a statewide assessment in 2013, the document focused on forest-based ecosystem services.

Report author Addie Smith, geospatial specialist with NRI, said the team assigned a collective value in the assessment for four ecosystem service categories including provisioning, regulating, cultural and supporting services. Each category was uniquely defined based on attributes like tangible goods, ecosystem processes, non-material benefits and ecological functions.

The authors then assigned dollar values to ecosystem functions across the state based on market-based estimates from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and the Texas Water Development Board where appropriate.



Hedley FFA attended the Greenbelt District Banquet last week in Memphis. Shailyn Hanes also competed in the District Talent Contest.

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8	1	3	7	2	5	4	6	9
2	7	6	5	3	8	4	1	9
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**Toys for Joy**  
Members of the Clarendon Lions Club distributed toys to all students in Hedley Elementary on Monday.

## Mental health challenges during the holidays

It is tradition to send wishes for a cheerful holiday season filled with peace, comfort and joy. However, several individuals in the Texas Panhandle experience mental health challenges, which are often heightened during the holiday season.

During the holidays, mental health challenges are amplified due to a variety of reasons, such as: Pressure and stress that surrounds the holiday season; Financial burdens because of gifting and hosting events; Increased obligations to attend social events; Overwhelmed by grief or loss of a loved one; Feelings of isolation or being alone; and Anxiety because of family issues or trauma.

This year, take steps to prevent holiday stress and depression. Sharing about what you are experiencing may seem scary, or you may feel like

others will not understand, but the Panhandle Behavioral Health Alliance is here to help.

The Panhandle Mental Health Guide, a project of the Panhandle Behavioral Health Alliance, is an online resource developed to promote mental well-being in everyday life by connecting people in need with the resources that exist for mental health care and addiction. Whether you are a provider looking to make a referral, a family member looking for resources for a loved one or someone looking for mental health resources themselves, the Panhandle Mental Health Guide can help you find and connect with mental health services and practitioners in the Texas Panhandle area.

The Panhandle Mental Health Guide offers local, state and national resources; suicide prevention; sup-

port and advocacy; and additional services and information. The guide also explains how to use the website and how to search for information for those who need assistance starting a mental health journey.

If you don't personally experience a mental health challenge, you most likely have family members, friends and neighbors who do and are struggling. By being aware that others might experience this time of year differently than you do, you can help provide comfort and peace for them this holiday season.

The Panhandle Mental Health Guide is made possible by the current generous funders and sponsors, Amarillo Area Foundation, Texas Panhandle Centers and Panhandle Area Health Education Center.

To learn more, visit [www.panhandlementalhealthguide.org](http://www.panhandlementalhealthguide.org).



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting December 13, 2022, with Boss Lion Landon Lambert in charge.

We had ten Lions, Sweetheart Laney Gates, and one guest – Levi Gates, guest of the Sweetheart.

The Sweetheart reported on the public school and semester-end activities there.

Lions David Dockery and John Howard reported on an upcoming effort to survey citizens in Clarendon, Hedley, and Donley County in order to make the communities eligible for more federal grant funds. A similar survey has already been completed in Howardwick.

Lion Roger Estlack reported on the Toys for Joy distribution at Hedley Elementary, where Clarendon Lions were joined by Hedley Lions. After all elementary students in Donley County were given a toy, enough were left to donate some to a family in McLean who suffered a house fire, and the remainder were given to the Angel Tree project.

Lion Chris Reuter discussed the Christmas Food Basket project, and plans were made for that.

There being no further business, we were adjourned to spread joy and Lionism.

