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

Early deadlines set for next Enterprise

Early deadlines have been set for next week's ENTERPRISE due to the July Fourth activities starting next Wednesday. All ads, news, and photos are needed by this Friday at noon in order to appear in next week's edition.

The next issue will be distributed on Tuesday, July 3, and will include our popular annual Pioneer Edition of THE DONLEY COUNTY LEADER as we take a look back at some of the area's old country schools.

Our office will be closed next Wednesday and Thursday and will resume regular business hours on Friday, July 6.

Rainwater harvest workshop to be held

Plans are being readied for a rainwater harvesting workshop to be held here next month.

Rainwater harvest expert Billy Kniffen of Texas A&M University is scheduled to be at the Donley County Activity Center on Saturday, July 28, for a morning workshop and then have a demonstration at the historic S.W. Lowe House that afternoon.

Watch the ENTERPRISE for more information as it becomes available.

Producers need to report crop losses

USDA Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) Acting Executive Director James B. Douglass, reminds producers to report crop losses resulting from a weather-related disaster event within 15 days of the disaster or when the loss first becomes apparent, this includes crops covered by crop insurance, the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) and crops without insurance coverage.

"Crop losses are acres that were timely planted with the intent to harvest, but the crop failed and could not be harvested because of a disaster related condition," said Douglass.

Producers who have NAP coverage will be required to report crop losses on an FSA form CCC-576 - "Notice of Loss and Application for Payment Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program."

According to Douglass, it is important that producers file accurate and timely reports before the crop is destroyed to prevent the potential loss of FSA program benefits.

For questions regarding crop losses, please contact your local FSA office.

Local attractions offer fun close to home

This summer may be the perfect time for local folks to take an exciting vacation in... Donley County!

High gas prices and tight family budgets across the nation have many people looking for alternatives to the traditional summer vacation by looking for activities close to home, and Donley County and the surrounding area offer plenty of opportunities for families to have fun without breaking the bank.

"Stay-cations" became popular between 2007 and 2010, and the term refers to individuals or families relaxing at home or taking day trips to local attractions instead of traveling great distances and spending large sums on extended vacations. The term became so common that it was added to the Merriam-Webster Collegiate Dictionary in 2009.

Staycationers create the feel of a traditional vacation by avoiding their usual routines and spending quality time at local parks, museums, and other attractions that local folks may not visit every day.

Clarendon's Saints' Roost Celebration next week - July 4, 6, and

7 - is one obvious opportunity for all kinds of family activities right here at home, but there are even more nearby places to take

your staycation this summer that you may not have thought about.

Get out of the house for a night or two and book a room at the Best Western Red River Inn to enjoy a relaxing time with excellent accommodations. In addition to the indoor pool and spa, the Red River Inn offers Jacuzzi suites for private in-room relaxation, and breakfast is a snap with the complimentary deluxe continental breakfast. Pet friendly rooms are available, and the hotel also has its own exercise facility. Call 874-0160 for more information.

While you're out for a night or two, be sure to visit one of the most unique entertainment experiences in the area by taking in a movie at the

PLAN YOUR Staycation!

Sandell Drive-In. Showing the latest Hollywood attractions with its new digital projection system, the Sandell also boasts having the best hamburger in town at its concession stand, so make it a night under the stars in your car and have a blast! Check the ENTERPRISE each week for the coming weekend attractions.

If you want a uniquely Western experience for your staycation, spend some time at the Bar H Dude Ranch three miles west of Clarendon. Go for

an afternoon of horseback riding or an evening meal or take a couple of days and stay in one of the Bar H's family bunkhouses for the complete experience. It's all good clean fun, and a great way to experience Clarendon's cowboy heritage. Call 874-2634 for reservations.

Close to home but far from stress is a relaxing stay at the Wedding Ranch southeast of Clarendon. In addition to being a great location for weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, and reunions, the Wedding Ranch is also a great place just to go relax for an evening at the Honey-moon Cottage. Take a dip in the hot tub and admire the tranquility of the scenic countryside. To find out more about enjoying the amenities of the Wedding Ranch, give them a call at 874-0136.

A rustic ranch house and nearly

a hundred years of family history await visitors to the Finch Ranch Lodge south of Hedley. This beautiful West Texas bed and breakfast is the perfect place to get away from it all for a night or a weekend. Rest, relax, and enjoy bird watching, backpacking, and hiking in one of the most pleasing locations in Donley County. You'll be glad you discovered this hidden gem. For more information, call 856-5930.

And if you just want to get out of town for a day with the kids, it's hard to beat a trip to Wonderland Amusement Park in Amarillo. Rides for kids of all ages, putt putt golf, and all kinds of "fair food" await thrill-seekers at the end of a short drive into the city. For more information, call 383-0832.

Details and information about all of these staycation possibilities are available on the back page of this week's ENTERPRISE. And there are plenty of other enjoyable activities right in our own backyard this summer. Read the ENTERPRISE each week to keep up with events coming your way.

Clarendon prepares to welcome visitors

Clarendon is getting ready to roll out the red carpet for visitors to the 135th annual Saints' Roost Celebration, which will be held next week July 4, 6, and 7.

Downtown will be the site of the first activities this year with all the happenings on Wednesday, July 4, at the Courthouse Square. The Craft Fair begins at 9 a.m. with the Kids Bicycle Parade starting at 10 a.m. followed by the Shriners' Barbecue at 11 a.m.

The afternoon of the Fourth will see the Western Parade at 2 p.m. and the Lions Club's Cow Patty Bingo.

That night the Clarendon Outdoor Entertainment Association will hold its junior ranch rodeo at 7:30 p.m. with a dance to follow on the slap at 9 p.m. with Trevor Leeper

providing the music.

The Ranch Rodeo will be held Friday and Saturday, July 6 and 7, with rough stock provided by Bill Hext and Ed Montana announcing. Chris Clerihew & The West Coast Turnarounds will provide music for the dance on Friday and Buster Bledsoe Band will open for Tommy Gallagher & Brimstone on Saturday.

Other celebration favorites, including the Downtown Depression Luncheon and the Henson's Turtle Race will be held on Friday this year.

Watch next week's CLARENDON ENTERPRISE for more information about the celebration. For a booth on the square, contact the County Extension office at 874-2141, and for parade entries, call the Chamber at 874-2421.



Down and dirty

Ray Pena of Ralls, Texas, goes down the slip and slide last week. He was among the more than 350 FFA members who were on the Clarendon College campus last week for the Area I FFA Leadership Conference. The four-day event brings kids and sponsors from all over the region to Clarendon and is an excellent recruiting event for the college in addition to being an economic boost to the community.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / KARI LINDSEY

Enterprise brings home several awards from state

THE CLARENDON ENTERPRISE received two first place plaques last Saturday during the Texas Press Association's Summer Convention in San Antonio.

