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All this and much more as The Enterprise reports in this week's amazing edition!

Grand Jury indicts three last week

The Donley County Grand Jury handed up three indictments last week.

Ricardo Santiago-Velasco was indicted second degree offense of Sexual Assault of a Child and the third degree offense of Enticing a Child for an incident on August 11, 2013.

Tyler Lee Smith was indicted on a second degree offenses of Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon and Aggravated Assault. Devonte Deshun Hardaway was also indicted on second degree offenses of Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon and Aggravated Assault. Both men were indicted for an incident that took place November 3, 2013, in Donley County.

CC Meats Team wins in Fort Worth

The Clarendon College Meats Judging team has done it again.

The team has just returned from Fort Worth where they won by 67 points.

Hailey Dimitroff was High Point Individual, Kiersten Scott placed 3rd high, and Jessica Humphrey placed 4th high. Lane Harrington also competed.

In the Alternate Division, Shelby Lee was High Point Individual; Derick Shurr, 2nd High; Sabra Barnett, 3rd High; Mitch Garvin, 6th High; and Augustus Holbein, 7th High.

The Meats Judging team is coach by Tate Corliss.

Two blood drives to be held in February

Coffee Memorial Blood Center will hold two blood drives in Donley County this month.

The first drive will be held Tuesday, February 18, from 2:00 to 7:00 pm at the Clarendon College Bairfield Activity Center, and the second drive will be held at the Hedley High School Library on Wednesday, February 12, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Every eligible donor who presents to donate will receive a free t-shirt.

Photo ID or Donor Card Required. Must be at least 17 years old to donate. Donors that are age 16 may now donate with a signed parental consent form.

For appointments, call 331-8800 or 1-877-574-8800.

PBS show features life in Silvertown

"One Square Mile: Texas" is a PBS documentary television series that portrays Texas culture from the perspective of distinct square miles across the Lone Star state.

On Thursday, February 6 the show visits the Clarendon's neighbor to the south, Silvertown.

The series is a microcosm of Texas life and a collective portrait of the state. It represents the many faces and facets of Texas from the perspective of the individual while spanning the emotional, demographic and physical landscapes.



City okays rules governing alcohol sales

City Hall has signed five applications for alcohol sales permits following last Tuesday's passage of an alcohol ordinance by the Board of Aldermen.

Mayor Pro-tem Will Thompson presided in the absence of Mayor Larry Hicks as Ordinance 426 was unanimously approved by the board after questions over distances and measuring were addressed with the city attorney.

The law allows for alcohol sales along US 287 within the city, along State Hwy. 70 from US 287 to the north city limit, and in the Central Business District. Sales are

prohibited within 300 feet of the main house of worship of a church, a public or private school, and licensed daycare or child care facilities. Variances may be applied for.

Most measurements will be done from front door to front door in straight lines along street fronts, but measurements from schools will be done in a straight line from property line to property line.

Discussion at the meeting centered on whether Allsup's convenience store would be able to sell alcohol given its proximity to Clarendon ISD property, but Alderman Larry Jeffers said he had

measured a straight line from the corner of Bronco Stadium to the back corner of Allsup's property and found it to be more than 300 feet.

The ordinance also prohibits individuals from possessing or consuming alcohol on the grounds of any public park or ball field or on any property owned by Clarendon ISD.

By the Friday afternoon, the following businesses had received the city secretary's signature to submit their applications to the state: Lowe's Pay & Save, CEFCO for both its local convenience stores, Allsup's, and Bar H BBQ

& More. State officials have said it ordinarily takes about 40 days for an application to receive approval once submitted.

In other business last week, aldermen approved a grant application seeking 36 three-yard Dumpsters that would be made available for grass clippings and yard waste; accepted a bid to re-roof the Burton Memorial Library from Sims Roofing; updated city job descriptions; heard a report on Hotel Occupancy Fund expenditures from Economic Development & Tourism Director Chandra Eggemeyer; and discussed with sanitation department

head Joe Shadle the need for purchasing a new trash truck.

Aldermen also discussed proposed street improvements, expressing their dislike for doing "roller" curbs and their desire not to narrow streets. Board members expressed concerns about having city crews doing the base work for the project, wondering if the city really had the time or the equipment to do the job. Aldermen said they want the street improvements to be "done right the first time" with Alderman Jeffers noting, "Just to say we've done it is a disservice to the citizens."



Curve ahead

Emergency personnel tend to truck driver Gorge Rangel, age 21, of Munday as DPS Trooper Chad Simpson investigates the rollover which took place on SH 70 between Clarendon and Brice last Wednesday just before noon. Simpson said Rangel was traveling north when he attempted to negotiate a curve at an unsafe speed. The driver crossed the southbound lane and then overcorrected, causing the vehicle to roll over onto its side.

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CC spring enrollment changes little

Spring enrollment at Clarendon College was essentially flat following the 12th day of class last Wednesday.

CC President Robert Riza said he was glad to be flat based on early numbers he's seen from other Texas community colleges.

"We are off by four students," Riza said, a decline of less than one percent.

Total enrollment at CC was sitting at 1,119 compared to 1,123 for the spring of 2013. The home campus in Clarendon was down six to 292, the Pampa Center was up 12 to 317, and the Childress Center was down eight to 44. The distance education student count was 94, and dual credit students numbered 317.

The new cosmetology center in Amarillo added 33 students to the

spring count. Riza said CC will open another enrollment in Amarillo this month, but those numbers will not count for spring enrollment.

"There was nothing surprising in these numbers," he said. "I will be looking forward to the fall and look to increase numbers moving ahead."

Riza plans to meet with area school superintendents to help school districts meet the

requirements of House Bill 5, which changes graduation plans and will require more collaboration between school districts and colleges. Riza said this should result in wider dual credit options and more concurrent enrollment classes.

"We will work with the high schools to offer whatever we can," Riza said. "As a parent I know the benefit of dual credit classes."

Candidates start lining up for office

The Hedley Independent School District is the first local government to draw a full slate of candidates for this spring as sign-ups for seven boards continues.

Incumbent Ted Wright and challengers Troy Monroe and Michelle McCann have signed up to run for three positions on the HISD Board of Trustees. The other two posts are currently held by Karen Watt and Tonja Rutherford.

The Donley County Hospital Board has four positions up for election this year. Those seats are currently held by Jan Farris - Place 4, Jeannie Owens - Place 5, Mark C. White - Place 6, and Lori Howard - Place 7. White and Howard have both signed up to run again.

Clarendon College has three seats available on the Board of Regents, and the positions are held by Dr. John Howard, Dr. Bill Sansing, and Jack Moreman. Howard and Moreman have signed up.

Alderman Beverly Burrow is seeking a full term on the Clarendon city board. Two other terms up this year are held by Aldermen Will Thompson and Larry Jeffers.

H.L. Baird is running for the city board in Howardwick where three positions are open. Those seats are currently held by Gene Rogers, Cory Longan, and Robert Brewster.

The City of Hedley has three positions available on the May ballot. The terms of Mayor Leon Ward and Aldermen Lonnie Roby and Carrie Butler are up this year. No information was available Tuesday afternoon as to whether anyone had signed up for these seats.

Filing for local positions runs through February 28. Elections will be held May 10.



And the winner is...

Adenia Baird was the winner of more than \$1,000 in prizes and gift certificates during the Enterprise's Pigskin Prediction contest this week. Out of 78 entries, Baird's entry was selected in a random drawing of three people who submitted five correct predictions regarding Sunday's Super Bowl.

