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

## Wood to be interim super at Hedley ISD

A veteran educator with 43 years' experience is taking the helm of Hedley ISD following a meeting of the Board of Trustees Monday.

Bill Wood will serve as the school's interim superintendent following the resignation this month of embattled superintendent Bill Sanders.

Wood grew up in Claude and worked at several schools before retiring as the superintendent at Cisco about 13 years ago. Since then he spent four years as an "interim" at Claude and five years as "interim" at Silverton.

"I could be (in Hedley) for a year or longer depending on how things go," Wood said. "My immediate goals are to get a budget set, get people hired, and get school going."

Wood said he will be employed under a "one day contract" situation, which he said means the "one day they don't like me or the one day I don't like them, I'm gone."

He also said as soon as the board knows who they want as a permanent superintendent, he will act quickly to get that person on board.

Wood said prior to taking the job he had had a frank conversation with the board about issues he had heard regarding the relationship between the board and Sanders.

"I will be working directly with the board president; and I told them if they want me to do the job, I will do the job. I will run the school."

Wood also said he has two granddaughters attending Hedley ISD, and he wants to see the school run well.

## Snake cuts power to Lelia Lake, Hedley

A fried snake plunged residents of Hedley and Lelia Lake into darkness Monday night, according to a spokesman with AEP/Southwestern Electric Power Co.

SWEPCO's Tony Barley said a snake got on top of a regulator at the AEP substation south of Hedley at about 10:17 p.m., ending the life of the reptile and knocking out power to the two communities. Power was restored after 1:00 Tuesday morning.

## Class of '63 to reunite

The Clarendon High School Class of 1963 will have their 50th class reunion on July 4 at the Donley County Senior Citizens Center following the parade. Any of the classes above or below and anyone that knows the members of the class are also invited.

# Petition seeks to legalize alcohol sales

Legal alcohol in old Saints' Roost is the goal of a group of citizens who intend to launch a petition drive calling for an election to allow the sale of all alcoholic beverages in Donley County.

Voters would decide the issue during the general election on November 5, 2013, if enough signatures can be gathered in the allotted time. The drive includes the sale of alcoholic beverages and mixed beverages.

Jack Craft is among a group of ten people publishing notice in this week's CLARENDON ENTERPRISE of their intent to file a petition with County Clerk Fay Vargas calling for

a local option election to legalize alcohol sales in Donley County.

"My whole intention is to increase the tax base of Clarendon and Donley County and to increase the sponsors we can get for the museum and the rodeo," Craft said. "By bringing in more outside sponsors, we can give our local merchants some relief and bring more outside money into town."

Under state guidelines, organizers wishing to call an election must publish a notice of their intent and then file an application with the county clerk with ten or more signatures of registered voters and proof of published notice. The clerk will

then provide the blank petition pages to the petitioners, and the Secretary of State and the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission must be notified that petitions have been issued.

The petition must be signed by 35 percent of the number of county voters who voted in the last gubernatorial election. Vargas said 1,180 people voted in that election in 2010, which would put the threshold for the petition at 413 signatures.

Organizers are trying to meet a July 8 deadline for submitting the petition to the clerk's office so that county commissioners can act on the petition at their regular session on August 12. Vargas said the final petition would have to sit in her office for 30 days before county commissioners can receive it and order the election no more than 71 days before the election date.

Old Clarendon was established in 1878 as a temperance colony, and early settlers' strict prohibition of alcohol earned the town the nickname "Saints' Roost." But when the town moved to the railroad in 1887, there was no prohibition, and New Clarendon remained wet until county voters approved the local option to prohibit alcohol in 1902. Currently, alcohol sales are only legal in the City of Howardville.

In 2011, a petition to hold a local option election in the City of Hedley was found to be valid with 82 signatures, but petition backers did not get it filed soon enough to be on the ballot that fall.

Currently, petitioners are also busy in Hemphill County where organizers are seeking to legalize the sale of alcohol and mixed beverages in the City of Canadian. Alcohol sales began this month in Perryton after Ochiltree County voters approved legalizing package sales in May. Voters in Armstrong County also approved package sales last month. Silverton, Childress, and Shamrock have all also been voted wet in the last few years.

## The Rain Finally Came!



Greg Wootten and Billy Chadwick "float the river" through City Park last Wednesday after heavy rains soaked Clarendon and parts of Donley County early that morning. Wootten said he and Chadwick road their inner tubes all through the downtown drainage canal and then all they way to the truss bridge on Rosenfield Street.

PHOTO BY JULIE CHADWICK



The High Card Ranch's road to its pens and barn was underwater after more than five inches fell there southwest of the city.

PHOTO BY COURTNEY HALSELL



Water from west of the city running between the Clarendon College Livestock & Equine Center and the CC baseball field.

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Slowed down by embankments on Bugbee Avenue and Koogle Street, water ponds up along the JA Ranch Road.

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An inflatable pool stops up a storm drain near Allsup's.

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Waters in front of Clarendon Outpost sweep away a DPS car.

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Flooding at Brice near the intersection of SH 70.

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Flooding along Sixth Street next to the baseball fields.

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Water sweeps over the rock bridge at City Park.

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A view of the Kearney Street bridge at Fifth Street.

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Water flowing under the Seventh Street truss bridge at City Park.

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Kelly Creek rushing to Greenbel Lake, which rose 4.2 feet.

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The view of the Prairie Dog Fork of the Red River near Estelline.

PHOTO BY KARI MOORE

## July 4th activities scheduled

Clarendon will be a center for family fun next week during the 136th annual Saints' Roost Celebration, and activities will be held July 4-6 this summer.

The bulk of this year's activities will take place on July Fourth with the Craft Fair starting at 9 a.m. on the Courthouse Square, followed by the Old Settler's Reunion and Kids' Tricycle and Bicycle Parade both starting at 10 a.m.

The Shriners' Barbecue begins at 11 a.m., and the Western Parade will begin at 2 p.m. with the Lions Club Cow Patty Bingo to follow. Barbecue tickets are available at The Clarendon Enterprise.

Also following the parade, the Clarendon High School Class of 1963 will hold a class reunion at the Donley County Senior Citizens Center, and the Clarendon Country Club will host a July Fourth Golf Scramble.

The Clarendon Outdoor Entertainment Association will hold a Junior Ranch Rodeo on July Fourth at 7:30 p.m., and the Jay Statham Band will provide music for the dance on the slab starting at 9 p.m.

The COEA's Ranch Rodeo will be held on Friday and Saturday, July 5 and 6, at 7:30 p.m. with No Dry Country providing dance music on Friday, and Attlebury Station playing on Saturday.

The annual Henson's Turtle Race will be held on 2 p.m. on Saturday along with downtown merchants' sales, and a Depression Luncheon will be held prior to this year's celebration on Wednesday, July 3, at 11 a.m. downtown.

## TPA honors Enterprise

THE CLARENDON ENTERPRISE placed third in the hunt for top honors during the 2012 Better Newspaper Contest hosted by the Texas Press Association.

Winners were announced Saturday during the TPA convention in Houston, and the ENTERPRISE finished behind THE BIG LAKE WILDCAT and THE ELDERADO SUCCESS for the Division 10 Sweepstakes Award.

The ENTERPRISE received a first place plaque for Advertising for ads for the Clarendon Concert Series and 3H All Natural Cattle Co. The paper also earned second place in Editorial Writing, News Writing, and Special Sections and fourth place in Column Writing, Headlines, and Website.



