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Area groundwater meeting to be held

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) will hold a Groundwater Management Area 1 Joint Planning Meeting on Thursday, July 23, at the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission office, 415 W. 8th Ave., in Amarillo.

The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and all citizens in Area I, which includes Donley County, are invited to attend.

Texas Water Code Chapter 36 requires groundwater conservation districts to conduct joint planning within groundwater management areas.

The groundwater conservation districts must meet at least annually to review groundwater management plans, accomplishments of the management area, and proposals to adopt new or amend existing desired future conditions for the relevant aquifers within the groundwater management area.

The TWDB will calculate modeled available groundwater values, based on the desired future conditions, which will be used for regional water planning, groundwater conservation district management plans, and for permitting groundwater withdrawals.

The Groundwater Management Area 1 consists of the following groundwater conservation districts: Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District, High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No.1, North Plains Groundwater Conservation District, and Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District.

Counties within Groundwater Management Area 1 include Armstrong, Carson, Dallam, Donley, Gray, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, and Wheeler.

Clarendon alumni to reunite during annual cookoff

Clarendon High School students and friends from the 1950s and 1960s are invited to reunite during this year's annual Col. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff, Saturday, September 26, at the Saints' Roost Museum.

The chuckwagon cookoff will begin at 10 a.m.

Each class is responsible for getting their classmates together and for their meals and lodging.

The Class of 1963 will be celebrating 70th birthdays as well as memorializing classmates who are no longer with us.

Chuckwagon meal tickets are available by calling the museum at 806-874-2746. Lodging reservations may be made by calling the Best Western Red River Inn at 806-874-0160, the Western Skies Motel at 806-874-3501, or the It'll Do Motel at 806-874-3471.

Other classes making special plans this year are asked to contact THE CLARENDON ENTERPRISE with the particulars of their class plans to help spread the word and make for an even larger reunion.

Whistle Stop setting big plans for trade days

The former Chamberlain Motor Co. property in east Clarendon is expect to have new life and a new purpose when the Whistle Stop Trades Days & Farmers Market opens this fall.

Kimberly Britten told the Enterprise this week that she plans to re-open the former car dealership as an indoor and outdoor marketplace that will be open the weekend before the second Monday of each month, starting with a grand opening in October.

The property has set idle for several years. Stanley Automotive closed its General Motors dealership at that location in 2009 and later

operated a used car dealership for a short time before shuttering the facility.

Britten grew up in Amarillo but has a ranch near Clarendon. She currently lives in Dallas and said she is the process of moving back here.

"We plan to have lots of unique things with different vendors," Britten said. "Home décor, arts and crafts, hunting supplies, boutique items, and fabulous food are just some of the things."

Plans also call for a shaded beer garden with live music to be located at the back of the property.

"I hope it will be something that

helps the entire community thrive," Britten said.

Britten said she hopes the Whistle Stop will grow to have as many as 400 vendors.

The business is also renting the Clarendon Outdoor Entertainment Association grounds for additional parking and for vendors who want to sell animals.

"I'm very excited and ready to get started," Britten said.

Vendors or local producers interested in having space at the Whistle Stop are asked to call 806-206-6815 or 806-206-6924 for more information.



Plans are afoot to re-open the former Chamberlain Motors property as a trade days and farmers market location.

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A new chapter

St. Mary's Catholic Church broke ground Thursday, July 9, on a new Parish Hall after several years of fundraising for the project. The ceremony was the first groundbreaking for the 123-year-old church, which is the oldest Catholic church in the Panhandle. Officials with the Diocese of Amarillo joined local church members for the big event. Shown here are Bishop Patrick J. Zurek; Father Arokiaaraj Samala, parochial administrator, St. Mary's Church; Chriss Clifford, representing the financial council at St. Mary's; Estella Rodriguez, representing the building committee at St. Mary's; Roy Bertrand, president of the St. Mary's Parish Council; and Claudell Wright, building contractor.

COURTESY PHOTO / CHRIS ALBRACHT, WEST TEXAS CATHOLIC

Clarendon's sales tax revenue drops in July

Taxable sales in Clarendon have shown little growth this calendar year according to figures released by Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar last week.

The city's July sales tax allocation dropped 7.64 percent from the same period one year ago with a monthly payment to the city of \$28,027.09. Last month, Clarendon was up 8.57 percent for a June allocation of \$34,897.06.

The July allocation sales tax figures represent monthly sales made in May by businesses that report tax quarterly.

In the first seven months of 2015, Clarendon has seen three months of positive allocations and four months of allocations that fell below 2014 numbers.

For the year-to-date, the city is

almost even with last year with total sales tax revenues of \$222,143.71, down 0.67 percent.

Hedley and Howardwick are also behind 2014 figures.

Hedley's July allocation of \$181.07 is 26.5 below the same period last year, and that city is now 15.87 percent down for the year-to-date at \$3,476.75.

Howardwick's allocation rose

22.44 percent for the month of July with a figure of \$1,161.02, but that city is also behind for the year at \$7,553.61, down 3.17 percent.

Statewide the comptroller said state sales tax revenue in June was \$2.2 billion, down 1.4 percent compared to June 2014.

This marks the first decline in state sales tax revenue following 62 consecutive months of growth.

Commissioners discuss trash on county road

The Donley County Commissioners' Court met in regular session Monday, July 13, with several agenda items to consider.

