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

City sales taxes fall in July allocation

Clarendon's sales tax revenue slipped this month when Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar made his July allocations to local governments.

The city's sales tax revenue of \$38,246.06 was down 5.99 percent from this month one year ago. For the calendar year-to-date, Clarendon is almost even with a year ago with revenues of \$284,841.78, down 0.58 percent.

Hedley was up this month 14.07 percent with an allocation of \$723.89, bringing that city up 13.43 percent on the year-to-date with revenues of \$7,539.62.

Howardwick's revenue was up 5.55 percent with \$1,642.59, and that city is now 10.85 percent ahead on the year with \$12,893.29.

Hegar delivered \$1.1 billion in local sales tax allocations statewide for July, 7.5 percent more than in July 2022.

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

FSA committee nominations open

The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) is now accepting nominations for county committee members for elections that will occur later this year.

Additionally, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is unveiling a new GIS tool to make it easier for producers to participate in the nomination and election processes for county committee members, who make important decisions on how federal farm programs are administered locally.

All nomination forms for the 2023 election must be post-marked or received in the local FSA office by Aug. 1, 2023.

Elections will occur in certain Local Administrative Areas (LAA) for members. LAAs are elective areas for FSA committees in a single county or multi-county jurisdiction and they may include LAAs that are focused on an urban or suburban area.

Customers can locate their LAA through a new GIS locator tool available at fsa.usda.gov/elections.

Agricultural producers may be nominated for candidacy for the county committee if they participate or cooperate in a USDA program; and reside in the LAA that is up for election this year.

A cooperating producer is someone who has provided information about their farming or ranching operation to FSA, even if they have not applied or received program benefits. Individuals may nominate themselves or others and qualifying organizations may also nominate candidates. USDA encourages minority producers, women and beginning farmers or ranchers to nominate, vote and hold office.

Howardwick to host Hoedown this Saturday

Howardwick residents and guests are in for a good time when the community hosts its fifth annual Hoedown Saturday, July 22, at McMorries Memorial Park.

Fun, music, games, and prizes will help celebrate the community and raise more money for street repairs, according to City Secretary and Hoedown organizer Sandy Childress.

Plenty of food will be avail-

able throughout the day, starting at 11 a.m., and dancing and music will continue throughout the day. Lunch will be available for \$10 per person - pulled pork sandwiches, chips, drink, and dessert.

A John Deere Z330M 54" 23HP lawnmower is the big raffle prize for the day and you don't have to be present to win, but a live on-site raffle with more than \$1,000 in prizes will also be going on all day

for those present with winners every hour.

The second annual Corn Hole Tournament hosted by the Clarendon Lions Club is accepting sign-ups and is offering cash prizes as well as the chance to win a custom corn hole set. The first place team wins \$400, second place is \$300, and third place is \$100. All teams have a chance at the corn hole set. Entry is \$50 per person for a two-person corn hole

team. Call City Hall at 806-874-2222 for more information.

Other competitions include the second annual putting contest with more than \$1,000 in prizes. Proceeds from the putting green contest benefit TX Helping Hand, which helps people with utility bills.

A slip-n-slide will be available for kids, and 14 vendor booths are currently signed up to be at the event.

Those attending the Hoedown

should plan to bring their own seating and their own umbrellas or other shading if they desire. The weather forecast is calling for cooler temperatures and possible clouds for Saturday.

The official Hoedown activities wind down at 4 p.m., but an unaffiliated Karaoke After Party will be held in the park following the celebration.

For more information, call City Hall at 806-874-2222.



Almost the end of the line

Workers formed up the curbing in front of the future REFZ Sports Bar & Grill Tuesday as Clarendon's Downtown Revitalization project moved closer to finishing sidewalk replacement on the west side of Kearney Street. Forming of the sidewalk in front of the new business should happen this week, which will also the sidewalk project to move to the east side of the street in the near future.

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City tackles several issues last Thursday

The Clarendon City Council met in regular session July 13 to discuss issues ranging from legal issues to law enforcement to downtown revitalization.

In Public Comments, Heather Sims addressed the Council about approving an Ordinance allowing golf carts on city streets. She asked for this item to be put on the next city council meeting agenda.

After meeting in closed session, the council voted to retain Underwood Law Firm to represent the city on the Franchise Agreement, Service Agreement and Land Lease Agreement with Diversified Waste.

The council voted in favor of an amendment to the city's Groundwater Sales Contract with Greenbelt Water Authority.

Following a discussion on issues involving property owners within the Downtown Revitalization Project area, the council approved making an adjustment to the sidewalk design to allow for future possibility of setting a pergola at one local business.

The city's contract with the Donley County Sheriff was discussed and a motion was approved to form a committee of Mayor Jacob Fangman, Mayor Pro Tem Larry Jeffers, Judge John Howard, Sheriff Butch Blackburn, and Commissioner Mark White to work on the Sheriff's contract with Donley County to come to an agreement that will work for both budgets.

The search for the next was discussed with aldermen agreeing to interview Michelle Linear and reopening the job postings on the same websites as before.

A motion was approved to accept the single bid of \$12,000 by Mandy Smith for the purchase of the property at 600 S. Bugbee Avenue.

Quarterly investment reports for the city were reviewed and approved.

No action was taken by the council on the proposed Donley County Appraisal District budget for fiscal year 2024.

In his report to the council, City Administrator David Dockery discussed project updates, the aquatic center, personnel updates, and a city picnic or Sod Poodles game for employees.

Mayor Fangman thanked everyone for being there and dealing with all the city business going on and all the moving parts at this time, and Alderman McIntosh thanked everyone for hanging in there during a difficult meeting.



Clarendon High School FFA chapter members Laney Gates and Levi Gates receive the Lone Star FFA Degree.



COURTESY PHOTO

CHS students earn FFA Lone Star Degree

Laney and Levi Gates of the Clarendon FFA Chapter were awarded the Lone Star FFA Degree at the 95th annual Texas FFA State Convention held July 10-14. The Lone Star FFA Degree is the highest degree bestowed by the Texas FFA.

