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

## Blood drive planned here on November 26

Coffee Memorial Blood Center will hold a Clarendon Community Blood Drive on Wednesday, November 26, from noon to 3 p.m. with the Bloodmobile parked at Lowe's Family Center.

Every donor will receive a festive "Don't Get Ghosted" long-sleeve Scrooge holiday shirt while supplies last. Add some spirit(s) to your wardrobe and help save lives in our community. Call for an appointment at 877-340-8777.

## Community meal to be November 27

The annual community Thanksgiving dinner will be held Thursday, November 27, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Clarendon School Cafeteria.

Deliveries will be made to handicapped and shut-ins by calling in advance at 806-277-0808. Donations can be mailed to PO Box 45, Clarendon, TX 79226 or at Pilgrim Bank.

## Polar Express to be shown at Mulkey

The Mulkey Theatre will have a special screening of "The Polar Express" this Sunday, November 30, at 6:00 p.m.

Come in your pajamas and enjoy this holiday tradition at the Mulkey.

Admission will be a donation to the Donley County Community Fund, which is participating in GivingTuesday again this year. Donations will be amplified by the Amarillo Area Foundation.

## Rep. King to hold town hall Tuesday

State Rep. Ken King (R-Canadian) will hold a town hall in Clarendon next Tuesday, December 2, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Bairfield Activity Center.

The stop is part of King's tour of House District 88 to discuss the 89th Regular Legislative Session as well as the Special Sessions that followed.

King will give a quick overview of the session and then solicit feedback from constituents on issues of vital importance to them and their communities.

"The input and ideas I receive from these meetings help me effectively represent and advocate for my constituents in the Texas House," King said.



# Clarendon CISD accepts donation to buy bus

Clarendon public school students, employees, and taxpayers have a special reason to be thankful this season after an anonymous donation was made to help pay for a new bus.

Clarendon CISD Trustees formally accepted the grant during their regular meeting on Novem-

ber 10. School officials say the gift of \$359,000 will pay for one of the two travel buses the district recently ordered.

Superintendent Rick Teran told the Enterprise this week the grant came as surprise to the school district but was a gift they gladly accepted. "How exciting is it that this

donation would be made to our district?" Teran said. "How blessed are we? This is money that could have gone anywhere but the decision was made to support our school."

School officials have long wanted new travel buses, but voters turned down a bond election last fall that would have included funds

for that purpose. In September, trustees approved buying two used buses with money the district has in reserves. With this month's grant, Teran says the district can keep more money in its fund balance for future needs.

Teran also said this week that the district is hoping to have the

new buses delivered by December 4, which is ahead of schedule.

In other school business at the November 10 board meeting, trustees cast the district's votes for the Donley County Appraisal District Board as follows: Shawna Herbert, 367; Chris Topliff, 367; Renee Mott, 369; and Jerry Koontz, 367.



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## McDeath!

Clarendon's Warren Mays (right) as McDeath confronts a witch played by Mallorie Nedd and McDuff played by Alex Reed when The Company at Clarendon College performed a comedy inspired by William Shakespear's "Macbeth" last week in the Harned Sisters Fine Arts Center. The original play, "McDeath," by CC's Rodney Donahue featured the three actors in multiple roles in a unique spin on a classic play.

# Small Town Christmas celebration this Saturday

From shopping to caroling to carriage rides, there will be lots of activities in Clarendon for Small Business Saturday and the new Small Town Christmas celebration on November 29.

Several local merchants will be open throughout the day with special savings to help shoppers get a jump start on their Christmas buying. Check out the Enterprise's Holiday Gift Guide and ClarendonTX.com/Christmas for details on local merchant promotions.

Small Town Christmas festivities will begin at 1 p.m. with the 200

and 300 blocks of Kearney Street being closed off to traffic. Entries in the Ugly Sweater and Gingerbread House contests will begin at that time also.

Organizers are planning on having food trucks and music downtown with vendor booths set up in The Roost event center (formerly the Cowboy Church). Drawings for variety of prizes will be held throughout the event at 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 7:30, and 7:45; and you must be present to win. Drawings will take place at the intersection of Kearney and Third Street.

Registration for a Christmas Scavenger Hunt will begin at the Courthouse at 3 p.m.

At 5 p.m., Santa Claus will be on the Courthouse Square where there will be live music on the courthouse steps and hot chocolate provided by the Clarendon Lions Club.

The courthouse lighting will be held at 6 p.m. in accordance with tradition, and then the fun will shift back to Kearney Street.

Carriage rides will be available starting at 6:30 p.m., and s'mores will be available downtown also. A

barrel train ride will also be available.

Awards for the best Ugly Sweaters and the best Gingerbread Houses will be announced at 7:00 p.m. downtown.

Small Town Christmas is being organized by a group of volunteer elves and supported with promotional efforts through the Chamber of Commerce and the Clarendon EDC. The volunteer committee led by Denise Bertrand has been planning and working for several months to make this weekend a success.



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## Fun Run Donations

Clarendon Chamber of Commerce representatives and members gathered with officials from the Clarendon Lions Club and Christ's Kids Ministry in front of the Mulkey Theatre last Monday following the presentation of proceeds from the REFZ Ride For Kids Fun Run. Christ's Kids and the Lions Club each got a check for more than \$3,100 to support programs for local children.

# Merchants invite you to shop small this weekend

Local merchants and the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce will make shopping at home pay off during Small Business Saturday and throughout the holiday season.