Former commissioner Will Chamberlain brought a matter of illegal dumping on County Road O to the court's attention. County Judge John Howard said the sheriff's office was asked to investigate the matter and that in the meantime the county

is considering how best to clean up the dumped items. The location in question is a steep drop off along the county road, and Howard said clean up may be difficult.

The court approved the Chapter 59 – seizure money – budget proposed by District Attorney Luke Inman.

Commissioners discussed roof conditions at the county-owned

building occupied by Hall Tax Service and at the former appraisal office. A claims adjuster for the county's insurance will be contacted to examine those properties.

The county's health insurance through the Texas Association of Counties was renewed with a 4.21 percent premium increase. Judge Howard said a rebate from TAC is expected to cover about half of the

county's increase.

The court engaged Foster & Lambert to perform the county's fiscal year 2015 audit.

Commissioners also discussed maintenance issues on the 1890 Courthouse, specifically plaster repairs at one window, air-conditioning maintenance, and issues with some sandstones that are in need of repair.

Neece house gets 'OK' from city

The old Neece House at 602 Bugbee Avenue is no longer in imminent danger of condemnation after the Clarendon City Council reviewed progress at the property last week.

During the council's regular meeting July 9, aldermen recessed from City Hall to visit the property and see for themselves what work had been done.

City Administrator David Dockery said this week that the city council felt property owner Linda Lewis had met her obligations for Phase One code compliance issues. Mrs. Lewis now embarks on Phase Two of compliance issues, which involves a three-year rehabilitation of the property.

When aldermen resumed their meeting at City Hall, the council approved a \$30,500 task order with KSA Engineers for engineering services to improve drainage on Third Street, including design, topographical and boundary surveys, and bid and project administration.

The council approved a request from the Clarendon Senior Citizens Meals on Wheels program and authorized \$2,000 for that program.

The council also approved engaging Foster & Lambert to conduct the city's 2014-2015 annual audit.

In his administrator's report, Dockery said Christi Sims had been hired as a part-time office assistant at City Hall, he reviewed the proposed budget for fiscal year 2016, and he continued discussion on a demolition plan, focusing on efforts to open a Type 4 pit at the former city landfill for possible use in disposing demolished structures.

District court hears local plea in Carson County

The 100th District Court heard several pleas in Panhandle last Wednesday, July 8, including one Donley County case.

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

Jeffrey Glen Hewett was convicted for the third degree felony offense of driving while intoxicated 3rd or more. Hewett pleaded guilty and was sentenced to ten years in the Institutional Division of TDCJ for the offense, but the sentence was probated for a period of three years.

Hewett, 44, from Clarendon, was arrested in Donley County for the offense that took place on March 12, 2015 by DPS Trooper Chad Simpson. Hewett was indicted by a Donley County Grand Jury on June

22, 2015.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Hewett was required to pay \$573 in court costs, a \$1,000 fine, \$800 in restitution, successfully complete 200 hours of community service, and comply with all DWI requirements under Chapter 49, which includes an ignition interlock device on any vehicle he operates while on community supervision.

Ethan Tyler Searcy pleaded true to allegations listed in the State's Motion to Adjudicate Guilt and was sentenced to five years in the Institutional Division of Texas Department of Criminal Justice for the third degree felony offense of money laundering

On April 23, 2012, Searcy originally pleaded guilty to offense that occurred on February 15, 2012,

in Carson County, when he was arrested by DPS Trooper Ben Dollar.

The State filed the motion to revoke on May 12, 2015, alleging seven violations of community supervision.

Searcy is also required to pay \$295 in court costs to Carson County, a \$500 fine, and \$1,071 in restitution.

Elvira Estrada Sandoval was placed on probation for a period of ten years for the first degree felony offense of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver. Sandoval pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication for the offense.

Sandoval, 43, from Searcy, AR, was arrested in Carson County for the offense that took place on March 7, 2015 by DPS Trooper

Max Honesto. Sandoval pleaded to an information filed by the State on May 27, 2015.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Sandoval is required to pay a \$5,000 fine to Carson County, \$336 in court costs, \$180.00 restitution, and successfully complete 400 hours of community service. If Sandoval violates probation, she could face up to 99 years in the Institutional Division of the TDCJ.

Vanessa Sue Derrick was convicted for two, second degree felony offenses of burglary of a habitation, and was sentenced to seven years in the Institutional Division of TDCJ for both cases.

Derrick, 32 from Wellington, was arrested by DPS Ranger Division Ricky "Bo" Brown, while he was conducting a joint investigation

with the Collingsworth County Sheriff's Office.

During the investigation, Derrick was also charged with, and pleaded guilty to, the state jail felony offense of credit card abuse. Derrick was sentenced to 20 months on this charge after her plea of guilty, with all three cases running concurrently with one another.

After the arrests, Derrick was later indicted by a Collingsworth County Grand Jury on April 17, 2015, for all three offenses. The two burglary offenses dates were October 6 and 23, 2014. The credit card abuse case was for the offense that took place on October 12, 2014.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Derrick is also required to pay a \$1,128 in court costs to Collingsworth County.

ACA Is Dead, Long Live Obamacare

By Michael F. Cannon, Cato Institute

Obamacare supporters are mistaken if they think the Supreme Court’s King v. Burwell ruling settles the issue. Even in defeat, King threatens Obamacare’s survival, because it exposes Obamacare as an illegitimate law.

