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

Bra Art Exhibit to be at CC Tuesday

The Amarillo Area Breast Health Coalition, along with Clarendon College and the Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 7782, will present an Art Bra Exhibit next Tuesday, July 28, at the Bairfield Activity Center from 4 to 7 p.m.

The event features art bras created by local women and CC students and promotes breast health and early detection to save lives.

Refreshments will be served and attendees can vote for their favorite art bras. Votes cost \$5 for one, six for \$25, or 13 for \$50. The top favorite bra will receive a special gift.

For more information, contact Veronica Bridgeman at 806-331-4710 or by email at veronica.bridgeman@aabhc.org. You can also learn more online at www.aabhc.org.

All proceeds from this event go directly to support the mission of AABHC, "Making Breast Health Happen In Panhandle."

City council to meet Thursday evening

The Clarendon City Council will meet Thursday night, July 23, for its regular meeting at City Hall.

Among the items up for consideration are service contract renewals with Texas Panhandle Cyber Medics, sanitation rates, and retirement contributions for city employees.

Aldermen will also consider recommendations by KSA Engineers for street and drainage improvements to W. 3rd Street, discuss establishing a Municipal Court Building Security Fund, and hold a budget workshop among other items on the agenda.

VFW offers chance at two scholarships

The Donley County Memorial Post of the VFW has announced the availability of scholarship funds through essay contests for junior high and high school students.

The junior high winner can earn up to \$5,000 and the high school winner can earn up to \$30,000. For more information, call George Hall at 205-1015.

CC registering now for fall semester

Clarendon College's fall semester classes begin Wednesday, August 26, and registration is now underway for academic and technical programs. Call the CC at 800-687-9737 for more information.



Greenbelt Lake has come up 11 feet this year but still needs another eight feet before it is completely out of drought conditions.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ROGER ESTLACK

Rains helping replenish Greenbelt

By Roger Estlack,
Clarendon Enterprise

Conditions Greenbelt Lake have improved, but more rain is needed get the reservoir completely out of drought status.

Greenbelt General Manager Bobbie Kidd said this week the lake has come up 11 feet for the year and has actually moved out of Stage Four drought conditions but is not quite out of Stage Three.

"We lack about a foot and a quarter before we get to Stage Two," Kidd said.

The lake entered each drought stage based on elevation triggers,

and those triggers reverse as the lake level rises. Making it back to Stage Two will be an important benchmark for Greenbelt because that's when the water authority will lift restrictions on skiing and recreational boating, Kidd said.

The lake has two temporary boat ramps open for fishing boats at Kincaid Park, and Kidd said the additional eleven feet in the reservoir has improved Greenbelt's traffic somewhat, but more important is the quantity of water the lake now holds.

"We nearly doubled our capacity going from about 7,700 acre-feet to more than 14,000 acre-feet," Kidd

said. "That puts us at nearly five billion gallons."

In addition to exceptional rainfall since the spring, Greenbelt has been helped by efforts undertaken months ago to clean out the channel of the Salt Fork of the Red River, which feeds the lake. The water authority cleared out a 1.6 miles of the river, making a channel four feet deep and about 20 feet wide, which has helped get runoff water into the lake.

"There was a lot of water just standing before that," Kidd said.

Greenbelt Water Authority has added a lot of groundwater capacity

to its operations since the lake level dropped nine feet in 2011 alone. Since then five wells have been put online in Clarendon and four wells have been located on Kelly Creek, allowing about 40 percent of water consumption to be coming from groundwater instead of the reservoir.

It will take about eight more feet of water in Greenbelt to get completely out of drought status, but Kidd said he thinks people have learned a lot during the drought.

"People are getting smarter about water usage," he said. "I think even if the lake was full you wouldn't see water being wasted."



Lake levels have risen considerably this year, but unlike many other Texas reservoirs, Greenbelt won't be going over its spillway any time soon.



The boat ramp at Lakeside Marina is no where near the water of Lake Greenbelt, which needs several more rains.

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CEDC authorizes continued work on Mulkey

Work continues on the rehabilitation of the Mulkey Theatre following action taken by the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation last Monday, July 13.

