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

## Ag Conference to be held in Memphis

The Southeast Texas Panhandle Ag Conference will be held on Monday, January 26, in Memphis at the Kathy Fowler Insurance Agency building.

Registration will begin at 8:00 to 8:15 and the program speakers will immediately follow. This year's speakers will include Dr. Ken Ledge, cotton agronomist; Dr. Calvin Trostle, grain and forage specialist; Nick Boogades, soil fertility specialist; Dr. Dede Jones, risk management specialist; Joe Dan Ledbetter, FSA Representative; and Ben Knight along with industry seed reps. There will also be an Auxin training to follow.

Lunch will be provided along with 4 CEUs offered. The cost will be \$30. Please RSVP to the Donley County Extension Office at 806-874-2141 or the Hall County Extension Office at 806-259-3015.

## Chamber accepting award nominations

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

Nominations must be received by 5 p.m. on Monday, February 2, for the following categories: Man of the Year and Woman of the Year – individuals who have made a significant contribution to the community in 2025, Saints' Roost Award – honoring an individual for a lifetime of service to the community, and the Volunteer Organization of the Year.

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

Nominations can be delivered to the Clarendon Visitor Center inside the Mulkey Theatre; emailed to [Chamber@ClarendonTx.com](mailto:Chamber@ClarendonTx.com); or submitted online at [ClarendonTx.com](http://ClarendonTx.com).

## Blood drive set for next Thursday here

Coffee Memorial Blood Center will hold a community blood drive in Clarendon on Thursday, January 29, from noon to 4 p.m. in the Bloodmobile at Lowe's Family Center. Schedule your appointment by calling 877-340-8777 or visit [obi.org](http://obi.org).



## Basketball skills

Livie Austin handles the ball during the Clarendon PIPS performance last Tuesday during the halftime of the Lady Broncos game in Bronco Gym. For more pictures of the performance, see our coverage on page eight.

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## H'wick council approves new fiber service

Residents of Howardwick will soon have more choices for high-speed internet service following action taken by the city council during its regular meeting last Tuesday, January 13.

Aldermen approved an agreement with AMA-TechTel to lay fiber optic cable across the commu-

nity.

City Secretary Sandy Childress said officials have been working on the deal with AMA for several months. As part of the agreement, AMA will pay the city a stipend and also provide free internet and telephone service to City Hall and to the fire department.

Childress said AMA plans to offer fiber internet starting at \$50 a month for Howardwick residents.

Construction on the build-out of the service began January 14.

In other city business, Childress reported she has applied for a City Clean-Up Grant through the Panhandle Regional Planning Com-

mission.

Childress said she will be presenting in Amarillo on behalf of the city's application at a PRPC meeting this month. If awarded, the grant would pay for roll-off boxes to be placed in areas where Howardwick has had problems with illegal dumping.



## Lighting up the night

Downtown Clarendon became a brighter place last week when the second block of streetlights were turned on for the first time. With the 200 block of Kearney now lit, lights to be installed on the 300 block, and that work is expected to be completed this spring. Work also continues on concrete in the 300 block and clean-up in the 200 block.

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## Sign-ups open for elected offices

Sign-ups are now open for 22 positions on seven elected boards in Donley County for citizens interested in serving in local government.

The cities of Clarendon, Hedley, and Howardwick; the Clarendon and Hedley school districts; the Clarendon College District; and the Donley County Hospital District are all scheduled to have elections this May.

With the sign-up period opening on January 14, the City of Howardwick already has all its incumbents filed to run for re-election. Aldermen Terry Barnes, Mary Grady, and Johnny Hubbard have declared for their two-year seats on the city council.

The Clarendon City Council also has three full two-year terms up for election this year. The terms of Tom Thompson, Chris Topliff, and Chelsi Shadle are expiring. Thompson has filed for re-election, and Shadle has recently submitted a letter of resignation as her family is moving to house outside the city limits.

Hedley has two aldermen's positions and the mayor's seat up for election. Those are two year terms and are currently held by Mayor Trisha Chambless and Aldermen Aaron Hanes and Clinton Pierce.

The Clarendon CISD Board of Trustees has two positions open this year. The three-year terms of Chris Tuck and Mike Word are expiring.

Hedley CISD has three full terms and one partial term available. The full three-year terms of Troy Monroe, Shauna Herbert, and Tangela Copelin are up, and there are two years remaining on the unexpired term now held by Shawn Wiloughby.

Three regents positions are up this year on the Clarendon College board. Those seats are held by Carey Wann, Dr. Guy Ellis, and Chris Matthews and are six-year terms.

The Donley County Hospital District Board of Directors has four positions up this year –Jan Farris, Place 4; Nikki Adams, Place 5; Mark C. White, Place 6; and Lori Howard, Place 7.

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

Filing continues through Friday, February 13. Elections are scheduled to be held Saturday, May 2, 2026.

## Lions bingo to be Feb. 13

Bingo lovers will win gift cards and enjoy homemade chili when the Clarendon Lions Club holds its Valentine's Bingo on February 13.

The event will start at 6:00 p.m. at the Clarendon Lions Hall, and proceeds will help the club improve the kitchen facilities in the building to help better serve the community.

Tickets for the Valentine's Bingo are \$40. Seating is limited so get your seat reserved early at the Enterprise or calling 806-662-4689.

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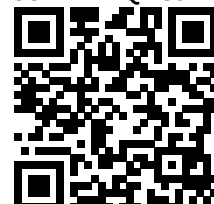
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# Rural Texas and the AI Land Rush

Out across rural Texas, new development rarely arrives with a parade.

It shows up quietly at first. A transmission survey stake in a neighbor’s pasture. A landman knocking on doors. A closed-door meeting at city hall about “economic development opportunities.”