The ENTERPRISE competed in Division 9 - Small-Medium Weeklies - this year, up from Division 10 last year, and also received three fourth place awards.

Editor Roger Estlack received first place in Feature Photos and also in Editorial Writing for his comments on the need for a strong, reorganized Chamber of Commerce and comments following the murder of Chance Jones.

News Photos by Kari Lindsey and Anndria Newhouse took fourth place. Judges said Lindsey's picture from the 2011 Veterans Day service at Rowe Cemetery depicted the solemn tone of the occasion and said Newhouse's picture of firefighters taking a break from battling a wild-fire captured the heat of the day.

Judges awarded fourth place to the paper for News Writing and also gave the paper fourth place honors for its Back To School Special Section as a helpful tool for parents.



Roger Estlack at the TPA convention.
ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ELLA ESTLACK

This year 169 newspapers submitted 1,703 entries in the Texas Better Newspaper Contest. The contest is broken down into 10 divisions in which newspapers compete against papers of similar circulation size. Twenty papers competed in Division 9.

Attending the convention and representing the ENTERPRISE were Roger, Ashlee, Ben, and Ella Estlack.



Sunday, June 24 - Wednesday, July 4

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A question of how much government

By Dr. Mark W. Hendrickson

Theoretically, the elemental political choice in a democratic system is between more government or less – more government control over our lives and livelihood, or less; more government spending and programs than the year before, or less; more government power, or less.

In practice, for as long as I can remember, the choice for Americans has been between the party that wants more government (the Democrats, or the party of Big Government) and the party that still wants more government, but a little bit less more (the Republicans, or the party of Big Government Lite). There never really seems to be a choice between a presidential candidate who unequivocally wants Uncle Sam to spend more money next year and one who wants the federal government to spend less; that is, “less” as in not a smaller increase, not a phantom D.C.-style budget “cut” from baseline projections, but a real, honest-to-goodness decrease in the actual number of dollars flying out of the U.S. Treasury.

I thought of this not long ago when I attended a conference and heard some of Ron Paul’s supporters wonder how Mitt Romney could appeal to them. Here’s a suggestion: Offer them a genuine opportunity to vote for less government.

This proposal might strike some as radical, since it is outside the realm of the experience of living voters, but we face an unprecedented set of conditions today that make such a fundamental change of direction conceivable, though admittedly not likely.

Romney already has proposed cutting numerous federal agencies and programs that waste federal tax dollars more egregiously than your typical run-of-the-mill federal bureaucracy. Why not attach a dollar figure to his budget cutting? How about campaigning on a nice round number? E.g., “My first annual budget will cap federal spending at \$3 trillion.”

I don’t know about you, but \$3 trillion for the wasteful, economy-crushing federal leviathan sounds to me like way too much money, but at least it’s a step – a significant step – in the right direction.

The case for such a cut is simple: Under President Obama, we have fallen into a fiscal rut of adding at least \$1.2 trillion to the federal debt every year. Does anybody other than an economic illiterate think we can afford such massive floods of red ink? Even if we achieved the ambitious target of cutting federal spending to \$3 trillion a year, we still would have an annual deficit larger than any deficit in history before the panic-induced TARP bailout in 2008-9. If those who are on the conservative side of economic issues think it’s “too radical” to propose an annual budget deficit of “only” half a trillion dollars, then perhaps we need to redefine “conservative.”

There is another strong point to be made in support of capping the next fiscal year’s spending at \$3 trillion: What were the benefits of Obama’s quantum increase in federal spending? Did it stimulate the economy? Did it bring us prosperity? What did we get for adding \$5 trillion more debt during these last three years? Is there a Henry Morgenthau (FDR’s Treasury Secretary) in the Democrats’ ranks today with the candor to admit, as Morgenthau did in 1939, that all the administration’s extra spending hasn’t helped, but has saddled us with a massive debt burden? Romney should forcefully make the case that deficit spending is both wrong and dangerous, and that it’s time for Uncle Sam to live within taxpayers’ means.

Obama talked about various “resets” earlier in his presidency. Well, let’s reset federal spending to what it was when Obama took office and engineered the worst fiscal nightmare in nearly 80 years. For the first time in seemingly forever, voters would have a real choice between voting for more government and voting for less government. That would give the Ron Paul supporters a meaningful stake in this year’s election. It should also appeal to the long-suffering taxpayers who get stuck with the tab for federal profligacy.

One of the Democrats’ greatest political strengths is their unity. They know what they want. They want more, as in, more government. There is no end to how much more government the “progressives” among them want, although most are too cagey to admit that openly. Just ask them where they want government spending to shrink (except on national defense), and you’ll find the list either to be empty or to include a couple inconsequential token cuts offered only as a fiscal fig leaf.

Will the Republican Party ever coalesce around the principle of steadily working for less government as strongly as the Democrats have coalesced around the principle of more? Perhaps not, but I’d sure like to see Gov. Romney surprise everyone and move the GOP in that direction in this prodigiously momentous election year. Give us a real choice, Mitt: More or less?

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The presidency doesn’t pay enough

While the Democrats and Republicans continue their spat concerning economic matters, proving daily that they cannot get along well enough to compromise on much needed legislation, the rest of the world continues to spin out of control. What to do?

Let’s start with everyone’s favorite – Afghanistan. Back in the beginning, shortly after the Islamic attack on the World Trade Center, Dubya made one of the few good decisions he made in his entire presidency – commencing a war on terror (fundamentalist Islam) by establishing an anti-terror campaign against al-Qaeda and the Taliban in Afghanistan.

Our military campaign was a great success, and we had both villains on the ropes, progressing nicely towards oblivion, where they belong. Unfortunately, Dubya then got the Iraqi itch and moved our troops and focus further west, in order to: 1) punish Saddam Hussein for aiding and abetting al-Qaeda’s 9-11 attacks on the US; or, 2) take Saddam’s weapons of mass destruction away from him lest he use them to attack other Middle East countries like Iran, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Syria, etc.; or, 3) create a sparkling new democracy for the fine, upstanding citizens of Iraq. In short, Dubya ruined a perfectly bad country.

But I digress – back to Afghanistan, ten years later. Now, no one can say what victory in Afghanistan looks like. Our military campaign now includes both anti-terrorism and anti-insurgency elements. It makes no difference that in the entire history of the universe no one has ever successfully invaded and subjugated Afghanistan. Those who have tried and failed include the Romans, Alexander the Great, Great Britain (twice), and the Soviet Union.