Say what you will about the Affordable Care Act. Democrats passed it in haste. In desperation. Without knowing what was in it. With no bipartisan support. By one vote. In the dead of night. Over public opposition. Using lies. With disdain for “the stupidity of the American voter.” Still, barring some constitutional defect, the ACA as enacted was the law of the land.

Yet President Obama and the Supreme Court now have amended the ACA to the point where it has been transformed into something no Congress ever enacted — indeed that no Congress ever had the votes to enact. The executive and the judiciary have effectively repealed the ACA and replaced it with “Obamacare,” which enjoys no such legitimacy.

Before the ink was dry on the Affordable Care Act, President Obama began amending it in dozens of ways that only Congress is authorized to do. Simply usurping Congress’ legislative powers would have been bad enough. But Obama’s changes were designed to prevent Congress from legislating.

The ACA immediately threw members of Congress out of their health plans, effectively cutting their pay by \$10,000. Obamacare, in contrast, gives Congress a special exemption that lets them keep their health plans and slips \$10,000 per year into the pockets of lawmakers, without the constitutional hassles of an act of Congress and an intervening election.

The ACA required many employers to buy more robust health plans six months after enactment. Obamacare, on the other hand, offered waivers to politically connected employers and union plans, lest they lobby Congress for relief.

The ACA requires large employers to buy coverage for their workers beginning in 2014. Obamacare, on the other hand, delays that mandate by up to two years, lest a backlash give rise to legislation. (Even Obamacare’s supporters had trouble stomaching that one.)

The ACA threw millions out of their health plans in 2014. But Obamacare allows people to keep the very health plans Congress outlawed. Obama even threatened to veto bipartisan legislation that would have done the same thing, but legally.

Congress forgot to appropriate \$135 billion for cost-sharing subsidies. Obamacare spends that trifling sum without an appropriation. And the list goes on...

The Supreme Court, led by Chief Justice John Roberts, has done even more to amend the ACA.

Roberts found that the ACA unconstitutionally forced Americans to buy health insurance — but then decided Obamacare can stay because it actually just imposes a tax on the uninsured. Never mind that Democrats deliberately decided against such a tax because they didn’t have the votes.

Roberts found it would be unconstitutional for the ACA to threaten to revoke existing federal Medicaid grants from states that didn’t expand Medicaid — but then he decided Obamacare could stay if he rewrote it to withhold just the new funding that comes with the Medicaid expansion. Never mind that’s not what Congress intended.

In King v. Burwell, the ACA died yet another death. The ACA authorizes certain taxes and entitlements, but only in states where there is “an Exchange established by the State.” President Obama nonetheless imposed those taxes on 70 million employers and individuals in the 38 states that did not establish exchanges.

Roberts admitted that the arguments by the King plaintiffs, who complained that the IRS was taxing them illegally, “are strong,” and that their interpretation is “the most natural reading of the pertinent statutory phrase.” He even acknowledged that Congress defined “State” in a manner “that does not include the Federal Government.” Yet he amended the ACA again by allowing the IRS to impose the disputed taxes and entitlements. Never mind that he identified no statutory language authorizing those measures. Never mind that the operative language of the statute clearly prohibits them.

If the actual words Congress uses no longer constrain the IRS, what will?

By overriding the operative language of the statute, the Supreme Court colluded with the president to impose taxes and entitlements that no Congress ever approved; to deprive states of powers Congress granted them to block parts of the ACA; and to disenfranchise Republican and independent voters who swept ACA opponents into state office in 2009, 2010 and 2011 for the purpose of blocking the ACA.

The Supreme Court did not lose its legitimacy with King v. Burwell — it has made worse mistakes. Obamacare did. Having been rewritten over and over by the president and the Supreme Court rather than Congress, Obamacare cannot claim to be a legitimate law

Michael F. Cannon is director of health policy studies at the libertarian Cato Institute and “the intellectual father” of King v. Burwell.

Shoes definitely not made for walking

I’ve never accompanied my wife on a shoe-buying expedition — or even gazed into a show windows displaying women’s shoes. (Unless you count the time a sports page was blown flat against the glass.)

She, on the other hand, could have earned multiple doctoral degrees if she’d given time equal to sessions of looking at, trying on, purchasing, returning, storing, discarding — as well as looking for — shoes.

In short, women are genuinely interested in shoes. Men typically give them little thought — unless they are on fire, caught in an escalator, or lost during airport security procedures....

This said, you may conclude — albeit in error — that my observations were made during sedation, and/or perhaps while hog-tied, dangling in the twilight zone. You are forewarned.

Looking at women’s shoes was a HIGHLIGHT of our recent 620-mile road trip to Albuquerque. On the cusp of beginning our 50th year of marriage, we were “equally yoked” in joint gawking.

But our two-hour visit to the “Killer Heels” exhibit in the Albuquerque Museum ended too soon....

On loan from the Brooklyn Museum, it is the talk of the town — not only in art circles, but also among folks who rarely visit museums. It runs until August 9, so thousands more — many with limited museum visitation — will agree that the history of women’s high heeled shoes is intriguing. It may come as suddenly as a blow upside the head, but this exhibit of high heels — from across the centuries and around the world — stuns.