CEDC board members gave the go-ahead to Pioneer General Contractors to take further steps on Phase 3 interior work for a cost not to exceed \$74,905. Half of the cost will be covered by money privately donated to the Mulkey Project and held by the Clarendon Community Fund. The remaining cost will be split between economic development sales tax funds and Hotel Occupancy Tax funds.

The approved scope of work includes electrical wiring to restore house lights and cove lights in the theatre, replacement of rear exit doors, construction of a platform for

handicapped accessible seating at the rear of the auditorium, and extension of the theatre's stage to eventually accommodate live performances and conferences.

The goal of the Mulkey project is to reopen the theatre as not only a movie house but also a conference center and performance hall to bring more activity to Clarendon's downtown. The CEDC and the Chamber of Commerce are housed in the former barbershop at the front of the theatre, which has been remodeled to serve as Clarendon's official Visitor Center.

Tax-deductible donations to the Mulkey project can be made to the Clarendon Community Fund, a unit of the Amarillo Area Foundation, at the Visitor Center or by mail at PO Box 826, Clarendon, TX 79226.



Leo Brewer works on the new handicapped seating area at the Mulkey Theatre Tuesday afternoon.

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Two men facing assault charges

By Roger Estlack,
Clarendon Enterprise

Two Donley County men are facing assault charges after weekend fight that is under investigation by the Texas Rangers.

Clay Sawyer, age 32, and Chris Blackburn, age 21, were both arrested in the early morning hours of Saturday, July 18, after officers were dispatched to the 600 block of S. Collinson Street following a report of a fight in progress at about 1:28 a.m.

One victim was reportedly hospitalized following the altercation, and neighbors witnessed two Donley County Deputies, one state trooper, and local EMS respond to the events.

Texas Ranger Scott Swick was called in Saturday to handle the case and file the charges since Blackburn is the son of Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn.

Justice of the Peace Pam Mason said she arraigned both subjects on Saturday night.

Sawyer was charged with two counts of Class A Misdemeanor Assault with bond set at \$1,500 for each count. Blackburn was charged with one count of Class A Misdemeanor Assault with bond set at \$1,500.

Sawyer and Blackburn were released on bond Sunday.

Ranger Swick said Monday that his investigation is on-going and offered no further comment on the case.

Drought is done in Texas

By Kiah Collier,
The Texas Tribune

For the first time in more than five years, Texas is not in a drought.

While less than three percent of the state remains "abnormally dry," according to the latest US Drought Monitor report, drought has disappeared from every other part of Texas.

Just three months ago, more than 35 percent of the Lone Star State was in some form of drought – either moderate, severe, extreme or exceptional, depending on the location. A year ago, it was more than 60 percent.

Texas has been in varying degrees of drought since April 2010, according to the Texas Water Development Board.

The water planning agency called the drought disappearance "big news" Monday in its weekly drought report, but also offered a reminder that the national monitor "favors soil conditions" and that "reservoirs are still low in West, Far West, and South Texas."

Those reservoirs serve as drinking water supplies for many small cities.

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Dodd-Frank Act makes life more difficult

By Eric Sandberg, Texas Bankers Assn.

The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act passed on July 21, 2010, with the intent to prevent another financial crisis like the one we encountered in 2008, thus protecting the millions of consumers hurt by the recession.

The act was passed to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end “too big to fail” banks, to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices and for other purposes.

If we assess the act through the lens of protecting consumers, the act has failed. The unintended consequence of Dodd-Frank is the death of community banks while Wall Street’s “too big to fail” banks continue to thrive. Even Goldman Sachs CEO Lloyd Blankfein stated publicly in 2010 that his firm would “be among the biggest beneficiaries of reform.”

So where does the consumer come into play? A recent George Mason University study of small banks (under \$10 billion in assets, i.e. community banks for the purpose of this discussion) found that their “ability to gather and consider ‘soft information’ enables them to lend to borrowers that might not be able to get loans from larger institutions that rely more on standardized lending criteria,” so-called “informationally opaque borrowers.” Soft information is the type of knowledge a community bank has about its customer – whether they’ve ever missed a payment, whether they just lost their job, etc. – that might be overlooked by using a strict formula that determines if someone gets a loan.

Dodd-Frank regulations have increased compliance costs and caused a shrinking of the community lending pool. Therefore, “informationally opaque borrowers,” as the George Mason study calls them, are not being served.

