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

TxDOT seeks public input on \$100B plan

As the Texas population continues to boom, TxDOT is drafting a record-breaking 10-year transportation plan and now the public is invited to weigh in on the projects proposed in their communities.

To help guide transportation projects over the next decade, TxDOT is seeking public input on the draft 2024 Unified Transportation Program (UTP), the state's 10-year transportation plan. The draft 2024 UTP totals \$100 billion, which is \$15 billion more than the 2023 plan. The increase primarily comes from growth in revenues from Proposition 1 (passed in the 2015 legislative session) generated by oil and gas severance fees dedicated to highway improvements.

"The UTP is TxDOT's road map to developing projects across the state," said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. "It's important to work with our transportation partners and hear from the public to guide transportation improvements that address congestion and enhance safety."

Projects included in the UTP will improve safety, address congestion and connectivity, and preserve roadways for Texas drivers. The UTP also addresses public transportation, maritime, aviation, rail, freight and international trade, and bicycle and pedestrian connectivity.

The public is invited to learn about the UTP and participate in a virtual public meeting on July 6 at 2 p.m. (CST) and a virtual public hearing on July 25 at 2 p.m. The public may join the meeting and hearing by phone or online via TxDOT Public Involvement.

The draft 2024 UTP public comment period begins Friday, July 7, 2023, and ends Monday, Aug. 7, 2023, at 4 p.m. (CDT). There are multiple ways to comment throughout the process, and they can all be found on the Public Involvement section of TxDOT.gov, along with recordings and presentations from each meeting and hearing. Comment forms are also available in English, Arabic, Cantonese, Hindi, Mandarin, Spanish and Vietnamese.

The UTP is updated annually. Public comments and feedback are a very important part of developing the plan. The UTP is approved in August and published on TxDOT.gov.

Christ's Kids taking donations for meals

The Christ's Kids Ministry is accepting donations to help cover the cost of its summer meal program. The ministry provides lunches for local kids five days a week during the summer, but the program costs about \$10,000 to operate.

Those interested in helping with this expense can call Ted Shaler at 806-277-0562.



Oh, snap!

High winds hit Clarendon early Friday evening breaking both large and small tree limbs like this one seen at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wise on Third Street. The wind caused damage across town and even knocked down a few utility lines. Wind damage was also reported in Hedley.

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Clarendon okays Greenbelt agreement

The Clarendon City Council authorized a supplemental contract with Greenbelt Municipal & Industrial Water Authority during a called meeting July 3 that will allow the water authority to proceed with an \$18 million project to develop groundwater resources for its members cities.

Clarendon's approval came after Greenbelt agreed to amendments to the contract, City Admin-

istrator David Dockery said. The most notable concession was that Clarendon will have the right to withdraw from the Greenbelt system after the current 1975 series bonds are paid off in 2027.

"Clarendon will can pull out of Greenbelt with one year's notice at that time," Dockery said. "It gives Clarendon a much stronger position in the future."

Dockery said the city and the

water authority are also working on possible changes to the contract under which Clarendon sells city groundwater to Greenbelt.

The Texas Water Development Board in April approved more than \$18 million for a new water supply project for the Greenbelt Municipal and Industrial Water Authority. The project would develop 2,800 acres of groundwater rights the water authority acquired in northern

Donley County in 2017. Greenbelt would construct three water wells, well field piping, electrical distribution equipment, and a 12-mile transmission line to transport water to its existing water treatment plant. Ten million dollars of the project is fully funded by the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, and \$8.11 million would be financed with Clarendon paying about six percent of that cost.

Texas House, Senate reach deal on taxes

By Karen Brooks Harper and Joshua Fechter, The Texas Tribune

"Texas House and Senate reach a deal on how to cut property taxes" was first published by The Texas Tribune, a nonprofit, nonpartisan media organization that informs Texans — and engages with them — about public policy, politics, government and statewide issues.

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After a monthslong standoff among Texas' top Republicans, state GOP lawmakers finally struck a deal Monday on how to cut Texans' property taxes.

The \$18 billion compromise between the Texas House and Senate — which includes more than \$5 billion approved for property tax relief in 2019 — would lower taxes for the state's 5.7 million homeowners and add a temporary cap on appraisal increases for some non-homesteaded properties.