The fourth annual "Shop Small" promotion from the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce will put a grand total of \$550 in Chamber Christmas Cash in the hands of lucky winners who shop with local merchants.

Sign-ups at participating merchants will begin Friday, November 28, for drawings that will be held for \$100 each Friday on December 5, 12, and 19.

To enter, shoppers will fill out an entry at local participating merchants. The Chamber will gather them up each Friday morning, and hold the drawings live on the Chamber's Facebook.

Enter as many times as you shop locally, so shop often. Entries stay in the hopper each week, so those who enter will have multiple chances of winning.

As of Monday morning, those merchants participating this year are: Amanda's Country Soaps, Clarendon Outpost, Country Bloomers Flowers, Every Nook & Cranny, Floyd's Automotive, Henson's, Garrison's, J&W Lumber, Lowe's Family Center, Monroe's Peach Ranch, Mulkey Theatre, Mike's Pharmacy, Ramblin' Ranch Boutique, REFZ Sports Bar & Grill, and Whistle Stop. Other Chamber members wishing to participate can call the Visitor Center at 806-874-2421.

The Chamber will also hold a bonus drawing for \$250 in Chamber Christmas Cash on December 19. Sign-up for the bonus drawing will be held starting December 1 at the Clarendon Visitor Center. Shoppers can bring their receipts and receive one entry for every \$25 spent at the participating merchants.

Visit the Chamber's Facebook page or ClarendonTX.com/Christmas for more details on which businesses will be open this weekend.

Shop at home this holiday season and remember the important role your local merchants play in keeping your community strong. Support the businesses who support your town

Small Business Saturday began in 2010 when it was founded by American Express to help small businesses get more exposure during one of the biggest shopping weekends of the year.

According to small business advocates, every \$100 spent in locally-owned stores returns \$68 to the local community through taxes, payrolls, and other expenditures. That same money spent in another town or online returns nothing to your local community.



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A bigger conversation

# When service transforms into power

Congressman Jodey Arrington (R-Lubbock) surprised a lot of folks last week when he announced he would not seek re-election. And it was one line in his statement that stayed with me: “Public service should not be a full-time career.”

His statement made me proud. Because that’s exactly how we think out here in rural Texas. Service shouldn’t be something you cling to. Arrington reminded folks what a real public servant looks like: step up, do the work, and when your season is done, make room for the next person. And leave it to a rural Republican to know when it’s time to hang up the spurs.

But across Texas, we’re watching the opposite unfold. Statewide leaders seem determined to hold onto their power, even as the state’s needs go unmet.

Take Governor Greg Abbott. He is running for an unprecedented fourth term, which would give him 16 years in the Governor’s Mansion. That hit home for me this weekend when my 21-year-old casually said she’s never known a Texas governor other than Abbott. To her, having a single governor for her entire life isn’t unusual – it’s normal. And that’s the problem. When leadership doesn’t rotate, accountability disappears.

And here’s the hard truth: when you serve too long, you run out of things to do. So now our Governor is chasing a national audience with extreme rhetoric and made-for-TV moments. Instead of addressing the kitchen-table issues that matter – property taxes, insurance rates, water infrastructure, school finance, rural hospital closures – he’s governing for soundbites, donors, and conservative media outside Texas.

He’s not alone. Lt. Governor Dan Patrick and other long-entrenched leaders are following the same script. The pendulum has swung so far out of balance that serious legislating has been replaced by applause lines aimed at people who don’t live here and won’t face the consequences. When leaders stay in power too long, the state becomes a stage, the people become props, and the work gets replaced by the performance.

That goes against everything Dirt Democracy stands for. Leadership only works when it stays connected to the people, and nothing disconnects an elected official faster than clinging to power. Entrenchment creeps in through comfort, routine, and the belief that the office belongs to you instead of the voters. Once that mindset takes hold, leaders lose perspective. They stop hearing concerns, stop noticing the cracks, and stop responding to the realities families face every day.

At the state level, that looks like Abbott’s donor-driven war chest – funded by people who expect something in return. When a governor relies on billionaire donors instead of everyday Texans, judgment becomes clouded. The position becomes more important than the leadership, and the people get left behind.

At the local level, entrenchment takes another form, but the outcome is the same. When a mayor remains in office long enough that the title becomes part of his identity – tied to business dealings, associations, and personal relationships – the focus drifts away from public service. Decisions start protecting relationships rather than residents. Criticism becomes a threat, not a signal. Over time, the system begins serving itself instead of the citizens.

This is exactly what our founders warned against. They didn’t want kings. They didn’t want centralized power. They didn’t want leaders who stayed so long that the office became theirs by right instead of by election. When someone occupies the same seat year after year, we drift away from government of, by, and for the people – and move toward government run by whoever has held on the longest.

Maybe it’s time we talk seriously about term limits. Dirt Democracy rejects permanent power because it disconnects leaders from the people they serve. Term limits aren’t punishment; they are protection. They guarantee fresh eyes, new energy, and elected officials who remember why they were sent there in the first place.

And here’s the irony: the Republican Party of Texas platform already supports term limits for federal and state offices. The principle is written down. It’s time we start living it – in Austin and in our own small towns.

Congressman Arrington may be leaving the political stage, but he leaves behind a truth that Texas needs to hear, he said: “I believe, as our founding fathers did, in citizen leadership – temporary service, not a career.”

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texas rural reporter  
by suzanne bellsnyder

# Is the end in sight for tire kicking?

How used cars are marketed shouldn’t matter to my ancient Uncle Mort. After all, he swore off use of traditional transportation in the late 1900s when they started pricing gasoline in dollars instead of cents. Now, he motors around the thicket in a golf cart.