These potential borrowers aren’t being denied mortgage loans because they can’t afford them; rather, the community banks that would normally offer them a loan simply aren’t in the business of lending anymore.

Dodd-Frank has made these banks reassess their business models. For example, according to a survey conducted by the American Bankers Association, 78 percent of banks have said they will or may need to change their nature, mix and volume of mortgage products in response to regulatory changes.

This exit of community banks from the lending market is an unintended consequence of Dodd-Frank that could be fixed with a relaxing of regulations for community banks.

One may be asking, who cares if a couple of small rural banks go away? Who does that really affect? To answer that question, according to the FDIC, more than 1,200 U.S. counties (out of a total of 3,238), encompassing 16.3 million people, would have limited physical access to mainstream banking services without the presence of community banks.

By forcing community banks out of consumer lending, Congress has started the process of leaving those 16.3 million people behind. That may sound dramatic but Texas alone has 126 fewer banks now than before Dodd-Frank – the movement to leave these people without proper financial services is already in motion.

Texas’ economy has been the healthiest in the nation during that time period so that’s not the cause of these banks’ disappearing acts. These banks didn’t fail; their local owners decided it was easier to sell their institutions than it would be to find the employees necessary to keep up with all of the new regulations coming from D.C.

No one rational is arguing for a Wild West scenario devoid of any bank regulation. When it works well, bank regulation helps ensure the safety and soundness of the overall banking system.

When it does not – like in the case of Dodd-Frank – it constricts the natural cycle of consumer and small business lending, job growth and economic expansion.

Finding the right balance is key to encouraging growth and prosperity as unnecessary regulatory requirements lead to compliance expenses, which reduces the resources devoted to lending.

Would you like additional proof that the Dodd-Frank Act hasn’t found the right balance? Ben Bernanke is the former Federal Reserve chairman, meaning he was the head of the entire central banking system in the United States from 2006 to 2014, and even he couldn’t refinance his mortgage last year. Now imagine how difficult it must be for the rest of us to refinance who don’t command \$250,000 per speaking engagement.

So what’s the solution for helping out the consumers the Dodd-Frank Act is leaving out in the cold? FDIC Vice Chairman Thomas Hoenig has one: He says banks should get regulatory relief if they hold foreign exchange and interest rate derivatives worth less than \$3 billion, maintain an equity-to-asset ratio of at least 10 percent and don’t engage in trading activity.

In layman’s terms, that sounds like easing the regulatory burden specifically for community banks while leaving the proper regulations in place to prevent another financial crisis.

Easing that burden allows community banks to get back to helping their customers build their dreams – like providing a loan to pay for college tuition or a mortgage loan to a family looking to own their first home.

Eric Sandberg is president and CEO of the Texas Bankers Association, the oldest and largest state bankers association in the nation. TBA’s membership includes 464 banks and 5,038 branches, which represents 85 percent of all Texas banks.

A summer without the doldrums

George Gershwin’s 1934 lyrics about summertime “bein’ easy” don’t fit Texas this year, and Nat King Cole’s hit tune of the 1960s about the “lazy/hazy/crazy days” of summer is only one-third fulfilled. The “crazy” reference is a pretty close fit, with or without a wide-angle lens.

For my purposes, I’ll soften the word to mean unlikely, unexpected or unusual. Oh, it’s anything but “business as usual” for the entire nation, but there’s much additional “hubbub” in the Lone Star State. In Texas, flooding seems unending, civil war statues may be endangered and Confederate money – previously “mattressed” – understandably is being converted from currency to Old South silver. Obviously, throwing the biggest coins at adversaries should be more effective than hurling currency that’s likely to be gone with the wind.

And at Aunt Dinah’s quilting party, Nellie – the club’s only social media practitioner – has issued a request: “Please, no more Confederate flags. We’ve run out of storage room, and there’s a long waiting list for quilters.”... *****

New vignettes in cities across America: Wedding officiants – some jubilant, others flummoxed – seem unsure how to conclude ceremonies. Some are saying, “One of you may kiss the bride.” Others are simply changing the last word to “groom.” In one ceremony, the officiant played it safe, instructing, “You may kiss each other.”

Professional wedding planners are writing addendums, such as: “Should your rights to marry be disputed, you may need a firearm. In that case, we’ll rent you one.”

