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

Chamber seeking award nominations

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce has opened nominations for its annual community awards.

Nominations must be received by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, January 31, for the following categories: Man of the Year and Woman of the Year – individuals who have made a significant contribution to the community in 2023, Saints' Roost Award – honoring an individual for a lifetime of service, and the Volunteer Organization of the Year.

Honorees will be announced during the annual Awards Banquet, scheduled for February 29 at the Bairfield Activity Center.

Written nominations should specify which award the person or organization is being nominated for and a brief paragraph stating the reason for the nomination. The nominations should be no more than one page in length.

Nominations can be mailed to the Chamber of Commerce at PO Box 986, Clarendon, TX 79226; delivered to the Clarendon Visitor Center inside the Mulkey Theatre; or emailed to Chamber@ClarendonTx.com.

Visitors must check in at Clarendon ISD

Effective February 5, anyone entering into any campus at Clarendon CISD will enter onto the campus by means of the Elementary, Junior High, High School or Administration offices.

Each person will be required to show a Driver's License or ID card issued by the state. Each person will sign in and be issued a visitor pass with their name on it.

Methodists to hold annual chili cookoff

The Clarendon Methodist Church will hold its second annual Post-Groundhog Day Chili Cookoff Sunday, February 4, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

A bake sale will be held in conjunction with the cookoff, and anyone is welcome to enter their chili in the contest. Attendees can vote for their favorite chili by donation.

For more information or to enter, call the church office Tuesday - Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon at 806-874-3667 or call Katherine at 806-204-1235.

St. Mary's planning fish fry on Feb. 16

St. Mary's Catholic Church will hold a Fish Fry on Friday, February 16, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Dine-in and carry-out will be available, and tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7 for children. Proceeds benefit the church building fund. Call-in orders are welcome at 806-874-3910.



Nothing but net!

The Clarendon Lady Broncos surround sophomore Kenaidee Hayes after she sunk a three-point shot from behind the half-court line in the last second of the game Friday night in Wellington to boost her team to a 32-29 victory. See our complete coverage page six of this week's Enterprise.

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CCISD considers bond vote

New ag building, field house being considered

Voters in the Clarendon Consolidated Independent School District will most likely see a bond election this spring, but school officials have not yet determined how much money to ask for.

During a called meeting of the CCISD Board of Trustees last Tuesday, figures ranged from under \$8 million to \$12 million as discussion focused on needed facility improvements, security enhancements, potential new construction, expanded transportation capabilities, and other issues.

Greg Decker of Gallahger Construction presented the results of a facilities assessment performed last semester along with cost estimates for the district. Decker and other speakers repeatedly said the district has been doing a good job maintaining its buildings, which are mostly 60 or more years old.

Decker's presentation highlighted several deficiencies related to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) through out the school's facilities, issues with sidewalks, security issues, and roof leaks in some areas. Lighting and plumbing issues in the Bronco Gym were brought up, and the aging condi-

tions of the agriculture building and the field house in Bronco Stadium.

Decker then moved into the estimated costs to address the facilities assessment as well as the costs for some things the district has considered, including \$2.3 to 2.5 million for a new vocational ag building, \$3.3 to 3.5 million for to replace the field house, \$600,000 to address ADA issues and other facility deficiencies, \$100,000 in accessible parking and striping, \$500,000 for a new press box, and \$500,000 for new visitor stands at Bronco Stadium, which would not include any sidewalks to those stands.

The district also wants to address security concerns, which were not discussed in detail at the meeting. Officials did mention the possibility of a wall along the south side of the breezeway connecting the high school and junior high buildings and some as yet undetermined work to address visitors coming into the main door of the high school so they have to check in at the office.

That amounts to about \$8 million in improvements not including the security work.

School officials also mentioned

the possibility of buying additional buses for the district, and there was discussion about having extra bond money approved that could be used for other purchases going in the near future.

Decker's firm performed the facility assessment, and will put together a marketing plan that will lobby voters for the passage of the bond.

John Blackburn of Live Oak Public Finance discussed the district's bond capacity and the additional tax rate that would be needed to finance the bonds. Blackburn said that with the school districts' ad valorem tax rate being compressed by the State Legislature and the new \$100,000 homestead tax exemptions, there will likely be a record number of school bond elections this May.

Clarendon CISD's tax rate, according to Blackburn, has been compressed to about 83 cents per \$100 valuation, which is down from \$1.17 just a few years ago. That leaves less for the school to work with to address facilities but also means property owners are paying less tax. Combined with the

new homestead exemption, officials believe the time is right to ask voters for a bond.

Blackburn presented options showing CCISD could finance a \$9.6 million bond with 25 cents more tax, an \$11.5 million bond for 30 cents, or a \$13.5 million bond for 35 cents.

With the new homestead exemption, citizens with homes valued at \$100,000 or less pay no school tax.

A 25-cent tax hike would increase taxes on a \$150,000 by \$125 per year. A 35-cent tax hike would raise taxes on that same home by \$175 per year.

The CCISD Board of Trustees will meet again on Monday, February 12, to call for the bond election and will have to set an amount they want to ask the voters for at that time.

Also in last week's meeting, the board approved a motion to selection Corgan Architects for the proposed bond projects and authorized Superintendent Jarod Bellar to select a Construction Manager Agent after running the required advertisement for the Request For Qualifications.

Candidates start filing for local offices

Seven candidates have signed up to run for local offices in Donley County during the first week of filing.

The cities of Clarendon, Hedley, and Howardwick; the Clarendon and Hedley school districts; the Clarendon College District; and the Donley County Hospital District all have a total of 21 positions available this year.

As of Tuesday morning, the City of Howardwick was leading the candidate count with three people having filed for three positions available on the city council. Aldermen Mary Grady and Terry

Barnes are seeking re-election, and Johnny Hubbard is also running.

Both incumbents at Hedley CISD have filed for re-election to the school board. Dana Bell and Carole Ward are seeking new terms in office.

