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## Early deadlines set for next Enterprise

Early deadlines have been set for next week's Enterprise due to an early press time for Thanksgiving. All ads, news, and photos need to be submitted to the office by 4 p.m. this Friday, November 21. Next week's edition will be distributed on Tuesday, November 25, and the Enterprise office will be closed November 26-28.

## Dinner to honor NFR cowboys

The Clarendon College rodeo team is off to a hot start to the 2025-26 season, the inaugural campaign of the Caprock Region.

The Bulldogs have won men's team titles at all five fall rodeos, from Eastern New Mexico University in mid-September to the home rodeo this past weekend at Childress. The program will celebrate its season while honoring its recent history of excellence during the NFR Sendoff Party & Prime Rib Dinner at 7 p.m. Friday at the Donley County Activity Center.

Tickets are \$100, which includes two dinners and a chance at the \$1,000 cash drawing. There will also be a silent auction and live music.

"This is something we've been doing the last few years to show off the success our guys have been having in ProRodeo," rodeo coach Bret Franks said. "It's a big accomplishment for anyone to make the NFR, and we've been very fortunate to have some great cowboys in our program."

It's true. This year, five Bulldogs will compete at the National Finals Rodeo: saddle bronc riders Brody Wells and Weston Patterson; bareback riders Cole Franks and Sam Petersen; and all-around cowboy Wacey Schalla, who has qualified in both bareback riding and bull riding. Each man has been part of at least one national championship while at Clarendon.

"These five guys mean a lot to the rodeo team and to Clarendon College as a whole," Bret Franks said. "This community has really supported them, so we like being able to bring everybody together for a night to celebrate all their success."

"Wyatt pretty much kicked this off for us, but we've had a lot of talented cowboys that have helped put Clarendon on the college rodeo map," Franks said. "We're pretty proud of the guys that will represent us in Las Vegas this year."



## State approves grant for city sidewalk project

The City of Clarendon has been approved for a new sidewalk improvement project funded by the Texas Department of Transportation.

The city project will receive \$264,800 in state funds for sidewalk improvements in the 300 block of Sully Street in front of City Hall and three county-owned building as well as near the Clarendon Lions Hall in the 400 block of Sully.

The project will fill gaps in the pedestrian network by replacing broken/damaged sidewalks as

well as sidewalk leveling and curb and gutter replacement. Additional improvements will include new curb ramps and pedestrian lighting.

The Clarendon project is part of more than \$284.8 million approved by the Texas Transportation Commission for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure that will help improve safety, mobility, access and quality of life for people across the state.

These federal Transportation Alternative funds will go toward 73 projects statewide that will build

sidewalks, shared use paths, dedicated bicycle lanes and pedestrian bridges. They will also be used for the development of active transportation plans that will help communities plan for non-motorized connected networks.

"This significant investment will make it safer and more enjoyable for people to walk and bike in their communities while improving access across the state," Texas Transportation Commissioner Robert "Robbie" Vaughn said. "By expand-

ing transportation options, we can build more connected communities and a more connected Texas, while enhancing the quality of life for everyone."

While collisions involving pedestrians and cyclists only make up a small percentage of traffic crashes in Texas, they account for 1 in 5 traffic fatalities.

All of these projects will provide safer conditions for people who walk or use bicycles or wheelchairs. More specifically, 27 of these

projects will improve pedestrian safety in areas identified as potential risks in the Texas Pedestrian Safety Action Plan.

Twenty-nine of these projects are intended to provide safer routes for children walking and biking to schools.

Funding for these projects comes from the federal Transportation Alternatives program. All award selections come after a competitive call for projects from cities and counties across the state.



## Patriotic Salute

Hedley elementary students wave flags during a salute for America's veterans last Tuesday as part of the school's annual Veterans Day service.

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## Clarendon CISD adopts unified branding

Clarendon CISD announced last week the approval of a new, unified branding and logo system designed to strengthen district identity and reflect the pride and tradition of the Bronco community.

Over the past several months, a group of community volunteers collaborated with school staff and professional designers to develop a cohesive look that represents Clarendon CISD's values of excellence, tradition, and connection.

The new branding aims to create a consistent visual identity across all campuses, programs, and organizations within the district.

The new logo was approved by the Clarendon CISD Board of Trustees on November 10, 2025.

"Our goal was to develop a look that truly feels like Clarendon, something that honors our history while giving us a clean, professional identity moving forward," said Superintendent Rick Teran.

"As well I would like to specifically thank the following ladies for their hard work and contribution of putting this all together, JoAnna Robertson, Haley Shelton and Lauren Austin who saw this project to its completion. This new branding helps unify how we represent our district

to students, families, and the broader community."

The approved branding package includes updated logos, color standards, and usage guidelines. These materials will be available to community partners, organizations, and vendors who produce materials on behalf of Clarendon ISD.

Clarendon ISD extends its gratitude to the volunteers who contributed their time, research, and expertise to this project.

The district looks forward to seeing the new Bronco identity reflected across the community in the coming months.



## CC Foundation seeks donation for chairs

For 57 years, the Harned Sisters Fine Arts Center has been a landmark on the Clarendon College campus for everything from theatre to graduations to musical performances to civic meetings and more. Now, CC officials and the Clarendon College Foundation are working to improve the center for future generations, and they hope the public will help them during this year's Panhandle Gives campaign.

Earlier this year, CC replaced the stage curtains at the Harned Sis-

ters and more improvements are on the way.

CC President Tex Buckhaults said the Board of Regents is scheduled to award a bid next month for an estimated \$750,000 upgrade to the facility. That scope of work will include ADA accessible restroom facilities, ADA access to the stage, replaced water and waste lines, installation of a fire detection system, upgraded electrical supply, upgraded lighting, and refinishing of the stage.

The Harned Sisters' auditorium is the biggest indoor facility of its kind in the community with 578 seats available to the public.

Almost six decades of use have taken their toll on the chairs, however.

The CC Foundation has set a goal to raise \$400,000 to repair, renovate, and reupholster the seats and is partnering with the Amarillo Area Foundation as part of the Panhandle Give campaign from November 24 to December 2.

Last year the Amarillo Area Foundation added a three percent match to each eligible participating organization. Donations during the Panhandle Gives will be amplified by the AAF this year as well.

To help with this project, donations can be accepted online beginning November 24 at thepanhandlegives.org/organizations/clarendon-college-foundation.

For more information on donating, contact the college president's office at 806-874-3517.

## City council considering disciplinary action options

The Clarendon City Council is exploring employee disciplinary options after public complaints aired at last week's regular meeting on November 13.

In public comments, Irene Shaller told the council about confrontations she had had with City Secretary Machiel Covey regarding Shaller's bed and breakfast business.

Shaller said she had tried to follow the rules for paying Hotel Occupancy Taxes for her property but described hostile treatment from Covey and said the city secretary had pretended to be a bed and breakfast guest to try to contact her.

Later in the meeting, Shannon Herndon described her experience in trying to pay a water bill for an account which was turned off during a time of disputed bill. Herndon said she came to City Hall to learn more about her bill, and the she also described a heated interaction with Covey while she tried to pay for her bill.

Covey responded that Shaller and Herndon's accounts of what happened were not accurate and said she had followed procedures, although she did admit getting flustered when Herndon was in the office discussing the late water bill.

After meeting in closed session to discuss the matter, the council returned to open session and voted to contact the city's attorney to determine what disciplinary options that city has to it and directed that Covey have no contact with citizens in her job until the matter is resolved.

Mayor Jacob Fangman thanked those who had addressed the council that night.

"I want to thank the people who spoke tonight," he said. "We're going to do our own investigation and refine our processes to give the citizens dignity and respect."

In other city business, the council approved \$1,000 in funding for the Christ's Kids Ministry food program, accepted a low bid of about \$569,000 for a new grant-funded lift station, approved a bid by Bar X Contractor for work in City Hall, approved a resolution denying a rate increase by Southwestern Electric Power Company, voted to support Alderman Chris Topliff's candidacy for a place on the Donley Appraisal District Board, and approved having the Donley Appraisal District assess and collect property taxes for the city.

City Administrator Brian Barboza reported new lamp posts for the 200 block of Kearney are currently scheduled to be shipped November 17.



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Constitution 101:

# Privileges, Immunities and Debate

Over the years, I have come to realize that many of my students know little about the U.S. Constitution. And even as I speak to older generations, I realize parts of the Constitution are somewhat foreign to them as well. Most know the basics and major clauses, but there is so much more of our Constitution that is often glossed over.

One such clause that is often considered controversial focuses on privileges, immunities, and debate.

Article I, Section 6, Clause I, Part II states, “They [Congress] shall in all Cases, except Treason, Felony and Breach of the Peace, be privileged from Arrest during their Attendance at the Session of their respective Houses, and in going to and returning from the same; and for any Speech or Debate in either House, they shall not be questioned in any other Place.”