It would also cut franchise taxes for small businesses and send billions of dollars to school districts so they can cut their taxes across the board. However, none of that money will go toward additional public education funding, according to legislation filed by state budget leaders on Monday.

The proposal must clear both chambers before it heads to Gov. Greg Abbott's desk. Abbott said he looks forward to approving it. Then voters must pass the plan in a constitutional election in November. If voters approve the deal, the cuts would start with the 2023 tax year.

"I promised during my campaign that the state would return to property taxpayers at least half of the largest budget surplus we have ever had," Abbott said in a statement after See 'Taxes' on page 6.



Moving along

The Downtown Revitalization Project continues to make progress this week. Workers were busy Tuesday running the new curbing all the way from the Owen's Boot Shop to the south side of Stocking's Ice Cream Parlor. Forms are set for the new ramp at the Visitor Center and demolition and form construction will continue this week.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ROGER ESTLACK

CC eyes remodel of dorms

Clarendon College is seeking firms to design and oversee possible renovations to its two oldest residence halls.

In an advertisement on page eight of this week's Enterprise, CC has issued a Request for Qualifications for firms interested in modernizing Vaughn and Phelan Halls.

CC President Tex Buckhaults said this week that both of the men's dormitories were built in the 1960s and the communal bathrooms in those facilities are now a hindrance to recruiting students to live on campus.

"We can recruit them, and we get them here," he said, "but when they see those bathrooms, we're losing them."

The president said the plan would be to create a system of two-room suites where four students would share a bathroom. The initial plan would be cut down the size of the lobbies in each door to gain space ultimately increase the number of rooms in Vaughn from 80 to 88 and in Phelan from 40 to 44.

Buckhaults said two different engineers studied the buildings to determine if it was better to remodel them or demolish and replace them. Both engineers were impressed with the construction of the 1960s dorms and recommended remodeling, the president said.

CC anticipates the project will cost between \$7 and \$10 million. The college is applying for USDA funding that would provide a low interest loan on a 40-year term for the project.

Buckhaults said work could possibly be done in stages so that the college would be down no more than about 40 rooms during the 12 to 24 months needed for the project. He also said the college is applying for funds in the loan to cover its lost residence hall revenue during construction.

The women's residence hall, Knorpp Hall, is already set up in a two-room suite design with shared bathrooms. The president said it is in good shape thanks to updates over the last several years.

County okays new bridge on FM 1260

The Donley County Commissioners' Court met in regular session Monday with a full agenda to consider.

The court approved a resolution for a TxDOT financed project to replace the FM 1260 bridge of the Salt Fork Red River.

A request from GreenLight Gas for an easement on CR W and CR 27 was approved.

A budget amendment was approved to allow the Extension Service to purchase a trailer for hauling small animals.

Commissioners appointed a Salary Grievance Committee, and the court also authorized the county judge to retain a civil law firm if the need arises.

A change order to install another door in the county barn at Hedley was approved.

No bids were received to move the houses on Third and Jefferson streets where the county recently purchased property.

The court approved a motion to authorize payment of \$41,775 to Guardian Security for security cameras and authorize movement of money from the courthouse security fund to the courthouse checking account.

A policy prohibiting vaping on county premises was also considered and adopted.



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Obituaries

Robinson

Joe Frank Robinson, Jr., 70, died on July 6, 2023, in Junction, Texas, where he had been a resident for several years. A service will be held at a later date, arrangements are under the direction of Kerrville Funeral Home in Kerrville, Texas.

Joe was born in Lubbock, Texas on May 5, 1953, to Joe and Vemelle Robinson. While playing in the back yard in Tahoka when he was only three years old, his clothes caught fire and he received third degree burns on both legs. After several skin grafts and months in recovery, he regained use of his legs. His family moved to Clarendon in 1959 and Joe attended schools there.

Joe was a veteran, having served two years in the U.S. Army. He worked most of his life in sales.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, his stepmother of forty-

five years, Ruth Robinson, and his brother, Jim Robinson. He is survived by his sister, Janny Longan (Ed) and his brother, Jack Robinson (Susan); his step-sister, Libby Talley (Billy); and step-brother, Bill Word, and many nieces and nephews.

Turner

Allen M. Turner, 45, of Clarendon, died Sunday, July 1, 2023, in Beaumont, Texas.

Graveside services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Monday, July 17, 2023, in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon with Jeff Riles, officiating.

