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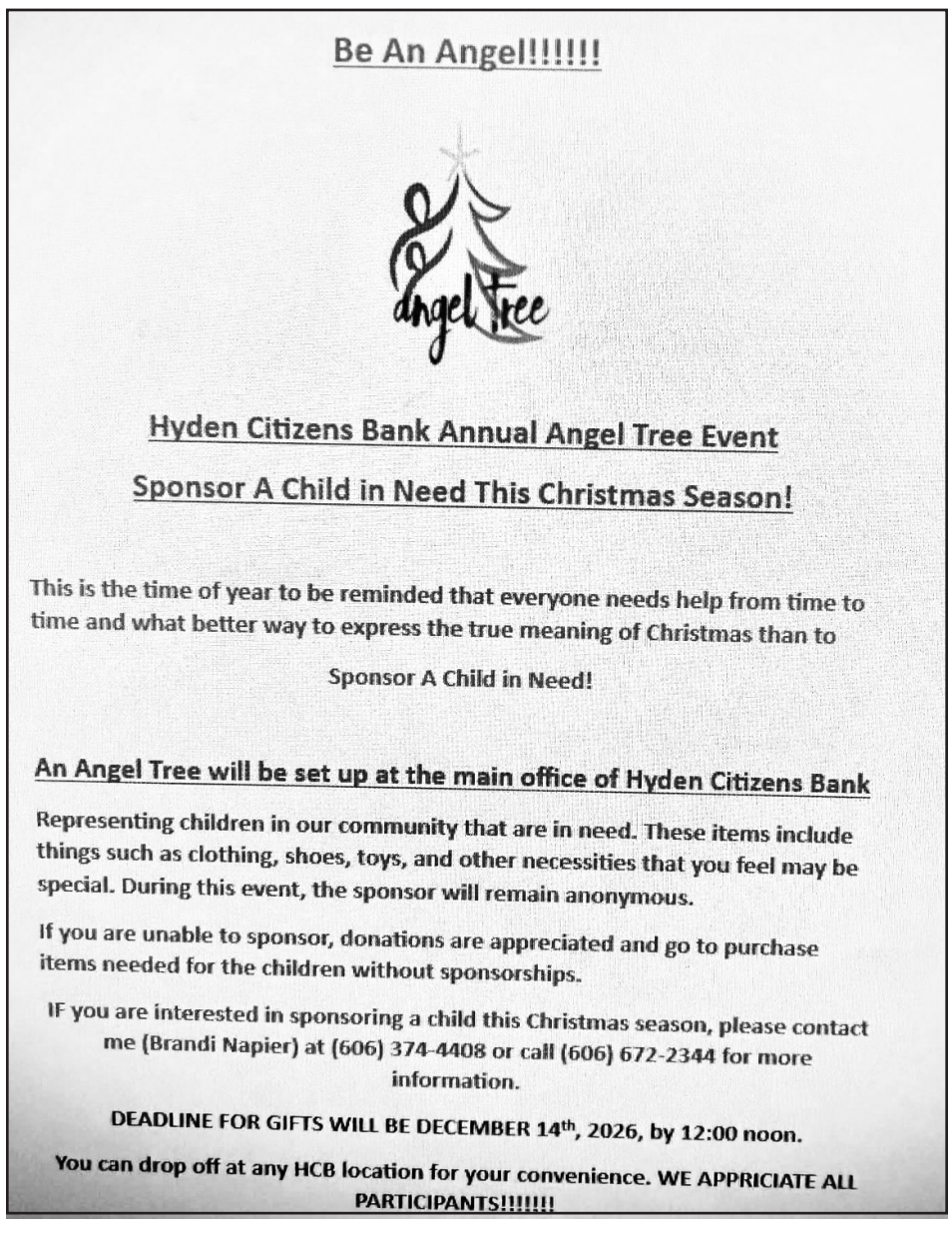
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Floodplain and Wetland Notice of Explanation Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain (Second Notice)

To: All interested Agencies all Federal, State, and Local Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the Hyden-Leslie County Water District under 24 CFR Part 58 has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 and/or 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management, to determine the potential affect that its project in the floodplain and wetland will have on the human environment for Leslie Waterline Extensions Phase I under WX21131012. The proposed project is located within the Stinnett-Wendover, Phillips Fork, and surrounding areas of Leslie County. The project consists of installing approximately 36,000 linear feet of new pressure-resistant waterline within the Stinnett-Wendover, Phillips Fork, and surrounding areas of Leslie County. The project includes installation of 23,000 linear feet of 6-inch waterline along KY-66 and KY-1850, 11,000 linear feet of 3-inch waterline along Phillips Fork Road, and 2,000 linear feet of 3-inch waterline along Stinnett-Wendover Road, Morning Glory Lane, and Cherokee Rose Lane. Construction activities will primarily occur within existing roadway rights-of-way and utility corridors and may include the installation of waterlines, valves, hydrants, service connections, and other related infrastructure necessary for operation of the water distribution system. This project would serve approximately 80 households and 2 businesses.

The Hyden-Leslie County Water District has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values: The Hyden-Leslie County Water District has determined this project will provide potable water service to households that currently have wells.

The Hyden-Leslie County Water District has re-evaluated the alternatives to building in the floodplain and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of [Executive Order 11988 and/or 11990], are available for public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments. This activity will have no significant impact on the environment for the following reasons:

There will be minimum tree and vegetation removal as well as directionally drilled stream crossings. This project will provide a waterline to customers who previously had no water, as well as continue improvement of the overall system. Once completed the project will not impede the floodplain. This is the most economical and least environmentally impacting alternative considered.

Written comments must be received by the Kentucky River Area Development District at the following address on or before January 5, 2024: Kentucky River Area Development District, 941 North Main Street Hazard, KY 41701 and (606) 436-3158, Attention: Larry Maggard, CEDS Planner, during the hours of 8am- 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. Comments may also be submitted via email at larry.maggard@kradd.org.

Date: November 3rd, 2026

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