In the City of Clarendon, Alderman Tommy Hill will be on the ballot for one of three positions on the city council up for election this year. Aldermen John Lockhart and Larry Jeffers currently hold the other two positions.

Mayor Trisha Chambless is seeking a full term in office in Hedley, and two other positions are

available on the city council. Those seats are currently held by Aldermen Aaron Hanes and Clayton Beagle.

The Donley County Hospital District has Mark C. White running for re-election to his Place 6 spot on the board of directors, and three other positions are also up this year. The terms of Jan Farris – Place 4, Nikki Adams – Place 5, and Lori Howard – Place 7 are expiring.

No one has signed up to run for any of the four positions on the Clarendon College Board of Regents. Those seats are currently held by Tommy Waldrop, Janice

Knorpp, Lon Adams, and Brittney Word.

Likewise, no one has signed up for the Clarendon ISD Trustees positions now held by Wayne Hardin and Wes Hatley.

All local boards are elected at-large, but hospital board candidates must file for a specific place on the board. Candidate applications are available from the administrative offices of each entity.

Filing continues through Friday, February 16.

This spring's elections are scheduled to be held Saturday, May 4, 2024.

Business property renditions due by April 15

Business renditions are now due and must be filed by April 15, according to the Donley Appraisal District.

If you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income, you should have received your 2024 rendition form.

You must file a rendition with the Donley Appraisal District by April 15.

A rendition is a report that lists all the taxable property you owned

or controlled on January 1 of this year. Property includes inventory and equipment used by a business. Owners do not have to render exempt property, such as church property or an agriculture producer's equipment used for farming.

The appraisal district may use the information submitted in the rendition to set property values. For most property types, renditions must be filed after January 1 and no later than April 15. A property

owner may apply, in writing, for a mandatory extension to May 15. Different deadlines apply for regulated properties.

A 10-50 percent penalty may be imposed if a rendition is filed late, is incomplete or not at all. The chief appraiser may extend the deadline another 15 days for good cause shown in writing by the property owner for each type of property.

File your rendition with the appraisal district office at 304 S.

Kearney or mail to PO Box 1220, Clarendon TX 79226.

For more information about rendering property, deadline extensions, penalties and rendition forms, taxpayers may contact the Donley Appraisal District by phone at 806-874-2744.

Information is also available from the comptroller's property tax assistance division's website at comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/.

County votes on city law enforcement agreements

Donley County presented the City of Clarendon with two new proposed agreements last week after the city declined to move forward with a sales tax-funded district to support the sheriff's department.

During a called session of the Donley County Commissioners' Court last Friday, Judge John Howard said it could be argued that the city breached its law enforcement contract with the county after a January 11 vote of the city council reversed a December vote to put the creation of a County Assistance District before city voters this spring.

"I don't mind if the city doesn't want to participate in the County Assistance District," Howard said, "but we need multi-year agreement."

Howard said the city's contract has historically covered about 20 percent of the sheriff's budget, the current agreement for \$140,000 in fiscal year 2024 only provides 13.4 percent of the sheriff's budget. He also said he had made clear to the city council in December that the \$140,000 contract was inextricably linked to the city putting the assistance district before the voters.

In order for a County Assistance District to be created in the city, Clarendon would have to give up five-eighths of a cent of its two-cent sales tax. Howard said he understands if the city doesn't want to give up its sales tax, but he reiterated that a multi-year agreement is needed and said the cost must reflect the expense the county incurs.

The county had wanted the city to pay \$170,000 in fiscal year 2024, but as negotiations went on last spring and summer, no multi-year agreement could be reached, which led to the \$140,000 deal in December.

Sheriff Butch Blackburn asked the court to pull out of the contract with the city by giving 30 days' notice and start negotiations at \$170,000. The sheriff says the city's support is necessary to keep four deputies employed and provide 24-hour police protection. Without the agreement, Sheriff Blackburn said he would not be able to have two nighttime deputies and night calls would have to be called out to an officer not on duty.

Three commissioners – Daniel Ford, Mark White, and Dan Sawyer – agreed the county should give the city 30 days' notice, but Commissioner Neil Koetting urged the court not to take that action but instead let the city meet again first.

"There's no question they want to fund the police," Koetting said. "They have to serve their voters just like we do."

Clarendon Mayor Jacob Fangman said he didn't think anyone on the city council did not want to pay the sheriff but that it was just a matter of how and how much.

Sheriff Blackburn said to the mayor, "Let's get our Big Chief tablet out and figure something out."

The court approved two agreement proposals for the city council to consider. The first would increase the city's cost for the current fiscal year from \$140,000 to \$170,000, and the second would start fiscal year 2025 in October at \$180,000 with a two-percent increase each year after that through fiscal year 2029.

In other business, the court voted to change the wording on its documents related to creating an assistance district in Howardwick, setting the sales tax rate at one cent instead of three-quarters of a cent.

Editor's Note: Last week's article about the proposed County Assistance District for Clarendon stated that Donley County had agreed to cap the revenue from that district at \$165,000 per year. The county actually proposed a \$165,000 cap for just three years. We regret that error and any confusion it may have caused.



'Mom always loved you best'

Remembering Tommy Smothers

When I was in college back in the 1990s, I like so many other students began getting my political commentary Monday through Thursday nights on Comedy Central with The Daily Show with John Stewart. While the show was not an official news show and Stewart, who had graduated from the same university a decade before, never claimed to be a legitimate news anchor, his brand of humor and take on politics was appealing. In fact, for the 2004 presidential election, male viewers between 18-34 got their news more from The Daily Show than any other news program. Considering this was a comedy show that is both funny and sad.

But The Daily Show was not the first to satirize the news. Starting in 1975, those "not ready for primetime players" roasted politicians every weekend on Saturday Night Live. Their political mocking was so popular that today, if you pay attention, when people impersonate



historically speaking
by dr. james fink

George W. Bush, they are not actually doing Bush, but instead impersonating Will Ferrell doing Bush. While shows like SNL and The Daily Show have been called groundbreaking, they are not.