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Four take plea deals in District Court here

Four pleas took place when the 100th Judicial District Court met in Clarendon on Monday, January 27, 2014.

District Attorney Luke Inman prosecuted the cases for the State of Texas with the Honorable Judge Stuart Messer presiding.

A total of \$14,000 in fines were assessed as a result of the pleas that took place on January 27. In addition to the fines, the defendants were required to pay a total of \$1,895 in court costs and \$1,845.30 in restitution.

Rickey Lewis Row, a 55-year-old resident of Clarendon, pleaded true to allegations listed in the State's Motion to Adjudicate. After the plea of true, a contested punishment hearing was held and Row was convicted and sentenced to ten years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

On September 3, 2009, Row originally pleaded guilty to the

second degree felony offense of possession of a controlled substance that occurred on July 29, 2009, in Donley County.

The State filed the motion to adjudicate on October 31, 2013, alleging seven violations of community supervision.

Row pleaded true to the some of the violations contained in the State's motion. Inman called one witness, Mark White with the 100th Judicial District Community Supervisions and Corrections Department, who testified that Row had been given many opportunities for his drug and alcohol abuse.

"This Defendant was afforded many opportunities by the probation department to get clean and off drugs and alcohol," said Inman. "Unfortunately for him, he could not abstain from the drugs and alcohol and that is what resulted in him receiving the maximum punishment today."

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guest commentary

Listening to a lame duck quacking

By Michael D. Tanner, Cato Institute

President Obama's State of the Union Address Tuesday night was solidly crafted, well delivered, and — with the notable exception of his stirring tribute to Sgt. 1st Class Cory Remsburg — utterly forgettable.

In the days leading up to the speech, we were led to believe that the president would talk about big ideas, that he would make a clarion call for a “year of action” centered on “income inequality.”

But instead of swinging for the fences, the president played small ball, embracing a Clintonesque medley of poll-tested proposals that sounded like action, without actually doing much of anything. One hoped nostalgically for a mention of midnight basketball.

Some of his proposals — patent reform, immigration reform, reworking the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), and increased trade — do hold potential, though the devil, as always, will be in the details. But for the most part, the speech was simply a tired reiteration of a liberal wish-list.

In his 2013 State of the Union, President Obama called for Congress to take up 42 items. Congress ended up enacting just two. That left a lot left over for this year, and the president dutifully recycled the golden oldies: green energy subsidies, gun control, universal preschool, and so on.

There was a little something for pretty much every potential Democratic voting block. The key word here is “little.”

The president's call to raise the minimum wage was typical. He had made the exact same promise last year, and there is no reason to believe it more likely to pass this time around.

Even if it did, raising the minimum wage would do little to achieve the president's professed goal of ensuring that “no one who works full time ... [has] to raise a family in poverty.”

Contrary to the president's implication, less than five percent of those earning the minimum wage are heads of households living below the poverty level.

For every poor person that would benefit from the president's proposal, four beneficiaries would live in households with incomes above 300 percent of poverty.

The president's plan would help a lot of college students and second-earners, but low-skilled, low-income workers would be as likely to lose their jobs as to benefit.

Even the president's vaunted threat to act without Congress turned out to be inconsequential. The big item was an executive order raising the minimum wage for federal contractors to \$10.10/hour. But the president's order will, at best, affect only 150,000-200,000 workers. In addition, it only applies to future contracts, not ongoing work, meaning its immediate impact will be almost nonexistent.

After that, the president was left asking businesses to voluntarily follow the example of a Minneapolis pizza restaurateur and raise wages voluntarily, because it's good for employee morale. No doubt, businesses had never thought of that.

The president recalled last year's promise to “connect 99 percent of our students to high-speed broadband over the next four years.” By this year, that had been downsized to: “a down payment to start connecting more than 15,000 schools and twenty million students over the next two years.”

There was also more talk about high-tech manufacturing hubs. They aren't bad ideas necessarily, but we've been there, done that, and bought the T-shirt already.

The same is true for the president's call for a review of federal job training programs. Considering that the federal government currently runs 47 such programs without much evident success, a review sounds like a good idea. But haven't we heard that before too?

When it came to ObamaCare, the president seemed to spend more time pleading with people to sign up than he did defending his signature achievement. And, when he wasn't asking mothers to “get on your kids to sign up,” he was asking Republicans to please stop trying to repeal it. That didn't exactly sound like success.

The president did claim that some 9 million Americans had received health insurance thanks to the law, but that number is almost ludicrously misleading.

Six million of those people haven't received actual insurance, but have simply been pushed into Medicaid.

Of the three million enrolled in private insurance, only 70 percent have actually paid for a policy, and more than two-thirds of those were previously insured — but had lost their current policies because of Obamacare.

Counting them as an ObamaCare triumph is a bit like breaking a man's leg, then claiming credit for giving him a crutch.

Overall, the president spoke for a long time — more than 65 minutes — and, by some counts, made at least 22 specific promises. But in the end, it sounded an awful lot like the quack of a lame duck.

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Tea Party deceit and health reform

My recent health problems, which most everyone who cares is aware of, and those who don't care are blessedly ignorant of, have led to a newfound interest in America's health care delivery system. I remain particularly grateful for the many prayers and support of my friends and family, even exes. Thank you all.

As importantly, I wish to convey my heartfelt gratitude to the army of health care professionals who spent long days and weeks trying desperately to save my life. It is astounding how much an army of caring doctors, nurses, and their support troops can accomplish with dedication and devotion.

There is absolutely no doubt in my mind that I would be dead if I had not had access to the health care provided by Northwest Texas Hospital, the amazing surgeons at the Texas Tech School of Medicine, and my recovery at the Vbra Specialty Hospital.

Which brings me to my point; the continuing misrepresentation about the impending failure of health care reform that the Tea Party radicals continue to insist is happening. Even their designated liar, to rebut President Obama's state of the union message, could not help herself. Representative Cathy McMorris Rogers (Rep. WA) misled the American people when she quoted the example of her constituent, “Bette in Spokane,” who allegedly faced a \$700 monthly premium hike after her policy was canceled. Well, this proved to be untrue. I don't know if Ms. McMorris Rogers intentionally misled the American people, or if she was misled by her less than candid constituent. In either event, her claim that “the Affordable Care Act is not working” is a perfect example of how tea party Republicans continue deceiving voters — and are, I might add, deceiving themselves. I am of the opinion that Representative Rogers intentionally misled the American people. This type of behavior is more consistent with

their modus operandi of recent months and years.

By now, absolutely everyone knows about the disastrous beginning of the Affordable Care Act, but that was months ago, and is being corrected. Meanwhile, since then, health care reform has been steadily making up lost ground. At the point in time, enrollments in the health exchanges are running about a million behind the Congressional Budget Office projections, and are increasing faster than projected. Therefore, a reasonable guess is that by the time the 2014 enrollment closes on March 31, there will be a bit more than six million Americans enrolled through the exchanges, as compared to the seven million projected. Who knows, enrollments may even meet the projection.

The point is health care reform is not in the “death spiral” claimed by tea party types. The old and sick are not the only ones enrolling, thereby resulting in soaring premiums in the future. According to the insurance industry, most companies are optimistic. Furthermore, some of the companies claim that even a bad risk pool will have only a minor effect on premiums. This information, folks, comes directly from the experts.