Viewing will be held Monday morning at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the



Turner

direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Allen was born April 4, 1978, in Long Beach, California. He had been a resident of Clarendon most of his life. He enjoyed playing dominoes, dancing, watching the Dallas Cowboys, and being around his momma.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Ruth Turner; his grandparents, George and Jimmy Ruth Turner; an uncle, George Turner, Jr.; and his god brother, Billy Gardner.

He is survived by his god mother, Doris Gardner of Clarendon; his sisters, Angelia and Richard Miller of Plainview, Texas and Jacqueline and Dean Jackson of Dallas, Texas; his brother, Stanley Gardner and Corliss Fairley of Dallas, Texas; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

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Mosquito airborne disease could affect pets

Recent rainfall has led to a mosquito population increase across all regions of Texas. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service experts advise individuals and pet and animal owners to be mindful of West Nile Virus, WNV, a mosquito-borne virus that is prevalent in the U.S., and its effects.

The substantial amount of rainfall across Texas has heightened concern over growing mosquito populations.

Emergency management meetings are being held to discuss recent flooding and standing water.

The risk of mosquito-borne diseases like malaria and WNV has increased.

J.D. Ragland, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent in Randall County, said it was announced during one of those recent meetings that WNV testing confirmed positive results in Randall County.

Protecting yourself and your animals

Ragland advised individuals to be vigilant of their surroundings to reduce the risk of transmission.

"Standing water in nearby lakes, trenches or even household items like flowerpots and wheelbarrows should be removed," Ragland said.

He also advised that backyard pools, if not in use, should be drained for the most precaution.

"People with household pets should monitor their movements, and try to limit them to indoor places," Ragland said.

People should also be aware of their whereabouts and of clothing, he said.

"It is important to wear long sleeve clothing and long pants," Ragland said. "Most important is the constant application and reapplication of mosquito repellent with ingredients like DEET, oil of lemon eucalyptus and picaridin, as they are EPA-registered. Mosquitoes actively feed at dusk and dawn, so remain indoors during those times as much as possible."

Medical preventions

There are annual vaccinations for animals that counteract WNV. According to the Timber Creek Veterinary Hospital, most veterinarian hospitals offer core vaccines administered to all pets that work against tetanus, rabies, encephalomyelitis and WNV.

It is recommended for already vaccinated horses to be vaccinated in the spring, or a suitable time before the mosquito season.

"If a horse has not been previously vaccinated, the initial dose

should be administered as soon as possible," Ragland said.

If you believe you or your horse have been infected, watch for the following symptoms:

Symptoms in horses: High fever. Incoordination; stumbling, staggering and/or sluggish. Inability to stand. Off feed, no desire to eat. Acute death.

Symptoms in people: According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the majority of people infected do not develop any visible symptoms. Of the few people who do, they can expect to see:

High fever. Headache. Neck stiffness. Disorientation. Muscle weakness. In extreme cases, convulsions, numbness, paralysis and coma.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has additional guidelines for WNV safety precautions.

Health officials throughout Texas are continuing WNV testing. The Texas Department of State Health Services, DSHS, has reported the recent Texas counties with West Nile activity that can be found here: DSHS West Nile graph.

For more information on WNV in animals, visit the Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory at <https://tvmld.tamu.edu/>.

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July 22
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Menus

July 17 - 21

Donley County Senior Citizens
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Tues: Chicken teriyaki, long grain rice, stir fry vegetables, whole wheat roll, butter cake, iced tea/2% milk.

Wed: Lasagna, baked sweet potato, garden salad, garlic breadstick, chocolate pudding, iced tea/2% milk.

Thurs: Baked chicken, bow tie pasta, green beans, whole wheat roll, peach cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Chili dog on a bun, French fries, cucumber/onion salad, oatmeal raisin cookie, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Tostadas, Spanish rice, Mexican squash, churros, apricots, iced tea/2% milk.

Tue: Baked pork chops, apples, baked potatoes, broccoli & carrots, easy peach cobbler, whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.

Wed: Chicken fried steak, homemade mashed potatoes, spinach, chocolate cake w/mocha icing, whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.

Thurs: Baked chicken w/onion gravy, brown rice, buttered peas, mixed green salad, snickerdoodles, whole wheat buttermilk biscuit, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Bacon cheeseburger on whole wheat bun, sweet potato fries, mixed green salad, chocolate chip cookies, iced tea/2% milk.