There’s also considerable quaking at Six Flags Over Texas. Officials

are wondering which – if any – of their flags will be favored by majorities big enough to justify flying them at full staff. (It may turn out that no significant doldrums will surface this summer.)... *****

My wife and I drove across West Texas recently, and we were shocked to see small lakes in formerly parched fields devoid of surface water for years. Uncle Mort said some wags prayed too long and too often for rain, and now they’re praying in reverse.

It was pleasant, though, to see so much green foliage.

At one of the aforementioned lakes, a telephone pole rises two feet above the water line. Some joker affixed a sign: “Diving permitted if you want to.”... *****

There’s been so much hard news, sports items – usually cited as the breaking news on TV – have nestled on newspaper sports pages – and on broadcasts, after the weather.

In Dallas, cheers turned to jeers in short order when it was announced that the Los Angeles Clippers star, DeAndre Jordan – who had agreed to a four-year, 80 million dollar deal with the Mavericks – changed his mind. The 7-foot Texan who played at Texas A&M University was to be the centerpiece of the “new Mavericks.”

When the news was released, Dallas fans were shattered. They were deflated trillions of times more than those foot-



the idle american
by don newbury

balls in the New England Patriots’ locker room.... *****

Someone said the faculty at Texas A&M University might write a letter to both Johnny Football and Jordan, Aggie stars in football and basketball, respectively.

The gist of it might be, “We taught you better’n that.”

Both of these Aggies have time to “square around.” Let’s hope they do.... *****

Don’t expect Mavericks owner Mark Cuban to square around, though. First, he has to stop spinning.

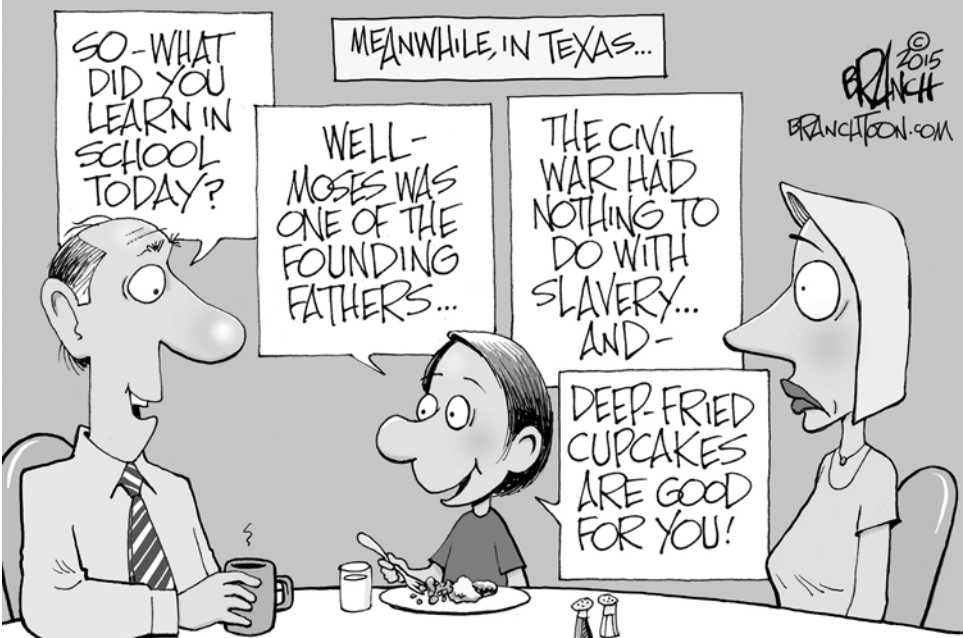
They say he feels so low, he could walk under an antique bathtub with a fireman’s hat on and without scrunching down at all. He thought Jordan’s hand-shake was his bond. Bail bond, maybe?... *****

Used to, we were advised that in times like these, there have always been times like these. I’m not so sure.

What I am certain of, however, is that Americans could use a good case of doldrums right now, coast to coast.

My 103-year-old uncle says he wishes whoever said, “Taxation without representation is tyranny” would come back and see what it’s like with representation. He’s right. Summertime may one day have been easy. If and when doldrums are promised again, we should ask for a signed document. As to Blue Bell’s announcement to start cranking out ice cream again, some slack can be cut. Their verbal promises – like their handshakes – can be taken to the bank....