“Killer” isn’t wasted on these art objects. They could have added words

like “stiletto” and “dagger,” too. Handled deftly, some of them are long enough to pierce the thickest torso — as well as thrown or catapulted, even featured in home security systems.

They also could anchor rails on mountainous stretches of train tracks....

Some shoes were formerly owned by renowned figures, including Marilyn Monroe.

I had heard years ago that Dolly Parton gave a museum her “tallest ever” high heels. Perhaps they are travelling in a different exhibit.

It was said she wore them briefly before tumbling forward. Luckily, serious injury was averted.

How? She landed on her eyelashes....

A digression is obvious.

Doubters who feel my exaggeration has been stretched to the breaking point are urged to seek computer substantiation. Okay, go ahead and seek proof. Google away, or go straight to AlbuquerqueMuseum.org. Interest will be piqued, and you can get much gawking out of the way before actually visiting the exhibit.

Thoughtfully, they’ve strung something like a clothes line across a wall. Visitors are invited to leave notes about their impressions, attaching them with miniature clothes pins. Dozens are “hung” each day, mostly by folks who



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want to celebrate the work of almost 200 world-class shoe designers and artists. Included are 11 additional works — five by Native American artists, and the remainder by Hispanic or Mexican artists/designers, as well as local cowboy boot makers....

It is difficult to imagine any material or metal not included in some of the shoes. Feathers, sequins, paint by the glob, jewels and color — oh, the color — dominate. Metals, glass, wood — and ever so much more — are included, too. Some defy description, and are held together by heaven only knows what. The thought of women standing tall in them challenges credulity, inviting “run-amuck” mental visions of contortions.

And while in Albuquerque, visit turquoise jewelry shops. Stop in at restaurants with menu items beginning with “green chili.” Soak in “lobby talk” in hotels awash in artistic creations. Consider conversations on tram cars lifting folks to the cool air atop Sandia Crest. Everywhere, you’ll likely hear the question: “Have you seen the shoes?” Take the ballerina shoes, for example, with grades far more steep than ski slopes. Challenged by long spikes shooting straight downward from the heels, wearers would be required to “tippy-toe” on stage or not, like it or not. The woman who first clopped around in the high heels made of horse hooves likely created quite a stir, too.

The “Killer Heels” exhibit is a “perfect fit,” setting visitors back on their heels. This is one of only three stops in America outside of Brooklyn this year. See it!
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Uprooting some myths about farming

By Tim Buzby

As California descends further into its worst drought in recorded history, Golden Staters are looking for someone to blame. Many city-dwellers have pointed fingers at the State’s farmers and ranchers.

But they’re blaming the victims. As Governor Jerry Brown put it, “[a]gricultural water users... have borne much of the brunt of the drought to date... with significantly reduced water allocations and thousands of farmworkers laid off.”

This misconception is only the latest in a long history of myths about American agriculture. It’s time to plow under these myths and plant some seeds of truth about our nation’s farmers.

Myth: Big corporations have taken over the industry.

The idea that most farms today are run by big business is a head scratcher. Data from the Census Bureau show that 97 percent of the 2.1 million farms in operation in the United States are family owned. In total, 88 percent are small family farms.

Myth: All farmers are rich.

Data from the USDA show that farm households make roughly the same income as the median American household. But that money mostly comes from off-farm sources -- such as a second job, Social Security, investment income and the like. The USDA reports that 70

percent of farm families have a second job. Clearly, these farmers are farming because they like the work, not because it’s fattening their bank accounts.

Myth: Farmers don’t care about the environment.

No other industry on the planet depends more on a clean, sustainable environment than farming.

Farmers today are producing more with less. According to the American Farm Bureau Federation, farmers produce 262 percent more food with 2 percent fewer inputs -- such as energy, seeds, fertilizer, feed -- compared with 1950.

Farmers have also cut back drastically on chemicals. Between 1980 and 2007, they reduced their use of pesticides by 20 percent.

Myth: Food costs too much.

By any measure, food today is less expensive in America than ever before, thanks largely to the incredible increase in farm productivity over the years. As a result, American families spend a smaller share of their income on food -- just 6.7 percent -- than families in any other country in the world. By comparison, families in France and Japan devote roughly 14 percent of their income to food.

Myth: Farming is in decline.

Even though farming represents a small share of the job market, the farm-

ing industry remains a significant share of the economy. Agriculture and agriculture-related industries accounted for \$776 billion in GDP in 2012, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Farm productivity has nearly doubled since 1980.

This economic strength is particularly important in America’s rural communities. There, farming has been a crucial job creator, providing steady employment during the recession and creating new jobs in the years since.

What’s more, U.S. agriculture is only going to grow. By 2023, agriculture exports are projected to be close to \$175 billion, a roughly 25 percent increase from last year’s numbers.

That’s a future we can all benefit from. But to get there, farmers and ranchers need a little support -- in their home states and in Congress. And that support starts with a better understanding of who these Americans really are.

Today’s farmers are producing more with less, making food more affordable, helping to protect the environment, and providing crucial jobs for rural communities. And they’re doing it out of a love of farming.

That’s a pretty good story to tell. And it’s one that just happens to be true.

Tim Buzby is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Farmer Mac.