Many of those signing up on the exchanges aren't newly insured; they are replacing their existing policies, either voluntarily or because those policies didn't meet the law's minimum standards for coverage. We must remember that those standards are there for a reason — the same reason health insurance is now required. Health reform will not work if people go uninsured, and then

sign up only when they get sick. It also will not work if healthy people only buy insurance that offers minimal coverage. What this all means, right now, is that while we do not yet know how many people will be newly insured under reform, we do know that even those who already had insurance are now getting much better insurance. Since one of the goals of health care reform was to make Americans more secure, to reduce their being unable to afford needed health care, or, as in my case, be facing financial ruin if they do get sick — the law is doing its job.

So far, since just about every tail of health care reform horror the tea party types have put forth have proven to be false. The truth is that the tea party campaign against health care reform relies on misleading stories at best — and most often — outright lies.

Who pays the price for these lies? Even though health care enrollment is going well at the moment, millions of Americans have failed to sign up for coverage simply because they believe the false horror stories the tea partiers continue to tell. These American families are the ones paying the price for tea party lies.

However, tea party politicians are not simply deceiving their constituents; they are also deceiving themselves. Right now, Republican political strategy seems to be to stall on every issue, and then reap the rewards when health care reform fails. Thankfully, health care reform is not failing — it is actually recovering nicely after a terrible start. By the time that reality sinks in with the tea party radicals, health care reform will be permanent.

What may not be so permanent is the Republican Party, if it allows the tea party radicals to gain control of its message and vision. Let us hope that the conservative wing, and not the tea party wing, of the Republican Party prevail in this endeavor.



the quick, the dead, & fred
by fred gray



When readers feel tattooed...

When this column first saw day's light almost 11 years ago, the handful of editors running it decided “commentary” would be an apt description of the weekly ramblings. I could have held out for “satirist.” I guess, but in either case, when readers go “comment-hunting”—or seeking satire—they're apt to find one or the other.

Frequently, writings include the goings-on of relatives—some blood kin, others imagined, the latter living in mythical places.

This piece centers on my 101-year-old Uncle Mort's recent participation at Poverty Squat School's “Semi-Decade” Homecoming Reunion. A 1928 graduate, he and Myrtle Bell Southern are the only two alumni left from a senior class of 16 members....

In recent years, their classmates have been “falling faster'n flies,” Mort says. He and Myrtle Belle decided to proceed with the “reunion,” despite their being the only two alumni remaining “on the top side of the grass.”

It commenced at the smallest table—a “two-seater”—in a tiny eating joint located so far back in the thicket nobody passes it going to town.

Retired in Granbury, Myrtle Belle—two months younger than Mort—rode the bus to East Texas. She hopped up on his golf cart, and off they went to “The Squeeze-In.” He ordered a cheeseburger “all the way,” and she took one dry, well done, no onions. Relieved at her insistence that she “get the check,” he decided to let her do most of the talking. Five years earlier, with six alumni gathered ‘round the largest table, he'd “led the gab.” Is anyone

surprised?....

She was in a “tell-all” kind of mood, admitting to “extreme insecurity” as she “bumbled” through school. She blamed much of it on her parents. “My mother, with the maiden name of ‘Bell,’ wanted to have a hyphenated married name,” she said. “You know, Hattie May Bell-Southern. Daddy wouldn't hear to it, but agreed that if they had a daughter, Mom could have ‘Bell’ in the name, but with an ‘e’ at the end, of course.”

In first grade, her face reddened when the teacher called out alphabetized students' last names. Just imagine: “Southern, Belle.” Snickers always erupted. “There've been lots of reasons for others to laugh,” she said. “Later, they called me ‘Ma Bell.’ I was ready just to try my MSB initials, but that sound too much like a broadcasting network. So there we were, one wall telephone on a party line and one battery-powered radio.”....

She asked Uncle Mort if he remembered her excellence in playground volleyball. “It's the only thing I ever did at school that I was any good at.”

Though quite small, she was “lightning quick,” soon earning a nickname—“The Hummer”—for her dipping, setting, bumping, blocking, spiking and such. Mort asked if anyone still calls her “Hummer.”



the idle american
by dan newbury

“Heavens, no,” she countered.

“Way too much has changed in 85 years. ‘Humdrum’ would fit now.”....

That prompted her next question. “Do you recall that I was the first East Texas girl to sport a tattoo?” Yep, Mort remembered; could anyone forget?

Since volleyball had brought her out of her shell, she made a “sophomoric” decision to get a tattoo after her left shoulder. Inscribed were two tiny figures—a humming bird and a volleyball. She was forever pushing back her sleeve when classmates wanted to take a “look-see.”

Mort asked if he could “get a gander” now. His request got a quick, “not-in-a-million-years” response....

“I was happy to show it off in high school,” Myrtle Belle said. “But that was then—four score and five years ago, and those keeping score.”

She said for the full effect now, she'd have to be “flattened out, since the art work has, uh, expanded. Now, it looks like Big Bird and a beach ball.”

How time flies! Their high noon meeting was about to crowd supper time. The diner operator cleared his throat several times, asking them if “there'd be anything else.” They paid no attention, too busy laughing about what classmates might have called her had her initials been “AT&T.” Finally, they hurriedly left, headed for the bus station on his golf cart, it leaning to Myrtle Belle's side. They “good-bye,” vowing to meet up there again in 2019....

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Homeowners reminded of exemptions

Homeowners looking to reduce their property tax bills in 2014 may find some relief by filing for a homestead exemption. Homestead exemptions are offered by the county and school districts.

A homestead is generally the house and land used as the owner's principal residence on January 1 of the tax year. Homestead exemptions reduce the appraised value of your home and, as a result, lower your property taxes. To apply for an exemption on your residence homestead, contact the Donley County Appraisal District.

Available homestead exemptions include:

School taxes: All homeowners may receive a \$15,000 homestead exemption for school taxes.

County taxes: If a county collects a special tax for farm-to-market roads or flood control, a homeowner may receive a \$3,000 homestead exemption for this tax.

Age and disability exemptions: Individuals 65 or older or disabled as defined by law may qualify for a \$10,000 homestead exemption for school taxes, in addition to the \$15,000 exemption available to all homeowners. Older or disabled homeowners do not need to own their homes on Jan. 1 to qualify for these special homestead exemptions. They qualify as soon as they turn 65 or become disabled.

Partial disabled veteran exemptions: The law provides partial exemptions for any property owned by veterans who are disabled, spouses and survivors of deceased disabled veterans and spouses and survivors of military personnel who died on active duty. The amount of exemption is determined according to the percentage of service-connected disability.

100 Percent Residence Homestead Exemption for Disabled Veterans: A disabled veteran who

receives from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (1) 100 percent disability compensation due to a service-connected disability; and (2) a rating of 100 percent disabled or of individual unemployability is entitled to an exemption from taxation of the total appraised value of the veteran's residence homestead. This benefit is also extended to the surviving spouse upon the veteran's death with certain restrictions.

For more details on homestead exemptions, contact the Donley County Appraisal District at 304 South Kearney Street in Clarendon, or phone 806-874-2744. Or contact the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at 1-800-252-9121 and press "2" to access the menu and then press "1" to contact the Information Services Team. The homestead exemption application is available online at: <http://bit.ly/1dnkNAL>.

Court: Four accept pleas

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After hearing all the evidence, the court sentenced Row to ten years. Row is also required to pay \$465 in court costs to Donley County, a \$6,000 fine, and \$140 in restitution.

Dealonie Whitehurst, a 32-year-old resident of Sacramento, CA, pleaded true to allegations listed in the State's Motion to Adjudicate and was convicted and sentenced to eight years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

On December 6, 2012, Whitehurst originally pleaded guilty to the second degree felony offense of possession of a controlled substance that occurred on October 30, 2012, in Donley County.

The State filed the motion to adjudicate on October 2, 2013, alleging four violations of community supervision.