They are standing on the shoulders of two brothers who came before them. While not as famous today, the show that really kicked off political satire was The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour. Last month, half of the duo, Tommy Smothers died of cancer at the age of 86, but his legacy lives on in the many political shows that have aired in the decades since.

The Smothers Brothers began its run in 1967, a turbulent year. Vietnam was ramping up and that year saw over 10,000 killed as thousands took the streets to protest the war. Race riots occurred in several major cities all summer long and hippies flocked to San Francisco for the Summer of Love.

During all this, two new shows began, The Carol Burnett Show and The Smothers Brothers. Both shows put audiences in stitches from their comedy. While The Carol Burnett Show lasted for 11 seasons, due its controversial content, The Smothers Brothers was canceled after only three years.

Seeing them as controversial might be confusing as the brothers were clean cut and wore suits in a time where most protesters were hippies with long hair and beads. It was a sketch comedy show with plenty of music as the brothers were a folk musical act with Tommy playing the guitar and Dick playing the stand-up bass. While they were skilled musicians, it was their lyrics and commentary between the songs that got them in hot water with censors and their network. Most of their work was subtle with lyrics that had different meanings and jokes that were cute. For example, "Tom: You can tell who's running the country by how much clothes people wear? Dick: Do you mean that some people can afford more clothes on, and some people have... less on? Is that what you mean? Tom: That's right. Dick: I don't understand. Tom: See, the ordinary people, you'd say that the ordinary people are the lessons. Dick: So who's running the country? Tom: The morons."

Yet at other times they lost their subtlety such as with jokes like, "Dick: It's a very difficult situation. People keep spending our money abroad and it's hurting our economy. People keep wanting to travel to other countries instead of staying in the good ol' United States. Tom: Yeah, well, the way I think is that, see, President Johnson should just come up with something positive as an inducement to keep the people here. Dick: But what could the president do to make people want to stay in this country? Tom: Well he could quit."

Their biggest target was the Vietnam War which they sang about in songs like the Draft Dogger Rag. The chorus went like, "Sarge, I'm only 18, I got a ruptured spleen, And I always carry a purse, I've got eyes like a bat and my feet are flat, My asthma's getting worse." The song went one for several more verses just the same.

Finally, President Johnson had had enough, especially after a skit where it turned out that Johnson's BBQ sauce was years behind the Russians secret BBQ sauce. Johnson began demanding the show be pulled from the air. When the network told the brothers to calm it down, they vamped it up instead. They brought on singers like Pete Seeger and Harry Belafonte who both sang strong antiwar songs. The network cut Seeger's song and replaced with a Nixon for President ad instead, infuriating the brothers.

With the election of Nixon, the show did not last long. The brothers promised to take it easy on the president-elect, but then did not live up to their promise.

Only three months into Nixon's term, the show was canceled. The network claimed Tommy did not get that week's show to the censors in time. The brothers claimed it was Nixon. While the show would be considered tame today, it was one of the first to call out politicians and it became an early victim of cancel culture. However, the Smothers Brothers did set the stage for programs like SNL which came out six years later.

The later time slot helped SNL, but the Smothers Brothers had broken down some of the barriers that allowed SNL and later programs to thrive. Even more, the brothers did it with class. Their jokes were funny and not crude making them suitable for an entire family to watch together. Tommy Smothers' humor should be remembered alongside some of the greats in entertainment and his show deserves to rank up there with the most groundbreaking of all time.

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Brodbeck an early air travel pioneer

Credit for the first successful powered flight of a heavier-than-air craft has been awarded to the Wright Brothers for their experiment at Kitty Hawk in 1903. Also recognized is a brief earlier flight by Professor Samuel Pierpont Langley in 1896. But it seems to have been forgotten that a German-born Texan named Jacob Brodbeck preceded both the Wrights and Langley by making a similar flight just outside of San Antonio in 1865.

A quiet little schoolmaster, Brodbeck was a dreamer and an inventor. Before leaving Germany, he designed a clock that supposedly would run without winding. After arriving in Texas, he assuaged his fascination with the challenge of air-borne transportation by designing a man-sized airplane. Brodbeck's design used partly movable wings, a rudder, an enclosed cockpit, and

a screw propeller powered by a clock-like coil spring.

Brodbeck built a succession of models and successfully demonstrated them at county fairs in San Antonio, Fredericksburg, New Braunfels, and other surrounding communities. In so doing, he succeeded in attracting financial backers for his full-scale experiment. The principal backer was a Dr. Ferdinand Herff, a wealthy physician who gained local fame by being the first doctor in San Antonio to use ether in his surgical procedures.

Completing his "man-sized" plane late in 1865, Brodbeck, his backers, and

a large crowd of curiosity seekers gathered in a meadow outside of San Antonio. After reading his craft, Brodbeck gave the signal, and the plane left the ground, soared to the tree tops, and then crashed. The plane was wrecked, Brodbeck was injured, and the confidence of his backers was permanently destroyed. Brodbeck had assumed that the coil spring that powered the propeller could be rewound in flight by the pilot. He learned that it could not.

After recovering from his injuries, Brodbeck made many speeches throughout the United States trying to generate interest in his design, but without success. He finally retired to a farm near Fredericksburg where he lived out his remaining days.

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



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A case of hot air or just dead air?

My friend Rex Tackett, as community-minded as anyone I've ever known, is admired for always taking the high road, and — when necessary — the high wire as well.

He takes life on with cheer, always confident of sunrise tomorrow, no matter how many clouds — dark as they may be — fluff up the sky today. He and his wife, Mariann, are stalwarts in their hometown(s) of Brownwood and Coleman, where they own and operate radio stations.

Easy-going and armed with funny stories for all occasions, he is collared to speak at various functions in both communities, sometimes venturing into adjoining counties. He's an easy mark for civic meetings, particularly if it involves Kiwanis International, where he has been a kingpin for years. Rarely would casual observance suggest that he's a no-nonsense kind of guy, but frigid weather — rare as it is in central/west Texas — can peel back several layers of concern....

