

# **US 287 project will impact local traffic**

### THIS WEEK

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boys from Quanah. 8 Local businesses can apply for federal disaster loans.

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

### Jericho in Amarillo at Route 66 Center

Get ready for a day where history meets celebration. The Jericho Legacy Foundation invites you to "Return to Jericho: A Day to Remember" on Saturday, May 3, from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Texas Route 66 Visitor Center in Amarillo 1900 SW 6th Ave.

This come-and-go fundraiser features live music, great food, shopping, and the official launch of the reprint of Mrs. Ruby Bromley's historic Clarendon cookbook – a delicious tribute to Panhandle heritage.

Enjoy the sounds of Ty Van Valkenberg and Lindi Leigh, connect with your roots, and help preserve local history – one story and one recipe at a time. Admission is free, and every dollar raised supports the Jericho Legacy Foundation's mission to bring the past back to life.

Come for the cause, stay for the community. For more information, contact Blair Schaffer at 806-676-4927 or email Jerichoon66@gmail.com.

### **Greenbelt reservoir** elevation hits 2615

Greenbelt Water Authority reported Tuesday that the reservoir elevation had come up some with the recent rains and was at 2615 feet above sea level. That's on US 287 in Clarendon will reduce the bridge on US 287, which goes the highway to two lanes of traffic over Clarendon's main drainage and close some downtown intersections for more than a year according streets behind the Donley County to information presented at public State Bank and Herring Bank. The as the Gorst Street intersection and will work on replacing the south side would not be feasible because of the meeting in the Mulkey Theatre last project will also see the removal of the south side of the Sully Street of the bridge, Phase Two will be wear and tear on the city street. Tuesday, April 22.

Department of Transportation held bridge structure over the ditch on the meeting with stakeholders and local businesses to go over plans and safety procedures for the project, which could last up to 19 months.

A project to replace a bridge tractor for the job that will replace and construction will begin in June. McDowell said the project would working on the center of the bridge ditch between Kearney and Gorst the Herring Bank parking lot on top Representatives of the Texas of the ditch as well as the smaller project. Gorst behind Herring Bank near the eliminating turning and crossing sible to safely allow highway access and the Clarendon Economic Develformer Signs Plus building.

replacement of a sewer line under-Gilvin Terrill will be the con- neath the bridge. Traffic restrictions

intersection for the duration of the the middle of the bridge, and Phase

"We want to keep it safe by movements as much as possible," Work will begin in May with the TxDOT District Engineer Darwin Lankford said.

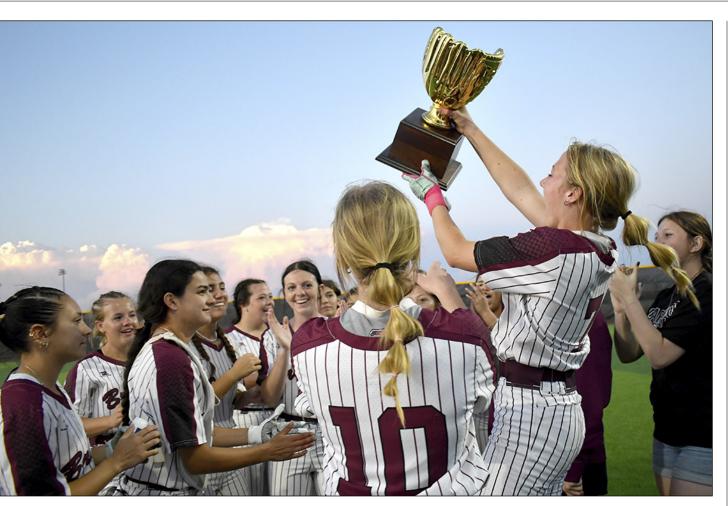
> Project engineer

In order to maintain traffic be completed in three phases and as highway traffic continues on the flow on US 287, TxDOT engineers said the way the bridge was built north and south sides of the project. say it is necessary to close Kearney and supported prevents it from being Street access to the highway as well removed in two sections. Phase One fic from the highway to Third Street Three the north side.

Lewis when workers will be confined to

Officials also said diverting traf-

Mayor Jacob Fangman, along with representatives from the The tight space makes it impos- Clarendon Chamber of Commerce to and from Kearney Street during opment Corporation, expressed the construction period, officials concerns about the impact that said, particularly during Phase Two restricting highway access, particu-See 'US 287' on page 6.



### **Bi-District Champs**

The Clarendon Lady Broncos beat Sanford-Fritch last week to claim the bi-district title and will play Hale Center this week to continue their playoff run. See our story on page six for more details. PHOTO BY ADELITA ELAM

# Voters to decide city, school board seats

# Hedley rethinks Stage 4 pricing

The Hedley City Council backed off water rate increases imposed as part of its Stage 4 drought response during a called meeting Monday night, April 28.

Aldermen originally approved aggressive water rates April 16 as part of the city's Drought Contingency Plan, but further reflection caused city officials to come back and reconsider the rates before they could take effect.

Hedley charges a base rate of \$52.90 for water up to 2,000 gallons per month with an additional \$4 charge for every thousand gallons above that.

In the Stage 4 plan approved two weeks ago, water usage above the 2,000 gallon minimum would cost \$20 per thousand gallons and that rate would increase with high water usage culminating with \$40 per thousand gallons being charged for usage above 40,000 gallons. Aldermen said Monday they did not realize the impact of the rates their were approving at the April 16 meeting and wanted another chance to consider those. Officials also said the city's biggest problem isn't the water residents are using, it's water that's leaking out of the system. "We're buying [from Greenbelt Water] twice as much water as we're selling," Alderman Aaron Hanes said. "We shouldn't make the community pay for our problem." Aldermen voted unanimously to approve new Stage 4 water rates as follows: Base rate unchanged at \$52.90 up to 2,000 gallons; usage over 2,000 and up to 7,000 gallons will be \$4 per thousand; over 7,000 up to 9,000 gallons will be \$5.50 per thousand; over 9,000 up to 11,000 will be \$6 per thousand; over 11,000 up to 15,000 will be \$6.50 per thousand; and usage over 15,000 will cost \$10,000 per thousand. City officials also announced that the Texas Rural Water Association has agreed to bring in leak detection equipment to help the city locate water leaks so that those can be found and repaired. April billing for Hedley is going out this week. The Stage 4 water rates will apply to the May billing. Aldermen all agreed they had no problem with other water restrictions previously approved in the city's Drought Contingency Plan and left those untouched Monday night.

up from 2614.63 one week ago.

The elevation of 2615 is the magic number that triggers Stage 4 drought restrictions. The lake must get above 2615 and stay there for more than 30 days before the water authority and its member cities can move back to Stage 3.

