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District 6 candidates make their cases

Abraham wants to build on progress made on council: 'Work we started isn't finished'

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District 6 Marshall Councilwoman Amanda "Mandy" Abraham said she is seeking another term to continue to build upon strides made in her district. "I'm running for reelection because

the work we started isn't finished," she said. "When I took office, we were facing years — if not decades — of ignored infrastructure issues. We made real progress, but there's still more to do. I'm motivated by a commitment to see long-term projects through to com-

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Newson says priorities will be housing, water infrastructure, homeless community

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Shereka Shantel Newson said she is vying for the District 6 seat on the Marshall council to help solve the city's most pressing needs. She's running against incumbent

Amanda "Mandy" Abraham on the May 2 ballot.

Newson, a Marshall native and life-long resident, is a Wiley graduate with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. She works as a public safety officer for Wiley University and as a life insurance

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'GOTTA STAY ON TOP OF IT'

East Texas ranchers concerned about screwworm's spread, but prevention possible



A New World screwworm fly (*Cochliomyia hominivorax*) is seen. Previously eradicated from the United States, the screwworm has been moving from South America closer to the U.S. border with Mexico, raising concerns among farmers and ranchers. (Michael Miller/Texas A&M AgriLife)

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VERTON — Ranchers wearing cowboy hats and baseball caps filled the auditorium earlier this month at the Texas A&M AgriLife office

in Overton. On the screen at the front of the auditorium were massive photos of a nasty-looking maggot and fly known as the New World screwworm.

If it were as large in real-life as it was on the screen, it would be a fearsome beast. But even though it's small, it's still a serious

threat to livestock.

Previously eradicated from the United States, the screwworm has been moving from South America closer to the U.S. border with Mexico, raising concerns among farmers and ranchers. If an outbreak occurred in the U.S., it could thin the nation's already

shrinking herds of beef and dairy cattle and cause billions of dollars in economic harm — not to mention its effects on the food supply.

Agricultural producers hope to prevent that problem from hap-

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Initiative aims to educate on Caddo boat rules

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The Greater Caddo Lake Association and Texas Parks and Wildlife are teaming to ensure a more tranquil experience on the lake this summer through education on excessive boat noise and exhaust regulations.

"Board members from the GCLA met with local game wardens as well as district game warden supervisors to discuss current laws regarding boat motor noise," said Josh Maness, president of the Greater Caddo Lake Association.

Maness said in recent years, the 500-plus membership of the association has expressed concern about growing boat motor traffic — specifically the noise — on Caddo Lake.

"Specific areas of concern are 'surface drive motors' with little or no muffling devices that are exceptionally loud," he said.

Maness said game wardens were receptive to educating boaters regarding

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TODAY'S WEATHER

Scattered storms. A high of 72, and a low around 59.



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