By the time the wider community realizes what’s happening, contracts are signed, tax abatements are granted, and headlines are already celebrating a “transformational project.”

Artificial intelligence development is shaping up to be the next land rush – and rural Texas is directly in its path.

Data centers, server farms, and AI processing hubs require exactly what rural communities often have: large tracts of land, access to transmission, available water, and local governments eager for tax base growth. To national site selectors, rural Texas looks ideal. To many rural communities, the long-term costs and consequences are still largely unknown.

That’s why a recent conversation I had with a longtime rural newspaper editor and development leader has stayed with me. When we talked about rural economic development, he emphasized something small towns rarely get the luxury of: pre-development – the idea that communities build understanding, standards, and negotiating power before projects arrive, not after the damage is done.

Rural Texas has lived this cycle before. Oil booms. Wind farms. Solar fields. Water exports. In many early projects across those industries, benefits were uneven, impacts permanent, and decisions rushed. AI development carries many of the same risks, but on an even larger scale.

Unlike a warehouse or factory, AI infrastructure reshapes entire regions. These facilities demand enormous amounts of electricity. Many require significant water use for cooling. They often come with extensive tax abatements. And while they are marketed as economic engines, they typically produce far fewer permanent jobs than their physical footprint suggests.

Rural Texas is not wrong to want investment. But there is a difference between welcoming development and negotiating from weakness.

That brings us to the first consideration: rural communities must shore up their bargaining power before any contracts are put on the table.

Once land is purchased, abatements approved, and infrastructure commitments made, local power shrinks dramatically. At that point, towns are no longer shaping projects – they are managing consequences.

Pre-development means public conversations before nondisclosure agreements. It means local officials asking hard questions about water draw, grid load, emergency services, tax impacts, and land use. And it means communities deciding in advance what kind of development fits their long-term vision – and what doesn’t. This is how rural Texans keep the power and define the terms.

The second consideration is more uncomfortable – and more political.

AI development is not just a technology issue. It is rapidly becoming a power and policy issue.

Major technology interests are now funding political campaigns at both the federal level and in Texas. These efforts are increasingly tied to resisting regulation of artificial intelligence – including Texas-based proposals that would put safeguards in place for citizens, consumers, and communities. At the same time, federal pushes are growing to centralize AI policy in ways that could override state authority.

For rural Texas, this is not an academic debate or a distant policy fight. It is already playing out on the ground in rural counties all across the state.

If rural communities are being asked to host massive AI infrastructure – to supply the land, water, power, and tax incentives – then Texans should also retain the right to shape how that industry operates within our borders.

This is not about opposing innovation. It is about whether decisions that affect rural land, rural utilities, rural tax bases, and rural families will be made in county courthouses and the Texas Capitol – or in corporate boardrooms and federal agencies hundreds of miles away.

At its core, this is a rural sovereignty issue. It comes down to who controls the resources, who carries the risk, who truly benefits, and who gets to make the decisions.

AI development is often framed as a “tech” story. In reality, it is a rural governance story. This has impacts on land use, water security, grid capacity, local taxation, emergency response, long-term environmental stewardship. And ultimately, whether rural Texans remain in the driver’s seat of their future or passive hosts of other people’s priorities.

Rural communities can take a different path. One that starts with open forums before projects are announced, local governments exploring model ordinances and infrastructure impact standards, economic development corporations defining what community benefit actually means, regional coalitions sharing information instead of competing in silence, and local media asking questions long before the press releases arrive.

AI is coming to rural Texas. That much is clear. The question now is not whether it arrives, but whether it arrives on rural Texas terms.

Rural Texans don’t need to fear technology. But we do need to insist on transparency, local control, and the right to protect our communities before we are asked to give pieces of them away.

Because once the servers arrive on semitrucks, the most important decisions have already been made.



**texas rural reporter**  
by suzanne bellsnyder

# Same old song, second verse

It should come as no surprise to those of us who have reached “geezerhood” that our ear drums are challenged annually by random sounds – from up and down, here, there and all around.

It’s the sounds of New Year’s resolutions crashing against the floor. Sometimes we cry, creating a tear-filled pond en route to becoming an ocean.

Like comic strip character Charlie Brown always “flubbed” in his football-kicking attempts, we blunder each New Year on the resolution thing. And, thinking we are made of stuff, we fail again. But, at least we try....

Maude, my Uncle Mort’s bride, also tasted defeat early on, and it wasn’t even New Years. Still a teen, she dreamed of a career in sales. She tried selling cosmetics door-to-door as her boss watched nearby. On her very first call, the responding lady said, ‘I love beauty.’”

“So do I,” Maude replied. “I can barely wait for every sunrise and sunset, when ribbons of color compete for brightness....I look forward to seeing springtime’s first robins....Roses and daffodils catch my eye, as do flocks of geese, flying in formation on a beautiful fall afternoon...I love to watch ripples in the stream, and on good days, see frogs frolic and water bugs skitter about, as if intent on making the pond even more beautiful.”... Abruptly, the prospective customer interrupted. “Why do I need cosmetics? I’ll just look around and claim free beauty like you do!”....

That was “the short of it” for

Maude.... Similarly, Benny Mayo, a college classmate and long-time friend, didn’t spend long in the profession he trained for. For him, the “short of it” was learning to play the guitar at age 13, running track in high school and college and winning the Texas Electrical Company’s statewide talent contest in 1954.

He was one of the “main hoots” at Howard Payne University in Brownwood. Guitar in hand, and songs at the ready, he was as well known in student circles for his talent, then someone might say, “...And he runs track, too?”....