Make no mistake about it. The United States military is the best and

strongest in the world. Even so, anti-insurgency, mainly to keep a crooked leader (Karzai) in power may not be the best use for such a magnificent organization. Afghanistan is beginning to smell a lot like Viet Nam.

Further complicating matters, our erstwhile “ally” Pakistan now works against us in Afghanistan. They are in a snit because we killed Osama bin Laden in their backyard and didn’t invite them to participate in the festivities. Additionally, they seem to be a little oversensitive about the fact that we have to use our drones to kill the terrorists hanging out in their northwestern territories. If they would take care of their own terrorist (pests) control we would not have to spend so much of our treasure on hellfire missiles, and could save considerable wear and tear on our drones.

So, what happens when we leave Afghanistan? Karzai will have been replaced in the upcoming presidential elections, the girls will no longer be able to attend to school, and the Taliban will regain control of that god-forsaken country. The country will, once again, devolve back into the dark ages, and become a haven for terrorists and Islamic fundamentalists.

As we travel a little further west to Syria, we are once again offended by an unrighteous leader busily slaughtering his people, including women and children. I must admit that Syrians have never made my list of favorite peoples. Syrians have a long history of hating the United States and have even supported

terrorism against our citizens. Now, I abhor the killing of innocent women and children and think such behavior is an abomination.

On the other hand, the fact that Syrian men are killing Syrian men has yet to cause me to lose sleep. Truth be known, what is the problem with this scenario? Yet, Senator John McCain wants to use American airpower to intervene into Syrian internal affairs, as horrific as they are. Furthermore, he wants to send American weapons to the assorted rebel groups (mostly Sunni Muslims), with little to no regard as to where those weapons will end up.

Northwest of Syria, across the Mediterranean Sea, we come to Greece and the rest of Europe. To put it mildly, Greece is a mess and the rest of Europe is not far behind. The economic disaster continues to worsen and will eventually cause the US economy to deteriorate even more.

Worse still, the European economic disaster could lead to European political instability and push the Continent into military conflict. It’s an unfortunate reality that economic chaos generally leads to political chaos which then leads to military confrontation.

Lastly comes Iran and their quest for nuclear weapons. According to those in the know, we simply cannot allow them to have nuclear weapons. If sanctions don’t work we will have to go in and take out the weapons and their delivery vehicles. Folks say Israel doesn’t have the capacity to do this so we will have to do it if it’s going to happen. Hmmm.

I’m glad I’m not running for president, and I don’t quite understand why this presidential election will cost close to two billion dollars for a job that pays a few hundred thousand dollars a year. What am I missing?



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American economy isn’t recovering

June 20th marked the first official day of summer, which means we are now officially at the two-year anniversary of the “recovery summer” – meant to showcase that the Administration’s economic policies were working. There isn’t much need to point out that we’re still looking for some economic sunshine.

The President forecast 3 percent economic growth in his budget proposal for the next fiscal year, but the bipartisan Congressional Budget Office recently lowered its 2013 growth estimate to an anemic 0.5 percent. Unemployment is stuck at 8-plus percent – for 40 straight months and counting. In fact, last month’s jobs numbers were worse; unemployment is actually increasing.

The President recently said, “The private sector is doing fine.” Most Americans, especially the 23 million who are unemployed or underemployed, are scratching their heads, thinking, “What is the definition of ‘fine’?” And they look at his proposals for our economy – another round of federal borrowing to enable local governments and school districts to do more short-term hiring – and recognize that this costly, temporary approach has already failed once.

Full implementation of the health care law next year scares both workers and businesses. Families and individuals are worried about losing their current

health insurance coverage and losing their doctors. For businesses, the health care law is one huge uncertainty among several – including higher taxes and more over-regulation – that is forcing them to hold back on investing and hiring more workers.

I’ve heard from a small-business owner in Texas who was facing a 44 percent increase in health insurance premiums. This is nothing less than a hidden tax on hiring, and that is before the President’s health care program is fully implemented. Almost half of small-business employers say that the health care law has stopped them from hiring.

Small businesses – the engines that are responsible for driving most job growth in the country – are also threatened with huge tax increases. Small businesses are usually organized so they pay income taxes at individual rates, and 53 percent of small businesses’ income is subject to the top two individual income tax rates, which will rise to 36 and 39.6 percent on January 1st, unless Congress and the White House act before the end of this year.

About 25 million middle-income

taxpayers will also be hit in January by the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT). The AMT was introduced in 1969 to target a couple of hundred millionaires who were avoiding taxes. Today it drives up tax bills for millions of Americans, and tens of millions more are threatened next year.

On January 1st, two middle-class tax provisions that I’ve fought hard to enact are set to expire: marriage penalty relief (so that married couples don’t pay higher taxes than if they were single) and state sales tax deduction. The sales tax deduction is particularly important to Texas taxpayers – an average tax savings of \$500 per year – because we don’t have a state income tax.

America’s economy is trapped in a vicious cycle. The threat of higher taxes and higher costs holds back job creation by our entrepreneurs. Unemployment stays high, deficits soar and the economy continues to stagnate. The White House calls for higher taxes and more stimulus, the deficit goes up and the job-killing environment flourishes.

We cannot go on like this. We need a real, permanent economic recovery, led by an innovative, job-creating private sector. We need long-term solutions: repeal the ruinous health care law, end unnecessary regulations and reform the tax code to promote growth and job creation.



capital comment by sen. kay bailey hutchison

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Use caution during Fourth of July holiday

COLLEGE STATION – With Independence Day celebrations drawing near, Texas Forest Service officials are reminding residents to exercise caution outdoors and remember that just one spark can cause a devastating wildfire.

About 90 percent of wildfires in Texas are human-caused, which means they can be prevented. As residents enjoy building a campfire, shooting off celebratory fireworks in approved areas or cooking on the grill, they're asked to take a few safety precautions to ensure their homes and families are protected.

Texas Forest Service Wildland Urban Interface and Prevention Coordinator Justice Jones said

that while drought conditions have improved for much of the state, wildfire potential still exists – especially in areas where consecutive days of hot temperatures have dried out the vegetation. “We don’t want to discourage anyone from enjoying the holiday; we just want to remind people that Texas is still prone to wildfire danger,” Jones said. “We’re still seeing almost daily local activity in some parts of the state.”

There are several things you can do to help prevent wildfires:

Check for and obey burn bans and fireworks restrictions.

If outdoor burning is allowed, create a firebreak (down to bare dirt) around an outdoor fire before ignit-

ing the materials to be burned.

Keep water nearby just in case a fire starts. It doesn’t take much of a spark or burning ember to ignite dry, fine-textured fuels like grass and weeds.