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# Big Brother is watching everyone

Edward Snowden is on the run. And he should be given that he has made a lot of powerful enemies in the United States government. If you watch enough movies or television, it's easy to see how this guy could have "an accident" while trying to avoid extradition back to the US. But if you keep up with current events, it's even easier to think he might just get droned.

Snowden took a job with a government contractor apparently for the sole purpose of finding out what all nasty business the government is up to. He then took that information to the press, and a foreign newspaper shined the light on secret surveillance activities being conducted on American citizens and others in the name of national security.

One of the biggest revelations was that the government had obtained a secret court order forcing Verizon Communications to turn over tons of "metadata" on millions of cellular phone users. Basically, every Verizon customer, including your humble editor, has had their Fourth Amendment Rights violated by our government.

And that was just the tip of the iceberg. Below the surface there are now other known surveillance activities being conducted against the American public for our own good.

We likely would never have known about much of this except for the actions of Mr. Snowden. We can't be sure what his personal motivations were or are, but he has found himself demonized for his actions. He's been called a traitor and accused of treason, and you can be sure the federal government has a stack of criminal charges lined up against this guy if they ever get their hands on him.

Or, as has already been mentioned, the administration might just declare him an enemy combatant, blow up his taxi, and trumpet the whole thing on the evening news.

Rather than condemn Snowden, someone ought to give this guy a medal. And all these high-ranking DemoRepublicans who are calling for his criminal prosecution need to take a good long look in the mirror at what they and this government are becoming.

Snowden and a few allies in the press have pulled back the curtain and exposed some pretty ugly government cockroaches to the sunshine. But rather than scurry off into the shadows, government officials have thumbed their noses at outraged citizens and pledged to continue these "necessary" programs.

It is disgusting what has happened to our government. And it's been a bipartisan track that has led us here. President George W. Bush's administration fueled by the attacks on 9-11 got sweeping powers to violate civil liberties under the guise of pursuing terrorists with the passage of the PATRIOT Act by wide majorities of both parties. President Obama first criticized some of those policies... but has continued them and apparently expanded them. We should be reminded that power corrupts, and freedoms lost are hard to regain.

As we approach the anniversary of our nation's independence, it is a good time to ask what we have become. It's already obvious that our government is largely unrecognizable from the small, limited federal republic described by our Constitution. But now we have examples of a bureaucracy and power culture that truly appears to be growing out of control to the point that no president can even know what's happening under him much less be in command of all the forces of the Executive.

We see examples of Internal Revenue agents giving extra scrutiny based on political motives. We see agents of the press harassed and intimidated for crossing the administration. We see federal employees refuse to answer basic questions from the elected Representatives of the People. And now we know that our National Security Agency considers We the People to be the enemy... or at least possibly the enemy and worthy of scrutiny.

There is probably little about our present government that our Founding Fathers would recognize, and they would certainly be appalled to learn what we've given up in order to be "safe."

Imagine if you will what would have happened if government officials had approached Postmaster General Benjamin Franklin with a secret court order. "Mr. Franklin, we don't want to know the contents of people's mail. We just want to know who is writing to whom, where they are when they write the letter, where the recipient of the letter is when they get it, and how long the letter is. Is all just for safety's sake. After all, the Brits still have friends here in America and you never know what they might be up to."

I'm sure old Ben would have told the government agents to go to hell, and then he would have done just what Mr. Snowden did and blow the whistle so every American could know just what was happening.

Far from condemning Snowden, America should be thanking him. It is time to roll back the power of the federal government. It is time for the People to demand that our representatives pull the plug on these activities, and it is time for those who continue to defend these policies to find other lines of work. It is time for Americans to be free again.



editor's commentary  
by roger estlack

# Playing both sides of the Feds' fence

Texas politicians are well known through the land as folks who are diligently working to reduce the size and scope of the federal government. Good for them and a big "Amen!" to their efforts. The federal government has become so big and powerful that absolutely no one can control it, not even our inept Congress, the people that are most responsible for this dreadful state of affairs. The federal bureaucracy has become a glutinous beast that is completely and totally out of control.

Even so, Texas politicians tend to speak with a forked tongue; even lie about their ties to the federal government. On the one hand, Texas political types wail and gnash their teeth while whining about the enormous cost of running the federal government, while simultaneously putting their other hand out for federal funds to offset the costs of various man-made and natural disasters, along with other perks.

For example, take the recent tragedy in West, Texas. The terrible blast that leveled much of the city, and killed 14 people, including 10 fire fighters and first responders, exacted a terrible human toll. Additionally, the financial cost of the blast continues to rise, and now exceeds well over \$50 million.

Governor Rick immediately appealed to the federal government for disaster relief. However, when the feds declined to give Texas officials all the disaster relief that they requested, it not only outraged the local leaders of West, who are trying desperately to rebuild the city, it raised another - thornier - issue.

Why did Texas ask for federal dollars for aid when it has plenty of its own dollars? In his request for federal aid, Governor Rick fudged the numbers more than a bit. He wrote in his letter to President Obama that the magnitude and severity of the disaster exceeded our state and local resources. Because President Obama had already authorized the federal government to cover 75 percent of Texas' costs for

debris removal and emergency response, Governor Rick's request amounted to a fairly small amount, say \$17 million, in uninsured and underinsured damages to public buildings, equipment, and utilities.

So far, the feds have paid, or agreed to pay much more than \$25 million to Texas and to the families affected by the blast. Even, they decided not to pay another \$17 million that should be covered by other sources. Therefore, Texas' request for the extra funds was denied because Texas -ahem- neglected to provide evidence that it lacked the financial wherewithal to pay the aforementioned \$17 million. Really? Governor Rick actually claimed that Texas could not cover a miserly \$17 million? Hmmm?

So, what to do? Governor Rick, consummate politician that he is, along with our Attorney General, disingenuously cried foul. How could President Obama be so callous as to refuse to help the Lone Star State cover the cost of a bona fide man-made disaster? Naturally, the much aggrieved citizens of West, along with like minded Texans scattered across the parched plains immediately raised a great hue and cry, declaring the feds (mostly President Obama and his administration) to be a foul bunch of insensitive louts.

In Austin and in West, the denial of aid has been cast in simplistic terms, with many expressing shock that the federal government found that an explosion that killed 14 people and destroyed or severely damaged 193 of the town's 700 homes did not qualify as a major disaster. The double-decker headline in The West News read, "FEMA rejects West, 'says it was not a



the quick, the dead, & fred  
by fred gray

disaster.' " Unfortunately, these headlines lacked accuracy.

Never mind that Texas, perhaps the most prosperous state in the union, has over \$8 billion in rainy day funds. Doesn't an explosion caused by a fertilizer company qualify as a rainy day? If not, what does? In short, Texas has the funds available to help the fine folks of West recover from their terrible losses. Yet, our politicians would rather blame the enormously expensive federal bureaucracy for their miserly support than pay the funds that are available for such disasters.

I'm a bit miffed that our state politicians, who are quick to berate the federal government for wasteful spending, yet get in a snit when they think we are not getting enough money from the feds. The first thing that all state governments do after a disaster, natural or otherwise, is appeal to the federal government for financial help. This behavior includes our representatives in Washington, DC.

Meanwhile, these very same politicians, who are now diligently trying to add yet another layer of intrusive behavior to the state bureaucracy. They are hell-bent on requiring recipients of Medicaid and unemployment insurance to be drug tested. Regardless of the merits or demerits of the proposed action, adding drug testing will add expensive and bureaucratic inefficiencies to Texas government.