In a nation priding itself that no one is above the law, this clause might seem to go astray.

What is important to understand is that our Founders were protecting the freedom of the legislature, but not the individual members. Yet to protect the one, they had to protect the other. Their fear was that, to hamper legislation, individuals could tie up legislators with litigation, making it impossible to perform their duties.

Justice Joseph Story, who wrote what I consider the best commentary on our Constitution, argued the importance of this clause, claiming that if a representative was taken away from his duties, then the people he represents lose their voice in debate and votes. If a senator is taken away, then the state loses half its power to debate and vote.

This “privilege” only applies to civil cases and not criminal ones as the clause exempts “Treason, Felony and Breach of the Peace.”

In 1908, the U.S. Supreme Court not only agreed with only civil cases, but helped define what was meant by “Treason, Felony and Breach of the Peace” in the case of Williamson v. United States (1908).

In 1905, Congressman John Williamson, D-Oregon, was tried and convicted in his home state for conspiracy to suborn perjury as part of a land fraud scheme.

Williamson claimed privilege under the Constitution. His appeal became the 1908 Supreme Court case in which the Court ruled that “privilege” only applied to civil, not criminal cases. It also went on to claim that the phrase “Treason, Felony and Breach of the Peace” was commonly used by Parliament and the colonies to represent all crimes, and the Founders would have seen it that way. In other words, congressmen were only privileged from civil cases and not from criminal prosecution.

As for the “and for any Speech or Debate in either House, they shall not be questioned in any other Place” clause, this was essential for the separation of powers.

The “any other place” is referencing the other two branches of government.

James Madison wrote in The Federalist Papers No. 48, “It is agreed on all sides, that the powers properly belonging to one of the departments ought not to be directly and completely administered by either of the other departments. It is equally evident, that none of them ought to possess, directly or indirectly, an overruling influence over the others, in the administration of their respective powers.” In other words, Congress needs to be deliberate freely, without fear that members will later be punished, sued, or prosecuted for what they say or do in debate.

This clause has been interpreted several times by the Supreme Court, but arguably, the most important case was Gravel v. United States (1972).

In 1971, Alaskan Democratic Sen. Mike Gravel received a copy of The Pentagon Papers — a set of several thousands of classified documents concerning U.S. involvement in Vietnam. Wanting to expose the documents, the anti-war senator read portions at a meeting of his Senate subcommittee and placed them on the official record. Afterwards, he arranged for a private publisher (Beacon Press) to publish the full set of documents.

Trying to plug the leak, a federal grand jury subpoenaed Gravel’s aide, Leonard Rodberg, to testify about how the senator got the papers and how publication was arranged. Gravel cited the Speech or Debate Clause, claiming neither he nor his aide could be questioned.

The Court picked up the case, and, in 1972, issued their decision. The Court argued that legislative acts are fully protected including speeches, debates, introducing material into the record, voting, and committee work. It also agreed that the protection extended to aides, as it is impossible for congressmen to function without them. So while reading the papers was privileged, the Court, however, broke from Gravel in that private publication of the papers was not protected as it was not a legislative act, but a political one. The case reaffirmed the separation of powers as Congress must be free to deliberate and communicate without interference from the executive or judiciary branches, however, it also set limits when acting outside their legal duties.

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historically speaking  
by dr. james finck

# A changed king for a changeless God

Late in the 1500s, noted playwright William Shakespeare wrote his classic, Hamlet – his longest play that included an oft-quoted line, “The play’s the thing.”

Surely he was prophetic. Providence cannot be ruled out, but coincidence can.

Whatever, two plays about King David currently spotlight the prominent biblical figure – one long-running at the Sight and Sound Theater in Branson, MO, and the other presented in August in the packed-out chapel of Plano’s First United Methodist Church.

At the former, millions of dollars fund the production that features professional actors and actresses, and unbelievable sets. People leave the venue with thoughts of the biblical king embedded with memorable songs – the kind that linger. Featuring volunteer talent and a team “push” on a limited budget, Something Greater likewise delighted audiences. Plano crowds experienced theatrical excellence of script and music – all original – performed by 13 players, 11 in the 17-30 age range....

Playwright Kim Ross had the original vision for Something Greater. She even remembers the date, April 29, 2020 – soon after COVID’s arrival – when she was struck by the idea to use theatre to “bring people back to church,” especially ages 18-30, many of whom – data suggest – drift away. For Kim, writing the first script became a two-year project. Subsequently, she developed two more, all inspired that April day.

Fast-forward to 2021, when she teamed with FUMC’s Worship Arts Director Robin Anderson, a longtime colleague who shared Kim’s vision. Why

wouldn’t she? She and Kim already had collaborated on several children’s and youth church musical projects. Their first original collaboration, The Big Picture – featuring 40 youth – played in Texas, Missouri, Arkansas and Kansas churches during the summer of 2022.

Something Greater – a tale about King David – highlights the Prophet Nathan’s role in helping the king to finally accept change....

Kim and Robin have much in common, with birthdays on successive days; their husbands, Rick and Wade, share birthdays on the same day. They, too, were pressed into production duties, as directed.

Both women attended small Christian institutions – Kim, Howard Payne University and Robin, Bethel College.

The Rosses’ three sons are grown. The Andersons’ daughters are ages 17 and 19. The younger, nursing a foot injury incurred at softball practice, played Mary in Something Greater – holding Baby Jesus – moved discreetly around the stage on a dolly....

Echoes of applause for Something Greater remain, with a script already in progress for the summer of ‘26. Hopefully, more will follow.

Senior Pastor Matt Gaston called it “a shot of B-12” upon seeing The Bigger Picture in 2022, believes it brought folks back to church after COVID.

Something Greater has many



the idle american  
by don newbury

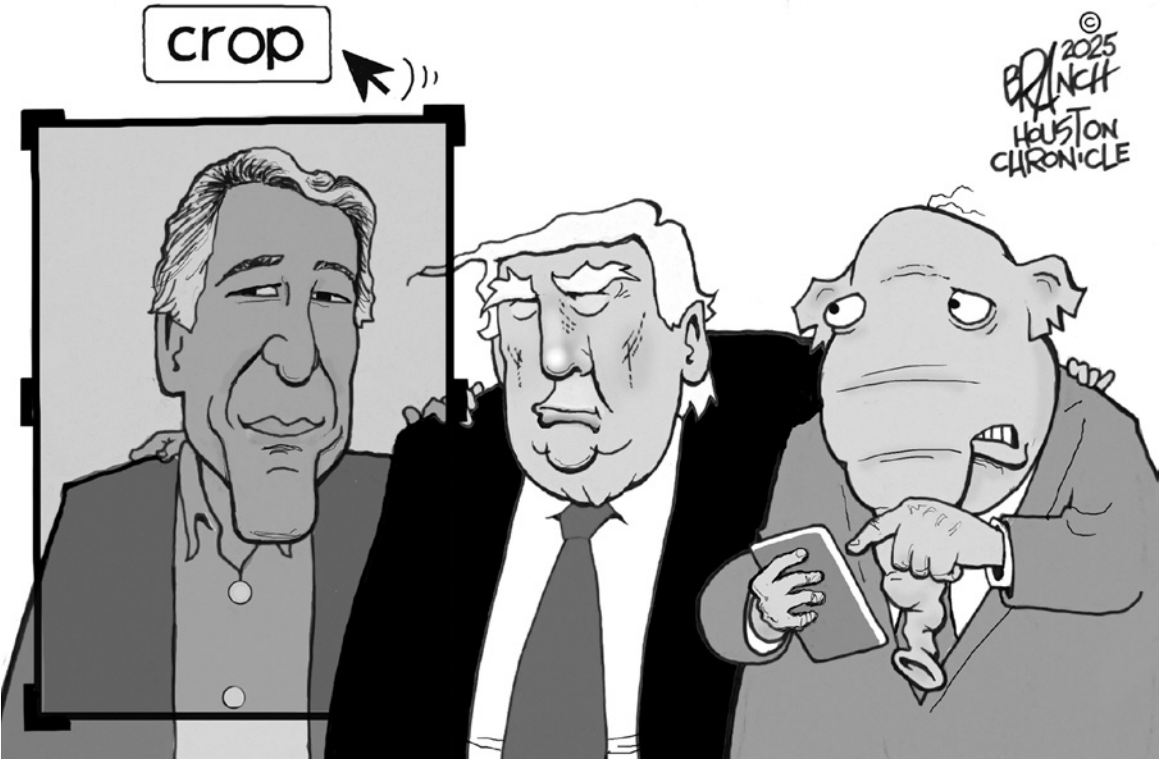
stand-out lines. Young King David: “Things Change. That doesn’t change everything.” Gospel Writer Luke: “Cheer up. Hope for the whole world was born in the City of David.” Prophet Nathan: “Perhaps it is not that everything happens for a reason, but that God can create reason out of everything.” Great Grandmother Ruth: “God offers indescribable peace in times of change.” Commander Uriah: “Forgive yourself.... Forgiveness opens the door to something greater.”...

