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Nair to meet voters in Clarendon July 30

Congressional candidate Mark Nair will visit Clarendon later this month for a public meet-and-greet hosted by the Donley County Democrats.



Mark Nair

The event is scheduled for Thursday, July 30, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Mulkey Theatre at 108 Kearney St.

According to event organizers, the gathering will give residents an opportunity to meet Nair, ask questions and hear about his campaign for the US House of Representatives representing Texas' 13th Congressional District. Organizers encourage attendees to bring others interested in learning more about the candidate.

The event announcement describes Nair as a Texas Panhandle native who is focused on issues affecting the region, including rural communities and land stewardship. Organizers also say Nair is knowledgeable about the ongoing discussion surrounding data centers and invite residents of all political affiliations to attend.

The meet-and-greet is free and open to the public and is being hosted by the Donley County Democrats.

State sounds alarm for West Nile Virus

By Freda Ross, Texas News Service

Summer months mean an increase in insects and some of them can cause serious illnesses and death.

The Texas Department of State Health Service is monitoring several cases of West Nile virus across the state. The first human case of West Nile was diagnosed in Harris County in May.

Dr. Joydip Roy, market chief medical officer for UnitedHealthcare of the Mid-Atlantic, said the mosquito-borne disease is one of the most common summer illnesses carried by insects. Roy noted there are some things people can do to reduce risks.

West Nile symptoms include fever, headache, fatigue and muscle and joint pain. There is no vaccine. Texas experienced its worst West Nile outbreak in 2012, when almost 1,900 people became sick and 89 died.



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City, Greenbelt address water quality issue

The City of Clarendon is working with Greenbelt Water Authority to address a water quality issue found by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) recently.

Earlier this month, the city gave public notice that the TCEQ had determined the level of trihalomethanes (THMS) in Clarendon's drinking water had exceeded the maximum containment level of 0.080 milligrams per liter (mg/L), and the city's level at sampling was

0.114 mg/L.

The state says people do not need to use an alternative water supply but that exposure to high levels of THMS over many years may cause health problems.

Greenbelt General Manager Bobbie Kidd said THMS is a byproduct of disinfecting water which contains organic matter and said it is not an easy problem to fix.

"It's a complex problem," Kidd said. "Unfortunately, with the lake as low as it is, we have a whole lot of

organic matter in the water."

According to the state, THMS are a group of volatile organic compounds that are formed when chlorine, added to the water during the treatment process for disinfection, reacts with naturally occurring organic matter in the water.

Kidd said adding ammonia to the treatment process can help with the THMS level but said Greenbelt had cut back on ammonia to address problems other Greenbelt member cities were having further down the

line.

"We kind of hurt ourselves here when we did that," he said. "We're going to have to start putting more ammonia in there."

But Kidd said it won't be a quick or easy fix. In addition to the low lake levels increasing the organic matter, the high temperatures this summer will also make the problem more difficult to solve.

Interim City Administrator Floyd Hartman says the problem is a challenge that will be ongoing but

said the city and Greenbelt are working together to address the matter.

"They [Greenbelt] are going to address this in a positive way with their treatment process, and we're going to do additional sampling," Hartman said.

The city also says compliance with the state is based on a three-test average, so future samples will be averaged against the current samples.

"It's going to be a process getting into compliance," Hartman said.



Clarendon High School Principal Amy Dorris shows the Band Hall to Hedley families Monday night as part of a tour of junior high and high school facilities so they can see what CCISD has to offer their seventh through 12th grade students.

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Clarendon welcoming Hedley kids

Clarendon CISD is working hard to welcome eligible Hedley students entering grades 7-12 this fall under a transfer agreement between the two school districts.

The agreement comes as Hedley ISD transitions its junior high and high school students to neighboring districts while continuing to serve students in pre-kindergarten through sixth grade.

Clarendon Superintendent Byron May said the district is committed to making the transition as smooth as possible.

"Our goal is to make this transition as simple and welcoming as possible for students and families," May said. "Students coming from Hedley will be full members of our school community, with the same opportunities to learn, compete, participate, and belong."

Clarendon has scheduled several events for incoming Hedley families. Campus tours of Clarendon Junior High and Clarendon High

School were held Monday, July 27, with a make-up tour planned for Monday, August 10, at 5:30 p.m. Hedley parents also are invited to meet Clarendon school principals at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 30, in the Hedley School Library.

New student registration will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, August 5, at the Clarendon CISD Administration Building.

Under the agreement, Clarendon will accept eligible Hedley students entering grades 7-12 who wish to attend and who have not been expelled under state law. Transfer students will attend Clarendon Junior High or Clarendon High School and will have access to the district's academic, extra-curricular and co-curricular activities under the same standards as Clarendon resident students, subject to University Interscholastic League rules, eligibility requirements and any tryouts completed before the

transfer.

Clarendon CISD will provide special education and related services to eligible students while they are enrolled in the district. The two districts also will share necessary student records, with parental permission and in compliance with federal privacy laws, to help ensure a smooth transition.

Hedley ISD will provide transportation to and from a designated bus stop in Clarendon on school days. The districts have identified the Clarendon High School parking lot as the initial pickup and drop-off location. Transportation is expected to arrive by 7:30 a.m. and depart by 3:30 p.m., although those arrangements may be adjusted by mutual agreement. Additional transportation information will be provided before classes begin.

Students transferring to Clarendon will have access to the district's academic programs, athletics, fine arts, career and techni-

cal education, dual-credit courses, and student organizations. The districts also agreed to communicate regarding attendance, grades, state assessments, course selections, and student participation to help Hedley ISD monitor the progress of its resident students.

The agreement covers students enrolling during the 2026-27 and 2027-28 school years. Students accepted under the agreement may remain enrolled at Clarendon through graduation, provided they continue to meet district enrollment and conduct requirements.

"We want Hedley students and parents to hear this clearly," May said. "There is a place for you at Clarendon. Our teachers, students, coaches, sponsors, and community are ready to welcome you to Bronco Nation."

Families with questions may contact Clarendon CISD at 806-310-7220 or by email at may.byron@clarendonisd.net.

Hedley hires Jeffers as interim, holds registration

Larry Jeffers will lead Hedley ISD as its interim superintendent as the school makes its transition to an elementary-only campus this fall.

Hedley held registration last Wednesday, July 22, and school trustees hired Jeffers on Thursday.

Jeffers said 25 kids signed up for classes in

pre-kindergarten through sixth grade, and he expects that number will grow to about 30 before school starts on August 11.

The school has students in every grade, and Jeffers said all their school supplies will be provided this year.

"We won't have any school supply lists," Jeffers

said. "It's all taken care of."

Jeffers brings with him 46 years of experience in education with 27 of those as the principal of Clarendon High School before retiring about five years ago. He has also previously served as a principal for Hedley and most recently served as Clarendon CISD's interim superintendent earlier this

year.