Whitehurst pleaded true to the violations contained in the State's motion and was sentenced to eight

years. Whitehurst is also required to pay \$443 in court costs to Donley County, a \$4,000 fine, and \$1,705.30 in restitution.

Jeffrey Lynn Franklin was placed on probation for a period of three years for the third degree felony offense of criminal attempt of sexual assault. Franklin pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication for the offense.

Franklin, 43-year-old resident of Grand Prairie, Texas, was arrested in Donley County for the offense that took place October 7, 2013 by Donley County Deputy Vincent Marasco. Franklin was indicted by a Donley County grand jury on November 12, 2013.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Franklin is required to pay a \$1,000 fine to Donley County, \$599 in court costs, and complete 100 hours of community service. If Franklin violates probation, he could face up to 10 years in the Institutional

Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Jonathan Mark Yankie was placed on probation for a period of three years for the third degree felony offense of assault family violence. Yankie pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication for the offense.

Yankie, 30-year-old resident of Clarendon, was arrested in Donley County for the offense that took place June 22, 2013 by Marasco. Yankie was indicted by a Donley County grand jury on November 12, 2013.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Yankie is required to pay a \$3,000 fine to Donley County, \$388 in court costs, and complete 200 hours of community service. If Yankie violates probation, he could face up to 10 years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Extension offers applicator training

AMARILLO - Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Potter County is offering private pesticide applicator license training on Feb. 20 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd., Amarillo.

The training session begins at 9 a.m., according to Nathan Carr, AgriLife Extension agent for Potter County. The three and a half hour training will give participants the needed information to take the private applicator license test, which

will be administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture. Cost of the training is \$60 and all materials will be provided.

Anyone may and is encouraged to participate if they need a private pesticide applicator license, Carr said. The private pesticide applicator license is for agricultural producers and land owners who apply restricted use pesticides to their own property.

Those planning to attend should call 806-373-0713 by Feb. 18 to reserve a seat.

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| Tues | 28 | 35° | 13° | - |
| Wed | 29 | 52° | 19° | - |
| Thur | 30 | 63° | 27° | - |
| Fri | 31 | 42° | 25° | - |
| Sat | 1 | 39° | 18° | 0.02 |
| Sun | 2 | 35° | 17° | - |

Total precipitation this month: 0.02"
Total precipitation to date: 0.02"

weekend forecast

Fri., Feb. 7
Cloudy/Windy
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Sat., Feb. 8
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- February 10**
Buildings & Lady Bulldogs v Howard College • 5:45/7:45 p.m. • Dawg house
- Donley County Courthouse Lighting Committee Meeting • 5:30 p.m. • Donley County Courthouse
- February 13**
Buildings & Lady Bulldogs v South Plains College • 5:45/7:45 p.m. • Dawg house
- February 14**
St. Valentine's Day
- February 17**
Presidents' Day
- February 20**
Buildings & Lady Bulldogs v Western Texas College • 5:45/7:45 p.m. • Dawg house
- February 24**
Buildings v NMMI • 7:45 p.m. • Dawg house
- March 17**
St. Patrick's Day

Menus

February 10 - 14

Donley County Senior Citizens

Mon: Tomato soup, grilled ham & cheese sandwich, tossed salad, fruit cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.

Tue: Chicken rice casserole, mixed vegetables, whole wheat roll, angel food cake, strawberries, iced tea/2% milk.

Wed: Ham & beans, cornbread, spinach, seasoned corn, orange pineapple cup, iced tea/2% milk.

Thu: Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, broccoli, wheat roll, fruit salad, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Mexican pile on, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, olives, apple cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: King ranch chicken, Spanish rice, pinto beans, tortilla, brownie, iced tea/2% milk.

Tue: Catfish, onion rings, coleslaw, hushpuppy, banana pudding, iced tea/2% milk.

Wed: BBQ beef, fried potatoes, buttered carrots, tossed salad, cornbread, baked apples, iced tea/2% milk.

Thu: Baked ham w/ pineapple, chuck wagon corn, pinto beans, wheat roll, chocolate chip cookies, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Turkey & dressing, candied sweet potatoes, green beans, wheat roll, pineapple tidbits, iced tea/2% milk.

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Breakfast

Mon: French toast sticks, fresh fruit, milk.

Tue: Scrambled eggs, biscuit & gravy, fruit juice, milk.

Wed: Breakfast club, fresh fruit, milk.

Thu: Chicken-n-waffles, fruit juice, milk.

Fri: Breakfast burrito, fresh fruit, milk.

Lunch

Mon: Chicken enchiladas, salad, salsa, refried beans, cinnamon apples, milk.

Tue: Hot dog, potato rounds, fresh veggies cup, fresh fruit, milk.

Wed: Grilled cheese sandwich, mixed veggies, baby carrots, fruit cup, milk.

Thu: Chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, salad, green beans, apple slices, milk.

Fri: Beef and bean burrito, salsa, corn, baby carrots, peaches, milk.

Hedley ISD

Breakfast

Mon: Waffles w/syrup, sausage patty, cereal variety, fruit juice, milk.

Tue: Breakfast quiche, Texas toast, cereal variety, fruit juice, milk.

Wed: French toast bake, bacon, cereal variety, fruit juice, milk.

Thu: Banana bread squares, cream of wheat, cereal variety, fruit juice, milk.

Fri: Muffins, cereal variety, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch

Mon: Chicken quesadillas, salsa, garden salad, refried beans, applesauce, milk.

Tue: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes w/gravy, savory green beans, roll, strawberry cup, milk.

Wed: Chicken fajitas w/peppers and onions, beans, corn, salsa, oranges, milk.

Thu: Hamburger or cheeseburger, hamburger garnish, sweet potato fries, coleslaw, peaches, milk.

Fri: Sack lunch.

Hit delete on new fake funeral email notices

Hi, gang! Email users are increasingly savvy about spotting scam messages. So scammers are always on the hunt for new ways to evade the "delete" button. This scam email, disguised as a funeral notification, reaches a new low.

How the Scam Works: You receive an email with the subject line "funeral notification." The message appears to be from a funeral home in Texas, but it could be from anywhere. The email invites you of an upcoming "celebration of your friend's life service." The email looks real. It uses the business's actual colors and logo. The email instructs you to click a link to view the invitation and "more detailed information about the farewell ceremony." But instead of pointing to the funeral home's website, it sends you to a foreign domain. Scammers

place malware on these third party websites that downloads to your computer, giving scammers access to information on your machine. As usual, watch for scammers changing up this con. They may hijack a different funeral home's name and/or change their message.

Tips to Avoid Email Scams: Spot common email scams no matter the circumstances, by following these tips: Don't believe what you see. As in the example above, scammers can easily copy a real business' colors, logo and even email address. Hover over links to check their source. Place your mouse over hyper-linked text and the true destination will appear. Be wary of unexpected emails that contain links or attachments. As always, do not click on links or open the files in unfamiliar emails.

Beware of pop-ups. Some pop-ups are designed to look like they've originated from your computer. If you see a pop-up that warns of a problem that needs to be fixed with an extreme level of urgency, it may be a scam. Watch for poor grammar and spelling. Scam emails often are riddled with typos.

Ignore calls for immediate action. Scam emails try to get you to act before you think by creating a sense of urgency. Don't fall for it. To find out more about scams, check out BBB Scam Stopper
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Warns Citizens Of Scam Targeting Elderly.