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Responsible regulation beneficial

By Christi Craddick, Texas Railroad Commissioner

What’s in a name? When it comes to the Railroad Commission of Texas, the name says little about what this important state agency does on a day-to-day basis. With 125 years of history, the Commission was established to oversee the regulation of railroads. Today, it is recognized as a worldwide leader in the regulation of oil and gas.

The transition was sparked when oil and gas production grew to include the transporting of oil to market by rail. The Commission was delegated oversight of not only the transportation of oil and gas products, but eventually its safe production. In this age of renewed Texas oil and gas development, it is important that all Texans are familiar with the job the Commission is doing in their community.

As your Railroad Commissioner, I have the privilege of overseeing some of Texas’ most exciting and dynamic industries. Since 1891, the Commission has been charged with ensuring a fair and responsible regulatory structure for oil and gas production and promoting policies that guarantee the robust development of our state’s huge energy potential. With extended jurisdiction over related industries including intrastate pipelines, natural gas utilities, and surface mining operations, the Commission ensures that Texans continue to enjoy the economic benefits of our state’s many, plentiful mineral resources and that our

communities and environment remain safe. Now a global leader in energy regulation, foreign governments from across the world regularly visit the agency to learn more about how to successfully manage energy exploration and production in their own countries.

The agency’s Oil and Gas Division inspectors work every day to ensure that companies comply with our rules established to protect the public and our state’s natural resources. Operations found in non-compliance are met with fines, and if necessary, the shutting down of production and the revocation of a company’s license to drill in Texas. This division also manages any necessary cleanup involving oil and gas spills or discharges. Last year, the agency plugged over 560 abandoned wells and oversaw the cleanup of more than 200 oilfield sites. This type of work, which provides community and environmental protection, is funded by fees collected from industry, not by Texas taxpayers.

The Oversight and Safety Division supervises pipeline safety, and natural gas utilities. This division holds jurisdiction over pipelines that begin and end within Texas. The Commission has some of the nation’s most stringent pipeline safety rules, requiring all natural gas distribution companies to assess their pipeline systems for the greatest potential threats and each year replace a minimum five percent of those pipelines.

Overseeing natural gas rates, this division ensures fair and reasonable rates

for consumers. Last year, audits discovered rate overcharges resulting in more than \$1.3 million in refunds to natural gas utility customers across the state, keeping more hard earned dollars in the pockets of Texans.

Coal used in power plants generating electricity helps to keep the lights on for our citizens, not only in Texas, but across the nation. The Texas economy enjoys the benefits of being the sixth largest producer of coal in the U.S., and our Surface Mining and Reclamation Division oversees mining operations and reclamation once mining ceases. Commission policies require that Texas land is returned to a condition that is as good as, or better than, it was before mining activities occurred.

Texans should be proud that our state has long been recognized as a regulatory leader. New technology, which allows companies to reach energy resources previously inaccessible, has ignited an energy revolution in the U.S. led by Texas. Fortunately, because of our more than 100-year old history overseeing energy development, the Commission is deeply experienced in developing rules and taking actions grounded in science even as this dynamic industry quickly evolves.

As you can see, the Railroad Commission has a strong record of balancing environmental protection with economic growth and energy development. We are proving it every day across the state. But please, just don’t ask me about railroads.

Angel turns up missing from local grave

To whoever took the angel off the grave of U.G. Swinney. This angel was a very heavy yard ornament. It did not blow away or float away. It measured maybe 12” in height and the angel is sitting looking off to the left. It was

taken sometime in the past two weeks! Have any of you maybe seen this suddenly turn up at your house or a friends? This had a very special meaning to my family and to be stolen off of a grave is the lowest of lowest. You rank right

with the ones who vandalize a church. If I had wanted you to have that angel, I would’ve brought it to you!

Donna Barnes,
Clarendon

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AARP study reveals stress on family caregivers

AUSTIN – Family caregivers in Texas provided 3.1 billion hours of care—worth an estimated \$35 billion—to their parents, spouses, partners, and other adult loved ones in 2013, according to AARP Public Policy Institute’s new report, Valuing the Invaluable: 2015 Update.

The total estimated economic value of uncompensated care provided by the nation’s family caregivers surpassed total Medicaid spending (\$449 billion) and nearly equaled the annual sales (\$469 billion) of the four largest U.S. tech companies combined (Apple, Hewlett Packard, IBM, and Microsoft) in 2013.