July Fourth Celebration a great success

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce thanks everyone who helped this year in our great Saints’ Roost Celebration. A special thanks goes to Herring Bank for sponsoring the parade. We also appreciate the Donley County Extension Office for handling the Craft Fair, and the Clarendon Outdoor Entertainment Association for providing the rodeos and entertainment and helping with publicity. We want to recognize everyone

who had booths on the square and thank Ed Montana for his great musical entertainment and for announcing the Kids’ Parade and the Herring Bank Parade. There were approximately 57 entries in the Kids’ Parade, a wonderful group of little people with lots of excitement, chaos, and fun. The Herring Bank Parade had approximately 64 entries, compared to about 40 entries in last year’s parade. Thanks to everyone who participated in

the parades.

We also want to thank Henson’s for again holding the annual turtle race, and thanks to The Clarendon Enterprise for doing all the great publicity for the events.

It was a wonderful turnout filled with lots of fun and laughter.

Bonnie Campbell,
Chamber Manager

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Thornberry votes for education overhaul

WASHINGTON – U.S. Congressman Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon) voted yesterday in support of a bill that would return many of the decision-making responsibilities in education back to the states by reauthorizing and reforming the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, currently known as No Child Left Behind (NCLB).

The Student Success Act, H.R. 5, passed the House by a vote of 218-213.

The bill would remove one-size-fits-all federal education standards, eliminate a number of federal mandates, empower local schools and officials, and enhance school accountability. It gives local schools more flexibility in using the federal funds they receive for the district's individual needs.

"Bureaucrats in Washington cannot replace the first-hand experience and understanding that our local teachers and parents have of the needs of students throughout our area," said Thornberry.

"Education standards should be determined by the individual states and school districts to ensure that the academic standards are best tailored to local schools and their students. Too often, Washington thinks it can and should dictate policy at all levels of government, and those policies often come at the expense of our communities and the American people."

The Student Success Act improves K-12 education by:

- Returning responsibility for measuring student and school performance to the states and school districts rather than using the current national system based on high stakes tests;
- Repealing more than 65 ineffective, duplicative, and unnecessary programs and replacing them with a Local Academic Flexible Grant for schools to better support students;
- Prohibiting the Secretary of Education from coercing states into adopting Common Core or any other common standards or assessments, as well as reining in the Secretary's regulatory authority; and
- Strengthening existing efforts to improve student performance among targeted student populations, including English learners and homeless children.

DPS offers tips to avoid auto theft

AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is reminding Texans that vehicle thefts and vehicle burglaries tend to increase during the summer months – especially July and August – and is encouraging individuals to take necessary precautions to protect their vehicles from potential thefts.

"The summer months in Texas typically are one of the busiest times for vehicle thefts, and DPS is urging Texans to take preventative measures to secure their vehicles and avoid possible thefts and burglaries," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Individuals can do their part to help ward off criminals this summer by always locking their cars and keeping valuables out of sight."

DPS offers the following tips that Texans can follow to help guard against vehicle theft:

- Never leave your car running unattended, even for a quick visit to a business or store.
- Never leave keys in the car or ignition, inside a locked garage, or in hide-a-key boxes.
- Always roll up your windows and lock the car, even if it is parked at your home.
- When possible, always park in high-traffic, well-lighted areas.
- Install an anti-theft device that locks the steering wheel, column or brakes, especially if your vehicle is considered to be at increased risk for theft.

Never leave personal documents, vehicle ownership title or credit cards in your vehicle.

Always keep valuables or property hidden out of sight or locked in the trunk.

If your vehicle is stolen, report it to the police immediately. DPS also encourages individuals to keep a copy of their license plate and vehicle identification number on hand in case of theft, since police will need this information to take a report.

For more information about auto thefts and burglary, see <http://www.txdmv.gov/motorists/consumer-protection/auto-theft-prevention>.

Multi-state cattle conference set for July 28

VERNON – Green grass has replaced drought-stricken terrain, but only time will tell for how long, said Stan Bevers, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economist in Vernon.

Producers can hear from experts on how to best prepare and manage for greater operational efficiency during the upcoming Cattle Trails Wheat and Stocker Cattle Conference, set for July 28 at the Comanche County Coliseum, 920 S. Sheridan Road, Lawton, Oklahoma.

AgriLife Extension and the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service will jointly host the conference from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration is \$25 per person and includes educational materials, a noon meal and refreshments.

Producers are encouraged to preregister by contacting their local AgriLife Extension county agent, Oklahoma Cooperative Extension county educator or the Southwest Oklahoma Area Extension office at 580-255-0546.

Bevers said commodity prices, weather and tight margins cause producers to stretch every dollar for the greatest efficiency. Determining ways to improve this efficiency will be the focus of the joint conference.

Speakers will include Bevers, who will provide a wheat and cattle market update, and Dr. Mark Gregory, Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service agronomist in Duncan, who will discuss factors that influence wheat forage production.

Dr. Chris Richards, Oklahoma State University Extension and research beef cattle nutrition specialist in Stillwater, will discuss "performance robbers" in feed and water. Gant Mourer, Oklahoma State beef value enhancement specialist in Stillwater, will discuss value enhancements to beef cattle.

After lunch, Dr. Tom Hairgrove, AgriLife Extension program coordinator for livestock and food animal systems in College Station, will provide a post-mortem investigation of cattlemen's management practices and diseases.