The Amarillo Police Department has received some calls from local citizens who were being intimidated by some unknown caller that their grandchild has been arrested. The person calls a grandparent and reportedly identifies their grandchild by name. The caller claims that they are the Amarillo Police Department and that their grandchild has been arrested for a narcotic violation, passed the drug test, but still needed money to bond them out of jail. The caller advises that someone will be by to pick up the bail money shortly. In the calls that have been received the caller ID shows an "Unknown Caller". The Amarillo Police Department does not call people to make arrangements to pick up bond money. Even though

Caller ID can be manipulated through electronic means don't get caught in a potential scam. If you ever receive a call from someone saying they are with Law Enforcement, get their name and phone number, then look up a phone number yourself and contact the alleged agency that contacted you to verify the person's identity. Fortunately in the cases today no one lost any money. Be very cautious of identifying or confirming your grandchild's name to any caller. At the very least contact other family members to verify the whereabouts of your children and/or grandchildren. I received a call from 214-446-4198 wanting a donation to the fire department. Most of the time I just check the area code and if I don't recognize it I just let it ring. However the 214 in a Dallas area code and I answered it. Stay safe!

There's no movies like the classics

Super Bowl fans for the Denver Broncos didn't find much to cheer about yesterday as the Seattle Seahawks rounded them up, broke them, and sent them out to pasture. Wow! I think Ole Jim said it best, Payton Manning and company believed all the publicity and all they had to do was show up because that Super Bowl ring was theirs. The moral of the story is always play your best and the Broncos did not do that.

Turner Classic Movies (TCM) is showcasing 31 Days of Oscar, and Saturday was the year 1939. This was the year of "Gone With the Wind," "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington," "Stagecoach" (with John Wayne in a supporting role), and "The Wizard of Oz." With all those great movies, my favorite is "The Wizard of Oz."

In the beginning, it is filmed in

sepia color, that brownish color and in reading the book it tells you "Kansas is brown. There is no color, just brown." I suppose that is all Dorothy sees because the first song is "Over the Rainbow" which she sings after being told by Aunt Em to find a place where she won't get into trouble.

"The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" was written by L. Frank Baum in 1900 while living in Idaho. He was a writer of children's books and wrote at least 13 more Oz books in the series. The stories he told children were wonderful, the son understood



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how blackbirds could be baked in a pie then come out and sing.

The movie is fun to watch at home, in 1939 it was magical. To see the Good Witch of the North come floating in inside the big pink bubble, the Munchkins popping up from the flower garden or the bad, green Witch of the West come riding in on her broom, what magic! No Photoshop, no digital manipulation, pure joy.

The picture won for original score and best song, "Over the Rainbow." Judy Garland was 16 years old when playing Dorothy and won a special Juvenile Academy Award for her performance. Poor Toto the dog didn't roll anything, but we all know what a roll he played.

They can try, but I still believe, "They don't make 'em like they used to."

Courthouse Lighting Committee holds first meeting

The Donley County Courthouse Lighting Committee met January 21 for its first meeting.

Justice of the Peace Denise Bertrand leads the committee which had the following participants: Chandra Egemeayer, Jacob Fangman, Bonnie Campbell, Gary Campbell, Derlene Graham, Mary Green, Kim Fowler, Ashlee Estlack, Elaine Brownlee, and Pam Mason.

Persons who intend to join but could not attend were Terry Askew, Courtney Monroe, Christi Coxy, Jamie Bebout, Mark Lindsey, Brandon Neal, Adrian Neal.

Bertrand welcomed everyone

and explained history of courthouse lighting and purpose of committee. She said the Girl Scouts will continue to decorate their tree and put up the nativity.

The purpose of the committee is to ensure that the Donley County Courthouse lawn is decorated for the Christmas holidays and a lighting ceremony is held.

The committee decided a Lighting Ceremony will be held on the Saturday following Thanksgiving, November 29, at 5:30 p.m. in 2014 and the coming years. The committee will meet every second Monday at 5:30 p.m. in the

courthouse.

Suggestions for fund-raising were: a Mail out requesting donations, Trap Shoot, Enchilada Dinner, selling hand painted Christmas ornaments, and a penny raffle. Mary will look into ornaments, Chandra will look into trap shoot, and Denise will look into mail out.

The committee discussed suggestions for decorating. There will be no actual lights on courthouse, just the lawn. Bonnie and Gary will check on a Santa and Reindeer that has been offered, Pam and Kim will look into wreath and arches, and Ashlee will check on lighting ideas.



Senior game

One last time down the home court Seniors Raul Carrillo, Salem Shelp, Bailey Wood and Irene Marinelli take their last walk during Friday night's game against McLean.

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Drugs in the News

New Drug for Type 2 Diabetes Approved

The FDA has recently approved a new medication to help people with type 2 diabetes. Dapagliflozin (Farxiga) helps lower blood sugars by blocking the kidney's ability to put sugar back into the body. This helps lower a person's blood sugars in those with diabetes. The end result may lead to weight loss. It is approved to be used in combination with the standard medications used to treat type 2 diabetes, and not by itself. Dapagliflozin has already been approved in many countries around the world. Sixteen clinical trials with over nine thousand individuals were conducted that led to FDA approval. This medication is not recommended for people who have kidney disease or bladder cancer. Side effects that were reported include urinary tract infections.

Type 2 diabetes is a condition where the insulin in the body does not work properly which leads to increased sugar in the blood. Insulin is a chemical that is produced in the body that helps clear sugars from a food into energy that is beneficial for the cells. In type 2 diabetes, the pancreas cannot make enough insulin to maintain a normal blood sugar level.

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For tickets for Legacy Five in Concert, contact the Ritz box office at 902 East Avenue in Wellington, call 806-447-0090 or visit wellingtonritztheatre.com. Advance ticket prices are \$15 and \$20.



Bringing home a reward, Hedley Lady Owls Junior High team earned the consolation spot in a close game against the Lefors Bandits. Pictured are: Annette and Jack Shely, Jasmine Lockeby, Kallie Lindsey, Makinzie Hinton, McKay Shelp, Kasie Hinton, Cristal Ramirez, and Megan Wells.

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Shelton teaching at Weatherford School

Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Department of Education in Weatherford is sending out 54 teacher candidates to work with approximately 70 cooperating teachers from 38 different schools in Oklahoma and three in Texas.

Among the teacher candidates is L. Derrick Shelton of Clarendon, who is teaching at Weatherford Middle School.

The candidates are doing their practice teaching assignments from February 10 through May 2. Eight of these teacher candidates are majoring in early childhood education, 21 in elementary education, three in English education, eight in history education, three in kinesiology, two in math education, one in instrumental music education, four in science education and four in special education.

For more information, contact Bruce Belanger, coordinator of field experiences, at 580-774-3146 or bruce.belanger@swosu.edu. Anyone interested in posting education-related job openings, go to <http://www.swosu.edu/academics/education/hireSWOSUDOEGrads.asp>.



Caylor Monroe reaches out for the rebound in the Owl match at the Junior High District tournament in McLean. Hedley was not able to overpower the Silverton Owls in the end.

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Retired Teachers met

The Donley County Retired School Personnel Association met Monday, January 27, 2014, in the Church of Christ Family Life Center.

The meeting was called to order by President Jan Campbell. We enjoyed a program given by Sarah Burcham, PA, from the Clarendon Family Medical Center. She gave an informative program on many aspects of health and answered questions posed by the members.

Renee Duncan gave an amusing inspirational reading to the group. Volunteer hours from the members were turned in to Freddie Jo Moreman. The slate of officers to take office in July were presented and approved by the membership: President Jan Campbell, 1st Vice President Carroll Duncan, 2nd Vice President Gloria Gage, Secretary-Treasurer Glenda Hawkins, Historian Allene Leathers and Parliamentarian Jack Moreman. The next meeting will be March 24, 2014.



