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### THIS WEEK

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

### Donations sought for Cubitt family

Donations are still being accepted for the Steve and Janet Cubitt Family following a house-fire at Lelia Lake on December 19.

The Cubitt family lost all their possessions in the fire, and several community members have rallied to help them. Those wishing to donate to the family may do so in care of Pilgrim Bank, PO Box 985, Clarendon, TX 79226.

### Nominations open for chamber awards

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

Nominations must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, January 31, for the following categories: Man of the Year and Woman of the Year – individuals who have made a significant contribution to the community in 2024, Saints' Roost Award – honoring an individual for a lifetime of service to the community, and the Volunteer Organization of the Year.

Honorees will be announced during the annual Awards Banquet to be held next month at the Bairfield Activity Center.

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 mailed to the Chamber of Commerce at PO Box 986, Clarendon, TX 79226; delivered to the Clarendon Visitor Center inside the Mulkey Theatre; or emailed to Chamber@ClarendonTx.com.

### PCS offers help for open enrollment

The Panhandle Community Services' Healthcare Navigator Services reminds everyone the health insurance Marketplace Open Enrollment Period ends on January 15, 2025.

Eligible consumers can still take advantage of the advance premium tax credits to cover or reduce the cost of health insurance. In addition, individuals, families, and children with certain incomes may qualify for Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) based on estimated household size and income.

Certified Health Navigators with PCS can provide individual assistance with enrollment in Marketplace health insurance and applying for Medicaid/CHIP. Healthcare navigator services are free, and PCS serves all 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle.

Call Panhandle Community Services to schedule an appointment and discuss your options for health insurance at 806-342-6176.



### Ready for showtime

Donley County 4-H President Maloree Wann walks her pig as they get ready for the annual Donley County Junior Livestock Show & Auction, which will be held this Saturday, January 11, at the Donley County Activity Center.

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## Youth to compete in stock show Saturday

Fifty-six local young people are signed up as exhibitors for this year's Donley County Junior Livestock Show and Sale, which will be held this Saturday, January 11, starting at 9:00 a.m. in the Donley County Activity Center.

An on-site concession stand will be serving breakfast and lunch for those in attendance, and the buyers' dinner will precede the sale that evening at 6:00 p.m.

Donations to the buyers' club

can be dropped off at the Donley County AgriLife Extension Office at the activity center or mailed to DCJLS at PO Box 661, Clarendon, TX 79226.

Clarendon FFA members who are showing animals this weekend are Kennadie Cummins, Tandie Cummins, Emily Dzamko, Kaitin Ehlert, Jaythan Green, Caleb Herbert, and Brice Wagner.

Donley County 4-H Club members participating this week-

end will be Shaylee Hall, Cutter Ashbrook, Liberty Carter-Persian, Ajax Caudle, Jase Conway, Gracie Ellis, Trigg Harper, Addison Havens, Grant Haynes, Parker Haynes, Cadun Hendrick, Kaylynn Hendrick, Emma Howard, Hudson Howard, Ronan Howard, Paisley Jones, Ainslie Lewis, Jensyn Ehlert, Jaythan Green, Caleb Herbert, and Brice Wagner.

Hedley FFA members showing livestock this Saturday will be Paul Berry, Will Berry, Tavi Edwards, Taylee Ehlert, Payton Inman, Ehmjey Martinez, Brandon Moore, Madison Moore, Cory Stasio, Lily Stasio, Javier Valles, and Roman Vaquera.

Jaxon Robertson, Kate Shaw, Kasie Shields, Weslyn Shields, Eden Sims, Addelay Snure, Kinsleigh Thomas, Hunter Wann, Maloree Wann, Kase Zongker, and Kinze Zongker.

Hedley FFA members showing livestock this Saturday will be Paul Berry, Will Berry, Tavi Edwards, Taylee Ehlert, Payton Inman, Ehmjey Martinez, Brandon Moore, Madison Moore, Cory Stasio, Lily Stasio, Javier Valles, and Roman Vaquera.



### Chamber winners

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce drew its final winners for its Small Town Christmas promotions on December 20. Stephanie Chappell (left photo) of Albuquerque, New Mexico, won \$100 in Chamber Christmas Cash, and Tommy Hill of Clarendon won the grand prize of \$250 in Chamber Christmas Cash. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to everyone who shopped Donley County merchants this holiday season.

COURTESY PHOTOS

## Tickets fly for Jan. 31 Weathers concert

Tickets are almost gone for the Josh Weathers concert to be held Friday, January 31, at the Mulkey Theatre.

Online sales opened for the event last Friday, January 3, shortly after 8 a.m. and VIP tickets sold out within ten minutes with seating allocated for general admission selling out by the end of the day.

Mulkey officials announced Monday evening that additional general admission seats had opened up for the event, but only a handful remained available as the ENTERPRISE went to press Tuesday evening.

Weathers is a Fort Worth based soulful singer songwriter, who has spent the last 15 years honing his craft of combining songs of hope with a high energy rock n' soul live show. Weathers sings everything from country to pop to blues to classic rock as well as his own songs.

Weathers has performed everywhere from Hotel Turkey to President Donald Trump's inauguration ball in 2017.

Since a video of him singing "I Will Always Love You" – the classic Dolly Parton hit – went viral a few years ago, it has expanded Josh's reach to a national and global level. Many people have compared him to the likes of John Mellencamp, Springsteen or even Stevie Wonder, but his diehard fan base has found something incredibly unique about his ability to connect with an audience.

Any remaining tickets for Weathers' Mulkey performance are available at mulkeytheatre.com for \$50 each.

Doors and concessions open for the January 31 performance at 6 p.m. The show will begin at 8 p.m. A cash bar service will be provided by REFZ Sports Bar & Grill, and the dance floor will be also open.

## New year ends most vehicle inspections

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) reminds Texans that changes to the state's Vehicle Safety Inspection Program are now in effect.