The Lone Star FFA Degree recognizes FFA members who have received the Chapter degree, been active FFA members for at least two years, completed at least four semesters of agricultural science

at or above the ninth grade level, maintained a supervised agricultural experience (SAE) program, demonstrated their leadership skills, and have shown a commitment to the FFA through involvement at the chapter level and above. (Student Last Name) was one of more than 2,200 FFA members to receive this esteemed degree.

The 95th annual Texas FFA Convention recorded approximately 15,000 members and guests. Mem-

bers of the state's largest agricultural youth leadership organization spent the week attending leadership workshops, participating in events and activities, being recognized for their achievements, and serving as the legislative body for the Texas FFA Association.

The Texas FFA is the nation's largest state FFA association with a membership of more than 169,000. FFA gives students the opportunity to apply practical classroom knowl-

edge to real world experiences through local, state and national competitions. For more information about the Texas FFA, visit www.mytexasffa.org.

This is the first time in almost a decade the Clarendon FFA Chapter has two students receiving this honor. Under the new guidance of CHS alumnus Jayson Pigg, the Clarendon FFA Chapter is looking forward to a busy and productive year.

Enterprise wins press awards; former publisher honored

The Clarendon Enterprise received 14 awards and a former local publisher was recognized at the 114th annual Panhandle Press Association Convention in Canyon last weekend.

Competing in Division One for weekly newspapers, Sandy Anderson won First Place for the Enterprise for Sports Writing, and the crew of Tara Allred, Ashlee Estlack, and Roger Estlack won First Place for Advertising Initiative for ads created for the Chamber of Commerce, the Clarendon Lions Club, and the Saints' Roost Museum.

Serious Columns by Benjamin Estlack and Roger Estlack won first place.

The Enterprise was also first place in Front Page Layout, News Writing, Spot News Photos, Society & Lifestyles, Feature Stories, Special Section, Editorials, and Website.

The Enterprise won second place honors for Sports Photos by Elaina Estlack, Human Interest Photos by Elaina and Roger Estlack, and Headline Writing.

The General Excellence in Division One went to the Enterprise this year as well.

During a luncheon on Friday, former Clarendon publisher the late Carroll Koch was inducted into the PPA Hall of Fame. Koch began her newspaper career working in the office of the Quanah Tribune-Chief for her husband J.A. Koch, who was the editor and publisher. Upon his untimely death in 1956, Koch took over the reigns as editor and publisher and became the caretaker of the news for Quanah. In 1958, with the hiring of Ed Eakin as editor, Koch focused on being a working publisher until her retirement and sale of the Quanah Tribune-Chief in

1978.

Koch along with Eakin and Dean Singleton launched The Clarendon Press in 1972 and purchased The Donley County Leader and The Clarendon News in 1974, merging all three papers under the Press nameplate in 1975. Singleton left the partnership in 1976, and Koch and Eakin sold the paper that eventually today's Enterprise to Helen Woody in 1978.

Jim Steiert of Hereford was also named to the Hall of Fame.

PPA officers for the coming year are President Tim Ritter of the

Canyon News, Vice President Tara Huff of the Eagle Press in Fritch/Borger, Immediate Past President Jeff Blackburn of Hereford, and Secretary Roger Estlack of Clarendon. They are joined on the board by directors Shane Lance of Quanah, Shannon Cook of Canyon, Mary Dudley of Perryton, Suzanne Bell-snyder of Spearman, and Michael Wright of Dumas.

Attending this year's annual Panhandle Press Association convention from Clarendon were Roger, Ashlee, Benjamin, and Elaina Estlack and Tara Allred.



The story of a good deed gone wrong

As productivity lessens in later life, one is sometimes guilty of over-analysis, probing the depths of understanding too far.

Been there lately? If not, maybe you're not old enough, or perhaps you've learned to downplay interest in the "I-wonder-whys" of life.

This week, my route to productive missions was sidetracked by a proverb dating back 900 years and a Portuguese custom which faded from practice some 300 years ago....

I will deal with each topic forthwith, hopeful that you'll choose other pursuits if neither of them piques your interest.

First, the proverb: "No good deed goes unpunished."

Second, the long-abandoned practice in a monastery near Lisbon, Portugal. In the 1700s, monks and nuns there used egg whites to starch their cassocks, clerical collars, robes and habits....

I confess that my mind goes into "tilt mode" when confronting some words and phrases. I can never remember if there is a difference in "flammable" and "inflammable." When trying to remember the difference in "imply" and "infer," my mind scrambles. (Don't try to make me understand. Experts have tried, concluding that my corral of understanding is – in reality – the size of a pig pen, with big gaps in the fence.)

On the "good deeds" thing, I think I have a current example that helps me to understand the meaning of the phrase – one which seems to be a mishmash of Biblical references....

Here goes: My wife and I – living in the first of 10 homes built on our cul de sac some 20 years ago – are beneficiaries of generous neighbors who suit us to a "T." The "T" is a perfect alphabetical choice; they truly are Trophy neighbors.

Soon after moving in, the man next door – claiming to desire "more exercise and more sweat" – asked if I minded his mowing and edging our yard. Minded? During half of my professional years, yard care was provided. I immediately granted him permission; We don't even own a rake!

He was heaven-sent; I imagined hearing the rustle of angel wings as he spoke. He has mowed/edged dozens of times – methodically and punctually – the way perfectionists do....

That said, he has continued this good deed weekly in all growing seasons. We've offered "thank-you's," which seem minor indeed, and handed off some foodstuff from time to time. I'm sure, though, that he'd keep right on mowing without thought of reciprocation. He mentions regularly how much he enjoys these labors. (Good for him!)

Surely the "good deed" thing fits in because soon, he was punished!

He and his wife, planning a two-week vacation in Florida, asked if we'd keep an eye on things, pick up packages delivered to their front porch and arrange for someone to mow our yards....