### **Elementary to host** future students

Clarendon Elementary will hold Future Kindergarten Visitation Thursday, May 8, from 10:00-11:30 a.m. Future students will visit the classroom and be served a free lunch. If you know of a child who will be 5 by September 1, call the Elementary Office (806)310-7760 with their name, phone number, and mailing address.

### **HVFD** invites public

The Hedley Volunteer Fire Department will hold a Meet & Greet Friday, May 9, from 5-7 p.m. The public is invited to the firehouse to meet your local Hedley firefighters. Refreshments will be provided.



### **Rural Donley County voters to consider sales tax question Saturday**

Voters will go the polls Clerk's Office said Monday lenged by Richard Dzamko, Consolidated Independent is asking rural residents this Saturday, May 3, to afternoon that early voting Jeremy Jeffers, and Brittney School District will elect those living outside the city decide elections for the City was slow. Early balloting Wolfe. Also, three people three people to the Board limits of Clarendon, Howof Clarendon, the Clarendon ended Tuesday, April 29. Consolidated Independent School District, and the voters have five positions Council - Ralph Graves, choose. Incumbents Robin District #2, which would unincorporated areas of on the ballot. Mayor Jacob Donley County. Fangman has no opposition Thompson.

Balloting this Saturday for re-election. Aldermen will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Ashlee Estlack and Eulaine Terri Floyd and Mandy Siefkas. Trustee Chuck at the Donley County Court- McIntosh are seeking house Annex. re-election to two full terms tion.

The Donley County on the board and are chal-

Ybarra, Holland win Jones 5K

are running for two unex- of Trustees and have four ardwick, and Hedley - to In Clarendon, city pired terms on the City candidates from which to approve County Assistance Chelsi Shadle, and Tom Ellis and Donny Howard levy a 2.0 percent sales tax

Smith did not seek re-elec- Robertson did not seek new district would help

Voters in the Clarendon

are joined on the ballot by in the unincorporated areas Clarendon Aldermen Jeff Robertson and Ginnie of the county.

re-election.

Also, Donley County ment expenses.

abuse during the 13th annual Chance duration. Mark Jones Roar & Run 5K.

race. Ybarra was the overall winner Ybarra, 20:20; Top Women's Time with the best men's time, finishing Holland, 22:32; 10 and under – first, in the 11-19 age group with a time Hadley Brown 39:24 and second, of 20 minutes, 20 seconds. Holland a time of 22:32.

istered for the event with several Jenci Hernandez 40:24; Ages 30-39 option ahead of time, and other second, Brian Barboza 41:33; Ages defaulting to that option as storm 40-49 - first, JD McMahan 32:22, Nancy Kidd 43:38, second, P.J. abuse in 2011.

Despite the threat of rain and clouds threatened the event. Shortly an actual downpour leading up to after 8:30 a.m., however, the rain race time, about 30 people came out subsided to allow the race to take off Saturday to raise awareness of child and remained mostly at bay for the

Complete results of this year's Tristen Ybarra and Emmarie Chance Jones Roar & Run 5K race Holland were the top finishers of the are as follows: Top Men's Time - T. Monroe Newhouse 44:37; Ages had the best women's time and was 10-19 - first, T. Ybarra 20:20 and second in the same age category with second, Holland 22:32; Ages 20-29 - first, Collin Monroe 21:12, second, More than seventy people reg- Emmett Hendey 22:34, and third, choosing the "sleep-in" registration - first, Audrey Shelton 22:55 and



2025 Chance Mark Jones Roar & Run 5K participants.

third, Sarah Ybarra 42:37; Ages and Shelbi O'Keefe 1:09.04. 50-59 - first, Michelle Branigan, 25:23, second, Christi Benson ally by the Clarendon Lions Club 33:39, and third, Kathy Goodwin honors the life of four-year-old 54:32; and Ages 60 and Up - first, Chance Mark Jones, who died from

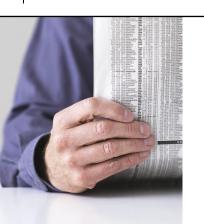
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# The pen can lead to tyranny

"We are fast approaching the stage of the ultimate inversion: the stage where the government is free to do anything it pleases." - Ayn Rand

130 executive orders in under 100 days.

Sweeping powers claimed in the name of "security" and "efficiency."

One president acting as lawmaker, enforcer, and judge. No debate. No oversight. No limits.

This is how the Constitution dies - not with a coup, but with a pen.

The Unitary Executive Theory is no longer a theory it's the architecture of a dictator-

ship in motion. Where past presidents have used executive orders, decrees, memorandums, proclamations, national security directives and legislative signing statements to circumvent Congress or sidestep the rule of law, President Trump Speak truth is using executive orders to advance his "unitary executive to power theory" of governance, which is by john whitehead a thinly disguised excuse for a

government by fiat. In other words, these executive orders are the mechanism by which we finally arrive at a full-blown dictatorship.

America's founders established a system of checks and balances to prevent the concentration of power in any single branch. To this end, the Constitution establishes three separate but equal branches of government: the legislative branch, which makes the law; the executive branch, which enforces the law; and the judicial branch, which interprets the law.

And yet, despite this carefully balanced structure, we now find ourselves in a place the founders warned against.

Despite Trump's attempts to rule by fiat, the president has no unilateral authority to operate outside the Constitution's system of checks and balances - no matter how urgent the crisis or how well-meaning the intentions.

This is what government by fiat looks like.

Where Congress was once the nation's lawmaking body, its role is now being eclipsed by a deluge of executive directives - each one issued without public debate, legislative compromise, or judicial review.

These executive orders aren't mere administrative housekeeping. They represent a radical shift in how power is exercised in America, bypassing democratic institutions in favor of unilateral command. From trade and immigration to surveillance, speech regulation, and policing, the president is claiming broad powers that traditionally reside with the legislative and judicial branches.

Some orders invoke national security to disrupt global markets. Others attempt to override congressional control over tariffs, fast-track weapons exports, or alter long-standing public protections through regulatory rollbacks. A few go even further - flirting with ideological loyalty tests for citizenship, chilling dissent through financial coercion, and expanding surveillance in ways that undermine due process and privacy.

Yet here's where these actions run into constitutional peril: they redefine executive authority in ways that bypass the checks and balances enshrined in the Constitution. They centralize decision-making in the White House, sideline the legislative process, and reduce the judiciary to an afterthought – if not an outright obstacle.

Each of these directives, taken individually, might seem technocratic or temporary. But taken together, they reveal the architecture of a parallel legal order - one in which the president acts as lawmaker, enforcer, and judge. That is not how a constitutional republic operates. That is how a dictatorship

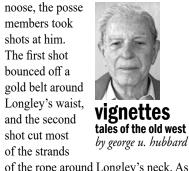
# It took two hangings to end Bill Lengley

Not many people can claim to have been hanged twice. Being hanged once is bad enough, and the result is usually very final.

