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Petition seeks city election this fall

A petition is available at Clarendon City Hall to request that Donley County officials call a November 5 special election for the purpose of electing three city aldermen.

The Board of Aldermen is currently unable to take any action after three of its members – a majority – resigned last month. The signatures of 26 taxpaying voters from within the city limits are needed to present the petition to the county commissioners' court.

Two CHS grads to play for Bethany

LINDSBORG, Kan. – The Bethany College football Swedes this week announced that two Clarendon High School graduates will be playing this in the fall.

Trevor Cobb played for the Broncos as a defensive back. He earned all-state second team line-backer honors and was named to the Pigskin Super team. He had 700 receiving yards, 102 tackles, four sacks and four interceptions his senior year. Cobb is the son of Craig Cobb and plans to major in biology.

Austen McNelly played for the Broncos as a center and defensive tackle all four years. In addition to football, McNelly also played tennis. He was in power-lifting and threw the shot put and discus in track and field. He is the son of Rebecca Dzakmo and is undecided on his major.

The Bethany College Swedes compete in 18 intercollegiate sports in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (KCAC) of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). Since 1902, Bethany has won 153 conference championships.

Shot clinic to be held here July 11

The Texas Department of State Health Services will hold two immunization clinics in Clarendon next month.

Clinics will be held July 11 and 18 at the TDSHS office at Five Medical Drive with the first 15 clients being seen from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Enterprise to close for holiday July 4

The Clarendon Enterprise will be closed July Fourth for the Independence Day celebration this Thursday. The office will re-open on Friday, July 5. We hope everyone has a great holiday and enjoys the local festivities.

CC receives \$275k gift to improve LEC

Clarendon College officials are making plans to enhance the Livestock & Equine Center after an anonymous donor gave \$275,000 for the purpose.

CC President Phil Shirley said the gift will allow the college to build restrooms, a permanent announcer's stand, office space, and a classroom to the ten-year-old facility.

"The donor was given three projects to

consider and felt like this one would impact the most students as well as the community," Shirley said.

The improvements to the LEC will make the facility more attractive for events, bring more people to Clarendon, and in turn help the community and local businesses, the president said.

"It will be an unlimited draw and have

more people spending the night here, eating here, and buying things they need here."

The facility was built in 2003, but funds were not available to finish it out as intended. Improvements have been made through the years, but Shirley said the college has spent about \$38,000 renting portable commodes over that time.

At this point, the college is still finalizing

plans for the office space in the LEC. The biggest issue facing the project is how to handle the sewage – either through a septic system or by tying into city services. But Shirley is confident that matter will be resolved.

"We want to accommodate crowds of up to 2,500 people," he said. "We hope to fill every hope and every dream we've had for the facility. We want the best."



Clarendon Volunteer Firemen try to extinguish burning tires loaded on a truck near Ashtola last Thursday, June 27. Inset: The truck fully engulfed before emergency responders arrived.

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Firemen battle truck blaze near Ashtola

Traffic on US 287 west of Clarendon was disrupted for more than four hours last Thursday, June 27, when a tractor-trailer rig caught on fire near Ashtola.

Clarendon volunteer firemen were dispatched at 5:36 p.m. and arrived at the scene at 5:48 to find the truck fully involved and its cargo of recapped tires ablaze in the outer westbound lane, according to

Fire Chief Jeremy Powell.

Traffic in the west bound lanes backed up miles two miles, slowing emergency units getting to the scene. Authorities split the east bound lanes with cones and moved the west bound traffic onto these lanes from County Road 5 to County Road 3 while emergency crews battled the fire. US 287 west bound lanes remained closed

until around 10:00 p.m. when emergency and wrecker crews were able to clear the roadway.

The cause of the fire was unavailable at press time. The fire came about one week after another truck caught fire in Clarendon on US 287.

Nine units and 14 firemen responded from the Clarendon Fire Department, Hedley responded with

two units and three firemen, and the Donley County EMS had two units and three people on the scene. Also responding were the Donley County Sheriff's Office, Texas Department of Transportation, and Texas Department of Public Safety. Clarendon Firebelles assisted EMS with firefighter rehab due to hot temperatures.

Alcohol petition draws supporters, detractors

Petitioners seeking to call on election to legalize alcohol sales in Donley County were halfway to their goal of collecting 413 signatures as of Tuesday.

Supporters of the measure say they intend to deliver their petition to county officials by next week. The petition seeks an election to allow the sale of all alcoholic beverages including mixed drinks. The drive includes the sale of alcoholic beverages and mixed beverages.

Jack Craft is heading the petition drive, and he says his reasons for wanting to legalize

alcohol sales are economic.

"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."

A study conducted this year by the Perryman Group on the wet/dry issue in Canadian found that legalizing alcohol sales there could generate \$7.6 million in business activity annually, create 116 permanent jobs,

and increase tax receipts to local governments by \$426,000 per year. The impact in Donley County would be less, but Perryman's study encourages voters to be informed.

"Decisions related to alcoholic beverages sales involve a number of criteria, and voters should consider and be informed about all of them in determining their position," the study says. "On a purely economic basis, however, the proposed measures lead to increases in business activity across a spectrum of industries as well as enhanced fiscal resources."

But opponents of the petition and of

legalizing alcohol sales say the increased income – if there is any – won't offset the fiscal and social costs related to alcohol. Clarendon Alderman Will Thompson is one resident who opposes the legalization drive.

"The question is one of availability up and down US 287," Thompson said, raising concerns about drunk driving. "It's available here now, but it's filtered because it's on Highway 70. It's always been sort of sequestered to Howardward and the lake area."

Thompson also worries about the cost

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Agency yields to Prairie Chicken request

WASHINGTON, D.C.

— U.S. Congressman Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon) has received notification from Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Director Dan Ashe that a six-month extension will be granted for the final listing determination of the Lesser Prairie Chicken as a "threatened species" under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

Earlier this week, Thornberry was joined by eight other Congressmen from Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Colorado, Kansas, and Washington, including Rep. Randy Neugebauer and Rep. Mike Conaway, in a letter to Director Ashe requesting the six-month extension to March

30, 2014.

"This is a good result for all the local communities and landowners that are working hard to implement local solutions to protect the Prairie Chicken," Thornberry said.

"I hope that with this extra time, the Fish and Wildlife Service will take a serious look at those efforts and make the right decision."

The original letter to Director Ashe requesting the extension cited "significant scientific disagreement" about the status of the species that must be analyzed and addressed. Both the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the American Wind Energy

Association have pointed to such discrepancies in comments to the FWS on the Lesser Prairie Chicken listing.

Thornberry's office has been working with local residents and businesses to encourage FWS officials to consider voluntary efforts to protect the Prairie Chicken, which have proven effective with other species. Land owners, energy companies, and other businesses could face consequences if the bird is listed as a "threatened species."