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Menus

July 20 - 24

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, spinach, garlic toast, salad, fruit bowl, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Baked BBQ chicken, baked potato, peas & carrots, strawberries and whip topping, whole wheat roll, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, cornbread, chocolate cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Thu: Baked chicken & dumplings, tossed salad, whole wheat roll, margarine, peach chantilly, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Cheeseburger, potato wedges, salad, melon medley, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Salisbury steak, diced potatoes w/skin, English peas, wheat roll, dessert, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Baked ham w/pineapple, large lima beans, corn, macaroni salad, rolls, tapioca pudding, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Chicken & dumplings, fried squash, pickled beets, corn bread, cookies, fruit, iced tea/2% milk.
Thu: Beef tips & noodles, meadow blend vegetables, cottage cheese & tomatoes, biscuits, chocolate cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Catfish, spinach, coleslaw, hushpuppies, cherry crisp, iced tea/2% milk.

Meal to benefit Senior Center

By Ann Purvis

The Ladies Auxiliary of the local VFW and the Donley County Senior Citizens invite you to a meal prepared by the ladies of both organizations on Sunday the 19th at 11:30 a.m. This is a special fundraiser to keep the Senior Center open and operating. The funding from the state and the federal government has been cut so much that the center is depending a lot on grants and donations to purchase food and supplies. The Meals-on-Wheels to seniors number about 90 each day and the dining room serves 20-30 meals every day.

This organization is important to the community and to the many people who otherwise would not have one good meal every day. Please come and enjoy a wonderful meal and thank the VFW ladies who so generously offer to help out the Senior Citizens Center. May God bless you for helping.

Two-Lady Partnership to be held at CCC

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon Country Club will be holding a two-lady 18-hole scramble Saturday, July 18, at 9:00 a.m. Entries are being taken at the Pro Shop.

George Leathers won low gross in the weekly men's game with a total of 73, and Don Hinton won low net with a handicapped score of 67.

On Saturday, P.J. Lemons won low gross with a 75, and Hinton won low net with a 68.

Parent Workshop to be held in Amarillo

A "Back in Control" Parenting Workshop will be held Saturday, August 1, from 8:45 to 4 p.m. at the Texas Panhandle Centers building, 1500 S. Taylor Street, in Amarillo.

Pre-registration is required by calling 359-2005.

Janice James will be the instructor, and CEUs are available for LPCs & MSWs. General CEUs are available also.

There is no charge for this workshop, but seating is limited, and no childcare is provided.

Senior citizens are being targeted by scammers

Hi, gang! Lord willing when you read this I will be on my way back from MD Anderson Cancer Center. This week, I have selected three very good articles from the FTC. Please read and share with your friends and love ones. The scammers are out to get the senior citizens, and they are having a field day. Help stop these crooks.

1. "Attention Grandparents: Watch out for phony debt collectors" by Cristina Miranda Consumer Education Specialist, FTC.

My grandma kept an eye out for cheaters. (No, not that kind.) Back in the day, if a salesman knocked on her front door, she waved them off. Before caller ID, she hung up on telemarketers. But a call from a phony debt collector? She might have fallen for that one. Especially if the debt collector said she was responsible for her grandchild's debt.

Here's what's happening: A fake debt collector calls you. They want to collect on a debt your grandchild (supposedly) failed to pay. They ask you to wire money, send a prepaid card or give your credit card number – immediately. And if you won't – or can't – pay? That's when the threats begin: "Your grandchild will be arrested." "He'll lose his job." "We'll suspend her driver's license." Unless you co-signed a loan, you're never responsible for someone else's debt. In fact, debt collectors can't legally tell you that someone –

anyone – else even has a debt.

If you get one of these calls, stop. Don't be rushed into sending money. Don't verify any personal or financial information. And hang up if the caller threatens you. Debt collectors can't do that. It's not legal. Once you're off the phone, report the call to the FTC.

2. "If at first you don't succeed..." by Nat Wood, Associate Director, Division of Consumer & Business Education, FTC.

At the FTC, one of our goals is to stop scammers and end their schemes. Sometimes, that requires persistence. Take the case announced today by the FTC and the Florida Attorney General against Lifewatch, Inc., a company that sells medical alert systems, mostly to older people.

Last year, the FTC and the Florida AG sued Senior Safe Alert, a telemarketer that made illegal robocalls to pitch so-called "free" medical alert devices to older people. But they also lied about the cost and quality, and that company was quickly shut down. But the medical alert systems came from another company, Lifewatch, which simply recruited new telemarketers. You can probably guess what happened next: they kept up the deceptive campaign, including illegal robocalls. So now the FTC and the Florida AG are suing Lifewatch.

Here's a trifecta of misrepresentations the FTC says Lifewatch made

in its telemarketing campaign: Your alert system has "already been paid for" by a friend or family member. Not true. The system is endorsed by major organizations like the American Heart Association or AARP. Nuh-uh. You won't be charged anything until you activate the device, and you can cancel the service at any time without further payment. Not so much. Actually, Lifewatch charged people as soon as it got their account information. Then, they refused to let people cancel until the company got back the equipment or a \$400 penalty.

There are legitimate companies selling medical alert systems. But they don't rely on unexpected – and illegal – robocalls. If you get a recorded sales message (and you haven't given your written permission to get calls from the company on the other end), the call is illegal. And it's probably a scam. Hang up and report your experience to the FTC at ftc.gov or call 1-877-FTC-HELP.