But William Preston Longley, known more simply as Bill, survived a hanging and lived to be hanged again.

Growing up in Evergreen, Texas, Bill became an excellent marksman. It was said by some that he could hit any target from a galloping horse. During his teenage and early adult years, Longley was involved in several shooting scrapes around Evergreen and throughout Texas. Over a ten-year period, he was credited with over thirty killings-mostly federal soldiers, Northern sympathizers, and posse members. A posse finally caught up with Longley, and upon capturing him, they hanged him from the limb of a tree.

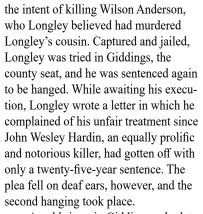
As Longley dangled from the



of the rope around Longley's neck. As the posse rode away, a thirteen-year-old boy cut the rest of the rope, and Longley tumbled to the ground, still alive.

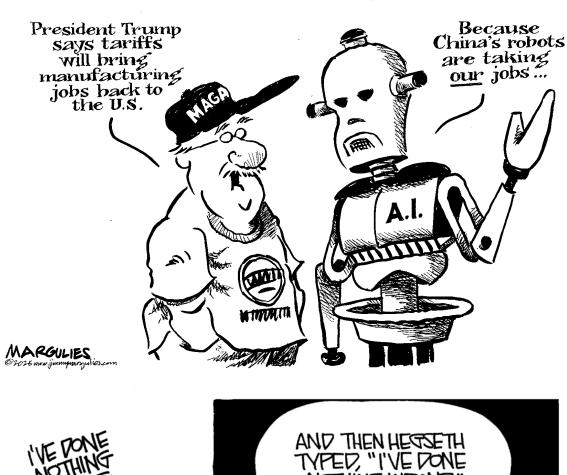
Recovering, Longley soon exacted retribution on one of the posse members by hanging him from the same tree. This time it was Longley who fired shots into a dangling body, and his shots were right on the mark.

After being away for some time, Longley returned to Evergreen with



An old-timer in Giddings, who later recalled witnessing the hanging, reported Longley's last words of contriteness: "I see a lot of enemies out there and mighty few friends. I deserve this fate. It is a debt I owe for my wild reckless life. Goodbye, everybody."

Bill Longley was hanged until dead. He was only twenty-seven years old.





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Each of these orders marks another breach in the constitutional levee, eroding the rule of law and centralizing unchecked authority in the executive.

This is not merely policy by another name - it is the construction of a parallel legal order, where the president acts as lawmaker, enforcer, and judge - the very state of tyranny our founders sought to prevent.

This legal theory - the so-called Unitary Executive - is not new. But under this administration, it has metastasized into something far more dangerous: a doctrine of presidential infallibility.

What began as a constitutional interpretation that the president controls the executive branch has morphed into an ideological justification for unchecked power.

Under this theory, all executive agencies, decisions, and even enforcement priorities bend entirely to the will of the president - obliterating the idea of an independent bureaucracy or impartial governance.

The result? An imperial presidency cloaked in legalism.

Historically, every creeping dictatorship has followed this pattern: first, undermine the legislative process; then, centralize enforcement powers; finally, subjugate the judiciary or render it irrelevant. America is following that roadmap, one executive order at a time.

Yet the real danger of the Unitary Executive Theory is not simply that it concentrates power in the hands of the president - it's that it does so by ignoring the rest of the Constitution

This is how tyranny arrives: not with a constitutional amendment, but with a series of executive orders; not with a military coup, but with a legal memo; not with martial law, but with bureaucratic obedience and public indifference.

A government that rules by fiat, outside of constitutional checks and balances, is not a republic. It is a dictatorship in everything but name.

If freedom is to survive this constitutional crisis, We the People must reclaim our role as the ultimate check on government power.

That means holding every branch of government accountable to the rule of law. It means demanding that Congress do its job - not merely as a rubber stamp or partisan enabler, but as a coequal branch with the courage to rein in executive abuses.

It means insisting that the courts serve justice, not politics. And it means refusing to normalize rule by decree, no matter who sits in the Oval Office.

There is no freedom without limits on power.

There is no Constitution if it can be ignored by those who swear to uphold it.

The presidency was never meant to be a throne. The Constitution was never meant to be optional. And the people were never meant to be silent.

As I make clear in my book Battlefield America: The War on the American People and in its fictional counterpart The Erik Blair Diaries, the time to speak out is now.

As our revolutionary forefathers learned the hard way, once freedom is lost, it is rarely regained without a fight.

Constitutional attorney and author John W. Whitehead is founder and president of The Rutherford Institute.

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# A Pullman that pushed and pulled

It's got to be a borderline miracle when Eastland - a town with fewer than 5,000 people – can lay claim to not one, but TWO "facts" worthy of the Guinness Book of Records recognition.

"Facts" has quotation marks for a reason. It's not certain that a horned toad named Ol' Rip actually hibernated for 31 years in the Eastland County Courthouse cornerstone and found alive – sharing space with the Holy Bible and a bottle of whiskey – when the current courthouse construction began. Google for a trainload of stories, most alleging that this creature was featured in an around-theworld tour, and much else. They claim he had a noiseless "stare down" with then president Calvin Coolidge, whose nickname was "Silent Cal."

Houston V. O'Brien, beloved editor/ publisher of area newspapers for more than 60 years, is "H. V." to many, maybe because he's not a "Houston" kind of guy. I usually call him "High Voltage" or "High Volume." Anyway, he was pre-school age when Ol' Rip was first encased. Honored by the Texas Press Association and many other groups, he's spent his life beating the drums for "America's best hometown" and perpetuating the story of Ol' Rip. At age 93, he's still drum-beating in his weekly newspaper, Eastland County Today . His zeal – coupled with substantiated claims of ongoing community progress by the Eastland Chamber of Commerce - make their assertions hard to argue!... \*\*\*\*

Guinness editors may require more proof. The CofC claims, however, can be "nailed down" as the Gospel, even

though Ol' Rip stories and how a train car arrived in town aboard two trucks stretch credulity limits.

Many of us the idle arrive on the backs american of turnip trucks. The Pullman by don newbury didn't, but if you guessed trucks

were involved, you're on track. Fact is, the rail car – built in the 1930s and in service for some 30 years – made the 60-mile journey from Abilene to Eastland atop two 18-wheelers! (With today's regulations, there would have been "zilch" chances for the move.)

Don't get ahead of me. The 80-footlong rail car was placed aboard BOTH trucks, with one backed against the other - reverse-geared - for the entire distance. Surely this is some kind of record!....