Salem Shelp comes up strong in a assist by Bailey Wood in a battle against the McLean. The Lady Owls won against the Lady Tigers.

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Lady Broncos on top of District race

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos have one hurdle left in their District schedule and they can do no less than Co-District Champions. A win over the Panhandle Pantherettes on Tuesday will give them the District Championship outright and a loss will put them in a tie with Panhandle. The first time they met in the Bronco Gymnasium, the Lady Broncos scored a big win to give the first half title over the field.

Friday night, the Lady Broncos earned a huge win over the White Deer Does at 58-27. The Lady Broncos had little trouble holding the Does off and opened a huge lead in the first quarter of play. White Deer had trouble matching up against the

Lady Broncos' aggressive defense and stalled out on the scoreboard. Ryann Starnes and Taylor DeGrate had 16 and 13 points to lead the Lady Broncos.

"It is always nice to get a win on your last home game," head coach Molly Weatherred said. "It was an emotional night for our five seniors. I thought they all played a great game. We got ourselves in foul trouble a little, but we were able to get through the game."

Also scoring: Taylor Gaines 8, Deborah Howard 8, Camra Smith 6, Phara Berry 4, and Haley Ferguson 3.

Last Tuesday, the Lady Broncos traveled to Vega and got a big win at 46-31. The ladies jumped out to the

early lead and never looked back as they used a solid third quarter to seal the win over the Lady Longhorns.

Despite only shooting 60 percent from the bonus line, the Lady Broncos were able to execute offensively to defeat their opponent. DeGrate led the Lady Broncos on the scoreboard with 14 and Berry and Gaines each added 10.

"Vega is always a tough place to play," Weatherred said. "I thought we played great defense holding Vega to 31 points. We struggled a little offensively, but had a couple of girls hit some big shots."

Also scoring: Starnes 9, Howard 2, and Ferguson 1.

The Lady Broncos will begin post-season play next week.



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Broncos split games last week

By Sandy Anderberg

The Broncos lost on the road to Vega last week but rebounded from the loss and defeated White Deer at home on Friday night.

The Broncos were off their game somewhat against Vega on Tuesday night and found themselves in a tough spot. The Broncos got behind early and could never make up the deficit. Charles Mason finished with 14 points. "We did not shoot the ball well (at Vega)," head coach Brandt Lockhart said.

Also scoring: Cedrick McCampbell 7, Bryce Hatley 5, Chance McAnear 5, Jojo Cartwright 4, Chance Lockhart 2, and Ashton Smith 2.

On Friday, the Broncos came back strong and solidly defeated White Deer 85-20. They were able to turn things around and bounce back from their earlier loss. The Bucks were unable to stop the Broncos' strong offense and struggled to get around their defense. Mason and McCampbell led the Broncos on the board with 19 each. Lockhart added 14 and Smith had 10.

"We shot the ball well," Lockhart said. "We did a good job on defense and were able to get turnovers. I was pleased with our effort."

Also scoring: McAnear 7, Hatley 6, Cartwright 6, Zach Cornell 2, and Taylon Knopp 2.



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| 11 | PHARA BERRY | SR. |
| 12 | TAYLOR GAINES | JR. |
| 15 | DEBORAH HOWARD | SR. |
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Varsity Boys

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| DEC. 3RD | GROOM | GROOM | 7:30 PM |
| DEC. 5-7TH | MIAMI TOURNAMENT | MIAMI | TBA |
| DEC. 10TH | CANADIAN | CLARENDON | 8 PM |
| DEC. 12TH | OPEN | TBA | TBA |
| DEC. 17TH | VALLEY | CLARENDON | 8 PM |
| DEC. 27-28TH | CANADIAN TOURNAMENT | CANADIAN | TBA |
| DEC. 31ST | MEMPHIS | MEMPHIS | 12:00 PM |
| JAN. 2ND | ASCENSION ACADEMY | CLARENDON | 7:30 PM |
| JAN. 3RD | CHILDRESS | CHILDRESS | 7:30 PM |
| JAN. 7TH | CLAUDE | CLAUDE | 8 PM |
| JAN. 10TH | VEGA | CLARENDON | 8 PM |
| JAN. 14TH | WHITE DEER | WHITE DEER | 8 PM |
| JAN. 17TH | PANHANDLE | CLARENDON | 8 PM |
| JAN. 21ST | OPEN | TBA | TBA |
| JAN. 24TH | CLAUDE | CLARENDON | 8 PM |
| JAN. 28TH | VEGA | VEGA | 8 PM |
| JAN. 31ST | WHITE DEER | CLARENDON | 8 PM |
| FEB. 4TH | PANHANDLE | PANHANDLE | 8 PM |

Varsity Girls

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| DEC. 3RD | GROOM | GROOM | 6 PM |
| DEC. 6TH | PERRYTON | PERRYTON | 6 PM |
| DEC. 10TH | CANADIAN | CLARENDON | 6:30 PM |
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Colts steal game from White Deer

Last Monday night, the Clarendon Colt eighth graders squeezed out a great win against the White Deer Buck at home with the final 35-33.

The game was tight from the beginning, but White Deer held a slight advantage at the break. The Colts used their time off to refocus and came storming out in the third quarter of play to cut the lead to one point. Colt Wood set the court on fire with 21 points to lead his team to the win. Coach Brad Elam likes the

calmness his players portray. "It was another close game with White Deer and another come-from-behind win," he said. "We have done a good job of coming from behind this year. The kids don't panic and believe that they can come back. We had kids come off the bench and play good minutes. We had some step up in the final minutes to seal the win."

Also scoring: Justin Christopher 6, Damarjae Cortez 3, Zack Caison 3, and Andy Davis 2.



Deadlift

Clarendon's Ethan Ballard competed in the Powerlifting meet in Childress on Saturday.

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Bronco JV slams White Deer at home

The Bronco junior varsity stunned White Deer at home Friday night with a 59-15 win.

They came on strong in the first quarter of play and set a standard for the blowout and holding their opponent scoreless until the second quarter. The Broncos seemed to be unstoppable and cruised to the win. They shot 64 percent from the bonus line and Riley Shadle finished the game with 20 points. Clay Koetting scored big for the Broncos with 11 and Keandre Cortez followed suit with 10.

"The boys really got on White Deer early and often," coach Alton Gaines said. "I am really proud of

the whole group. They just do what I ask of them 'as a team' and unselfish play; which is a big plus for such a young team."

Also scoring: Seth Greer 6, Marshal Johnson 6, Chesson Sims 4, and Joseph Jaramillo 2.

Earlier in the week, the Broncos went to Vega and were narrowly defeated 28-34. The Broncos trailed for the first three quarters of play, but turned in the heat on both ends of the court in the final period outscoring the Longhorns. Despite their fourth quarter surge, the Broncos were unable to get an edge on Vega.

Scoring: Koetting 9, Sims 7, Shadle 5, Greer 4, and Johnson 3.

Eighth grade Lady Colts blast White Deer

The eighth grade Lady Colts played determined basketball against the White Deer Does at home Monday night and defeated them 43-18. The Lady Colts left no doubt as to who was the better team as they executed both offensively and defensively.

After playing to a six-six tie in the first quarter, the Lady Colts took control of the game and the tempo and went on a scoring frenzy going up by 15 points at the break. After a slow third quarter, the ladies once again gained the momentum and handed the Does a loss. Several Lady Colts played a great game and Shaelyn Owiti and Hannah Hommel finished in double figures.