Read and follow label instructions on how to properly discharge fireworks.

Only use fireworks with close adult supervision.

Use fireworks only in areas clear of dead, dry grass and weeds.

Avoid using fireworks, particularly aerial varieties, around buildings. Winds can carry hot fireworks onto roofs where leaves or other flammable debris may have accumulated.



Hearty donation

Last Thursday, June 21, 2012 SWECO donated \$500 to the Clarendon Fire Department. SWECO's Customer Service Representative, Tony Barley (right), presented the check to Fire Chief Jeremy Powell and SWEPCO Service Tech Jason Messer. Both Jeremy and Jason are a part of the Volunteer Fire Department.

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weather report

Day	Date	High	Low	Prec.
Mon	18	92°	65°	-
Tues	19	97°	66°	-
Wed	20	93°	67°	1.61
Thur	21	92°	68°	-
Fri	22	83°	68°	.44
Sat	23	95°	68°	-
Sun	24	100°	68°	-

Total precipitation this month: 6.52"

Total precipitation to date: 14.49"

weekend forecast

	Fri., June 29 Mostly Sunny 94° / 66°
	Sat., June 30 Mostly Sunny 96° / 67°
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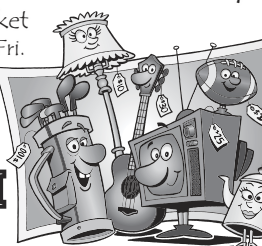
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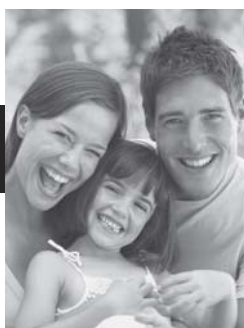
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Wednesday - Chicken Fried Steak, 2 sides, roll - \$6⁹⁹

Thursday - Taco Salad - \$5⁹⁹

Friday - Fish Night - \$7⁹⁹

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July 4

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Wed: CLOSED

Thur: Braised pork cutlet, seasoned butter beans, greens, wheat roll, peaches/ whipped topping, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Chicken enchilada, picante sauce, pinto beans, fiesta corn, sugar cookies, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Fajita chicken w/veg., chuck wagon corn, Spanish rice, tortilla, fruit cocktail, iced tea/2% milk.

Tue: Salisbury steak, diced potato/skin, English peas, wheat rolls, banana pudding, iced tea/2% milk.

Wed: Closed

Thur: Meat loaf/tomatoes, mashed potatoes, winter blend vegetables, whole wheat rolls, apple fluff, iced tea/2% milk.

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Those convicted of violating this city ordinance within one year of the date of the application will be denied a permit. Burglary alarm sales require a specific Texas state license. An individual without the necessary state license will be denied a city permit.

Those who are granted a permit are required to display both the permit and their government issued identification when asked to by a citizen or Sheriff's deputy. Each sales representative must have a permit

issued in his name. They cannot operate with a supervisor or company representative in possession of the permit. There are exceptions to some parts of the law for local youth organizations that are non-profit entities.

Please remember that registration does not guarantee the quality of the product or service being offered, and does not mean that the company, product, or service is endorsed by the City of Clarendon or the Donley County Sheriff's Department. We suggest that consumers use resources such as the Better Business Bureau to research a company's product or service reputation before buying or entering into a contract.

Don't be hesitant to protect yourself by asking a door-to-door peddler for their city permit. If you believe that a door-to-door salesman is violating the law, call the Donley County Sheriff's Office at 874-3533. Violators can be arrested and fined.

We are being "SPOOFED"

Dorothy and I recently have been getting a lot of call calls on our cells that are from 206-496-0957. We try to check the area code before

answering however sometimes we answer before checking. When we realize that it is not a call that we want we hang up immediately.

I have also tried to call the number back only to find out that the message I received is "Out of Service" because the REAL number "206-496-0957" **IS** Out-Of-Service. The people who called us 'from' that number (as displayed on your Caller ID) were "spoofing" that number. That means, they were using a computer program to make it appear that that number was calling you, when, in fact, they were probably calling from overseas somewhere, most likely Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippines or other countries that are big on these scams right now.

These scammers actually look for "Out-Of-Service" Numbers for just that purpose. This band of criminals have been calling from a

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multitude of numbers, most of them designed to look like they come from the States of Washington or Oregon, but it's not likely they are there.

They change their spoofed number daily as a way to avoid the Feds who are trying to shut them down. But it's difficult because they are most likely overseas, so subject to a different set of laws (International.)

I have been getting at least one call daily for weeks now; sometimes multiple calls daily, and also on weekends and holidays. If I'm around to see the call, I pick up/hang up immediately without answering to cut them off and 'confuse' their robodialer. That cuts down on the repeats for that day, but they always call the next day. I also report each and every one of these calls to the DNC List, so that the government will have the 'numbers' behind them for enforcement.

Caller ID often says "IND SUR GROUP" because they are pretending to be a political survey to attempt to fool people into thinking their calls are legal. They're not. They are illegal telemarketers and scam artists

- phishing for credit card info and other financial info. If they get it, they will clean you out; and ruin you financially.

Also Scammers have been making phone calls claiming to represent the National Do Not Call Registry. The calls claim to provide an opportunity to sign up for the Registry. These calls are not coming from the Registry or the Federal Trade Commission, and you should not respond to these calls. To add your number to the Registry you can call 888-382-1222 from the phone you wish to register, or go to <https://www.donotcall.gov/default.aspx>. This web site also has a lot of good information on it. Check it out. Your registration will not expire. Telephone numbers placed on the national Do Not Call Registry will remain on it permanently due to the Do-Not-Call Improvement Act of 2007, which became law in February 2008. Read more about it at <http://www.ftc.gov/opa/2008/04/dncfyi.shtm>.

Be safe out there and remember if it sounds too good to be true... it probably isn't true.

Generations of different communications

Sorry to have missed last week's column. Not only were we without electricity for 35 hours, but also the tower that provides us with Internet service was hit and did not get repaired until past the deadline. In fact, we were without Internet service for a week, and that started the train of thought, communication.

If I were writing this in the 1950s, it would be hand written and either mailed or hand delivered, spelling mistakes included. Today I type it, check my spelling, and e-mail to the paper where it is edited and added. It's much easier for everyone.

Then there is the phone. As a 14-year-old freshman at Alander High School, I was hired by H.H. and Mable Worsham to be a "number please" telephone operator for the Alander Telephone Company. If I remember correctly, this

was a 50 cable telephone exchange. I know our home phone number was 34A, a party line. The ring was one long, one short on a wall mounted oak phone.