Hedley Elementary will hold its Meet the Teacher Night and Title I meeting in the library on August 10 at 6 p.m.

For seventh through 12th graders living in the Hedley school district, Clarendon CISD hosted tours of its junior high and

See 'Hedley' on page 4.



Larry Jeffers

Clarendon considers RV park ordinance

The City of Clarendon is considering RV park regulations and code enforcement as leaders try to prepare the community for possible growth in the future.

Several neighboring communities are grappling with the influx of workers from data centers, and many are experiencing a surge in RV park developments as housing markets can't keep up with demand.

The Clarendon City Council looked at an RV park ordinance from the City of Claude and a draft ordinance from the City of Memphis during a called meeting last Thursday. All of Clarendon's aldermen agreed that the city needs to be ready if a new development comes to town, and they compared the two sets of rules with the help of Interim City Administrator Floyd Hartman.

The council decided to use Claude's ordinance as its basis and add elements of Memphis' proposed rules to craft regulations in the City of Clarendon.

Some of the general items agreed to last week were spacing requirements for RV parks, prohibiting open fires at RV parks, requiring RV parks to have commercial utility and trash accounts, requiring permits to build and annual licenses to operate RV parks, and requiring fencing.

During the meeting, officials suggested the new rules would apply only to new RV parks and would not apply to existing facilities until those change hands and then the new rules would apply.

Hartman explained several items of the Claude and Memphis ordinances and also guided the council about the pros and cons of different ways to implement RV park regulations based on his years of experience in city government.

The council also discussed the need for improved code enforcement and to consider returning to requiring building permits as necessary in order for any RV park ordinance to be effective and for the city to be prepared for growth.

Hartman will have the city attorney review the council's ordinance ideas and bring a draft ordinance to the next city meeting. He said he believes the city could have rules in place by September or October.

The proposed RV regulations come after a June council meeting in which aldermen agreed they wanted to be proactive and have Clarendon ready for growth.

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More than a futbol rivalry

I, like probably many of you, have been swept up by the World Cup. For someone who knows little about soccer or futbol, I have still enjoyed many of the games, though I must admit I still have no idea what constitutes a penalty at times.

As much as I have enjoyed the matches, I have also enjoyed following the stories of so many who have traveled to our nation and experienced what makes America so great. I also have a son currently living in Brazil, and it has been fun hearing about his experience there and just how crazy that nation gets over this event.

I watched the match between England and Argentina last week and thought it was an exciting game. It was not until the next day, however, that I learned the Argentine team held up a banner reading “Las Malvinas son Argentinas” (“The Falklands are Argentine”) after the match. While I am absolutely in no position to comment on the game itself, or whether Argentina should be punished by FIFA for making political statements, I thought I could at least explain some of the history behind why these two nations dislike each other so intensely. Only part of it has to do with what has happened on the pitch.

In some ways, you can trace hostilities between the two nations back to 1806. In that year, and again in 1807, the British invaded during the Napoleonic Wars as Great Britain attempted to seize the Spanish colony and secure new trade markets. During the first invasion in June 1806, British troops easily captured Buenos Aires, but local militias quickly organized and forced the British to surrender just two months later. Britain returned in 1807 with a much larger force of around 8,000 soldiers, but the locals fought fiercely until the British surrendered again. The flag the British lost is still displayed in the Santo Domingo Basilica as a symbol of the victory. Ironically, these victories proved to the people of the region that they could defend themselves without Spain’s assistance, helping inspire the May Revolution of 1810 and, eventually, Argentine independence.

Oddly enough, after the Spanish were driven out, it was British influence that largely took their place economically and culturally during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. British capital financed, built, and owned much of Argentina’s railway network, public utilities, and massive meatpacking industry, which exported enormous quantities of beef to the United Kingdom. This economic relationship left a lasting cultural footprint as well. British immigrants introduced sports like football, rugby, and polo, while wealthy Argentines adopted British customs, established English-style schools, and even named many Buenos Aires suburbs after British figures.

This close relationship began to fade in the 1940s for several reasons. As beef prices declined, hurting the Argentine economy, politicians needed someone to blame, and Britain became a convenient target. But don’t cry for Argentina. President Juan Perón, the one married to Madonna, I mean Eva Perón, was sympathetic to the Axis powers and so in 1848 made the popular move to nationalize many British-owned businesses and infrastructure. Perón also helped turn the Falkland Islands into a symbol of Argentine nationalism, introducing new school textbooks that taught the islands rightfully belonged to Argentina.

Finally, in 1982, Argentine forces invaded the Falkland Islands. In response, the United Kingdom sent a naval task force to retake the territory. After about ten weeks of intense fighting, British forces regained control of the islands, and Argentina surrendered on June 14, 1982. The war claimed the lives of 255 British service members and 649 Argentine personnel, with both nations honoring those who died as heroes.

Since the war, the Falklands have remained a British Overseas Territory, although Argentina continues to claim sovereignty over them. The United Kingdom has increased its military presence on the islands while investing in infrastructure and supporting the islands’ self-government. In March 2013, the islanders voted on whether they wished to remain a British. About 92 percent of eligible voters participated, and 99.8 percent voted to remain British. The United Kingdom cited the result as evidence that the islanders had exercised their right to self-determination. Argentina rejected the referendum, arguing that it did not affect its longstanding territorial claim. The dispute has continued diplomatically, but nowhere is it more emotionally visible than on the pitch.

I have learned that England and Argentina share one of the most intense rivalries in World Cup history with a few truly iconic matches. It really began during the 1966 quarterfinal, where Argentina’s captain was given a controversial red card and England’s manager Alf Ramsey famously referred to the Argentine players as “animals” after the match. The rivalry became even more heated following the Falklands War, culminating in the legendary 1986 quarterfinal when Argentina’s star player Diego Maradona scored the infamous illegal “Hand of God” goal before following it minutes later with the breathtaking “Goal of the Century.” The drama continued in the 1998 World Cup when David Beckham was red-carded for kicking out during a tense match that England eventually lost on penalties. Beckham found redemption in their 2002 group-stage meeting by converting the winning penalty in a 1-0 English victory.

All of that history made last week’s dramatic 2-1 comeback by England even more significant. It was not only the banner after the match. In the locker room, the Argentine players were filmed singing one of their favorite team songs, which includes the line, “Por las Malvinas, por el Diego, por la última de Leo,” or “For the Malvinas, for Diego, for Leo’s last one,” a reference to the Falkland Islands, the late Diego Maradona, and Lionel Messi’s final World Cup.

While most of the world knows little about the Falklands War, these two teams clearly have not forgotten. James Finck is a professor of American history at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma.



historically speaking
by dr. james finck

Old age can’t keep columnist away

I’m back... About two months ago – after more than 23 years of writing weekly columns – I took my leave. (Okay, maybe it’s my “weakly” assembly of words masquerading as columns might be more accurate.) Whatever, I’m back.