### \*\*\*\*

Originally, the plan was for what is now Bank One Abilene to use the Pullman as an advertising tool. This didn't work out, so the late Don Pierson, an Eastland community leader, bought it for his daughter's 16 th birthday some 60 years ago, moving it to Eastland.

For several years, the iconic rail car was the scene of parties and celebrations, visited by celebrities and ordinary folks alike.

Come 2021, Brandon and Crickett Abbott purchased property that includes both the Piersons' former residence, with "The Train" – a new AirBnb attraction

- 100 yards out back. It's on West Plummer, near the South Hillcrest intersection. Spending \$70,000 and thousands of hours of "elbow grease," the Abbotts are ready for their May 1 Grand Opening!... \*\*\*\*\*

Craig Murphy, a busy vocalist, maintains a frenetic schedule that makes the Energizer Bunny's pace look best fit for runner-up finishes in turtle races.

Making more than 500 appearances annually since 2011 – largely at care centers and often thrice daily – he's a former "spring chicken" morphed into mid-autumn. His "busyness" didn't faze the traffic officer who flagged him down on I-20.

There was no talking his way out of this citation. "I've been waiting for you all day," the officer wise-cracked. "I got here as fast as I could," Murphy cracked back. (He also jokes about a friend addicted to brake fluid "who can stop when he gets ready.") \*\*\*\*\*

Uncle Mort lives in a tiny community where most motorists are lost, confounded when "beats me" shows up on their GPS. Many law enforcement officials may not know it exists.

Mort laughs when asked if there's even a map dot.

"Heavens no! There's little between the two highway signs that read 'Litter Barrel Ahead' and 'Resume Speed'."... \*\*\*\*

Dr. Newbury, a longtime speaker in the Metroplex, may be contacted at 817-447-3872 or newbury@speakerdoc.com. His column may be accessed on his website, www.speakerdoc.com, where he reads it aloud, sometimes without stumbling.

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### Baird

Marietta Baird, 88, of Howardwick, passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 24, 2025, in Claude.

Grave-Baird side services

were held on Sunday, April 27, 2025, in Mobeetie Cemetery in Mobeetie with Pastor Jim Fox officiating.

Marietta was born on November 23, 1936, in Pampa, to A.J. and Lena (Stagner) Mitchell.

She grew up in Pampa and graduated from Pampa High School, class of 1955. Marietta married the

**Federal bill** seeks reform of post office

US Rep. Sam Graves (R-Missouri-06) last week introduced the USPS Services Enhancement and Regulatory Viability Expansion and Sustainability for the US Act (USPS SERVES US Act).

The National Newspaper Association appreciates Representative Graves' effort and attention to this issue and the need for improvements at the USPS and fully supports this important legislation that would update the mandate and expand the power of the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) to ensure that it can fulfill its mission to protect the public interest and ensure accountability for the USPS monopoly over the mail.

NNA Chair Martha Diaz Aszkenazy, publisher, San Fernando (California) Valley Sun, said, "The PRC is a critical safeguard to keep the USPS on track, but over time, it has grown ineffective in ensuring service quality and efficiency which have badly degraded under the 'Delivering for America Plan.' The PRC has questioned the amount of rate increases and the recent decision to degrade mail service but claimed it has no authority to stop them. This bill would ensure that it has the power needed to restrain the USPS and restore mailers' confidence in the system."

Among the provisions in the bill

on December 2, 1955, in Pampa. A Vegas-she looked forward to taking dedicated bookkeeper, she worked a couple of trips each year. for 17 years at Malcolm Hinkle Refrigeration and Plumbing before her parents; her husband, Jimmy in retiring to her beloved lake home, 2006; and her brothers, Cletus and where she joyfully embraced her role Harold Mitchell. as "Mamaw."

ietta was a devoted member of Pampa and Jay Baird and his wife First Baptist Church of Howard- Jody of Louisiana; and her daughwick. Whenever the church doors ter, Karan Swan of Oklahoma City; were open, you could find Marietta six granddaughters, Sara Peters and inside-serving, worshiping, or husband Brodie of Edmond, Oklaoffering a warm hug to someone in homa, Ashby and Avery Baird, both need. Her ministry of creating prayer of Canyon, Aubrey Baird and Casey shawls brought comfort to many, and Parker, both of Louisiana, and Payton her giving spirit was felt throughout Baird-Martin; five great-grandchilthe community.

finding hidden treasures at garage and several nieces and nephews. sales and loved reselling them at her booth at the Whistlestop. Mar- donations can be made to First Bapietta also had a passion for travel, tist Church of Howardwick. especially bus tours that took her

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love of her life, Jimmy Jack Baird, across the South and as far as Las

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She is survived by her three A woman of deep faith, Mar- children: sons Jimmy Baird of dren, Brantley and Brystol Peters, Marietta had a true knack for and Jayden, Isiah, and Karter Parker;

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Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO or the Company) publishes this notice that on March 14, 2025, it filed its Application for Approval to Amend Its Transmission Cost Recovery Factor (TCRF) with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) in Docket No. 57708. 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 August 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024. SWEPCO also seeks to recover through the TCRF approved transmission charges that are not otherwise being recovered through current rates. This notice is being published in accordance with PURA § 36.103 and 16 TAC § 22.51(a)(l).

### STATEMENT OF INTENT TO CHANGE RATES

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are requirements to ensure the USPS improve efficiency and service and limit its rate increase authority if it fails to do so. It would encourage postage rates at levels that preserve mail volume and would also give the PRC the power to block service changes it determines are not justified.

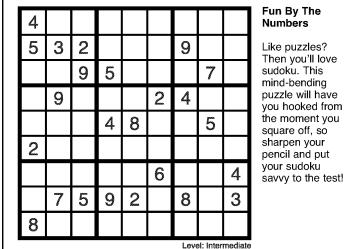
Currently the PRC can only issue advisory opinions which USPS can and has ignored. The bill would also allow the USPS to invest existing assets in private investment funds to earn a greater return.

"Under the 'Delivering for America Plan' costs have risen, mail volumes have plummeted and mail service has been intentionally degraded and there has been no mechanism to stop it. The PRC was not designed to address USPS management decisions that intentionally cause harm to customers. This must end."

NNA supports prompt action on this legislation and will be encouraging all Members of Congress to cosponsor it and to enact it as soon as possible.

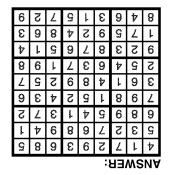






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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!



SWEPCO requests that the Commission approve an increase of \$11,187,371 above the revenue requirement approved by the Commission in SWEPCO's last TCRF proceeding, Docket No. 55438 for its Texas retail customers. This amounts to a 2.8% percent increase in SWEPCO's overall annualized Texas retail revenue requirement. SWEPCO proposes that its requested rate change become effective 35 days after the filing of the 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 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 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. 57708. Motions to intervene in this proceeding are due by June 9, 2025.