For now, the “next best thing” to seeing the play in person is to view the 90-minute production. Go to YouTube, then search “Something Greater Musical.” Old Will Shakespeare was right; the play’s the thing. This one – through fact-based fiction, modern relevance, stirring music and powerful story-telling – includes more than 60 scripture references and more than 50 scholarly sources.

It is a testimony to visionaries like Kim and Robin who skillfully made it happen, providing “loving leadership,” successfully overcoming cast changes and other unexpected problems encountered along the way.

Hopes and prayers abound that the play soon will be published, then chosen by churches throughout the land to perform. In all of it, the Lord is glorified, and the importance of accepting change magnified. Readers are urged to enjoy this remarkable play. I applaud Kim and Robin, and all the rest who gave us Something Greater....

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# Texans turkey trotting for a good cause

When Texans think of Turkey Trots, we often think of early risers who get up on Thanksgiving morning to run a couple of miles before the day’s main event: the big meal, which serves as an expression of our gratitude for all of God’s many blessings. But the pilgrims’ story isn’t the only tale to be told on Thanksgiving day. Turkey Trots have their own lore, and it’s one worth examining.

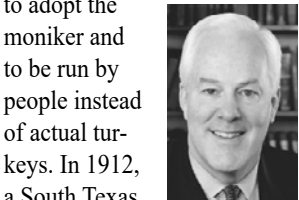
The first-ever Turkey Trot race took place in Buffalo, New York, in 1896. However, around the same time that Turkey Trot races were gaining popularity across the country, a different kind of Turkey Trot was beginning to grip the nation: a dance. It wasn’t a hit with everyone, which could be why the Turkey Trot race took a few decades to waddle its way into the Texas lexicon.

During the early 1900s, there was a rise in animal-inspired dances, including the Grizzly Bear and the Bunny Hug. These were very popular at the time but were not approved of by religious and government officials. The Turkey Trot was a specific dance that originated in 1909 on the West Coast and was known for being one of the most scandalous of its time by early 20th century standards. In 1910, there were bans on the dance across the U.S. because many people viewed it as inappropriate.

The Turkey Trot dance was frowned upon by so many that even President-elect Woodrow Wilson refused to have an inaugural ball in 1913, fearing that his guests would do the Turkey Trot, and instead threw a public reception at the Capitol. The Vatican even condemned the dance.

The controversy surrounding the dance didn’t stop the parallel rise in popularity of the Turkey Trot race, but it took a while for Turkey Trots in Texas

to adopt the moniker and to be run by people instead of actual turkeys. In 1912, a South Texas town created a novel tradition: the running of the turkeys in Cuero. On November 25, 1912, Cuero held its first Turkey Trot with more than 20,000 turkeys running down the town’s streets to market. Turkey drivers – like cattle drivers, but for poultry – would come from all corners of the state to parade and sell their birds. The race drew in many spectators, including the then-Governor Oscar Branch Colquitt.



texas times  
by sen. john cornyn

For years, Texans would flock to Cuero to view the parade of turkeys. Towns all over Texas tried to replicate Cuero’s event beginning in the 1920s, including Sherman and Brady. Sherman created its own version of the parade that included a banquet of turkeys, geese, and ducks. Brady started its own Turkey Trot festival, complete with floats, entertainment, and a feast to honor the King and Queen of Turkeydom.

In 1967, Dallas held the kind of Turkey Trot you and I are familiar with that was more focused on people doing the running than the fowl. The first-ever Texas Turkey Trot race was hosted by the Dallas YMCA 58 years ago with only 107 runners participating in a three-mile course. The following year, the race was held around White Rock Lake in East Dallas and was eight miles long. Just ten years later, the race was moved downtown due to its rise in popularity and space constraints. The number of participants has grown steadily over the years, with 2011’s trot

having a record-setting total of 36,820 entries. This year’s proceeds will go to the YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas to promote youth programs, wellness, and efforts to strengthen the North Texas community.

Dallas is not the only city in Texas that has a large Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning. Houston, Austin, Plano, Irving, Fort Worth, and many more cities big and small throughout the Lone Star State host their own races as well. Many cities work with their local YMCAs, and others partner with charities to put on their Thanksgiving events.

It is important to remember that Turkey Trot races are not just about burning a few hundred calories before packing on the pounds at Thanksgiving dinner; they are about joining with others to better your community while having a little fun along the way. I’ve had the pleasure of participating in multiple races that have ranged from a half marathon to shorter courses benefitting great causes like children’s health, local parks, and financial literacy education. During these races, I’ve learned that the distance you run doesn’t matter. It’s the act of raising awareness and resources for others that counts.

Whether you are racing in a Turkey Trot this year or cheering on family and friends from the sidelines, may we all do so remembering the greater cause we are serving and the impact each race has on our neighbors here in Texas. Turkey Trots are not just about getting some exercise before our Thanksgiving meal or about which family member had the fastest time – they are about making a difference and giving back to our community. Senator John Cornyn, a Republican from Texas, is a member of the Senate Finance, Judiciary, Intelligence, Foreign Relations, and Budget Committees.

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# Patterson prepping for first NFR contest

By Ted Harbin, TwisTed Rodeo  
WAVERLY, Kan. — Growing up near the heart of the East Flint Hills, Weston Patterson envisioned himself a rodeo cowboy.

He’s earned that title through grit, determination and a talent he’s working to perfect. Patterson just wrapped his third ProRodeo season with his first qualification to the National Finals Rodeo. He is the 11th-ranked saddle bronc rider in the world standings, having earned \$173,735 through the regular season to grasp his place in the sport’s grand finale.

There’s a caveat, though. Being a cowboy entails many things. So does being involved in rodeo. A natural all-around athlete, Patterson has done a variety of things in the arena. The fact that he’s excelled on 1,200 pounds of equine dynamite just adds to the lore.

“I’ll be honest: I never would’ve seen myself being a bronc rider,” said Patterson, 24, of Waverly, a community of 570 folks about half-way between Ottawa and Emporia, just off Interstate 35. “I grew up with a rope in my hand and wrestling steers. My dad bulldogged.

“My dad used to put on bulldogging jackpots what seemed like every weekend, and we had bulldogging steers all the time. All I knew was steer wrestling. I piddled around and roped, did all the junior rodeo things, and I was always really competitive.”

That led to chasing as many championships as he could. The most-coveted in rodeo is champion all-around cowboy, the person who could gather the most points by competing in multiple events. He roped and wrestled and started getting on ponies with a bareback rigging. Once he got to high school, though, his focus was on roping.

“My dad wouldn’t let me ride any roughstock,” Patterson said, referring to riding bucking animals. “I was too little, but all my buddies were riding roughstock. I hated not being down at the bucking chutes. By the time I was coming into my sophomore year, I convinced Dad into letting me at least ride saddle bronc horses.”

His competitive and athletic nature was seen around the Flint Hills. He played baseball as a youngster and was heavily involved with basketball, even participating in travel leagues. Patterson also excelled at football, where he earned all-state honors. It carried over into rodeo, too.

“I didn’t want to miss out on any of it,” he said. “My dad asked me one time if I had any interest in doing online school just for the sake of rodeo, and I like sports too much, so I said ‘No.’”

He’s not done testing his talents across multiple lines, though. He still ropes and bulldogs, which is something that he carried with him with a rodeo scholarship to Clarendon (Texas) College. Patterson was a freshman in 2021 when he finished second in bronc riding at the College National Finals Rodeo; the Bulldogs men won the team title that year, so he has a national title to go with his reserve championship.

Even though he knew little about the Clarendon program, there was something that intrigued him. He knew about some of the former athletes, which sparked the interest. The more he looked into it, he realized there was an opportunity to learn from the coach, Bret Franks, a four-time NFR qualifier. By then, two Clarendon bronc riders, Wyatt Casper and Riggin Smith, had won intercollegiate titles.

“I really didn’t know what I was going to do,” said Patterson, who credits part of his success to his partners, Cinch, Serratelli Hats, Duck Wild Waterfowl, Graham School and Twin Motors Ford. “I asked my dad, ‘If you were in my shoes, what would you do?’”

“He said, ‘If I was you, I’d sign that letter-of-intent to Clarendon and go down there, because that looks like a bronc rider’s boot camp.’ So,

I grabbed that piece of paper, signed it and put it in the envelope, and I walked outside in the dark to put it in the mailbox. I didn’t think another thing about it. The only thing Bret told me was that he wanted me there but wasn’t going to beg. That made it pretty dangned obvious what he was like, and I respected that.”