I agreed, engaging a student to mow and edge at the end of week one. He was unavailable for the second mowing, however. Others begged off, most with lame excuses. On mowing day, there was a cool breeze, with a temperature in the low 80s. I decided to mow their front yard, with rest stops, if needed. It was, at most, a 30-minute job. I was a bit flagged. But, I proceeded non-stop, perhaps a bit short of "flying colors" and a flag that wasn't noticeably limp.

I plumb forgot that our neighbors have one of those "see all" security cameras. Moments into my mowing venture, they spotted me on their phone screens, almost a thousand miles away. My "good deed" could well have been punished. They sent texts to "cease and desist" mowing immediately. (I did, right after that last swath.)

They didn't call the sheriff, nor even initiate the conversation upon returning home. We apologized, of course, promising to be more specific about arrangements in the future which will NOT involve my participation....

Now, the egg-white starching.

Maybe real starch came along. Maybe they ran out of ways to use egg yolks.

Uh, maybe the "yolk's on us."....

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Government's role in social media

By Ken Paulson

Does the federal government have the right to encourage social media companies to bar posts that it contends offer false, misleading or potentially dangerous health information to the public?

That's the issue at the heart of a case in which U.S. District Judge Terry Doughty issued an injunction ordering the federal government to refrain from — in his words — "contacting social media companies for the purpose of urging, encouraging, pressuring, or inducing in any manner, the removal, deletion, suppression, or reduction of content containing protected free speech posted on social-media platforms."

It's a broad order in a case in the early stages of litigation, and it's unusual for a number of reasons:

The social media companies are not plaintiffs in this case. In virtually every First Amendment case involving media, the plaintiff is someone who contends that the government has limited his or her free speech. Instead, this case was filed by Republican attorneys general from Louisiana and Missouri alleging that pressure from the government on social media companies infringed on the First Amendment rights of social media users.

If a social media company censors content on its site, it's not a First Amendment violation. The First Amendment protects us from government actions, not those of private companies.

The plaintiffs are claiming that government pressure makes any removal of posts unconstitutional, even though an independent decision by a social media company would not be actionable.

The judge has apparently already made up his mind. Although this case is at an early stage and there is a trial ahead, Judge Doughty made a point of issuing his ruling on the 4th of July. That in itself is very unusual, but came into focus with Doughty's colorful opinion, which noted that "evidence produced thus far depicts an almost dystopian scenario. During the COVID-19 pandemic, a period perhaps best characterized by widespread doubt and uncertainty, the United States Government seems to have assumed a role similar to an Orwellian 'Ministry of Truth.'" A judge citing George Orwell's novel 1984 before even hearing testimony is not a good sign for the government. In rejecting a request on July 10 to place his order on hold, Doughty also said he believed the government would lose the case.

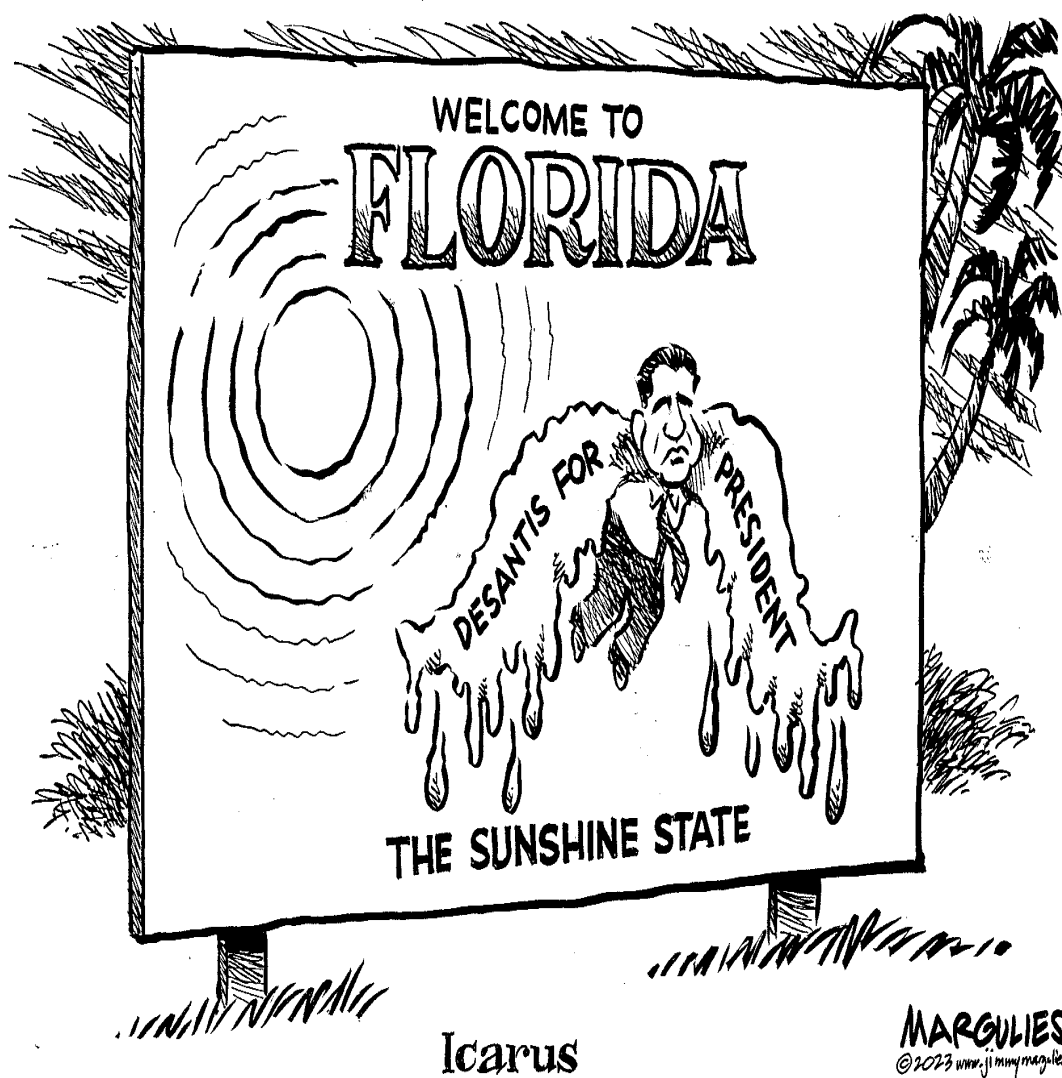
The judge's order is far-reaching and in some respects unprecedented. As Jameel Jaffer, the executive director of the Knight First Amendment Institute at Columbia University, told The New York Times, "It can't be that the government violates the First Amendment simply by engaging with the platforms about their content-moderation decisions and policies.... If that's what the court is saying here, it's a pretty radical proposition

that isn't supported by the case law."