The Lesser Prairie Chicken can be found in Texas, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Kansas. The Prairie Chicken population is on the rise or holding steady.



Mud fun

Kassie O'Dell of Hedley slides down a muddy slope as part of the 4H Leadership Camp at Clarendon College last week.

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Let's have a discussion about booze

There was a time when Clarendon was wet and free.

This information always comes as a shock to many who think of Clarendon only as "Saints' Roost" – the temperance colony founded in 1878 by Rev. L.H. Carhart on the banks of the Salt Fork of the Red River a few miles north of here. But after the town moved to the railroad, Clarendon was indeed wet from 1887 through the 1890s, and it was a bustling community. Churches of different denominations popped up left and right, a Catholic academy was founded, the region's first college – Clarendon College – was opened, and all of it happened in the midst of alcohol sales and consumption.

Then, in 1902, the prohibitionists won out and Donley County was voted dry, and with the exception of the City of Howardwick after 1972, it has remained dry.

But now local rancher/artist Jack Craft and a merry band of supporters (including your editor) want to change things, and they have economic development on their minds. They have nothing personal against anyone or any business. They only want to see Clarendon and Donley County grow and prosper. The group points to studies that show alcoholic beverage sales have a positive financial impacts on communities, and the numbers are compelling. An analysis paid for by the Canadian Economic Development Corporation estimates that Hemphill County could reap \$7.6 million in business activity annually and see the creation of 116 new jobs if alcoholic beverage sales were legalized. Additionally, local governments there could gain \$426,000 annually in new tax receipts.

Of course, that's in Canadian. If Donley County could reap one-fifth of that, it would certainly be a benefit to our community, and the study does not measure the potential sponsorships that might be available from Coors, Budweiser, and other companies for local events if the county were not dry.

Craft's petition on the sale of alcohol in the county must gain a minimum of 413 registered voters in just the next few days in order to get it to commissioners in time to call a November election. The petition is the first step to having a good debate about the merits of alcohol sales and then letting the people of the county decide the issue.

As best we can tell, it's been 35 years since any Donley County voter outside of Howardwick has voted on the alcohol question. Does the majority now support it? The only way to find out is to put the matter to a vote and see, but to do that the petition has to go through.

Already, those opposed to legalizing alcohol sales throughout the county are putting forth their positions and voicing their concerns that legalization will lead to increased criminal activity, immorality, higher law enforcement costs, and other social ills. Are they right? That's a question worth asking other towns that have become wet in the last few years, places like Silvertown, Shamrock, Childress, and others.

If the petition garners enough signatures, we can spend the next four months looking at this question from all sides, hearing the pros and cons, and finding out what other towns' experiences have been.

And what of the economic question? Canadian's numbers look amazing, but what could Clarendon expect? Again, if the petition garners enough signatures, we can spend some time trying to determine what – if any – financial reward has been realized by legalizing alcohol in towns more similar to Clarendon.

We are currently enjoying something of mini-boom as a petroleum byproduct pipeline comes through our area, causing a couple of hundred people to temporarily call Clarendon their home. Sales taxes receipts were up 41 percent in April. With traffic to Greenbelt Lake seriously lagging, the pipeliners have been a blessing in bolstering our economy. But they are only here for a little while. What can we do to keep the economy humming after they leave? Allowing alcohol sales may be one thing that will stimulate the economy.

There may be dollars and jobs that are slipping through our fingers, and maybe we can catch them if we take action. Signing the petition won't automatically make alcohol legal, but it lets us talk about it and gives us an opportunity to vote on it. Maybe it passes, or maybe it gets soundly defeated. Maybe after we explore the realities of legalized sales, most people will embrace the idea, or maybe not.

There will be good people on both sides of this issue; and for some folks whose lives have been touched by alcohol abuse, the topic might be doubly sensitive and the position might be twice as strong. But disregarding all the heated politics we've been through lately, we believe that Donley County residents can discuss and weigh this issue with open minds and a willingness to listen to each other. Civility and neighborliness should be our guideposts if the petition reaches its goal and we begin a path to November.

If we keep our focus on what's good for our community and treating each other with respect, then surely the voters will make the decision that is right for Donley County. Whatever that decision may be.



editor's commentary
by roger estlack

Independence Day a devine holiday

John Adams, destined to become the second president of the United States, wrote in a letter to his wife, Abigail, the following: "The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary Festival. It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever."

Amen, brother John, even if you did get the date slightly off.

Independence Day has always been my favorite holiday of the year, surpassing Thanksgiving and Christmas as my favorite, primarily because our celebration of Independence Day addresses all three holidays. And, it includes parades, fireworks, and mighty fine barbeque (however you spell it). In small town Texas, the inclusion of rodeos and dances serve as dessert.

As far back as I can remember, surely to 1950 or 1951, I can still see those magnificent horses prancing down the street, accompanied by the clip-clop of hundreds of hooves as the Sheriff's Posse and Rodeo Queens rode down main street, trailing a scattering of horse apples along the way. Then came the Shriner's clowns zooming to and fro, dodging the aforementioned horse apples, frantically driving their tiny little clown cars, all the while tossing a blizzard of candy to the kids – as we watched in merriment.

During that time in my young life, I was too young to understand the great import of those early Independence Day celebrations. All I understood was that we were treated to a wonderful, exciting parade, great globs of soon to be sticky candy, and a barbeque dinner under the shade trees on the courthouse lawn. As we ate we were surrounded by an enormous cadre of family; and, felt wonderfully safe and secure as we

romped around the giant green lawn with our cousins and friends. Life was simple and good to me back then, before the storms of life would take their toll. It was a time of innocence and unlimited goodness.

Only later, as my intellect (as shallow as it is) developed, did I come to revere Independence Day for its majesty, and for serving as an icon of who we are as a people, and where we came from, down through the ages. If our Founding Fathers had lacked the moral courage and great abundance of character required to put their lives (as well as the lives of their families) in great peril, America as we know it would not exist. As is it, that generation – perhaps the first true generation of Americans – ultimately paid a great price in blood, pain, anguish, and loss so we could be free of the very real tyranny and control by despots across the Atlantic.

Independence Day remains my favorite America holiday because it gives me the opportunity to think of, remember, and contemplate the bloody sacrifices of hundreds of thousands of American soldiers and patriots throughout the ages. Independence Day may have begun as a celebration of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, but it has grown to include the remembrance of the agony and suffering our people experienced in the War of 1812, the War Between the States, the world wars, and every "limited" war thereafter.