I heralded from Early and he from Winters, so we could swap country stories until the cows considered meandering home, but, with his musical talents, girls flocked to him.

He majored in education, planning to teach and coach. When he finished college, he and his late wife of 60 years, the former Sandra Snipes, moved to Comanche, where they expected to “settle in.” She’d continue working for the phone company and he’d have numerous coaching roles at Comanche High School. But, full-time Christian service beckoned, so it was on to seminary, then 57 years on church staffs – mostly in Dallas – until his retirement eight years ago. She died at age 77 in 2016. They have two daughters, Penny Varian, Georgetown, and Kitty Ynterna,



**the idle american**  
by don newbury

Atlanta, GA, as well as eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. (It should be noted that Sandra was a basketball star at Early High School.).....

Now 91, Benny still handles life “sunny side up,” even if he has to look under rocks. When his doctor sees him coming, he knows a familiar verbal exchange must occur before getting down to business.

“How you doing, Benny?” Answer: “I’m four days older than Elvis, and still vertical and ventilating,” Benny laughs.

They still love him at the church, even though his official duties are completed....

Benny remembers when Elvis came to Brownwood, long before his was a household word.

“We had front row seats, and Sandra caught several drops of Elvis’ sweat,” Benny teases. “She didn’t shower for a week.”

Elvis was about three years old when I was born, and when he was featured at the Brownwood concert, I’d have gone if I’d had the 50-cent admission charge.

Uncle Mort never heard tell of Elvis until he saw him in a news reel they had in movie theaters decades ago. Upon Elvis’ wiggling and shaking, Mort was shocked. “When our hound dogs acted up like that, we gave ‘em worm medicine.”....

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# The pamphlet that made America

On the first day of class each semester, when discussing expectations, I tell my students that the most important things I hope they learn is how to write.

Most of them will never work in the field of history and while I certainly hope they gain an understanding of the past to better navigate the present, it is their writing skills that will serve them best in the future. I truly believe writing can change the world.

To prove that point, we need look no further than a pamphlet published 250 years ago this week, one that changed the course of America and the world forever.

In the opening weeks of 1776, the British North American colonies were in a precarious position. By the end of 1775, colonists had already fought at Lexington and Concord, Fort Ticonderoga, and Bunker Hill. King George III had declared the colonies to be in a state of rebellion, yet the Second Continental Congress remained divided on the question of independence.

Throughout 1775, there were serious concerns about whether independence was even possible, most notably, whether the Continental Army could win. While that question was still very much in flux, the year’s early victories had helped calm some nerves.

The other major concern was legitimacy. For many colonists, the king ruled by divine right, and to oppose the monarch was to oppose God. Many were willing to fight for their rights as Englishmen, but they still wanted to remain Englishmen. Too many placed the blame not on the king himself, but on Parliament or on bad advisers, believing that if King George III truly understood their suffering, he would intervene on their behalf. For these colonists, the idea of a nation without a monarch was almost unimaginable.

In 1775, it simply was not done. Enter Thomas Paine. Paine arrived in Philadelphia in 1774 at the invitation of Benjamin Franklin, where he soon became editor of the “Pennsylvania Magazine.”

In England, Paine had held a variety of jobs, including schoolteacher, but he was increasingly known for his political writings criticizing the monarchy. Although Paine wrote many works after

arriving in America, his most important by far was the pamphlet “Common Sense,” published on Jan. 10, 1776.

Paine’s first task was to convince colonists that the very concept of monarchy was fundamentally flawed. He argued that kingship was contrary to both God and nature.

Drawing on the Old Testament, Paine referenced the story of Samuel, when the Israelites asked for a king. Samuel warned them that only God was their true king and that a monarch would enslave them, yet the people rejected his counsel to be like other nations. According to Paine, the idea of monarchy was sinful, because the only being worthy of allegiance was God.

Paine also argued that monarchy violated nature.

The distinction between kings and subjects, he claimed, was entirely artificial, especially the idea of hereditary rule. God did not create men as kings or subjects; they became kings simply because their fathers were. The fact that a father had been a good ruler offered no guarantee that his son would be the same. One of my favorite lines in “Common Sense” is, “One of the strongest proofs of the folly of hereditary right in kings is that nature disproves it; otherwise, she would not so frequently turn it into ridicule by giving mankind an Ass for a Lion.”

In brilliant 18th century smack talk, Paine not only made his point but stripped away some of the reverence colonists still held for the king.

Paine then turned to policy, arguing that the policies angering the colonists were, in fact, the king’s policies. Colonists needed to recognize that King George III was not protecting their welfare but actively undermining it. Paine showed how the colonies would be better off independent, free from British laws and interference. He challenged the idea that monarchy brought stability, pointing instead to the many wars and



**historically speaking**  
by dr. james finck

rebellions initiated by kings, conflicts that repeatedly dragged Americans into European power struggles. Separation from Britain, Paine argued, would allow the colonies to avoid foreign wars and focus on their own future.

Paine also addressed the lingering hesitation about war. He reminded colonists that they were already at war. Battles had been fought. More than a thousand of the king’s soldiers had been killed. Did anyone seriously believe the king would simply forgive and forget? If conditions were bad already, Paine warned, they would only grow worse. Since war was unavoidable, the colonists might as well see it through. The benefits of independence, he argued, far outweighed the obstacles.

Then comes my favorite section, where Paine addresses those still opposed to independence: “Men of passive tempers look somewhat lightly over the offences of Great Britain... tell me whether you can hereafter love, honour, and faithfully serve the power that hath carried fire and sword into your land... Hath your house been burnt? Hath your property been destroyed before your face? ... If you have not, then are you not a judge of those who have. But if you have and can still shake hands with the murderers... you have the heart of a coward, and the spirit of a sycophant.”