The language is broad and would seem to bar government speech that attempts to "discourage" the posting or publication of content protected under the First Amendment. As a newspaper editor for many years, I know firsthand how often government officials call news media to urge them not to publish constitutionally protected articles, either because they have a self-interest or claim to have a government interest. Were my free-press rights violated? I always had the right to ignore the calls, just as social media companies do. If the government ordered Facebook to take down posts, that would be a clear violation of the First Amendment, but where do expressions of concern fall?

Government lawyers have characterized the judge's injunction as a gag order on the federal government and have filed a request for an emergency stay with the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. (Update: The Associated Press reported that the 5th Circuit on July 14 temporarily paused Doughty's order.)

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Rethinking junior colleges for future

By Renzo Soto

Legislators this year took a historic step toward fundamentally realigning the way Texas funds its community colleges. The goal? Ensuring Texans are earning postsecondary credentials that will give them greater access to higher-paying careers.

The product of years of work by a commission established to rethink community colleges' financing systems, this reform effort emphasized funding formula changes, college capacity improvements and student affordability investments.

Aligning funding to student outcomes

Reform efforts this year focused largely on establishing a new funding system for community colleges in Texas. The old, enrollment-driven funding formulas presented many challenges for the state's community colleges, especially with the enrollment declines of recent years. That has led to funding instability felt particularly acutely in small and rural colleges.

The state responded by overhauling this enrollment-based system to more directly align community college funding to student completion of a postsecondary credential that has proven workforce value.

This new system based on documented improvements of students' outcomes has great potential to vastly improve the skilled Texas labor force. Despite steep enrollment decreases during the pandemic, community colleges still serve nearly 700,000 students

across the state. That means community colleges remain well-positioned to equip large numbers of Texans with the specialized skills required by emerging and high-demand jobs.

Providing more support for community colleges

To accelerate the alignment of community colleges' course offerings with workforce demands, lawmakers also took steps this year to build up the capacity of community colleges, including the continuation of the Texas Reskilling and Upskilling through Education program.

TRUE grants help community colleges start or expand short-term credential programs aligned with regional and statewide workforce needs. They serve students ranging from young, first-time-in-college students to those already in the workforce.

Since the inception of the TRUE program in 2021, colleges have used the funds to establish programs such as advanced manufacturing mechatronics, automation and construction management certificates, and patient care technician certifications.

Expanding opportunities to more Texans

For these reforms to achieve the desired effects, the state must also address the accessibility of a postsecondary education.

Only 43 percent of economically disadvantaged Texas students currently go on to enroll in postsecondary education after graduating from high school. That's compared to 64 percent of non-

economically disadvantaged students. Closing this gap will require removing as many barriers to enrollment as possible, particularly cost barriers.

Lawmakers this year invested \$125 million in Texas Education Opportunity Grants, the state's need-based financial aid program for community college students, and \$78.6 million in financial aid for low-income high school students to take a dual credit course through the newly established Financial Aid for Swift Transfer program.

The FAST scholarship ensures that low-income students whose college participates in the program can take dual credit courses at no cost to them or their families. The FAST program also helps community colleges by providing a supply of students whom they can help achieve outcomes rewarded by the new funding formulas – specifically, completing dual credit hours required by degree and other credential programs and, ideally, also earning a postsecondary credential of value alongside their high school diploma.

Through a cohesive and intertwined package of reforms that systemically prioritizes outcomes and workforce value in the state's long-term funding formulas, Texas can lead the nation in changing the way we approach and view higher education.

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Obituaries

Robinson

Vera June Whaley Robinson passed away on July 12, 2023, in Amarillo. She was born June 9, 1939, to John William Whaley and Hazel Lois Coulter Whaley, in Stephens County, Oklahoma.



Robinson

A memorial service will be held at Clarendon Church of Christ on July 21, 2023, at 10:00 am with graveside service at 2:00 p.m. at Claude Cemetery in Claude.

Arrangements are under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors in Clarendon.

June attended schools in Oklahoma, Texas, and Colorado, graduating from Plainview School near Griggs, Oklahoma in 1957. She attended Panhandle A & M College in Goodwell, Oklahoma where she met her soon-to-be husband Fred

Edward Robinson. They married on June 14, 1959, in Adrian, Texas. Fred and June had three sons, Clay, Glen, and Scot Robinson. June also attended and graduated from West Texas State University in August 1970. Later at the age of 76, she graduated from Sunset International Bible Institute in Lubbock with an Associate Degree in Biblical Studies.

June's careers were many and varied, representing her diverse interests. She worked in Civil Service, as an elementary school teacher, a secondary school teacher, home daycare provider, newspaper writer, librarian, and author. Her hobbies included reading, crocheting, quilting, and writing. She also spent time volunteering in Montezuma Creek, Utah with her brother Ray Whaley's church.

She was preceded in death by a stillborn son, her parents, husband Fred, brothers Harry and Randell Whaley, brothers-in-law Eugene Robinson and Albert Formway, and sisters-in-law Tresa Whaley, Ellen Whaley, and Lynda Robinson.