Most importantly, Independence Day reminds me that America is a Divinely Ordained country, pleasing unto God. I can see the hand of Divinity in our creation and can still see the Hand of God as it guides and directs our nation. America is not now, and has never been a goddess country. To claim



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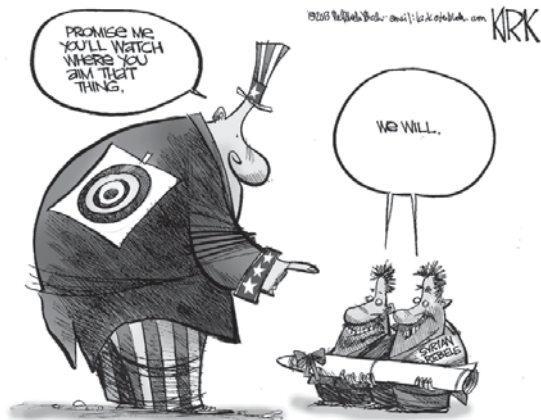
otherwise is an abomination to me and gets my blood up.

Even our most illustrious Founding Father, George Washington, wrote, "While we are zealously performing the duties of good citizens and soldiers, we certainly ought not to be inattentive to the higher duties of religion. To the distinguished character of Patriot, it should be our highest glory to add the more distinguished character of Christian." We must never forget that we were, in fact, founded as a Christian nation. Any claims to the contrary must be energetically contested, lest we lose our true character as a Christian nation.

Granted, while the structure of our government was designed primarily through principles set forth by the Enlightenment, make no mistake about it, America was founded as a Godly, Christian country. Even the Liberal's favorite Founding Father, Thomas Jefferson, who once wrote, "I am a real Christian – that is to say, a disciple of the doctrines of Jesus Christ," adding, "God who gave us life gave us liberty. And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are of the Gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with His wrath? Indeed, I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that His justice cannot sleep forever; That a revolution of the wheel of fortune, a change of situation, is among possible events; that it may become probable by Supernatural influence! The Almighty has no attribute which can take side with us in that event."

There many other examples, much too many to adequately report on, of the religious intent of our Founding Fathers. America was, and remains, a Judeo-Christian nation.

While Independence Day may have started out as a celebration of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, it has evolved into a celebration of the founding of America. Let us not forget this as we celebrate the founding of America, a truly Divinely inspired experiment in democracy.



Fourth a day to reflect, recommit

As we celebrate the Fourth of July, I encourage all Texans to take a moment to reflect upon what was at stake in that Philadelphia meetinghouse some 237 years ago, when a group of revolutionaries gathered to indict a tyrant and declare their independence. The notion that this band of enlightened colonialists would take a stand against the mightiest empire the world had ever known is bold and courageous in itself. That they would do so in the name of a radical, novel concept of liberty is astounding. And for us today, the heirs of their labors, it is humbling.

On that day in 1776, autocracy began its long retreat into history as a new conception of governance – one striving for freedom and self-rule – went

on the march. Our founders recognized that liberty, endowed by our Creator, is the birthright of all mankind. Today, as we gather with friends and family, we give thanks for the sacrifices that countless Americans have made over the generations to guard this right and see to it that it is fully realized by all citizens.

As we mark this day, let us recommit ourselves to America's founding ideals. Our experiment in



texas times
by sen. john corry

self-governance will always bring new challenges and fresh debates. At times these debates will be loud and raucous as sincere ideologies clash. But we must never lose sight of our common love of country and the fundamental truth that we are all each others' equal.

Texans are no strangers to the high cost of protecting the revolutionary ideals handed down to us by our founders. The Republic of Texas was born in a revolution of its own, and with over 100,000 members of our armed forces calling Texas home, our state has long been on the frontlines of liberty.

May God bless you and yours on this special day, and may he continue to bless Texas and the United States of America.

Exchange students broaden horizons

I just want to thank you for highlighting some of the accomplishments of my foreign exchange students who have gone to school in Hedley and Clarendon the last few years. These students leave all that they know and come to America wanting to see the "real" America. They come not knowing anyone and leave with a whole new family and perspective on what makes us Americans and even more Texans.

HyungMo from South Korea and Marijke from Germany both represented our schools at the state UIL meet and did well. Andy from Ecuador will be returning to the states next year as a college student. The families who host these students are wonderful and loving and gain just as much from the students as the students do from them.

The world is getting smaller all the time and our children need to see that the rest of the world may not be the

same as us. My organization, CIEE, has been around since 1946. I grew up in Clarendon and still have family there. We are always looking for families and still have students needing homes for August.

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Brenda Davis,
Canyon

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Kids from Donley 4-H and five other counties enjoyed the annual County Day Camp at Caprock Canyon June 25. They participated in kayaking, hiking, fishing, crafts, javelin throwing and informational talks. Shown here are Madison Smith, Izzy Craft, Braylee Shields, Chardy Craft, Cole Franks, Koyt Tucek, Ryan Ward, Clay Ward, Tanner Burch, (front row) Grant Haynes, and Jodee Pigg.

Cattlemen consider restocking

BASTROP – While there are signs of some ranchers beginning to rebuild herds, experts at the Independent Cattlemen's Association meeting are monitoring the beef cattle situation closely as drought conditions continue to affect parts of Texas beef production country.

"Some areas are still in pretty bad shape," said Phil Sadler, association president. "Cow numbers are down due to liquidations. Having said that, on the expense side, with prudent management that will be the key to being successful."

In the meantime, Sadler said any upward climb in overall cow numbers in Texas will not come overnight.

"It's going to be a slow process to rebuild herds," he said. "The numbers are not there."

"Guarded optimism" was what he said would best describe the outlook going forward, as more than 300 beef producers recently attended sessions at this year's meeting in Bastrop.

Stan Bevers, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economist in Vernon, told producers they need to closely monitor expenses and track performance of each cow.

"You can't manage what you don't measure," he said. "The whole point of being in business is to make profit," he said. Bevers said while cattle prices remain strong, input costs continue to affect profit margins. He said ranchers without any goals identified for their business are setting themselves up for potential problems.

"You should make profits, then

make choices," he said.

Bevers said too many cattle producers make purchasing choices before making profit.

"When I first start working with ranches, I ask individuals if they are reaching their goals and effectively managing assets," he said. "You need to identify what your goals are and where you are going."

Bevers said that starts with keeping good records. However, he added producers don't have to go out and purchase expensive software programs.

"It's doesn't have to be a \$6,000 software program," he said. "It could be something as simple as a spreadsheet or even on paper."

Once a good record-keeping system is in place, valuable data is generated to aid making decisions about the operation, Bevers said.

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to local governments if alcohol is available.

"There will be costs and repercussions," he said. "We need to consider are we willing to pass new laws for safety, new funds for law enforcement, and new laws for underage drinkers. The cost here will be more than in Amarillo, so in the end all we have done is make it more available for underage drinkers."