Scoring: Owiti 16, Hommel 11,

Whitney Laroe 8, and Sandra Smith 8. The seventh grade played a great game as well and took the Does to overtime, but came up short in the extra period. They were defeated 19-22.

The game went back and forth with each team taking charge at different times. Kyla Dunham iced two free throws with only seconds left to take a one-point lead in regulation, but a lane violation negated one of the Lady Colts' points with the game ending 18-18. However, foul trouble hindered the Lady Colts' in the end and they were only able to score one point in the overtime period.

Scoring: Emily Johnson 7, Alandra Williams 4, Faith Keelin 3, Dunham 3, and Jada Butler 2.

Lady Bronco JV smash Vega, White Deer

The Lady Bronco junior varsity claimed two big wins the past week as they played solid basketball against both teams.

On Tuesday night, the ladies creamed Vega 51-7. The Lady Broncos gained the early momentum against the Lady Longhorns while shutting them out the entire first half of play. Defensively, they never allowed them to score in double digits before the final buzzer. Hannah Howard put in 13 points while Briley Chadwick added 11 and Briana Butler had 10 in the win.

Also scoring: MaRae Hall 8, Myra Castillo 5, and Brooke Smith 2.

Friday night the Lady Broncos took on White Deer at home and

rolled to a 45-23 win. The Clarendon girls were on their game again and after an average first quarter, turned up their game before the break to put some distance between them and the Does. Defensively, they were able to frustrate their opponent and get the big District win. Butler had 15 and Howard pumped in four three-pointers to finish with 12 points.

"The girls are responding well in our games," coach Kasey Bell said. "We are executing our offense and we have a lot of girls that play aggressive defense. We hope to continue working hard and get another win this week."

Also scoring: Jensen Hatley 8, Chadwick 7, Alysse Simpson 2, and Berkeley Alexander 1.

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Who is Randy Bond?



The Man Behind the Badge

I would like to take the opportunity to let you know a little more about myself. I began my career in law enforcement in 1978 as a high school senior in Wheeler. While working as a deputy in Claude, I graduated in 1981 from the Panhandle Regional Law Enforcement Academy with my friend, Butch Blackburn. At that time, we chose two opposite career paths but remained close friends through the years. On December 15, 2000, Butch called to ask if I was interested in a job in Donley County as Chief Deputy.

For 36 years, I have been a dedicated law enforcement officer and community servant, and I have made it my goal in life to help meet the needs of other people. One of my main fields of interest in law enforcement has always been the investigation of crimes involving children (both abuse and neglect) as well as being trained in crime scene investigation. I have risen through the ranks in the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards & Education from Basic to Intermediate to Instructor to Master.

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Passing on the farm: Not everyone wants it

AMARILLO – While tax laws may have made it easier to pass the farm from one generation to the next, changing times have some families looking at the end of a way of life, according to a 30-year veteran of agricultural estate planning.

Dr. Wayne Hayenga, professor emeritus and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service specialist from College Station, has traveled throughout Texas for three decades trying to help people pass their agricultural estates on to the next generation.

Hayenga was in the High Plains recently for seven farm and ranch estate planning workshops which attracted about 300 people, most with the same goal in mind.

"Every time there are changes to the tax laws, we see more demand for these workshops," he said. "But the people basically just want to figure out how to keep the business going for one or two of the children and make sure all the rest are still taken care of."

Hayenga said estate tax laws have made that easier over the years. Forty years ago, a person could only pass on \$60,000 worth of property tax free and now that's up to \$5.3 million. Also, even if the property increased in value either because of inflation or demand, he said, "we don't have to pay any capital gains tax on it now when someone dies."

However, the continually

changing tax laws and the dynamics of the agriculture industry itself are making estate planning anything but a one-size-fits-all deal, said the agricultural economist and attorney.

"Thirty years ago, I could throw something out to 10 farmers that seven or more of them would understand and be able to utilize. Now as farming operations have gotten bigger and different, if you have the same 10 farmers, I could throw out something and maybe only three have the business design that could utilize that idea. The other seven we have to come up with a different plan."

Hayenga likened it to the medical world. "When I was a kid we had the family doctor and he took care of you from your scalp to your toenails. Today we have the eye doctor, throat doctor, heart doctor, diabetes doctor, foot doctor and dermatologist. Everything is specialized these days."

And just as the operations have changed, so have the families. More often there may be no one interested in running the family farm, he said.

"You may have a 1,000 acres at Dumas and you live there and know the tenants and suppliers and everything there. But if you die and give it to three kids, one in Chicago, one in Houston and one who knows where, they don't know people who can properly take care of it for them. So they worry about that. That

asset of yours becomes a worry or a liability for them."

Economies of scale for agriculture also have changed the picture, Hayenga said. Farming was a very labor intensive operation in the 1860s when the Homestead Act was passed.

"For a family with a couple mules and some kids, it was a big job to take care of 160 acres of land and raise corn, cotton, oats or whatever. Now with the machinery, equipment, chemical applications and the irrigation systems required, for a lot of farmers, I'd say, it is hard to make a living if you don't have 4,000 or 5,000 acres of land and some may have 15,000 to 25,000 acres.

"And rather than using a 40 horsepower Farmall M, the most recent tractor we bought had 485 horsepower, which is 10 times bigger. We can plant 300 acres a day; whereas back when I was a child, my father could plant 15 acres on a really good day."

Farms have had to consolidate to stay in business, and as a result, there are not always those one or two children who want to take over such a major operation, Hayenga said.

"The agricultural ladder I learned about back in college was: you start out farming as a hired man working for a parent or neighbor, then you leased the land, then you bought the land and were an owner or operator, and finally you retired to

town and leased to a tenant or let one of your kids take over," he said.

"We don't have that anymore, because particularly in the 70s, a lot of farmers were doing well and they educated their kids – sent them off to college and they got a professional degree. When they were ready to come back in the 80s, it was a terrible economic time in agriculture. And the question became 'Why give up a good job in Dallas to take a terrible job back on the farm?'"

Also, Hayenga said, as more of the farm youth moved away and married someone from the big city, it wasn't as easy to get everyone to agree they wanted to move back to the farm.

"We want our kids to want what we give them, but that doesn't always work," he said. "What I have seen lately is the heirs have started to squabble – they just can't seem to agree. Instead of having land in Dumas, they may prefer a larger retirement plan or to increase the size of their home, and prefer to just sell off the farm."

"We sometimes hear people say they had to sell the farm to pay the estate taxes. But, mostly that's not true; just some people don't want the farm."

For those interested, Hayenga has five more workshops in Central Texas in the next two months. For more information, go to <http://bit.ly/1fnFSjp>.

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Obituaries

Barnes

Bert Barnes, 57, died Saturday, February 1, 2014, in Clarendon.

Memorial services were held on Tuesday, February 4, 2014, at Robertson Funeral Directors Saints' Roost Chapel in Clarendon with Chris Moore, minister of the Clarendon Church of Christ, officiating.

Cremation and arrangements were under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Bert was born November 12, 1956 in Childress, Texas to Victor and Bonnie Lou Courtney Barnes. He had moved to the Clarendon area from Claude about 20 years ago. Bert was a member of the Chickasaw Nation Indian Tribe of Oklahoma and his Indian name was "Bear Eagle". He loved to do leather work and loved all types of Indian artifacts. Bert was an avid arrowhead collector and had a large collection that he was very proud of. Bert had been a trucker, and most recently, a

pumper in the oil field.