She is survived by her sons and daughter-in-laws: Clay and Sherilyn Robinson, Glen and Renae Rob-

inson, Scot and Sarah Robinson; grandchildren and spouses; Jesse and Jessica Robinson, Josiah Robinson, Janae and Casey Kreines, Joel Robinson and Kelsey Martin, Cody and Randi Glenn, Timothy and Courtney Robinson, Cassie and Stephen Dunn, Tressa Robinson, Logan Robinson and Sarah Grace Robinson; great-grandchildren Amos and Abigail Robinson, Ember Robinson, and Vera Kreines; as well as brothers and in-laws, Wayne Whaley and wife Karen, Ray Whaley and wife Oleta, and Larry Whaley, Shirley Robinson and Doris Formway and James Robinson. She was loved and cherished by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends in numerous places.

The family are eternally grateful to Rhinehart Elder Care in Clarendon for their loving, supportive care of June for the last 16 months.

The family suggests memorial gifts to be designated to the missions programs of Sunset International Bible Institute 3723 34th St. Lubbock, TX 79410 or online at <https://www.sibi.cc/donate>.

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for
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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

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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.

¿Qué Pasa?

Community Calendar

July 21 & 22
Sound of Freedom & Mission Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part 1 • Sandell Drive In • Grill opens at 6:30 p.m. • Movie starts at dusk

July 21 & 22
Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny • 7:30 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

July 22
Howardick Hoedown. 11 a.m. at McMorries Memorial Park featuring Food, craft and Vendor Booths, Music, Raffles, Cornhole and more! See ClarendonTx.com for more information

July 23
Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny • 2:00 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

Menus

July 24 - 28

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Chicken strips, gravy, macaroni & cheese, potato wedges, garden salad, whole wheat roll, sliced peaches w/whipped topping, iced tea/2% milk.

Tues: Polish sausage, cabbage, mashed potatoes, whole wheat roll, black forest parfait, iced tea/2% milk.

Wed: Enchilada casserole, tossed salad, pinto beans, Spanish rice, churro, iced tea/2% milk.

Thurs: Pot roast, gravy, potatoes, onions, carrots, green beans, whole wheat roll, peach cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Pollock, Brussel sprouts, French fries, hushpuppies, fruit cocktail, sugar cookie, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Baked crusted tilapia, herbed rice, chopped spinach, sweet potato fries, banana bread, whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.

Tue: French onion pork chop, roasted red potatoes, broccoli & carrots, pina colada cupcake, iced tea/2% milk.

Wed: Chicken fried steak w/ gravy, homemade mashed potatoes, brown rice, country green beans with bacon & onions, banana pudding, buttermilk biscuit, iced tea/2% milk.

Thurs: Baked lemon chicken, fiesta rice, buttered corn, blueberry cobbler, roll, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Sloppy Joe on bun, tater tots, chocolate chip oatmeal cookies, iced tea/2% milk.

AQHA Museum free for families on July 22

The American Quarter Horse Foundation is excited to host a free Family Fun Day on July 22 at the American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame & Museum in Amarillo. Everyone is invited to experience the Hall of Fame & Museum free for one day this summer.

Admission is free only on July 22. The Museum Family Day hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Attendees are also able to participate in these fun and exciting activities: Storytelling, Crafts, Self-guided museum tours, Free activity books, Meet a real American Quarter Horse in the arena, Special appearance by Two Bits mascot, and Snacks and refreshments.

Mark your calendar to join in on the fun and share a piece of the West with your family and friends at the Hall of Fame & Museum.

The American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame & Museum in Amarillo, Texas, is a place for horse lovers of all ages to learn more about the American Quarter Horse and to experience a piece of the West. Start your Museum visit at www.aqha.com/museum. Celebrating and preserving the history of the American Quarter Horse, the Hall of Fame & Museum is a program of the American Quarter Horse Foundation, the charitable arm of the American Quarter Horse Association. Every gift makes a difference. Give today.



And the winners are...

Among those recognized in the Panhandle Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest this year were Jeff Blackmon of Hereford, Tim Ritter of Canyon, Benjamin Estlack of Clarendon, Tara Huff of Fritch, Roger Estlack of Clarendon, Elaina Estlack of Clarendon, Tara Allred of Clarendon, Creed Huff of Fritch, and Shane and Karen Lance of Quanah.

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Grant provides work items area residents

Workforce Solutions Panhandle is excited to announce the launch of Panhandle WorkEssentials, a groundbreaking initiative generously funded by a grant from the Texas Workforce Commission.

Panhandle WorkEssentials is specifically designed to facilitate the procurement of essential work items for new hires, ensuring they have the necessary tools to succeed in their jobs. This program aims to eliminate financial obstacles that may otherwise prevent individuals from accepting employment opportunities due to the inability to afford these crucial work-related items.

In today's fiercely competitive job market, employers often require specific items from their employees, such as tools, uniforms, boots, and safety gear. However, not everyone has the financial means to acquire these essentials, which can result in missed employment prospects. Recognizing the significance of overcoming these challenges, Workforce Solutions Panhandle remains steadfast in its commitment to ensuring that job seekers in the Texas Panhandle region have access to the resources they need for success.

To qualify for the Panhandle WorkEssentials program, individuals must apply prior to commencing their new jobs. Workforce Solutions Panhandle strongly encourages all

unemployed or underemployed adults to take full advantage of this opportunity. Priority consideration will be given to veterans, spouses of veterans, foster youth, recipients of public assistance, low-income individuals, and those who are basic skills deficient.

These funds cover essential tools and other work implements for jobs that require some sort of technical or on-the-job training after high school, but not a bachelor's degree. For example, Correctional Officers, Electricians, medical positions, HVAC Technicians, etc.

Entry level positions do not qualify for these funds. Examples: cashier, waiter/waitress, customer service associate, etc.

If you have any doubts about your eligibility, please don't hesitate to reach out to our Job Training Services Workgroup at (806) 345-1340 for further clarification.