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 submit the petition to the clerk's office by July 8 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.

Petitioners are also busy in Hemphill County, 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 approved package sales in May. Silvertown, Childress, and Shamrock have all also voted wet in the last few years.

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July 4
Independence Day

Craft Fair • 9 a.m. • Courthouse Square

Kids' Tricycle/Bicycle Parade • 10 a.m.

Shriners' Barbecue • 11 a.m. • Courthouse Square

Western Parade • 2 p.m.

Class of '63 Reunion • following parade • Donley County Senior Citizens Center

Jr. Ranch Rodeo • 7:30 p.m. • COEA Arena

July 5
Downtown Merchants' Sale • All Day

Jr. Ranch Rodeo • 7:30 p.m. • COEA Arena

July 6
Henson's Turtle Race • 2 p.m. • Downtown

Ranch Rodeo • 7:30 p.m. • COEA Arena

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Menus

July 8 - 12

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Chicken tetrazzini, salad/Italian dressing, garlic bread, oatmeal cookies, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Macaroni/beeftomatoes, turnip greens, black eyed peas, cornbread, applesauce, iced tea/2% milk.
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Medicare and credit card scams to watch out for

I want to remind residents about a form of fraud based on a secured credit card offer. The scam has happened to an Amarillo resident recently. You can protect yourself from this type of crime by using a couple of simple precautions. In this scheme, the criminals appear to be targeting people with a recent bankruptcy.

The letter from what is presented as an FDIC member bank in Florida congratulated the victim on the discharge of debt under a bankruptcy, and offered a "semi-secured MasterCard" as a way to begin establishing credit. The company asked for "fully refundable one time deposit", with a cashier's check preferred, to obtain a card with a limit well in excess of the deposit. The offer letter states that after 12 months of payment, the deposit is returned, with interest. In this case, a gas card worth \$250 was offered as an incentive to enroll.

The victim called the "bank"

at an 800 number provided and spoke to someone posing as a bank employee, who assisted him with the offer. The victim sent a check. After his check was cashed but he received no card, he called the number listed. He was initially given reasons for the delay.

In a subsequent attempt to contact them, he found that number was no longer valid. The firm's web site could not be located. After the loss, it was learned that this firm is not listed with the Florida Office of Financial Regulation, and that it has an "F" rating and an alert warning on the Better Business Bureau's web site.

It's easy to protect yourself from this type of scam. Calling a telephone number or even checking a web site address provided by the business does not verify that a business is legitimate. A check of the business through an Internet search engine showed that others have described this offer as a scam.

A check of the BBB web site (www.bbb.org) easily showed a history of failure to respond to complaints and an alert that would notify a perspective customer to be wary. Though this offer looked good on paper, complete with a page full of fine print, a working telephone number, and corporate logos, the victim is now out several hundred dollars with little chance of recovery.

Stolen Guns in Texas

Texas leads nation in reported stolen guns-how to protect yourself from becoming a victim...

According to the 2012 Summary of Firearms Reported Lost or Stolen, Texas led the nation in total number of firearms reported lost or stolen with 18,874. This report,



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released by the U.S. Department of Justice/Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, can be seen at: <https://www.atf.gov/sites/default/files/assets/Firearms/2012-summary-firearms-reported-lost-and-stolen-2.pdf>.

Lost or stolen firearms can be a danger to the public and a financial loss for the owner. Stolen firearms are recovered at many crime scenes. Locally, firearms are most commonly taken in home burglaries or stolen from cars. The best way to avoid becoming a victim is to secure the firearm. A safe or other secure storage in the home is the best but most expensive way to protect firearms. There are less expensive storage containers, and keeping your firearms out of plain sight in the home may also aid in protecting them. Be sure to record the make, model, and serial number of every firearm you own. If a gun is stolen, the correct serial number is needed to enter the gun into the

National Crime Information Center computers and enhance chances of recovery, return to you, and charging the criminal.

Many guns, especially handguns, are stolen from vehicles. Owners may place handguns under a seat or in a center console temporarily and forget it is there, exposing it to risk of theft. Or, the owner may not realize that auto burglars know to look in all the hiding places and are skilled in finding what honest people are trying to hide. Last week, there were 35 auto burglaries reported in Amarillo. In most cases, auto burglars enter a car through an unlocked door. But, they also break windows or damage locks to gain entry. The best way to protect your firearm and avoid arming a criminal is to take it out of the vehicle whenever you are out of your vehicle.

Stay safe out there. Get a concealed handgun license and carry it with you when you leave the car.

Independence Day for America

How did it happen and why did it happen? Well, it took many years to make the Colonists angry enough to revolt, and I wish I had the time and knowledge to condense the story, but let me say the first time the Colonists met together was at the Albany Congress in 1754 to discuss relations with the Mohawk and Iroquois Indians. In that they found they could work together and as unrest increased, caused by taxation without representation the boycott of English goods was successful because of that cooperation.

Everyone remembers the Boston Tea Party, that was when we became a coffee drinking nation. The

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ride of Paul Revere" to spread the news from the two lanterns hanging in Boston's North Church to tell British were coming by sea. The Minutemen were men who could be ready to fight at a minute's notice as proven by defense from the Indians. Lexington and Concord were the first battles in 1773, still leading to

July 4, 1776.

Fifty-six men signed the Declaration of Independence which made them traitors to the British and faced death if captured. Do we have fifty-six men who would willingly face death for the cause? This was a very long war, the Treaty of Paris was signed on Sept 3, 1783 and the little country was finally free from a King and "I bow to no one" became a reality.

What sacrifice those people made and we must never forget them. So proudly wave the flag, say the Pledge of Allegiance, and remember those brave men and women that made this possible.

Nominate your community for Texas Treasures Award

AUSTIN — Follow the preservation success of Texas communities like Paris, Brownsville, Castroville, Georgetown, Mt. Vernon, Nacogdoches, San Marcos, and Waxahachie, and nominate your town for the 2014 First Lady's Texas Treasures Award.

The award will recognize one community in 2014 that utilizes multiple resources offered by the Texas Historical Commission (THC), as well as those of other organizations or state agencies, to support historic preservation initiatives. The winning community will be announced later in the year, and receive special signage and a video highlighting the community as a unique heritage tourism destination.

The First Lady's Texas Treasures Award, now in its sixth year, recognizes the multifaceted preservation achievements of an entire community that understands the benefits of researching, identifying, and preserving the structures, archeological sites, and landscapes that emphasize an authentic sense of Texas place. A winner will be chosen by a committee comprised of staff members from the Office of the Governor and the THC.