Perhaps a few of my pieces have been tolerable, some meriting smiles that gave way to laughter, and – on rarest occasions – a few guffaws.

Previous columns were intended to inspire, encourage the choice of higher roads and enjoy the pleasures of cruising the high seas....

It might come as a surprise that I have chosen to clear cobwebs from my computer keyboard, aware that editors might – at any time – choose to replace my column with the work of others, or perhaps photographs, advertisements or even blank space.

A few wags have kidded (okay, half-kidded) that printed words are not always better than space left blank, just as some speeches fall short of improving on silence. Actually, these may be valid observations, but so much has happened recently, I am inclined to discuss some personal experiences – the only kinds I’ve had.

Galinda, who played the lead in Broadway’s hit play, *Wicked*, may have been close to the truth with her malapropism that rivaled those of the late, great baseball player, Yogi Berra. Do you remember the question she posed to her teacher? “And I don’t see why you can’t teach us history without harping on the past.”....

History for me has happened fast. Before starting to write *The Idle American* in 2003, one editor asked what I would write about.

I took his question seriously, thought-gathering before answering: “Things I know, hear, see and do.” His rejoinder caused cackles in the news room. “What about the fourth week?” I’ve pondered his question across the years. (Actually, I’ve written 1,187 columns since he was flustered that there might not even be a column for the fourth week.) His newspaper ran *The Idle American* occasionally in the early years, and regularly for the past decade.

Truth to tell, there are two major reasons for my brief absence. My world was closing in fast, what with my role (as well as our daughters’) to provide primary primary care 24/7 for Brenda, my wife of 60 years come August 12....

Dementia crept in some eight years ago. When her physical and mental deficiencies became increasingly evident, we determined that her admission to a professional care facility was needed. We are thankful that she is now entrusted to qualified caregivers in a rural memory care facility located near our home. Yes, I said rural. Cattle graze nearby, only a few hundred yards from earshot of traffic’s constant hum from vehicles on Interstate Highway 35.

Knowing that she is compliant and “fitting in” nicely with new friends provides much relief.

We are blessed beyond measure.... My heart disease – marked by quadruple bypass/mitral valve surgery in 1998, a heart attack while making



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by don newbury

church announcements in 2021 and defibrillation activation shortly before Brenda’s move – added to our health issues.

This time, a blocked artery and an aortic aneurysm created additional challenges.

On June 8, Dr. Srinivasa Potluri, Chief of Cardiology, and his team at Plano’s Baylor Heart Hospital – employing non-invasive access through both groin and wrist vessels – essentially tied off the aneurysm and broke through the blockage. It was described as being a “complicated procedure,” spanning five hours....

That’s it. I was free to go home the same afternoon, but opted to stay overnight. I fell asleep counting blessings that included the remarkable skills of dedicated cardiologists, the love of family and the prayers of many.

Just weeks away from the beginning of my 90 th year on the planet, I give most credit to the Great Physician. I’ll keep on keeping on as long as possible, thankful for what has gone before, as well as what lies ahead. I intend to write weekly again, and resume a public speaking regimen that has taken me to 45 states over the past six decades.

I think often of the late Art Linkletter’s 1988 book, *Old Age Is Not for Sissies*. He was a man full of life and goodness who died a couple of months before his 98th birthday, this orphan who made it to the top. He is remembered fondly for his zest for life, engaging people of all ages with his heart-warming interviews, books and TV show. His cup ran over; so does mine....

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Tax plan must work for rural Texas

Everyone wants lower property taxes. That is what makes the Texas Taxpayer Empowerment Plan powerful. It promises local spending limits, voter approval of tax increases, slower appraisal growth and elimination of school property taxes for homeowners. Texans should control their taxes. Governments should justify spending. No homeowner should be taxed out of a home they own.

But lawmakers should test this plan beyond a campaign stage. They should test it in rural Texas.

Gov. Greg Abbott’s outline would limit local spending growth to population growth plus inflation or 3.5%, whichever is lower. It would require two-thirds voter approval for property-tax increases, allow 15% of registered voters to petition for a rollback election, appraise property once every five years, lower the homestead appraisal cap from 10% to 3%, extend it to other property, and ask voters to eliminate school property taxes on homesteads.

Major details remain unanswered: how inflation would be measured, which spending would be covered, what increase triggers a two-thirds vote.

In my hometown, we are not adding residents, subdivisions or businesses. Yet the city maintains streets, water and sewer systems, police and fire protection, parks and an airport – on a limited tax base and a flat population. Police vehicles, insurance, concrete and engineering do not come with a rural discount.

My economic development corporation’s Rural Core research project found that 97.7% of the increase in taxable value over the past two years came from reappraising existing property. Only 2.3% came from new construction and improvement. That is not growth. Existing property was simply assigned more taxable value.

Reappraisal can make a rural community look wealthier on paper without

adding a single employer. The governor’s appraisal cap and five-year cycle may slow how fast increases reach taxpayers, but they don’t answer the real question: are rural properties valued at what they could actually sell for? Delaying an appraisal does not correct an inaccurate one.

Meanwhile, the spending cap treats local spending as the enemy. In rural Texas, fiscal responsibility is already a necessity, not a talking point. A statewide formula could deny small towns the flexibility to invest in parks, pools, libraries and downtowns – the projects that keep families and keep towns alive. Rural towns deserve nice things too.

Local voters already choose the people who set local budgets, and they can vote them out when they get it wrong. A two-thirds requirement changes that math. Even when most voters support a project, a little more than one-third can kill it. That hands a minority the power to overrule the majority on decisions that should be made at home.

The school proposal carries the greatest risk. Eliminating school property taxes would give homeowners immediate relief, but it would shift a permanent obligation from a stable local revenue source to the state budget – without naming a permanent source to replace it.

Conservative budgeting used to mean paying ongoing responsibilities with ongoing revenue, not a temporary surplus. In 2011, facing a budget shortfall, lawmakers cut \$5.4 billion from public education. What happens during the next downturn, once the state owns



texas rural reporter
by suzanne bellsnyder

the local share of school funding? Rural schools will be back in Austin every session, hat in hand, asking lawmakers to keep the promises they’re making today.

Local effort also supports local control. When Austin writes every check, Austin gains leverage over what schools receive and how they operate. Texas already spends thousands less per student than the national average. Between vouchers and dependence on biennial appropriations, rural districts could spend years asking permission just to operate.

Here’s the more important conversation: before the Governor and legislators limits what rural communities can raise and spend, state leaders should look at their own record – on schools, rural roads and water infrastructure – first.

Here’s one practical idea: require a Rural Impact Statement before lawmakers vote on a major tax proposal. Just as a fiscal note tells legislators what a bill costs the state, a Rural Impact Statement should tell them what it costs small towns – their infrastructure, their emergency needs, their schools, their local control.