3. "Eye the label before you buy" by Lesley Fair, Attorney, Division of Consumer & Business Education, FTC



bob's whittlin'
by bob watson

Our amazing vacation, Part One

My family went on an amazing vacation last week and we went through Oklahoma and we stopped in Kansas. I got to see a gunfight in Dodge City. At the Boot Hill Museum, I got to drink a sarsaparilla. It's kind of like a root beer mixed with more cream than a regular root beer, and it tastes really good. I got it a replica of a saloon and there was a bartender, piano player, and a saloon girl. In their frontier town, they had a church, a newspaper office, a bank, a restaurant, stagecoach, and a teepee.

Next, we went to Oakley, Kan., and saw a Buffalo Bill statue trying to shoot a buffalo, and I got under the horse's hoof like it was going to step on me and also pretended I was running away from the buffalo.

Dog days of Summer

Wow! Two more inches of rain last week – a half-inch of that fell in less than 30 minutes. It is keeping Ole Jim busy with the mower and contributing to more, larger, and deeper pot holes in the Howardwick roads.

A big thank you to Doc Holiday and his crew who are hard at work mowing, patching, and grading, but it is difficult to keep up with all the rain.

Buffy the Wonder dog has been busy, a mole had the audacity to dig into her yard and the little fierce terrier in her kicked in. The first indication we had that "something is there" was her refusal to come when called, the second was her muddy nose and feet, the third was the big hole in the yard. She has since abandoned the hole which is an indication the mole is no longer there. Whether it drowned as the hole filled with water or it decided our yard was a dangerous place, Buffy did her job, keeping us safe.



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Stampede

Ben and Ella Estlack 'run' from a giant buffalo statue in Oakley, Kansas, last week. The buffalo is part of a larger tribute to Buffalo Bill Cody, the famous Western buffalo hunter.

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The Lions' Pride

The Clarendon Lions Club installed new officers for 2015-2016 during their regular Tuesday noon meeting on July 7. Shown here Membership Director Richard Sheppard, Tail Twister Jerry Woodard, First Vice President Tex Buckhaults, Boss Lion Jacob Fangman, Second Vice President Robert Riza, Lion Tamer Bobbie Thornberry, and Third Vice President John Howard. Not pictured is Secretary Roger Estlack and Sweetheart Kendra Davis.

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DRT turns over Alamo care after 110 years

SAN ANTONIO – Friday, July 10, 2015, marked the end of the 110-year management by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas (DRT) of the Alamo Shrine. After Friday, the state of Texas will take full control of the property of the Alamo and its expenses.

“Bittersweet is the word that comes to mind,” said Betty Edwards, M.D., President General of the DRT. “Our organization cherishes its 110-year history as managers of the symbol of Texas independence, but recognizes a greater role from the state is required to address the ever-increasing needs of the structure. Finally, that day has arrived.”

In response to the call of DRT members Clara Driscoll, Adina de Zavala and other women who called for the rescue of the decayed and neglected site of the 1836 battle, in

1905 the Texas Legislature named the Daughters of the Republic of Texas as the custodians of the Alamo. The efforts of these women and the generations of leaders who followed in their footsteps have made the Alamo one of the world’s most important historical destinations. This week that was affirmed by the UNESCO World Heritage Committee naming the Alamo and the San Antonio missions as a World Heritage Site.

“Since the Daughters were named custodians of the Alamo, we have had 25 governors, 22 lieutenant governors, 14 land commissioners and thousands of state legislators,” noted Dr. Edwards. “While our elected officials have come and gone, we have remained steadfast and unwavering in our commitment to preserving this special piece of

Texas history. With no significant state support over these years, it has been a burden we willingly and proudly carried, but many in our organization always believed the state should be sharing in the responsibility of maintaining the site.”

At 5:00 p.m. on Friday, members of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas will gather in front of the Alamo for a brief ceremony to mark their last day as managers of the historic site. Although the DRT will no longer be caretakers of the Alamo Shrine, President General Edwards said the organization “will remain there in spirit forever.”

The transition, though long-awaited by the DRT, was not without controversy. Land Commissioner George P. Bush and the GLO made statements in announcing an end to the DRT’s Alamo presence that the

organization says were not accurate.

Shortly after his announcement, Bush’s office then expressed intent to take ownership of the vast majority of the library collection the DRT has amassed and preserved since 1950.

The collection is located in a separate facility on the grounds. In response to the state’s actions, the Daughters filed a lawsuit on March 23, 2015, in Bexar County to block the GLO’s efforts to take the DRT library collection.

“It is time to move forward,” Dr. Edwards concluded. “The state has the resources to maintain the Alamo Shrine in the respectful manner in which it should be preserved. The DRT will keep a watchful eye, and we will continue our role in the preservation of the history of the state we love.”