We can't have it both ways. We either ask the federal government for help or we don't ask for help. If we ask for help we then have no rational basis for complaining that it spends too much of our money. If we don't ask it for help, we can rationally criticize it for spending too much of our hard earned money.

The same goes for our state government. If we want to reduce the size and expense of state government perhaps we should spend less time spending state funds to intrude upon our personal lives, including drug testing people in less fortunate circumstances.



# New laws will protect Texas seniors

By Bob Jackson

Austin is more than the "live musical capital of the world," a vibrant high-tech hub and home to one of the top universities in the country. Decisions made there by those same legislators we elect back home have a profound impact on our everyday lives.

This year was no different. When the dust settled at the end of the 2013 regular legislative session, Texans had gained some important wins and in many cases avoided some painful losses. Throughout the 140-day period AARP was there, working with bill sponsors, testifying before committees and mobilizing our members and the public on key issues and concerns for older Texans.

Older Texans can cheer about improved access to medical services thanks to a new law helping Texas recruit the next generation of doctors by establishing incentives for training primary care physicians and encouraging more doctors to participate in Medicaid and Medicare. The law will also make it easier for advance practice registered nurses to see patients and write prescriptions, providing more Texans of all ages with access to health care professionals.

Long-term care at home, an essential service for many of our seniors, has also been improved and expanded. More low-income seniors will be able to receive community-based long-term care through Medicaid, the primary payer for long term care services for seniors. This will allow them to stay in their homes

and communities with their families while also saving taxpayer dollars.

Moreover, community-based attendants, those hard-working folks who help care for our parents or grandparents on Medicaid, will receive a pay increase—bringing starting pay up to \$7.86 per hour and exceeding the state minimum of \$7.25 per hour.

Texas seniors who live in nursing homes also got a win when the Legislature adopted measures to greatly improve these facilities. Texas Medicaid nursing home reimbursement rates have long been among the lowest in the country. The legislature passed a 6 percent increase over two years, making it easier for nursing homes to retain quality staff, a significant indicator of care quality.

In addition, Medicaid-funded nursing home stays throughout Texas will soon fall under STAR+PLUS managed care. This will encourage higher quality care by rewarding the best plans with more enrollees and by creating higher standards.

Another key issue where good things happened and bad things were kept from happening was the defined-benefit pension program essential to the financial security of Texas teachers as well as other school district and state employees. Earlier this year, some groups argued that the state pension programs should be converted to individual—and more uncertain—401k-type programs. This could have spelled disaster for workers who have devoted their lives to public service.

In the end, the Texas Legislature decided to preserve pensions for state and school employees while granting cost-of-living increases to those who have been retired the longest. To help strengthen the system, both state government and current employees will contribute a bit more to the pension system, and new employees will have stricter requirements on when they can retire.

Payday and auto title loan businesses prey on economically vulnerable Texans, by offering them "fast cash" loans that can carry fees in excess of 500% APR. Families often pay many times over the original amount borrowed for these small dollar loans, leaving them with long-term financial problems.

The Legislature also acted to bolster protections for older Texans from financial abuse by clarifying powers of attorney. These essential tools are used to delegate authority to someone else to handle your financial decisions but can also give dishonest people a license to steal. Power of attorney forms will now be designed to make it easier for consumers to clearly detail the duties and responsibilities being authorized.

Of course, tough decisions are made at our state capitol each time the legislature meets and not all of them are popular to say the least. But at least in these particular areas in 2013, the voices of older Texans were heard loud and clear and their lives were improved. And that's good news for all of us. Bob Jackson is the State Director of AARP Texas.

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## PPHM boasts O'Keefe collection

Since acquiring in 1994 one of only four oil paintings Georgia O'Keefe executed while teaching at West Texas State Normal College from 1916 to 1918, the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum in Canyon has actively sought artifacts related to when Miss O'Keefe was in Amarillo (1912-14) and Canyon. Previously, PPHM had photographs and the oil painting on display but through generous donations the Georgia O'Keefe display at PPHM will not only feature art but also artifacts once belonging to Miss O'Keefe.

Michael Grauer, Associate Director for Curatorial Affairs/Curator of Art and Western Heritage discussed the new artifacts that will be added to the display.

"We have been fortunate to have secured important objects from that time. Her travel trunk containing several of her art books was acquired in New England. An orange crate she used as a night stand and her bed from the Shirley house in Canyon were donated by an heir of the Shirley family house to PPHM. And Margaret and Glen Campbell gave an art desk from her classroom in West Texas State Normal College's main building (now Old Main at West Texas A&M University)."

These artifacts along with the painting, Red Landscape are now on exhibit in a special permanent installation dedicated to Miss O'Keefe in the north Arts Wing of PPHM.

"We are very happy to add to

the museum's exhibit on Georgia O'Keefe. Ms. O'Keefe's time in Canyon is often overlooked, but it was a pivotal period in her career and the additional artifacts help us more fully tell the story of her time here," said Guy C. Vanderpool museum director.

Located on the campus of West Texas A&M University, the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum is the largest history museum in Texas.

PPHM offers visitors a chance to step into panhandle history with special exhibits, a permanent collection, Pioneer Town, cell phone tours, educational tours and special events. For more information about PPHM please visit [www.panhandleplains.org](http://www.panhandleplains.org).

## Thornberry congratulates Service Academy appointees

WASHINGTON, D.C.—U.S. Congressman Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon) announced the appointment of four area high school graduates to U.S. Service Academies, including the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, the Naval Academy at Annapolis, and the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs. The 2013 appointees from the 13th U.S. Congressional District of Texas are Derrick Siebman of Childress, Nan Porter of Amarillo, Andrew Long of Wichita Falls, and Jake Willimon of Spearman.

"All four of these young graduates have proven to be among the best and brightest from our part of Texas. I am proud to have been a part of the nomination process, and I congratulate each one of them on their appointment." Thornberry said. "I believe each will represent our area well over the next four years as they continue to develop into our nation's next generation of military

leaders."

Nan Porter, daughter of Wade Porter of Amarillo and Kim Boone of Dallas and granddaughter of Mable Dean Wilson of Clarendon, will be attending the U.S. Military Academy. Nan was an All District tennis player, and she received the Zina Garrison Sportsmanship Award for being one of the top 100 female tennis players in Texas for character, integrity, and sportsmanship on and off the tennis court.

Andrew Long, son of Randall and Jane Long of Wichita Falls, graduated from Wichita Falls High School and will be attending the U.S. Naval Academy. He is a state tennis semi-finalist, and he was awarded "Young Texan of the Month" by the local Optimist Club in April of 2012.

Jake Willimon, son of Mikal and Carla Willimon of Spearman, graduated from Spearman High School and will be attending the U.S. Air Force Academy. Jake played

football, golf, and basketball, and was named Academic All District in both football and golf.

Derrick Siebman, son of Royce and Donna Siebman of Childress, graduated from Childress High School and will be attending the U.S. Military Academy. Derrick played football, cross country, tennis, and powerlifted in high school. He was a regional qualifier in cross country and regional qualifying MVP in powerlifting.

In order to be considered for an appointment to the U.S. Military, Air Force, Naval or Merchant Marine Academy, students must obtain a nomination from their U.S. Representative or Senator. For more information on how students can apply for nominations, please visit [www.thornberry.house.gov](http://www.thornberry.house.gov) or contact one of Congressman Thornberry's offices in Amarillo at 806-371-8844 or Wichita Falls 940-692-1700.