Eighty-nine Republican House incumbents and nominees have signed the governor’s property-tax pledge. The devil is in the details. Next time a candidate signs a pledge like this at a rally, don’t just take the photo. Ask them what, exactly, they endorsed. Which inflation measure governs our towns? Will emergency repairs be exempt? What permanent revenue replaces school taxes?

Property-tax relief matters. But taxpayer empowerment should not mean starving rural communities or shipping their decisions to Austin. Any Texas tax plan must work in rural Texas, too. Suzanne Bellsnyder is the publisher of the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman. After 20 years of experience in the Texas Capitol, she returned to the Texas Panhandle to return to her rural roots.

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Obituaries

Cox

The love of my life, my soul-mate, and my best friend—Carlton William Cox, affectionately known as Carl, Poppy, Achi, Brother, Mentor, Sunshine, and “Butter Earl”—has reached the finish line. He ran his race for God’s glory and has finally heard the words, “Well done, my good and faithful servant.” Carl lived his life with true purpose, always doing his best to please our Father in heaven.



Cox

Born on August 22, 1966, Carl was atop a horse from day 1. He was raised on ranches around the Texas Panhandle. After graduating from Hedley High School in 1985, he moved to Amarillo. He worked for a TV station and managed a store while attending Amarillo College on a theater scholarship. He had many memorable performances. But more importantly, lasting friendships, including Jimmy V. and Robin and Monty Downs. In 1988 he became a dad. In 1992 at a rodeo in Clarendon, he met his soul mate. In 1993 they moved to Las Vegas and worked in the showrooms for the MGM Hotel. They had two children there. Once again, he made lifelong friends and lasting memories. After moving back to Texas in 1997, they settled in his hometown of Hedley. He met the Lord on an old dirt road and a year later was leading the youth group in Hedley. He got ordained in 2002 and was called to a senior pastor position in McLean. While the position didn’t last long, the brotherhood of the men Christ put in his life there have been a blessing. He led the youth group and many young souls to Christ. Around this time, he also was a volunteer Chaplain, for eleven years at the Roach Unit in Childress, where he met and mentored many young men, including his future son in law. When he accepted Christ, he was all in, he loved hard. He fought the fight, and when he stumbled, he got back up again. He served the Lord on mission trips to El Salvador, Honduras, and Mexico. He moved to San Antonio following his daughter and her family. He worked construction, hot shot, and finally as a teacher. He often said people either love me or hate me, but I try to show Jesus to the world.

Carl entered into God’s eternal glory on July 25, 2026. After a year-long battle with cancer.

He leaves behind a beautiful legacy, including his devoted wife of 34 years, Christy; his daughters, Jessie (and husband Mike Silvers) and Jordan (and partner Ren); and his son, Tyler Cox. He was a proud grandfather to his grandsons, Adam Lee “Bowbanski” and Jamon “Monsterhead” Lloyd.

Carl’s love extended to his spiritual children, Ashlea and Anthony Crawford (along with grandchildren Toney and Baylea) and Cody Talamas. He is also survived by his best friend and brother, Robert Jones; his biological mother, Janette Wagner

(and husband Jerry); his sister, Julie Ann Edwards (and husband Dale); sisters Lucy Huseman and husband Terry, Linda Crump and Sandra Hatcher; and a large, loving circle of extended family and friends.

Carl was reunited in heaven with his beloved son, Jamon Lee Cox; his parents, LaQueta and Clarence “Pick” Cox, his nephew Joel Wayne Layton and great nephew Dalton Wayne Layton and his brother, Billy Ray Cates.

His time on earth was far too short, and he will be deeply missed every single day.

Viewing will be Thursday, July 30, at Robertson Funeral Directors in Clarendon.

Celebration of life will be Friday, July 31, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Childress, with burial at Rowe Cemetery in Hedley following the service.

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

Winn

Tony Lawrence Winn, 78, of Joshua, Texas, passed away at his home on Tuesday, July 21, 2026.



Winn

Funeral services were held on Monday, July 27, 2026, at Robertson Saints Roost Chapel in Clarendon with Rev. Anthony Knowles officiating. Burial followed in Rowe Cemetery in Hedley.

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

Tony was born on February 12, 1948, in Clarendon to Alvin Lawrence Winn and Othel Christine (Snelson) Bolin. He grew up in Hedley alongside his five siblings, where he developed the strong work ethic and love for country life that would remain with him throughout his life.

At the age of 18, Tony moved to Fort Worth, where he began a long career as a heavy equipment operator. His work took him to many places over the years before he eventually settled in Joshua, Texas, where he made his home for the past 43 years.

A lifelong cattleman, Tony had a passion for buying and selling cattle and was a true cowboy at heart. He loved the country way of life, spending time outdoors, listening to country music, and dancing whenever he had the chance. He was also a devoted Dallas Cowboys fan who rarely missed cheering on his favorite team.

Above all, Tony treasured his family and the many memories they shared together. He will be remembered for his hardworking spirit, his love of ranching and the outdoors, and the kindness and humor he brought to those who knew him.

Tony was preceded in death by his parents, Alvin Lawrence Winn and Othel Christine (Snelson) Bolin, and by his sister, Gloria Jean Bible.

He is survived by his two daughters, Cori Owen of Azle, Texas, and Debbie Mathis and husband, Jason, of Joshua, Texas; two brothers, Jerry Finchum and Buddy Winn, both of Amarillo, Texas; two sisters, Mary Farris of Clarendon, Texas, and Sandy Taylor of Amarillo, Texas; five grandsons, Zachary Hudson, Rylee Owen and wife, Skyler, Baylee Owen, Tony Mathis, and Hunter Mathis; two great-grandchildren, Tilly Hudson and Owen Hudson; as well as many nieces, nephews, and extended family members who will miss him dearly.

Oatman

Irene Oatman, 82, of Pampa, passed into eternity on Monday, July 20, 2026, at her home.



Oatman

Services were held on Friday, July 24, 2026, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Pastor Jeremy Buck officiating. Cremation followed the funeral service.

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors and Crematory.

Irene was born on April 28, 1944, in Clarendon to Isaac and Faye Elam.

A true Texan through and through, Irene possessed a spirit and remarkable resilience that carried her through life’s joys and hardships. She was always up for an adventure, whether she was scuba diving, camping beneath the stars, birdwatching, or enjoying a good book, Irene found beauty and excitement in the world around her.

More than anything, Irene cherished the people she loved. She was a pillar of love, encouragement, and strength to her family and friends. As a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother, aunt, and friend, she leaves behind a legacy of compassion, and unconditional love that will continue to inspire those who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Isaac and Faye Elam; her brother, Marvin Elam; her first husband, Wayne Moxon; her son, Kevin Moxon; her daughter, Keri Moxon; and her grandson, Darren Moxon.