# ¿Qué Pasa? Community Calendar

### May 1

Lady Broncos v Hale Center • Floydada • 5:00 p.m.

### May 2

Lady Broncos v Hale Center • Floydada • 5:00 p.m. • Game 3 to follow if needed

### May 2

Lady Broncos v West Texas High . Tascosa • 5:00 p.m.

### Mav 3

Lady Broncos v West Texas High . Tascosa · 1:00 p.m. · Game 3 to follow if needed

### May 3 & 4

Century Scramble • Clarendon Country Club. Call 806-874-2166.

May 5 Cinco de Mayo

May 24

Clarendon Aquatics Center Season Opening. 1:00 p.m.

### May 26

Memorial Day Scramble • Clarendon Country Club. Call 806-874-2166

### May 31

Howardwick Citywide Garage Sale. Call City Hall for details or to be added to the map, 874-2222.

### June 7

Trash to Treasures Garage Sale Event. Multiple garage sales starting at 8 a.m. Maps at ClarendonLive. com the week of the event. Sales must register by May 30. Call 874-2259 to sign up.

### June 7 & 8

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### June 8

Route 66 Festival - Jericho Gap 5K/10K Fun Run benefiting the Jericho Legacy Foundation



### **Donley County Senior Citizens**

Mon: Mexican pile-on, torti-Ila chips, Spanish rice, garden sliced peaches w/ salad, whipped topping, iced tea/2% milk.

Tues: Stroganoff, black eyed spinach, whole wheat peas. roll, strawberry short cake, iced tea/2% milk.

Wed: BBQ chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll, peach cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.

Thurs: Pork loin, long grain rice, peas & carrots, whole wheat roll, pumpkin pie, iced tea/2% milk. Fri: Pollock, Brussel sprouts, French fries, hushpuppies, fruit cocktail, sugar cookie, iced tea/2% milk.

Governor Greg Abbott last the Collingsworth County Library L. Ward of Telephone is a full-time week reappointed Jerry Dan Davis, Board. Davis received a bachelor's rancher and operates a Red Angus/ Mike Sandefur, and Joe L. Ward to degree in General Agriculture from Santa Gertrudis cow-calf operation the Red River Authority of Texas West Texas A&M University. Board of Directors for terms set to

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as well as separating all the golfers from some of their hard-earned cash.

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Abbott reappoints Davis to Red River board

is CEO of Loblolly Land Company, Multi-Purpose Complex, volunteer The Authority provides for the Barkman Creek Land Company, and for the Telephone Volunteer Fire control, conservation and develop- Barkman Bluff Farms. He is a board Department, director for the Bigbee ment of the watershed and water of member for Texarkana College Cemetery, and member of the Telethe Red River and its Texas tributar- Foundation, former president of the phone Baptist Church. Texarkana College Board of Trust-Jerry Dan Davis of Wellington ees and the Sulphur River Basin rial appointee to the State Soil and is an owner and operator of a farm River Authority Board of Direcand ranch operation in Colling- tors, former chairman of the Finansworth, Childress, and Hall counties. cial Advisory Committee of Bowie Chamber of Commerce Board of Davis is currently serving on the County and on the Advisory Board Directors. Ward served in the Army Panhandle Peanut Growers Board, of the Salvation Army in Texarkana. National Guard from 1969 - 1971 Farmers Co-Op Gin Board, and the Sandefur received a Bachelor of and the Air National Guard from Collingsworth County Agricultural Arts, Master of Accounting, and a 1971-1976. Ward received a Bach-Board. He formerly served on the Master of Business and Public Man- elor of Business Administration Wellington ISD School Board, and agement from Rice University. Joe from Baylor University.

on the Bar S Ranch. He is a founding Mike Sandefur of New Boston board member of the Fannin County

> He is also a former gubernato-Water Conservation Board, and formerly served on the Bonham Area

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## **IRS tournament raises funds for Country Club**

By Mary Green

event was held on April 12 and hosted by the Green family, with proceeds going to the Clarendon Country Club Ladies' Golf Association and the Event Center Commit-

This year the players were not

only subject to fines and penalties in loaded. The third annual IRS Golf the name of the fake Internal Rev-Tournament separated the skilled enue Service, but the players were golfers from the wanna-be golfers, also victims of a gang of mobsters who tried to take over the event.

One of the scarier moments for the players was the obligatory meeting with "The Godmother," Blue Eyes Owen, and her tire-iron carrying bodyguard, Alley-Cat Green. The Godmother offered "protection cuffed arguing partners together at a price" from the many enforcers who were roaming the course issuing All participants were subject to tickets and citations for flagrant tour-University of Texas clothing, putting with the wrong-colored ball, driving the golf cart too fast/too slow, playing with tariffed-clubs from China, sweetest moment of the day, Shawn and many more. The Mob ladies also turned around a gave the bag to our offered mulligans - but the dice were ticket-drawer, Mason Conrad.

lenges on the course was the 4th Hole Long Drive Contest, using a marshmallow instead of a golf ball. The contest was won by Wes Shields, who had a screaming drive of 45 feet, but he was also fined for playing with his food. Hole #18 had

(every team) and made them putt conjoined. The winning team (lowest creative score-keeping) was Shawn Stover and his brother, Devin Boase. Shawn also won a new golf bag door prize donated by Steve Hall. In the

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Wed: Waffles, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Thu: Stuffed bagel, cheese stick, fruit juice, milk.

Fri: Donut, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

### Lunch

Mon: Chicken strips, biscuit, salad, sweet potato fries, fruit, milk.

Tues: Frito pie, beans, veggie cup, dessert, fruit, milk. Wed: Chicken fajita salad, broccoli, tomato cup, fruit, milk. Thu: Steak fingers, roll, gravy, green beans, corn, fruit, milk. Fri: Boneless chicken wings, chips, celery, carrots, sherbet, fruit, milk.

### **Hedley ISD**

### Breakfast

Mon: Pancakes, bacon, bananas, fruit juice, milk.

Tues: Croissant ham & cheese sandwich, peaches, fruit juice, milk.

Wed: Donut holes, sausage, fruit juice, milk.

Thu: Maple pancake sausage sandwich, apples, fruit juice, milk.

Fri: Waffles, sausage, orange, fruit juice, milk.

### Lunch

Mon: Drumstick, garden salad, tomato cup, apples, milk. Tues: Frito pie, beans, veggie cup, pineapple, fruit, milk. Wed: Steak fingers, gravy, roll, green beans, corn, peaches, milk.

Thu: Boneless chicken wings, celery, chips, carrots, mixed fruit. milk.