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Community Calendar

- June 18 - July 23**  
Books & Crafts • Every Tuesday • 2 p.m to 4 p.m. • The Burton Memorial Library
- July 4, 5 & 6**  
Saints' Roost Celebration • Details on page 7
- July 4**  
Independence Day
- July 4**  
Kid's Parade • 10 a.m.
- July 4**  
Fourth of July Parade • 2 p.m.
- July 4**  
1st Annual Beautiful Baby Contest & Parade
- July 4**  
Jr. Ranch Rodeo • 7:30 p.m. • COEA Arena
- July 5 & 6**  
Ranch Rodeo • 7:30 p.m. • COEA Arena

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Menus

July 1 - 5

**Donley County Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Hot beef on a bun, green salad, garden vegetables, pineapple & banana, iced tea/2% milk.  
Tue: Baked chicken, new potatoes, buttered broccoli, wheat roll, apricots, iced tea/2% milk.  
Wed: Chicken enchiladas, picante sauce, fiesta corn, sugar cookies, iced tea/2% milk.  
Thu: CLOSED  
Fri: Turkey sandwich, tomato & lettuce, broccoli & raisin salad, pineapple delight, iced tea/2% milk.

**Hedley Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Pork chop & gravy, potato wedges, black eyed peas, wheat rolls, baked apple, iced tea/2% milk.  
Tue: Spaghetti & meat sauce, Italian vegetables, broccoli, garlic toast, Jello, iced tea/2% milk.  
Wed: Sloppy Joe, country potato salad, zucchini/tomatoes, creamy fruit squares, whole wheat bun, iced tea/2% milk.  
Thu: CLOSED  
Fri: CLOSED

News from City Hall

• **Streets** – The Public Works Department continues to assist Scott Wampler Construction with the replacement of sewer and water lines on portions of 3rd, Allen and 5th streets and eventually the same work will be completed on 6th street. This project is necessary as the old lines are in poor condition and need replacing prior to paving. Estimated completion date is late summer. Additionally, city work crews are busy patching holes in streets as time permits as well as many other routine duties.

• **Paving** – Since the sewer/water line replacement project will not be completed until late summer, paving of 3rd, Allen and 6th streets will have to be delayed until spring or early summer of 2014, about 11 months from now. Paving cannot be done in winter months.

• **Downtown Improvement Grant** – Clarendon's Economic Development Corporation (CEDC) will submit a grant application to the US Department of Agriculture next month for the purpose of obtaining funds for improved handicap accessibility and new street light installation on downtown sidewalks. If news of funding for this project comes in October, the improvements will be made to both sides of the three blocks of Kearney Street. The CEDC hopes to obtain approximately \$150,000 for this project.

• **Farmers' Market** – The CEDC is also exploring grant opportunities through the US Department of Agriculture for the establishment of a Farmers' Market next spring. This project would give area producers an outlet to sell their products, as well as provide a venue to purchase locally grown produce and other items. The proposed site would be the city owned lot across from the post office, and will hopefully aid in the continued efforts to bring more visitors to Clarendon.

• **More News** – Look for more news every two weeks.

Helpful tips to cut down on junk mail, spam

Hey, gang, it's vacation time. Now you need to decide: staycation or vacation. Stay-at-home vacations don't have to be boring! We have a lot of places near us to have some short day trips. Go see the play "TEXAS" at Palo Duro Canyon. Enjoy Donley County, Google Donley County for information and things to do. <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txdonley/> or [www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/hcd10](http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/hcd10). Visit the new Charles Goodnight Historical Center in Goodnight. There are live Buffalo located there. The Armstrong County Museum Art Gallery and Gem Theatre <http://www.armstrongcountymuseum.org/>. Many times we overlook what is in our own backyard.

What does "staycation" mean to you? For some people, it means getting lots of home and garden projects done – painting, repairs, or tending vegetable gardens. For others, it means having budget-friendly adventures at or close to home – nearby parks and attractions, a neighborhood block party or a camping trip in the yard.

Staycations have become quite popular due to economic challenges, allowing more families to vacation while sticking to a budget. Other benefits include more quality time with family, and not dealing with the stress associated with traveling.

No matter what your staycation or vacation plans, I recommend that you check it out ahead of time to make sure the business or offer is legitimate. Breaking the bank to vacation is not a good option, but fortunately, most consumers

are budgeting wisely and making smart decisions. According to an American Express survey, American households can expect to spend about an average of \$1,200 per person on summer vacations. It's no surprise staycations have become commonplace.

Hanging out with the family and chillin' close to home is especially attractive to people on a budget who don't want to go into debt financing a big trip. But there are plenty of fun things to do nearby. Those of you who still plan to travel this summer will be accompanied by more travelers than last year.

Eighty-six percent of travelers are planning trips this summer (up five percent from last year, according to TripAdvisor. Thanks to lower gas prices, more people will travel by car than by air. Hit the road or staycation at home, either way check out the businesses you deal with by heading first to [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org).

If you are traveling this summer? While traveling can be a relaxing getaway, it can also be an identity theft nightmare. According to Traveling Greener and Equifax, here are 10 tips you should consider to avoid identity theft during your summer travels:

1. Don't announce your travel plans on social media. "This invites identity thieves to target your house while you're away."
2. Place a hold on your mail. "When criminals see an overflowing mailbox, they see an easy way to steal personal information."
3. Carry only necessities in your wallet when traveling. "Go through

your wallet and leave at home your library card and other cards with your name on them." 4. Set up a travel alert on your credit card accounts, and freeze your credit with the three credit bureaus. 5. Leave your laptop computer at home if you can. "If you must travel with a laptop, update your anti-virus and anti-spyware programs. Do not access bank accounts from your laptop while in a hotel room or at a coffee shop or other public location." 6. While staying at a hotel, lock important documents such as your passport in a safe.

7. Use only ATMs located in banks.
8. Protect your smartphone. "Create a password for access, and use an application with a GPS locator to find your phone if it is lost or stolen."
9. Don't put your full name and address on luggage tags. "Include just your last name and phone number."
10. Tear up and discard used boarding passes. "Many travelers leave boarding passes behind in airplanes or hotels. They often contain full names and other personal information."

How to Cut Down on Junk Mail and Spam

There are a few things more annoying than junk mail, spam and unsolicited calls and texts messages. Not only are these unwanted communications an annoyance,



bob's whittlin'  
by bob watson

but they can potentially lead to identity theft. But how do you stop them? While it's nearly impossible to completely eliminate junk mail, spam text messages and unwanted phone calls, BBB recommends taking the following steps for getting your inboxes and phone lines under control.

Unwanted mail shouldn't cost you your identity. Pre-approved credit card offers are an easy target for identity thieves who can steal incoming mail and use these offers to open fraudulent credit accounts. Stopping these pre-screened credit offers can help reduce the chances of identity theft. U.S. consumers can "opt-out" of receiving pre-approved credit card offers for at least five years by calling 1-888-5-OPTOUT (567-8688) or visit: [optoutprescreen.com](http://optoutprescreen.com). This service is offered by the three major credit reporting bureaus, Equifax, Experian and TransUnion. Stop unwanted direct mail solicitations. To stop most mailings, U.S. consumers can go to [dmachoice.org](http://dmachoice.org) and opt out of mail from members of the Direct Marketing Association. DMA regularly updates its list, but it may take up to six months before solicitations from all DMA members stop.