Family caregiving for relatives or close friends with chronic, disabling, or serious health problems so they can remain in their home is nearly universal today. In 2013, nearly 3.4 million family caregivers in Texas helped another adult loved one carry out daily activities such as bathing or dressing, preparing meals, administering medications, driving to doctor visits, and paying bills.

“This new report demonstrates that we need to do more to assist the 3.4 million caregivers in our state,” said AARP Texas Director Bob Jackson. “Some of the things that

will help family caregivers include improved workplace flexibility, respite care, tax credits and home care services.”

Family Caregivers in the Future As Americans live longer and have fewer children, fewer family members will be available for older adults to rely on for everyday help in the future. The ratio of potential family caregivers to the growing number of older people has already begun a steep decline. In 2010, there were 7.2 potential family caregivers for every person age 80 and older. By 2030, that ratio will fall sharply to 4 to 1, and is projected to drop further to 3 to 1 in 2050.

Impact of Caregiving on Jobs, Money, and Health Family caregivers report that the stress of caregiving affects their physical and emotional health, finances, and their jobs.

- More than half (55 percent) of family caregivers report being overwhelmed by the amount of care their family member needs.
- Nearly 4 in 10 (38 percent) family caregivers report a moderate (20 percent) to high degree (18 percent) of financial strain as a result of providing care.
- In 2014, the majority (60 percent) of family caregivers had full-

or part-time jobs.

Strategies and Policies Needed to Help Caregivers “AARP is pleased that the Texas Legislature approved this year \$31 million in home and community services funding to help individuals stay independent in the community by providing a range of services,” said Jackson. “These services include such things as an attendant to come to their home to help with bathing and dressing, medication reminders, meal preparation, and installation of grab bars and other devices for home safety.”

“Valuing the Invaluable: 2015 Update” Methodology The estimates in this report by AARP’s Public Policy Institute are based on a meta-analysis of 11 U.S.-based surveys of family caregivers conducted between 2009 and 2014. Estimates are based on about 40 million caregivers providing an average of 18 hours of care per week to a parent, spouse/partner, or other adult loved one, at an average value of \$12.51 per hour. ‘Caregiver’ is defined as an adult age 18 and older providing care to a parent, spouse, or other adult loved one with their daily activities such as bathing or dress, preparing meals, and/or managing their finances, currently or within the last month.

Travel through time with new mobile tours

AUSTIN – Whether reliving America’s original road trip or standing on a historic battlefield, two new mobile tours from the Texas Historical Commission (THC) let you plan journeys to see the real places where the real stories of Texas took place during two pivotal periods of time.

Known as the Broadway of America, the Bankhead Highway spanned from San Diego to Washington, D.C., connecting the west and east coasts before creation of the interstate highway system. The Texas portion, covering more than 850 miles between El Paso and Texarkana, features a rich architectural legacy from the early to mid-1900s.

The “Historic Bankhead Highway” mobile tour includes videos and vintage photographs from more

than 200 sites in 31 cities. Users can explore familiar places like Dallas’ Fair Park and discover classic Americana gems among the diners, cafes, motels, hotels, museums, and attractions along the route.

Before highways and cars appeared on the Texas landscape, the Red River War of 1874 paved the way for development as the U.S. Army sought to relocate nomadic American Indian tribes in the Panhandle region to reservations. From 1998 to 2003, the THC conducted archeological fieldwork that located and unearthed artifacts at six battleground sites, shedding new light on what really occurred during the tense 10-month campaign.

The tour, “Red River War of 1874-1875: Clash of Cultures in

the Texas Panhandle,” allows users to experience the story of the conflict and learn about the archeological discoveries through a series of multimedia tools. The tour has a robust range of images and narrated slideshows, plus self-guided tours to museums and state parks where visitors can view artifacts and visit battlefield sites.

“Historic Bankhead Highway” and “Red River War of 1874-1875: Clash of Cultures in the Texas Panhandle,” are free and available at www.TexasTimeTravel.com/get-guides. The tours join the Texas Historical Commission’s additional mobile tour, “African Americans in Texas,” where users can plan engaging trips to connect with Texas heritage and history.