Fri: Cheesy breadsticks, broccoli, marinara sauce, cinnamon apples, fruit, milk.

Quilt of Valor

Golden Needles Quilting Club members Janan Koontz and Frances Smith present veteran Jessie Murdock with a Quilt of Valor last week at the Donley County Senior Citizens Center. Murdock was drafted out of high school in 1966 and came from a family of men who had served in the military for three generations. He served in Vietnam, separated from the Army in 1968, and then enlisted in 1974. He served all over the world during 26 years and was in Germany when the Berlin Wall came down. After leaving the service, he managed Ace Hardware before retiring. He still enjoys helping others and is a member of the American Legion.

COURTESY PHOTO

# City holds candidate forum

Mulkey Theatre.

running unopposed for reelection, ble decisions. moderated the forum and introduced the candidates. Participating for being dependable and honest were Brittney Wolfe, Jeremy Jeffers, Eulaine McIntosh, Ashlee Estlack, Ralph Graves, Chelsi Shadle, and Tom Thompson. Richard Dzamko is efforts need to be made to clean up also on the ballot for city council but the city and restore pride. was not there Tuesday.

is.

Jeffers called for strong, transand also called for openness and integrity. He said Clarendon faces sions. challenges but said he wants to work to solve those challenges.

six years on the council, said she shortage with Greenbelt Reservoir, is known for diving into the topics street paving, and their personal before the council and doing her qualifications to and what assets they homework before making a decision. would bring to the board. She said she believes in teamwork grants to make improvements.

to the council less than a year ago, Facebook.com/TheEnterprise.

Candidates for the Clarendon said she wants long-term solutions to City Council addressed voters in improve trash service and to upgrade an open forum last Tuesday at the and improve security at the park. She said she wants to improve commu-Mayor Jacob Fangman, who is nications and make fiscally responsi-

> Graves said he has a reputation and doesn't always go along with the crowd. He talked about taking a close look at the city budget and said

Shadle listed many attributes Wolfe said it is time for that she thinks are important to be Clarendon to have transparency and on city council, including integrity, accountability in city government ethics, empathy, accountability, and and wants people who are willing others. She said she wants to work to listen to the concerns of citizens with other people on the council to regardless of what their family name move the community in a positive direction.

Thompson said he cares about parent leadership, said he supports the community and said he thinks he growth and economic development has the professional experience to assist the city in making good deci-

Candidates then fielded questions and talked about several issues, McIntosh, who has served including trash service, the water

Balloting for the city council and wants to continue to pursue seats will be held Saturday, May 3, at the Donley County Courthouse Estlack, who was appointed Annex. See election night results at Classified WITH EVERY **NEW OR** RENEWED SUBSCRIPTION!



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### **US Rep. Jackson** announces art winner last week

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Congressional District. This annual contest is held among high school students across the country for the chance to have their artwork featured in the United States Capitol for their respective districts for one year.

This year's theme was Texas Grit and Grace, highlighting the strength, resilience, and kindness of TX-13 constituents.

"Congratulations to Drew Puentes on winning first place in the 2025 Congressional Art Competition for Texas' 13th Congressional District." said Rep. Ronny Jackson. "His powerful charcoal drawing of two boys on horseback perfectly captures the grit, heart, and heritage of the Texas Panhandle. I'm proud to have his work represent our district in the US Capitol. A big thank you to every student who participated and to the parents and teachers who helped bring their talents to life."

As this year's first-place winner, Drew Puentes's piece, titled Something Crazy, Something Wild, will hang in the United States Capitol alongside winning pieces from other Congressional Districts for one year. Drew is from Spearman, Texas, and is a student at Gruver High School.

The Congressional Art Competition has recognized the artistic talents of young students nationwide since 1982. Dozens of students from multiple high schools across Texas' Thirteenth Congressional District participated in the competition this year. Submissions consisted of photographs, drawings, paintings, and computer-generated art.

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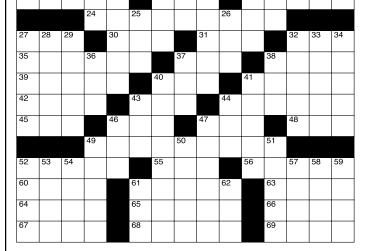


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- 15. Philosophy 16. Do what you're told
- 17. Gaffe
- 18. Widely known and esteemed
- 19. Amusement park attraction
- 20. Popular comic strip Viking 22. Usually has a lid
- 23. American sportscaster

- 38. Gradually disappear

### **CLUES DOWN**

1. Currency 2. Ceramic jar 3. Reagan's Secretary of State 4. God worshipped in Kanesh 32. Attaches to a wall 33. Capital of Ethiopia: \_\_\_\_Ababa 42. A way to comprehend 43. Defraud

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- 44. Sandwich type
- 45. Expression of disappointment
- 46. Popular Dodge truck model
- 47. The 17th letter of the Greek
- alphabet
- 48. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 49. Songs to a beloved
- 52. Custom
- 55. Partner to cheese
- 56. West Indies trees
- 60. Member of a Semitic people
- 61. Plant that originated vegetatively 63. Squandered one's money
- 64. Ethiopian river
- 65. Excessive fluid accumulation
  - in tissues
- 66. Acquire by one's efforts
- 67. Irish goddess

37. Star Wars character Solo

68. Hungarian village 69. Cereal grasses

34. German river

36. Disappointed

41. Nonsense

43. Automobile

46. Soak in water

47. Flower cluster

49. Romanian city

51. Fencing sword

54. Farm building

52. Body part

53. Region

50. A parent is often one

57. Ali's surname at birth

58. Waxy bird beak covering

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- 24. Lung fibrosis 27. General's assistant (abbr.) 30. Pouch 31. Upset
- 32. Partner to hem

# 39. Regions

40. Possesses

41. Body parts

# 35. Astronomy unit of distance

### 37. Witch

# Lady Broncos defeat Sanford-**Fritch for Bi-District crown**

### By Sandy Anderberg

ship over Sanford-Fritch last week. first game 8-3 and took the second game 17-6.

The Cummins twins have been dominant on the mound all season had 11 hits with seven singles, one 10 singles, three doubles, and three racking up great pitching stats. double, and one triple in addition to homers in the game. As a team they Kennadie Cummins earned the seven-inning win over the Lady Eagles allowing seven hits and three runs. made good hits in the game and con- and Frausto claiming one each. Cummins struck out 12 batters with tributed to the win. no walks. She threw 83 strikes out of 109 pitches and faced 33 batters. SF the Lady Broncos to give them the strike-outs in the game. She threw 58 struggled to find the sweet spot to go opportunity to continue post-season strikes out of 86 pitches and allowed deep.

Caudle had a hot bat in the Broncos'

and was instrumental in the Broncos'

home the win in only five innings.