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting July 11, 2023, with Boss Lion Landon Lambert in charge.

We had ten members present and one guest – Jaxon Robertson, guest of Lion Chuck Robertson.

Lion Jacob Fangman reported on the city.

Lion Scarlet Estlack reported on the trials of pet ownership and also gave a report on the Cow Patty Bingo. The Club made \$600 and gave away \$600, and a gift will be sent to Gatlin Duncan for providing the cow. Lion Scarlet also said Kimball Daniels is the new director of student life at the college and is interested in starting a campus club or branch club for students.

Lion Roger Estlack reported that he has passed the torch to District Governor Ryan Monroe, and he also reported on the International Convention in Boston. He said that his family participated in a Tea Party and toured many historic and fun sites. The Texas delegation won the International Parade out of more than 130 entries. Lion Roger also reported that a virtual district cabinet meeting is planned for next Thursday with Lions training and fellowship to be held Saturday, July 22.

The ramp team is considering helping build a ramp in Claude.

The Boss Lion encouraged everyone to remind members to come to the meetings and also to be on the lookout for new service projects.

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

Let the Big E work for you!



Raleigh Jac Wann and Jameson Sanders hold hands during the Pledge of Allegiance at the annual Henson's Turtle Race this year.

COURTESY PHOTO

Oh, deer! Leave fawns where you find them

It's a tale as old as time: buck meets doe, buck pursues doe and nature takes its course. Some 200 gestational days later, many lucky Texans will encounter the outcome of this yearly ritual as the next generation of deer are born.

Few things illicit a response from humans quite like that of encountering juvenile wildlife. It is undoubtedly a remarkable experience, providing an often-unseen glimpse into the behavior and life cycle of some of the state's most beloved species.

Because deer breeding season spans from early fall through winter, fawns can be born as early as April or as late as July the following year. And while these young deer undoubtedly face threats from predators, both doe and fawn are equipped with a suite of natural adaptations and behaviors to avoid potential predation.

However, Jacob Dykes, Ph.D., Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service wildlife specialist, Corpus Christi, said strategies used by deer to keep fawns safe are often misinterpreted by well-meaning passersby.

"Each year, there are many cases of people stumbling across bedded fawns that appear to be abandoned," said Dykes, who also serves as assistant professor in the Department of Rangeland, Wildlife and Fisheries Management in Texas A&M's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. "If you are one of those people, you are tasked with a great responsibility. You have the responsibility to back away and leave the fawn alone."

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department reports that a state-certified wildlife rehabilitator study found in some years, 40 percent or more of the fawns referred to them for care were not orphaned or injured, but inadvertently taken from their mothers.

To shed light on the natural

behaviors of deer and prevent the wrongful taking of fawns, we spoke with Dykes to learn more.

Following birth, what actions does a doe take to ensure the safety of its fawns?

There are a few strategies and adaptations deer use to keep fawns safe. Immediately after the fawn is born, the doe will consume the after-birth and lick the fawn all over to remove scents that may attract predators. It is a myth that fawns are born odorless and, in reality, their odor helps mom find them when they get separated.

Within 10 hours of birth, a doe will move the fawn to another area, and the fawn will instinctively bed down in vegetation. If the doe has multiple fawns, she will actually separate them to improve the chances of at least one surviving.

While bedded, fawns lie very still and will lower their heart rate by over 30 percent when alarmed, which helps them remain undetected when predators are nearby. This behavior and their spotted fur, known as cryptic coloration, help them blend into the environment.

Do fawns remain with their mother at all times after birth?

Not at all. Another predator-avoiding strategy, and the one likely responsible for the "abandoned" fawn idea, is that a doe will leave the fawn bedded alone. She does this so her own presence and scent won't attract predators. In fact, for the first few weeks of life, the doe and fawn spend most of their time apart.

The doe rarely ventures more than 100 yards away and returns a few times a day just long enough to nurse the fawn. While nursing, the doe will lick the fawn to stimulate waste release, then consume the waste so the odor doesn't attract predators.

Fawns grow quickly, so in just a few hours they're already testing their ability to walk. Within a few days, they're too quick for humans

to catch. After about three weeks, fawns start eating a little vegetation, and weaning typically occurs at 12 to 16 weeks of age.

Will the mother reject a fawn after a human has touched it?