Much matters to Mort, though, period.

So the announcement that Ford Motor Company is going to start selling used cars on Amazon hit a nerve, resulting in a protracted telephone visit. Until then, I’d barely noticed Amazon’s decision to further rip the fabric of Americana....

“I’d sooner buy a pig in a poke than purchase a used vehicle on Amazon,” Mort fumed.

“The process is as sideways as buying a brisket from a Sears-Roebuck catalog – if we still had Sears-Roebuck catalogs.”

Mort claims that if this sales technique catches on, it will affect more than the “middle man.”...

Studying at “the university of hard knocks,” he is saddened about experiences future car buyers may be denied.

“Bargaining for a car is an art form that requires tire-kicking, patience and rock-hard negotiating,” he says. Sometimes, he’s walked away – returning later for final negotiations – usually including the “splitting of differences” between the figure offered and the initial selling price.

In such instances, both buyers and sellers generally feel they’ve gotten good deals....

“Amazoning” America exacts a great price, often eliminating small businesses that have long been leaders in

community support.

“Change for the sake of change” is frightening.

Often, it’s laughable. Maxwell House coffee’s name change to “Maxwell Apartment” coffee – even if temporary – won’t cut it, even if most Americans now live in apartments....

Digression ended , let’s get back to used cars.

Mort hearkened back to days when car dealers – fiercely competitive in business – remained close friends after store-closing time. He cited the late Jack Williams and Charlie Hillard, two Fort Worth friends who joshed each other regularly at the Rotary Club, both employing what might now be considered, uh, unorthodox advertising techniques.

Fort Worth leaders in Chevrolet and Ford sales, respectively, Williams favored a “jackalope” logo figure, and Hillard claimed to sell “new Fords and used Chevrolets.” The late Dwain Bruner, with dealerships in Stephenville and Brownwood, spent more time in community and church initiatives than selling cars. His son, Greg, is now in the fourth generation of similar leadership. He may be responsible for the long-ago tongue-in-check billboard on Highway 377. It read something like, “We sell our good trade-ins and send the dogs to Fort Worth.”....

Me? I’ve made many questionable purchases, three of them during college, for goodness sake. Perhaps I felt too cocky for putting aside \$375 for my



the idle american  
by don newbury

first car – a 1947 Nash Ambassador – in 1957. It looked like a bloated coffin, and with front seat backs lowered, made a bed (a feature I never used). It was quite an upgrade over the Cushman motor scooter I’d ridden from age 14-20, including my freshman year of college.

Then came a 1953 Oldsmobile a year later that ran on butane – when it ran.

Purchases of new cars in successive years were made during my last two years of college. The 1960 Plymouth Valiant still had its new car smell when I traded it in a year later for a Mercury which featured a back window that moved up and down at the press of a button...

Out in the real world, I felt sickly making monthly payments that ate up most of my salary.

I was hooked. The 1963 Buick Electra was irresistible, and neither could I resist buying the first IBM Selectric typewriter sold in Brown County.

My lesson was learned, though. I’ve driven used cars ever since, and purchased no typewriters....

Okay, there has been one exception. I bought a “new” 2017 Buick in 2019. It had zero miles and carried a full, new-car warranty.

This was probably the year General Motors manufactured too many white Buicks.

Even then, I kicked the tires. Any thoughts of Amazon would have been on a river, far, far away....

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# Take time this week to give thanks

Dr. Glenn Mollette

We can and should celebrate Thanksgiving every day. Jesus told the story about the man cleansed of leprosy who returned to give thanks. He pointed out there were nine who experienced the same healing of their physical problem, but did not return to give thanks.

The Pilgrims celebrated Thanksgiving. They gave thanks for the rain, their harvest, health and the kindness of the local native Americans. They also gave thanks to God for their new life in America.

We know the difference between a thankful person and someone who complains all the time about anything and everything. It’s more fun to be around a grateful person than someone who can find something bad to say about anything and everything that is good.

There is a painting I love that displays a man with a bowed head, hands clasped and before him what appears to be a bowl of soup. In the painting he is giving thanks.

Our children and grandchildren all have a lot to learn in life and so do all of us adults. Two words that seem to

be absent from many vocabularies are “thank you.”

We should say “thank you.” a lot. Say thank you to God and to all those who do even the smallest things for us and around us. It doesn’t hurt to say thank you two or three times.

Where did you learn to say thank you? Did your parents teach you? Did you learn it in school? Did you learn it from hearing someone else say it often? Or, have you yet to learn the importance of those two special and sacred words.

Thank you goes a long way. Saying thank you builds bridges, tears down walls and overcomes a lot of sin, evil and bad feelings. Thank people for being your friends, for their kindnesses, for their service, their faithfulness, their patriotism and all the big and small things from A to Z.

Don’t wait until Thanksgiving to say “thank you.” Give thanks to God, our public servants, your family, co-workers and more today and as often as possible.

I’ve already had several days of Thanksgiving. Last week we sat in my

sister’s family room and spent time talking to one of our own who survived an aortic aneurism. We talked about the miracle of the many people who were involved in saving his life. We gave thanks and have many times.