It’s led to some big things, one of which is his teaming with Casper, the 2016 intercollegiate champion who made the last five NFRs and won the aggregate title a year ago by having the best cumulative score over 10 rounds. Patterson and Casper also travel with Jake Clark and Kade Bruno.

While Clark and Casper missed this year’s NFR – Casper finished 16th, and only the top 15 advance – Patterson will find some solace in having Bruno in the mix at Pro-Rodeo’s championship, set for Dec. 4-13 at Las Vegas. Bruno, the No. 5 bronc rider on the money list, is making his fourth straight appearance.

“It’s been really handy having somebody in my back pocket to lean on for questions on how things work and where I need to be,” Patterson said. “He’s been really great about answering all my questions, because I don’t know how anything works there.”

Every level of life is a learning opportunity. It’s something he realized as a teenager trying his hand on bucking broncs. He gained more knowledge in the Texas Panhandle, then jumped in the rig with Casper, Bruno and Clark. He finished his inaugural season 58th in the standings, then moved up to 40th last year. Patterson made an incredible leap into the NFR field in just three years.

“My rookie year was terrible,” he said. “I tore my quad, and I didn’t ride good. I was fortunate to get picked up by Wyatt, and then Kade and Jake were with us. I knew then that I must have some type of ability that these guys would take their time with me. Wyatt was already a role model, and he’s just a freaking bad dude.

“I wanted to win as much as he’s been winning riding the way he does. It was the little things that were happening that started helping me believe. I thought, ‘Maybe I’ve got more ability than I think.’”

He believes in the process now. Is he ready to showcase his talent at the world’s richest rodeo?

“I think I’m still kind of shell-shocked, but I think it’s hitting me more now as I’m getting closer to it,” Patterson said. “I’m amazed at how many people have said something to me. I guess I’m surprised that so many people pay that much attention to it. It means a lot that other people are seeing it.

“Everything I’ve done my whole life, the sacrifices I’ve made, going to college eight hours away from home to be a bronc rider are coming to this.”

The sacrifices haven’t ended. For someone to chase rodeo dreams, it means time away from home and away from loved ones. It’s not just his dad and his older brother, Michael; Patterson’s support system includes his girlfriend, Winter Williams, who is also involved in rodeo.

“She’s been the best for me, the rock,” he said. “When things get tough, she’s always there to pick me up. Rodeo is hard. Having someone in your corner that is that big of a support is incredible. It takes a village to do what we do. She’s there for me when I’m struggling or have to make an all-night drive or have to go by yourself because of how the schedule works. She’s so awesome.”

Like a lot of young cowboys, Patterson learned from George Steinberger, who operated rodeo bible schools and conducted once-a-week practices in Richmond, Kansas. Three Kansas world champions got their starts with Steinberger, bareback riders Jeffrey Collins, Will Lowe and Jess Pope.

Weston Patterson would like to add his name to that roster, and he gets his first chance in December.

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Level: Intermediate

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November 29

Small Town Christmas Small Business Saturday • Savings at local merchants, activities downtown.

November 29

Christmas Lighting Celebration. Donley County Courthouse Santa Claus, 5 p.m.; Caroling and Lighting, 6 p.m.

November 30

The Polar Express • Mulkey Theatre, 6:00 p.m.

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Menus

November 24 - 28

Donley County Senior Citizens

Mon: Chicken alfredo, broccoli & cauliflower, garden salad, garlic breadstick, lemon cake, iced tea/2% milk.

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Wed: Lasagna, Brussel sprouts, garden salad, garlic butter stick, chocolate pudding w/whipped topping, iced tea/2% milk.

Thurs: Closed

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Wed: Chicken fried steak, country gravy, broccoli, mashed potatoes, whole wheat roll, fruit crisp, iced tea/2% milk.

Thurs: Closed

Fri: Closed

Jackson secures wins in agriculture appropriations

Last week, President Trump signed the Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act into law, which includes three of Congressman Ronny Jackson’s (TX-13) Community Project Funding requests. These projects will fortify TX-13 by improving emergency service infrastructure and providing vital tools to help our agriculture communities thrive.

“I’m proud to announce that three of my Community Funding Projects were included in the Fiscal Year 2026 Agriculture Appropriations Bill, providing critical resources that will strengthen Texas’ 13th Congressional District for generations to come,” said Rep. Ronny Jackson.

“From major upgrades to the Canyon Fire Station, to the new West Texas A&M Feedlot Education and Training Facility, to a cutting-edge mobile desalination unit for our livestock producers, these investments will make a lasting impact across the Texas Panhandle.”

City of Canyon Fire Station Rehabilitation: Secured \$1,400,000 to make critical updates to the community’s firehouse, including new sleeping quarters, a physical training space, new turnout gear storage space, an air tank filling station, command staff offices, and more.

West Texas A&M University Feedlot Educational Training Facility: Secured \$1,000,000 in additional funding to construct and build an educational training facility designed to train personnel for feedlot and feed mill operations in the rural communities of the Texas High Plains and Panhandle.

West Texas A&M University Mobile Desalination Unit: Secured \$2,000,000 to develop mobile desalination units and hydrological testing instrumentation for accessing and converting brackish water into usable water sources for farming and livestock operations.



Local heros

Local Veterans honored during Clarendon CISD annual Veterans day program.


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Honoring those who serve

Hedley ISD students honor American Veterans during a ceremony last Tuesday.

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the lion's tale

by roger estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting November 18, 2025, with Boss Lion Brian Barboza in charge.

We had nine members in person, one attending virtually, and five guests this week. Our guests were Clarendon College Rodeo Coach Brett Franks and rodeo team members Wyatt Williams, Carson Hildre, and Brooke Bruner. Christina Brady was also a guest of Lion Chuck Robertson and joined the club today. Welcome, Christina!

Coach Franks discussed the success of the college rodeo teams and introduced the members with him as some of the top performers this year. An NFR Sendoff fundraiser will be held this Friday featuring Clarendon College alumni who are on their way to the “Super Bowl of Rodeo,” Franks said. He also said that he has no doubt that one or all three of the contestants with him today will be appearing at the NFR in the next year or two.

Lion Anndria Newhouse updated the club on the 2025 Toys for Joy Drive. New toy donations are being accepted at Lowe’s and the Clarendon Visitor Center through December 8.

Lion Chris Reuter updated the club on this year’s food drive, which is being held in conjunction with the public school and coordinated with local food pantries.

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# Franks ready to star at the NFR

By Ted Harbin, TwisTed Rodeo

CLARENDON, Texas – Over the past month or so, Cole Franks has been transformed.

He went from mild-mannered cowboy to a supporting role on a recurring television program. It's all part of the life of being a bareback rider, which has been documented for "Hell on Wheels," a documentary primarily about Rocker Steiner, one of Franks' traveling partners.

The broadcasts shows the behind-the-scenes life on the road for Steiner, Franks and the third member of their posse, Louisianan Waylon Bourgeois, all of whom will be competing together again during the National Finals Rodeo, set for Dec. 4-13 at Las Vegas. A bus driver and videographer joined the traveling trio helping to capture all the significant moments.

"It was a little bit of a nuisance, a little challenging during the filming and stuff, and it was one more thing we'd have to worry about and work around," said Franks, now heading to his fourth NFR in five years. "Even though it was a bit of a pain in the ass, it was a lot of fun. We've been watching, and it's pretty cool to see and know what went into making that and see how it turned out. It's better than I was expecting."

Traditionally, rodeo cowboys like Franks load up in a pickup with a camper in the bed or in an outfitted van to make it from one rodeo to another. Because of the program, The Cowboy Channel and Boot Barn brought in a bus with a wrap that featured the show's logo and Steiner's likeness. It provided a few more comforts of home than the traditional means of travel, but it meant having a camera on board, too.

"You just get used to it," he said. "It was pretty easy to ignore it and still act normal with it."

Life of a rodeo cowboys is anything but normal. Franks and his team can compete at 100 rodeos a year, so that means a lot of time on the road. They might be in New Mexico one night and Oregon the next. That doesn't allow for much time at home or with loved ones, but Franks made it work. He and the former Dustie Warr were married May 28.

They're also expecting their first child; father and baby share something in common.

"Feb. 27 was my due-date, too," said Franks, 24, who celebrates his birthn on Valentine's Day. "I think this year is probably my favorite year out of them with a lot better things happening in my life this year. Knowing I'm about to be a dad is probably the biggest highlight of my year."

It's the next phase of life for the man who was born in the Oklahoma Panhandle community of Guymon and raised in Clarendon, Texas, where his dad, Bret, is the rodeo coach at the two-year Clarendon College. Cole Franks is a two-time college champion – three if you count that he was part of the men's team title – while at the school in 2021, winning the all-around and bareback riding titles.