Past winning communities employed their unique resources and personalities to demonstrate sustainable preservation stewardship related to the THC's tools and programs, while showing broad support and leadership from volunteers, city officials, as well as

artistic and historical groups. Their efforts and accomplishments have resulted in treasures saved, and local legacies shared, with all Texans.

The First Lady's Texas Treasures Award promotes the unique heritage experiences of communities through special signage and a DVD. To see video clips of past award-winning communities, and a more detailed description of a community's preservation achievements to aid in crafting your nomination, visit www.thc.state.tx.us. To submit a nomination for the 2014 award, contact April Garner with the THC's Community Heritage Development Division at 512.463.6092. Nominations must be received by 5 p.m. on August 30, 2013.

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Red Cross issues safety tips for 4th of July holiday

It's time for Fourth of July celebrations – fireworks, a backyard barbecue, maybe a trip to the beach. Whatever people have planned, the American Red Cross wants them to enjoy their holiday and has steps they can follow to be safe.

“We want everyone to have a great holiday, and a safe one,” said Steve Pair, Executive Director of the Texas Panhandle and Eastern Texas Panhandle Chapters. “Whether the weekend will involve fireworks, grilling or going to the seashore, we have safety tips everyone can follow.”

Fireworks Safety: The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a public fireworks show put on by professionals. Stay at least 500 feet away from the show. If someone is setting fireworks off at home, they should follow these safety steps:

Never give fireworks to small children, and always follow the instructions on the packaging.

Keep a supply of water close by as a precaution.

Make sure the person lighting fireworks always wears eye protection.

Light only one firework at a time and never attempt to relight “a dud.”

Store fireworks in a cool, dry place away from children and pets.

Never throw or point a firework toward people, animals, vehicles, structures or flammable materials.

Leave any area immediately

where untrained amateurs are using fireworks.

Grilling Safety: Every year people in this country are injured while using backyard charcoal or gas grills. Follow these steps to safely cook up treats for the backyard barbecue:

Always supervise a barbecue grill when in use.

Never grill indoors – not in your house, camper, tent, or any enclosed area.

Make sure everyone, including the pets, stays away from the grill.

Keep the grill out in the open, away from the house, the deck, tree branches, or anything that could catch fire.

Use the long-handled tools especially made for cooking on the grill to keep the chef safe.

Never add charcoal starter fluid when coals have already been ignited.

Always follow the manufacturer's instructions when using grills.

Swimming Safety: Swimming is the most popular summer activity. The best thing you can do to help your family stay safe is to enroll in age-appropriate swim lessons.

Follow these safety tips whenever you are in, on or around water:

Swim in designated areas supervised by lifeguards.

Always swim with a buddy; do not allow anyone to swim alone.

Even at a public pool or a lifeguarded beach, use the buddy system!

Ensure that everyone in the family learns to swim well. Enroll in age-appropriate Red Cross water orientation and Learn-to-Swim courses.

Never leave a young child unattended near water and do not trust a child's life to another child; teach children to always ask permission to go near water.

Have young children or inexperienced swimmers wear U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets around water, but do not rely on life jackets alone.

Establish rules for your family and enforce them without fail. For example, set limits based on each person's ability, do not let anyone play around drains and suction fittings, and do not allow swimmers to hyperventilate before swimming under water or have breath-holding contests.

Even if you do not plan on swimming, be cautious around natural bodies of water including ocean shoreline, rivers and lakes. Cold temperatures, currents and underwater hazards can make a fall into these bodies of water dangerous.

If you go boating, wear a life jacket! Most boating fatalities occur from drowning.

Avoid alcohol use. Alcohol impairs judgment, balance and coordination; affects swimming and diving skills; and reduces the body's

ability to stay warm.

Sun Protection: Limit exposure to direct sunlight between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., and wear a broad-spectrum sunscreen with a protection factor of at least 15. Reapply sunscreen often.

Remember to drink plenty of water regularly, even if not thirsty. Avoid drinks with alcohol or caffeine in them. Protect the eyes by wearing sunglasses that will absorb 100 percent of UV sunlight. Protect the feet - the sand can burn them and glass and other sharp objects can cut them.

During hot weather, watch for signs of heat stroke—hot, red skin; changes in consciousness; rapid, weak pulse; rapid, shallow breathing. If it's suspected someone is suffering from heat stroke:

Call 9-1-1 and move the person to a cooler place.

Quickly cool the body by applying cool, wet cloths or towels to the skin (or misting it with water) and fanning the person.

Watch for signs of breathing problems and make sure the airway is clear. Keep the person lying down.

Download First Aid App: Another thing people can do is download the free Red Cross first aid app which puts expert advice for everyday emergencies at someone's fingertips.

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DO THE RESEARCH, PLEASE!

Without even appealing to the Bible I would like to ask that everyone go and educate themselves from legal outlets, medical outlets, etc., about alcohol and it's availability and the effects it has. Alcoholpolicy.com is one site you could go to, but there are thousands and they all point to a rise in everything you don't want when alcohol is made more available.

I've heard a few say, "People who drink are going to get it somewhere, why not here?" They believe that the tax receipts and business are preferable even with any problems that is brought along with it. If you will go and do 1-2 hours' worth of study, with an honest heart, you can't use that as your justification. For those who don't care about the town and fellow citizens and just selfishly want alcohol available whenever, this article isn't for you.

I'd like to remind everyone of the number of college students we have. Studies, this one from Chaloupka, F. & Wechsler, overwhelmingly show that the more available alcohol is in proximity to colleges or other similar institutions, binge drinking grows. If you think we have a little trouble at the college, you just wait if we start selling alcohol in Clarendon.

One of many studies, this one by Scribner and Mackinnon, show that per alcohol outlet, there are 3.4 more additional assaults per year. If you had 4 convenience stores, a grocery store, and 3 eating establishments that served/sold alcohol, you could expect about 25 or 26 more assaults in Clarendon.

The Journal of Studies on Alcohol reports that for every alcohol outlet available in a city you will see a marked rise in the number of injuries from alcohol related crashes. One study they did was on a city of 50,000 with about a hundred outlets showed an increase in alcohol related crashes went up by an amount of 2.7% PER outlet. That is 27% increase for that city. If we opened up only 5-7 places to purchase alcohol, you would be within reason to expect at least a 10% rise in alcohol related traffic accidents. That tax revenue starts to shrink when you start factoring possible increase in patrolmen and running an ambulance out to these people, many of whom can't pay for medical services. Do the math...

As an alcoholic who has been "off the sauce" for over 20 years, I have some experience with the subject as well. When you make alcohol available, you become a destination for drunks to hang out. They won't just be purchasing it here, they will be driving around enjoying their drinks here. I was one of them for years. I didn't have to pack a cooler if where I was going had it cold at every quick stop gas station.