Panhandle WorkEssentials offers its support to various groups, including individuals who have lost their jobs due to downsizing, loss of contracts, financial difficulty, technology upgrades, or relocation. The program also extends its assistance to recently released military veterans and spouses, as well as displaced homemakers, as they pursue new employment opportunities.

To apply for this invaluable

assistance or for any related inquiries, interested individuals are encouraged to contact the Job Training Services Workgroup at (806) 345-1340.

Applicants must provide the necessary documentation to establish their eligibility based on the following criteria: Must be authorized to work in the United States. Registration with Selective Service is mandatory for nearly all male U.S. citizens, regardless of residence, and male immigrants (documented or undocumented) residing in the United States, aged 18 and above.

Workforce Solutions Panhandle takes great pride in its collaboration with the Texas Workforce Commission to create opportunities for individuals to secure gainful employment and enhance their economic stability. Through the Panhandle WorkEssentials initiative, the program aims to empower Texas Panhandle residents by removing financial barriers and providing the essential work-related items necessary for professional success.

For more information about Panhandle WorkEssentials and other programs offered by Workforce Solutions Panhandle, please visit WSPanhandle.com.

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Junior Gardener program helps grow good kids

For teachers and community leaders looking for a youth summer education program or a fun, engaging youth education activity for the fall, the Junior Master Gardener program's Learn, Grow, Eat and Go! curriculum may just fit the bill.

The Learn, Grow, Eat and Go!, or LGEG, youth gardening curricula is the cornerstone of the Junior Master Gardener programming, said Lisa Whittlesey, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service program specialist and international JMG program coordinator in the Department of Horticultural Sciences at the Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

"Learn, Grow, Eat and Go! is an interdisciplinary curricula that integrates academics, gardening, nutrient-dense food experiences, physical activity, and school and family engagement," Whittlesey said. "The target audience is kids in third to fifth grade, but the curricula can be modified to suit various grade levels."

She said there is also an Early Childhood LGEG curriculum especially suited for children ages 4 and 5.

"The Early Childhood LGEG-curriculum is a four-week unit that combines plant and garden learning, food exposure, brain- and body-

boosting physical activities, and novel parental engagement built around plant part themes," Whittlesey said.

The curriculum for elementary school-age youth includes two lessons a week. Students learn about plant nutrient requirements, as well as nutrients required for the human body to function properly. They maintain and harvest vegetables from their own learning garden, plus take part in cooking activities in which they help prepare dishes using the vegetables they grow and harvest.

"This curriculum gives young people the opportunity to explore their world through meaningful activities that help develop useful life skills," Whittlesey said. "It teaches them to become smarter food consumers, along with getting them outdoors and engaging them as responsible members of our food system."

The LGEG curriculum is available on the AgriLife Learn site, and the cost is \$56. The site also hosts additional LGEG materials, including a Spanish-language version of the curriculum and teacher video lesson library.

About the Junior Master Gardener program

The Junior Master Gardener

program is an international youth gardening program of the land-grant university Cooperative Extension Network. Both in the U.S. and internationally, the JMG program is administered by AgriLife Extension, an educational outreach agency of the Texas A&M University System.

The JMG program works in collaboration with teachers, school administrators, school districts, community groups, youth organizations and youth leaders to bring its programs to youth throughout the state, she said.

Junior Master Gardener group activities take place in schools around the country and are taught by teachers as a part of their classroom instruction. There are also JMG groups that learn in informal settings such as afterschool programs, 4-H clubs, scouting and summer camps.

A variety of materials, including curricula and resources for teachers and other leaders interested in garden-related content, are available through the program. These include core comprehensive JMG curricula for elementary and middle school programs as well as thematic curricula such as LGEG, Wildlife Gardening and Literature in the Garden.

More information on the Junior Master Gardener program can be found at <https://jmgkids.us/>.



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting July 18, 2023, with Boss Lion Landon Lambert in charge.

We had 13 members in person and three attending virtually.

Lion Machiel Covey reported that the downtown revitalization project is moving along with one side of the street almost done and sidewalks on the other side to start soon.

Lion John Howard reported the county is working to determine a tax rate for the new budget and said work on the county barn in Hedley is underway.

Lion Scarlet Estlack said Summer II classes have started at the college and students will be returning to campus soon.

Lion Richard Green reported the Howardwick Hoedown is this Saturday in McMorries Memorial Park and said set-up for the Lions Cornhole Tournament will start at 10 a.m. All Lions and those interested in being Lions are welcome to attend and help with the tournament. Tear down will be at about 2:30 or 3:00.

Lion Roger Estlack reported District Governor Ryan Monroe will make his official visit next week and will install our officers for the new year. He also said the club has new Lions vests available for purchase. Contact him to get one.

Lion Chanel Silva brought up the need for public storm shelters. The club discussed ways to map out places that might be open to the public during a tornado. More work will be done on this service soon.

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CLUES ACROSS

- Commoner
- Tea leaf
- They save you a table
- Submissions
- Secretly revealed
- Personification of the sea (Norse)
- Unreal
- No seats available
- Bangladeshi currency
- Leaders
- Famed garden
- Denotes past
- Not living
- Midway between south and southeast
- Small island (British)
- Woman (French)
- Wife
- Two-toed sloth
- Blood group
- Soaks
- Biu-Mandara language of Cameroon
- Japanese prefecture
- Place to be during a rock concert
- Fully grown humans
- Emaciation
- Sparkling
- Fruits you peel
- Derived from a noun
- Popular items to grill
- Port in Yemen

CLUES DOWN

- Before
- Actress Dunham
- This (Spanish)
- Director Peter
- Dominant
- English artists' society (abbr.)
- NY Giants legend
- It's in the ground
- No No No
- Pesky insect
- Danish-American muckraking journalist
- Kids love to do it
- Good Gosh!
- Fakes
- A citizen of Denmark
- Mystic syllable
- Commercial
- Letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- Helpers
- Water (French)
- Young woman
- Red-brown sea bream
- Messenger ribonucleic acid
- Comprehends
- Walk with confidence
- Home of the Flyers
- Appetizer
- News organization
- Source of the Nile
- A way to march
- Soluble ribonucleic acid
- Egyptian bull-god
- Children's author Blyton
- Baseball pitching stat
- Rude young person
- Table napkin
- Monetary unit in Asia
- One-time AL MVP Vaughn



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Jackson secures wins for area in defense bill

Congressman Ronny Jackson (TX-13) issued the following statement last week in response to the Fiscal Year 2024 National Defense Authorization Act's (NDAA) passage in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Due to Jackson's efforts, several provisions were included in the bill that will ensure substantial benefits for Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, the Pantex Plant in Amarillo, and the thriving defense-focused workforce within Texas' Thirteenth Congressional District.