We spent time eating chili soup and sloppy joe sandwiches and casually hanging out as family. They were precious hours of Thanksgiving. My wife and I spent an hour or so another day with my sister, her husband and son eating some early turkey, dressing mashed potatoes and pumpkin pie. You don’t have to wait until Thursday to have turkey and family fellowship. One evening we sat with my brother and his son and family just talking around the table while they were having hamburgers. It was a nice time of fellowship. On another day we got to volunteer with others to distribute Thanksgiving food to over 800 people and again we experienced a blessed time of Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving can be any day, with any meal and a variety people. Whatever the day, meal or occasion, see the blessing of the moment and give thanks.

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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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¿Qué Pasa?

Community Calendar

November 28 & 29

Mulkey Theatre • Wicked: For Good

• 7:30 p.m.

November 30

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• 7:30 p.m.

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

December 1 - 5

Donley County Senior Citizens

Mon: Beef stew, garden salad, cornbread, fruit crisp, iced tea/2% milk.

Tues: Chicken strips/gravy, macaroni & cheese, baked beans, whole wheat roll, coconut cake, iced tea/2% milk.

Wed: Goulash, mixed greens, cornbread, coconut cake, iced tea/2% milk.

Thurs: Pork chops/loin, black-eyed peas, turnip greens, cornbread, sliced peaches, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Steak fingers/gravy, red skin potatoes, black-eyed peas, hot rolls, chocolate cake, iced tea/2% milk

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Beef stew, garden salad, cornbread, fruit cup, iced tea/2% milk.

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

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

Thurs: Enchilada casserole, pinto beans, Spanish rice, garden salad, sopapilla cake, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Bacon cheeseburger on whole wheat bun, potato wedges, fruit, sugar cookie, iced tea/2% milk

Clarendon CISD

Breakfast

Mon: Breakfast sandwich, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Tues: Breakfast burrito, hash-browns, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

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

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

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

Lunch

Mon: Steak fingers, gravy, roll, green beans, corn, fruit, milk.

Tues: Sloppy Joe, beans, veggie cup, dessert, fruit, milk.

Wed: Calzone, broccoli, marinara sauce, fruit, milk.

Thu: Enchiladas, celery, carrots, sherbet, fruit, milk.

Fri: Cheeseburger, salad, sweet potato fries, fruit, milk.

Jackson bill to protect US assets

Congressman Ronny Jackson (TX-13) introduced the Intelligence Community Property Security Act last week to address a critical gap in federal law by establishing clear penalties for trespassing on U.S. intelligence community (IC) properties.

In 2023, counterintelligence reports identified more than one hundred espionage attempts by Chinese citizens targeting military bases and sensitive IC facilities. This legislation empowers the Department of Justice to enforce comparable penalties for trespassing on IC properties as those currently applied to military installations.

“After four years of Joe Biden letting foreign nationals flood into our country, it’s no surprise we’re seeing a surge in Chinese espionage attempts at our most sensitive intelligence sites,” said Rep. Ronny Jackson.

Cosponsors include Ben Cline (VA-06), Dan Crenshaw (TX-02), Elise Stefanik (NY-21), Greg Steube (FL-17), and Claudia Tenney (NY-24).



Fireman Awards

Jordan King was named the Fireman of the Year when the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department held its annual awards presentation last week. Josh Dunn and Chris Reuter tied for Rookie Fireman of the Year.

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Fall run club

Hedley elementary students finished off their fall Run Club one mile run and a 5k recently. The goal for the elementary school was to log 517 miles. Students met the goal and exceeded, going all the way to 610 miles! The top two runners were Cottle Watts with 37.6 miles and Will Berry with 360 miles. “We are so proud of our kiddos,” Coach Carla Orcutt said and quoted Bill Bowerman, ‘The purpose of running isn’t to win a race, but to test the limits of the human heart.’ At Hedley, we are all Heart!”

COURTESY PHOTOS

DPS arrests 31 illegal immigrant drivers in Panhandle area

Governor Greg Abbott today announced the apprehension of 31 illegal immigrant drivers, mostly licensed out of California, along I-40 last week during a one-day, joint commercial vehicle enforcement (CVE) operation by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) and federal law enforcement.

“Millions of Texans drive on our highways, roads, and streets every day,” said Governor Abbott. “When illegal immigrants break the law and illegally drive on our roads, they endanger the lives of countless Texans and Americans. This joint state and federal operation along one of the nation’s longest transcontinental highways removed illegal drivers and unsafe vehicles from Texas roads. While liberal states like California issue licenses to illegal immigrants and risk the lives of Americans, Texas will work with our federal partners to maintain safe roads and apprehend illegal immigrants to protect our communities.”

The operation on November 11 focused on keeping Texas roads safe by identifying individuals with suspicious commercial driver licenses (CDL) during commercial vehicle inspections. DPS CVE troopers were joined by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Homeland Security Investigations, and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration for the one-day operation in Wheeler County.

During the 105 commercial vehicle inspections, DPS CVE troopers were unable to verify the lawful presence of 31 drivers despite being presented with CDLs. Those drivers were referred to ICE to have their lawful presence verified. It was determined that all 31 individuals were in the country illegally. A majority of the CDLs presented to DPS CVE troopers by those 31 illegal immigrants were issued out of California.

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## Obituaries

### King

Dennis Floyd (Sonny) King, Jr, 65, of Memphis passed away on Friday, November 21, 2025, at his home.

Graveside services were held Monday, November 24, 2025, at North Fairview Cemetery in Memphis with Rev. Daniel Downey, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Memphis officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Adams Funeral Home of Wellington.

He was born on July 28, 1960, in Hollis, Oklahoma, to Dennis Floyd King, Sr and Gail Weaver Johnson.