WTAMU crowdfunding project puts focus on ‘Texas Wild’

CANYON – A team from West Texas A&M University is traveling the state this summer in hopes of introducing everyone to the all the slithering, flying, crawling and hopping critters that call Texas home.

Dr. Ray Matlack, James A. Davidson Endowed Professor of Wildlife, and Jessie Story, WTAMUTexas Wild graduate student in communication, are traveling across Texas to film the state’s wildlife for their upcoming PBS series “Texas Wild.” They are capturing the sights, sounds and habitats of everything from alligators and snakes to bats and opossums in high definition to

foster appreciation and awareness of Texas’ wildlife. Their efforts are part of a crowdfunding project at WTAMU to help raise funds to gather as much footage as possible for the “Texas Wild” program.

“We want people to watch, to be engaged and learn about Texas wildlife,” Matlack said. “PBS puts us with the right audience, and we are very excited about the opportunity to share “Texas Wild.”

Those donating \$10 to the crowdfunding website at wtamu.edu/texaswild will receive a Texas Wild decal. A donation of \$30 earns a donor a decal as well as a Texas

Wild cap or T-shirt. Visit wtamu.edu/texaswild to learn more about giving levels to support “Texas Wild.”

WTAMU’s crowdfunding is a year-round fund-raising program that helps raise funds for University programs as well as scholarships, faculty development, facilities improvement and dean’s discretionary funds. Crowdfunding is part of the WT Annual Fund and managed by the WTAMU Alumni Association.

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Community Calendar

July
Silent Auction • Burton Memorial Library • Ends July 30

August 10
Clarendon Registration for enrolled students • 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. • Cafeteria

August 11
Clarendon Registration for enrolled students • 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. • Cafeteria

August 24
Back to school

September 7
Labor Day

September 11
Patriot Day

September 13
Grandparents Day

September 26
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Menus

July 27 - 31

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Tomato soup, ham sandwich, tomato & lettuce, carrot & raisin salad, cookies, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Navy beans w/ham, sweet potatoes, turnip greens, cornbread, apple cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Salmon patties, seasoned butter beans, greens, wheat roll, peaches w/whipped topping, iced tea/2% milk.
Thu: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, wheat rolls, vanilla pudding, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Sloppy Joes on bun, baked tator tots, green beans, garden salad, brownies, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Chicken tenders & gravy, mashed potatoes, turnip greens, pickled beets, rolls, cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Steak & gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, pea salad, biscuits, cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Turkey pot pie, broccoli, tossed salad, fruit and jello, iced tea/2% milk.
Thu: BBQ beef brisket, diced potatoes, ranch style beans, coleslaw, pickles, onions, strawberry short cake, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Cheeseburger, chips, lettuce, tomatoes, onion, bun, brownies, iced tea/2% milk.

Lighting Committee needs volunteers

The Courthouse Lighting Committee needs volunteers to help decorate trees on the courthouse lawn for this upcoming Christmas season. The committee plans to put lights on more trees than last year and will begin decorating mid-October.

Volunteers are also needed in September to trim small branches from the trees. Anyone interested in helping can contact Denise Bertrand (874-2846), Terri Askew (874-5001), Mary Green (874-3641), or Diane Skelton (874-2393).

Donations to this project can be mailed to Courthouse Lighting Committee, PO Box 825, Clarendon, TX 79226, or given to Derlene Gray at Pilgrim Bank or to Jacob Fangman at Herring Bank.

Library holding a Alzheimer’s benefit

A Silent Auction to benefit the Alzheimer’s Association is currently being held at the Burton Memorial Library and will end on July 30.

Handmade items are offered to the highest bidder. Mary Vorheis encourages all to help support this very worthy cause. She is a member of a team that will participate in a Walk to End Alzheimer’s held September 26, in Lubbock.

Donations can be made by sponsoring her team or you can form a team and compete. Forms are available at the Library or online.

Correction:

A photo published July 9 of Judge John Howard at the July 3 dedication of the Ten Commandments Monument was incorrectly attributed. The photo was actually taken by Dr. Lauraine Paul. The Enterprise apologizes for this error and any confusion it may have caused.

Scammers continue to come at us from everywhere

Hi, gang! I received a good report from Houston, and I’m glad that I won’t go back until October. Today we have three very good articles. One from the Panhandle BBB and two from the Federal Trade Commission. Enjoy and remain aware. The scammers are everywhere.