"The NDAA is one of the most important bills that comes before Congress," Jackson said. "As a former Navy Rear Admiral, I know the vital role this legislation plays

for our national security. Not only does this year's bill ensure we have the weapons systems and equipment our servicemembers need, it makes a needed course correction to restore the military's focus to fighting and winning wars.

"Provisions that I successfully included will keep Texas' Thirteenth Congressional District at the heart of supporting our military, provide historic pro-life protections, and prohibit funds from going towards the Biden administration's harmful diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts."

Jackson serves on the House Armed Services Committee and spoke on the House Floor in favor of the FY24 NDAA.

Beginner rainwater harvesting system tips

A little can go a long way when harvesting rainwater.

A simple rainwater collection systems can supplement irrigation for lawns, gardens and landscapes while advanced systems can provide all the water needed in households, said Fouad Jaber, Ph.D., water resource specialist in the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and professor in the Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Dallas.

Jaber prefers to lead the conversation about harvesting rainwater with an impressive calculation – 1 inch of rainfall equals 0.62 gallons of water per square foot. This means a homeowner could collect roughly 620 gallons of water from a 1,000-square-foot roof from a 1-inch rain.

"At the beginning of a water harvesting program, I always ask people to guess how much rain it might take to fill a 55-gallon barrel because that is a good reference point," he said. "They're surprised to hear a single 1-inch rain on a 1,000 square foot roof could fill 11 of them."

Rainwater harvesting systems can be as simple or complex as the individual is willing to invest resources, Jaber said. Most homeowners are interested in harvesting rainwater to use in landscapes and gardens. For that, a single 55-gallon drum is a good place to start.

Jaber said food-grade 55-gallon plastic barrels are relatively low-cost and can usually be sourced locally. There are a variety of ways water can enter and exit the barrel, but there should be an opening that allows overflow water to escape when it is full.

Placing the barrel to catch water from the valley of a roof works well, but Jaber said gutters are the most efficient way to harvest rainwater.

"Gutters are an additional cost, but they are not a huge cost, and when you're catching water from your entire roof rather than the area that runs into the valley of a roof, suddenly you have enough water to add more barrels," he said. "It's all an investment, but you never have unused water and will find more and more ways to use it."

Downspouts can go directly into the barrel or be fitted with a rain chain or hose to guide water into the barrel. A spigot can be placed near the bottom of the barrel. Jaber recommends installing a two-way, restricted flow spigot to allow multiple use options.

Screens should be placed on the gutters or around the downspout to prevent large and small debris like leaves and pollen from getting into the barrel, Jaber said. Screens will also prevent mosquitoes and should cover any potential entry point.

Barrels and other catchments should be dark or painted a dark color to prevent sunlight creating algae blooms in the stored water, Jaber said. They should also be elevated so that users can fill buckets or to let gravity feed attached hoses.

The water in simple systems should be considered "gray water," and not suitable for human consumption, Jaber said. An advanced system should include a 5-micron filter to remove all solids like bird droppings

and a UV water purifier to kill bacteria like E. coli.

Jaber said homeowners should be mindful of watering vegetables with non-potable water. He suggests watering in the morning and harvesting at the end of the day. This allows the sun to help disinfect the produce. However, produce that may have come in contact with the water should be thoroughly washed to avoid potential bacteria contamination.

Watering plants directly with soaker hoses is the most efficient way to irrigate, he said. It reduces water loss and any potential produce contamination from water splashing.

It's also a good maintenance practice to wash the barrel using a tablespoon of bleach once each year, he said.

"A barrel is a good starting point for any system, but gutters, multiple barrels and a soaker hose system are investments to consider as well," Jaber said. "Those items will maximize the resource and makes it easier to collect and distribute the water."

Harvesting rainfall has several benefits for homeowners and the environment, Jaber said. Collecting and using rainwater reduces water bills and increases water availability during water restrictions due to drought. It also provides a healthier water source for plants compared to chlorinated water from taps.

Catching rain from rooftops also reduces the amount of runoff rapidly moving into nearby watersheds, he said. Neighborhoods with multiple houses harvesting rainfall can reduce flash flooding, soil erosion and the movement of pollutants into creeks and rivers.

Harvesting also reduces the amount of energy needed within the municipal water systems. Rather than water running off the roof, down a storm drain, into a watershed and eventually to a lake where it is pumped back to municipal water treatment plants and eventually the homeowner's tap, Jaber said harvesting keeps that potential runoff where it fell.

"Rainwater harvesting is a conservation and water quality practice, and it can really be an advantage during water restrictions," he said. "There are so many good reasons to harvest rainwater, and we typically see homeowners expand or upgrade their system once they've experienced the benefits."

People living in areas that receive very little rainfall may feel like collecting water is not worth it, but Jaber said a storm here and sprinkle there can add up quickly. A 1,500 square foot roof can catch around 7,500-8,400 gallons of rainwater from 8-9 inches of annual rainfall.

The key is to use the water, especially if the catchment is limited to a barrel or two, Jaber said. The water can provide supplemental irrigation for plants, wildlife or be used for chores like washing the car.

"Using the water between rains is important," he said. "There are plenty of ways to use the water around the house. The water is a resource that is there to be used."

AgriLife Extension has several resources available online, including a free rainwater harvesting guide at <https://tx.ag/RainwaterHarvest-Guide>.