The changes, which took effect on Jan. 1, 2025, eliminate many vehicle safety inspections.

Non-commercial vehicles no longer need a vehicle safety inspection prior to registration. All non-commercial vehicles in the state are still subject to a \$7.50 inspection program replacement fee per HB 3297. The inspection program replacement fee will be paid when you register your vehicle.

The state says the new fee replaces the revenue source for state programs and operations – like the construction and expansion of state highways – once supported by vehicle safety inspections.

Emissions tests are required in major metropolitan areas, and all commercial vehicles in all counties are still required to obtain a passing vehicle safety inspection. All vehicles still need to be registered.

Even though vehicle safety inspections have been eliminated for most vehicles, DPS reminds Texans to regularly service their vehicles to keep themselves and other motorists safe on the road. Regular maintenance ensures the proper operation of your vehicle's headlights, taillights, horn, mirrors, windshield wipers, tires and other critical functions. Driving a vehicle without many of these properly working safety features is against the law and puts everyone at risk.



## Journey to Oz more than just a fun story

As I sat in the theater with the rest of the nation this past week watching “Wicked,” I was happy to see the movie pay homage to its past. Whether it was the stars of the original Broadway cast of “Wicked” getting cameos, seeing the movie title in the same font as “The Wizard of Oz” movie, or making sure the characters dressed according to the original “Wicked” novel, the tribute to the original production shown through. Yet the one nugget that I found most interesting and probably went unnoticed by most were the silver shoes gifted to Nessarose Thropp, the Eminence of Munchkinland, by her father the mayor of the munchkins. While this was such a small inconsequential moment, there are some scholars who believe these silver shoes were the reason “The Wizard of Oz” was written.



**historically speaking**  
by dr. james fink

The silver shoes probably went unnoticed by most “Wicked” viewers because in the 1939 movie the shoes were changed to ruby slippers so the color would pop on the screen. While the color change was great way to show off then-modern technology, it possibly changed the point of the book.

L. Frank Baum, author of “The Wizard of Oz,” was a newspaper reporter in South Dakota during the 1890s, and arguably the biggest political issue of the time was the color of money. America at the time utilized the gold standard but there were many calling for bimetallism or adding silver to the standard. Adding silver would allow for more money in circulation which farmers believed would help them pay down their debts easier. This idea became so big that it was the leading plank in the Populist Party platform in the 1892 and 1896 elections. This concept that became known as “free silver” was the calling card for Populist candidate turned three-time Democratic presidential nominee William Jennings Bryan.

While some scholars have claimed that Baum was a Populist himself, evidence seems to disagree and instead suggests he actually supported Republican candidate William McKinley in 1896, not Bryan. Yet, it is also hard to ignore that his children’s story perfectly fits as an allegory of the Populist movement. Many of Baum’s writings were political satire, and there is no reason not to believe he was writing about the movement which loomed so large even if he did not support it.

The most obvious example of populism are again the silver slippers. In the novel, Dorothy hails from Kansas, one of the strongest populist states. Had Oklahoma been a state in 1900, she just as likely could have lived there. Dorothy is from poor farming stock and represents the everyman (the Populists).

When she arrived in Oz, she killed the Wicked Witch of the East who had enslaved the Munchkins (just as Populists hoped to destroy the powerful elites in the East who supported the Gold Standard and control the Eastern workers). Upon the death of the witch, Dorothy is given her silver shoes by the Good Witch of the North, not Glinda, the Witch of the South.

The North supported the Populist cause but did not truly know the power of the silver shoes. Instead, the Witch of the North sends Dorothy down a golden road that leads to the Emerald City (Washington, DC) to meet the Wizard (insert here whichever bearded president you want).

Think of this premise, Dorothy is told that the golden road has the answers, but along the way the road is filled with pitfalls and perils in the book that do not make the movie, and in the end it does not help. However, in the end, Dorothy meets Glinda from the south who knows the power of silver and instantly uses its power to make Dorothy’s dream come true.

Along the way Dorothy also meets up with friends. It should be noted that “Wicked” is a prequel of the movie “The Wizard of Oz,” not the book. The book and “Wicked” have different backstories for Dorothy’s companions. Dorothy’s first traveling companion is the Scarecrow who represents farmers. Like the Scarecrow, farmers and their leaders like Bryan were often portrayed in the 1890s as simpletons whose ideas like free silver were naive at best. Yet, if you pay attention in the book and the movie, it’s always the Scarecrow who comes up with a plan. He is clearly the wisest. And at the end of the book after the Wizard leaves Oz, the kingdom is turned over to the Scarecrow, who rules Oz with fairness and intelligence.

The Tinman represents the heartless industrial workers. Labor had been ineffectual or rusted out against the robber barons (powerful, wealthy American businessmen of the 19th century), but if they joined the populists’ cause they could be a mighty force. Finally, the Lion is none other than the “Great Commoner,” William Jennings Bryan himself. The man with the great roar but little bark as he ran for the presidency three times as a Democrat only to lose each time. I always felt this comparison was a stretch, but maybe it’s possible.

When the fellowship reach Oz, the powerless Wizard who makes everyone wear green tinted glasses to make Oz seem magical tells them to kill the Witch of the West who has kept western farmers down. Of course, the group manages their task with the most powerful and fought over resource in the arid west: water. Yet even as the Populists start to win in many state elections in the West, they still needed Washington’s help – which they never got – as the Wizard was really just a fraud.

Fortunately for all the characters, their dreams came true by their own deeds not the Wizard’s power, except for Dorothy. But with Glinda’s help she did realize that silver had the power all along.

As I said earlier, this imaginative story might just be that a story. Yet, considering the time when Baum wrote it and how well the silver over gold allegory works, it does seem very likely that populism was the influence behind this simple story that has become a great classic and spun off hits like “Wicked.”

James Fink is a professor of American history at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma.