I love these lines. If the British have not harmed you or your family, then good for you, but you should stay out of the conversation, because some people have suffered.

And if you have suffered and still want to shake hands and call the British friends, then you are a coward and have no right to call yourself a man.

Strong words. More than anything else, this pamphlet convinced colonists that independence was not only necessary, but possible. Over 150,000 copies were printed, reprinted in newspapers, read aloud in taverns, and discussed in town squares across the colonies. “Common Sense” persuaded Americans that their freedom was worth fighting for, and that they could win.

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# Southwest Cotton Physiology Conference set for Feb. 10-12

The Southwest Cotton Physiology Conference will be held Feb. 10-12 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Lubbock, 1102 E. Farm-to-Market Road 1294. The event is hosted by Texas A&M AgriLife, Kansas State University and Oklahoma State University.

The program will begin at 1 p.m. Feb. 10 and continue all day on Feb. 11 and again until noon on Feb. 12.

The fee is \$20, and registration is available online.

There will be eight and a half Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units and Certified Crop Advisers units in the following categories: two pest management, four crop management, one and a half in soil and water management, and one nutrient management.

The program will have the following topics and speakers on Feb. 10:

Pathology and nematode update – Terry Wheeler, Ph.D., Texas A&M AgriLife Research plant pathologist and professor, Lubbock, and Tom Isakeit Ph.D., Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service plant pathologist and professor, Bryan-College Station, all in the Texas A&M Department of Plant Pathology and Microbiology; and Maira Duffeck, Ph.D., assistant professor, entomology and plant pathology, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater.

Variety performance and stability – Ben McKnight, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension statewide cotton specialist and assistant professor, Bryan-College Station; Ken Legé, Ph.D., cotton specialist and assistant professor, Lubbock; and Emi Kimura, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension statewide peanut specialist, agronomist and associate professor, all in the Texas A&M Department of Soil and Crop Sciences; and Logan Simon, Ph.D., southwest area agronomist, Kansas State University, Garden City, Kansas.

Cotton jassid and other insect control update – Suhas Vyavhare, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension entomologist and assistant professor, Texas A&M Department of Entomology.

The program on Feb. 11 will include: Strategies to make cotton profitable I: Seeding rates and row spacing – Rebekah Pustejovsky, AgriLife Extension assistant and doctoral student at Texas Tech University; Oscar Fernandes Montero, graduate research assistant at Texas A&M University; Reagan Noland, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension agronomist and associate professor, Department of Soil and Crop Sciences, San Angelo; Kimura and McKnight.

Physiology, growth and development I: Maturity and target development curve – Craig Bednarz, Ph.D., AgriLife Research crop physiologist and director of the Semi-Arid Agricultural Systems Institute and associate professor, West Texas A&M University, Canyon, and Brenna Cannon, doctoral candidate, Oklahoma State University.

Testing ag performance solutions, TAPS: Opportunities in the southwest – Hope Nakabuye, AgriLife Research irrigation engineer and assistant professor, Lubbock; and Sumit Sharma, Ph.D., Extension irrigation management specialist, Oklahoma State University, Goodwell, Oklahoma.

Precision ag/irrigation technology I: Fertility and irrigation strategies, Katie Lewis, Ph.D., AgriLife Research soil scientist and professor with Texas A&M and Texas Tech University, Lubbock; and Brian Arnall, Ph.D., precision nutrient management Extension specialist, Oklahoma State University.

Physiology, growth and development II: Seed size, stand uniformity and fiber quality – Reagan Heinrich, AgriLife Research research associate, Lubbock; Riley Siders, AgriLife Extension assistant and Texas Tech University graduate student; and Jonathon Salgado,

AgriLife Extension student worker and graduate student, Texas Tech.

Precision ag/irrigation technology II: Irrigation automation, irrigation timing – Wenxuan Guo, Ph.D., AgriLife Research ecophysiologist and associate professor, Texas A&M Department of Soil and Crop Sciences and Texas Tech University; Jonathan Aguilar, Ph.D., professor, Kansas State University.

Plains Cotton Growers update, Mark Brown, director of field services, Plains Cotton Growers, Lubbock.

The Cotton Board update, Shelley Heinrich, southern plains regional communications manager, The Cotton Board, Slaton.

Ag retail panel discussion, with representatives from several regional retailers.

On the agenda for Feb. 12 are: Strategies to make cotton profitable II: Conventional systems, extra-long staple systems and northern geography strategies – Jenny Dudak, Ph.D., plant and soil sciences assistant professor and Extension cotton specialist, Oklahoma State University; Legé and Simon.

Precision ag/irrigation technology III: Targeted pesticide application technologies – Sarah Lancaster, Ph.D., assistant professor and Extension specialist, Kansas State University.

Organic cotton production – Bob Whitney, AgriLife Extension organic program specialist and Regents Fellow, Department of Agricultural Economics, Stephenville.

Novel uses for cotton – Nouredine Abidi, Ph.D., managing director of the Fiber and Biopolymer Research Institute, Texas Tech University, Lubbock.

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## Retired School Personnel to meet

The Donley County Retired School Personnel will hold their bi-monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 27, at 12 p.m. at the Donley County Senior Citizens Center. The program will consist of discussions about upcoming events and activities in the next couple of months. Remember to bring your 2025 volunteer hours to this meeting. Also, bring any suggestions for future programs.