Irene is survived by her husband, Harvey Oatman of Clarendon; her daughters, Lisa Blandford and Amnesty Oatman and husband Chance; her grandchildren, Shane and Katie Blanford, Chris Blanford, Jessica and Ryan Milligan, Monica Moxon, Carizma Moxon, Tereza and Cris Larrazolo, Kira James; great-grandchildren, Kevin, Jon, Lisia, Zeke, Michelle, Kit, Cooper, Ayiiaa, Arianna, Toval, Noah, Kaiiden, Kinslee, Weston; great-great-grandchildren, Elyias, Kenneth; siblings, Digger and Reba Elam, Karen Evans, Sharon Elam, Pat Seeley; sister-in-law, Lenora Barnes; best friend, Jan Schelle; and extended family members, and many dear friends who will forever cherish her memory.

Sign the online guest register at www.carmichael-whatley.com

Mistakes turn deadly at high speeds

In Texas, getting there a few minutes faster isn’t worth a lifetime of consequences. Choosing to slow down is one of the simplest ways to protect yourself – and everyone else on the road.

That’s the message behind Drive Like a Texan: Kind. Courteous. Safe. – TxDOT’s call for drivers to look out for one another and take pride in how we travel our roads. While Texas is making progress, speeding remains a serious threat. It’s still the leading factor in deadly crashes, accounting for roughly one-third of all traffic fatalities statewide.

To address this, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is partnering with law enforcement agencies across the state to remind drivers that real Texans don’t rush – they drive with care, respect and responsibility.

There is encouraging news. In 2025, the decline in speed related fatalities outpaced the significant decrease in overall fatalities.

But the danger hasn’t disap-

peared. Speed continues to play a role in more than 150,000 crashes each year, proving that even small decisions behind the wheel can have serious consequences.

Stephenie Smallwood’s 19-year-old son, Shaundi Kyree Smallwood, was killed in 2022 while riding home with friends after a trip to Six Flags. Their SUV was struck from behind on I-20 in Fort Worth by a driver traveling 157 mph.

“You can change people’s lives just like that,” Smallwood said. “And that driver changed our lives forever.”

Through Drive Like a Texan, TxDOT is asking drivers to pause, think about the people around them and make safer choices.

“Excessive speed makes any crash more dangerous,” said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. “Higher speeds mean less time to react and a much greater risk of serious injury or death. We’re asking Texans to slow down and drive with care.”

This message is reinforced during Operation Slowdown, a statewide high-visibility enforcement effort running July 18 through Aug. 2.

During this period, TxDOT partners with law enforcement by providing additional funding and resources to increase patrols and stop drivers who are speeding or driving too fast for conditions. TxDOT officials speak on the dangers of speeding, download here.

Safe driving goes beyond following the posted speed limit. It means staying alert, adjusting to conditions and respecting everyone on the road.

Drivers are encouraged to: Match their speed to traffic, weather and road conditions. Increase following distance when traffic is heavy or roads are slick.

Watch for changing speed limits, especially in work zones and school zones. Remember that fines double for speeding in active work zones and school zones.

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Community Calendar

July 31 & August 1

Mulkey Theatre • Minions & Monsters • 7:30 p.m.

August 2

Mulkey Theatre • Minions & Monsters • 2:00 p.m.

August 5

Clarendon CISD • New Students Registration • All Day • School Cafeteria

August 8

Bronco Booster Tournament • Clarendon Country Club • Call 806-874-2166 for more information

August 10

Back to School Bash • Bronco Stadium • 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

August 10

Meet the Broncos • Clarendon CISD • 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

August 11

Hedley ISD • First Day of School

August 12

Clarendon CISD • First Day of School

August 15 & 16

Jack & Jill Scramble • Clarendon Country Club • Call 806-874-2166

August 29 & 30

Men's & Women's Club Championship • Clarendon Country Club • Call 806-874-2166

September 7

Labor Day Scramble • Clarendon Country Club • Call 806-874-2166

September 19 & 20

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September 27

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October 1 - 3

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Menus

August 3 - 7

Donley County Senior Citizens

Mon: Chicken spaghetti, broccoli, garden salad, garlic toast, fruit cup, iced tea/2% milk.

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

Wed: Pork roast, pinto beans, macaroni & tomatoes, cornbread, peanut butter cookie, iced tea/2% milk.

Thurs: Beef stroganoff, black eyed peas, spinach, whole wheat roll, strawberry short cake, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Salmon patties, ranch potatoes, broccoli, whole wheat roll, fruit cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Sliced Ham, Buttered Carrots, Black Eyed Peas, Whole Wheat Roll, Fruit Crisp, iced tea/2% milk.

Tues: Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Whole Wheat Roll, Banana Pudding, iced tea/2% milk.

Wed: Steak Fingers, Red Skin Potatoes, Black Eyed Peas, Whole Wheat Roll, Chocolate Cake, iced tea/2% milk.

Thurs: Meatloaf, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans, Cornbread, Fruit Cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Chicken Strips, Potato Wedges, Garden Salad, Whole Wheat Roll, Brownie, iced tea/2% milk.



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting with Boss Lion Eric Gehman in charge.

Lion Landon Lambert led the Pledge, and Lion Rita Gehman led the prayer and song for the day.

Lion Tex Buckhaults reported on the college where the volleyball team members are coming to campus and getting ready for practice. Lion Byron May reported on the public school, which he said is close to being fully staffed. He also said that several Hedley families enjoyed a tour of high school and junior high facilities this week as Clarendon works to make welcome the seventh through 12th graders from that community this year.

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



Wet and wild

Tripp Dunn holds up his toy fish at the Clarendon Country Club swimming pool Monday as families tried to beat the summer heat.

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Summer heat brings back memories

She Says – Can you believe Clarendon schools start on August 12?

He Says – What are people thinking? In the good old days, we didn't start school until after Labor Day. We had three full months of summer to be kids. But we also didn't get fall and spring breaks to look forward to either. I think the breaks are more for the teachers than the kids.

She Says – And teachers sure need a break when one comes along, as well as a bigger paycheck.

He Says – True, but you know, it's going to be hot outside when the kids start classes and 105 degrees when school lets out in the afternoon. That's crazy! The band kids are out there practicing and the football teams will be on the field; it's just too blankety-blank hot!!

She Says – My summers as a kid were full and fun. I lived at the swimming pool, went to any church camp that invited me, played at the park and always visited cousins in Oklahoma. And you know what? In August they would be in school and I went to school with them! I remember always feeling welcome and doing classwork right alongside whichever cousin I was visiting. Then, in the Fall, my cousins would be out of school for several weeks because it was cotton-picking time,

and the farmers didn't have the big picker-balers – they used child labor!

He Says – I had the same experience when we visited my relatives down in Morgan Mill! We would be on “vacation,” and yet, I would go to school with cousin Donell. At home I spent my summer days at the neighborhood park. Borger had a great summer rec program. We played ball, did crafts, games and on Thursdays a school bus picked us up and took us to the swimming pool. By the way, I was a champion horseshoe player at 10 years old. But my best year was when I was thirteen and became the Bat-Boy for the Borger Gassers! That's when my love for baseball really came through. I learned a lot of baseball skills and bad language courtesy of those semipro players!