Fellow senior Mason Sims was on

allowed zero hits, zero runs, and

cos have been stellar on the bases

and they were able to rack up 10

stolen bases against the Indians and

As a team, the 10-10 Bron- win.

By Sandy Anderberg

shut-out win.

struck out 13 batters.

fifth inning. K. Cummins and Elliot to score half of the Lady Broncos' The ladies are moving on after Frausto burned a homerun each in runs for the entire inning. Clarendon claiming the Bi-District Champion- the game. Frausto got hers in the fifth scored all their 17 runs at the end to left field and Cummins knocked The 24-5-1 Lady Broncos won the one down in the seventh to center another chance to put runs on the field. Both hitters scored two with board, but the Lady Broncos shut their big shot.

> Overall, the Lady Broncos the two homeruns.

play. More big hits were made in the only one walk in the game. However; the Lady Eagles were second game with Tandie Cummins able to score first with one run in the and Shelby Christopher leading the Hale Center May 1 and 2nd at 5:00 first and one in the second before the way with three home runs that scored p.m. in Floydada for games one and Lady Broncos were able to find their seven runs collectively. T. Cummins two. Game 3 will be played immedisweet spot and add five runs in the hit a grand slam in the second inning ately following game two if needed.

Caudle brings the Broncos home with grand slam

last regular season game at Quanah bat, but it was a big one to left field adding a run on a passed ball. The

double in the game.

Clarendon senior Colton 11 runs in the win. Caudle only Robinson and Sims to add the first

They were able to bring hot hand as he posted a single and a single, strike out, and another strike

All the Broncos were good at

the mound for the entire game and the plate and were heavy on the sin- well to give them confidence going

of the fourth. Sanford-Fritch had them down after six runs.

Overall, the ladies racked up ran the bases well and stole four with Almost all of the Lady Broncos Hayden Elam, Coles, Riley Jantz,

T. Cummins was on the mound Game two went in favor of and went the distance with four

The Lady Broncos will take on

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**CHS** students excel on the field and in the classroom

By Sandy Anderberg

Several senior Broncos and Lady Broncos have led their teams on the field all season in Bronco baseball and Lady Bronco softball. Not only have they had success on the field, but the student athletes have also excelled in the classroom as well and were recently recognized for their achievements with state awards.

Mason Allred and Maloree Wann were named to the Academic All State 1st Team; and Bryce Wil-



slammed six hits that scored their Wilkins was able to score Kreed

managed one hit in his two times at runs to the board with Braylon Rice

that scored four runs in the fourth Broncos began the second inning

inning. Bryce Williams also had the with a ground out, single, walk,

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gles. Mason Allred, Klay Wilkins, into their first play-off game which Parker Haynes all hit singles in the will be held Friday, May 2, at Tascosa against West Texas beginning The Broncos' first two innings at 5 p.m. The second game will be were huge as they came out swing- Saturday at 1:00 p.m. at the same ing. With two outs in the first, locations and game three, if needed.

Overall, the Broncos played

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out to go up six to zero.

liams, Kennadie Cummins, Tandie Cummins, and Chelsea Wright were named to the All State 2nd Team. Grant Haynes, Shelbi Coles, and Hayden Elam were given an All State Honorable Mention for their achievements.

Congratulations to our outstanding student athletes at CHS.

### US 287: Continued from page one.

larly on Keaney Street, would have on local businesses. TxDOT officials said they understood the inconvenience and impact the work zone would have but reiterated their commitment to the safety of the traveling public as well as to those working on the project.

"We had three fatalities in work zones in Donley County alone in the last three years," Lankford said.

Officials also said a project in Hedley that temporarily restricted the highway to two lanes also saw a fatality and said they did not want to see that happen again.

TxDOT did say, however, that they would stay in contact with local officials and would remain open to reevaluating the placement of barricades and traffic flow during the course of the project.

City officials will, however, have to consider plans for how to maintain access to businesses in the 100 and 200 block of Kearney without traffic going through the highway. The next phase of downtown revitalization is also scheduled to begin in the 200 block this year.

Concrete barricades will block Kearney traffic at the highway, and the stop lights will not be operational.

TxDOT documentation says the bridge over the ditch on US 287 was built in 1938, but archives of The Enterprise support that it was built in the early 1920s, making it well over 100 years old.

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### NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN WATER QUALITY PERMIT RENEWAL

PERMIT NO. WQ0010709001

APPLICATION. City of Hedley, P.O. Box 185, Hedley, Texas 79237, has applied to the Texas

Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew Texas Land Application Permit (TLAP) No. WQ0010709001 to authorize the disposal of treated wastewater at a volume not to

exceed a daily average flow of 50,000 gallons per day via surface irrigation of 20 acres of nonpublic

access grassland. The domestic wastewater treatment facility and disposal area are located northeast of the City of Hedley, approximately 1.2 miles north and 0.8 mile east of

the intersection of U.S. Highway 287 and State Highway 203, near the city of Hedley, in Donley County, Texas 79237. TCEQ received this application on April 14, 2025. The permit application will be available for viewing and copying at Hedley City Hall, 109 Main Street, Hedley, in Donley County, Texas, prior to the date this notice is published in the newspa-

per. The application, including any updates, and associated notices are available electronically at

the following webpage: https://www.tceg. texas.gov/permitting/wastewater/pendingpermits/

tlap-applications. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application. https://gisweb.tceq.texas.gov/ LocationMapper/?marker= 100.643333,34.883333&level=18 ADDITIONAL NOTICE. TCEO's Executive Director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After technical review of the application is complete, the Executive Director may prepare a

draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the countywide

mailing list and to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the deadline for submitting public

comments. PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting on this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ will hold a

public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public

interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Unless the applica-

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IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed

permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how

you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period and, the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the

nformation discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity: explain how and why the

member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect

are relevant to the group's purpose. Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will

forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hear-

to the TCEO Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period.

TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case earing if certain criteria are met.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list

this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief

Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county.

If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database at www. tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid. Search the database using the permit number for this application, which is provided at the top of this notice.