## Americans prevail at Battle of Brazito

It was going to be a gloomy Christmas for Colonel Alexander Doniphan’s First Missouri Mounted Volunteers. As participants in the Mexican-American War, their job was to occupy Paseo del Norte (now known as El Paso) and hold it as a staging point for military excursions into the Mexican province of Chihuahua.

Marching through southeastern New Mexico on Christmas morning of 1845, the Missourians were a dispirited and loosely organized group.

While good as fighting men, the volunteers were quite lax on military discipline. They were really a fun-loving group of civilians. Many wore fringed hunting shirts and pantaloons.

Most of their faces were so bearded it seemed as though they were looking through bearskins. But they were fighters, and they loved their commander who was “not afraid of the Devil or the God that made him.”

After marching eighteen miles that Christmas morning, the Missourians began arriving at the Brazito, a tributary of the Rio Grande between Las Cruces and El Paso. Doniphan ordered a halt, and they began making camp. Although their wagons were strung out for miles, the Missourians’ close proximity to

Paseo del Norte stirred the Mexicans to necessary action. When sentries noticed clouds of dust rising on the southern horizon, Doniphan sent scouts out to investigate. Returning to the camp, the scouts reported that Lt. Col. Ponce de Leon and a force of Mexicans were advancing on the Missourians’ camp. Doniphan at the time was enjoying a card game with a captured Mexican horse as the prize. Throwing down his cards, Doniphan proclaimed, “We must stop this game long enough to whip the Mexicans, but remember that I am way ahead in the score and cannot be beaten, and we will play it out as soon as the battle is over.” With that, the bugle blew and the scattered Missourians scurried to their guns and horses.

As the Mexicans approached, they sent an emissary to seek a peaceful settlement. Carrying a black flag with double skulls and crossbones on one side and the words “Libertad O Muerto” on the other side, the emissary asked that

the American commander come and meet with Ponce de Leon. Rejecting this request, the American emissary, Thomas Caldwell, suggested if the Mexicans really wanted to avoid hostilities, then Ponce de Leon should come to the American camp to meet with Col.

Doniphan. Although the negotiating proved fruitless, it gave the Missourians time to group themselves into battle formation.

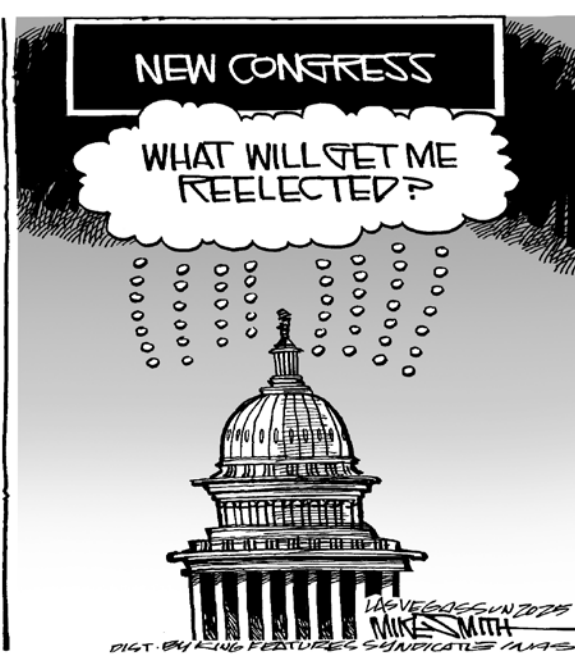
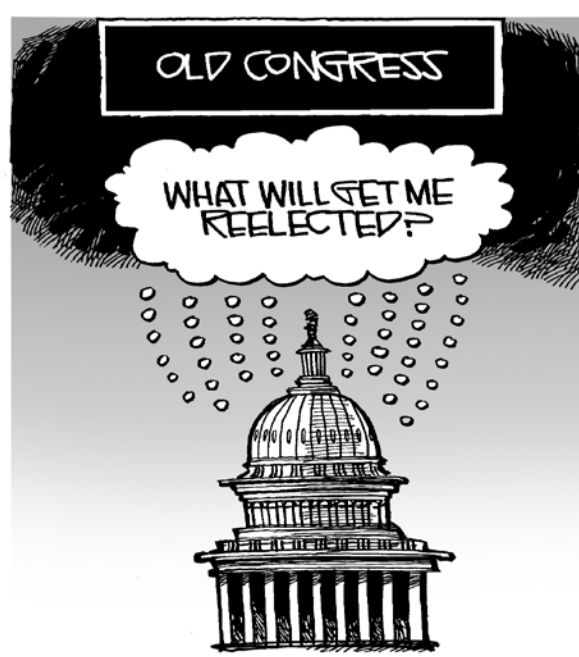
As the Mexican force galloped forward, Doniphan ordered his men to hold their fire until the Mexicans were within 100 yards. When the firing commenced, the Mexicans were badly beaten, and within thirty minutes the battle was over and the Mexicans were routed.

The Missourians spent the next day burying the soldiers on both sides who had been killed. Then on December 27 they completed their mission by entering and occupying Paseo del Norte. The first battle of the Mexican-American War to be fought on New Mexico soil ended in a great victory for the Americans who went on and occupied El Paso as ordered.

George U. Hubbard is the author of *The Humor & Drama of Early Texas* and is a former resident of Clarendon. His book is available at fine booksellers and online.



**vignettes**  
tales of the old west  
by george u. hubbard



## Spell Check runs amok in documents

“Spell Check” – first thought to be a hand computer feature to help us use the correct letters in the proper order for word formation – often goes haywire.

Like oft-discussed Artificial Intelligence (AI is the abbreviation, despite my thinking it to be short for “Alfred” in the early going), it can be dead wrong, redder faces and run far afield from what is intended. This may be true when the name of our current hometown – Burleson, TX, where we have domiciled in semi-retirement since 2002 – is typed....

Burleson had hardly gotten the “sleepy” rubbed from its eyes when we moved into our modest tract home on a cul-de-sac near Interstate Highway 35W. Longtime residents at the time bragged about the community’s immense growth, its population reaching 20,000 shortly before the turn of the century.