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**CLUES ACROSS**

1. A people of Eastern Afghanistan
5. Supervises interstate commerce
8. Touch lightly
11. Relating to bees
13. Mauna \_\_, Hawaiian volcano
14. Mosuo culture religion
15. Italian village
16. Stiff bristle
17. Wealthy enclave in Rio
18. Cause to lose courage
20. Examines animals
21. Ethnic group of Laos and Thailand
22. Gets rid of
25. Having easily perceived thoughts
30. Removed surgically
31. Principle underlying the universe
32. Popular airline
33. Antelopes
38. Peacock network
41. Utter repeatedly
43. One from the Golden State
45. Photographers
48. Father
49. Popular BBQ dish
50. Cavalry sword
55. Ancient Greek sophist
56. Atomic mass unit
57. Afflicted in mind or body
59. Indian mythological figure
60. Mild expression of surprise
61. Jewish spiritual leader
62. Brew
63. Doctor of Education
64. Impudence

**CLUES DOWN**

1. State attorneys
2. Imitated
3. Latvian capital
4. Irish goddess
5. Taste
6. Dried
7. Spanish saloon
8. Mother of Perseus
9. Evergreen coniferous trees
10. Refuse to comply
12. Negative
14. Hyphen
19. A way to record
23. Not good
24. One who tends the furnace
25. Small amount
26. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
27. The whole quantity
28. \_\_ King Cole, musician
29. One's opinion
34. Holds ashes
35. Stablecoin cryptocurrency
36. Side-blotched lizards genus
37. Legislator (abbr.)
39. Concentrated bombardment
40. Took for oneself
41. Nigerian City
42. Thousands of pounds
44. Inspired
45. Secret clique
46. Expression
47. Dough made from corn flour
48. Comedian Carvey
51. Swiss river
52. Prejudice
53. Actor Idris
54. Resistance fighters
58. Criticize

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# Lady Broncos keep on winning

By Sandy Anderberg

For the second weekend in a row, the Lady Broncos brought home the tournament championship. Participating in the White Deer Tournament, Clarendon defeated five teams to get the win.

Follett was up first for the ladies, and they won. 59-20. After the first eight minutes, the ladies were not contested by their opponent, and they were able to execute their game plan with ease to get the win. Baylee Gabel put in 14 points and Finley Cunningham added nine. Hayden Elam and Berkley Moore each put in seven and Gracie Clark had six. The game with Happy was much closer and the Lady Broncos had to work to get the win. A huge third quarter made a big difference and gave the ladies the edge to close it out. Once again it was Gabel who led the way on the scoreboard with 14 and Graci Smith put in seven.

The Lady Broncos played White Deer and breezed by them 54-24. A great second quarter put the ladies in a great position as they were

able to do whatever they needed to do on the court. Cunningham put in 14 that included four three-pointers, Kenidee Hayes and Gabel added 10, and T. Cummins helped with six. The game with McLean went much the same way as the previous game and the Lady Broncos won 71-41. The Lady Tigers only trailed by one after the first eight minutes, but the Lady Broncos were able to run their offense and hit the big points. Cunningham hit six three-pointers and finish with 20 points, and Gabel and Moore had 12 each. Makenna Shadle and K. Cummins posted eight each.

In the championship game, the Lady Broncos matched up against Sunray. A huge second quarter sealed the win as they outscored the Lady Bobcats by 24 points. Presley Smith turned up the heat and finished with 14, Elam had 13, and Cunningham put in 10.

The Lady Broncos turned up the heat on the Vega Longhorns at home earlier in the week defeating them 62-22. Elam and Gabel fin-

ished in double figures in the game with 13 and 11 points respectively. Elam also made three of five from the bonus line, and Gabel added two big shots from behind the arc.

Vega was defenseless against the Lady Broncos as they were able to execute offensively to get the job done. Nine different Lady Broncos came through on the offense ends of the court to add to the point total. The Lady Longhorns struggled all of the way and only put six points on the scoreboard in the first half. Clarendon was able to cover the court end to end to cause turnovers and make stops.

Courtlyn Conkin was perfect from the free throw line and finished with eight points and Moore hit one three and helped with seven and Cunningham added seven of her own. K. Cummins put in six, Smith had five, Hayes hit one three, and T. Cummins put in two.

The Lady Broncos will play Canadian on Friday, December 16, against Canadian.