Has your evening been interrupted by telemarketers? You're not alone. The U.S. government's National Do Not Call Registry is a free, easy way to reduce the telemarketing calls you get at home. To register your phone number or to get information about the registry, visit [donotcall.gov](http://donotcall.gov), or call 1-888-

382-1222 from the phone number you want to register. You will get fewer telemarketing calls within 31 days of registering your number.

Are you receiving spam text messages? First and foremost, don't respond. Responding to the text message only confirms a working number and opens the door for more messages. If your number is already on the Do Not Call Registry and you're still receiving messages and phone calls, file a complaint with the FCC or the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre and consider PrivacyStar. BBB National Partners AT&T and Verizon have partnered with PrivacyStar to give you back control of your smartphone. The smartphone application, available in the U.S. for Android, BlackBerry and iPhone, lets you block unwanted numbers, look up unknown numbers, and file a complaint with the FTC.

Scam Alert: A lady in Clarendon received a call Monday, June 24, from 1-786-358-6691 (786 is an area code out of Florida). The caller claimed that he was from Medicare and was going to send her a new Medicare card and wanted the name of the bank that her Social Security payment was sent to. He spoke with a Middle East accent. He verified name, address and routing number before asking for account number. This scam is targeted towards people receiving Social Security and/or Medicare. If you have given out your account number please notify your bank immediately. Please notify and warn all of your older friends or relatives.

Have fun and stay safe.

Howardwick welcomes the recent rainfall

The news from Howardwick is "rain" and what a blessing we have received this week with 4½ inches total, three inches falling in a short span of time. This caused runoff which made it to Greenbelt Lake, and, as of Saturday morning, it had a depth increase of four feet. How wonderful and thank you, Jesus, for the bounty! A few more rains like that and fun times will return to the lake.

All the little lakes and ponds are filled with water and grass is growing in the pastures. The farm land looks good unless it was low ground and that will need replanting. Here in Howardwick, the mowers are everywhere, but the people I have talked to say they welcome the extra work because we got rain. Ole Jim's peas and squash are doing well, and so far the deer have kept out.

This is the last week of June

which means the big July 4 celebration in Clarendon is coming up. This year the celebration will be 4, 5, and 6 which fall on Thursday, Friday and Saturday with advertising on the Mulkey marquee.

After the rains the college campus looks nice and well maintained which gives a good first impression to the town. Some family members stayed at Best Western while here and reported it was full each night, the only complaint



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they heard was the lack of a good restaurant near the motel. That is a hint to someone wanting to invest (and I don't have land for sell in Clarendon).

As we lead up to July 4th, think about our country and that group of Patriots and the decisions they were making. Everyone was angry. The patriots against the English and their family and friends that supported the English, and the loyalists were angry with the patriots. Families were split, spies were everywhere, and homes were raided and sometimes burned. King George sat on his throne and raised taxes and with the largest fighting force in the world he considered those fighting as a non-threat.

Thank goodness we had a small group of brilliant, brave men, and we don't serve tea and crumpets each day.

Farewell party planned for Wallaces

On Sunday, June 23, the Hedley Baptist Church will have a dinner after services to say good-bye to Coach Darrell Wallace and his wife, Susie. They will be leaving the Hedley area, and they will be missed by a lot of people. We wish them well on their journey and God's speed.

On June 29, Saturday, Eunice Ward, a very special lady, is celebrating her 90th birthday. She is having a party at the Hedley Baptist Church from 2-4 p.m. (no gifts) Everyone invited. Please tell her Happy Birthday the next time you see her.

The Hedley Senior Citizens will be out and about selling raffle tickets

for the Cotton Festival. We have a \$1,500 Hunting Package which includes a 12ga Benelli semi-auto shotgun (with an 11-year warranty), one case of ammo, one gun case, one hunting vest, one camo duffle bag, one canopy chair, one camp end table, one bucket with swivel chair and a few dove decoys. Tickets are \$10 each or a book of 7 for \$50. Call Kathy Spier, 856-5302, for more information.



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59 golfers participate in Fun-D Raiser

**By Sandy Anderberg**  
The 2013 equipment Fun-D Raiser at the Clarendon Country Club on Saturday was a great success with fifty-nine golfers participating. Several fun holes were added to the competition with many prizes won. The team of P.J. Lemons, Kevin Wood, Bruce Ferguson, and Mark Morris came in ahead of the field with a 51 for the 18-hole contest.

Kolton Wood hit the longest drive for the men on number 16, and Sunday Morris captured that award for the women.

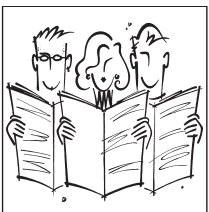
Redell Johnston made the longest putt for the men on number nine at 30'5", and Theresa Shelton made the longest putt for the women. Closest to the pin on number eight

was Bruce Ferguson at 5'4", and the number 15 winner was Bryce Parker at 5'2".

Five teams played in the Friday night scramble with the team of Daniel Burcham, Kolton Wood, Don Hinton, and Sherol Johnston taking first at seven under par. The other teams came in at four, three, and two under.

Sandy Anderberg won low gross in the women's game on Thursday with an 85. Gayle Rogers and Gail Leathers tied for low net with a 73.

There will be a 4th of July scramble at the CCC on Thursday, July 4, beginning immediately following the parade. Call the Pro Shop for more information.



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## In a jam

A pair of tractor-trailer rigs were wrecked last Tuesday, June 18, near Giles after a 2013 Dodge Avenger driven by Jerry Bailey of Pensacola, Florida, drove impatiently and aggressively when leaving the Donley County Safety Rest Area on the south side of US 287. According to DPS Trooper Chad Simpson's report, Bailey illegally crossed the solid white stripe of the accelerating lane and struck the right wheel of one tractor-trailer, breaking its tire rod and causing it to crash into the side of the other tractor-trailer. Bailey was issued a citation.

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## Forage crop insurance deadline approaching

AMARILLO — Livestock producers considering adding a layer of protection against drought loss on annual forage crops have an insurance deadline ahead, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service specialist.

The Rainfall Index — Annual Forage Insurance plan, referred to as RI-AF, is a risk policy designed to provide livestock producers the ability to buy protection against losses due to a lack of moisture, said DeDe Jones, AgriLife Extension risk management specialist in Amarillo.

The sign-up deadline for RI-AF is July 15 for the fall growing season — Sept. 1, 2013-March 31, 2014 — and Dec. 15 for the spring season — March 1-Sept. 30, 2014. All premium payments are due by Aug. 30, 2014.

While RI-AF is similar to

Pasture Range and Forage Insurance, or PRF insurance, the difference lies in the type of commodity covered, Jones said.

PRF encompasses perennial grasses such as pasture and hay, while RI-AF is strictly for annual forage crops, she explained. These include but are not limited to winter small grains, such as wheat, oats, rye and triticale, and spring plantings such as sudan, haygrazer and millet.

Under both insurance plans, payment is not determined by individual damages, but rather area losses based on a grid system, Jones said. Producers can select any portion of acres to insure.

They must also choose a maximum of three, two-month intervals per growing season per year. Insured acres are then spread between time periods, with no more

than 40 percent of the acres placed in any interval.

Coverage levels between 70 and 90 percent are available, she said. Once coverage is selected, the producer chooses a productivity factor between 60 and 150 percent. The productivity factor is a percentage of the established county base value for annual forage. Base value is a standard rate published by the Risk Management Agency for each county. For example, Hansford County's value is \$107.74 per acre.