The weather challenged a few days ago when thermometers flirted with negative figures. At the Tackett household, priorities changed quickly to red alert.

He rushed through Brownwood stores hours before temperatures tumbled, eager to stock up on critical provisions. At the top of his list was cat food, since he and Mariann are — without intent — cat "harborers," often with a dozen or so meowing at their door. They are compassionate people, far more generous to neighborhood cats than their dog — a red healer named Maybelline — thinks is necessary.

Before exiting one store, he checked to see if money could be saved when hair dryers are purchased by the case. Huh?...

This drew smiles from store personnel who asked why he'd ever need so many hair dryers.

He patiently explained that a transmitting tower for one of the Tacketts' radio stations rises from the peak of Santa Anna Mountain.

Some 460 feet tall, it reaches skyward above one of the highest points in the area. Emitting therefrom — he carefully explained are signals that fly through the air into home receivers, replacing radio silence with radio sound. (This is helpful information for the likes of us who barely know how to turn a radio on.) Such high-flying technology works, however, when towers don't freeze over. When they do, Tackett added, one might think that friends could be called on. But, he hasn't even tried, despite toying with the idea of running extension cords to the mountain top for hair dryers to plug in. In a perfect world, friends might rally there, pointing hair dryers skyward, thus keeping radio signals moving right along. (There he was, dreaming again.)...

Well, the situation ended well. The tower continued to do what towers do, and they didn't miss a lick at the radio stations located a few miles to the east

and west.

The public continued to be served, a nameless cat population remained well fed and Maybelline shook his head about his masters — unashamedly "dog people" — befriending felines in all kinds of weather.

Coming out of the 90-hour freeze unscathed, Rex recalled an old sign that used to hang in one of the Tacketts' radio stations. Faded and dim, it spoke volumes: "God Save Us From Dead Air."...

Actually, not much happens in radio that Tackett hasn't seen before. He has reaped numerous honors, including induction into the Texas Radio Hall of Fame in 2012. This Cross Plains native has logged 55 years in sales, general management and ownership of radio stations formatted for all types of programming.

He has managed leading radio stations in four major cities while employed by national broadcasting networks before owning and operating Wicks Radio, the Tacketts' group of 19 radio stations in five states.

He and Mariann have lived the good life in Brownwood, her place of birth, since 2001. All-round community servants, they continue their support of noble projects great and small. If you run into either of them, ask about their cats and dog. Then, press Rex for a hand-on-Bible answer: Does he really have cases of both cat food and hair dryers in his storage shed?...

Dr. Newbury, longtime university president, continues to write weekly and speak publicly. Contact: 817-447-3872, newbury@speakerdoc.com.

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Obituaries

Davis

Loy "Red" Davis, 89, of Clarendon passed away on Friday, January 19, 2024, in Clarendon.



Davis

Funeral Services are held on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at Community Fellowship Church in Clarendon with Chris Downer officiating. Burial followed in Citizens Cemetery.

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

Loy "Red" Jackson Davis was born on October 4, 1934, to Mason and Fannie (McWhorter) Davis. Red was born and raised in Lockney, and graduated from Lockney High School. After completing school, Red worked in Plainview for Good-year for several years. On February 1, 1969, Red married Alta June Seymour in Plainview. They were married two weeks shy of 55 years.

Red and June moved their family to Clarendon in 1977 where they have been residents for 47 years. Red was a farmer and rancher, and retired after 45 years working for the Craft Ranch. Aside from his love for ranching, Red enjoyed going to the lake. On a warm day, he could be found on a boat skiing. Red also enjoyed going to the coffee shop to visit with his friends.

Red was a member of Community Fellowship Church in Clarendon. Above all, Red deeply cherished his family. He loved spending time with his children, and numerous grand and great-grandchildren. He wore a smile everywhere he went, which made it easy for everyone to love him.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Mason and Fannie Davis; 3 sons, Jackie Davis, Barry and Kelly Curry; 4 brothers, Edward, Kenton, Jerry and Thurman Davis; sister, Catherine Foraker; granddaughter, Tabitha Curry; and son-in-law, Ike O'Neal.

He is survived by his wife, June of Clarendon; 2 sons, Tommy Davis and Todd Curry, both of Clarendon; 2 daughters, Cindy Gayle and husband, Charlie, of Houston, and Sonja O'Neal of Clarendon; 15 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Khiva Shriners, 305 SE 5th Ave,

Amarillo, TX, 79105.

Alderson

Tiny Drake Alderson went home to see Jesus on Monday, January 15th 2024, at the age of 85. A devoted Wife, a loving Mother and Granny, and a faithful woman of God, she was loved and respected by many and our sadness is only surpassed by our joy in knowing she is with her Heavenly Father.



Alderson

Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 20, 2024, at First Baptist Church in Clarendon with Rev. Lance Wood, Pastor, and Rev. Eddy Helms, officiating. Interment followed at Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon. Arrangements are under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Tiny was born at home in Midland, Texas, on July 11, 1938. The daughter of Vester Roy and Mae Drake, she attended Midland schools where she was All State in volleyball and continued to play on scholarship at North Texas State.

She completed her education at North Texas State University with a degree in Business. Tiny and Gene Earl Alderson were married June 3, 1961, in Midland. She joined Gene in the management of Alderson Chevrolet and worked in many capacities as bookkeeper, parts manager and anything Gene needed while still raising Karen and Lynn at home. She supported her husband and children in many ways, teaching Sunday School classes, attending sporting events, leading Girl Scouts, 4-H food and sewing groups and was the unofficial team MOM for Lynn and many of his buddies, making spaghetti before every home football game so they could hang out. There was always an extra plate at Tiny's table, anyone and everyone was always welcome at supertime.