That same year, he tried his hand at ProRodeo and earned his first NFR qualification, handily winning the Bareback Riding Rookie of the Year award by nearly \$200,000. Franks will enter the NFR fifth on



Cole Franks at the 2024 NFR

COURTESY PHOTO

the money list with \$200,362. He trails Steiner, the standings leader, by \$100,000, but that ground can be made up quickly in Las Vegas, where go-round winners will pocket nearly \$37,000 per night for each of the 10 rounds.

"Everything seemed a little easier this year," Franks said. "Everything was balanced a little better this year. Life in general was a lot more balanced, so I feel like that translated over to rodeo and just made everything easier."

Part of that was having two home-bases. While Clarendon is his element, his bride has spent most of her time near family in northern Utah. Like the Lone Star State, Utah is packed with rodeo talent and many great events with high purses. It's proximity to big-time rodeos also made for a nice upgrade when the schedule moved to the Northwest in August and September.

"Being 'home' all year definitely was a big help," said Franks, who credits a great deal of his success to his sponsors, Boot Barn, Cinch, Pete Carr Pro Rodeo, Western Legacy Co., 287 Ag, Eliason Trucking and KN Double Cone Ranch. "I was never worn out or road weary, ready to be done ... well, until the last week or so of rodeo, then I was kind of over it."

The regular season is long; the campaign is actually cyclical and wraps around itself. The 2026 term began Oct. 1 and won't end until Sept. 30, but the 2025 world champions won't be crowned until this winter at the NFR, set for Dec. 4-13 in the Thomas \& Mack Center in Las Vegas. In addition, the cowboys who earned the right to be there have traveled tens of thousands of miles to simply drive along or by The Strip in Sin City.

Franks has thrived in his three previous appearances – the one year he hasn't made it was 2023, when he finished 17th, and only the top 15 on the money list at season's end advance. In the 30 rounds he's ridden out of the famous yellow bucking chutes, Franks has earned \$453,340; that averages to more than \$15,000 per night in the City of Lights.

Much has changed since this first venture to the Nevada desert. He has built himself as a man and an athlete, and he's worked hard to expand on the foundation of being a cowboy.

"I feel like when I got my card my rookie year, I was very far off from being able to make the NFR," said Franks, the youngest of two boys raised by Bret and Darla Franks. "Halfway through the year, I was 10 times better. It's still snowballing. The caliber of the people doing this is better; everyone is always getting better, so you have to keep working and getting better."

"You can't get complacent with where you're at."

He's still learning, a valuable trait. It started with his mom and dad, a three-time NFR qualifier in saddle bronc riding. He received more mentoring in the early years by traveling with fellow bareback riders Tim O'Connell and Jess Pope, both of whom have won world championships. It continues with Bourgeois and Steiner.

"When I got in with Tim and Jess, that was like a day-and-night difference," he said. "Everything they did, mentality-wise and with my riding, completely changed. Tim and Jess built me, and they helped me fine-tune everything."

"Getting in with Rocker and Waylon was a little less business-minded. We just show up and show everyone who we are, and that just made everything blow up more."

That swagger showed. He didn't have a lot of outright victories, but he captured a ton of paychecks along the way. The biggest of his seven titles may have been late in the season in the Northwest.

"Ellensburg (Washington) was probably the best, because I was last hole making the short round," he said of his first-round ranking heading into the 12-man field on the final day. "I was planning on going somewhere else, and I was about to start booking flights to go to some different rodeo when the (short-round) draw came out for Ellensburg. I drew (Calgary Stampede's) Disco Party."

The paint bucking horse was recognized as one of the top three bareback horses in rodeo in 2025.

"I had the horse I considered my top pick, but I was dead last," Franks said. "I didn't even show up expecting the win, but I knew I had a chance to win the round and move up in the average. To win that rodeo was a really big deal to me."

His next stop is the NFR. It's a really big deal, too.

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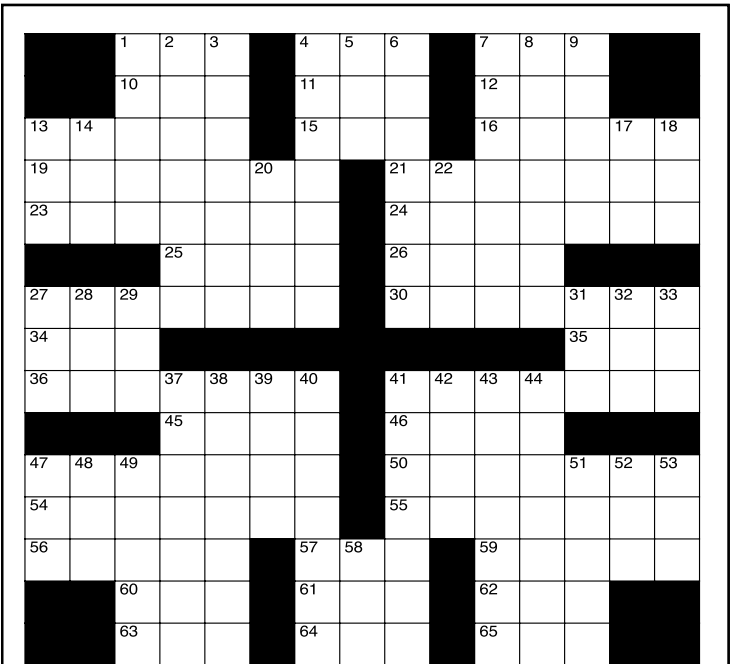
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4. Beverage container

7. A team's best pitcher

10. Unit of liquid capacity

11. It comes before two

12. Male child

13. Type of wheat

15. One's mother

16. Upper side of an organism

19. United is one

21. Extraction process

23. A being with lesser divine status

24. People living together in a community

25. Luxury automaker

26. This (Spanish)

27. Semitic language

30. Period for a defined purpose

34. Wander aimlessly in search of pleasure
35. Up in the air (abbr.)

36. American marsupial

41. Decadent dessert

45. Aquatic plant

46. About aviation

47. Summer footwear

50. Rugged mountain ranges

54. With tin

55. Cut on the surface of a hard object

56. Wrapped in cloth

57. Defensive nuclear weapon

59. "American Idol" contestant Clay

60. Midway between east and southeast

61. Court decision "\_\_\_ v. Wade"

62. Born of

63. Soviet Socialist Republic

64. Actress \_\_\_-Margaret

65. Not even

### CLUES DOWN

1. Heat unit

2. \_\_\_ Faulkner, American writer

3. Guatemala town

4. Of funny things

5. Actress \_\_\_ de Armas

6. Agents of one's downfall

7. Takes forcibly

8. Body lice

9. Large nest of a bird of prey

13. Unhappy

14. Popular holiday dessert

17. Habitual drunkard

18. Used of a number or amount not specified

20. Complications

22. Fail to win

27. Before the present

28. Musical genre

29. Flurry
31. 007's creator

32. Indiana Pacer Toppin

33. Midway between north and northeast

37. Feeling

38. Damage another's reputation

39. Mottled citrus fruit

40. Beauty product

41. They man first, second and third

42. Harness

43. Herb

44. Expressed concern

47. Mississippi scientific area (abbr.)

48. Consumed

49. Nostrils

51. Gathered fallen leaves

52. Express good wishes

53. Monetary unit of Brunei

58. Japanese Buddhist festival

## Obituaries

### McCombs

Patricia "Pat" A. McCombs, 84, of Amarillo passed away November 4, 2025.

Services are scheduled for a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors.

Pat was born July 8, 1941, in Clarendon to Claude King and Myrtle Fannie Oneta Kent.

She is survived by her husband Bob, a sister Peggy and husband Walter and brother Donnie and wife Carol.

Two daughters Sandy and husband Mick, Wendy and husband Cary, four grandchildren Marla, Lori, Dakota and Kaitlyn and 5 great grandchildren River, Jayden, Chase, Lucy and Clay.



McCombs

# Happy 24th Anniversary Jerri Shields!

*Jerri started on Nov. 16, 2021, served as the librarian from 2003-2024, and then became semi-retired. She replaced Carolyn Blackerby when she retired in 2003. She has received many grants and created programs that still benefit the library and community.*



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The Bronco Band plays their hearts out Friday night in Vernon. ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ELAINA ESTLACK



The Bronco Cheerleaders cheer on the Broncos Friday night in Vernon. ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ELAINA ESTLACK

## CJH Colts face tough Wildorado teams

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon Junior High Colts, fresh from their last football game, opened their basketball season last week in the Bronco Gym against two strong Wildorado teams. Both of the Colt teams played hard and never gave up but fell short in the end. The B-team Colts lost 19-48 and the A-Team narrowly lost by a score of 48-57.