She Says – Speaking of long summer days, what are you hearing regarding making Daylight Savings Time year-round?

He Says – There are lots of different viewpoints on whether or not it's a good thing. I know you and I have talked about it and we both want to keep it seasonal like it is



he says, she says
by richard & mary green

WT's Piano Extravaganza to offer patriotic salute

Many of the area's top piano teachers will continue the celebration of America's 250th anniversary at West Texas A&M University's fifth annual High Plains Piano Extravaganza.

The concert will begin at 3 p.m. Aug. 8 in the Sybil B. Harrington Fine Arts Complex Recital Hall on WT's Canyon campus.

Admission is free.

“We're very excited about this year's program, which ranges from an arrangement of a standard jazz tune to Mozart to a Sousa march,” said Dr. Choong-ha Nam, professor of piano in the School of Music in WT's Sybil B. Harrington College of Fine Arts and Humanities. “In particular, we are featuring the Shaker hymn from Aaron Copland's ‘Appalachian Spring,’ commonly known

as ‘Simple Gifts,’ along with John Philip Sousa's ‘The Stars and Stripes Forever’ and a piece inspired by the Grand Canyon.”

Donations will be accepted for the Amarillo Music Teachers Association teacher enrichment fund, which helps pay for Music Teachers National Association membership for new piano teachers. AMTA is a chapter of MTNA, the premier national music teachers association, which provides networking, continuing education and student opportunities for independent music teachers.

Performers are slated to include Nam; Dr. Sarah Rushing, WT assistant professor of piano; Dr. Denise Parr-Scanlin, retired WT professor of piano; Mila Abbasova, WT instructor of music; and area piano teachers Kara Bailey, Sandy McQueen,

now.

She Says – Right! I look forward to the time changes as markers for the seasons. I really think it's the most practical guideline, especially for school children.

He Says – The House of Representatives has already passed a bill to make year-round DST permanent. Now the Senate is considering it. Our Texas Representatives voted 31 for the change and only 7 voted against it. Do those guys voting FOR the change want their kids waiting for school buses and starting classes in the dark in January??

She Says – Ooh, that means it will still be dark when you make our doughnut run in the mornings.

He Says – Hah! You'll be on one of your diets by then. No worries. But back to today's world: Mother Nature continues to punish us with triple digit temps and NO rain!

You were right last spring when you said we need to bring in a medicine man, or a shaman, or SOME-ONE to bless a community rain dance (with 70s and 80s Rock,) and a covered dish supper in the street with freshly washed cars and new hairdos. Then maybe it would rain.

She Says – We'll need a good speaker system and Sirius-XM. Brooks and Dunn haven't called me back.

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The Golden Needles Quilters met at the Donley County Senior Citizens Center on Thursday, July 23, and quilted on a Shark's Tooth Star and Checkerboard pattern quilt, pieced by Tiny Alderson several years ago. Those attending were Louella Slater, Dortha Reynolds, and Frances Smith. After lunch, the group presented David McAnear with a patriotic quilt in appreciation of his military service to our country.

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Rangers, Amarillo Police solve ‘97 cold case

Using modern forensic testing, investigators have now identified the man responsible for the brutal murder of a woman at an Amarillo park nearly 30 years ago. The suspect, Jimmy Dale McClinton, of Buchanan Dam, died in November 2025 at the age of 81.

On Aug. 5, 1997, around 1:00 p.m., Gloria Ann Covington’s partially nude body was found by children playing at Hilltop Park. She had been stabbed multiple times, sexually assaulted and had several defensive wounds on her body. A cook at a local nursing home, the mother of four was last seen around 3:00 a.m. that same day in the 1600 block of North Marrs Street.

In the years after Convington’s death, investigators went to extensive efforts to identify her killer – but all known suspects were eliminated,

and the case went cold.

Then, in February 2024, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Crime Laboratory in Lubbock developed a DNA profile using evidence collected in Covington’s original autopsy. That DNA profile was submitted to the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS), leading to a positive hit: Jimmy Dale McClinton. Investigators traveled to Buchanan Dam, where McClinton was living, and obtained a warrant for his DNA to conduct additional testing. That additional testing identified him as a positive match in Convington’s case.

Through further investigation, it was learned McClinton had a documented history of knife assaults against women – including multiple incidents strikingly similar to Convington’s case. He had lived in the Amarillo area at the time of Cov-

ington’s murder but was never interviewed or developed as a suspect during the original investigation. Between 1977 and 2014, McClinton had been arrested several times in the Amarillo and Waco areas.

For the next two years, the Amarillo Police Department and Texas Rangers worked diligently with the Texas Attorney General’s Office to prosecute McClinton for Convington’s murder – but McClinton passed away before the case could be presented to a grand jury. As a result, no arrests were made, and this case is now closed.

The Texas Rangers would like to thank our partners, including the Amarillo Police Department and DPS’ Crime Laboratory Division, for their years of commitment and dedication to identify McClinton and solve Convington’s case.

USDA asks partners to develop AI solutions to accelerate crop innovation

The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) is taking steps to speed up progress in plant science by calling on universities and stakeholders to help build new AI tools that can translate the huge amount of germplasm data the agency collects.

Through the Genesis Mission and the Agriculture Advanced Research and Development Authority (AgARDA), USDA is expected to launch an Agricultural National Science & Technology Challenge later this year. The Challenge will ask innovators to create practical solutions that pull together different types of information – like images, field data, and lab results – so scientists can quickly spot important plant and seed traits and develop crops that are more resilient and produc-

tive.

“USDA is taking concrete steps to give scientists the modern tools they need to innovate agricultural solutions from the vast plant data that they collect,” said REE Under Secretary and USDA Chief Scientist Dr. Scott Hutchins. “When our partners help us to solve agricultural challenges by using AI tools, we’ll unlock faster discoveries with germplasm data and grow better crops that strengthen our food system for many future generations.”

The Genesis Mission, launched in November 2025, is a national effort coordinated by the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy to leverage artificial intelligence to accelerate scientific discovery. The Mission will bring

together America’s scientists, top innovative businesses, world-renowned universities; and data repositories, production plants, and national security sites – to use AI tools to solve the nation’s most complex science and technological challenges.

Challenge teams will have access to the American Science and Security Platform, DOE-built shared infrastructure that will connect datasets, scientific instrumentation, and AI tools to accelerate discovery.

More details on the Challenge are forthcoming. Proposing teams are encouraged to read the full Genesis Mission Executive Order and bring their best ideas to advance America’s future in germplasm innovation

Texas A&M Forest Service Adds Airpower to Fight Against Wildfires with Three New Aircraft

Texas’ ability to detect, track and fight wildfires is growing even stronger with the acquisition of three new multi-mission aircraft for Texas A&M Forest Service.