Tiny and Gene lived in Brownsville for a while and made many friends there through First Baptist Church and quilting clubs, and she still kept in touch with her dear friends throughout the years, mostly exchanging pictures of the grandkids. Tiny accompanied Gene supporting the Gideons and Raceway Ministries, mainly supporting Gene as he combined his love for God and NASCAR. Gene and Tiny supported and loved each other dearly and were the best example for their children and grandchildren to follow. Tiny

retired with Gene in 2009 to live the dream of traveling in their motor home across the United States. They somehow managed to often include visits to Dripping Springs, Texas, to check on the grandkids she loved so much. They couldn't stay away, so Dripping Springs became their home base for a short while.

During the many years Tiny lived in Clarendon, she served the community in many capacities and supported many civic and community organizations. She volunteered at the Senior Center and was present at any activity available at First Baptist Church. She enjoyed gardening and canning vegetables, adding jalapenos to almost everything that went into a jar. She and a group of ladies enjoyed spending time together eating catfish and chicken fried steak, traveling to watch the Sod Poodles and making several trips to Branson. Tiny valued her friends immensely. She had a beautiful soprano voice and although she sang very few solos, she loved to sing at church. Her children can still remember sitting between Gene and Tiny singing hymns every Sunday. To say that she enjoyed sewing and quilting is an understatement. She made numerous quilts, table runners, and wall hangings for friends and family. Each grandchild received a quilt when they were born and another when they graduated from High School. She (along with the quilting ladies she loved) made a quilt for Karen and gave it to her on her wedding day. Every quilt she made will be cherished and will be a memory of the love that came with every stitch. Even though she was far away, she still found time to follow, support and attend events for Caitlyn, Drake and Amanda in FFA in agricultural mechanics and as they showed their animals at the stock shows. She loved her grandchildren dearly.

At the time of her death, she was a member of First Baptist Church, Clarendon, Texas. Tiny is preceded death by her sister Wilda Scott, and brothers Glen Roy Drake and Norman Drake. Tiny is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Karen and Mike Spees of Lubbock, Texas, her son and daughter-in-law, Lynn and Amy Alderson of Dripping Springs, Texas, and the three joys of her later years, her grandchildren, Caitlyn, Drake and Amanda Alderson, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to First Baptist Church, Box 944, Clarendon, Tx, 79226 or Clarendon Citizens Cemetery Association, Box 983, Clarendon, Texas 79226.

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Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO or the Company) publishes this notice that on September 29, 2023, it filed its Statement of Intent and Application for Authority to Amend Transmission Cost Recovery Factor (TCRF) with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) in Docket No. 55438. The filing was made in accordance with the Public Utility Regulatory Act (PURA) § 36.209 and 16 Tex. Admin. Code (TAC) § 25.239. The TCRF will recover SWEPCO's reasonable and necessary costs for transmission infrastructure improvements as well as changes in wholesale transmission charges under a tariff approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to the extent that the costs or charges have not otherwise been recovered. In this application, SWEPCO seeks to recover its transmission capital investments from July 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023. SWEPCO also seeks to recover through the TCRF approved transmission charges that are not otherwise being recovered through current rates. This notice is being published in accordance with PURA § 36.103 and 16 TAC § 22.51(a)(1).

STATEMENT OF INTENT TO CHANGE RATES

SWEPCO requests that the Commission approve an increase of \$3,461,491 above the revenue requirement approved by the Commission in SWEPCO's last TCRF proceeding, Docket No. 54040 for its Texas retail customers. This amounts to a 0.86% percent increase in SWEPCO's overall annualized Texas retail revenue requirement. SWEPCO proposes that its requested rate change become effective on November 3, 2023, which is 35 days after the filing of the Statement of Intent and Application. The proposed effective date is subject to suspension and extension by actions that may be taken by the Commission.

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136. A request for intervention or for further information should refer to Docket No. 55438. Unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, motions to intervene will be due 45 days from the date SWEPCO filed its Statement of Intent and Application with the Commission.

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January 26
Broncos & Lady Broncos v Quannah • 6:30 p.m. & 8:00 p.m. • Home

January 26
Owls & Lady Owls v Silverton • 6:30 p.m. & 8:00 p.m. • Home

January 26 & 27
The Boys in the Boat • 7:30 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

January 28
The Boys in the Boat • 2:00 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

January 30
Broncos & Lady Broncos v Memphis • 6:30 p.m. & 8:00 p.m. • Away

January 30
Owls & Lady Owls v Claude • 6:30 p.m. & 8:00 p.m. • Away

February 2
Mean Girls 2 • 7:30 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

February 3 & 4
Mean Girls 2 • 2:00 p.m. • Mulkey Theater

Menus

Jan. 29 - Feb. 2

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Spaghetti/meatballs, garden salad, garlic toast, sliced peaches w/whipped topping, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Chicken teriyaki, long grain rice stir fry veggies, whole wheat roll, butter cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Salisbury steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll, apple cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Pork roast, pinto beans, macaroni & tomatoes, cornbread, butter cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Goulash (beef, tomato, macaroni, cheese), mixed greens, cornbread, peanut butter bar, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Fried catfish, sweet potato fries, seasoned green beans, layer bars, hushpuppies, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Polish sausage w/pepper & onions, oven roasted parmesan potatoes, buttered carrots, snickerdoodles, whole wheat buttermilk biscuit, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Chicken fried steak w/country gravy, homemade mashed potatoes, broccoli & cauliflower, brown rice, peach parfait, whole wheat buttermilk biscuit, iced tea/2% milk.
Thurs: Buttermilk ranch chicken, broccoli & cheese rice bake, California blend vegetables, oatmeal cookie, whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Bacon cheeseburger, crispy tater tots, mixed green salad, no bake cookies, iced tea/2% milk.

Clarendon CISD

Breakfast
Mon: Sausage kolache, yogurt, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Tues: Breakfast sandwich, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Wed: Muffin, yogurt, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Thu: Breakfast pizza, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Fri: Dutch waffle, sausage, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Meat and cheese chalupas, beans, corn, salsa, pudding, fruit, milk.
Tues: Chicken and waffles, veggie cup, potatoes, fruit, milk.
Wed: Pizza, carrots, veggie cup, potatoes, fruit, milk.
Thu: Breaded mozzarella sticks, marinara, salad, fruit, milk.
Fri: Sloppy Joe, corn, cucumbers, dessert, fruit, milk.