I can tell you, the extra business and tax receipts won't pay for the increase we will see in assault, sexual assaults, murder rates, theft, etc. All studies show that crime goes up immediately when you make alcohol more available. Yes, folks are going to get it somewhere, but let "somewhere" have to deal with the problems that go with it.

To those who occasionally have a drink and do it in your home and in a safe manner, it is worth making it more convenient for your occasional drink to get all the baggage that comes with it? Know this: Someone will sell it to minors. I started buying mine at 16 from a little German woman in our home town. She sold gas, beer, and cigarettes. She made her money from minors because she didn't care. She was arrested twice before she got a little more particular. With several hundred college kids and alcohol within walking distance, it makes for a bad recipe. I can't tell you how many classes I went to drunk.

There is a spiritual side to this and most of you know that. A drunkard can't go to heaven. The problem for many is, God has His definition of drunk and I'm sure it differs from ours.

I close with a plea to all who read this. For those who don't want the alcohol here, turn out for the vote if it gets that far. For those of you who drink but aren't drunks, please give up a little convenience so all of us don't have to suffer the ills that come along with making it available. For those who don't care about anyone else but yourselves, just say so. But, you can't justify it by tax receipts and extra business. It will not pay off once our taxes are higher for more cops and indigent care for the drunks in the car wrecks. It won't pay off when your kids are drunk or caught up in a fight between 2 or more inebriated people at our cafes or football games. When a car, driven by someone who had too many at an establishment here, backs out in front of someone on 287, it won't be worth it; especially if you are in the vehicle the drunk hits. Thanks for your enduring the length of this article. It was from love and nothing else.

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Thornberry hears restaurants owners and managers concerns with federal regulations

AMARILLO — Local restaurant owners and managers shared their concerns about Obamacare, immigration reform, and other federal regulations with area Congressman Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon) on Wednesday, July 3, during a roundtable discussion at Macaroni Joe's in Amarillo.

Joining the discussion with Rep. Thornberry were Kevin Hawkins and Jennifer Bara, local restaurant owners and members of the Panhandle Restaurant Association.

“Decisions made in Washington have immediate and profound consequences for local businesses including restaurants,” said Rep. Thornberry. “Take Obamacare, for example. Folks want to know if there are options available to slow it down so they can figure out what it means for their businesses, employees, and customers,” he said.

“I want the best for my employees, and I wish could pay for their health insurance. With the

rising cost of healthcare, the time and expense of implementing the new regulations of Obamacare, and the many unanswered issues with the law, I am not sure how this will play out,” said Mr. Hawkins. “If this takes effect as planned, it is going to have a costly impact on my restaurants, customers and staff. I really don't think most of the public has a clue how big of a train wreck this has become and how this will impact small businesses and consumers,” he continued.

Restaurants play a large role in the Texas economy. In 2013, they are projected to generate nearly \$41 billion in sales.

Additionally, there are nearly 40,000 eating and drinking establishments employing 1,074,200 Texans, which accounts for 10 percent of the employment in the entire state. The 13th congressional district is home to 1,277 eating and drinking places, which employ 26,919 people.

Comptroller offers answers to state tax questions

AUSTIN — During the month of July, the Comptroller's office will conduct 16 free taxpayer seminars across the state. At these seminars, taxpayers can learn how to properly fill out tax forms, and file and pay taxes electronically. Information about e-services will also be available to help taxpayers manage their accounts online. Comptroller representatives will be on hand to answer questions and provide assistance to attendees.

“We want to empower Texas business owners by making resources and information accessible. Conducting these seminars and making our team of tax specialists available provides guidance for businesses,” said R.J. DeSilva, spokesperson for the Comptroller's office.

A complete list of locations, dates and times of the taxpayer seminars is available at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/seminars.html. Those who are unable to attend the seminars can call the Comptroller's tax assistance line at 1-800-252-5555. Tax forms and tax information can also be found on the Comptroller's website, www.window.state.tx.us.

The nearest seminar will be held at Lubbock on July 15 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Lubbock Small Business Development Center, 2579 South Loop 289, Suite 114.

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USDA authorizes emergency haying of CRP acres

Donley County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director, Vance Killian today announced that Donley County is authorized for emergency haying use of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres for fiscal year (FY) 2013.

Counties become eligible for CRP emergency haying when they reach the D2 (severe drought) level on the U.S. Drought Monitor. Currently, 197 counties have reached the D2 level and are eligible for CRP emergency haying. It is possible that more counties will reach the D2 level eligibility requirement in coming weeks.

The CRP emergency haying authorization for fiscal year 2013 begins July 2, 2013 for a 60 day period, not to exceed August 31, 2013.

Based on a revised policy decision made by the Texas FSA State Committee, CRP acres hayed during fiscal year 2011 or 2012 will be considered eligible for emergency haying if NRCS verifies, on a case-by-case basis, that the conservation cover will sustain haying. FSA's fiscal year runs from October 1 to September 30.

"Eligible producers who are interested in emergency haying of CRP must request approval before

haying eligible acreage and must obtain a modified conservation plan from the Natural Resources Conservation Service that includes haying requirements," said Killian.

Upon approval of emergency haying, producers must leave at least 50 percent of each field or contiguous field unhayed for wildlife. For those counties that are eligible for emergency haying and grazing, the same CRP acreage cannot be both hayed and/or grazed at the same time. For example, if 50 percent of a field or contiguous field is hayed, the remaining unhayed 50 percent cannot be grazed; it must remain unhayed and ungrazed for wildlife.

In addition, participants are limited to one hay cutting and are not permitted to sell any of the hay.

There will be a 25 percent CRP payment reduction for CRP acres used for haying under these emergency provisions.

To take advantage of the emergency haying provisions, authorized producers can use the CRP acreage for their own livestock or may grant another livestock producer use of the CRP acreage for the purpose of haying. For more information and to request approval for emergency haying use of CRP acres contact the Donley County FSA office at 806/874/3561.

Foreign students seek homes

Bonjour! Hola! Guten Tag! Are just a few ways to say hello to a Foreign Exchange Student. The American Cultural Exchange Services is a non-profit educational organization designated by the U.S. Department of State to administer the high school exchange program. We are searching for host families to host a teenage high school student.

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Local judge attends seminar

Judge Denise Bertrand was certified at the recent Twenty hour Justice of the Peace Seminar held June 11-14, 2013, in Lubbock, Texas. The seminar was sponsored by the Texas Justice Court Training Center, a division of Texas State University - San Marcos, with offices in Austin, Texas. The seminar is held for elected Justices of the Peace so they can fulfill their Continuing Judicial Education Requirements as set forth in Article 27.005 of the Texas Government code. The seminar addresses

topics such as enforcing criminal judgments, tenants' remedies, criminal procedure, civil procedure, technology and social media, evictions, civil online resources, enforcement in juvenile cases and juvenile case managers, service and return of process, pretrial motions, commercial motor vehicle offenses, inquests, contract law, administrative hearings, evidence, traffic law, credit card cases, personal injury and property damage, family violence and magistration, and reducing the incidence of DWI.