The purchase marks the agency’s second major aviation acquisition in recent weeks, following the addition of two wildfire suppression helicopters, and represents another significant step toward building Texas’ first dedicated, state-managed wildfire aviation fleet.

“The safety of Texans is our No. 1 priority. Texas has secured a dedicated fleet of multi-mission aircraft to fight wildfires on our own terms,” said Governor Greg Abbott. “These aircraft deliver early detection and critical intelligence so our firefighters can protect lives and property.”

Multi-mission aircraft enhance firefighter safety and improve decision-making by detecting wildfires early, tracking fire behavior in near real time, providing crews with accurate imagery of the entire incident and helping coordinate air and ground resources more effectively.

“Texas is making a historic investment in protecting our people, property and communities from wildfires,” said Robert Albritton, chairman of The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents.

“These aircraft will give Texas A&M Forest Service the speed, intelligence and flexibility to respond more effectively when lives are on the line. The Board of Regents is proud to help build a dedicated Texas fleet that will be ready when Texans need it.”

Texas A&M Forest Service developed its aviation strategy based on recommendations from a 12-entiy Aviation Task Force cre-

ated to determine the aircraft and capabilities Texas needs for a flexible, effective wildfire response fleet.

The Task Force recommended a combination of helicopters for precise water drops and tactical support, versatile fixed-wing multi-mission aircraft for intelligence and coordination, and large airtankers capable of delivering substantial amounts of fire retardant to slow a wildfire’s spread.

“Texans should not have to wait for aircraft to become available when a wildfire threatens our communities,” said Chancellor Glenn Hegar. “Building a dedicated state fleet gives Texas A&M Forest Service the ability to see fires sooner, make better decisions and move resources where they are needed most. This is a practical investment that will help Texans and protect their property.”

Without a dedicated fleet, Texas historically has relied on aircraft obtained through federal resource-sharing agreements. Those aircraft can be reassigned when higher-priority fires develop elsewhere in the country.

With funding provided by the 89th Texas Legislature, Texas is building a fleet dedicated to protecting communities within the state. The aircraft will remain under state management, giving Texas a more dependable and responsive aerial defense against wildfires.

“During the 89th Legislative Session, we made a historic promise to the people of Texas to bolster our state’s defenses against catastrophic wildfires,” said state Rep. Ken King. “Today, I am proud to see Texas A&M Forest Service moving with incredible speed and administrative precision to turn that promise into a

reality. This fast-tracked acquisition means these life-saving airplanes and helicopters will be in our skies and ready to protect our communities sooner.”

The new aircraft will provide near-real-time video, mapping, heat detection and other situational awareness tools that give incident commanders and firefighters a more complete picture of conditions on the fire line.

“Every wildfire is different, which is why a diverse aviation fleet is so important,” said Texas A&M Forest Service Fire Chief Jared Karns.

“Having multiple aircraft types available, including multi-mission aircraft platforms that can serve a variety of roles, allows us to respond effectively to the unique demands of each incident.”

Through House Bill 500, the Texas Legislature appropriated \$257 million in 2025 for Texas A&M Forest Service to purchase, operate and maintain wildfire suppression aircraft.

Nine aircraft are currently staged in Texas for wildfire response. Since Jan. 1, Texas A&M Forest Service has mobilized aircraft 115 times in response to wildfire incidents. Those aviation resources have dropped more than 1.25 million gallons of water and fire retardant on wildfires across the state.

The multi-mission aircraft were acquired through the State of Texas procurement process administered by the Texas Comptroller’s State-wide Procurement Division.

After an evaluation of submitted proposals, the contract was awarded to Bridger Aerospace Group Holdings LLC.

Jackson wants to beef up military testing, training

US Rep. Ronny Jackson (TX-13) has introduced the Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems Operational Test, Evaluation, and Training Corridor Act. This legislation will help accelerate the development, testing, evaluation, and deployment of next-generation small, unmanned aircraft systems (sUAS) and counter-unmanned aircraft systems (C-UAS) by ensuring America’s warfighters have access to the training environments needed to maintain battlefield dominance.

As unmanned aircraft systems continue to reshape modern warfare, the United States must move faster

to develop, test, and field advanced capabilities that keep pace with rapidly evolving threats from near-peer adversaries.

Rep. Jackson’s legislation ensures the Department of Defense can establish dedicated corridors to conduct integrated, operationally realistic testing and training for emerging UAS and C-UAS technologies.

The legislation will also help streamline the path from development to deployment by identifying regulatory barriers and improving coordination across government agencies.

“To ensure America is ready for the battlefield of the future, we must modernize and strengthen our testing infrastructure,” said Rep. Jackson.

“This legislation accelerates innovation, streamlines interagency coordination, and creates the realistic testing and training environments needed to rapidly develop, evaluate, and field next-generation unmanned aerial systems. By establishing dedicated training spaces and reducing the fielding time for these advanced capabilities, we’re enabling our warfighters with the technology and operational edge they will need to compete and win.”

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Egyptian bull god

5. Romanian monetary unit

8. Santa’s helper

11. Fictional Pink Floyd corporal

13. Sea eagle genus

14. Broad volcanic crater

15. Minneapolis suburb

16. Actual commercial worth (abbr.)

17. Exchange rate

18. Ethnic peoples in Guinea

20. Men’s fashion accessory

21. Craft material

22. Offerings

25. Early

30. Large room

31. Soviet Socialist Republic

32. One who hauls
33. Shorthand for accepting

38. Promotional materials

41. Loss of memory

43. One who beheads

45. Photographers

48. Small, rich sponge cake

49. White clerical vestment

50. Partner to “ooohd”

55. Abba __, Israeli politician

56. Zero

57. Owl monkey genus

59. Lace bug genus

60. Mild expression of surprise

61. Storage devices

62. Keyboard key

63. Make a mistake

64. One-time Korean president

CLUES DOWN

1. Bridge building degree

2. Expression of sorrow or pity

3. Large, stocky, lizard

4. Rumanian river

5. Missive

6. Stout-bodied moths

7. Brings out

8. Bird of prey

9. King of Thebes

10. Cleaving tool

12. African antelope

14. Three are particularly famous

19. Satisfy

23. C. European river

24. Dictator

25. Portion of (abbr.)

26. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet

27. Consume food

28. Woman (French)
29. Scrape or wear away by friction

34. Popular vegetable

35. Pacific Standard Time

36. Brazilian state capital

37. Paddle

39. Cause to become insane

40. Drier and flakier

41. Mimic

42. ESPN host Kimes

44. One who mooseys

45. Secret political clique

46. Behind the stern of a ship

47. Supernatural force

48. Sanctuary in Orthodox churches

51. Swiss river

52. Grayish white

53. Engrave

54. UNC’s chief rival

58. Midway between south and southeast

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Forty-eight Bourland descendants reunite for ranch's 129th anniversary.