Old-timers rattled on about memories of one traffic light, a couple of eating places and it being the “crepe myrtle capital” of Texas. Many comments seemed trivial, usually trailing off to other topics like grandchildren and the weather. (Similarly, Brownwood, TX, where I grew up, once was known as “the feather duster capital of the world,” to which millions of deceased turkeys might attest.)

Over the past two decades, though, there’ve been interesting – or at least, semi-interesting – facts surfacing long enough to pique interest about Burleson, now wide awake....

Interestingly (and most sentences beginning with this word aren’t), our

town is named for a university president, Dr. Rufus Columbus Burleson. Not only was the late educator a president, he took on the task twice – 25 years apart – at Baylor University, which was chartered by the State of Texas in 1845. (BU almost moved to Dallas in 1929, but in that initial year of the Great Depression, most everything huddled in place.)

That a man would serve in this role for a decade (1851-1861) and be asked to return in 1886 for 11 more years defies both probability and imagination.

I have digressed shamelessly. Research entices with “rabbit trails,” many of which I traverse gleefully. Initially, I was addressing spell check.

But wait. There is a connection. Often when I type the word “Burleson,” spell check suggests that my intent might have been to type “burlesque.” It even offers to make the correction for me with the click of a key. Burleson was a good ten miles from any known sin at the time of its founding in 1912....

Fact is, there were only a few hundred people to sin and/or walk the straight and narrow at the time. Humbly begun, Burleson was but a stop on the Interurban (tram-like electrical rail cars) that ran 10 times daily between Fort Worth and Cleburne.

Henry Renfro, a visionary who owned much land and cut a wide swath



**the idle american**  
by don newbury

politically, wanted to honor the man who had been his teacher, then president, at Baylor. Thus Burleson was born, even if spell check doesn’t cotton to the choice....

We’ll never know for sure, of course, whether Dr. Burleson cared to have his name on a city limits sign. He might have wished his middle name – Columbus – had been chosen. But, another community had chosen that historic name a half-century earlier.

“Rufus” doesn’t set well, either. Neither do “Rufusville,” “Rufusburg” or perhaps “Crepe Myrtleville.” We can only guess how spell check might have mangled these....

Burleson has grown threefold, now around 60,000, since our arrival, with no end in sight. (Proximity to Fort Worth – now ahead of Austin as Texas’ fourth-largest city – helps.)

Our family name identifies buildings at Howard Payne University in Brownwood, TX, where I graduated in 1961 and served as president, 1986-1997.

A couple of dozen students gathered for the naming of Newbury Place Apartments, claiming it to be an historic day. “Now they’ll know where to deliver the pizza,” one student bragged, seemingly relieved....

Dr. Newbury, longtime university president, continues to speak and write. The Idle American, begun in 2003, is one of the nation’s longest-running syndicated humor columns.

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Richard Hollis, shown here with librarian Missy Kidd, was named the Adult Patron of the Year for the Burton Memorial Library last month.

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Monroe and Matthew Newhouse, shown here with Terri Tittle and librarian Missy Kidd, were named the Youth Patrons of the Year by the Burton Memorial Library.

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## Friends of the Library put focus on reading

The year 2024 found the Friends of the Library increasing their focus on encouraging readers of all ages.

In December, a book was included in each of the Angel Tree gift bags.

Several complete series of youth books (ages 8-12) were purchased for the Burton Memorial

Library. These purchases will support readers by having all the books in a series added available locally. Fellowship, or books to build faith, have also been added to the collection.

New books will be showcased in the Burton Memorial Library through January. Plans are being

made for quarterly book signings, which will feature both local and area authors.

The library also recognized in December its Adult Patron of the Year – Richard Hollis and its Youth Patrons of the Year – Matthew and Monroe Newhouse.

Watch for t-shirt availability

to support additional plans for programming.

The Friends of the Library meet the second Wednesday of each month at noon in the back room of the library.

For more information, contact the Burton Memorial Library at 806-874-3685.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

On December 17, 2024, Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) requesting Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) authorization to construct the Hallsville Natural Gas Plant located in Harrison County, Texas and the natural gas fuel conversion of the Welsh power plant located in Titus County, Texas (collectively, the Projects). The docket number and style of the case are Docket No. 57376, *Application of Southwestern Electric Power Company to Amend its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to Construct the Hallsville Natural Gas Plant in Harrison County, Texas and Convert Welsh Power Plant Units 1 and 3 to Natural Gas*. SWEPCO has more than 190,000 Texas retail customers, all of whom are affected by this Application. SWEPCO has filed separate applications for authorization of the Projects with the Arkansas Public Service Commission and the Louisiana Public Service Commission.

Both Projects were market tested in SWEPCO’s competitive Request for Proposals process to meet SWEPCO’s generation capacity need. Table 1 below summarizes the Projects SWEPCO is pursuing, their size, and projected in-service dates.

Table 1 – Projects Overview

	Hallsville Natural Gas Plant Units 1&2	Welsh Natural Gas Conversion Project	
		Unit 1	Unit 3
<b>Size (Nameplate MW)</b>	450 MW	525 MW	528 MW
<b>Planned COD</b>	December 2027	May 2028	November 2027
<b>State</b>	TX	TX	TX
<b>County</b>	Harrison	Titus	Titus
<b>Location (RTO)</b>	SPP	SPP	SPP

The Hallsville Natural Gas Plant will be a nominal 450 MW simple cycle natural gas facility located at SWEPCO’s now-retired Pirkey Generation Station. It will consist of two General Electric combustion gas turbine generators. Siting the Hallsville Plant at the Pirkey Generation Station is beneficial in several ways. With Pirkey’s retirement in March 2023, SWEPCO formally requested the reuse of Pirkey’s transmission interconnection with the Southwest Power Pool (SPP). This reduces transmission system and facility upgrade costs and the time required by SPP to study the proposal and the impact on the grid compared to the timing and uncertainty of any new SPP transmission interconnection request. Further, the Hallsville Natural Gas Plant will reuse the existing water intake structure, site infrastructure, and necessary permits to reduce the project costs to the greatest extent possible.

