



Christmas Activities! Vision with a Purpose hosted an open house (right picture) on Friday, December 1, during Robert Lee's Christmas Open House event. They also hosted their annual Small Town Christmas event on Saturday evening, December 2.

ASU announces honor society inductees

Angelo State University's chapter of the Phi Kappa Phi (PKP) national honor society recently inducted its fall 2023 class of 73 new student members during a special initiation ceremony in the Houston Harte University Center.

PKP is the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor

society for students in all academic disciplines. Invitations to join PKP are extended to juniors in the top 7.5% of their class, and to seniors and graduate students in the top 10% of their class.

See the complete list of inductees at angelo.edu/news. Local inductees include: Stacia Emfinger of Tennyson - Coaching, Sport, Rec Fit Admin

TxDOT prepares for winter weather

It all begins when the weather is still warm and balmy. Well before the winter season, TxDOT staff across the state begin to prepare for snow and ice.

Preparations include equipment maintenance, training sessions and replenishing the stock of salt, strategically placed throughout the state.

"Texas does have nine strategic salt pile locations," said Matthew Heinze, TxDOT

maintenance section manager. "These nine locations are in areas where they have higher salt use and they can be used by other districts. When we start looking at longer duration events—if it's going to be longer than a week or so, we may need to tap into those strategic salt reserves."

TxDOT also stockpiles sand, chemical de-icers and liquid brine well before winter arrives.

Just as important is preparing personnel throughout the state. Crews conduct winter weather

operations training and update plans for winter weather operations. All this happens well before the first frost touches Texas highways.

And then TxDOT watches the forecasts.

"We are always monitoring the weather," Heinze said. "We are getting daily weather updates from the National Weather Service."

The prediction of winter weather spurs action. Many districts will pre-treat highways with brine. Brine, a salt and water mixture, can be applied several days ahead of an event. The goal is to prevent ice bonding to the roadway surface.

Once winter weather hits, TxDOT crews go into 24/7 mode and continually monitor roadways.

Bridges, overpasses, and other elevated structures are most

vulnerable to icing, so crews place additional emphasis on these areas. Salt, sand and chemical de-icers are all tools in the toolbox that TxDOT crews use to keep roadways as clear as possible.

Crews also use plows to push snow and ice off roadways and continue winter weather operations until the weather clears.

And just as TxDOT crews work tirelessly around the clock during inclement weather, TxDOT asks drivers to do their part to stay safe. Driving in inclement weather is strongly discouraged. If motorists must travel, TxDOT reminds drivers of the following safety tips:

Please give TxDOT vehicles space to work. Don't follow too closely, don't try and pass working roadway equipment, and remember—don't get plow.

Stay aware of weather conditions, as they can change rapidly.

Give yourself additional time to reach your destination.

Be considerate and share the road with others.

Drive to conditions, wear your seat belt at all times, and don't use cruise control.

Reduce your speed and increase the traveling distance between your vehicle and others on the road.

Drive with your headlights on day and night to increase visibility.

Carry an emergency kit (with food, water, blankets, etc.) in your vehicle.

Keep your vehicle's gas tank full in case of unexpected delays. Give extra space to vehicles that may be parked on the side of the road.

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Coke County Water Supply Corporation awarded grant

The Texas Water Infrastructure Board approved a grant to help water users in Coke County. The grant is for \$500,000 in loan forgiveness to help pay for the construction of water supply systems. The grant is for the construction of water supply systems in the county. The grant is for the construction of water supply systems in the county.

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Coke County covers 928 square miles on the Edwards Plateau in west central Texas. The county was founded in 1859 and named for Richard Coke, the 13th governor of Texas. As of the 2010 census, its population was 3,326.

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