A doe will not reject her fawn if a human has touched it. The idea of human scent causing wildlife to reject their young is a misconception also commonly believed in the case of baby birds and small mammals. If you have touched the fawn or even removed it from the area, it should be returned immediately. It is illegal to possess a fawn, and research shows that captive-raised fawns are not likely to survive when returned to the wild, mainly due to a lack of survival skills.

At least one study indicates that while released fawns can die from many different causes, the majority are killed by predators. This is true for both hard and soft releases from captivity.

Is there ever a case in which citizen intervention is justified? If so, what steps should be taken?

There are certain situations in which a game warden should be notified, and this typically involves a fawn being in a place where it shouldn't be.

For example, if you find a fawn in a parking lot or place of business, contact a game warden so the fawn can be safely removed.

Around a home, residents might find a fawn bedded down in a flower bed. In such a case, it's best to leave the fawn alone and secure any pets, such as dogs, that might harass the fawn or prevent the mother from returning. In cases warranting intervention, game wardens should always be the first point of contact for concerned residents.

Identify the game wardens who serve your county to have their contact information on hand. We all have a soft spot for fawns, so let's work together to ensure they have the best chances of survival.

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Taxes: Continued from page one.

Monday's announcement. "Today's agreement between the House and the Senate is a step toward delivering on that promise. I look forward to this legislation reaching my desk, so I can sign into law the largest property tax cut in Texas history."

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick said the last week of negotiations among himself, Texas House Speaker Dade Phelan and members of both chambers "made the difference."

The legislation, expected to be passed this week, allocates about \$12.6 billion to reduce the school property tax rate by 10.7 cents per \$100 valuation for homeowners and business properties. It also includes an increase to the state's homestead exemption from \$40,000 to \$100,000 at an estimated cost of \$5.3 billion, and some extra relief for seniors and property owners with disabilities, averaging an extra \$170.

The Senate bill's author, state Sen. Paul Bettencourt, R-Houston, said the deal would save the average homeowner about 41.5% on property taxes each year, or an average of

about \$1,300 per year. Another part of the plan, which in a way revives a contentious idea the House had previously proposed, would institute a three-year, 20% cap on appraisal increases for commercial and non-homesteaded properties valued at \$5 million or below — a number that could be adjusted by the comptroller with inflation each year.

Leaders referred to that part of the bill on Monday as a "circuit breaker" program, but it's somewhat of a misnomer. Unlike programs in other parts of the country with the same name, the Texas proposal does not calculate property taxes based on a person's income or ability to pay, nor does it specifically seek to benefit lower-income taxpayers.

"Reducing property taxes, providing relief to small-business owners, and reforming our appraisal system will ensure economic growth and prosperity, and this agreement is a significant victory for all Texans," Phelan said in a statement.

The new property tax relief bill, a franchise tax relief bill and the

constitutional amendment required to enact the cuts were filed Monday.

The deal marks the end of a stalemate among the state's top Republicans that lasted nearly seven months as they butted heads over how to dole out \$12.3 billion in new tax breaks budgeted by lawmakers earlier this year.

Republicans came to Austin this year with a nearly \$33 billion surplus and big promises to use a big chunk of it to provide tax relief to Texas property owners, who pay some of the highest property taxes in the nation. But for most of the year, the heads of the House and Senate — Phelan and Patrick — couldn't come to terms on how to do it.

The main dividing line came over whether homeowners or business owners would get a bigger tax break. Phelan and House lawmakers wanted to send the entire \$12.3 billion in new money to school districts to lower their tax rates, a kind of tax cut referred to as "tax rate compression." Doing that would result in across-the-board cuts for all property

owners, but it would most benefit business owners.

Abbott and conservative tax-cut warriors saw the proposal as a way to put the state on a quicker path to eventually eliminating the school maintenance and operations tax, the bulk of the school property tax that pays for day-to-day school expenses like teacher salaries. But as the weeks dragged on, Abbott's support for a compression-only tax-cut proposal seemed to wane as he encouraged House and Senate leaders to come to a deal and send him a bill.

Patrick and Senate tax-cut writers had agreed with the House on allocating \$12.3 billion for property tax cuts but wanted to use only 70% of that amount for tax rate compression so they could use the rest to pay for a boost to the state's school district homestead exemption, the amount of a home's value that can't be taxed to pay for public schools. Patrick and Bettencourt, Patrick's lieutenant on the tax-cut issue, pushed for raising the exemption from \$40,000 to \$100,000.