Dennis worked at the OK Tire

Shop for 24 years where his customers enjoyed seeing and chatting with him while he fixed their tire. He owned his own tire shop for a year or so and worked in road construction for several years. Later he began his gopher trapping business and was dang good at it.

He married his first love Dianne Kennemore in December of 1994 in Childress, she preceded him in death in 2023 and then he met the second love of his life Donna Ford later in 2023 and they were married on September 5, 2025.

Dennis' hobbies included cooking and fishing. He loved to cook whether it was on the grill, in the smoker, or kitchen. If he had any free time at all you could bet that he was at a fishing hole somewhere. Twice a year he took off to fish at Lake Kickapoo and always enjoyed fishing on Lake Texoma with Helen Ford, whom he considered a sister. Crappie fishing was his favorite, because he believed there was an art to catching them.

Above all he loved competing either on the grill or the lake trying to out cook or catch his best friend in life, Jack Monroe.

He was also preceded in death by his parents.

Dennis is survived by his wife Donna of Memphis; 4 sisters Debra Knox of Electra, Kathy Robinson and husband Billy of Fowler, Oklahoma, Alice Johnson and husband Henry Like of Kim, Colorado, and Amanda Hardesty and husband Daniel of Hobart, Oklahoma; 3 brothers Cliff Johnson and Kevin Johnson and wife Cheryl both of Clarendon, and S.J. Johnson and wife Theresa Pickins of Yukon, Oklahoma; 2 stepsons Stephen Ford and Dustin Ford and wife Raylynn both of San Antonio, and many nieces and nephews including Brittany Maddox whom he helped raise.

The family suggest that donations be made to the Memphis Cemetery Association.

Sign the online guestbook at [www.adamsfuneralsvc.com](http://www.adamsfuneralsvc.com).



Owl Josue Prieto guards a Darrouzett player during last weeks close loss.

COURTESY PHOTO



Maddox Gay charges straight to the basket last week during their win over San Jacinto Junior High.

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**Platinum Champs**  
The Lady Broncos competed at the Ponder Tournament last week and walked away with five wins and the Platinum Championship.

COURTESY PHOTO

Lady Broncos claim title at Ponder Tourney

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos jumped started their tournament season with five huge wins that brought about a Platinum Championship in Ponder last weekend. The ladies were hitting on all cylinders as they knocked out teams from 3A, 4A, and 5A schools.

The Lady Broncos opened the tournament against Iowa Park and defeated them 50-19. Preslee Smith, Kenidee Hayes, and Madi Benson finished in double figures with 16, 13, and 10 points respectively. The Lady Broncos hit four three-pointers and converted free throws at 60 percent.

They took on 5A Wichita Falls in the next game and pounded them 72-34. Cambree Smith, Gracie Ellis and Berkley Moore took control of

the scoreboard and finished with 15, 14, and 12 points. The team knocked down all of their free throws hitting all 11 shots and sunk seven shots from the arc.

Benbrook ISD was the next challenger in the bracket and the Lady Broncos took full control early on leading by 27 points after one quarter of play to get the 66-23 win. Moore was on fire with 16 points that included three for three at the bonus line and two three-pointers. C. Smith had 14, and Hayes helped with 12. The host team was next in line to face the Lady Broncos and stay fairly close all game long. A big third quarter for Ponder put them only two points behind the Lady Broncos as they went in to the final eight minutes of play. C. Smith led

the charge with 11 points and Moore finished with nine. P. Smith, Ellis, and Hayes all helped with eight, and Millie McAnear added one.

The final game was against Bridgeport, which turned out to be a foul-fest that went into overtime at 35 all. Thirty-eight free throws were shot by both teams in the game with the Lady Broncos hitting 16 of 29. Bridgeport was only able to put three points in the overtime period compared to seven for the Lady Broncos. Ellis and Hayes were able to hit three of six free throws and Hayes was able to score two field goals in the extra minutes.

Solid play and a lot of determination fueled the Lady Broncos who will be back at home December 2 against Abernathy at 6:30 p.m.

Colts and Lady Colts take on Panhandle

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Colts had a tough game against Panhandle on the road last Monday night and were defeated 60-4.

The Lady Colts struggled against the stronger team but kept fighting and never gave up. Preslee English and Marlee Bailey put in two points each in the loss.

The Lady Colts will travel to Memphis on December 1 at 5:00 p.m.

The Colt A and B teams played the Panthers at home and fought hard in both games. The B team lost 27-42 and the A team took a 31-49 loss.

Both teams did a good job of defending the Panthers, but Panhandle was able to take advantage of turnovers and missed shots. Offensively, the Colts are settling into learning the plays and executing on both ends of the court. They played hard and did not give in to Panhandle's pressure.

Colton Madsen put in 10 points in the B Team game and Hunter Wann helped with seven. Henry Robertson and Trigg Harper had four each and Zayden Shadle added two.

T.J. Smith led the way for the A team with 18 points that include two three-pointers and hitting six of eight free throws. Robertson put in five points hitting on three pointer, and Teagan Chesser hit a big shot for three while Kase Zongker finished with two.

The Colts will take on Memphis at home on December 2 beginning at 5:00 p.m.

The Colt A Team competed in the Gruver Tournament last weekend and walked away in a tie for the championship. No other results were available at press time.

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Broncos open season with win

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon Broncos hung up their football cleats and went straight to their basketball shoes as they rolled from one sport to the next with little practice. But they traveled to Tulia last week and brought home an impressive 57-46 win over the Hornets.

