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## Purchasing, providing for patients



*Goodall-Witcher Foundation buys land for new medical clinic in Meridian, bringing primary care back to the county seat*

By Nathan Diebenow  
MANAGING EDITOR

Partnerships across small towns ensure every family's health is protected, loyalty to one another is honored, and the whole community's well-being is upheld in unity.

The Goodall-Witcher Healthcare Foundation has recently purchased land along Highway 6 in Meridian

for a new medical clinic, bringing primary care back to the county seat for the first time in more than a decade.

The move comes at no cost to taxpayers, thanks to the Foundation's private investment. Adam Willmann, CEO and president of Goodall-Witcher Healthcare, stressed that the project is entirely Foundation-funded.

"There's no taxpayer funding associated with the purchase of the land or the construction of the facility," Willmann said. "The Foundation will own the building and then lease it to the Bosque County Hospital District to operate, just like our other clinics."

The Foundation, a nonprofit 501(c)

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Goodall-Witcher Healthcare CEO/president Adam Willmann points to the location on HW 6 where the GWH Foundation purchased land for a future medical clinic in Meridian.

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### AMERICANISMS



"You don't need directions. Just point yourself to the top and go."  
— Dwayne Johnson

## FAST FOOD CLASSIC



Placing of "The Golden Arches" announces the imminent opening of a classic fast food establishment on Highway 6 in Clifton.

*With Golden Arches going up, Clifton EDC squares finances, approves chamber contract*

By Nathan Diebenow  
MANAGING EDITOR

When we work together to keep finances in order, every person, business, and public institution gets a fair shot at resources being used the way they're meant to be.

The Clifton Economic Development Corporation continued to move forward with squaring its finances with the City of Clifton, according to report delivered during its regular meeting last Wednesday.

In addition, the CEDC made plans for maturing certificates of deposit, approved the renewal of the Clifton Chamber of Commerce

administration contract and recommended new board members to the Clifton City Council.

#### Business updates

CEDC executive director Paige Key reported that the former An Thompson building on Avenue D is for sale. She also noted several commercial properties undergoing cleanup or transition, including the former Royal Pizza site and an offline Chevron station.

Key shared that Clifton recently failed to meet the Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office's criteria for three state proj-

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Bosque County Auditor Jesse Jobses talks with County Tax Assessor/Collector Arlene Swiney before a Commissioners' Court.

## Auditing the auditor

*County judge corrects budget items, Commissioners set tax rate, reject BCAD budget*

By Simone Wichers-Voss  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

While the proposed budget was filed on the deadline date Aug. 15, the Bosque County Commissioners continued budget workshops Monday.

During the Operational Budget Workshop Bosque County Judge Vanlandingham took the time to correct several discrepancies between the filed proposed budget and Bosque County Auditor Jesse Jobses' master list used to set the final budget.

For example, in the statement of prior year revenues, the probation fund showed an amount of \$544,854. It should have been \$10,000. Education for Constable Precinct 2 showed \$700,000 instead of \$7,000. Constable Precinct 1 forfeitures was set at \$275,000 instead of \$0. Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 security fund showed \$191,814 and should have been \$19,000.

"Do you have any idea how these

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## Clashing perspectives

*Attorney defends Rep. Orr as BCRP pushes on censure effort*

By Nathan Diebenow  
MANAGING EDITOR

The Bosque County Republican Party's executive committee pressed ahead Aug. 25 with its effort to censure State Rep. Angelia Orr (HD-13), despite pointed legal arguments from her attorney that the resolution was both factu-

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Cowboy Artist of America Bruce Greene selected 228 pieces of art for the Bosque Arts Center's Art Classic, opening Sept. 13 with an awards dinner and sale.

## Apex in artistry

*Bosque Arts Center host 40th Annual Bosque Arts Classic exhibit and sale*

By Simone Wichers-Voss  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Any good artist shows mastery of different skills and techniques, with good use of color, values and composition. And if they're able to communicate a deeper message, in a unique way or with a different perspective with their work, which evokes feeling and emotion in the viewer, they are worthy of being selected into the prestigious Bosque

Arts Center's Annual Art Classic. Viewers to the nationally-recognized art show and sale will witness this excellence in art work. The BAC Art Classic, synonymous with outstanding representational original art—especially western art—opens Saturday Sept. 13 with a dinner and awards ceremony at 6:30 p.m. The wonderful and awe-inspiring exhibition continues free to the

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(3), has supported health-care in Bosque County since 1966. Tom Henderson, chairman of the Foundation's board, said the timing was finally right to expand into Meridian.

"We're just really, really excited about this project," Henderson said. "It's been something we wanted to do for a long time, but you have to wait until the timing is right and the numbers lend themselves to an opportunity."

The demand for health-care in Meridian has been clear since at least 2018, when voters approved creation of the Bosque County Hospital District. During that campaign, residents from Meridian, Walnut Springs, Iredell and other northern communities voiced frustration about traveling long distances for care after Meridian's former clinic closed in June 2010.

"We heard very clearly from the residents of Meridian and the northern part of the county that health-care access was a priority," said Rustin Qualls, Goodall-Witcher's director of operations. "We've always had interest in returning to Meridian, but it took time for us to get financially stable enough to make it happen."