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## NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO IMPLEMENT A NET INTERIM FUEL REFUND

On December 30, 2025, Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO or the Company) filed an Application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to implement a net interim fuel refund of a net over-recovery of fuel costs billed under its factors through October 31, 2025. The docket number assigned to this proceeding is PUC Docket No. 59179. This filing was made under Tex. Admin. Code § 25.237(a)(3)(B). The filing affects only the fuel portion of the rates charged by SWEPCO for electricity in Texas and has no effect on SWEPCO’s non-fuel base rates. This application, if granted, will affect all Texas retail customers who pay fixed fuel factors.

The total amount of the net over-recovery balance to be refunded through the proposed refund is \$42,027,369, exclusive of interest. The total amount, including interest up to the proposed refund period, is \$42,464,062.

SWEPCO proposes that customers receiving service pursuant to its As-Available Standby Service (AAS) and Large Lighting and Power Substation (LLP) tariffs should have their refund calculated based on historical usage, including interest.

SWEPCO proposes to apply these factors to the actual kWh usage of each customer for three months, during the February 2026 through April 2026 billing cycles.

The effect of the refund on customer bills will vary depending on the rate schedule under which they take service and, in some instances, will amount to a surcharge. Further, based on time periods of usage, some customers within a class may receive a surcharge while the class as a whole receives a net refund. SWEPCO estimates that under its proposed refund, a residential customer using 1,000 kWh a month would see a decrease of \$22.05, or 19.26% during each month of the refund period on his/her total electric bill if the proposed net interim fuel refund is approved.

SWEPCO’s fuel expenses will be subject to final review by the Commission in the Company’s next fuel reconciliation proceeding.

Persons with questions or who want more information on the proposed interim net fuel refund 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 filing is available for inspection at the address listed above.

Persons who wish to formally participate in this proceeding, or who wish to express their comments concerning this application should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, Office of Consumer Protection, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call (512) 936-7120, or toll free at (888) 782-8477. A request to intervene or for further information should reference Docket No. 59179. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may call (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas (toll free) at (800) 735-2989.



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Community Calendar

**January 23**  
Broncos v Wheeler • 8:00 p.m. • Away

Lady Broncos v Wheeler • 6:30 p.m. • Away

**January 23 & 24**  
Mulkey Theatre • The Housemaid • 7:30 p.m.

**January 25**  
Mulkey Theatre • The Housemaid • 7:30 p.m.

**January 27**  
Broncos v Qunah • 8:00 p.m. • Home

Lady Broncos v Qunah • 6:30 p.m. • Home

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Menus

**January 26 - 30**  
**Donley County Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Beef stew, garden salad, cornbread, apple crisp, iced tea/2% milk.  
Tues: Chicken spaghetti, broccoli, garden salad, garlic toast, mandarin oranges, iced tea/2% milk.  
Wed: Goulash, mixed greens, cornbread, coconut cake, iced tea/2% milk.  
Thurs: Soft tacos, Spanish rice, ranch style beans, garden salad, sopapilla cake, iced tea/2% milk.  
Fri: Ham/navy beans, spinach, mashed potatoes, cornbread, bread pudding, iced tea/2% milk

**Hedley Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Stuffed baked potato w/ beef, steamed broccoli, whole wheat roll, pineapple cake, iced tea/2% milk.  
Tues: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll, banana pudding, 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

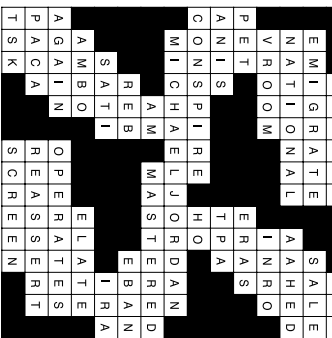
**Clarendon CISD**  
Breakfast  
Mon: Pancakes, bacon, fruit, fruit juice, milk.  
Tues: Breakfast sandwich, fruit, fruit juice, milk.  
Wed: Breakfast pizza, fruit, fruit juice, milk.  
Thu: Breakfast cookie, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk.  
Fri: Breakfast burrito, hash browns, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch  
Mon: hot dog, potatoes, tomato cup, fruit, milk.  
Tues: chicken fajitas, beans, carrots, salsa, sherbet, fruit, milk.  
Wed: Pizza, garden salad, California blend vegetables, fruit, milk.  
Thu: Popcorn chicken, roll, corn, crunchy broccoli salad, dessert, fruit, milk.  
Fri: Fish sticks, potatoes, green beans, roll, fruit, milk.

**Hedley ISD**  
Breakfast  
Mon: Waffles, bacon, apple, fruit juice, milk.  
Tues: Donut holes, oranges, fruit juice, milk.  
Wed: Breakfast burrito, mixed fruit, fruit juice, milk.  
Thu: Monte Cristo, banana, fruit juice, milk.  
Fri: No School

Lunch  
Mon: Chicken strips, potato wedges, Texas toast, tomato cup, fruit cup, milk.  
Tues: BBQ pork sandwich, baked beans, coleslaw, cinnamon apples, milk.  
Wed: Pizza, salad, carrots, peaches, milk.  
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Fri: No School

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Texas producers invited to conservation incentive program webinar January 29

Texas Conservation and Sustainability Initiative offers \$42 million to producers for crop, livestock and forestry conservation practices

The Texas Conservation and Sustainability Initiative, a Texas A&M AgriLife-led program, will host a free, informational webinar on Jan. 29 to help Texas farmers, ranchers and forest landowners learn about available conservation incentives, eligible practices for funding and market opportunities.

The program is funded by the US Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service, NRCS. It is led by Texas A&M AgriLife Research scientists Julie Howe, Ph.D., soil chemistry and fertility professor, and Nithya Rajan, Ph.D., agronomy and agroecology professor, both in the Department of Soil and Crop Sciences in the Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Jason Vogel, AgriLife Research project manager, Department of Soil and Crop Sciences, said the program offers financial incentives, up to \$100,000, for farmers, ranchers and small forest owners statewide who volunteer to adopt select conservation practices in the areas of pasture and livestock grazing, row crops, forestry, confined animal operations and edge of field.