Senior Michael Randall led the way on the scoreboard and freshman Braxton Gribble pumped in 19 points that included four three-pointers. Randall hit seven of nine from the bonus line and grabbed 20 rebounds on both ends of the court. He also posted 11 steals, two assists, and one block. Gribble recorded three rebounds, five assists, and five steals while Kreed Robinson racked up five points including one three-pointer, five rebounds and two assists.

Caleb Herbert, Tyler Cavanaugh, and Heston Seay added two points each and together snatched eight rebounds, five assists and two steals.

The Broncos played hard the first three quarters of the game, but could never get in a position where they were able to lead the Hornets. However, they were able to come alive in the last eight minutes and outscore their opponent 21-6 for the win. As a team, the Broncos turned in 35 rebounds, 12 assists, and 18 steals.

Things did not go as well for the Broncos at Childress, which is a tough place to play. Trailing from the tip-off, the Broncos fell to the Bobcats 20-48.

Gribble and Robinson led the way with eight and four points respectively. As a team, the Broncos walked away with 32 rebounds and made one of 6 points from the bonus line.

The Bronco's struggled to get anything to fall from both the two-point line and the three-point arc. Their two-point shooting percentage was low for the amount of the Bronco shooting talent on the court at only 27% and the three-point percentage was at 12 percent.

The Broncos will reset in practice this week and take on Happy at home on December 2 at 8:00 p.m. and play in the White Deer Tournament December 4-6.

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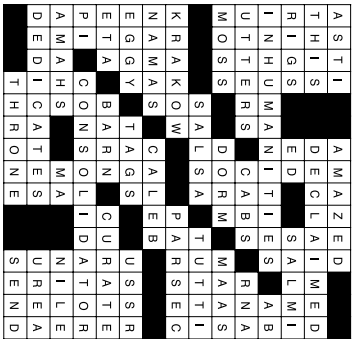
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Clarendon CISD will hold a public meeting at  
7:00 p.m. on December 8, 2025, in the Video  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**PURPOSE OF HEARING:** Structure(s) located  
on the property at 225 Franklyn Dr, Howard-  
wick, TX 79226 was found to be in violation  
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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  
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**HEARING DATE/TIME/LOCATION:** City Hall,  
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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  
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  
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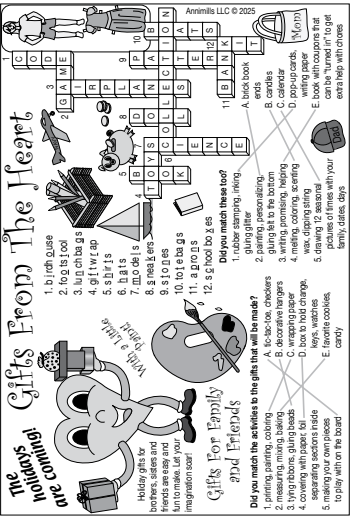
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**PURPOSE OF HEARING:** Structure(s) located  
on the property at 212 Janny Dr, Howardwick,  
TX 79226 was found to be in violation of the  
city's Substandard Structure as outlined in  
International Property Maintenance Code,  
2009 Edition and the International Wildland-  
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  
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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

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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,  
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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  
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Pleasanton — Merry on Main, Dec. 5 & 6, Pleasanton River Park. Santa Claus, lighted parade, kids zone, live performances, winter wonderland, fireworks. Sat. night line up: Payton Howie, Luke Prater.

Palacios — Seaside Holiday, Dec. 5-6. Music, shopping, vendors, cook-off, kids crafts, Jingle Jog 5K Run, lighted parade, photos with Santa, Palacios, TX.

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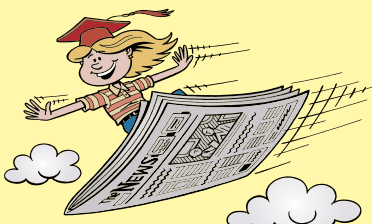
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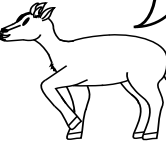


We're making gifts for the holidays!

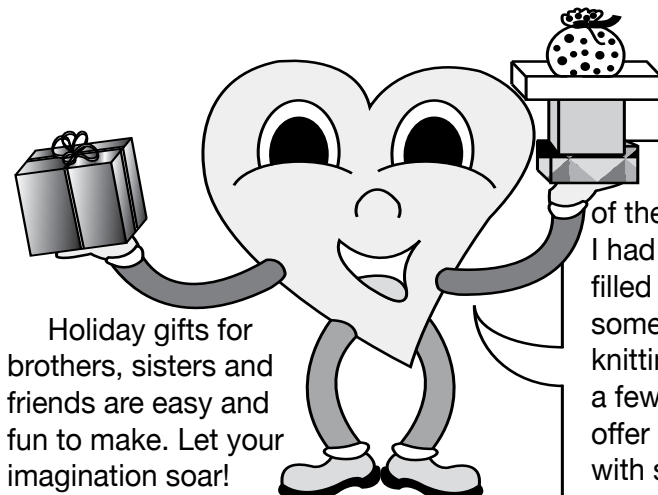
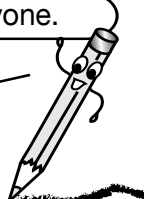