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11:00 a.m. - Depression Lunch, Downtown

Thursday, July 4

9:00 a.m. - Craft Fair, Courthouse Square

10:00 a.m. - Kids' Tricycle/Bicycle Parade

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

7:30 p.m. - Ranch Rodeo, COEA Arena

9:00 p.m. - Dance, COEA Slab

Saturday, July 6

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National Day of the Cowboy event to be held

The National Day of the Cowboy is an event that is celebrated around the country, including right here in Amarillo.

Local groups have joined forces to teach, entertain and celebrate the eighth annual National Day of the Cowboy with the public. The celebration takes place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on July 27 at the American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame & Museum. This free event will provide entertainment for the whole family.

In addition to the Hall of Fame, local partners include the Junior League of Amarillo, Amarillo Public Library, country music station 101.9 Blake FM, Panhandle Plains

Historical Museum, Center City and the Amarillo Convention & Visitors Council. These partners are excited to participate by leading their own activity amidst the fun planned by the Hall of Fame. Visitors can look forward to these activities and events during the celebration:

Junior Ranch Rodeo by Pokey the Clown 10 a.m. to noon. Sign up starts at 9 a.m.

Western performer and trick roper Brian Bausch starts his show at noon that runs until 1 p.m.

Ride an American Quarter Horse between 1-4 p.m. Sign-up starts at 12:30 p.m. and again at 2:30 p.m.

Listen to an AIOHA Professional

Horseman about working with a horse, plus the partnership the duo shares.

Listen as employees of the Amarillo Public Library read children stories about the cowboy at the Museum, with readings at 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Make a rope like cowboys use
starting at 10 a.m.

Employees from the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum will show young visitors how to create their own brand from 1-3 p.m.

Hop along Pokey's barrel train
ride from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Take a tour of the Hall of Fame

Here's your last chance to explore the Orren Mixer: Artist of the American Quarter Horse exhibit.

Oliver's Saddlery will talk to visitors about the saddle, its parts and how the cowboy uses it.

Put together a giant puzzle of the Hall of Fame medallion.

Test the skills of an animal balloonist.

Make your mark on a Center City stallion statue

Everyone is welcome to come learn more about American cowboys and their trusty mounts, American Quarter Horses.

There is no admission fee, and free food and drinks will be provided.

Attend a historical marker workshop near you or online

AUSTIN – Join the Texas Historical Commission (THC) and learn how to research and apply for an Official Texas Historical Marker for your community. Free workshops throughout the state and online offered by the agency provide an overview of important historical research fundamentals, as participants walk through a sample historical marker application and sample narrative.

The workshops encourage consideration of the elements comprising successful marker applications. Topics include determining historical significance and integrity, conducting research, reviewing primary vs. secondary sources, using research tools, writing the narrative, and the roles of the THC and County Historical Commissions in the application process.

Led by Historical Marker program staff, workshops and webinars are offered through the summer. Check the THC Calendar of Events at www.thc.state.tx.us for full details and locations. For more information, contact the THC's History Programs Division at 512.463.5853.

Learn how to secure funding for your nonprofit to succeed

AUSTIN — Register for the Friends of the Texas Historical Commission's Development Seminar Series which is best suited for small organizations with limited staff such as historic preservation organizations, small museums, County Historical Commissions or other nonprofits. The two-day seminar will teach volunteers how to secure the financial resources needed for their nonprofit to succeed.

The seminar will focus on two topics: Understanding How to Secure Financial Resources for Your Nonprofit and Understanding Special Project Funding. It will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, August 20-21, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Robert E. Johnson Conference Center, 1501 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas 78701.




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Bevacizumab belongs to the class of medications called vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) inhibitors. It works by blocking the growth of new blood vessels. Since most malignant tumors rely on distributing to other parts of the body through the blood, the use of this medication theoretically will limit the spreading of cancer, or metastasis. Bevacizumab has been widely used in cancers that have spread to other parts of the body.



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July 4th

FUN GUIDE

Here's what's happening around town during the Saints' Roost Celebration!

Thursday, July 4

9:00 a.m.
Craft Fair,
Courthouse
Square

10:00 a.m.
Kids' Tricycle/
Bicycle Parade

11:00 a.m.
Shriners'
Barbecue,
Courthouse
Square

2:00 p.m.
Western
Parade

Lions Club
Cow Patty
Bingo to follow

7:30 p.m.
Annual COEA
Ranch Rodeo,
COEA Arena

Dance to
follow

Friday, July 5

All Day
Downtown
Merchants'
Sales

7:30 p.m.
Ranch Rodeo
COEA Arena

Dance to
Follow

Saturday, July 6

All Day
Downtown
Merchants'
Sales

2:00 p.m.
Henson's
Turtle Race,
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7:30 p.m.
Ranch Rodeo
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Dance to
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Obituaries

Gage
Jerry Charles Gage, 70, Tuesday, June 25, 2013, in Clarendon, Texas.



Gage

Services were held on Friday, June 28, 2013, in the First United Methodist Church in Clarendon with Rev. Lloyd Stice, pastor, and Rev. Terry Tamplen, officiating.

Burial followed at 3:00 p.m. Friday, June 28, 2013, at the Afton Cemetery in Afton, Texas.

Arrangements are under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Jerry was born May 1, 1943, in Matador to Charles and Ouida Wilson Gage. He had been a resident of Clarendon since 1971. He married Gloria Copeland on March 24, 1967, and they had two sons, Jay in 1969 and Lee in 1973. He married Ouida Jackson on March 2, 1989 in Floydada. Jerry worked as an agent for ASCS from 1968 – 1981 and taught the Ranch and Feedlot Operations program at Clarendon College from 1982 - 2004.

Jerry was a past member of

the Clarendon Lions Club, past member of the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department and served as Fire Chief from 1977-1980, member of the Clarendon Outdoor Entertainment Association, Clarendon Masonic Lodge #700 AF&AM, and the First United Methodist Church in Clarendon. Jerry was a man of his word and he always strived to do what was right in all situations. Jerry loved the land and he loved ranching, fishing, and golf, but above all else he loved his family.