Welsh Units 1 and 3 are currently operating as pulverized coal-fired units located northwest of Cason, Texas with net generating capacity of 525 and 528 MW, respectively. Welsh Units 1 and 3 were placed in service in 1977 and 1982, respectively. The Welsh Natural Gas Conversion Project will convert SWEPCO’s existing Welsh Units 1 and 3 coal-fired boilers to burn natural gas. The Welsh plant will continue to be owned entirely by SWEPCO.

The total combined project capital cost for the Projects is approximately \$723 million.

Persons with questions about this Application should contact SWEPCO at 428 Travis Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101 or call toll-free at (888) 216-3523 during normal business hours. Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment upon action sought, should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call the Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136. All communications should refer to Docket No. 57376, and any request to intervene in that docket should include an email address and fax number (if available) as contact information. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is January 16, 2025 and you must send a letter requesting intervention to the Commission that is received by that date.

A copy of SWEPCO’s Application may be viewed on the Commission’s webpage at <https://www.puc.texas.gov>. The Commission maintains an electronic copy of all filings on the “Filings” section of its webpage. The control number for this proceeding is 57376.

## ¿Qué Pasa? Community Calendar

- January 10 & 11**  
Sonic the Hedgehog 3 • 7:30 p.m. • Mulkey Theater
- January 11**  
Donley County Junior • Livestock Show & Sale • Donley County Activity Center
- January 12**  
Sonic the Hedgehog 3 • 2:00 p.m. • Mulkey Theater
- January 14**  
Hedley Owls & Lady Owls v Groom • Home • 6:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
- January 14**  
Broncos & Lady Broncos v Panhandle • Away • 6:30 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.
- January 17**  
Broncos & Lady Broncos v Wheeler • Home • 6:30 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.
- January 17**  
Hedley Owls & Lady Owls v Claude • Away • 6:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

## Menus Jan. 13 - 17

**Donley County Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Oven fried chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, cheery/pineapple crisp, iced tea/2% milk.  
Tues: enchilada casserole, tossed salad, pinto beans, Spanish rice, churro, iced tea/2% milk.  
Wed: Chicken fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, whole wheat roll, cherry/pineapple crisp, iced tea/2% milk.  
Thurs: Ham & pinto beans, sweet potatoes, cucumber & onions, cornbread, sliced pears, iced tea/2% milk.  
Fri: BBQ beef on a bun, tater tots, coleslaw, chocolate chip cookie, apricots, iced tea/2% milk.

### Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Beef, beans, & cheese burrito, tortilla chips, mixed green salad, peaches & blueberries, sweet potato crumble cake, iced tea/2% milk.  
Tues: Sweet & sour BBQ meatballs, garlic red roasted potatoes, California blend vegetables, monster cookies, whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.  
Wed: Chicken fried steak, gravy, chive studded mashed potatoes, seasoned greens, strawberry cake, whole wheat buttermilk biscuits, iced tea/2% milk.  
Thurs: Beef pot roast w/gravy, baked potato, buttered peas & carrots, brown rice, black forest cake, whole wheat buttermilk biscuits, iced tea/2% milk.  
Fri: Bacon cheeseburger on whole wheat bun, sweet potato fries, spinach & bacon salad, blueberries & strawberries, no bake cookies, iced tea/2% milk.

### Clarendon CISD

Breakfast  
Mon: Pancakes, bacon, fruit, fruit juice, milk.  
Tues: Breakfast burrito, hash-browns, fruit, fruit juice, milk.  
Wed: Waffles, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.  
Thu: Stuffed bagel, cheese stick, fruit, fruit juice, milk.  
Fri: Donut, sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch  
Mon: Chicken spaghetti, breadstick, salad, tomatoes, fruit, milk.  
Tues: Walking taco, beans, veggie cup, dessert, fruit, milk.  
Wed: Lasagna, breadstick, broccoli, marinara sauce, apple-sauce, milk.  
Thu: Boneless chicken wings, chips, celery, sherbet, fruit, milk.  
Fri: Chicken parmesan, roll, green beans, corn, peaches, fruit, milk.

### Hedley ISD

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Mon: Breakfast pizza, bananas, fruit juice, milk.  
Tues: French toast, sausage, fruit juice, milk.  
Wed: Cheesy toast, sausage, pears, fruit juice, milk.  
Thu: Pancake wrap, peaches, fruit juice, milk.  
Fri: Maple pancake sausage sandwich, mixed fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch  
Mon: Hamburger, potatoes, tomato cup, fruit cup, milk.  
Tues: Quesadilla, salsa, beans, cucumbers, apricots, milk.  
Wed: Crispy chicken sandwich, veggie cup, garden salad, fruity gelatin, milk.  
Thu: Breaded pork chop, gravy, roll, broccoli, corn, mandarin oranges, milk.  
Fri: Pizza, green beans, carrots, cookie, apples, milk.

## January recognizes school trustees

The Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) this month partners with Texas school districts to recognize locally elected trustees during School Board Recognition Month. With the theme, Leadership for Tomorrow's Texas, these state-wide celebrations will spotlight the essential role school board members play in guiding the future of education.

The month-long observance is an opportunity for Texans to build a stronger understanding of the crucial role school boards play in uplifting public education and representing local communities.

"School trustees voluntarily tackle the job of governing school districts and do so in a manner that shows what it means to be unwavering in their commitment to the schoolchildren they serve," said Dan

Troxell, TASB executive director. "While board members come from different backgrounds and live different lives, they collectively come together with the common goal to support students."

More than 7,000 men and women serve on local Texas school boards, the largest group of locally elected officials in the state. In addition to participating in regular school board meetings, trustees also serve as ambassadors and advocates for their school districts in their local communities as well as in Austin. Trustees work long hours attending meetings, collaborating with educators and community members, and making difficult decisions that affect the lives of all students and families.