Hedley ISD

Breakfast
Mon: Pancakes, bacon, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Tues: Croissant ham & cheese sandwich, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Wed: Donut holes, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Thu: Breakfast sandwich, fruit juice, fruit, milk.
Fri: Breakfast pizza, fruit juice, fruit, milk.

Lunch
Mon: Country fried steak, gravy, potatoes, okra, roll, milk.
Tues: Tex-mex stack, beans, carrots, salsa, cinnamon apples, sherbet, milk.
Wed: Potato bowl, roll, tomato cup, snowball salad, milk.
Thu: Popcorn chicken, corn, broccoli salad, apple, cookie, milk.
Fri: Pizza, garden salad, green beans, peaches, milk.

Webinar to cover livestock market predictions

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will present the "Predictions for 2024 Texas Livestock Markets" webinar on Feb. 1 from noon to 1 p.m. The webinar will focus on state and national trends for cattle, sheep and goat markets.

The webinar is part of an ongoing Department of Rangeland, Wildlife and Fisheries Management, RWFM, Stewardship Series.

Cost is \$35, and advance registration is required at <https://tx.ag/LivestockMarkets>.

After payment is received, a follow-up email will be sent from the event organizer with instructions on how to access the webinar.

David Anderson, Ph.D., AgriLife

Extension economist and professor in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Department of Agricultural Economics, Bryan-College Station, will give the market outlook.

Anderson said that while cattle prices were high in 2023, small ruminant prices struggled throughout much of the year.

Despite this, he said there is reason to remain hopeful for better prices in the new year.

"Our producers strive for efficiency and productivity in all they do while simultaneously combating challenges like drought, extreme temperatures, floods and fires," said Morgan Treadwell, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension rangeland specialist and

associate professor in the Department of Rangeland, Wildlife and Fisheries Management, San Angelo.

"The market is no different and adds a complex layer for livestock producers to maneuver," she said.

Treadwell said understanding these markets while keeping an eye on fluctuations and timing can add to a livestock operation's overall efficiency and productivity.

For questions, contact Casey Matzke, AgriLife Extension program manager, Bryan-College Station, at casey.matzke@ag.tamu.edu, or Brittany Chesser, AgriLife Extension aquatic vegetation program specialist, Bryan-College Station, at brittany.chesser@ag.tamu.edu.



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting January 23, 2024, with Boss Lion David Dockery in charge.

We had 15 members in person, two members attending virtually, and two guests this week. Matthew and Monroe Newhouse were the guests of Lion Anndria Newhouse.

Lion Machiel Covey reported on the successful ramp project last weekend. About a dozen Lions worked for about 2½ hours to build the ramp, and they had fun while serving together.

Lion Roger Estlack reported on the District Mid-Winter meeting and said Sweetheart Emma Roys did an excellent job representing the club and community. He also reminded everyone about the Chamber banquet coming up on February 29.

Lion John Howard reported on the county, and Lion Jacob Fangman reported on the city. Lion Richard Green said there's a boom in the cat population in Howardwick.

Lion Ted Shaller reminded everyone about the blood drive on January 23.

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



Lion power

Several members of the Clarendon and Amarillo Downtown Lions Clubs worked together with the Texas Ramp Project last Saturday to build a ramp for Clarendon resident Michael Garrison.

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6	9	4	2	1	3	7	8	5
7	1	5	8	9	4	7	6	3
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Owl Spotlight

On Monday, at Hedley ISD, it was school board appreciation, so our school board members had treats during their meeting Tuesday.

The high school boys and girls both played Groom and lost. Thursday, the Hedley Junior High boys and girls played Silverton, the boys grasping another victory, while the girls lost.

Friday, the Hedley Methodist church members brought cookies and hot chocolate for the students. Later that afternoon the Hedley High School boys and girls played White Deer, and both lost.

Lady Bronco JV plays hard in win over Shamrock

Kimbrasia Ballard was unstoppable against Shamrock last week in the junior varsity Lady Broncos' matchup with the Lady Irish at home. Clarendon defeated them, 64-23.

Ballard came on strong in the first half of play and took advantage of several Shamrock turnovers. She posted 20 of her 29 total points in the first two quarters and hit two of four free throws. Cambree Smith was all over the court and put in 21 points in the game. Smith hit two from behind the arc and converted an impressive five out of seven free throws.

The ladies played well as a team and did a good job of moving the ball around to keep the Lady Irish guessing. Gracie Ellis put in seven points that included one three-pointer and Kinslee Hatley made one from behind the arc as well. Jayla Woodard and Megan Weathered added two points apiece in the win to finish out the scoring.

The Lady Broncos will take on Quannah at home on Friday, January 26, at 4:00 p.m. and will travel to Memphis January 30.

Colts grab win over Memphis

The Clarendon Junior High Colts played a solid game against Memphis last week at home and earned a 36-33 win.

The Colts will play Shamrock at home on Thursday, January 24, at 5:00 p.m. and then travel to Wellington on January 29.

The Colts and Cyclones both played strong in the first quarter of play that ended with the Colts holding a one-point lead. Memphis was able to find a rhythm in the second period of play and took over the lead at the break. But the Colts came rushing back after the break and played solid basketball on both ends of the court to cut the Cyclones' lead to one.

The Colts were able to stay persistent and did a great job of taking advantage of turnovers to hold the lead at the buzzer.

The Colts hit three big three-pointers in the game and shoot just over 50 percent from the free throw line to hold on to the win. Paxton English came on strong in the second half and finished with 10 points to lead the way. Brance Bell was a force inside and put in seven points. Braxton Gribble hit two from the arc for six, and Hudson Howard was 100 percent from the bonus line and put four points on the board. Rustin Wade hit a three-pointer, Brentley Gaines, Aiden Burnam, and Dakotah Jameson had two points each in the win.