He was a great teacher as well and loved to teach his grandkids about fishing and taking care of cattle, and there is a whole generation of young men and women in the cattle business today who learned the business from him. He will always be remembered for his character, his integrity, and his love for people. He will be greatly missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents Charlie and Ouida Gage

He is survived by his wife, Ouida Gage of Clarendon; 2 sons, Jay Gage and wife Becky of Throckmorton, Lee Gage and wife Lexi of Amarillo; 3 step sons, Todd McCandless of Phoenix, Arizona, Darrell McCandless and wife Janice of Decatur, Don McCandless and wife LaNell of Floydada; a step daughter, Billie Hendrix and husband Joel of Floydada; 3 sisters, Evelyn Yeates and Geneva Giesecke, both of Lubbock, Pat Forbis of Afton; 17 grand-

children; and 15 great grandchildren.

The family request memorials be sent to the First United Methodist Church in Clarendon or to St. Jude's Children's Hospital
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Hoggatt

James O. Hoggatt, 59, died Friday, June 21, 2013, in Phoenix, AZ.



Hoggatt

Services were held on Friday, June 28, 2013, in the First Baptist Church in Hedley with Rev. Anthony Knowles, officiating.

Burial followed in the Rowe Cemetery in Hedley.

Arrangements are under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon

James was born in Yuma AZ on December 18, 1953. He graduated from Hedley High School and attended Clarendon College.

James married his loving wife of 22 years, Clairece Hoggatt, in Hedley on September 1, 1990. He loved ranching and horses. He was a correctional officer for 20 years but his first love was cowboyboing.

He enjoyed working cattle with

his cousin Jimmy and feeding cows and horses with the grandkids. James was a good-natured, soft-spoken, God-loving, and kind Cowboy. He was loved and will be missed by all but will live in the hearts of all he touched.

James was preceded in death by his father, Bud Hoggatt.

James is lovingly remembered by his wife, Clairece and his mother Betty Hoggatt, his step-children: Clifton Wilkinson of Lubbock, Dusty Wilkinson and wife, Stephanie of Hedley, Jeff Wilkinson and wife, Sandy of South Fork, Colorado, Tiffany Hartman and husband Lucas of Wellington and brother Johnny Hoggatt and wife Kathy of Hedley. He is also survived by seven-grandchildren who called him Gramps: Jeffrey, Brittney, Kelsey, Cody, Jaycee, Dominique and Ethan. He was uncle to Johnny Hoggatt and wife Jana Hoggatt, James Hoggatt and fiancé Kristy Saenz and Mary Tolbert. James was great-uncle to Nathan, Clay, and Kaitlyn Hoggatt, Abby, Elizabeth and Robert Tolbert and Battle Hoggatt. James is also survived by several cousins including Jimmy Kennedy who was like a brother and Bill Kennedy of Hedley.

The family request memorials be sent to Rowe Cemetery Association, Hedley, TX 79237, or the American Cancer Society.

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In the first matchup, which took place in Abilene, the Amarillo Venom came from behind and eventually overtook the Bombers 58-54.

The second game would come three weeks later in Amarillo and the Venom pounded the Bombers 63-41. The last time these teams faced off, again in Abilene, the Venom

defeated the Bombers and completed their trifecta 63-48.

Playoff tickets start at \$10 and more specials and giveaways are to come. The Amarillo Venom would love to fill the coliseum and make it louder than has ever been before. With a Amarillo Venom win, the winner of the Laredo Rattlesnakes-New Mexico Stars matchup has to come to Amarillo and not just the Venom football team, but the best fans in the league. Gates open at 6 p.m. and the game starts at 7:05.

For more information on the Amarillo Venom fans can visit www.govenom.com or "Like" the Amarillo Venom Facebook page, or contact the Amarillo Venom office at 806-350-7277.

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of a bachelor's degree is required. Minimum
3 years experience in a college financial aid
office is expected. Screening of applicants will begin immedi-
ately and continue until the position is filled.
Send letter of application, resume, transcripts,
& references to: Darlene Spier, Assistant to
the President, Clarendon College, Box 968,
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For full information, any questions, or to sched-
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annette.ferguson@clarendoncollege.edu.
Proposals are to be received by 9:00 a.m.,
DST, on July 12, 2013 (the due date) and
marked PROPOSAL #10040. Please send
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Clarendon, TX 79226, Fax Number: 806-874-
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BID NOTICE
Donley County Commissioners' Court will be
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pickup bed. Minimum Bid \$500.00.
Bids to be turned in to the County Judge, Jack
Hall at PO Box 909, Clarendon, TX 79226
or brought to his office in the Courthouse by
Monday, July 8, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. Bids will
be opened at 1:30 p.m. on July 8th in the Com-
missioners Court Regular Session.
Donley County reserves the right to reject any
or all bids.

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF CLARENDON
TEXAS CAPITAL FUND DOWNTOWN REVITA-
LIZATION PROGRAM
The City of Clarendon is giving notice of the
city's intent to submit a Texas Capital Fund
Downtown Revitalization application for a
grant from the Texas Community Development
Block Grant Program. The grant application
request is for \$150,000 for Lighting Improve-
ments in the City of Clarendon. The application
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Colorful fight

Attendees smile for the camera after a colorful fight with paint at the 4H conference last Wednesday held at Clarendon College. Schools represented in this photo are Roosevelt, Abernathy, Memphis, Farwell, Hedley, and Frenship.

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USDA offers household water well grant program

TEMPLE, TEXAS, June 26, 2013 – USDA Rural Development announces the availability of Rural Utilities Service (RUS) grant funds to be competitively awarded for the Household Water Well System (HWWS) Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2013.

RUS will make grants to qualified private non-profit organizations to help establish lending programs for homeowners to borrow up to \$11,000 to construct or repair household water wells for an existing home. The HWWS Grant Program is authorized under 7 USC 1926e. Regulations may be found at 7 CFR Part 1776. Of particular note this year in an effort to address the extreme drought conditions in rural areas, RUS will assign

administrative discretion points to applications proposing to serve areas with severe, extreme or exceptional drought, as reported by the U.S. Drought Monitor located at <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>.

The deadline for completed applications for a HWWS grant is July 26, 2013. Applications in either paper or electronic format must be postmarked or time-stamped electronically on or before the deadline. Late applications will be ineligible for grant consideration. Applications may be submitted to the following addresses:

Electronic applications: <http://www.grants.gov> (Grants.gov). Submit electronic applications through Grants.gov, following the instructions on that Web site.

Paper applications: Water Programs Division, Rural Utilities Service, STOP:1570, Room 2233-S, 1400 Independence Ave SW., Washington, DC 20250-1570.

Obtain application guides and materials for the HWWS Grant Program electronically or in paper format from the following addresses:

Electronic copies: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/USP-individualwellsystems.htm>.

Paper copies: Write Water Programs Division, Rural Utilities Service, STOP: 1570, Room 2233-S, 1400 Independence Ave SW., Washington, DC 20250-1570 or call (202) 720-9589.

For additional information, contact the Rural Development State Office at 254-742-9789.

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