"School Board Recognition Month is an opportunity for TASB and fellow Texans to show trust-

ees how much we appreciate their work, leadership, and commitment to improving our schools," said Rolinda Schmidt, TASB President. "Our trustees receive no compensation yet dedicate their time and talents toward a common goal for the 5.5 million schoolchildren in Texas."

To acknowledge the work of school trustees, Gov. Greg Abbott issued a proclamation designating January as School Board Recognition Month. "School board members play an integral role in promoting a lifelong love of learning in the next generation," the proclamation states. To read the full proclamation, visit [tasb.org](http://tasb.org).

TASB is a nonprofit association established in 1949 to serve local Texas school boards. The districts they represent serve approximately 5.5 million public school students.

## Lady Bronco JV take down Wellington

The Lady Bronco junior varsity left it all on the court against the Wellington Skyrockets on the road the last day of the year. They were able to put all four quarters together to get the 48-38 win.

A huge start set the stage for the win as the ladies set the tempo early in the game. They were able to lead the Lady Rockets by 11 points at the break and turned up their defense to keep the game under control.

Cambree Smith and Jayla Woodard connected on several crucial shots and found a rhythm to lead the team on the court. Smith

put in 22 points that included hitting five of nine free throws and Woodard went five for six and put in two three-pointers. Kinslee Hatley was also perfect at the bonus line hitting two out of two to help on the scoreboard. Sequoia Weatherton added two points and Addy Havens helped with a free throw.

The Lady Broncos defeated the Highland Park Lady Hornets 62-9 and Smith finished with 24 points and hitting 75% from the bonus line. The ladies were never in danger of falling behind and executed offen-

sively as planned. Their strong defense allowed them to cause turnover after turnover that they were able to capitalize on.

Havens stepped up big inside and from the arc to follow Smith with 11 points and Hatley and Weatherton who can also shoot the threes added eight each. Woodard helped with seven and Landry King got on the board with four.

After a bye on January 10, the Lady Broncos will travel to Panhandle on January 14 and take on Wheeler at home on January 17 with both games beginning at 4:00 p.m.

## Bronco JV narrowly loses to Highland Park

The Bronco junior varsity played hard against the Hornets at home last Friday night, but came up short losing by only three points at 27-30.

The Broncos led at the break, but fell back by two points after the third period of play. But they stayed in the fight and never quit despite turnovers and missed shots.

The difference fell in the free throw category as the Broncos did not go to the line one time compared

to HP making five of the free throws they shot. Freshman Kreed Robinson played solid basketball and led the Broncos on the scoreboard with 12 that included two three-pointers. Dakotah Jameson followed with six, Kendon Hanes had five, and Tristen Ybarra posted four.

Earlier in the week, the Broncos had a little tougher time with Wellington and fell 29-52. They played a strong first half and only trailed by one point at the break, but came

out sluggish after the break. They were outscored by the Rockets 3-17 and could never recover from the deficit. Jameson finished with six, Hunter Caison had five, Robinson and Aiden Morris helped with three each and Hanes and Markael Anderson put in one each.

The Broncos will have a bye on January 10 before traveling to Panhandle on January 14. The next home game will be against Wheeler on January 17 beginning at 5:00 p.m.

## Broncos junior varsity play strong against Quanah

The Bronco junior varsity played hard against the Quanah Indians at home before the Christmas break but came up short in the end. They were able to work their way back in the final minutes of the game after trailing by seven points after three quarters.

The Broncos outscored their

opponent in the final quarter of play, but ran out of time to get the win. Kreed Robinson led all scorers with 11 that include one three-pointer and hitting two of two free shots. Aiden Morris was strong inside and put in both free shots for eight points, and Hudson Howard added three. Markael Anderson and Tristen

Ybarra each put in two points and Dakotah Jameson added one.

Earlier in the week, the Broncos fell to Canadian 14-72. The Broncos were determined to stay in the fight and never quit. Morris put in seven, and Robinson and Hudson had three. Jameson finished with one free throw.

## Lady Colts stop Highland Park

Both Clarendon Junior High Lady Colt teams were able to get by the Highland Park Lady Hornets at home. The seventh grade won 5-4 and the eighth grade team won big at 18-2.

The seventh grade team led by two points at the break and added three points to the board in the second half of play. They played good enough defense to keep their opponent from scoring until the final minutes of the game.

Presley English led with four

and Emma Howard added one to the win.

The eighth grade Lady Colts' 16-point win was achieved by strong defense and great teamwork on the offensive side.

Journey Morris put in 10 points and shot 50 percent from the free throw line. Lindley Hogle finished with four and Paylin Hodges and Kennadi Gaiter helped with two each.

Both teams will play in Quanah on January 6 at 5:00 p.m.

## Colt A-Team crushes Highland Park

The Clarendon Junior High Colts A-Team took care of Highland Park on the road defeating them 56-11. The Colts were able to stop the Hornets at will and take advantage of turnovers to put points on the board. Offensively, the Colts hit four three-pointers with Brentley Gaines hitting two big shots.

Braxton Gribble led the way with 15 points that included one three-pointer and finishing at 50% from the bonus line. Gaines had 10 and Tyler Smith and Paxton English put in eight points each. Jaecuan Weatherton and Brance Bell finished with six points each and Rustin Wade hit one three-pointer for three points.

The B-Team played hard, but came up short against the Hornets at 22-38.

The Colts trailed by eight after the first six minutes, but were able to make up some ground before half-time. The Hornets played a good second half and were able to hold the Colts to only 10 second half points.

Kase Zongker did a good job inside and led the team with 10 points and Wyatt Devenney added seven making three of four free throws.

Colton Henson hit one three-point shot and finished with five.

The Colts will take on Quanah at home on January 6 beginning at 5:00 p.m.