The informational webinar will be from 3-4 p.m. and led by Howe. No preregistration is needed, just join the webinar to listen in. The discussion will provide producers with information on: Expanded incentive funding, with \$42 million available for producers; Conservation practices eligible for support; and Funding opportunities for larger producers.

Eligible practices vary by operation and may include cover cropping, no-till planting, irrigation and nutrient management, forestry planting, windbreaks and other edge-of-field planting for less productive lands.

Forestry practices include nutrient management, tree and shrub establishment, and forest stand improvement.

For livestock management, eligible practices may include prescribed grazing, feed amendments and supplements, and pasture and rangeland reestablishment.

To participate, producers must apply and go through the selection process, Vogel said. Selected producers will meet with an implementation planner/ambassador, complete a contract and participate in an environmental assessment evaluation.

“We are focused on helping commodity producers improve the sustainability of their operations,” Howe said. “We have \$42 million to help producers adopt these science-based practices developed by NRCS, which are aimed at improving soil health and are more resilient to weather extremes.”

Producers can apply for financial incentives, up to \$100,000, to adopt conservation practices in pasture and livestock grazing, row crops, forestry and confined animal operations.

Learn more at <https://bit.ly/4jQTV6G>.

DHDC program focuses on women in STEM

The Don Harrington Discovery Center’s Free First Monday program will be on February 2 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., helping families enjoy an evening with an affordable way to make discoveries together.

Free First Mondays coincides with DHDC’s Girls Who Science program, which also occurs on the first Monday of each month from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. With their new free evening hours open to the whole community, Free First Mondays also gives entire families the opportunity to attend Girls Who Science and learn more about women in different STEM careers, as well as enjoy their state-of-the-art exhibits outside of traditional business hours.

February’s speaker topic will focus on electrical engineering, water conservation, and learning strategies with Vanessa Miles, an Assistant Professor at Amarillo College.

Vanessa is a retired Electrical Engineer who spent 30 years in the national interest with Sandia National Laboratories in New Mexico and Texas. She joined Amarillo College in 2019 and serves as an Assistant Professor in engineering and math. At AC, she prepares her students to become lifelong learners with a heightened awareness of the required soft and technical skills to navigate their journey in engineering.

DHDC offers other accessible admission programs such as their quarterly Discover for a Dollar days, participating in Museums for All to provide \$2 admission for families on SNAP or WIC benefits, providing Family Discovery Memberships to families attending schools with 80 percent or more students on free or reduced lunch, offering library memberships with the Amarillo Public Library, and providing scholarships for their Discovery Day Camps. Community members can learn more by visiting DHDC.org and navigating to their “Accessibility programs” page under “Visit.”

To learn more about community events and programs at the Discovery Center Collective, visit DHDC.org or follow them on Instagram and Facebook.



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting January 20, 2026, with Boss Lion Brian Barboza in charge.

We had nine members in person, one attending virtually, Sweetheart Millie McAnear, and one guest this week. Laura Shortnacy was the guest of Lion Chuck Robertson.

Plans were discussed for the upcoming Valentine’s Bingo on February 26 with fabulous gift cards as prizes. The cost is \$40 per person and will include a chili supper and 20 bingo cards. Sign up by texting 806-662-4689 or at the Enterprise.

Lion Landon Lambert reported there will be more ramp projects in our area in the near future with one stated for Childress this Saturday if the weather permits.

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

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## Obituaries

### Smith

Martha Iralene Willis Smith, 72, of Clarendon passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 15, 2026, in Clarendon.



Smith

Martha was born July 24, 1953, in Midwest City, Oklahoma to Dorothy Lea Leighton Willis and John Charles Willis, giving John Terrell Willis a baby sister. The family moved to Kingston, Oklahoma where Martha became a basketball star, a beauty queen, and drum majorette. After high school, Martha worked at Donut fishing barge on Lake Texhoma, where she met Lige Everett Smith. A shared love of fishing and the outdoors, the couple wed on March 11, 1972.

Two years later, they welcomed Daniel Gene, the first of 3 boys. Charles Ray Preston burst onto the scene in 1976, and Jacob Dean followed two years later in 1978. Martha loved being a mother, and spent long days working part-time, and taking care of her family full-time while living in Atoka, Oklahoma. She was a sought after florist at Anna's Flowers, played amateur basketball, and visiting with friends and neighbors.

In 1987, the family moved to Clarendon where she found a new home and a great many new friends. She continued to work as a florist at Harlan's Flowers until 1994, when she began working at The Nook where she designed the seasonal displays to beautify downtown Clarendon. In 2000, she went to work at Clarendon College. At the college, she worked her way up

to become the head of admissions and earn her associates degree. After retiring in 2020, Martha enjoyed her freedom from work and indulged in her hobbies of gardening, candy making, fishing, and spending quality time with family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dorothy and John Willis; her son, Jacob Smith; her brother, Terry Willis; her niece, Ginny Willis-Rex; and nephew, Woody Willis.

She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Lige Smith; her sons, Danny Smith and Charlie Smith and husband Mat Ryan.

Memorial services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 21, 2026, in the First Baptist Church in Clarendon with Rev. Lance Wood, officiating.

A celebration of life will follow on Wednesday from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at The Roost in Clarendon.

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

### Robison

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Claud Ewald Robison, 74, of Howardwick on January 6, 2026, just 3 days shy of his 75th birthday.



Robison

Claud was born on January 9, 1951, to Jim (B.J.) and Billie Jean Robison of Turkey.

