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Make-ups

Club Members are encouraged to make up meetings at the above clubs, to promote fellowship and increase attendance. If you are traveling out of the area, ask JIM or BECKY to locate a club for you in your area of travel.

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**Today's Program
Mike Francis
Candidate: Public Service
Commission**

THE HARVEST



District 4 Public Service Commissioner Mike Francis will face two opponents in his bid for a second six-year term. Francis said he's often asked what he can do to help

and hurricane restoration charges.

"The federal government is controlling a lot of the price of our fuels and it's really hurting our electricity bill and I'll tell you I'm going to do everything I can to keep those numbers reasonable," said Francis.

Francis said the PSC can only do so much when it comes to regulating private energy companies that also have to pay stockholders dividends.

Entergy said 2020 hurricane restoration efforts in Louisiana totaled \$4.1 billion and that cost will be paid for by customers over a 15-year period. Francis said the commission has asked the utility provider to pay for even a portion of those charges.

"We're waiting for some response from Entergy on possibly lowering their electric bill because of their actions like that," said Francis.

Francis will face Keith C. Bodin of Ragley who is running as an independent and Republican Shalon Latour of Iowa in November.

Polio Plus: Rotarians Act

Street Drive nets more than \$800



Celebrating World Polio Day, Welsh Rotarian's took to the street on Monday to collect funds to continue Rotary Internationals' ongoing effort to eradicate this dread disease worldwide.

In 1988 the World Health Assembly worldwide adopted a declaration to eradicate polio. Since then:

- We've achieved a 99.9% reduction in wild poliovirus transmission worldwide
- Polio cases have fallen from an estimated 350,000 in 1988 to 6 in 2021.
- Wild poliovirus transmission has been eliminated in 5 of 6 WHO regions
- Benefits of reducing polio transmission: people leading healthier lives
- 20 million people who would otherwise have been paralyzed by polio are walking
- 5 million people who would otherwise have died are alive
- Billions of children have been able to live a polio-free life