Lady Broncos win the White Deer Tournament Championship last weekend.

COURTESY PHOTO

# Broncos lose close game to Vega

By Sandy Anderberg

The Broncos hosted Vega in their first home game of the season on December 6 and were defeated by two points at 41-4. They will participate in the Canyon Holiday Tournament December 29-30.

The Broncos played well against the Longhorns, but Vega was able to take advantage of too many missed shots by the Broncos. The game remained close from the tip off with neither team able to pull away to settle into a comfortable lead. Tyler Harper played solid and hit three crucial three-pointers when they needed them and hit two out of two from the bonus line. Jmaury Davis

led all scorers with 14 and shot 86 percent from the bonus line. Josiah Hearn put in five, Lyric Smith had four, and Anthony Cenicerros put in three. Mason Sims and Kaleb Bolin put in two points each.

The Broncos participated in the Childress Tournament and had three losses and one win over Spearman.

The Broncos lost to Holiday 45-54. After a close first half, the Broncos struggled in the third quarter only putting in three points. Holiday was able to capitalize on the Broncos' situation and get the win. Davis played solid and finished with 26 points. The Broncos were defeated by West Plains 32-44. Once

again, a slow shooting third quarter plagued the Broncos after playing fundamental basketball in the first half. Davis and Smith had 10 points each in the game. The Broncos took on City View and narrowly lost 37-40. Going into the final period of play, the Broncos led by five points, but struggled to keep up the pace and City View took the win by three. Davis finished with 15.

The Broncos defeated Spearman 61-53 in the final game. They were able to execute offensively and played solid defense to make stops when they needed them. Smith put in 20, Davis had 19, and Hearn put in 11.



Bronco Anthony Cenicerros drives to the basket last week against Vega.

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# Lady Bronco JV stuns Vega

Presley Smith put in 21 points to led the Lady Broncos JV to a big win over Vega at home last week.

The Lady Longhorns were only able to hit one field goal and were defeated by Clarendon 55-2.

The Lady Broncos completely dominated Vega and held them scoreless in the first half of play. Every Clarendon player put points on the scoreboard in the win.

Joining Smith in double figures was Kimbrasia Ballard who finished with 13 and hit one of two free throws. Kashlyn Conkin had five, Madi Benson and Millie McAnear each put up four, and Elliot Frausto, Gracie Ellis, Gracie Clark, and Trystan Brown all finished with two points each.

The Lady Broncos will play at home on Friday, December 16, against Canadian.

# Bronco JV stops Vega, 34-31

The Bronco junior varsity showed up and played hard against the Vega Longhorns at home last week. Their effort gave them a close 34-31 win.

Clarendon led the Longhorns most of the game and played solid defense in the third quarter to hold them to only three points while scoring 11. But Vega kept chipping away and cut the lead to three at the buzzer. Overall, the Broncos' executed well and grabbed some great rebounds.

Inside shooter Levi Gates finished with 10 points, Reagan Wade and Anthony Brown had seven each. Parker Haynes played hard with six points and Jaxan McAnear and Riley Wade each helped with two.

The Broncos will resume play after the Christmas break.

# Lady Colts travel to Shamrock

The Lady Colts traveled to Shamrock last week and were defeated 15-29. After starting out fairly close, the Lady Irish took control and began to put points on the board outscoring Clarendon by 12 points going into the break. The Lady Colts struggled to find their offense and fell farther behind.

Sequoia Weatherton led the way with five points, and Jayla Woodard put in four. Elli Rodriguez finished with three, Josie Murillo added two, and Kinlee Hatley helped with one.