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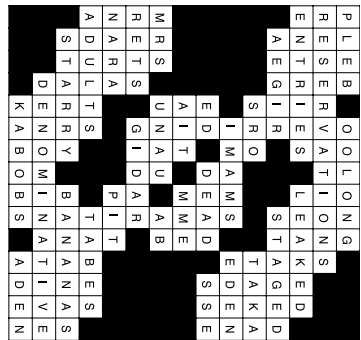
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6. rocks melted into liquid form, trapped under the surface of the Earth
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We are learning about volcanoes.

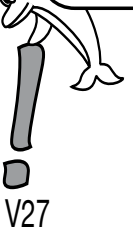


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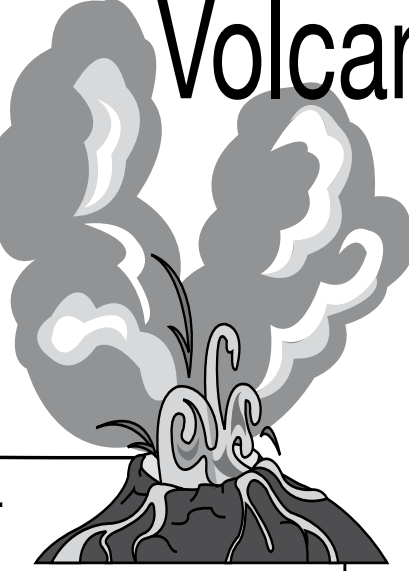
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Do you know that there are about 1,500 active volcanoes worldwide? They remind us that deep beneath the mantle of the Earth is magma, or molten rock. When the magma moves up the vent of a volcano and erupts, we see the steam, gas and ash cloud that it blows into the air. Lava flows out and down the sides of the volcano. The lava is fiery and dangerous. When Hawaii's Kilauea volcano erupted in 2018, it forced thousands of people to flee their homes.

Not all volcanoes are the same. A "shield" volcano is flat. A "composite" volcano is tall and thin.

Scientists who study the earth's physical structure and what it is made of are called geologists. Volcanologists are geologists who specialize in studying volcanoes and work to uncover the mysteries of volcanoes.

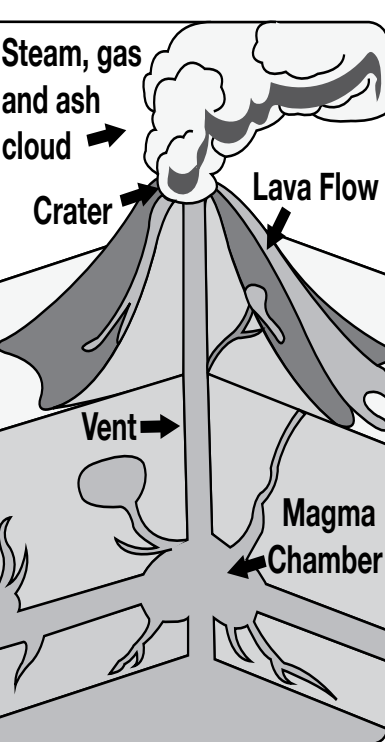


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Extension Service expands statewide disaster network

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Disaster Assessment and Recovery, DAR, unit is expanding its statewide disaster preparedness, response and recovery efforts following the appropriations to support the "Keeping Texas Prepared" initiative in the 88th legislative session.

"The expansion of AgriLife Extension Service's Disaster Assessment and Recovery unit will benefit the entire state," said John Sharp, Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System.

"We learned valuable lessons from Hurricane Harvey and the Commission to Rebuild Texas, and we know we can accomplish more for our state when agencies work together for emergency response and recovery."

"As we further unify the geographic and programmatic abilities of our DAR unit, AgriLife Extension will continue to serve as an integral part of our state's capacity to prepare and respond to disaster and to assist local recovery," said Rick Avery, Ph.D., Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service director. "Through the strength of our statewide agent network, we continue to operate as a force multiplier, under the direction of Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM), to serve the growing needs of Texans in all 254 counties. We are grateful to our state leaders for providing resources to strengthen our agency's work in support of local jurisdictions, our sister agencies and FEMA emergency support functions."

An expanding effort to reflect the growing Texas population

To fulfill the increased responsibilities granted by the Texas Legislature, the DAR unit will restructure to bolster its disaster preparedness, response and recovery capabilities statewide to more closely align its efforts with the state's disaster districts and other Texas A&M University System Disaster Response and Recovery Agencies including the Texas Division of Emergency Management, TDEM, Texas A&M

Forest Service, Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory and the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service.

The DAR unit responded to 12 in-state and one out-of-state deployments for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. In June alone, the DAR unit was deployed in multiple counties affected by severe weather and tornados in the Panhandle, Rolling Plains and East Texas.

In total, DAR plans to add 13 positions. This will increase the total amount of field agents embedded across the state to 28. Additionally, DAR will add three area chiefs who will be assigned to oversee the 28 agents along with a logistics coordinator and recovery coordinator.

The first phase of hiring new positions began July 10. The new organizational infrastructure is effective Sept. 1.

"Unique" agent statewide network

With a presence in all 254 Texas counties, AgriLife Extension has embedded local teams built from the communities they serve. This layered, comprehensive AgriLife Extension network positions DAR to offer one of the most unique and effective disaster response infrastructures nationwide.

"Across AgriLife Extension, our county strike teams and unit leadership collaborate with DAR field positions to significantly augment manpower, coordinate supplies and assist in distribution of these supplies to the hard-hit areas," said Monty Dozier, Ph.D., DAR unit coordinator, Bryan-College Station.

Dozier commended the work of all agents over the past several years. He said from hurricanes and tornados to extreme drought and winter storms, AgriLife Extension has always answered when Texans call.

"We are grateful for our agents, staff in county offices and centers statewide," Dozier said. "It's a true blessing to work alongside the AgriLife Extension agent network, always ready to lend a hand wherever needed."

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