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# Obituaries

## Estes

Stephen Bailey Estes, 70, of Clarendon, Texas died Tuesday, December 17, 2024, in Amarillo.

Graveside services were held on Saturday, December 21, 2024, in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon.

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

Stephen was born January 7, 1954, in Memphis to Silas Bailey and Willie Louveta Cowan Estes. He was a lifetime resident of Clarendon and had worked as a welder. Stephen was an avid collector and loved collecting stuff. He also loved to go fishing and dearly loved his parents.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his daughters, Lafonda Estes and Stephanie Estes both of Fritch, Texas; his sisters, Melissa Butts of San Antonio and Toza Jones of Lubbock; three grandchildren, Cassius Miller, Angelina Chavez, and Evan Estes; and one great grandchild, Evelyn Chavez.



Estes

## Duncan

While surrounded by family, Tommye Duncan was welcomed home to be with her Lord and Savior, on December 28, 2024, at BSA in Amarillo, Texas.



Duncan

Funeral services will be held on Friday, January 3, 2025, at the First Methodist Church in Clarendon with Rev. Jay Gage, officiating. Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery in Memphis.

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

Tommye was born on February

14, 1938, in Memphis to her parents Damon and Beulah McKay Travis. She grew up in Parnell before moving to Estelline. Tommye married Jimmy Duncan on December 23, 1955. Tommye and Jimmy had one daughter, Tashia. They were married 69 years until her death. She loved spending time with her family. She liked to travel, as well as serving her community. She served on many boards and participated in a variety of clubs. Tommye supported the children through various athletic programs.

She was preceded in death by her father, Damon in 1954, her mother Beulah in 1990 and a sister, Genice Polasek in 2008.

She is survived by her husband, Jimmy Duncan; her daughter, Tashia Duncan of Amarillo; her grandchildren, Brooke Duncan and Kami Duncan, and a great grandchild, Esme Zeller all of Amarillo; her sister, Bea Potts of Parnell; and a brother, Buddy Travis of Tyler.

The family ask that memorials be made to your favorite charity.

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## Bates

James (Jim) Talbert Bates was born in Childress County on November 7, 1944, and passed away on December 12, 2024, in Shreveport, Louisiana. He was born to farmers Lucy Earnestine Hunt Bates and Charles Talbert Bates. The family later moved to Clarendon, where James graduated from Clarendon High School in 1963. He later graduated from Texas Tech University and then joined the United States Air Force followed by a long career as a Certified Public Accountant. While stationed at Barksdale Air Force Base, Jim met his sweetheart, Rita Pate on a blind date set up by a friend. Jim was taken by Rita's charm, and they married a year later and started their 47-year journey together at their residence on Finley Drive in Shreveport.



Bates

Jim was a very giving person. He set up a charitable trust through the family farm to benefit organizations in Clarendon that ministered to his father and mother when they were alive. He and Rita were very active members of the Bossier Civitan Club and travelled to many national conventions together. Jim, along with Rita, was also a volunteer with Special Olympics. He was an avid bird hunter and enjoyed the sport with his brother-in-law Robby Pate. He traveled to many different places before his health prevented him from this loved past time.

If anyone truly knew the "joy of accounting", it was Jim. He was affectionately known around the office as "Mr. Bates"—not due to formality, but due to the great respect that he earned through his more than 50 years in public accounting. After serving his country in the United States Air Force, processing payroll for the troops at Barksdale AFB, he went to work for Mr. Cook who had a public accounting firm in Bossier City. With great diligence, Mr. Bates sought and achieved the CPA designation in 1977. With the support of Rita, he set out on his own at his office on Barksdale Boulevard operating as a sole proprietor. In 2001 he met Marcy Murray who turned out to be a CPA kindred spirit in "the joy of accounting". Together they formed a partnership, Bates, Murray & Company CPAs, and with the help of many co-workers through the years—especially Heather Breen—their client base grew serving clients in a personal and caring environment in his same office of over forty years. Mr. Bates touched many lives in his practice. He took great pride in his CPA designation and his ability to help people, especially in their most vulnerable times in their lives. Even at the age of eighty, most days you could find him working at his desk. Mr. Bates served generations of families right up to the day of his passing.

Jim was preceded in death by "Miss Rita." Also by his mother and father, Earnestine and CT Bates as well as his brother, Charles Bates and his sister, Opal Williams and brother-in-law Robby Pate.

Surviving Jim is one nephew and four nieces as well as Marcy Murray and his work family.

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**the lion's tale**  
*by roger estlack*

The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting and first meeting of 2025 on January 7 with Boss Lion Richard Green ringing the bell.

We had 16 members present, three attending virtually, Sweetheart Lauren Cenicerros, and two guests this week - Elaina Estlack, guest of Lion Ben Estlack; and Rita Gehman, guest of Lion Eric Gehman.

Lion Chuck Robertson reported on efforts the club took during the Christmas break to help the Cubitt family, who lost their home to a fire on December 19. Following discussion, the club agreed to provide a Tracfone to future local families who lose their home in fire.

Lion Chris Reuter also reported on efforts to help the Cubitt family and gave a final report on the Christmas food baskets and canned food drive.

Lion Mary Green gave our program this week on travel and the difference between independent travel and group travel. Group travel is when people sign up to travel, dine, and lodge at the same location as other travelers, often with a tour company and/or tour guide. Lion Mary discussed her experiences working in the travel and lodging industries, related the benefits of group travel, and recalled several funny stories from her time in the business.

The Sweetheart updated us on school activities and upcoming basketball games.

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## Broncos steamroll Wellington, HP

By Sandy Anderberg

The Bronco varsity basketball team two big district wins last week as they continue on with their district schedule. They took care of Wellington at 51-47 and took down Highland Park 45-34.

The Broncos played hard to defeat the Rockets before their home crowd and will meet up with them again in about two weeks hoping for the same outcome. They were able to jump out to an early lead against the Rockets and never look back. Mason Sims and Kaleb Bolin shared the spot light for high point with 17 each.