Lady Colts fall short in Memphis

The Clarendon Junior High Lady Colts played hard last week against the Lady Whirlwinds but took a 20-22 loss in Memphis.

The ladies came on strong from the tip-off and held the lead through the break. But the Lady Whirlwinds took advantage of turnovers and missed shots to lead by five going into the final six minutes. Clarendon came back and outscored their opponent, but time got away before they could reclaim the lead and get the win.

Ellie Rodriguez and Sequoia Weatheron put in seven points each, and Addy Havens had six.

The Lady Colts will play at Shamrock on Thursday, January 24, and take on Wellington at home on January 29 beginning at 5:00 p.m.



Owl Peyton Glover puts up a shot last week.

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Owl Kali Curry passes in the ball.

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Owl Javier Valles fights for the ball last week against White Deer.

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Owl Nic Clark brings down the ball last week against.

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Ladies beat Wellington at buzzer

By Sandy Anderberg
 The Lady Broncos and the Lady Skyrockets fought it out in their low-scoring district game in Wellington last Friday night. Down to two seconds on the clock with the score tied at 29-29, Clarendon sophomore Kenidee Hayes put it up from behind the half-court line and, along with her teammates, coaches, and fans watched it go in hitting nothing but net to win the game by three.

The win kept the Lady Broncos at the top of the leaderboard in the District 2-2A race at a perfect 5-0 as they put the first half behind them. The ladies are currently 26-1 overall.

Defense was definitely the name of the game for both teams as they each struggled to score as they normally do. The Lady Broncos have been averaging around 63 points a game in district play but were off that mark in the Skyrocket Gym. Wellington is a tough place to play, let alone win, but the ladies impressively pulled together and pulled out the win.

Hayes was the high scorer with nine, Tandie Cummins had seven, and Kate Shaw was strong inside adding six. Kashlyn Conkin and Kennadie Cummins helped with four each, and Graci Smith finished with two.

Earlier in the week, the ladies crushed Shamrock 83-19 at home. The Lady Broncos had an easy time of it as the Lady Irish failed to stop their offense. The Lady Broncos were able to cause several turnovers by the Lady Irish and converted them into points effortlessly.

Four Lady Broncos finished in double figures with sophomore Shaw playing a great game inside. Shaw has played strong under the basket, and she was rewarded with a team high 20 points.

Hayes was on fire as well and finished with 15, T. Cummins poured in 12, and K. Conkin scored 11 that included three three-pointers. Also cleaning up against the Irish was Berkley Moore with nine, G. Smith with eight, and K. Cummins and Presley Smith adding four each.

The ladies will host Quanah at home on Friday, January 26, and travel to Memphis on January 30.

Broncos easily handle Shamrock at home

By Sandy Anderberg
 The Broncos had no trouble taking care of Shamrock last week in a district matchup at home.

The Broncos played hard and finished with a 75-23 win. Four Broncos racked up double digits on the scoreboard over the Irish.

Things went well for Clarendon and they were able to put 16 points on the board in the first eight minutes of play. Shamrock was frustrated early in the game as the Broncos just kept coming on strong. They were able to make good use of turnovers and missed shots all night long.

Leyante Prince finished with 13 points. Prince hit one three-pointer and was perfect at four for four from the free throw line. Lyric Smith added 12, Anthony Cenicerros put in 11, and Mason Sims added 10 from his inside position.

The Broncos played a strong offensive game and made the shots when they needed them. The entire team was able to post points on the board and execute their game plan.

Riley Wade put in eight points, and Kaleb Bolin had six. Jaxan McAnear added five, and Reagan Wade and Wes Shaw had four each. Levi Gates added another two points in the win.

Results for the Broncos game at Wellington were not available at press time.

The Broncos will take on Quanah at home on Friday, January 26, and play at Memphis on January 30 with both games starting at 8:00 p.m.



Lady Bronco Kenidee Hayes takes a shot from behind half-court and scores for the win.

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Lady Bronco Graci Smith looks for an open pass last week in Wellington.

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Lady Bronco Berkley Moore shoots a three last Friday in Wellington.

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Bronco Lyric Smith last week in Wellington.

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Bronco Powerlifters set the bar high

By Sandy Anderberg

The Bronco powerlifting team marked great lifts in their perspective weight classes last Thursday in Childress. It was a good showing for the Broncos in their season opener.

Senior Jared Musick competed in the 188-pound class and finished first in that division. Musick was able to squat at 325 pounds and bench press 260 pounds. He was able to deadlift 365 pounds for a lift total of 950 pounds.

Mason Allred finished second in the 162.4-pound class with a total lift of 935

pounds. Allred deadlifted 375 pounds and bench pressed 260. He had a squat of 335 pounds. Bryce Williams placed third in the 153.4-pound class and lifted a total of 850 pounds. Williams posted a squat of 285 pounds, bench pressed 215 pounds, and deadlifted 350 pounds.

Coulter Wortham rounded out the Bronco placings with a second-place finish in the 192-pound weight class. Wortham squatted 280 pounds, bench pressed 230 pounds, and deadlifted 310 pounds for an 820-pound lift total. The Bronco lifters will compete February 2 in Childress.