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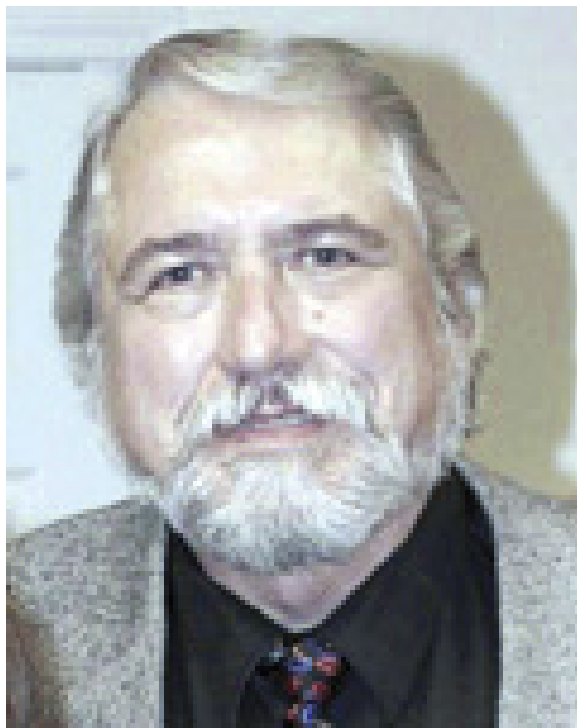
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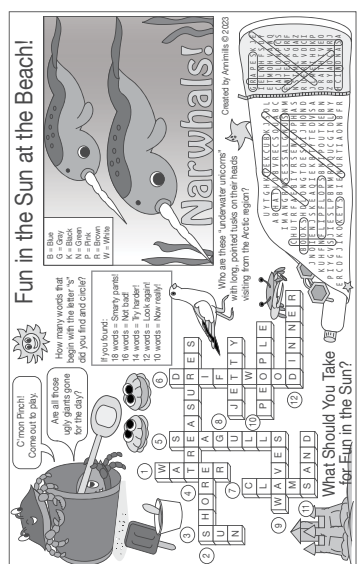
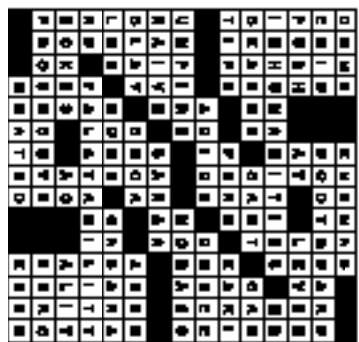
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En o alrededor de 7/29/2023 la Ciudad de Howardwick presentara una solicitud al Departamento de Agricultura de Texas para la liberación de fondos del Programa de Desarrollo a la Comunidad "Block Grant" bajo la Sección 104 del Título I de la Ley de Vivienda y Desarrollo a la Comunidad de 1974, según enmendada, para llevar a cabo un proyecto conocido como Reconstrucción de la calle en Rick Husband Boulevard, CDV21-0160 con el propósito de Reconstruir aproximadamente ochocientos pies lineales (800 l.f.) de calzada utilizando tres mil seiscientos yardas cuadradas (3,600 SY) de base flexible de cuatro pulgadas (4 in) y subrasante compactada HMAC tres mil seiscientos yardas cuadradas (3,600 SY) de base flexible de cuatro pulgadas (4 in.) y HMAC, material de subrasante compactado, incluyendo excavación, nivelación y todos los accesorios asociados y actividades de administración y/o ingeniería asociadas, por un costo estimado de \$350,000.00 en fondos del HUD y \$17,500.00 en fondos que no son del HUD. El proyecto está ubicado de la siguiente manera: Rick Husband Boulevard, desde Dawn Drive hasta Pampa Drive. No se identificaron actividades alternativas. Traducción realizada con la versión gratuita del traductor. **COMENTARIOS PÚBLICOS** Cualquier individuo, grupo o entidad puede presentar comentarios escritos sobre el ERR a la Oficina Municipal de Howardwick a mayohowardwick@gmail.com. Todos los comentarios recibidos antes del 28/07/2023 serán considerados por la Ciudad de Howardwick antes de autorizar la presentación de la solicitud de liberación de fondos. Los comentarios deben especificar a cuál aviso se refieren. **CERTIFICACIÓN AMBIENTAL** La Ciudad de Howardwick certifica ante el Estado de Texas que, en su capacidad de Gerente Municipal, acepta la jurisdicción de los tribunales federales en caso de que se presente una acción para hacer cumplir las responsabilidades relacionadas con el proceso de revisión ambiental y que estas responsabilidades se han cumplido. La aprobación del Estado de la certificación satisface sus responsabilidades bajo la NEPA y las leyes y autoridades relacionadas, y permite que la Ciudad de Howardwick utilice los fondos del Programa. **OBJECIONES A LA LIBERACIÓN DE FONDOS** El Estado aceptará objeciones a la liberación de fondos y a la certificación de la Ciudad de Howardwick durante un período de quince días siguientes a la fecha de presentación anticipada o a la fecha real de recepción de la solicitud (la que sea posterior), solo si se basan en uno de los siguientes motivos: (a) la certificación no fue ejecutada por el Funcionario Certificador de la Ciudad de Howardwick; (b) la Ciudad de Howardwick ha omitido un paso o no ha tomado una decisión o constatación requerida por las regulaciones de HUD en 24 CFR Parte 58; (c) el beneficiario de la subvención u otros participantes en el proceso de desarrollo han comprometido fondos, incurrido en costos o realizado actividades no autorizadas por la Parte 58 del 24 CFR antes de la aprobación de la liberación de fondos por el Estado; o (d) otra agencia federal, actuando de conformidad con la Parte 1504 del 40 CFR, ha presentado un dictamen escrito de que el proyecto es insatisfactorio desde el punto de vista de la calidad ambiental. Las objeciones