I earned 30 cents an hour, working after school and eight hours each Saturday, which came to about \$3 dollars a week. Long conversations were held, but be careful of your facts, after all it was a party line and the neighbor down the road could listen. Few long distance calls were made, they were expensive. Little went on in the small town without the operator's knowledge. She could hear also.

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Fast-forward 60 years and phones today do everything, but is communication with each other better or more desirable? I did e-mail messages to my family, but it seems that is too old fashion and no one reads them. Since my phone does not have text capabilities, I continue to dial. I suppose texting will be old fashioned in another six months and everyone will learn something new, so I'll sit back and watch.

Our condolences to Ron and Louise Poppellwell on the loss of their son, Kevin Poppellwell, on June 18. God Bless you both; you are in my prayers.

It is so nice to have a friend that comes by and picks apricots from your tree, brings them back baked in a cobbler and bagged for freezing. That is what Debra Hubbard did for us, so Ole Jim got his apricot cobbler. Thank you, my friend.

Clarendon High School junior pianist Minnie Buckhaults dressed in a 1920s flapper dress and velvet cloche hat for the Young Artists Program at the Texas Music Teachers Association.

Hedley youth to hold cookout

The Hedley Methodist Youth Group is having a hamburger/hot dog cook out dinner on August 10 at 6:00pm at the Methodist church yard. The cost is \$5 a plate, and there will be a horseshoe tourney and silent auction. Bring your own lawn chairs. Craft booths are free of charge; just show up. If you have a craft booth, come early and set up in the back of the yard. Danny Mullins will be performing music for the event.

Helen Lamberson, 95 years young, fell last Thursday on her face on concrete. She is okay - nothing broken, but her face looks like she had a few rounds with a boxer. If you want to send her a card, her address is Box 44, Hedley 79237. She would appreciate it.

Remember Holleigh's Haven Animal Shelter and Sanctuary -

Kristy Christopher (806-205-1780), 3701 CR 28, Hedley, TX 79237. They are new (just receiving their non-profit status) and will need all the help anyone can offer. If you want to donate anything from money to any of the items they need, Kristy says they will need a name and phone number with the donation.

The Hedley Senior Citizens will be at the Courthouse lawn July 4 to sell raffle tickets on their two-Person Hunting Package including an AR-15 with laser scope, two-day guided hog hunt and a two-day stay

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at the Bar H. Tickets \$10 each or \$50 for a book of 7. We will also be at the rodeo on Saturday night, so come on out and buy a ticket.

Recipe: Bourbon Chicken: 2 lbs boneless chicken breasts, cut into bite-size pieces, 1-2 tablespoon olive oil, 1 garlic clove, crushed, 1/4 teaspoon ginger, 3/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes, 1/4 cup apple juice, 1/3 cup light brown sugar, 2 tablespoons ketchup, 1 tablespoon cider, vinegar, 1/2 cup water, 1/3 cup soy sauce. Heat oil in a large skillet. Add chicken pieces and cook until lightly browned. Remove chicken. Add remaining ingredients, heating over medium Heat until well mixed and dissolved. Add chicken and bring to a hard boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 20 minutes. Serve over hot rice.

Cattle conference to be held July 31

WICHITA FALLS - Refocusing after the drought will be the focus of the Cattle Trails Wheat and Stocker Cattle Conference, a joint effort between the Texas AgriLife Extension Service and the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service, to be held July 31 in Wichita Falls.

The conference, which alternates between Texas and Oklahoma each year, will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the MPEC Center, 1000 5th St. in Wichita Falls.

This annual conference provides wheat producers and stocker cattle operators with the most up-to-date information on topics that influence their operations profits, said Stan Bevers, AgriLife Extension economist in Vernon.

The slogan of the annual conference is "Driving your operation to profits," however Bevers said the target for this year's conference will

be refocusing on production and profitability after last year's drought. "Many production areas have received adequate rainfall, but the drought has left some lasting impressions including fewer calves for grazing," Bevers said. "Coming out of last year's drought will require a new level of understanding and pencil pushing."

Registration is \$25 per person and includes educational materials, printed proceedings, a noon meal and refreshments. Additional information can be obtained at <http://agrisk.tamu.edu>.

Key speakers presenting information include: Dr. Larry Sanders, Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service economist, discussing the general economic outlook for agriculture; Paul Coleman, chief operations officer and partner, Fontera Feedyard, Muleshoe, discussing the

current challenges in the feedlot industry; and Dr. J.P. Polreis, veterinarian for Pfizer, Inc., Amarillo, discussing challenges for maintaining the health and productivity of stocker cattle.

Additional speakers include faculty from Extension entities in Oklahoma and Texas. Other topics will include current research on stocker cattle processing, the cattle and wheat market outlook and a wheat production update.

Industry sponsors also will have their products on display during the event.

Producers are encouraged to preregister by contacting their local AgriLife Extension county agent, their Oklahoma Cooperative Extension county educator, or Karen Thompson at 940-552-9941, ext. 217 or by email, kethompson@ag.tamu.edu.

Buckhaults performs in Dallas

Minnie Buckhaults, a junior at Clarendon High School, played in a piano ensemble in the Young Artists Program at the Texas Music Teachers Association state convention at the DFW Hyatt Regency in Dallas last Sunday.

The group performed "Prelude No. 1" in B flat Major by George Gershwin on six Yamaha grand pianos. The eleven high school students, along with twelve middle-school students, represented the Panhandle area at the convention. They were directed by Michele Sheffield of Canyon. Minnie is a student of Kara Bailey of Amarillo.

To honor the decade when Gershwin wrote the music, the group dressed in 1920s costumes. Dressed in a brown fringe and black satin

flapper dress, Minnie also wore a 1920s velvet cloche hat that had belonged to her great-grandmother Minnie Haynes, also a pianist.

Minnie participates in UIL competitions, band, cross country, student council, and Junior Historians at Clarendon High School. She has played frequently at United Methodist Church in McLean.

She is the daughter of Tex and Dollie Buckhaults of Clarendon and the granddaughter of Sam and Linda Haynes of McLean and Tex and Pat Buckhaults of Colorado and Arizona.

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Beef conference attendees seek management

COLLEGE STATION – One by one, they had questions and lots of them. A roomful of grass-fed beef producers came to Texas A&M University in College Station recently to learn more about an emerging aspect of beef production that continues to steadily gain momentum.

"It's not going to take over the entire beef industry, but grass-fed beef production is certainly catering to consumers who are wanting meat products directly from the farm," said Dr. Rick Machen, Texas AgriLife Extension Service beef cattle specialist from Uvalde and conference coordinator.