The Rainfall Index determines RI-AF coverage. This model uses National Oceanic and Atmospheric Climate Prediction Center data and a 12-by-12 mile grid system. Indemnities are calculated based on the deviation from normal precipitation within a grid for a specific period selected, Jones said.

## Whitetail Properties adds Grimes area specialists

PIKE COUNTY, ILL. — Whitetail Properties, an industry leading recreational real estate company, has named a Wheeler County native, Darren Grimes as its new Agent and Land Specialist serving the Panhandle & South Plains of Texas.

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"The expansion of our Agent and Land Specialist network further strengthens our ability to meet the needs of our clients," noted Dan Perez, CEO of Whitetail

Properties. "Darren's comprehensive understanding of recreational real estate sales and marketing will greatly benefit all clients and future clients in the West Texas market".

Prior to Whitetail Properties, Darren worked all over west Texas as a pharmaceutical sales representative and most recently for Cubist Pharmaceuticals.

Mr. Grimes graduated from Wheeler High School and earned a BS in Journalism from Eastern New Mexico University.

He and his wife Wendy live in Lubbock with their three children.

Mr. Grimes can be contacted via dgrimes@whitetailproperties.tv or 806-786-9621

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## Thornberry pans defeat of farm bill

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Congressman Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon) made the following comments after the Farm Bill failed to pass the House last week:

"I am disappointed that the Farm Bill did not pass the House. Our farmers and ranchers need to know what our nation's agriculture policy is going be, especially after dealing with several years of market volatility and the effects of Mother Nature. This is especially true in our part of Texas as the economy relies heavily on agriculture production.

In addition to offering producers some stability, the bill also offered taxpayers close to \$40 billion in savings, including reductions in farm policy spending

and the repeal or consolidation of over 100 programs. It also included reasonable, commonsense reforms to the food stamp program.

These are the first reforms to nutrition since welfare reform in 1996, saving over \$20.5 billion and closing loopholes the Obama Administration has used to increase participation. Now there will be no changes, no closed loopholes, and no savings from the massive increases in food stamps because the program is exempt from sequestration.

Thornberry said, "The House let the perfect be the enemy of the good, while our farmers and ranchers are left hanging and taxpayers are left with the status quo. The American people deserve better."

## Sheriff's Report

June 17, 2013

10:11 a.m. — EMS assist Eastbound I-40  
2:50 p.m. — See caller 400 block Burkhead  
2:58 p.m. — EMS assist — Hedley High School  
7:20 p.m. — See caller — HWY 273

June 18, 2013

5:11 a.m. — See caller 900 West 8th  
1:04 p.m. — Units paged — vehicle accident — HWY 287 Eastbound Rest Area

June 19, 2013

8:01 a.m. — Units paged lightning hit house 400 block East Wood  
8:10 a.m. — Report of vehicle swept off road 287 & Co Rd 7A  
11:43 a.m. — Report of vehicle stranded — Kearney & Montgomery Street  
5:05 p.m. — EMS assist HWY 70 North

June 20, 2013

6:43 a.m. — Horses loose by Clarendon College  
7:00 p.m. — EMS assist HWY 70 North  
June 21, 2013

12:27 p.m. — Loose livestock HWY 70 North

1:29 p.m. — Units paged semi fire I-40 Westbound

3:36 p.m. — Residential alarm 400 block East 4th

4:36 p.m. — EMS assist 600 block South Gorst

7:12 p.m. — Dispatched to 2 vehicle accident 400 block West 2nd

June 22, 2013

1:18 a.m. — Vehicle vs deer accident 5 miles East of town

8:47 a.m. — See caller 300 block Church Street

9:45 a.m. — Loose livestock West 8th Street

11:11 p.m. — See caller 100 block North Carhart

June 23, 2013

4:08 a.m. — Report of subject lost in Nacona Hills area

10:58 a.m. — EMS assist 100 block North Carhart

4:00 p.m. — Units dispatched vehicle accident 3 miles East of Lilia Lake

6:40 p.m. — EMS assist 400 block East 2nd

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### WHY NOW?

You've heard our government and other pundits debating gun ownership, magazine capacity, semi-auto versus auto, etc. To try and make it safer for everyone is a noble cause. I appreciate that some are honest in their hearts in trying to conceive ways to making the country safe from killers using guns. The problem I have, and others do too, is that many aren't being honest about what is going on. For those who would control us, they want our guns and don't let anyone tell you different. Many in power know the facts:

Like until 1975, you hadn't heard of someone going to a school and shooting multiple people. Yet, we've had repeating arms in this country for over a hundred years before 1975. Why now? What's changed? You know what has changed. We've went from a moral, strong work ethic, responsible for your own actions, God fearing nation to a morally bankrupt, no work ethic, everyone is a victim, don't need God nation.

When almost half the children are born into a one parent home, churches graying for lack of youth, politicians and the public have become corrupt, we are murdering our children in the womb, etc., what would you expect?

Kids are left alone to play mindless and violent video games, watch movies full of killing, etc., for some kids who aren't raised normally, they don't know how to separate fantasy from reality.

The kids have been told for decades now that their ancestors were monkeys that had evolved from one cell organisms. If you are an animal, you can't be held accountable for your actions.

We are reaping what we've been sowing for 50 years. We've allowed the liberal politicians to control policy in this country for a long time. I didn't say Republican or Democrat, there are liberals or "progressives" on both sides. Look at your country right now, does this look like progress to you? In the churches, many have allowed the liberals in that sector take over doctrine. Some things have been tried and tested and work. Folks came along later and called all of it "traditions" and talked enough to try things that had been discarded and given up on years ago. "There is nothing new under the sun."

Guns really don't kill people but morally bankrupt people do kill others. Cain murdered his brother with a rock or a stick. You could do the same with your Buick. The reason we are about to become a nation with a master instead of a leader is we quit letting God be our Master. We did that on our own. Now that God is out of our lives, they'll take our guns next so that we can't fight back against our new master. Matthew 6:33 tells us to seek God first and He will take care of us. Its been so long since the majority of this country has done that, it may be too late.

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Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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• The Kid's Parade will be on July 4th at 10 a.m.  
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For more information call the Chamber of Commerce at  
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Please fill out the entry form and mail it to P.O. Box 986,  
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# Audie Murphy, a hero still missing one medal

By Jay Root, Texas Tribune

Audie Murphy, one of the most decorated soldiers of World War II, was awarded almost every ribbon and medal available. His name can be found on a commemorative postage stamp, a veterans' hospital and even the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

But Murphy's home state has never bestowed its highest military award, the Texas Legislative Medal of Honor. And for the second time in two years, an effort to give him one has fizzled.

Now family members and supporters are wondering if Murphy, who died in 1971, has been forgotten, along with other war veterans from what has been called the greatest generation.

"I'm disappointed," said Nadine Murphy Lokey, 82, Murphy's only surviving sibling. "I think they had him in the history books at one time, but they've taken him out," she said. If students do not learn about him "and people don't talk about him, well, they forget."

Murphy received at least two dozen military decorations and awards, including the Medal of Honor, the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star and several Purple Hearts.

The son of poor tenant farmers from Hunt County, in northeast Texas, Murphy dropped out of school as a teenager to help his family make ends meet. After the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, Murphy tried to enlist in the Marines but was rejected because at about 5 feet 7 inches tall and 130 pounds, he was deemed underweight.

## Men should make individual cancer screening plans

HOUSTON – When it comes to cancer screenings, every man is different with regards to what age and how often he should be screened, a men's health expert from Baylor College of Medicine (www.bcm.edu) said.