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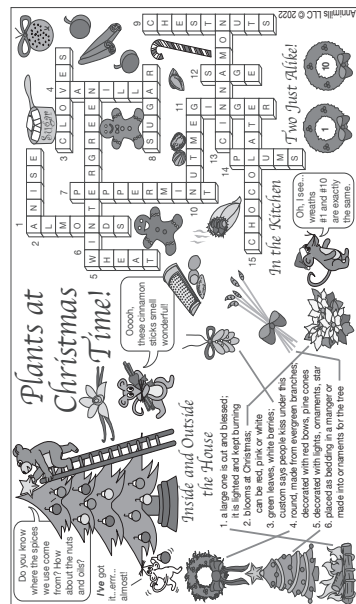
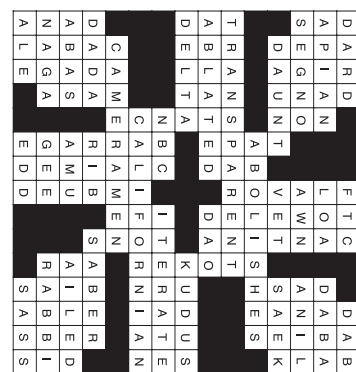
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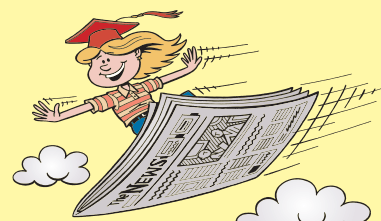
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Dan Estlack with the renovated flagpole and light at the Citizens Cemetery that he took on for his Eagle Scout project.



Henry Bivens scraped and painted the main entrance sign to the Citizens Cemetery for his Eagle Scout project.

## Eagles: Continued from page one.

Five of the projects were completed at Citizens Cemetery, and one was at the Lions Hall. Dozens of helpers and volunteers were involved, and private donations helped make the day possible, including a hamburger lunch donated by Robertson Funeral Directors and cooked by the boys themselves.

Mason and Ben installed 70 section markers – 35 each – at the cemetery, which involved marking sections, drilling post holes, and setting signs.

“It made me feel like I was part of the community and like I was needed,” Mason said. “Now, I’m really happy we got it done and to know it’s helping people probably every day.”

The finished product was also very satisfying to Ben.

“Getting to see the signs installed in lines – I loved that part and seeing how all our hard work paid off,” he said.

Tying in with the sign project, Koltyn repaired and repainted the tool shed at the cemetery and then installed a section map to further help people locate loved ones’ graves.

“It made me feel like a productive member of society getting to contribute in that way,” he said. “I like thinking about all the time we spent talking about it and working through it that day.”

At the front of the cemetery, Dan relocated and installed a new light for the flagpole that had been originally installed by his late grandfather, Allen Estlack. The new light now shines without interfering with drivers on Highway 70, and he also installed a steel core rope on the flagpole that will last for many

years.

“It made me feel good giving back to my community and continuing what my grandfather had built,” he said. “I felt accomplished and felt like we had helped people.”

Henry’s project focused on scraping and repainting the wrought iron fence around the Saints’ Roost colonists’ graves and the main entrance sign to the cemetery.

“It was important because it’s good for families to see that their loved ones are in a place that is cared for,” he said. “The project makes it look like a nicer place for the community.”

Haughton’s project was the final one of the day and involved moving the flag retirement deposit boxes from the old VFW to the Lions Hall and refurbishing a previous Eagle project to receive flags. It’s a project that has since received hundreds of flags for retirement.

“The project made me feel like I was doing something for the community and something to honor the flags with retirement,” he said. “It makes me happy that it’s being put to a good use.”

All six boys still have other opportunities for adventure and learning in scouting and will be role models for younger scouts coming up behind them.

Sunday’s Court of Honor brings the total number of Eagle Scouts produced by Troop 433 since 1969 to 97. With the first two female Eagles recognized by companion Troop 4433 two weeks ago and the nine known Eagles from other local troops since 1927, Clarendon now has a total of 108 Eagle Scouts.



Mason Allred and Ben Estlack pose with one of the 70 section markers they installed at Citizens Cemetery for their Eagle Scout projects.



Koltyn Shields repaired and repainted the shed at the cemetery and installed a section map.



Haughton Bivens with his Eagle Scout project at the Clarendon Lions Hall.

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