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writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk,

P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Please be aware that any contact informaSecretary, at 806-856-5241 Issuance Date: April 23, 2025

### NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN WATER QUALITY PERMIT RENEWAL PERMIT NO. WQ0010007001

APPLICATION. City of Clarendon, P.O. Box 1089, Clarendon, Texas 79226, has applied to the

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEO) to renew the Texas Land Application Permit (TLAP) No. WQ0010007001 to authorize the disposal of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 280,000 gallons per day via evaporation. The domestic wastewater treatment facility and disposal area are located approximately 4.000

feet northeast of the intersection of U.S. Highway 287 and Farm-to-Market Road 2162, in the

city of Clarendon, in Donley County, Texas 79226. TCEQ received this application on April 15,

2025. The permit application will be available for viewing and copying at Clarendon City Hall, 313 South Sully Street, Clarendon, in Donley County, Texas, prior to the date this notice is published in the newspaper. The application, including any updates, and associated notices

are available electronically at the following webpage:

https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/ wastewater/pending-permits/tlap-applications. This link to an electronic map of the site or facil-

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P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 Please be aware that any contact information you

provide, including your name, phone number, email address and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website

at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep. Si desea nformación en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from City of Clarendon at the address stated above

or by calling Mr. Brian Barboza, City Manager, at 806-874-3438. Issuance Date: April 22, 2025

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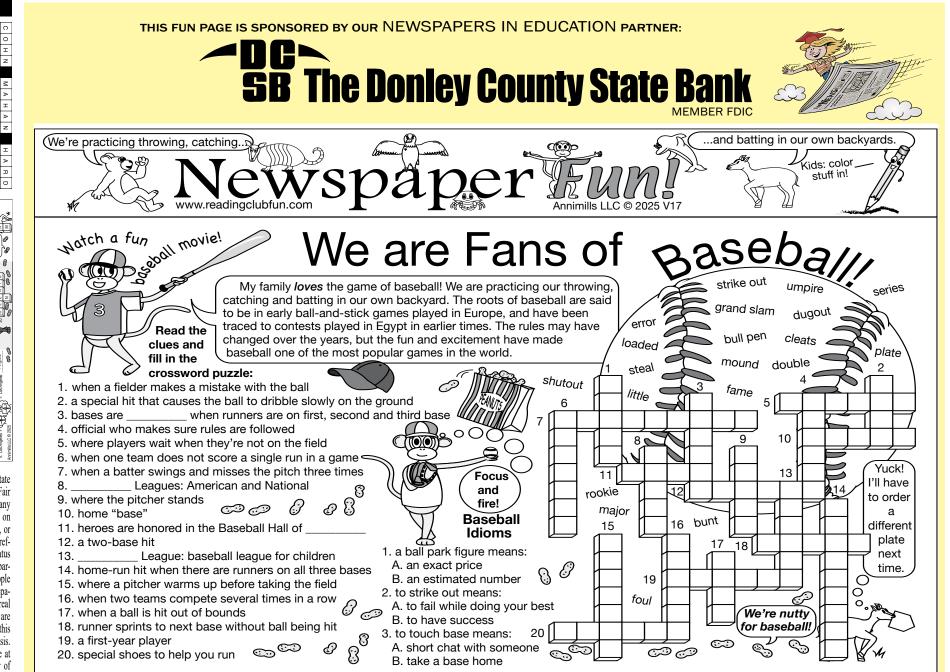
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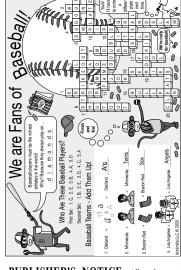
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# **SBA** disaster relief available now for autumn drought

istration (SBA) is reminding eligible accounts payable and other bills not small businesses and private non- paid due to the disaster. profit (PNP) organizations in Texas low interest federal disaster loans to drought beginning Sep. 17, 2024.

the Texas counties of Archer, Baylor, Recovery and Resilience at the Briscoe, Childress, Clay, Colling- SBA. "We're pleased to offer loans sworth, Cottle, Dickens, Donley, to small businesses and private non-Foard, Gray, Hall, Hardeman, Has- profits impacted by these disasters." kell, Hemphill, Jack, Kent, King, Knox, Lipscomb, Motley, Ochiltree, \$2 million with interest rates as low Roberts, Stonewall, Throckmorton, Wheeler, Wichita, Wilbarger and Young, as well as the Oklahoma to 30 years. Interest does not accrue, counties of Beaver, Cotton, Ellis, and payments are not due, until 12 Roger Mills and Tillman.

Economic Injury Disaster Loan amounts and terms based on each (EIDL) program is available to small applicant's financial condition. businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, nurseries, and PNPs with disaster. Applicants may also call financial losses directly related to SBA's Customer Service Center at the disaster. The SBA is unable to provide disaster loans to agricultural producers, farmers, or ranchers, except for small aquaculture enterprises.

EIDLs are available for working capital needs caused by the communications relay services. disaster and are available even if the small business or PNP did not suffer tions to the SBA no later than May any physical damage. The loans may 23.

The US Small Business Admin- be used to pay fixed debts, payroll,

"Through a declaration by the of the May 23, deadline to apply for U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, SBA provides critical financial assistance offset economic losses caused by the to help communities recover," said Chris Stallings, associate admin-The disaster declaration covers istrator of the Office of Disaster

The loan amount can be up to as 4 percent for small businesses and 3.25 percent for PNPs, with terms up months from the date of the first loan Under this declaration, SBA's disbursement. The SBA sets loan

> To apply online, visit sba.gov/ (800) 659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance. For people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access tele-

Submit completed loan applica-





My name is Ashlee Estlack, and I am running to continue serving as Alderman on the Clarendon City Council.

As a lifelong resident of Donley County for 40 years, I know many of you, but I would like you to know more about me as I ask for your support in the upcoming election.

My husband and I have deep roots in the community. My

grandparents were Bob and Joan Kidd and Bill and Billie Johnson, and my parents are Doug and Nancy Kidd. My husband, Roger, and I have two children, Ben, 18, and Ella, 16.



graduated from Clarendon High School in 2003 and earned a bachelor's degree in 2006 and a master's degree in 2012 from West Texas A&M University. I spent the first 13 years of my career at Clarendon College working in marketing and communication and have spent the last 6 years in Public Affairs at Pantex.

In addition to being certified in the Texas Open Meetings Act and Texas Public Information Act, I have also been certified in Texas Public Funds Investment training and have served as an investment officer. I also have several years of experience in budgeting, personnel management, and board relations for local government.

Service to the community in a huge part of who I am and, as a family, we enjoy giving of our time to improve and support our community. I currently serve as President of the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce, am a member of the Clarendon Lions Club, volunteer at the Mulkey Theatre, am president of the Bronco Band Boosters, volunteer with the local troops in Scouts BSA, and serve on the board of Citizens Cemetery.

I was appointed to fill a vacant seat on the city council in June 2024, and am the third generation of my family to serve as Alderman. I would like to continue serving the citizens in order to make improvements to our trash service, continue working on projects to replace and repair critical infrastructure, and be a good steward of your tax dollars.

I would appreciate your support and influence in the upcoming City of Clarendon election. Early voting begins April 22 at the Donley County Courthouse Annex. Election Day is May 3.





# **Mulkey Theatre** get your tickets at ComedianCowboyBill.com or WilliamLeeMartin.com