Continued and updated conversations about family history should help men and their doctors make the most informed decisions about the cancer screening plan, said Dr. Mohit Khera, assistant professor of urology at BCM.

"When we talk about routine men's health, we're talking prostate cancer and colon cancer screenings," said Khera. "But when to start and how often to be screened will be different for each person."

Family history of cancer is something men should be aware of, said Khera, also a member of the NCI-designated Dan L. Duncan Cancer Center at BCM (www.bcm.edu/cancercenter).

A sister helped him alter his birth records so he could enlist at age 17, and in June 1942 he was inducted into the United States Army, according to published biographies.

Murphy's daring exploits seem almost like a video game caricature. He is said to have killed more than 200 Nazis.

One of his most heralded acts of bravery, cited when he received the Medal of Honor, occurred in January 1945 near Holtzwihr, France. Under withering attack, Murphy climbed atop a burning tank destroyer, commandeered a .50-caliber machine gun and held off an entire German infantry company as it desperately tried to take him out.

Asked over a field telephone how close the Nazis were to him, he is said to have replied, "Just hold the phone and I'll let you talk to one of the bastards."

Murphy killed about 50 Nazis in that battle and ultimately forced the company to withdraw.

An eyewitness, Pfc. Anthony Abramski, later said: "I expected to see the whole damn tank destroyer blow up under him any minute. For an hour he held off the enemy force single-handed, fighting against impossible odds." Abramski called it the "greatest display of guts and courage I have ever seen."

After the war, Murphy became an actor and produced or starred in dozens of movies, including To Hell and Back (1955), based on his best-selling autobiography of the same title.

Murphy was one of the first veterans to speak openly about

"battle fatigue," now known as post-traumatic stress disorder, from which he suffered until he died in the crash of a small plane at age 45.

Murphy had kept a foot in the military after World War II by joining the Texas Army National Guard. It was this final piece of his military career that made him eligible for the Texas Legislative Medal of Honor, an award that state lawmakers began presenting in 1997.

A drive to win home-state recognition for Murphy, led by his family and fans, took off in 2011. But that year the medal was awarded, posthumously, to Roy Cisneros, a Marine corporal, for his bravery on the battlefield in Vietnam.

At the time, state law allowed only one medal to be awarded every odd-numbered year — while the Legislature was gathered for its regular session — leading to a backlog of candidates in a state with an oversize military presence.

This year, a bill allowing two people to receive the medal sailed through the Legislature. The legislation sets aside one award for actions that occurred between 1956 and the present, and another for actions before 1956.

In May, the nominating committee that decides who can receive the award chose Murphy for the award set aside for older conflicts.

"He is in a class all by himself," said state Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio, author of the bill creating the two award opportunities and vice chairwoman of the committee that entered

plan should be made between the patient and his doctor based on the individual's history.

Recent updates in prostate cancer screening guidelines may cause confusion for some men, Khera said.

Though routine PSA (prostate-specific antigen) screening for men between the ages of 40 to 54 is not recommended for men with an average risk, those with a family history, or over the age of 55 may require a different plan.

The American Urological Association recently clarified its statement on PSA screening, which may be helpful information for men: [http://www.auanet.org/advnwts/press\\_releases/article.cfm?articleNo=290](http://www.auanet.org/advnwts/press_releases/article.cfm?articleNo=290), Khera said.

A primary care doctor may seek counsel from a genetic expert or specialist to help make the decision about screening, Khera said.

Murphy's name into nomination last month. "When you read about Audie Murphy, you're like — was he human?"

But the opportunity to recognize Murphy fell through the cracks at the chaotic end of the regular session.

Perry received the bill in his office on May 20, seven days before the Legislature adjourned. That meant there was time for Murphy to get the award, at least in theory. But that would have required Perry's immediate signature of the bill creating two awards, plus a separate legislative resolution giving the second one to Murphy.

Neither action was taken. Perry's aides said he was never notified about the urgency of signing the bill, one of more than 1,200 he received in the last two weeks of the session. His signature came on June 14, more than two weeks after the session ended.

"Awarding Audie Murphy the Legislative Medal of Honor is long overdue, and the governor was proud to sign this important legislation," said Allison Castle, a spokeswoman for Perry. "Had we been notified about the urgency, we would have gladly expedited it."

Murphy is sure to be a strong contender to receive the award in the 2015 session, but Lokey, who recently had stents placed in her heart, is afraid she may not be around to see Texas honor her brother.

"We don't know about tomorrow," said Lokey, who lives in Farmersville, a small town northeast of Dallas. "If I'm not here, somebody else will carry on."

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Migraine is a disorder of the nervous system characterized by severe, pounding headaches that typically affect one side of the head. Ergotamines (Cafergot) are a class of medications used to help stop a migraine attack from being severe; these are often combined with caffeine as a tablet or suppository form. Ergotamines alter chemicals in the brain to tighten blood vessels. The triptans (Sumatriptan, Rivotriptan) are another class of medications that may reduce migraine attacks and symptoms.

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## USDA seeks applications for grants to improve rural housing

TEMPLE – Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that USDA is accepting applications for grants to help low- and very-low-income rural residents repair their homes. USDA remains focused on carrying out its mission, despite a time of significant budget uncertainty. Today's announcement is one part of the Department's efforts to strengthen the rural economy.

"The Obama Administration and USDA are working to ensure that rural homeowners and renters have safe, affordable and sanitary places to live," Vilsack said. "These grant funds will help low- and very-low-income residents in our rural communities maintain and repair

their homes and make them more energy-efficient."

"The cost of maintaining a home is challenging for many rural homeowners," said Paco Valentin, USDA Rural Development State Director. "This funding, available through Rural Development Housing Preservation grants, will help rural property owners make improvements to ensure their homes are decent, safe, sanitary and energy-efficient."

Grants are provided to qualified intermediaries such as town or county governments, public agencies, community organizations, federally recognized Indian Tribes, non-profit and faith-based organizations.

The grants are then distributed to qualified homeowners or owners of multi-family rental properties or cooperative dwellings who rent to low- and very-low-income residents. The grants can be used to weatherize and repair existing structures, install or improve plumbing or provide access to people with disabilities. In addition, the program assists rental property owners and cooperative housing complexes in repairing and rehabilitating their units if they agree to make such units available to low- and very low-income persons.

For additional information on eligibility for Housing Preservation Grants, please see the June 18, 2013, Federal Register.

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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 5

All Day - Downtown Merchants' Sales

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## Law enforcement to crack down on drunk driving

AUSTIN – In an effort to save lives and prevent roadway crashes over the extended Fourth of July weekend, the Texas Department of Transportation is introducing its Faces of Drunk Driving safety campaign to urge motorists to be smart and drive sober. Like all holidays, Independence Day ranks among the deadliest times on our roadways, and last year was no exception with 133 alcohol-related crashes in Texas.

“On average, there is an alcohol-related traffic crash in Texas every 20 minutes,” said TxDOT Executive Director Phil Wilson. “Drunk driving crashes are 100 percent preventable and so is the pain that comes with

each one.”

Throughout the month of July, TxDOT will host Faces of Drunk Driving events across the state at which safety advocates, law enforcement and victims of drunk driving will share their stories in front of 1,170 Texas flags, representing the number of people killed in alcohol-related crashes in Texas last year. More than 9,400 people also were seriously injured in alcohol-related crashes in 2012.