He was preceded by his father, Victor Barnes in 1986

He is survived by his mother, Bonnie Barnes of Dickson, Tennessee; 2 brothers, Roland V. Barnes of Dickson, Tennessee and Arlington Barnes of Dumas, Texas; 2 sisters, Virginia Webb and husband Steven of Dallas, Texas and Vickie Wheeler of Dickson, Tennessee.

The family suggests that memorials be to the American Cancer Society.

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Reece

Debra Sue Reece, 46, died Friday, January 31, 2014, in Clarendon.

Memorial services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 5, 2014, in the Community Fellowship Church in Clarendon with Rev. Larry Capranica, pastor, officiating.

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Debra was born September 8, 1967 in Henrietta, Texas. She had been a nurse and had worked at various other places before moving from Amarillo to Clarendon about a year ago. Debra loved to sing, read, and ride horses. Growing up she was very active in the FFA and in 4-H. Debra was active in her church, choir, and Sunday School. She was a member of the Community Fellowship Church in Clarendon.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Betty Sue Thomas on December 15, 2012; and by her husband, Ricky Reece in 2013.

She is survived by her father, John Wesley Thomas of Clarendon; 2 sons, Jacob Thomas of Amarillo, Dylan Reece of Clarendon; 2 brothers, John Thomas and wife Becky and Lightning McDuff and wife Debbie both of Amarillo; and 2 grandchildren, Caitlyn and Tanner Thomas. The family request memorials be sent to Community Fellowship Church in Clarendon.

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Sheriff's Report

January 27, 2014

12:20 a.m. – Welfare check 300 block West 5th
10:41 a.m. – Units paged – house fire 12800 Co Rd West
11:59 a.m. – See caller 3600 block Co Rd 29
1:25 p.m. – EMS assist transport to Community Care Center

January 28, 2014

12:02 p.m. – EMS assist 200 block East Montgomery
6:22 p.m. – See caller 300 block West 3rd
8:17 p.m. – EMS assist 900 block West 2nd
10:59 p.m. – See caller 300 block West 3rd

January 29, 2014

1:28 a.m. – EMS assist 800 block South Carhart
3:44 a.m. – See caller 300 block West 3rd
8:55 a.m. – EMS assist 300 block East 6th
11:51 a.m. – Units paged vehicle accident South 70
1:27 p.m. – Units paged Bailer fire – FM 2362
7:29 p.m. – EMS assist 900 block West 2nd

January 30, 2014

7:54 a.m. – Units paged Bailer fire – FM 2362
8:31 a.m. – EMS assist in Hall County
5:01 p.m. – See caller 500 block West 7th
6:22 p.m. – EMS assist 600 block

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January 31, 2014
10:50 a.m. – EMS assist 800 block South Carhart
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2:35 p.m. – Loose livestock FM 2471

February 1, 2014

9:48 a.m. – EMS assist 600 block Amarillo Street
4:09 a.m. – Commercial alarm 500 block West 2nd
4:12 p.m. – Fire department for gas leak 700 block West 2nd

February 2, 2014

5:06 a.m. – Minor accident 100 block South Kearney
7:30 p.m. – Units paged vehicle accident HYW 287 West

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AMARILLO – The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service's annual Ornamental and Turf Conference will be held Feb. 18 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd. in Amarillo.

"This conference is designed for those involved with caring and maintaining the landscape around buildings, schools, and other public structures and grounds," said Nathan Carr, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent for Potter County.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with the program from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The registration fee is \$10 per person. Program participants are requested to RSVP for the event by

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SWEPCO requests that the Commission approve a TCRF that would result in an increase in revenues of \$9,843,696 per annum, an increase of 3.50 percent in overall annualized revenue. All customers in SWEPCO's Texas retail rate classes are affected by this request.

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The Commission has assigned Docket No. 42089 to this proceeding. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline of March 7, 2014 has been imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, and should refer to Docket No. 42089. Further information also may be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

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LEGAL NOTICE: Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Wine & Beer Retailer's Permit and Food & Beverage Certificate by Frank Hommel, dba Bar H BBQ & More, to be located at 12064 Bar H Ranch Road, Clarendon, Donley County, Texas. The owner of said business is Frank Hommel.

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CLARENDON COLLEGE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL RFP # 10052

Clarendon College is soliciting proposals to install an all-weather sound system for the Baseball field.

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LEGAL NOTICE

before or after submission of a proposal. Clarendon College reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technicalities. Estimated date of award is February 20, 2014.

ORDINANCE NO. 426:

An ordinance creating Chapter 15, Alcoholic Beverages, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Clarendon; establishing permitting requirements; establishing distance requirements for the sale of alcoholic beverages; prohibiting consumption in public parks and baseball fields; prohibiting consumption on property owned by the Clarendon Consolidated Independent School District; providing a repealer; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date.

Any person violating the provisions of this Chapter shall be guilty of a violation and, upon conviction, shall be fined any sum not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

NOTICE

In accordance with Texas State Law, the Donley County Sheriff's Department is required to publish the following information about an adult of this county, convicted of a sexual offense against a child.

Offender Name: Adam Lara
Offense: Aggravated Sexual Assault of Child
Street Address: 40 Greenbelt Lake Park B
City: Clarendon
Zip Code: 79226
Victim Age & Sex: 13 yo/female
This is the only information allowed to be published. Information about this offender has been sent to the Superintendent of CISD.
Authority: Sheriff Donley County, Texas

NOTICIA

De Acuerdo con la nueva ley estatal no. 2877 establecida por la sesion regular legislativa no 74, seccion 3, articulo 6252-13c: el siguiente anuncio se debera publicar. Culpables de delitos sexuales:

Nombre: Adam Lara
Ofensa: Aggravated Sexual Assault of Child
Residencia: 40 Greenbelt Lake Park B
Cuidado: Clarendon
Codigo Postal: 79226
Victima Edad/Hombre/Mujer: 13/mujer
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Autoridad: Jefe Charles Blackburn Donley County, Texas

NOTICE

In accordance with Texas State Law, the Donley County Sheriff's Department is required to publish the following information about an adult of this county, convicted of a sexual offense against a child.

Offender Name: Jeffrey Lynn Franklin
Offense: Criminal Attempt of Sexual Assault
Street Address: 319 S Hawley
City: Clarendon
Zip Code: 79226
Victim Age & Sex: 46 yo/female
This is the only information allowed to be published. Information about this offender has been sent to the Superintendent of CISD.
Authority: Sheriff Donley County, Texas

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Nombre: Jeffrey Lynn Franklin
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Residencia: 319 S Hawley
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"These loans offset economic losses because of reduced revenues caused by the drought that began January 14, 2014, in the following primary county," announced Tanya N. Garfield, Acting Director of SBA's Disaster Field Operations Center - West.

Primary Texas county: Armstrong; Neighboring Texas counties: Briscoe, Carson, Donley, Gray, Potter, Randall and Swisher.

"SBA eligibility covers both the economic impacts on businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers that have suffered agricultural production losses caused by the

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Small, nonfarm businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private, nonprofit organizations of any size may qualify for Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) of up to \$2 million to help meet financial obligations and operating expenses which could have been met had the disaster not occurred.

By law, SBA makes EIDLs available when the US Secretary of Agriculture designates an agricultural disaster. Secretary Tom Vilsack declared this disaster on January 23, 2014.

Businesses primarily engaged in farming or ranching are not eligible for SBA disaster assistance.

Agricultural enterprises should contact the Farm Services Agency (FSA) about the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) assistance made available by the Secretary's declaration.

However, in drought disasters nurseries are eligible for SBA disaster assistance.

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure Web site at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

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