The B-team fell behind early and could never make up the ground they lost. A lack of practice time just coming out of football hindered the Colts and turnovers plagued them, but they were able to gain good experience against the strong Wildorado team. Colton Madsen led the team on

the scoreboard with seven points and Henry Robertson and Hunter Wann put in four each. Zayden Shadle and Carsten Fields added two apiece. As a team, the Colts shot 50 percent from the free throw line and hit one big shot from the arc. Wann was perfect from the bonus line hitting both of his shots. Giovanni Guerra is also part of the team.

The Colt A-Team played the Mustangs tough in the first quarter of play and only trailed by one point after the first six minutes. Wildorado was able to gain a little ground before the break to open a nine-point lead.

The Colts worked hard going toe to toe with their opponent grab-

bing points when they needed them. Teagan Chesser hit three huge three-pointers in the game to finish with 11 points. TJ Smith led the way, however, with 19 points, hitting three out of nine from the bonus line.

The Mustangs scoring leader put in 22 points that included five shots from the arc. Joining Smith and Chesser was Darren Smith with seven, Kase Zongker with five, Colton Henson four, and Madsen added two. Henry Robertson and Trigg Harper are part of the team as well.

The Colts will participate in the Gruver tournament on November 22 and travel to Wheeler on November 24.

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**8th Grade:** Kassie Askew, Kase Zongker  
**9th Grade:** Brance Bell  
**10th Grade:** Madison Green, Kennedy Halsey, Addison Havens, Hudson Howard, Justus McAnear, Eliana Rodriguez  
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# Windthorst eliminates Broncos

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon Broncos, under the guidance of a nearly new staff and Athletic Director Jeff Caffey, fell short in post-season play against the Windthorst Trojans in Vernon last Friday night. The young Bronco team fought hard against the Trojans but lost 14-55.

Several Broncos on both sides of the ball gave their all. Caleb Herbert and Kreed Robinson shared duties at the helm. Herbert burned one to Michael Randall for the Broncos' first six of the game in the first quarter of play. Robinson took it in for the bonus to give the Broncos an 8-6 lead. The Trojans would add more touchdowns before the break and grabbed the lead back at 8-35 at halftime.

The Broncos gained their next touchdown when Robinson, who has shown a lot of maturity on the field, ran it in from the 15 for six to give the Broncos 14 against 48 for Windthorst. The Trojans converted one more touchdown in the fourth quarter to win by 41 and advance to the next round.

The Broncos struggled at the beginning of the season, but brought things together in the second half of the year gaining wins over Memphis and Quanah to secure their spot in the playoffs. The Broncos also dealt with injuries this year as the loss of two strong seniors put them behind the eight ball. However, every Bronco stepped up and filled the empty spots. They showed up with heart and versatility giving their all to Caffey, the Coaches, and the fans of Bronco Nation.

The underclassmen will miss this year's seniors, but are more than ready to work hard in their off season to make some noise when two-a-days begin next fall.

Seniors Kyler Bell, Don'Jae Orr, Kaleb Mays, Michael Randall, Tyler and Tanner Cavanaugh, Shane Hagood, Dakota Bond, Ranger Drenth, Heston Seay, Coulter Wortham, Kaendan Moffet, Rowdy Bebout, Nolan Burrow, and Dylan Chest will be missed.

Bronco basketball will travel to Childress November 22 and Borger on November 25 as they begin their 25-26 season.

# Lady Broncos muscle win over the Lady Tigers

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos out-played and out-lasting the McLean Lady Tigers at home last weekend and earned a 72-24 win. Five players finished the game in double figures and the team was able to convert free throws at 70%.

The Lady Broncos jumped out early to gain a 14-point lead after only one quarter of play. They were able to easily add to that point total before the break taking a 36-13 lead into the locker room. The Lady Tigers could do little to stop the Lady Broncos' offense and struggled against their solid defense. A big third quarter sealed the win for the ladies as they were able to take advantage of turnovers and missed shots.

Preslee Smith led the way with 14 and Cambree Smith added 13. Berkley Moore and Millie McAnear pumped in 12 each, while Gracie Ellis put in 10, and Kenidee Hayes finished with nine. P. Smith, Ellis, and Moore each hit two three-pointers, and C. Smith hit one. Moore and C. Smith were also perfect at the bonus line going two for two.

The Lady Broncos will participate in the Ponder tournament November 20-22 and host Palo Duro on November 25 beginning at 5:00 with JV and 6:30 with varsity.

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Bronco Kreed Robinson for the touchdown Friday night against Windthorst. ENTERPRISE PHOTO /ELAINA ESTLACK



Ranger Drenth runs the ball for the Broncos against the Trojans. ENTERPRISE PHOTO /ELAINA ESTLACK



Bronco Heston Seay fights to get past the Trojan defense last week. ENTERPRISE PHOTO /ELAINA ESTLACK



Bronco Parker Haynes tries to outrun the Windthorst defense Friday night. ENTERPRISE PHOTO /ELAINA ESTLACK



Caleb Herbert runs the ball for the Broncos last week. ENTERPRISE PHOTO /ELAINA ESTLACK



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NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST

On October 14, 2025, Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO or Company) filed a Petition and Statement of Intent to Change Rates (the Petition) with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC or the Commission) in Docket No. 58819, and with those municipal authorities in its Texas service territory that have original jurisdiction over SWEPCO’s electric rates. This notice is being published in accordance with Section 36.103 of the Public Utility Regulatory Act and Commission Procedural Rule 16 Tex. Admin. Code (TAC) § 22.51(a)(1).

SWEPCO has approximately 191,000 Texas retail customers. All such customers and all classes of customers will be affected by the relief requested in SWEPCO’s Petition.

SWEPCO’s request to change its rates is based on the financial results for a 12-month test year ending on March 31, 2025. SWEPCO’s Petition requests approval for a total Texas retail base rate revenue requirement of \$641,516,844 and a base rate increase of \$163,896,434, an increase of 41.67 % over adjusted Texas retail Test Year base rate revenues exclusive of fuel and rider revenues. The proposed increase in Texas retail revenues will be offset by setting SWEPCO’s current TCRF, DCRF, Advanced Metering System (AMS) surcharge, and a portion of Net Operating Loss Carryforward (NOLC) surcharge to zero, a reduction of \$68,960,435. Thus, the net proposed increase is \$94,935,998. The overall impact of the proposed revenue requirement, considering both fuel and non-fuel revenues, is a 13.48% increase. The impact of the rate change on various customer classes will vary from the overall impact described in this notice, as shown in the table below. In addition, SWEPCO is seeking recovery of the reasonable rate-case expenses, including expenses paid to reimburse intervening municipalities, that it incurs in this case and those rate-case expenses incurred in three prior dockets that have yet to be recovered.

A Residential Service customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours of energy per month will see an increase in their total bill (including fuel costs and rate riders) of \$16.43 per month, an increase of approximately 12.15%.

The following table presents the percentage annual revenue increases, by type of service, under the proposed rates in this proceeding:

Major Rate Class	Base Revenue Change	Base Percent Increase	Total % Change @ Proposed
Residential	\$ 65,986,839	41.26%	12.90%
General Service	\$ 7,941,672	29.84%	4.33%
Light & Power	\$ 42,089,946	29.84%	7.39%
Cotton Gin	\$ 175,099	83.33%	17.46%
Total Commercial	\$ 50,206,717	29.91%	6.96%
Industrial	\$ 41,899,554	78.73%	30.66%
Total Commercial & Industrial	\$ 92,106,271	41.66%	13.72%
Municipal	\$ 2,421,140	62.58%	20.06%
Municipal Lighting	\$ 1,689,786	62.29%	25.52%
Total Municipal	\$ 4,110,926	62.46%	21.95%
Lighting	\$ 1,691,431	29.45%	7.30%

SWEPCO has proposed that its requested rate change become effective 35 days after the filing of the Petition and Statement of Intent. The proposed effective date is subject to suspension and extension by actions that may be taken by the Commission and other regulatory authorities.

SWEPCO also seeks to reconcile its Advanced Metering System (AMS) deployment costs through March 31, 2025. SWEPCO is requesting to (1) implement new base rates reflecting its ongoing costs to provide AMS and (2) reconcile AMS costs with AMS surcharge revenues under 16 TAC § 25.130. At the conclusion of this proceeding, with the implementation of new base rates, SWEPCO proposes to eliminate the AMS surcharge and roll AMS capital expenditures and AMS operations and maintenance costs into base rates.