Helping TxDOT deliver this sobering message is 9-year-old Xitclalli “Chilli” Vasquez, who was paralyzed from the chest down after being hit by a drunk driver in Fort Worth on July 9, 2011, (just three

days before her eighth birthday). Also sharing their story is the family of Aaron Pennywell, 20, who was killed by a drunk driver two years ago in Cypress. These stories, along with those of more than a dozen others impacted by drunk driving, can be found at [www.FacesofDrunkDriving.com](http://www.FacesofDrunkDriving.com).

“If the possibility of killing yourself or someone else isn’t a good enough reason to not drink and drive, you should know that being arrested for DWI also has longstanding, negative consequences,” Wilson said.

“DWI penalties include jail time, a suspended driver’s license and as much as \$17,000 or more in

fines, legal fees and other expenses. You and your family can’t afford it, so be smart and safe while celebrating the holiday.”

Law enforcement around Texas will conduct a “No Refusal” initiative over the Independence Day weekend. “No Refusal” operations allow for suspected drunk drivers to be pulled over and required by law to provide police with a breath or blood sample. Motorists found to be legally intoxicated (with a blood or breath alcohol content of .08 or higher) face arrest and prosecution.

For media inquiries, contact TxDOT Media Relations at [MediaRelations@txdot.gov](mailto:MediaRelations@txdot.gov) or (512) 463-8700.



High Plains East team members were (top) Hunter Warminski, William Sirmans, Helton Fuqua, Harm Drenth, Koyte Tucek, Nick Mize, (middle) Braedon Williams, Dustin Bledsoe, Trystan Franks, Brock Hatley, Jodee Pigg, Colt Pelfrey, (bottom) bat boys Dakota Franks and Cuyler Mize, and coaches - Carlos White, Wes Hatley, and Alan Warminski.

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Technological innovation and the economic downturn has changed the way that U.S. consumers shop. Consumers have become more destination shoppers, making more considered purchases and doing their homework before heading to the store. These statistics of U.S. adults used in newspaper-to-print or online in the past week, over 11 million adults. For shoppers, newspaper advertising is an opt-in medium in an opt-out world.

95% of U.S. adults report that the recession has impacted their shopping habits. 76% report doing fewer shopping trips. Adults also plan purchases more (29%), and purchase continues to be predominantly made in stores (70%) though shopping information channels have dramatically expanded.

59% of adults visit newspaper first as the media used to help plan shopping or make purchasing decisions in the past 7 days. 80% of newspaper readers report looking at advertising when reading the paper.

41% say newspapers are the medium used most to check out ads, more than all electronic media combined. (TV, radio, Internet)

77% of newspaper readers took an action as a result of a print newspaper ad in the past 30 days. 10% visited a website, 12% bought something advertised and 40% visited a store.

60% of newspaper readers followed up a newspaper ad online in some way. 40% went to a website after seeing a print newspaper ad and 28% conducted an online search after seeing a newspaper ad.

82% of readers used a printed insert in the past 30 days. On average, adults keep inserts 4.4 days. 10% used to compare prices, 51% used to compare and decide to purchase, 32% saved until visiting the store and 43% used to make an unplanned purchase.

Source: Newspaper Research 2010  
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**Top Online Source** 57percent of consumers identified local newspaper Web sites as the top online source for local information, ahead of the totals for all other media.

**Source for Local Information** Newspaper sites ranked first as a source for local information (29%), local sports (27%), local entertainment (26%) and local classifieds (39%), ahead of both local television Web sites and online portals. And, consumers value local content with 57% indicating that local information is very important.

**Trustworthiness of Advertising** Consumers agree that their opinion of online advertising is influenced by the type of Web site on which the ad appears. Local newspaper sites ranked first in trustworthiness of advertising.

**Current, Credible and Relevant** Consumers consider local newspaper Web sites to be the most trusted source of online advertising, with ads that are perceived to be more current, credible and relevant to them.

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# Cotton council hears latest in research

COLLEGE STATION – The Cotton Chair Advisory Council meeting at Texas A&M University recently yielded several research presentations and demonstrations showcasing the latest in cotton and related engineering work.

The advisory council consists of 10 founding organizations: Case IH, Cotton Foundation, Farmers' Cooperative Compress, Farmers' Co-op of El Campo, John Deere Inc., Lummus Corporation/Beltwide, Plains Cotton Cooperative Association, Texas Agricultural Cooperative Council, Texas Cotton Ginners' Association and Cotton Industry Support Group.

Parnell provided an overview and demonstration of the fluidized bed gasifier that takes gin trash from cotton and creates energy that can be used to produce electricity.

"Some would ask, 'why are

we doing this?'" he told the group. "We've got plenty of natural gas here across the country. Do we really have enough electricity, though? Half of our electricity today comes from coal, and it's not easy for power producers to switch from coal to natural gas overnight."

In Texas, power grids are under heavy loads during summer and sometimes during winter, especially in rural markets. Parnell envisions "taking gin trash delivered to the gin with the seed cotton and producing electricity."

"Gins located in rural areas may not have a high priority if we have limited supplies of electricity in the future," Parnell said. "If we have the ability to take gin trash and generate enough electricity to operate the gin during the ginning season, and possibly put the excess back on the grid, that would be an advantage."

Fellow engineer Wayne LePori and Parnell obtained a patent that went idle for 20 years "without anyone using it. Later, Dr. (Sergio) Capareda joined our faculty from the Philippines as he had been one of the graduate students who had worked on the research that resulted in the original patent. He applied for and received a provisional patent on this technology."

Parnell reported that he and his graduate students have constructed a gasifier with a 6-inch bed. He said there are limits on the energy-loading-rate, such as how much fuel the gasifier can be fed; the fuel-to-air ratio to maintain the reaction in gasification mode; and bed and gas temperatures.

"The new reactor is 6 inches in diameter and is constructed of stainless steel, otherwise it would melt," Parnell said. "The size of

this research unit facilitates testing a wide range of biomass fuels and conditions that will play a role in the engineering and construction of a system that can produce 1, 2, and 3 megawatt power plants. These are the size of power plants that are needed for 20, 40 and 60 bale-per-hour cotton gins." Two different feed stocks have been tested. Horse feed contains approximately 6,700 Btu per pound, while gin trash contains approximately 6,600 Btu per pound.

"The output of the reactor is a bio-gas with sufficient energy to operate a generator," Parnell said.

The goal of the project is "not to just come up with the best quality and maximum quantity of gas from gin trash, but to maximize removal of the particles that are leaving the bed so the gas can be put directly into an internal combustion engine and generate electricity," he said.

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**4H Roundup** Several members of the Donley 4-H Club qualified for the 2013 Texas 4-H Roundup held in College Station on the Texas A&M campus held June 10-14. Qualifiers on the Horse Quiz Bowl team include Alyse Simpson, Sam Spillers, Shelby Musick and Kelsey McAnear. Members of the Horse Judging Team are Alyse Simpson, Sam Spillers and Kelsey McAnear and they placed 22nd overall. State qualifiers on the 5th Place Beef Quiz Bowl Team include Blaine Ellis, Tres Hommel, Austin Adams and Jake Owens. The Livestock Judging Team members who qualified are Kati Adams, Austin Adams and John Pigg and they placed 19th overall. All teams competed well at the contest thanks to Coaches Robin and Guy Ellis, Jennifer Pigg, Lon Adams and Leonard Haynes. John Pigg spent most of his time serving on the State 4-H Council which he was elected president of by District 1. While there, they were able to take a tour of the school of veterinary medicine and join in many activities with fellow 4-H members from all over the state



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