He attended and graduated from Turkey High School where he served as Jr. Treasurer of the Turkey FFA from 1965 – 1966.

Claud served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He returned to Turkey where he farmed, ranched, and started his family.

Claud worked several jobs over the years before finding his true calling. He was a well-respected and successful salesman for Chamberlain Motors in Clarendon. Claud never met a stranger, and his magnetic personality and sense of humor made him a joy to be around. He retired after a long and prestigious career.

Claud had many interests, like playing the guitar but one of his favorites was attending the annual Bob Wills Celebration in his hometown of Turkey. There he donated his FFA jacket to be displayed proving to be a generous gift and an honored piece of Turkey High School history.

His greatest joy was his grandchildren. Claud was a beautiful soul who lived a restful, peaceful life and will be forever missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents, father and mother-in-law Loyd and Charline Mays, and sister-in-law Shelley Robison.

He is survived by his wife Deena Robison, of the home, his sons, Billy Robison and wife Kathy of Fowler, Colorado, JoDee Robison and wife Amy of Silverton, Texas, Ryan Robison of Howardwick, beloved grandchildren, Destiny King of Fowler, Colorado, Joseph and James Robison of Silverton, Chloe Robison of Howardwick, brother James (Jimbo) Robison of Amarillo, niece, Halley McCarty and husband Russ of Spring, Texas, great-nephews, Jace and Jaxon McCarty of Spring, Texas, and brother-in-law, Lynn Mays and wife Laura of Howardwick.

Claud's life will be celebrated with a memorial service at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, February 14, 2026, at the Church of the Nazarene in Clarendon. Visitation with the family will be held in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Church of the Nazarene, 273 Hawley St, Clarendon, TX 79226.

## Prepare for Texas winter weather

Freezing temperatures eventually reach every corner of Texas, due to the state's famously unpredictable winter weather. With advance preparation, Texans can reduce damage to their homes and landscapes while keeping animals safe when temperatures drop.

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Disaster Assessment and Recovery unit has multiple resources for Texans to access to help prepare for any potentially severe winter weather events.

Texas livestock owners face different winter challenges depending on their region, said Eric Kneese, DVM, clinical associate professor in the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

Producers should utilize windbreaks such as tree lines, brush, natural terrain features, barns or temporary barriers such as tarps or plywood on windward sides of shelters. In addition, rolling out hay can help provide dry, insulated ground

for livestock to rest. Healthy cattle tolerate cold well when they are dry and shielded from wind. Horses benefit from run-in sheds, covered areas or barn aisles.

Reliable water access becomes one of the biggest challenges during freezes. In the Panhandle, many producers rely on tank heaters to keep water from freezing during long cold spells.

From the subtropical Rio Grande Valley to the cold Panhandle, winter plant protection varies by region as well, said Mike Arnold, Ph.D.. However, watering thoroughly is always the first step. Arnold is a professor in the Department of Horticultural Sciences in the Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and director of The Gardens at Texas A&M University.

"Well-watered plants survive freezes better than drought-stressed ones," Arnold said. "Moist soil freezes more slowly, providing insu-

lation during sudden temperature drops."

Before a freeze, Arnold recommends homeowners: Drain irrigation systems, unhook hoses and cover hose bibs. Apply 2-to-3 inches of organic mulch to protect plant roots. Cover plants susceptible to damage from cold weather with frost cloths or blankets. Place old-style holiday lights beneath frost cloths for especially cold-sensitive plants such as citrus. Do not let the lights contact the frost cloths to avoid fire hazards.

Be sure to remove plant covers once temperatures rise above freezing to prevent overheating, Arnold said.

Pipe insulation is one of the most important — and often overlooked — winter tasks, said Joel Pigg, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service program specialist and Texas Well Owner Network coordinator, Bryan-College Station. "It's always cheaper to prepare and prevent than to fix things," Pigg said.

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- Rocky peak
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- Partner to "ooed"
- Engine sound
- Japanese ornamental box
- Fido is one
- Amounts of time
- DiFranco and Phyto are two
- Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
- Make secret plans
- "Tiny Bubbles" singer
- "His Airness"
- Morning
- Perfected
- Winger guitarist Beach
- Abba \_\_, Israeli politician
- Self-immolation by fire ritual
- A way to save money
- Pulpit
- Make ecstasically happy
- Once more
- Works on
- Nocturnal S. American rodent
- State again
- Expression of disappointment
- Type of door

### CLUES DOWN

- Yugoslavian communist leader
- Exchange rate
- High school dance
- Peter's last name
- When you anticipate arriving
- Israeli city \_\_ Aviv
- Goat-like mammals
- Margarine
- End-of-the-spectrum color
- Make poisonous
- Popular beverage
- Actress Lathan
- Where planes land and depart
- Political fundraising entity
- The distinctive spirit of a people or an era
- Buffer used in microbiology
- Light, open carriage
- Metrical feet
- Email subject line feature
- A street with lots of nightmares
- Rapper Rule
- River in Scotland
- One who settles a dispute
- Most chummy
- We all have our own
- Arab tribe
- Slap
- Ottoman military commanders
- Scottish or Irish Gaelic language
- Emit coherent radiation
- Sun or solar disk (Egyptian mythology)
- Inclined to
- Olfactory reference syndrome
- Chest muscle (slang)
- Body part



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**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
US 287 E. • 874-3155 • REV. SETH SHIPMAN  
SUN. SCHOOL: 10 A.M. • SUN. SERVICE: 10:30 A.M.  
SUN. EVENING: 7 P.M. • WED.: 7 P.M.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
300 S. CARHART • 874-2495  
SUN. BIBLE CLASS 9:30 A.M. • SUN. SERVICE: 10:30 A.M.  
SUN. 6 P.M. • WED. 7 P.M.