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12:42 p.m. – EMS assist 500 block South Hartzell
1:12 p.m. – EMS assist EMS Station
4:11 p.m. – Two vehicle accident 287 & Jefferson
10:40 p.m. – Welfare check 700 block West 6th

July 7, 2015
5:10 a.m. – Report of subject walking FM 2362
2:23 p.m. – Minor accident 287 & Allen

3:24 p.m. – To jail with one in custody
5:37 p.m. – Fire Department paged possible fire HWY 70 North
6:05 p.m. – Report of hanger door open @ the Airport
9:45 p.m. – See caller Kearney & White Street
10:02 p.m. – To jail with one in custody
10:00 p.m. – EMS assist 100 block East Montgomery
10:12 p.m. – Units paged semi roll-over 287 & Co Rd 20

July 8, 2015
4:13 a.m. – EMS assist 100 block Lubbock DR
8:50 a.m. – Loose livestock FM 2471

July 9, 2015
1:12 a.m. – See caller 300 block Rosenfield
10:40 a.m. – Out @ City Hall

July 10, 2015
12:09 p.m. – EMS assist 900 block South Carhart
1:00 p.m. – Report of fight in progress 300 block Rosenfield
7:21 p.m. – Report of siren going off at Howardwick
7:53 p.m. – Welfare check 3rd & Hartzell
8:27 p.m. – Vehicle ran off road 287 West
9:36 p.m. – EMS assist Community Care Center



The Clarendon Lions Club held their regular Tuesday noon meeting July 14, 2015, with Boss Lion Jacob Fangman in charge.

We had 15 members and four guests this week – Drew Powell, guest of Lion John Howard; Jack Gandy, guest of Lion Chuck Robertson; and Dan and Nate Estlack, guests of Lion Scarlet Estlack.

Lion Howard urged everyone to read the Enterprise or watch ABC7 for county news, and Lion David Dockery said the city is looking into USDA funding for infrastructure improvements and working on next year’s budget.

Lion Mike Norrell said the ISD is also working on its budget and looking for a band director, and Lion Ashlee Estlack said the college has a Success Camp going on this week to help students move from developmental classes to regular classes and preparations are happening for the fall semester.

A 90th birthday party for, Frankie Henson, the widow of former Lion A.R. Henson, will be held Sunday, July 19, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the country club.

With no further business, we were dismissed.

Celebrate

Frankie Hommel Henson’s 90th Birthday!

All friends are invited to join our family to celebrate Frankie’s birthday on Sunday, July 19, from 2:00 til 4:00 p.m. at the Clarendon Country Club.

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State sales taxes drop, ending 62-month growth streak

By Aman Batheja, The Texas Tribune

Texas collected less state sales tax revenue in June than it did in the same month a year earlier, ending a remarkable 62-month streak of growth, Comptroller Glenn Hegar said Wednesday.

The state collected \$2.2 billion in state sales taxes in June, down 1.4 percent compared with June 2014. The figure reflects monthly sales made in May by businesses that report taxes monthly.

“This slight decline was expected due to the slowdown in the oil and gas mining sector, and is in line with the biennial revenue esti-

mate presented in January,” Hegar said in a statement.

Texas rig counts recently concluded a six-month nosedive as the industry has reeled from dropping oil prices. As of last Thursday, there were 363 oil and gas rigs across the state, down from 900 rigs back in November, according to Baker Hughes, which publishes weekly industry data.

The end of the state’s sales tax streak follows a loss of 25,400 jobs in March, ending a streak of 53 months of growth, according to state and federal data. Yet Texas turned around and added 33,200 jobs in May.

Spending on drilling equipment has long served as a boon to sales tax coffers, so the recent drop in sales tax collection isn’t surprising, said John Kennedy, a senior analyst with the business-backed Texas Taxpayers and Research Association. Yet the recent rebound in job growth suggests oil and gas won’t be too much of a drag on the state’s broader economy. He predicted that sales tax revenue growth would be close to flat in the coming months.

“If Austin and Dallas are any indication, we’re not seeing any dramatic slowdown in construction,” Kennedy said. “I do not see from the

other economic indicators any significant slowdown ahead.”

In a video released Wednesday, the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas forecast the state’s job growth for the year at around 1 percent, or about 120,000 jobs.

Research director Mine Yücel said job losses in the oil and gas industry were largely being offset by gains in the service sector, particularly in the leisure and hospitality field.

“Texas may not outpace the nation in 2015, but even if we don’t, we will have positive job growth,” Yücel said in the video.

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Clarendon Board approves raises for certain positions

The Clarendon ISD Board of Trustees met July 9 and approved raises for some positions and filled some staff openings.

A motion was approved for a payroll increase for At-Will positions at CISD. The board later met in closed session for less than 15 minutes before returning to open session and accepting the Superintendent’s recommendation to offer teacher contracts to the following people: Dual Assignment Term Contract – Carrie Hicks; and Probationary Contracts – Elizabeth Zongker, Kara Hill, and Eurina Marcum.

Superintendent Mike Norrell gave an administrative report, and he and the board toured the district facilities to view the summer repairs and cleaning.

Norrell also presented a report on the Early Reading Assessments for Grades K-2.

The board approved the Region 16 ESC contracts for the 2015-2016 school year as presented. The board also approved a proposal from the Texas Association of Public Schools Property and Liability Fund for Auto, Liability, and Property Insurance Coverage for the 2015-2016 school year.

The Administrative Policy and Procedures Manual was accepted as presented and so was the 2015-2016 Teacher PDAS Appraisal Calendar as presented.

Teacher Appraisers were appointed for the 2015-2016 school year, and changes to the 2015-2016 School Calendar were approved.

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AgriLife Extension 4-H youth development specialist in Amarillo.

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Thur	9	85°	62°	.05
Fri	10	86°	69°	.3
Sat	11	89°	73°	-
Sun	12	95°	76°	-

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Total precipitation to date: 23.18"

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