"There's an ever-growing segment of consumers interested in natural products, organic products and grass-fed products. Our primary focus here is to outline how we produce grass-fed beef."

The conference, the second of its kind conducted by AgriLife Extension, drew more than 50 participants, and feedback indicated strong desire for another workshop next year, Machen said.

"This is a growing aspect of the beef cattle market and producers are wanting more information about how to get into this business and be profitable," Machen said.

Grass-fed beef has at least three definitions, but essentially it is meat

from cattle that have been fed from birth to harvest on grass, legumes and forages without the use of any grains.

Mac Young, AgriLife Extension economist, said beef producers traditionally have marketing options such as a sale barn, private treaty or value-added.

"Grass-fed is value-added," he told attendees. "Direct sales to consumers, suppliers or both? You need to identify your goal and above all, you've got to have a plan."

Young said it is important for grass-fed producers to plan out what they are trying to do with their operation and what they want to accomplish.

"Any new venture is risky, and any change to your existing operation is risky," he said.

Young said producers should consider if they have enough capital to enter or expand into the grass-fed business. Sustainability and profitability are other important issues to consider.

"You need to project out and see if you are going to have enough to cover all of your costs," he said. "Review the resources you have with regards to capital, labor, herd numbers and forage. You need to also ask will you have enough volume to cover your expenses?"

Gene Sollock from Iola has been in the grass-fed beef business for 15 years. His operation consists of 91 acres, and he sells his grass-fed cattle to a buyer from Burton, who "has them sold over the telephone before they are finished out."

"We are growing them out to about 800 to 900 pounds," said Sollock, who receives payment based on dressed, hanging weight.

Sollock said he uses no commercial fertilizer and grazes the cattle on ball clover established 20 years ago.

"We have 40 different pad-docks that are about 2 acres in size," he said. "We move those cattle into knee-deep forage where they graze about two days. But you've got to have rain."

Mark Muncer, a grass-fed beef producer from South Africa, said his operation finishes cattle at about 990 pounds, with dressed carcass weight at approximately 550 pounds.

Since there is not an established market for grass-fed beef, there are premiums for grass-fed beef on top of the already historically high cattle prices, according to the producer panel.

Charlie Bradbury, chief executive officer of Nolan Ryan's Beef, told attendees the company has just begun marketing a grass-fed line of

beef.

"We don't own any cattle," Bradbury said. "We buy beef from producers that meets our specifications, then brand it and sell it."

Bradbury said consumers want to know where their food, including beef, comes from, how it is raised and what it has been fed. Currently, the company is processing approximately 48 head a week in Nebraska, then shipping to a plant in Dallas where primal cuts are made and packaged with the Nolan Ryan brand.

Ground beef, rib-eye steaks, tenderloin filets and chuck roasts are the main cuts marketed by Kroger. The beef is marketed in about 80 stores and demand has been steady, Bradbury said.

He said Kroger eventually would like to have the grass-fed line of beef in all of its stores, but "our biggest problem is supply."

That encouraged attendees who were looking to go back home with new ideas to implement into their operations, they said.

"The discussions of nutrition were really interesting, particularly as the cattle mature and their needs change," Muncer said. "Value-adding is critical in this aspect of the business and you have to adjust your production methods accordingly."

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Drugs in the News

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The American Association of Poison Control Center reported that in 2010 approximately 6,000 people came in contact with suspicious mushrooms. Of those 6,000 people over 1,300 became ill. From that data approximately 500 people reported injuries and there was one death. The Amanita phalloides (death cap) mushroom variety was responsible for the sickness in most of these individuals.

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Hedley students Scottie Jo Rodríguez, Austin Adams, and Sierra Wheatly attended the first session of MASH Camp sponsored by Panhandle AHEC.

Hedley students go to MASH camp

Three Hedley students were recently chosen to attend MASH Camp, sponsored by Panhandle AHEC. Scottie Jo Rodríguez, Austin Adams, and Sierra Wheatly were three of sixteen students from the Texas Panhandle who attended the first session.

MASH Camp is designed for students in grades 9-12 who think they might be interested in the medical field as a career. They went to Amarillo Dental Hygiene, Quail Creek Surgical Hospital, BSA Radiology, Valmed Pharmacy, Pampa Regional Medical Center, MVP Big Animal Clinic, and the Nursing Simulation Lab at WTAMU.

Tammy Stamps, HCP Coordinator from AHEC commented, “We try to give the campers the opportunity to see different careers in the medical field, so if they think they might be interested in something, it will either confirm the decision or change it! The Campers get to see surgeries and do a lot of hands on activities. Many of our Campers come back year after year and later become Volunteers for the camp.”

Weather Why

From Texas A&M University

Q: Is the saying “red sky at night, sailor’s delight, red sky at morning, sailor take warning” really accurate?

A: Generally, the answer is yes, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. The saying has been around for thousands of years and is even mentioned in the Bible in the book of Matthew: “When in evening, ye say, it will be fair weather, for the sky is red; and in the morning, it will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and lowering.” The saying, McRoberts notes, “may be the most famous of all weather lore. It goes back to the observations made by sailors who had a clear 360-degree view of the horizon from the ship’s masts. In the northern hemisphere, most weather patterns move from the west to the east, so if a sailor could see a red sunset to the west, it meant that skies were clear in that direction and that tomorrow would likely be a nice day with few clouds.”

Q: What is the science behind the saying?

A: When the sky is red at night or sunset, it is caused by the sun striking particles in the atmosphere. “But if a sunrise has a reddish tint or looks rosy colored, and you can see clouds over the horizon, it might mean the nice weather has passed and a storm system is headed your way,” McRoberts adds. “It means an area of low pressure could be moving in, and low pressure almost always means clouds and often rain or thunderstorms.”

Thank You!

Clarendon Senior Citizens say “THANK YOU” to all who attended the K’wahai Dancers performance. A large crowd came to watch the Dancers and enjoy homemade ice cream. The center netted well over \$2,000 which will be put to good use providing meals for those who cannot get out and for those who come to enjoy a meal and fellowship at the Center. A special thanks goes to the businesses and individuals who helped sponsor the event.

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11:00 a.m. - Shriners' Barbecue, Courthouse Square
2:00 p.m. - Western Parade
AFTER PARADE - Lions Club Cow Patty Bingo
7:30 p.m. - Jr. Ranch Rodeo, COEA Arena
9:00 p.m. - Dance, COEA Slab

Friday, July 6

All Day - Downtown Merchants' Sales
11:00 a.m. - Downtown Depression Luncheon
2:00 p.m. - Henson's Turtle Race, Downtown
7:30 p.m. - Jr. Ranch Rodeo, COEA Arena
9:00 p.m. - Dance, COEA Slab

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Obituaries

Ariola

James Bruce Ariola, 74, of Clarendon, died Monday, June 18, 2012, in Amarillo.