**CHURCH OF NAZARENE**  
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• WED.: 7 P.M.

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SUN. SCHOOL: 10 A.M. • SUN. SERVICE: 11 A.M.  
SUN. EVENING: 6 P.M. • WED. COMMUNITY KIDZ 5:30 P.M.  
WED. ADULT BIBLE STUDY: 6 P.M.

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
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WED. BIBLE STUDY: 6:30 P.M.

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SUN. SCHOOL: 9:45 A.M. • SUN. SERVICE: 10:55 A.M.  
SUN. EVENING: 6 P.M. • KID'S ACTIVITIES: WED. 6 P.M.  
YOUTH STUDY: WED. 7 P.M.  
COLLEGE MINISTRY: WED. 9 P.M.

**CLARENDON METHODIST CHURCH**  
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SUN. SCHOOL: 9:45 A.M. • SUN. SERVICE: 11 A.M.  
SUN. YOUTH: 6:00 P.M. • WED. BIBLE STUDY 6:30 P.M.

**JESUS NAME APOSTOLIC CHURCH**  
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REV. CALVIN BURROW  
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**RISE UP KINGDOM MINISTRIES:**  
501 S. MCCLELLAND • PASTOR: JOSY SHADLE  
SUNDAY DISCIPLESHIP CLASS: 9:30 A.M.  
SUN.: 10:00 A.M.

**CHRIST'S KIDS OUTREACH MINISTRY:**  
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SUN. BREAKFAST 9:30 A.M. • SUN. PRAISE & WORSHIP 10 A.M.  
SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:30 A.M. • WED.: 5 P.M.

**KINGDOM HALL JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES**  
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PUBLIC MEETING & WATCHTOWER STUDY: SUN. 10 A.M.  
BIBLE STUDY, CONGREGATIONAL THEOCRATIC MINISTRY  
SCHOOL & SERVICE MEETING • TUES.: 7 P.M.

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WED.: 7 P.M. (WEATHER PERMITTING)

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WED.: 7 P.M.

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WED.: 7 P.M.

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## Lady Broncos breeze by the Lady Cyclones

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos used little effort in their huge 73-17 win over Memphis in the Broncos Gym last week.

The ladies put up 26 points in the first quarter of play and had the game in full control and put it out of reach for the Lady Cyclones by half-time. They were able to coast up and down the court for the remainder of the game.

Kenidee Hayes played a solid game and finished with 15, and Kate Shaw was strong inside with 13 points. Gracie Ellis and Presley Smith ended with 10 points each and Madi Benson added eight. Millie McAnear helped with six points, Berkley Moore added four, and Addy Havens, Sequoia Weatherton, and Lakin Smith put in two points each. Eli Rodriguez had a free throw in the game for one point.

The Lady Broncos will travel to Wheeler January 23 and host Quanah January 27 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

## Broncos suffer loss against the Cyclones

By Sandy Anderberg

The Broncos hustled hard and never gave up in their 45-62 loss to Memphis at home last week.

The game was closer than the score revealed as the Broncos committed last minute desperate fouls at the end of the game. The Broncos had a solid first quarter, but struggled in the second eight minutes falling behind by five points. The Cyclones continue to play solid in the second half and the Broncos at bay. Missed free throws hindered both teams who failed to put in even 50 percent of their bonus shots.

Michael Randall had 15 points, and Braxton Gribble hit three three-pointers for nine. Caleb Herbert had seven, Tyler Cavanaugh put in five, Kreed Robinson played hard to finish with four, Heston Seay added three, and Aiden Morris hit two free shots to finish the game with two points.

The Broncos will play at Wheeler January 23 and Quanah at home on January 27 at 8:00 p.m.

## Bronco JV stops Memphis at home

By Sandy Anderberg

The Bronco junior varsity did a good job containing the Cyclones at home last week and earned a 49-30 win.

The Broncos were able to grab the early lead and held Memphis scoreless in the opening quarter. The Cyclones were able to gain a little momentum before the break and worked their way back into the game to trail by only six at halftime.

The Broncos were able to put together a solid second half to put the game out of reach partially due to the quickness of Dakotah Jameson who put in 15 points in the game and Shaun Childers who was on fire inside and finished with 11 points on the board.

Don'Jae Orr, Rustin Wade, and Brance Bell hustled on the court and added six points apiece, and Michael Shattuck finished with five.

The Broncos will take on Wheeler on the road January 23 and Quanah at home January 27 at home all beginning at 5:00 p.m.



Bronco Tyler Cavanaugh goes up for a shot last week at home against Memphis.

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Bronco Tristen Ybarra tries to dribble past the Cyclone defense last week.

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Bronco Don'Jae Orr lays in two last Tuesday against the Cyclones.

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Lady Bronco Sequoia Weatherton goes in for a layup last week at home.

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Lady Bronco Gracie Ellis faces off with a Lady Cyclone.


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I began my professional career in education, teaching mathematics for a total of 33 years. In July of 2000, I moved to Donley County and taught math at Clarendon High School for 25 years before retiring in May of 2024. I am currently teaching part-time as a math teacher at Clarendon Junior High.

I have three children, all graduates of Clarendon High School, and am blessed with six grandchildren. Donley County has truly been home for our family.

I am actively involved in our community and am a member of First Baptist Church, the Burton Memorial Library Board, the Saints Roost Museum Board, Le Beaux Art Club, the Donley County Retired Teachers Association, and I volunteer with Crossties Ministry Center. In addition to my teaching career, I have bookkeeping experience and served as the sole bookkeeper for a family business from 1996 to 1999.

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