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Bourland descendants reunite to celebrate ranch's 129-year history

Forty-eight descendants of the Bourland family gathered July 25-26 in Clarendon and at the family's historic ranch near Quail to celebrate the 129th anniversary of the Bourland Ranch, which was established in 1897.

The family had planned to celebrate the ranch's 125th anniversary, but those plans were canceled because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The original ranch encompassed 11 sections of land settled by Mary Bourland and her sons, Mac and Frank Bourland. Following Mary's death, two sections were sold to pay her heirs, leaving nine sections that were divided among the family in 1946. At that time, Fred Bourland purchased the portion

that had belonged to his father, Mac Bourland.

To provide educational opportunities for their children, members of the Bourland family established homes in Clarendon. Those included William Reese and his wife, Mary; Frank and his wife, Edna; and Mac and his wife, Bess, who died in 1925.

Among the family's descendants was Annie Mina Bourland Jenkins, daughter of William Reese and Mary Bourland, who married Dr. Oscar Jenkins of Clarendon.

Clarendon High School graduates from the family included Frank and Edna Bourland's daughters, Jean Bourland Ross and Hazel Bourland Dillard, and granddaughter Jamie Ross. However, Joel Ross attended

school in Quail.

Mac and Bess Bourland's children included Neva Bourland Baldwin, Lacy Bourland, Ralph Bourland, Lotta Bourland Davis, Jack Bourland, Joe Bourland, Fred Bourland, George Bourland and Jimmy Bourland.

Fred Bourland's wife, Velma, later taught at Clarendon High School, and their daughters – Fredda Bourland Schooler, Lynn Bourland White, and Beth Bourland Holtz – also graduated from Clarendon High School.

The descendants gathered Saturday at The Roost in Clarendon to visit and share family memorabilia. Family members also remembered two relatives who died in military

service: Lacy Bourland, who died while in training, and Joe Bourland, commander of the USS Runner submarine, which was lost in the South China Sea during the early months of World War II.

The day's activities concluded with a tour of Citizens Cemetery, where 20 members of the Bourland family are buried. Two descendants of Mina Bourland Jenkins attended the reunion.

On Sunday, the family gathered at the ranch near Quail, now owned by sisters Fredda Schooler, Lynn White and Beth Holtz. Descendants toured the ranch, including its crops and pastures, and spent the day visiting and celebrating the family's long history in Donley County.



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NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY TO RECONCILE FUEL COSTS

Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) applied to the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) on June 30, 2026, for authority to reconcile its eligible fuel expenses and revenues for the period of January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2025 (Reconciliation Period). SWEPCO's request, if granted, will affect all SWEPCO Texas retail customers who pay fixed fuel factors. The request has no effect on SWEPCO's non-fuel base rates.

During the Reconciliation Period, SWEPCO incurred a total of \$397,331,767 in eligible fuel, fuel-related expenses, and purchased-power costs to generate and purchase electric energy for its Texas retail customers, as well as expenses associated with environmental consumables and emission allowance costs incurred by SWEPCO and allocated to its Texas retail customers. As of the end of the Reconciliation Period, SWEPCO calculated that it had over-recovered its Texas retail fuel, fuel related expenses, and purchased-power costs by \$45,293,744, excluding interest. However, subsequent to the close of the Reconciliation Period, as approved by the Commission in Docket No. 59179, SWEPCO implemented a net interim fuel refund of the over-recovered balance as of October 31, 2025, in the amount of \$42,027,369, plus cumulative interest in the amount of \$436,693 through January 31, 2026, during February through April 2026.

SWEPCO also requests a prudence finding for certain fuel-related contracts and arrangements entered into or modified during the Reconciliation Period. Finally, SWEPCO requests recovery of its reasonable rate-case expenses associated with this fuel reconciliation proceeding and a prior fuel refund proceeding, including those expenses paid to reimburse municipalities for their participation.

Persons with questions, or who want more information on SWEPCO's application, may contact SWEPCO at 428 Travis Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101, or call toll-free at (888) 216-3523 during normal business hours. A complete copy of this application and related filings are available for inspection at the address listed above or at the following website: <https://www.swepco.com/company/about/rates/tx>.

The Commission has assigned Docket No. 59827 to this proceeding. Persons who wish to intervene in or wish to express their comments concerning SWEPCO's application should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should refer to Docket No. 59827 and 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 Commission at (512) 936-7120, or toll free at 1-888-782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas (toll free) at 1-800-735-2989. Unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, motions to intervene will be due 45 days from the date SWEPCO filed its application with the Commission.

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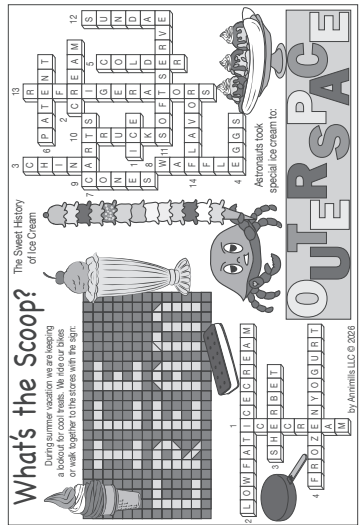
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The Sweet History of Ice Cream

- The ancient Greeks of Athens enjoyed _____ mixed with honey and fruit (400 B.C.).
- Some people think that the Emperor Nero ordered ice to be brought back from the mountains and mixed with _____ or juice and fruit for banquets (Rome, 54-68 A.D.).
- "Ice cream" in _____ during the Tang Dynasty (618-907 A.D.) had milk mixed into it and maybe even some rice. Some stories say Marco Polo may have brought fruit ices from China to Italy.
- The popularity of "ice cream" moved throughout Europe with the French people adding _____ to make the ice cream richer tasting.
- Making ice cream was simple at first - sweetened cream in a bowl or pot was put into ice to cool. The _____ it got, the more solid it became.
- In 1843, Nancy M. Johnson of Philadelphia got the first _____ for a small hand-cranked ice cream freezer. It made smoother ice cream.
- Some newcomers to America, like Italo Marchiony from Italy, sold lemon ices and ice cream from _____ in little glasses that people often would walk away with or break.
- He started to make little _____ bowls by hand, which was a lot of work. He invented a machine that could make 10 waffle cups at a time and got a patent for it in 1903.
- In 1904, Mr. Marchiony sold ice cream at the World's Fair in St. Louis. He ran out of waffle cups and began to roll up waffles from a waffle maker into _____ and filled them with ice cream, starting "walk-away" ice cream cones.
- In 1920, Good Humor sold their ice cream from white _____ driven through neighborhoods.
- The _____ - _____, a favorite ice cream, was first sold by J. F. McCullough in 1938.
- In 1983, Ben and Jerry's ice cream was used to build the world's largest ice cream _____.
- Thanks to the invention of _____ most people have ice cream in their homes.
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