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deben ser preparadas y presentadas de acuerdo con los procedimientos requeridos (24 CFR Parte 58, Sección 58.76) y deben ser dirigidas al Departamento de Agricultura de Texas a CDBG_EnvReview@TexasAgriculture.gov o a PO Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711. Los posibles oponentes deben comunicarse con el Estado para verificar el último día real del período de objeción. Tony Clemishire, Mayor Municipal de Howardwick

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

7/13/2023
City of Howardwick
245 Rick Husband Blvd
Howardwick, Texas 79226
(806) 874-2222
These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Howardwick. REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS On or about 7/29/2023 the City of Howardwick will submit a request to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the release of Community Development Block Grant Program funds under Section 104 of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as Street reconstruction on Rick Husband Boulevard, CDV21-0160 for the purpose of reconstructing approximately eight hundred linear feet (800 l.f.) of roadway utilizing three thousand six hundred square yards (3,600 SY) of four-inch (4 in.) flexible base and HMAC, compacted subgrade material, including excavation, grading and all associated appurtenances and associated administration and/or engineering activities, for an estimated cost of \$350,000.00 in HUD funds and \$17,500.00 in non-HUD funds. The project is located as follows: Rick Husband Boulevard, from Dawn Drive to approximately 800 linear feet east. No alternative activities were identified.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT The City of Howardwick has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file 245 Rick Husband Blvd, Howardwick, TX 79226 and may be examined or copied weekdays on Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Howardwick Hall at mayohowardwick@gmail.com. All comments received by 7/28/2023 will be considered by the City of Howardwick prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing. **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION** The City of Howardwick certifies to the State of Texas that Tony Clemishire in his capacity as Mayor of Howardwick consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The State's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Howardwick to use Program funds.

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OBJECIONES TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The State will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Howardwick's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Howardwick (b) the City of Howardwick has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the State; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Texas Department of Agriculture at CDBG_EnvReview@TexasAgriculture.gov or PO Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711. Potential objectors should contact the State to verify the actual last day of the objection period. Tony Clemishire, Mayor of Howardwick

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Knock! Knock!

Shelly.

Shelly who?

Who's there?

Hey, Shelly who? What did he say?

Nothing, he clammed up! Get it? Get it?

groan!

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People at the Beach

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New Lodge Officers

Clarendon Lodge #700 A.F.&A.M. installed officers for the coming year during its regular meeting on Monday, July 10. Shown here are Senior Warden Jarrod McDaniel, Worshipful Master Chris Wilson, and Junior Warden Corey Blais. Other officers for 2023-2024 are Tiler John Lockhart, Secretary Russell Estlack, Chaplain Larry Hicks, Treasurer Roger Estlack, Senior Deacon Ewayne Barbee, Junior Deacon John Tom Morrow, and Steward Jim Owens.