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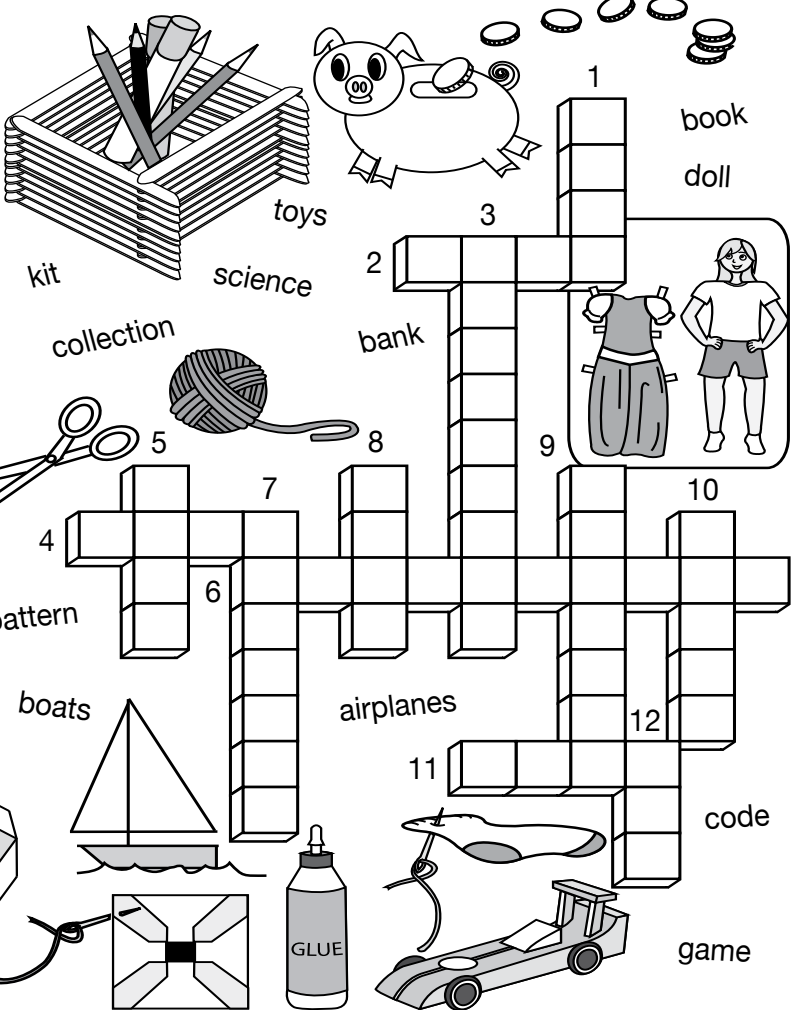
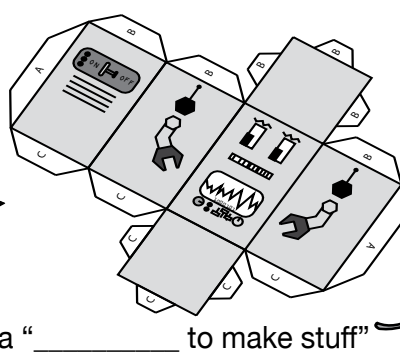
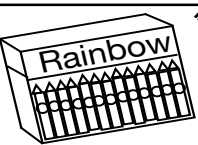
Plan and make your gifts ahead so you won't get crushed in the holiday rush!

**Read the clues to fill in the crossword:**

1. write a mystery and create a secret \_\_\_\_\_ to solve it
2. design and make a board \_\_\_\_\_
3. cut, fold, decorate a set of paper \_\_\_\_\_ to fly
4. put together a box or basket with small \_\_\_\_\_ in it: cars, dinosaurs, or farm animals
5. cut and draw to make a flip \_\_\_\_\_ of "moving images"
6. start a \_\_\_\_\_: baseball cards, miniatures, badges
7. make a \_\_\_\_\_ box: a small magnifying glass, items to study – yarn, leaf, a dust ball, a rock, a flower
8. draw and cut out a paper \_\_\_\_\_, make clothes with tabs to fit
9. use a ruler or computer to create a simple \_\_\_\_\_ that can be folded, made into a toy
10. turn milk cartons into paddle \_\_\_\_\_ that really float
11. make a \_\_\_\_\_ – be a sport and put a few coins in it
12. gather buttons, old jewelry, ribbons, colored string, etc., to put in a "\_\_\_\_\_ to make stuff"

## Gifts From The Heart

Wow! I went to the library and stood in front of the "do it and make it yourself" section of books. I had no idea how many books there are, each filled with ideas for making presents. You need some basic skills for some of the ideas, such as knitting, sewing or woodworking. Some gifts require a few small purchases. But, most of these books offer ideas for plenty of gifts that anyone can make with stuff around the house. So...not much money for gifts this holiday season? No excuses anymore – get to work on these gifts from the hands *and* heart!





## TxDOT urges drivers to look after roadway first responders

Roadside workers, law enforcement and other first responders risk their lives every day, and drivers can help keep them safe by always moving over or slowing down.

To mark Crash Responder Safety Week (Nov. 17–21), TxDOT is sharing its “Be Safe. Drive Smart” campaign to call on all Texans to be kind, courteous and safe to protect roadway responders.

These individuals are often only inches away from heavy or fast-moving traffic, making them vulnerable to serious injury or death in the event of a crash.

That risk to their lives is amplified when people speed or drive distracted.

Texas law requires motorists to move over an entire lane or slow to 20 mph below the posted speed limit when approaching law enforcement, tow trucks, utility vehicles, municipal waste trucks, emergencyresponders and TxDOT vehicles with activated overhead lights on the side of the road.

Since Sept. 1, 2025, the law has been expanded to include vehicles driven by animal control officers and

parking enforcement employees.