SWEPCO is proposing various revisions to most tariffs and schedules. In addition, in order to facilitate future TCRF, DCRF, and Generation Cost Recovery Rider (GCRR) filings pursuant to 16 TAC §§ 25.239, 25.243, and 25.248, respectively, SWEPCO requests that the Commission: (1) set the Company’s current TCRF and DCRF to zero; and (2) establish in this docket the baseline values consisting of the inputs to the calculations that will be used to calculate SWEPCO’s TCRF, DCRF, and GCRR in future dockets. Persons with questions or who want more information on this Petition 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 Petition 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 may contact the Commission through Relay Texas at (800) 735-2989. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is 45 days after the date the application was filed with the Commission, unless otherwise provided by order of the presiding officer. A request for intervention or request for further information should refer to Docket No. 58819.





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**CLARENDON ISD IS HIRING** for a full-time  
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tion Office or printed from the Clarendon ISD  
website (support staff application), and com-  
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CISD Administration Office. Fingerprinting and  
the clearance of a nationwide criminal history  
check are required. If you have any questions,  
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**CITY OF CLARENDON** is accepting applica-  
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ing bids for Estate eligible Category One and  
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8:00am at Hedley ISD, 301 Jones St., Hedley,  
TX 79237.

**THE TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE** Depart-  
ment intends to conduct prescribed burn-  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING** to discuss  
Clarendon Consolidated Independent School  
District's State Financial Accountability Rating.  
Clarendon CISD will hold a public meeting at  
7:00 p.m. on December 8, 2025, in the Video  
Conference Room, 416 S. Allen St., Clarendon,  
TX. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss  
Clarendon CISD's rating on the state's financial  
accountability system.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**PURPOSE OF HEARING:** Structure(s) located  
on the property at 225 Franclyn Dr, Howard-  
wick, TX 79226 was found to be in violation  
of the city's Substandard Structure as outlined  
in International Property Maintenance Code,  
2009 Edition and the International Wildland-  
Urban Interface Code, 2009 Edition of the  
Howardwick Code of Ordinances and Chapter  
214 of the Texas Local Government Code.  
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION/PROPERTY:** Lots Eleven  
(11) through Thirteen (13), of the CC North  
Addition, to the Town of Howardwick, Donley  
County, Texas; PARCEL ID: R7715  
**HEARING DATE/TIME/LOCATION:** City Hall,  
245 Rick Husband Blvd, Howardwick, Texas  
79226; on the 9th day of December, 2025  
at 6:00 p.m. Interested parties may present  
your case as to why this building should not  
be declared a public nuisance and why you  
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from the premises or proof of scope of any  
work that may be required to comply with the  
ordinance and the time it will take to reason-  
ably perform the work. The City Council may  
order the abatement of nuisance including  
demolition of any structure on the property.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**PURPOSE OF HEARING:** Structure(s) located  
on the property at 325 Angell St, Howardwick,  
Texas 79226 was found to be in violation of  
the city's Substandard Structure as outlined  
in International Property Maintenance Code,  
2009 Edition and the International Wildland-  
Urban Interface Code, 2009 Edition of the  
Howardwick Code of Ordinances and Chapter  
214 of the Texas Local Government Code.  
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION/PROPERTY:** Lot Two-  
Hundred Six (206) through Lot Two Hundred  
Eight (208), of the Cherokee Addition, to the  
Town of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas,  
79226  
Including Mobile Home Label: TXS0599883;  
PARCEL ID: R7415  
**HEARING DATE/TIME/LOCATION:** City Hall,  
245 Rick Husband Blvd, Howardwick, Texas  
79226; on the 9th day of December, 2025  
at 6:00 p.m. Interested parties may present  
your case as to why this building should not  
be declared a public nuisance and why you  
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order the abatement of nuisance including  
demolition of any structure on the property.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**PURPOSE OF HEARING:** Structure(s) located  
on the property at 212 Janmy Dr, Howardwick,  
TX 79226 was found to be in violation of the  
city's Substandard Structure as outlined in  
International Property Maintenance Code,  
2009 Edition and the International Wildland-

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Urban Interface Code, 2009 Edition of the  
Howardwick Code of Ordinances and Chapter  
214 of the Texas Local Government Code.  
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION/PROPERTY:** Lot Seventy-  
three (73), of the Apache Addition, to the Town  
of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas; PARCEL  
ID: R102818  
**HEARING DATE/TIME/LOCATION:** City Hall,  
245 Rick Husband Blvd, Howardwick, Texas  
79226; on the 9th day of December, 2025  
at 6:00 p.m. Interested parties may present  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**PURPOSE OF HEARING:** Structure(s) located  
on the property at 222 Lakeview Ln, TX 79226  
was found to be in violation of the city's Sub-  
standard Structure as outlined in International  
Property Maintenance Code, 2009 Edition and  
the International Wildland-Urban Interface  
Code, 2009 Edition of the Howardwick Code  
of Ordinances and Chapter 214 of the Texas  
Local Government Code.  
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION/PROPERTY:** Lot Two Hun-  
dred Twenty-one (221) Through Two Hundred  
Twenty-four (224), of the Saints Roost I Addi-  
tion to the Town of Howardwick, Donley County,  
Texas; PARCEL ID: R9755  
**HEARING DATE/TIME/LOCATION:** City Hall,  
245 Rick Husband Blvd, Howardwick, Texas  
79226; on the 9th day of December, 2025  
at 6:00 p.m. Interested parties may present  
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demolition of any structure on the property.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**PURPOSE OF HEARING:** Structure(s) located  
on the property at 175 Lubbock Lane, Howard-  
wick, TX 79226 was found to be in violation  
of the city's Substandard Structure as outlined  
in International Property Maintenance Code,  
2009 Edition and the International Wildland-  
Urban Interface Code, 2009 Edition of the  
Howardwick Code of Ordinances and Chapter  
214 of the Texas Local Government Code.  
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION/PROPERTY:** Lot Three  
Hundred Five (305) of the Saints Roost I  
Addition, to the Town of Howardwick, Donley  
County, Texas. Including Mobile Home Serial #  
M501268484; PARCEL ID: R9810  
**HEARING DATE/TIME/LOCATION:** City Hall,  
245 Rick Husband Blvd, Howardwick, Texas  
79226; on the 9th day of December, 2025  
at 6:00 p.m. Interested parties may present  
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should not be ordered to repair, renovate, or  
demolish and clear such building or structure  
from the premises or proof of scope of any  
work that may be required to comply with the  
ordinance and the time it will take to reason-  
ably perform the work. The City Council may  
order the abatement of nuisance including  
demolition of any structure on the property.

## 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 Number 25-065-DCCV-00040 on the  
30th day of October, 2025, by the Clerk  
thereof, and to me as Sheriff, directed and  
delivered, I will proceed to sell at 10:00 a.m.

## SHERIFF'S SALE

on the 2nd day of December, 2025 at the  
East Door of the Donley County Courthouse,  
in Clarendon, Texas, the properties described  
below:  
Cause No. Styling Legal Description  
25-065-DCCV-00040 City of Howardwick,  
et al vs.  
Owners of Various Properties Located Within  
the City Limits of Howardwick, Texas  
**TRACT 1.** Lot One (1), Country Club North Sec-  
tion of Sherwood Shores IX, City of Howard-  
wick, Donley County, Texas. R7706  
**TRACT 2.** Lot Three (3), Country Club North  
Section, of Sherwood Shores IX, City of How-  
ardwick, Donley County, Texas. R7708  
**TRACT 3.** Lot Fourteen (14), Country Club  
North Section, of Sherwood Shores IX, City of  
Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R7716  
**TRACT 4.** Lot Twenty-four (24), Country Club  
North Section, of Sherwood Shores IX, City of  
Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R7723  
**TRACT 5.** Lot Seventy-four (74), Country Club  
North Section, of Sherwood Shores IX, City of  
Howardwick, Donley County, Texas. R7757  
**TRACT 6.** Lot One Hundred Six (106), Coun-  
try Club North Section, of Sherwood Shores  
IX, City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas.  
R7772  
**TRACT 7.** Lot One Hundred Fourteen (114),  
Country Club North Section, of Sherwood  
Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley County,  
Texas. R7778  
**TRACT 8.** Lot One Hundred Forty-eight (148),  
Country Club North Section, of Sherwood  
Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley County,  
Texas. R7839  
**TRACT 10.** Lot One Hundred Ninety-five (195),  
Country Club North Section, of Sherwood  
Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley County,  
Texas. R7838  
**TRACT 11.** Lot One Hundred Sixty-nine (169),  
Country Club North Section, of Sherwood  
Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley County,  
Texas. R7822  
**TRACT 12.** Lot One Hundred Ninety-seven  
(197), Country Club North Section, of Sher-  
wood Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley  
County, Texas. R7840  
**TRACT 13.** Lot Two Hundred Seventy-eight  
(278), Country Club North Section, of Sher-  
wood Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley  
County, Texas. R7907  
**TRACT 14.** Lot Two Hundred Ninety-two (292),  
Country Club North Section, of Sherwood  
Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley County,  
Texas. R7915  
**TRACT 15.** Lot Three Hundred Sixty-eight  
(368), Country Club North Section, of Sher-  
wood Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley  
County, Texas. R7938  
**TRACT 16.** Lot Four Hundred and Thirteen  
(413), Country Club North Section, of Sher-  
wood Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley  
County, Texas. R7962  
**TRACT 17.** Lots Four Hundred Thirty (430),  
Four Hundred Thirty-one (431), and Four Hun-  
dred Thirty-two (432), Country Club North Sec-  
tion, of Sherwood Shores IX, City of Howard-  
wick, Donley County, Texas. R7971  
**TRACT 18.** Lot One Hundred Nine (109), Coun-  
try Club North Section, of Sherwood Shores  
IX, City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas.  
R7774  
**TRACT 19.** Lot One Hundred Eleven (111),  
Country Club North Section, of Sherwood  
Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley County,  
Texas. R7776  
**TRACT 20.** Lot One Hundred Seventy-two  
(172), Country Club North Section, of Sher-  
wood Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley  
County, Texas. R7824  
**TRACT 21.** Lot One Hundred Seventy-six (176),  
Country Club North Section, of Sherwood  
Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley County,  
Texas. R7826  
**TRACT 22.** Lot Forty (40), Country Club North  
Section, of Sherwood Shores IX, City of How-  
ardwick, Donley County, Texas. R7735  
**TRACT 23.** Lots Ninety-one (91) and Ninety-

