

# SEBREE BANNER



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## Webster Grand Jury Returns Indictments

When the Webster County Grand Jury convened on August 13, jurors passed four cases to the September grand jury, returned indictments against four individuals and returned ‘no true bill’ on several charges. The honorable Judge Daniel Heady

presided over the court. The case of Pedro Andres Diego was passed to the next session of grand jury. Diego faces seven charges including kidnapping, minor; second degree fleeing/evading police (motor vehicle); disregarding a stop sign;

no operators/moped license; no/expired registration plates; first degree criminal possession of a forged instrument; and theft of identity of another without consent. Five indictments were returned against Christina JoAnn Pearl

Burns. Burns was indicted for fourth degree assault, no visible injury; fourth degree assault, dating violence, minor injury; fourth degree assault minor injury; second degree criminal mischief; second degree burglary.

In the case of Darrell Louis Butler, the defendant was indicted for first degree wanton endangerment, discharge of a firearm; third degree terroristic threatening and menacing.

Hellen Marie Cline’s case was passed to the next session of grand jury. Cline faces charges of first degree possession of a controlled substance, first offense, methamphetamine; drug paraphernalia buy/possess; failure to or improper signal; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance, first offense and failure to wear a seatbelt.

Edward Allen Dame

saw multiple indictments returned against him. Dame’s charges include speeding 26 mph over/greater; driving DUI on suspended license, first offense, aggravator; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance, second offense, aggravating circumstances; first degree fleeing/evading police (motor vehicle); disregarding a stop sign, two counts; reckless driving; failure to or improper signal, three counts; and failure to wear seatbelt.

Nine indictments out of 17 initial charges were returned in the case of Megan Marie Keeney. Keeney was indicted for first-degree criminal mischief; third degree burglary, six separate counts; operating on suspended/revoked operator’s license and criminal littering. No True Bill was returned on a charge of criminal trespass; four charges of theft by un-

lawful taking or disposition all others; an three charges of theft by unlawful taking or disposition all others \$1000 but less than \$10,000.

The case of Dalton A. McKee, who is charged with theft by unlawful taking or disposition all others \$1000 but under \$10000 was passed to the next grand jury as was the case of Skyler J. Whitten. Whitten’s charges include first degree wanton endangerment, discharge of a firearm, two counts; first degree strangulation, domestic violence related; fourth degree assault, domestic violence, minor injury and fourth degree assault, minor injury.

Shantea Nicole Woodruff’s case was passed the the next grand jury. Woodruff is charged with drug paraphernalia buy/possess and first degree possession of a controlled substance, second offense, methamphetamine.



### Onton United Methodist Church Celebrating 205th Homecoming

Onton United Methodist Church, established in 1820, will celebrate its 205th Homecoming on August 24, at 10:30 a.m.

The church started in a small log cabin, according to church records, and has continued for 205 years to stand in the community as a beacon of light and a place of worship to spread God’s word.

Members of the church invite people in the surrounding area

to join them on Sunday as they celebrate and share the church’s history, enjoy special singing and recognize former pastors of the church as well as members. Special memories of events throughout the years will also be recalled.

The church members are expecting a spiritual, fun filled day including an old-fashioned pot luck lunch.

Everyone is welcome to join in the day of celebration.

## Sebree Council Sets Tax Rate

The Sebree City Council met in regular session on Monday night with Mayor Billy Smith presiding and five council members present. Council member Perry Culberson was absent. Also present were City Attorney Will Cox and interim City Clerk Kim Campbell.

Following approval of minutes from meetings held on June 23 and July 28, the council dealt with only one item of business on the agenda.

On a motion by council member Jim Willimas and a second by council member Kord Cooper, the council approved the 2025 tax rates for real estate and real property. The rate for real estate is set at .3280 cents per \$100.00 of assessed valuation. That

is a slight increase from the 2024 rate of .3160 cents. The rate for personal property is set at .3140 cents per \$100.00 of assessed valuation. That is a marked decrease from the 2024 rate, which was set at .3986 cents.

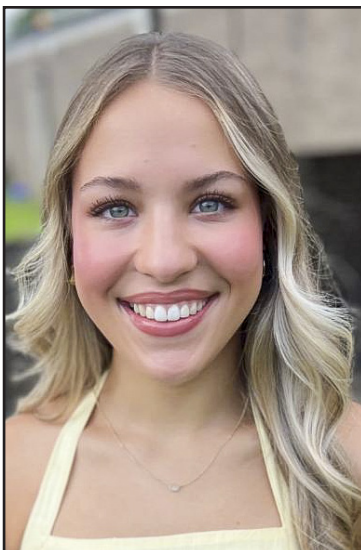
The 2025 tax rate was passed with a 5-0 vote.

Following approval of the tax rate, council member Jana Forker asked that the city consider making tax bills due during the summer months so local residents are not faced with receiving and having to pay both city and county tax bills at the same time. Normally, both city and council tax bills are due on the last day of the calendar year to avoid a penalty as-

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Hadley Duckworth



Caila Clary



Audrey Billings



Maryann Davis



Raynei Roy

## Webster County DYW Program Is Scheduled Saturday

Webster County will name a new Distinguished Young Woman at the conclusion of the annual DYW program scheduled for Saturday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. in the annex at Webster County High School. Five WCHS seniors will vie for the 2026 DYW title and move on to compete in the state program in January.

Prior to Saturday’s program, all five contestants will have been judged in the scholastic and interview portion of the competition. On Saturday, they will take the stage in self-expression, fitness and talent in front of a panel of judges.

This year’s contestants include

Hadley Duckworth, the

daughters of Andrew Duckworth and Kristen Duckworth. Hadley is active in a number of school organizations and activities and has complete many community service hours volunteering at various community events and helping at agencies like Marsha’s Place. She prepares treats for the elderly and sends cards to veterans. On Saturday, Hadley will sing “Oceans” by Hillsong Worship in the talent portion of the program. Hadley is contestant number one.

Contestant number two is Caila Clary. Caila will present a self-written monologue in the talent portion of the program. She is a member of the WCHS tennis team and participates in women’s Bi-

ble study. Caila volunteers at a number of community events and church events. She is also the recipient of a number of honors through HOSA, tennis, FFA and academic achievements. She is the daughter of J Clary and Sarah Clary.

Audrey Billings will take the stage as contestant number three. The aspiring radiologist will complete a speed painting to “Love Me” by Elvis Presley. Audrey is a member of FCCLA and volunteers through custodial work for school events; she is a pet-grooming assistant during the summer. Audrey is the daughter of Peggy Robinette.

As contestant number four, Maryann Davis will

perform a cheer routine as her talent. Maryann plans to attend Murray State University and pursue a degree in elementary education. She is a volunteer at Common Garments Ministry, participates in FCCLA activities and has received a number of academic awards. She is the daughter of Tiffany Davis and Scott Davis.

Raynei Roy will take the stage as the fifth contestant in the 2026 DYW program. Raynei is the daughter of Heather Roy and Tim Roy. In the talent portion of the program Raynei will sing “Hopelessly Devoted to You”, a number made popular by Olivia Newton John in “Grease.” Raynei serves on the Pennyroyal Regional

Youth Council, is a member of her church youth group and took part in the Give Kids the World mission trip as an eleventh grader. She has played basketball for the Lady Trojans and is a member of the softball team. She has won multiple academic and athletic awards and contests. Her community service includes volunteering at the food bank and working on the Princess Project.

The public is invited to attend this year’s Distinguished Young Woman program Saturday afternoon as these five young ladies vie for scholarships in talent, fitness, self-expression, scholastics and talent. Admission is charged.