Tips for drivers: Be alert and pay attention when approaching roadside law enforcement, first responders, tow trucks, utility service vehicles and TxDOT vehicles with flashing lights on. When possible, move out of the lane closest to these vehicles. Slow down to 20 mph below the posted speed limit if safely switching lanes is not possible or the road doesn’t offer multiple lanes. Reduce speed to 5 mph on roadways with a posted speed limit of 25 mph or less.

Failure to follow the Move Over or Slow Down law can result in a fine of up to \$1,250 for a first offense. Drivers who cause serious injuries may face jail time and a fine of up to \$4,000.

The “Be Safe. Drive Smart” campaign is an important part of TxDOT’s Drive like a Texan: Kind. Courteous. Safe. initiative. Drive like a Texan is about embracing the pride, camaraderie, and responsibility of being a Texan on the road. By making thoughtful choices, we can all help keep each other safe. Learn more at [DriveLikeATexan.com](#).

## TTU to research electric grid flexibility

Texas Tech University’s Global Laboratory for Energy Asset Management & Manufacturing (GLEAMM) has received \$1.25 million in funding from Google’s philanthropy [Google.org](#) to advance research on artificial intelligence (AI) data center load management and electric grid flexibility.

Google’s support is part of a \$40 billion investment in Texas announced last week by Alphabet and Google CEO Sundar Pichai and Governor Greg Abbott.

The project addresses a critical challenge: AI workloads consume 10-100 megawatts per facility, creating significant stress on electric grids during peak demand periods. The research will explore how computational loads can be scheduled, modulated or geographically shifted to support grid flexibility while integrating renewable energy and energy storage.

Texas Tech is uniquely positioned to address these emerging challenges, combining proximity to several very large data center projects on the South Plains with access to diverse power sources, including substantial wind and solar generation, as well as world-class expertise and infrastructure at GLEAMM.

“Powering the next era of AI requires both world-class infrastructure and a resilient electric grid,” said Robert Barron-Pryce, Google.org Giving Manager at Google. “As part of our broader investment in Texas, we’re proud to support the work Texas Tech is doing to directly

address the complex challenge of managing large data center loads. By helping accelerate their research on smart load scheduling and optimization, together we’re ensuring that Texas maintains reliable, affordable power while continuing to lead in technology innovation.”

The multidisciplinary research team includes Argenis Bilbao, senior director of GLEAMM; Manohar Chahama, assistant professor in the College of Arts & Sciences’ Department of Renewable Energy; and Stephen Bayne, vice president for national security & executive director, Critical Infrastructure Security Institute.

Together, they bring expertise in AI, machine learning, renewable energy, energy storage integration, power systems and energy management.

Leveraging tools at GLEAMM designed explicitly for adoption at scale by resource facilities and industry partners, as well as Texas Tech’s real-world microgrid and real-time simulator, the team will model electrical systems with large data center loads and optimize scheduling based on renewable generation periods.

“I’m sincerely thankful to Google for their generous support,” Bilbao said. “I’m excited to use these funds to push forward our research on improving datacenter energy consumption, energy management and overall energy awareness, and to develop solutions that can be applied in commercial datacenter environments.”

## Childress District recognized with TxDOT award

The Childress District of the Texas Department of Transportation, has been named the West Region winner of TxDOT’s first-ever “In-House” Seal Coat Award, presented last week at the 2025 Maintenance and Traffic Safety Conference.

This new statewide recognition highlights the outstanding work being done across Texas in maintaining safe and reliable roadways.

The honor reflects years of steady commitment to the district’s seal coat program. More than 200 employees across the district play a role in supporting not only the in-house seal coat operation, but also the strength of the district’s overall maintenance program.

The Childress District is proud to bring this award home to the region and extends appreciation to every employee whose work made this achievement possible.

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- Greatly impressed
- \_\_ and that
- Uttered with passion
- Boats
- Veteran actor Harris
- Casserole with game
- Reprehensible acts
- They precede C
- Says under one’s breath
- Taxis
- It transfers genetic info
- NFL great Randy
- Where college students sleep
- Major European river
- Taco condiment
- frutti
- Polish city
- Astronomy unit
- Khoikhoi peoples
- Bears QB Williams
- Scrambled, fried, boiled
- Price indicators
- One-time world power
- When you hope to get somewhere
- Farm building
- Choose carefully
- Magnum was one
- One who combines
- Nursemaids
- Partner to Pa
- Notable river
- Officially honors
- Colorless compound
- A fancy chair
- Email function

### CLUES DOWN

- The central area in a building
- Religion of Japan
- Leggings
- Officially distributes
- Arabian Sea seaport
- Spanish doctors
- It cools your house
- Currency of Poland
- Slowly moves into
- Days (Spanish)
- Unit of volume
- Emit
- With two replaceable hydrogens
- Title for a man
- Equally
- Scarlett’s home
- One-time tech titan
- Subway dwellers
- One-tenth of a liter
- Central European river
- Distress signal
- Expression of sympathy
- The bill in a restaurant
- Football equipment
- Dance music
- Russian river
- Cosmetics giant Mary \_\_
- Gym class
- Automobiles
- Roman honorific
- Losses in sports
- Skin tone in summer
- Distant planet
- Critical humor
- Illegally obtained
- Go back over
- Home appliance brand
- Unit of radioactivity
- Home of the Flyers
- Short official note
- Emit coherent radiation
- Anno Domini (in the year of Our Lord)
- Most common noble gas (abbr.)
- Toward



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