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two (92), Country Club North Section, of Sher-  
wood Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley  
County, Texas. R7766  
**TRACT 24.** Lot One Hundred Sixty-seven (167),  
Country Club North Section, of Sherwood  
Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley County,  
Texas. R7820  
**TRACT 25.** Lot Two Hundred (200), Country  
Club North Section, of Sherwood Shores IX,  
City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas.  
R7843  
**TRACT 26.** Lot Two Hundred Fourteen (214),  
Country Club North Section, of Sherwood  
Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley County,  
Texas. R7856  
**TRACT 27.** Lot Two Hundred Forty-three (243),  
Country Club North Section, of Sherwood  
Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley County,  
Texas. R7878  
**TRACT 28.** Lot Two Hundred Seventy-five  
(275), Country Club North Section, of Sher-  
wood Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley  
County, Texas. R7904  
**TRACT 29.** Lot Two Hundred Seventy-seven  
(277), Country Club North Section, of Sher-  
wood Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley  
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**TRACT 30.** Lot Three Hundred Ninety-three  
(393), Country Club North Section, of Sher-  
wood Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley  
County, Texas. R7947  
**TRACT 31.** Lot One Hundred Twenty-six (126),

Country Club North Section, of Sherwood  
Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley County,  
Texas. R7787  
**TRACT 32.** Lot Thirty-six (36), Country Club  
North Section, of Sherwood Shores IX, City of  
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**TRACT 33.** Lot One Hundred Fifty-four (154),  
Country Club North Section, of Sherwood  
Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley County,  
Texas. R7807  
**TRACT 34.** Lot Two Hundred Fifty-nine (259),  
Country Club North Section, of Sherwood  
Shores IX, City of Howardwick, Donley County,  
Texas. R7891  
**35.** Lot Three Hundred Eighteen (318), Coun-  
try Club North Section, of Sherwood Shores  
IX, City of Howardwick, Donley County, Texas.  
R7930  
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all costs of seizure and sale against those  
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GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS THE 3RD DAY  
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[s] Charles Blackburn  
Sheriff, Donley County, Texas

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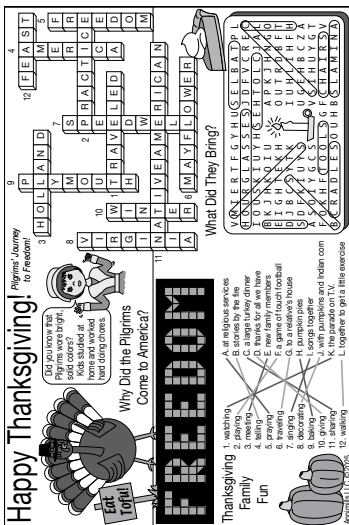
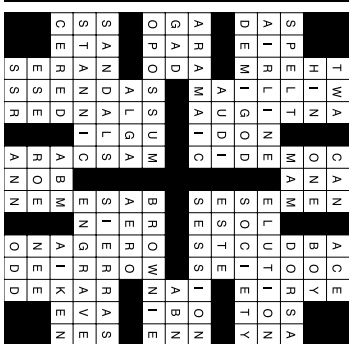
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## Happy Thanksgiving!



It's Thanksgiving! What do **you** know about  
the people we call the Pilgrims – who we think  
about on this day? The Pilgrims left England in  
search of a place where they could worship God  
in their own way. They went to Holland where they found more  
religious freedom, but life was hard there. Also, they didn't like seeing  
their children begin to take on Dutch customs, language and ways  
of life. They decided to cross the Atlantic Ocean to the "new" land  
called America, where they could get a fresh start.

The Pilgrims had enough people to fill two ships. One ship was  
called Speedwell, the other Mayflower. The Speedwell was found  
to be leaky and unsafe, so it was left behind for repairs. One hundred  
and two people crowded onto the larger Mayflower to set sail.

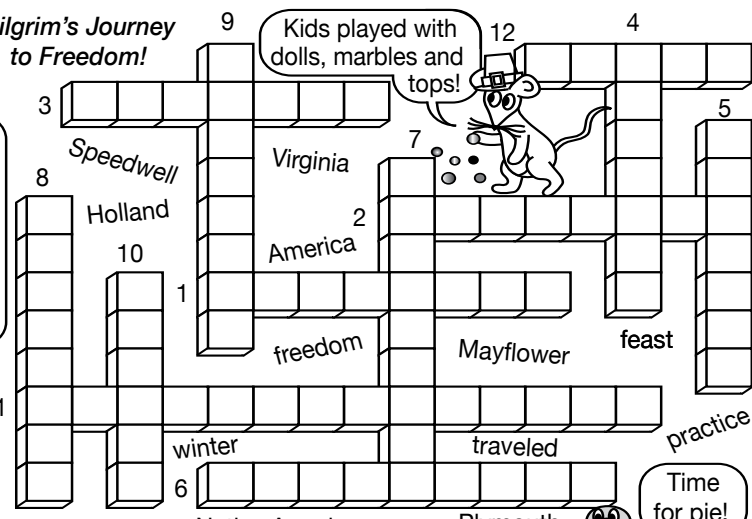
After a rough voyage, the Pilgrims spotted land and went ashore at  
Cape Cod to explore, do laundry and exercise. They lived on the ship  
until December 11, 1620, when they pulled into a cove and (it is said)  
stepped out onto Plymouth Rock. They settled near that cove,  
building a common house to share. Through the harsh winter many  
fell sick and died. By spring only 53 people were still alive to start the  
new colony!

When spring arrived a Native American named Samoset walked  
into the Pilgrim's colony and welcomed them. By the next fall, the 53  
Pilgrims celebrated the harvest with 90 Native Americans, including  
the Wampanoag chief Massasoit. They feasted for three days on fish,  
waterfowl, wild turkey and deer. This "First Thanksgiving" is what we  
think about as we celebrate our Thanksgiving with family and friends.

Did you know  
that Pilgrims  
wore bright,  
solid colors?  
Kids studied  
at home and  
worked hard  
doing chores.

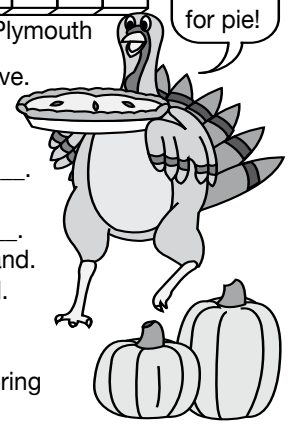


Pilgrim's Journey  
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### The Pilgrims:

- were people who \_\_\_\_\_ to find a safe place to live.
- wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ their religion freely.
- left England to go to \_\_\_\_\_.
- were not happy there and decided to sail to \_\_\_\_\_.
- hoped to find \_\_\_\_\_ in America.
- started out with two ships, the Speedwell and the \_\_\_\_\_.
- found the \_\_\_\_\_ leaky and left it behind in England.
- headed for \_\_\_\_\_, but ended up near Cape Cod.
- started a colony near \_\_\_\_\_ Rock.
- lost many people during the first harsh \_\_\_\_\_.
- met the \_\_\_\_\_, Samoset, in the spring  
when he came to welcome them.
- learned from the Native Americans and shared a harvest \_\_\_\_\_.







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