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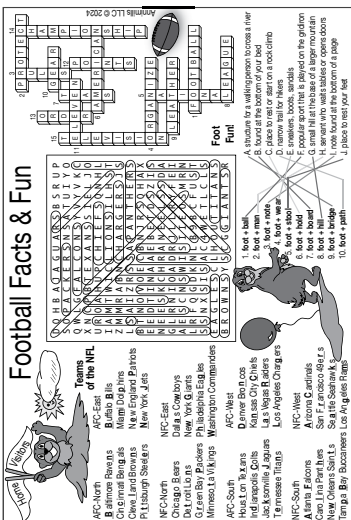
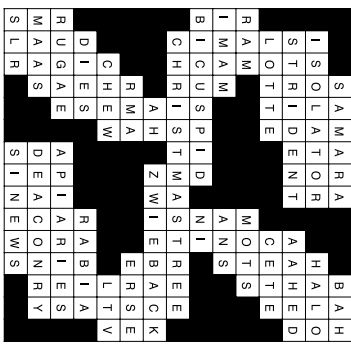
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SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS & COUNTY OF DONLEY
By virtue of Tax Warrant issued out of the 100th District Court of Donley County, Texas in Cause No. DTX-23-07836 and DTX-23-07835 on the 29th day of December, 2023 by the Clerk thereof, and to me as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell at 10:00 a.m. on the 6th day of February, 2024 at the East Door of the Donley County Courthouse, in Clarendon, Texas, the properties described below:
Cause No. Styling Legal Description DTX-23-07836 DTX-23-07835
City of Howardwick, et al vs. Owners of Various Properties Located Within the City Limits of Howardwick, Texas City of Clarendon, et al Vs.
Owners of Various Properties Located Within the City Limits of Clarendon, Texas

TRACT 1: Lot Five Hundred Twenty-three (523), Seminole Section, of Sherwood Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R9434
TRACT 2: Lot Three Hundred Eighty-five (385), Seminole Section, of Sherwood Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R9386
TRACT 3: Lot Six Hundred Twenty-six (626), Seminole Section, of Sherwood Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R9473
TRACT 4: Lot Four Hundred Forty-two (442), Seminole Section, of Sherwood Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R9402
TRACT 5: Lot Five Hundred Fifty-three (553), Seminole Section, of Sherwood Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R9452

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of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R9452
TRACT 6: Lot Six Hundred Twenty-one (621), Seminole Section, of Sherwood Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R9468
TRACT 7: Lot Four Hundred Eighty-two (482), Seminole Section, of Sherwood Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R9429
TRACT 8: Lot Six Hundred Thirty-six (636), Seminole Section, of Sherwood Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R9480
TRACT 9: Lot Fifty-six (56), Seminole Section, of Sherwood Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R9314
TRACT 10: Lots Five Hundred Twenty-eight (528) and Five Hundred Twenty-nine (529), Seminole Section, of Sherwood Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R9437
TRACT 11: Lot Four Hundred Sixty-one (461), Seminole Section, of Sherwood Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R9412
TRACT 12: Lots Three Hundred Fifty-three (353) and Three Hundred Fifty-four (354), Seminole Section, of Sherwood Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R9362
TRACT 13: Lots Eight Hundred Sixty-one (861) and Eight Hundred Sixty-two (862), Seminole Section, of Sherwood Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R9502
TRACT 14: Lot Three Hundred Ninety-five (395), Seminole Section, of Sherwood Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R9392
TRACT 15: Lot Eight Hundred Sixty-six (866), Seminole Section, of Sherwood Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R9506
TRACT 16: Lot Five Hundred Fifty-five (555), Seminole Section, of Sherwood Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R9504
TRACT 17: Lot Eight Hundred Sixty-four (864), Seminole Section, of Sherwood Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R9504
TRACT 18: Lot Three Hundred Ninety-two (392), Seminole Section, of Sherwood Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R9389
TRACT 19: The West Twenty Feet (W/20') of Lot Eight (8) and all of Lot Nine (9), and the East Ten Feet (E/10') of Lot Ten (10), Block Twenty-six (26), Grants Addition, to the City of Clarendon, Donley County, Texas. R6012
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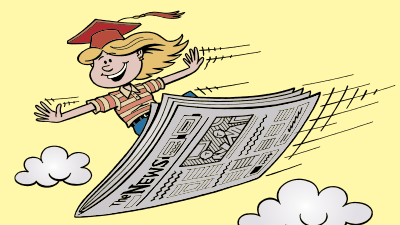
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Texas Panhandle WDA shows modest growth

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The Texas Panhandle WDA continued to report one of the lowest unemployment rates in the state in 2023, offering employers both

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The Panhandle WDA's 2023 average unemployment rate of 3.2 percent remained remarkably stable compared to 2022's 3.1 percent. This slight increase marks a continuation of historically low unemployment figures, focusing on the region's economic strength and tight labor market.

Notably, the Panhandle WDA's December 2023 unemployment rate dipped to 2.5 percent, making it the second-lowest in the state, after Midland at 2.1 percent. Donley County's

unemployment rate for December 2023 was 3.7 percent.

While low unemployment presents a positive economic indicator, it can also intensify competition for skilled workers. Employers may need to develop innovative recruitment strategies to attract and retain talent.

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PCS offering free tax prep help to families

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Funding for the program was

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Retired School Personnel meet

The bi-monthly meeting of the Donley County Retired School Personnel Association met Monday, January 22, at 1:00 in the Donley County Senior Citizens.

After lunch, Eddie Hankins gave the invocation, Carlton Turvaville led the pledge to the flag, Renee' Duncan gave the inspirational, and then all old business was discussed and approved.

The program was presented by Carlton and Susan Turvaville about their trip to Switzerland in September. One of the interesting facts about this country is that 60 percent of the land is mountains with a few small farms. They raise cattle and goats, which graze the hillsides, and every cow has a bell hung around its neck. One of their major sources of income is the large production of cheese. There are many large lakes which are fed by the melting glaciers surrounding them. The Turvavilles stated that the government is truly for and by the people. All laws presented by the people or the government must be voted on before it becomes a law.

After the presentation, new business was discussed, and the meeting was adjourned. There were 12 members present.

The next meeting will be Monday, March 25, in the Donley County Senior Citizens at 12:15 for lunch and then the meeting following at 1:00. Members, remember that all volunteer hours need to be turned in to Carrol Duncan by January 31.

Deadline to request mail ballots Feb. 23

Donley County Clerk Vicky Tunnell is reminding voters this week they must renew any request to ballot by mail.

Those requests do not renew automatically, Tunnell said.

For voters interested in the balloting by mail for this spring's Democratic or Republican primary elections in March, applications must be received (not postmarked) no later than Friday, February 23, 2024.

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