Services were held on Friday, June 22, 2012, at the Community Fellowship Church in Clarendon on the JA Highway with John R. Hall and Larry Harvey, officiating. Burial followed at Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon. Arrangements were made by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors.

Mr. Ariola was born Jan. 31, 1938, in Vernon to Gaylon and Gertie Ariola. He married Katherine Sanders on Dec. 20, 1958 in Memphis. He was a farmer.

He was preceded in death by a son, James Allen Ariola; a daughter, Kathy Linnae Ariola; and a sister, Shirley Ann Hodges.



Ariola

Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Katherine Ariola, of the home; two daughters, Janice Harvey and husband Larry of Amarillo and Sulynn Mester and husband Randy of Childress; two sisters, Ella Mae Gillespie of Durant, OK and Lajuana Sue Tucker of Amarillo; three brothers-in-law, Leonard Sanders and wife Edna of Topeka, KS, Kenneth Hugh Sanders and wife Lois of Iola, KS and Larry Earl Sanders of Ft. Worth; three grandsons, Matt Brandes of Amarillo, Josh Brandes of Ft. Worth and Kris Ariola of Austin; three great-grandsons, Ky Brandes, Zach Brandes and Hammon Brandes; and numerous cousins including Norman Gann and wife Alice of Brice.

Sign the online guestbook at www.boxwellbrothers.com

Darby

Harold R. Darby, 85, passed away Tuesday, June 19, 2012.

The funeral was held at 3 p.m. Friday in Laurel Land Chapel of Chimes. Interment was at Laurel Land Memorial Park.

Harold was born June 7, 1927, in Cale, Ark., to Ross and Bradis Darby. He grew up in the

Texas Panhandle, graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a degree in electrical engineering. He retired from Lockheed Martin in 1984 and continued as a consultant for several years. As a hobby, he enjoyed boating and working on family genealogy. Harold was preceded in death by his first wife, Dorothy Kemp Darby.

He was survived by his wife of 28 years, Billie H o d n e t t Darby; son, Harold Craig Darby and wife, Jan; granddaughter, Tami VanGompel and husband, Jeff; great-grandchildren, Tyler and Brooklyn VanGompel; stepchildren, Susan Everitt and husband, Herb, Rick Bulman and wife, Sheila, and Dale Bulman and wife, Anna.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Community Hospice of Texas or to a charity of choice.

Pittman

Roberta "MiMi" Pittman, 98, died Tuesday, June 19, 2012, in Clarendon.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, June 23, 2012, in the First Christian Church in Clarendon with Jim McElroy and Rev. Darrell Burton, officiating. Interment followed at Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon, Texas. Arrangements were made by Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Roberta "MiMi" Pittman was born in Flower Mound, Texas to Thomas R. and Dora Simmons Adkins. She attended Martin and Clarendon Schools as well as Clarendon College. She married Carl M. Pittman on November 29, 1930 in Hollis, Oklahoma. She was owner/operator of the Dry Cleaners in Clarendon. As a diehard Republican, Roberta served as Campaign Chairman of the Republican Party for Donley County. She was involved in Clarendon High School Band Boosters and the PTA; was a Daughter of the American Revolution; the first woman in Donley County to ride in an airplane; and a former recipient of the Donley County Pioneer Woman of the Year Award. Roberta spent

most of her life in Clarendon where she was a life-long member of the First Christian Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl M. Pittman, in 1988; her son, Alfred Keith Pittman; her daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Billy Jack Jordan; 4 brothers, Jake Adkins, T.R. Adkins, G l e n n Adkins, and Byrd Adkins; and her sister, Ola Mae Adkins.

She is survived by her son, Bill C. Pittman and wife Vivian, of San Antonio; 2 daughters, Jeanie Johnson and husband Roy, of Clarendon, and Judy Burlin of Clarendon; 10 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren, and 6 great-great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the First Christian Church in Clarendon or to Citizens Cemetery Association, PO Box 983, Clarendon, Texas 79226.



Pittman



the lion's tale
by roger estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting June 26 with Boss Lion Steve Hall in charge.

We had 15 members and two guests this week. Ben and Ella Estlack were the guests of Lion Ashlee Estlack.

Lion Lambert Little reported on activities going on at City Hall, and Lions Mike Word and Tex Buckhaults reported on school and college activities.

Janet Carter of the Christ's Kids ministry updated the club on that organization's efforts to minister to and feed local children. As of this week, 88 kids are receiving a meal from the ministry five days a week. Mrs. Carter thanked the club for working with the ministry to let them use the Lions Hall as their base.

Plans were finalized for the cow patty bingo and flag duties for next week. New officers will be installed next Tuesday.

There being no further business, we were adjourned.

Country Club Fun-D Raiser a success

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon Country Club raised several dollars for the equipment fund Saturday in their annual Fun-D Raiser tournament. The 18-hole play day netted fifty-one players and entailed fun and unique golf on some holes.

First place in the tournament resulted in a tie at 19 under par that was played off on the scorecard. The winner of the contest went to the team of P.J. Lemons, Jana Lemons, Brantley Lemons, and Geoff Lemons. Second place went to Mike Santos, Russell King, Michael Thompson, and Forrest Newton.

Closest to the pin honors went to: hole number five, Wes Smith (with a grocery sack over his head) 25'6"; number eight, Michael Thompson 12'4"; number 11, Sherol Johnston 11'2"; number 15, Forrest Newton, 13'6". Longest drive on number 16 for the men was Tom Stauder and Jennifer Clark for the women.

Twenty-six players participated in the Friday night scramble and the team of Mike Santos, Mark Morris, Sunday Morris, Mark Graham, and Brice Graham won a putt off at six under par. The putt off was with the team of Jr. Rodriguez, Danny Sides,

Rhonda Sides, Jerry Gage, and Gayle Rogers.