Clifton's current clinic now serves more than 3,500 patient visits each month, straining space and staff. Many of those visits come from northern Bosque County zip codes. Henderson said the new Meridian clinic will help relieve that pressure.

"It's going to be a big, big, big deal for Meridian," Henderson said. "Everybody would like to have a primary care facility in their community."

The idea gained new mo-



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Goodall-Witcher Healthcare president/CEO Adam Willmann scopes out on an internet-based map the location of land that the Goodall-Witcher Healthcare Foundation purchased for a future medical clinic in Meridian.

mentum last fall, when Meridian Economic Development Corporation business development coordinator Brook DeZavala reached out to Goodall-Witcher.

"None of this would be even on our radar if it wasn't for the foresight of Brook to call us," Willmann said.

After months of discussions, data analysis, and site visits, Goodall-Witcher and the Foundation settled on a tract of just under 4.5 acres near the intersection of Highways 6 and 22. The Foundation closed on the land purchase Aug. 6. Willmann said the team studied both empty lots and existing buildings in Meridian but determined that starting fresh made the most financial and regulatory sense.

"There's just a lot of requirements from the state of Texas to build a health-care facility that would have been very difficult and costly to retrofit into an old building," he said.

Henderson said the chosen site's accessibility and visibility were major advantages. "This is going to be the type of facility they're going to be really proud of, right on Highway 6," he said.

The clinic will begin with one primary care provider but will be designed to expand for up to four as demand increases.

"A medical clinic in Meridian would be a major step forward for both the City and Bosque County," DeZavala said. "This could greatly improve access to primary and preventative care, especially for seniors and those without reliable transportation in not only Meridian but north Bosque County and beyond."

"In addition to the health benefits, this development would provide a boost to the local economy by creating jobs and attracting other services. It also makes Meridian more attractive to new residents and businesses looking for a community with strong infrastructure and accessible health care."

The Bosque County Hospital District, formed in 2018, uses local property tax revenue to fund operations at Goodall-Witcher Hospital and its clinics in Clifton and Whitney. The Foundation, meanwhile, provides facilities, accepts donations, and manages investments. Henderson said that partnership allows growth without new taxes.

"The district collects taxes and runs the hospital and clinics," Henderson explained. "The Foundation strictly is there to manage the assets and take care of the facilities. We don't want to put any additional burden on the taxpayers."

When Dr. Russell Daniel Holt arrived in Meridian in 1938, he soon opened the city's first hospital and clinic in 1940. Beyond his medical work, Holt became an influential civic leader, serving eight years as Meridian's mayor and later on the city council.

The Meridian Hospital he established grew into

**IN custody**

**arrest report**

Bosque County Sheriff's Office

Recent arrests of adults by various Bosque County law enforcement agencies and booked into Bosque County Jail, between 12:01 a.m. Aug. 25 – 12:01 a.m. Aug. 30, 2025.

Wong, Mary, possession of a controlled substance PG 3<28G, Class A misdemeanor, F/2002, of Spring, arrested on 8/26/2025

Harrell, Tanner, driving while intoxicated, second offense, motion to revoke, Class A misdemeanor; driving while intoxicated third or more offense, failure to appear, third degree felony, M/1993, of Hewitt, arrested on 8/27/2025

Smith, Shaina, unlawful possession of a fire arm by a felon, third degree felony; possession of a controlled substance PG 1=>4g<200g, second degree felony, F/1995 of Clifton, arrested on 8/27/2025

York, Logan E., harassment, Class B misdemeanor, unlawful disclosure or promotion of intimate visual material, third degree felony, M/2006, of Hamilton, arrested on 8/27/2025

Fox, Richard, manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance PG1=4g<200g, second degree felony; unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, third degree felony, M/1982, of Clifton, arrested on 8/27/2025

Neupane, Anjan, gambling promotion, Class A misdemeanor; possession gambling device, Class A misdemeanor; keeping a gambling place, Class A misdemeanor, M/1981, Fort Worth, arrested on 8/29/2025

Adhikari, Hari, gambling promotion, Class A misdemeanor; possession gambling device, Class A misdemeanor; keeping a gambling place, Class A misdemeanor, M/19816, Fort Worth, arrested on 8/29/2025

Ghimire, Keshav, gambling promotion, Class A misdemeanor; possession gambling device, Class A misdemeanor; keeping a gambling place, Class A misdemeanor, M/1989, Fort Worth, arrested on 8/28/2025

Taylor, Ashley, public intoxication, M/1980, of Gatesville, arrested on 8/30/2025.

a 32-bed operation later managed by the Harris Methodist Hospital System of Fort Worth, but it closed its doors in July 1987.

In the years that followed, several attempts have been made to restore health-care access in north Bosque County.

The Goodall-Witcher Healthcare Foundation twice attempted to run a satellite clinic in Meridian – first in 1989 through a partnership with the Me-

ridian Hospital Authority, and again in 2004 at Meridian Manor. The second effort came after Scott & White had withdrawn its own clinic from Meridian in May 2001.

"Meridian is excited to begin a long lasting relationship with Goodall-Witcher Healthcare Foundation," DeZavala said. "This is a meaningful step forward in the health and future of our community."

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