Mason turned in another double-double adding 11 rebounds to his stats, hit two big three-pointers and converted his free throws at 50 percent. Bolin knocked down four

three-pointers and put in five of seven from the bonus line. Michael Randall posted eight points in the game with seven rebounds, two assists and two steals, while Caleb Herbert helped with two three-pointers of his own and added three assists. Tyler Bell was consistent and poured in a big shot from the arc and grabbed two rebounds.

The Hornets of Highland Park surprised the Broncos early in the game and were on top by five points after the first eight minutes of the game. But the Broncos pulled it together and began to make their shots fall to take over the lead by 11 points at the break. Randall's last shot at the buzzer before halftime gave the Broncos the boost they needed to come out in the second half and play solid basketball to get

the win. Randall led the way with 20 points in the win and Sims had 14 that included two dunks. Randall finished with eight rebounds, three assists, and five huge steals. Sims added eight rebounds as well with two assists and one steal. Caudle rebounded well and posted 10 boards and one steal. Bolin put in seven points, and had five rebounds and assists, two steals and one blocked shot. John Weatherton and Bell helped on the scoreboard with two points each. Herbert played well and finished with four rebounds, one assist, and one steal.

The Broncos will continue their district schedule on the road to Panhandle Jan. 14 after an open date on Jan. 10. They will take on Wheeler at home on Jan. 17 at 8:00 p.m.



Bronco John Weathererton lays up two against Highland Park.

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Lady Bronco Kashlyn Conkin shoots against Highland Park.

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Lady Bronco Tandie Cummins goes up for a layup against Highland Park.

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Bronco Michael Randall puts in two against Highland Park last Friday.

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Lady Bronco Kate Shaw looks for a shot against Highland Park.

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## Lady Broncos cream Wellington; Highland Park

By Sandy Anderberg

Clarendon High School junior Kashlyn Conkin's 42 points in two games gave the Lady Broncos the edge they needed to get by Wellington 51-45 on the road and score big against the Highland Park Hornets at home breezing to a 97-16 win.

Conkin turned up the heat from the arc in both games nailing eleven three-pointers in the two games. She also hit three out of four free throws against the Rockets and two out of three against the Hornets. Fellow junior Kenidee Hayes handled her shots big shots with ease as well. Hayes pumped in 17 points against Wellington and 17 points against Highland Park. She was able to make good on four of five and two of three bonus points against the teams respectively.

Without a doubt, the Lady Broncos do not depend on the big shots but put them to good use when the inside work of junior Kate Shaw is shut down. The ladies run an aggressive offence under the coaching of Corey Conkin and Kasey Bell and a debilitating defense that frustrates opponents. The leadership of the three seniors, Hayden Elam, and Kennadie and Tandie Cummins is phenomenal, and they all know there is no 'I' in team.

They spread out the scoring offensively and work together like a well-oiled machine on defense that allows steals and causes many turnovers.

They are maturing as a team, and all predictions lead toward a deep playoff run.

Elam finished the game against

Wellington with nine and Shaw had four. T Cummins, K. Cummins, Madi Benson, and Berkley Moore finished with two each.

Joining Conkin and Hayes in double figures against Highland Park were T. Cummins with 13 and Moore and Shaw with 12 and 10 points respectively. K. Cummins finished with nine and Gracie Ellis put in eight points. Benson and Elam had two each.

Opponents should not overlook any of the nine Lady Broncos as they all can shoot the three-ball with ease or drive it in for two and get the 'and 1' at any time.

After a bye on January 10, watch the Lady Broncos on the road to Panhandle on January 14 as they overturn their loss at home to the Pantherettes beginning at 6:30 p.m.

## Broncos win district opener against Quanah

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon Bronco varsity basketball team opened their district season at home against Quanah on December 20 defeated them 55-43.

The Broncos played solid basketball and maintained the lead throughout. Tyler Bell hit four crucial three-pointers in the game and finished with 13 points behind senior Mason Sims who finished the game with 14 points. Michael Randall put in 11 points and Colton Caudle stepped up and put in eight. Kaleb Bolin put in six and Caleb Herbert helped with two.

Earlier, the Broncos lost a close game to 3-A Canadian at 50-58. The Broncos struggled offensively in the third quarter and fell behind the Wildcats and were not able to recover. They were outscored by eight points in that quarter.

Bolin put in 27 points that included five shots from the arc and shot 50 percent from the bonus line. Herbert played solid as well and followed with 12 points including three three-pointers. Heston Seay had six points, Randall put in four, and Bryce Williams had one.

## Lady Broncos add two district wins

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos narrowly dropped their district opener to Panhandle but regained some momentum against Wheeler and Quanah before the Christmas break.

The Lady Broncos crushed Wheeler 78-7 and took down Quanah 71-30.

Four Lady Broncos finished in double figures in the Wheeler game with Kenidee Hayes putting in 21 and Kashlyn Conkin adding 14. Kate Shaw put in 12 points and Tandie Cummins finished with 10. Gracie Ellis had five, Berkley Moore, Madi Benson, Hayden Elam, and Kennadie Cummins had four each.

The Lady Broncos' win over Quanah was a strong effort on both ends of the court. A huge lead to begin the game gave the ladies the momentum and the edge they needed to get the win.

Hayes put in 17, Shaw had 11, and Ellis put in 10. Conkin had nine, K. Cummins put in eight, and Elam finished with six. T. Cummins put in five, Cambree Smith and Jayla Woodard had two points each and Moore added one.

The Lady Broncos also participated in the Wildcat Classic in Littlefield over the holidays.

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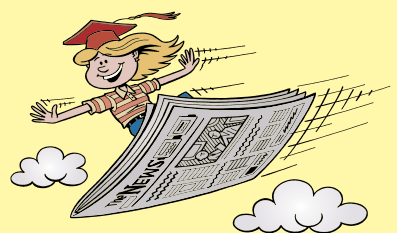
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