Tom Stauder won the weekly men's game with a net 63. Stauder, who is 80 years young, also shot under his age with a gross 78. Second place went to Slick Johnston with a net 68. Gail Leathers turned in an 82 to take low gross in the women's game on Thursday. Ouida Gage was low net at 65, and Sherol Johnston and Diana Esch tied for second low net with a 71. There will be an 18-hole scramble on July 4 beginning immediately after the parade.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE
2012 and 2013 Unified Transportation Pro-
gram Revision and the 2013-2016 Statewide
Transportation Improvement Plan
The Texas Department of Transportation
(TxDOT) will host an open-house style public
meeting to solicit public comments and input
for revisions to the 2012 Unified Transportation
Program (UTP), which covers fiscal years
(FY) 2012 through 2012, revisions to the
2013 UTP, which covers FY 2013 through
2012 and the 2013-2016 Statewide Trans-
portation Improvement Plan (STIP).
The statewide public meeting will be held at
6:00 to 7:00 P.M. (CDT) on Thursday, July 12,
2012, at the following locations:

Ablene District
4250 N. Clark
Ablene, Texas 79601
Amarillo District
5715 Canyon Drive
Amarillo, Texas 79114
Childress District
7599 US 287
Childress, Texas 79201-9705
El Paso District
13301 Gateway West
El Paso, Texas 79928-5410
Lubbock District
135 Slaton Road
Lubbock, Texas 79404-5201
Odessa District
3901 East US Highway 80
Odessa, Texas 79761
San Angelo District
4502 Knickerbocker Road
San Angelo, Texas 76904
Unified Transportation Program
The UTP is a comprehensive ten-year plan for
the development and construction of State of
Texas transportation projects including road-
ways, aviation, public transportation, water-
ways and coastal waters, and rail projects
and includes specific funding levels for each
fiscal year.

Beginning promptly at 6:15 p.m., TxDOT staff
will conduct a brief presentation on the pro-
posal and revisions of the 2012 UTP and the
2013 UTP. Additional information will be
available for public viewing and TxDOT rep-
resentatives will be on-hand to discuss the
development process and answer questions.
Forms will be provided in order to receive
written comments. All interested parties are
encouraged to attend. For additional infor-
mation, please go to http://www.txdot.gov/public_involvement/utp.htm or call the toll-
free information line at (800) 687-8108.
Written comments may be submitted on the
UTP website at: <http://www.txdot.gov>, using
search engine keyword: UTP; by email at:
TPP.UTP@txdot.gov; or by mail to: TxDOT TPP
Division UTP, 150 E. Riverside Drive, Austin,
Texas 78704. Public comments will be re-
ceived until 4 PM on August 20, 2012.
Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan
The STIP is a mechanism used by TxDOT and
the Federal Highway Administration to fund
projects for the next four years and includes
all federally funded projects. This public
meeting pertains specifically to the 2013-
2016 STIP. TxDOT representatives will be on-
hand to answer STIP related questions.
The 2013-2016 STIP may be viewed online
at <http://www.txdot.gov/business/governments/stips.htm> or at any TxDOT District
Office no earlier than Wednesday, July 11,
2012. Locations of these offices can be found
at http://www.dot.state.tx.us/local_informa-
tion/. Written comments may be submitted
to Lori Morel, 118 E. Riverside Drive, Austin,
Texas 78704.
Persons with special communication or
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(325) 676-6821 for assistance. Requests
should be made no later than three days prior
to the meeting. Every reasonable effort will be
made to accommodate needs.

AVISO DE REUNIÓN PÚBLICA
Departamento de Transporte de Texas
Revisión del Programa de Transporte Unificado
2012 y 2013.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Programa de Mejora de Transporte Estatal
2013-2016
El Departamento de Transporte de Texas
(TxDOT, por sus siglas en inglés) llevará a cabo
una reunión pública para solicitar comentarios
públicos y aportaciones para el Revisión del
Programa de Transporte Unificado 2012 y
2013 (UTP, por sus siglas en inglés), y el
Programa de Mejora de Estado de Transporte
2013-2016 (STIP, por sus siglas en inglés).
Las reuniones públicas se celebrarán el
Jueves, 12 de Julio de 2012 de 6:00 p.m. (CST) a
7:00 p.m. en los siguientes lugares:
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5715 Canyon Drive
Amarillo Texas 79114
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Childress, Texas 79201-9705
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San Angelo Texas 76904
Programa de Transporte Unificado
El UTP es un plan comprensivo de diez años
para el desarrollo y construcción de proyectos
de transporte del estado de Texas que incluye
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fluviales y aguas costeras, proyectos ferro-
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específicos para cada año fiscal.
Empezando a las 6:15 p.m. en punto. Repre-
santantes de TxDOT harán una presentación
breve sobre el propósito y revisión del UTP.
Información adicional estará disponible y rep-
resentantes de TxDOT estarán presentes para
discutir el proceso del desarrollo y para con-
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por correo electrónico a TPP.UTP@txdot.gov, o por correo a TxDOT TPP Division
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La información de 2013-2016 STIP se puede
ver en línea en la siguiente página de Web:
<http://www.txdot.gov/business/governments/stips.htm> o en cualquier Oficina de
Distrito de TxDOT no mas antes que el Mie-
ércoles, 11 de Julio de 2012. Ubicaciones de
estas oficinas se pueden encontrar en http://www.txdot.gov/local_information/. La reunión
será informal y se invita a todos los ciudad-
anos interesados a participar y expresar sus
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Las solicitudes deben realizarse a más tardar
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Austin, Texas, 78704, o por correo electrónico
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daylight savings time on Friday, July 13, 2012
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Estimated date of award July 19, 2012.
To request complete specifications contact
Kim Layton, Athletic Insurance Coordinator,
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PUBLIC NOTICE
THE CITY OF CLARENDON
TEXAS CAPITAL FUND PROGRAM
Texas Department of Agriculture
The City of Clarendon will be submitting an
application to the Texas Department of Agri-
culture to utilize the Texas Capital Fund (TCF)
grant program for downtown improvements to
the City of Clarendon. This application is for
\$150,000 for a downtown revitalization grant.
The proposed project will consist of sidewalk
improvements to the downtown business area
of Clarendon, TX on Kearney Street between
E. 2nd and E. 3rd Streets. The improvements
consist of new concrete pavement. The appli-
cation will be made available for review
Monday, July 9, 2012, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and
p.m. to 5 p.m. at City Hall in the City Man-
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level or having participated in collegiate athletic
is preferred.
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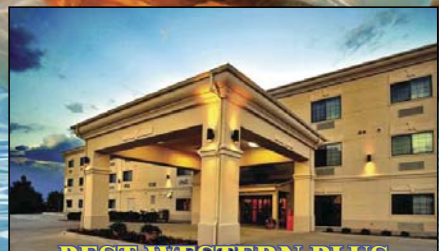
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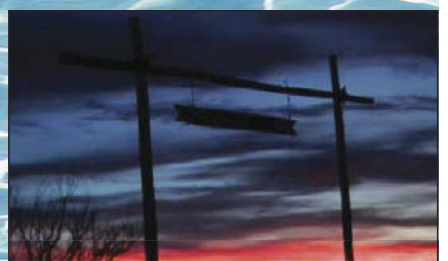
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