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Clarendon COLLEGE

Public Notice for
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR DESIGN BUILD SERVICES 2023-01

for
Construction of Dormitory Renovations and other Campus Improvements Project

Pursuant to Texas Government Code, as it currently exists or may hereafter be amended or replaced, this Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFQ) is intended to solicit qualifications from design-build firms ("Respondents") with capabilities to develop, design, construct and renovate certain buildings, instructional and other facilities improvements for Clarendon College ("Owner"). For the purpose of this RFQ, "Respondent" refers to any entity or team that is qualified to provide all of the design-build services as listed in this RFQ. It is the intent of the Owner to select the Respondent demonstrating the best overall value to the Owner and enter into an agreement for turnkey design-build services.

Sealed Statements of Qualifications ("Responses") shall be received no later than:
August 10, 2023 @ 5:00 p.m., LOCAL TIME

And shall be submitted to:
Clarendon College
ATTN: Tex Buckhaults, President
Mailing Address: PO Box 968, Clarendon, TX 79226
Hand Delivery: 1122 College Drive, Clarendon, TX 79226
(Late deliveries will not be accepted)

Please mark envelopes with the following:
Design-Build Services
Dormitory Renovations Project and Facilities Improvements
RFQ #2023-01

Responses received after the deadline will not be considered. Please enclose one original and two copies of your response with the appropriate annotation to the address above. Proposals shall only be provided by those short-listed respondents after they are selected by Owner.

Public Notice
Issuance of Request for Qualifications for Design and Construction Services
CLARENDON COLLEGE ("College" or "Owner") will be soliciting Statements of Qualifications from qualified Design-Build Firms/Teams interested in providing professional design and construction services for the renovation and improvements to the College's dormitory facilities and other facility improvements.
Project Site: 1122 College Drive, Clarendon, TX 79226
Project Description and Scope: Construction of renovations of dormitories and other facility improvements.

The Design-Builder's scope of work will include:
1. Pre-construction project planning, including assistance in the preparation of a schedule, preliminary cost estimate and value engineering measures if needed.
2. Preparing site, architectural, structural, mechanical, plumbing, and electrical design plans.
3. Building Design: building plan configuration and elevation elements for the project, including foundation, structural and roof systems, overall dimensions, mechanical/electrical/plumbing design including systems, equipment and calculations, systems review and coordination and integration to include all utilities and controls.
4. Development and refinement of cost estimates and project schedules.
5. Construction administration and observation, monthly site observations and meetings.
6. Project closeout, establishment of warranties and guarantees.

Anticipated Project Budget:
Clarendon College estimates an approximate construction budget of \$750 for completion of this project, including all costs and fees.

Anticipated Project Schedule:	Date
Issue/Advertise RFQ in official advertising publications	July 13 th 2023
Deadline for written questions and clarifications on RFQ	July 27 th 2023
Deadline for submission of Statement of Qualifications	August 10 th 2023
Request for Proposal Questions from short-listed, if necessary	August 14 th 2023
Present short list to College Board for ranking/selection at regularly scheduled Board Meeting	TBD
President will begin negotiations after College Board ranking of shortlisted firms immediately following board selection	TBD

Design Builder Evaluation / Selection Criteria and Scoring
Each respondent will be evaluated and short-listed based on their Statement of Qualifications score (100 points maximum) as determined through a qualification review process and scoring criteria noted below: (If necessary)

Criteria	Points
1. Experience	20 points
2. Technical competence	20 points
3. Proximity to Clarendon College	10 points
4. Capability to perform	40 points
5. The past performance of the Respondent's team and members of team	10 points
TOTAL	100 points

The college may short list up to 3 qualified Firms/Teams who may be asked to provide further information and possibly interview with an evaluation team made up of college representatives to help determine ranking before the final selection is made.

Explanation of Project Team by Submitting Design-Build Firms/Teams
Each applicant submitting qualifications for this RFQ shall include an explanation of its Project team, which shall consist of either:
1. A list of the licensed design professionals, (but not limited to) licensed contractors and licensed subcontractors whom the Design-Builder proposes to use for the Project's design and construction; or
2. An outline of the strategy the Design-Builder plans to use for contractor and sub-contractor selection.