Publishers Clearing House Will Knock – Not Call

Calls to BBB regarding Publisher Clearing House Sweepstakes scams have increased. Like most scams, these calls capitalize on real stories but are just another way to trick you into giving away your money. The scammers hope you don’t know the real deal from the fakes.

In the scam: Callers claim you have won millions of dollars but first you have to send money to receive your winnings. Once you agree and send money – any amount – they keep calling and asking for more. They claim the money is for fees, insurance, taxes or even postage to get through customs. They keep promising your money is coming by mail or wire transfer. Keep in mind, federal law dictates that no money has to be paid in order to win a prize. In any prize promotion you do not have to pay money to receive your winnings.

In the real Publishers Clearing House Sweepstakes: You will get a prize notification by registered mail. You will NOT be asked to send money to claim your prize. When you win, the money comes to you. You will have had to enter the

sweepstakes – names are not chosen randomly. Your name will be listed in the Winners Circle on the PCH website. If it’s not – you didn’t win. For the grand prize – the PCH prize patrol will show up at your door with a bouquet of flowers and TV cameras – just like in the commercials. They will not charge you to collect your prize.

Report scams in the Scam Source section of our website. Contact Publishers Clearing House directly for information at 1-800-459-4724 orhttp://www.pch.com/. Thank you! Janna Kiehl | Executive Director & CEO, BBB Serving the Texas Panhandle.

Faking it – scammers’ tricks to steal your heart and money by Aditi Jhaveri, Consumer Education Specialist, FTC.

Not everyone using online dating sites is looking for love. Scammers create fake online profiles using photos of other people – even stolen pictures of real military personnel. They profess their love quickly. And they tug at your heartstrings with made-up stories about how they need money – for emergencies, hospital bills, or travel. Why all of the tricks? They’re looking to steal your money.

As if all that isn’t bad enough, romance scammers are now involving their victims in online bank fraud. Here’s how it works: The scammers set up dating profiles to meet potential victims. After they form a “relationship,” they come up with reasons to ask their love interest to set up a new bank account.

The scammers transfer stolen money into the new account, and then tell their victims to wire the money out of the country. Victims think they’re just helping out their soulmate, never realizing they’re aiding and abetting a crime.

Here are some warning signs that an online love interest might be a fake. They ask you to: chat off of the dating site immediately, using personal email, text, or phone, wire money using Western Union or Money Gram, set up a new bank account.

Did you know you can do an image search of your love interest’s photo in your favorite search engine? If you do an image search and the person’s photo appears under several different names, you’re probably dealing with a scammer. And if the person’s online profile disappears a few days after they meet you, that’s another tip-off.

Here’s the real deal: Don’t send money to someone you met online – for any reason. If your online sweetheart asks for money, you can expect it’s a scam. Unfortunately, online dating scams are all too common. There may be tens of thousands of victims, and only a small fraction report it to the FTC. If this happens to you, please report it at ftc.gov/complaint– click on Scams and Rip-



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by bob watson

Offs, then select Romance Scams.

“I’d like to thank...” by Jessica Rich, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, FTC

At the Oscars, the best acceptance speeches are those with the story behind the thank you. Which is why, when we’re thanking all the legal services attorneys we get to work with, I’m going to tell you a few stories, rather than simply list the dozens of names.

In 2010, the FTC launched a Legal Services Collaboration: holding Common Ground conferences to bring together law enforcement and legal services; rethinking our consumer education to better serve legal services clients; talking regularly with our legal services colleagues – and getting their case referrals and help.

Not every referral becomes a federal case, though we looked into every referral. Here’s what happened to some of the referrals: A heads-up from AARP’s Legal Counsel for the Elderly led to an FTC win against Real Wealth for peddling bogus work-at-home offers. 50,000 refund checks went to scammed consumers.

The FTC’s case against Loma International came from a referral from the Esperanza Center, an office of Baltimore Catholic Charities. They also found victims of the scams, and got their stories. FTC attorneys won at trial and the judge ordered the defendant to repay up to \$616,000 to immigrants they’d scammed.

Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid identified the problem with Freedom

Companies – a company supposedly offering mortgage relief services to Spanish-speakers – and helped get a consumer declaration. The FTC was able to shut down the business and seized all the remaining assets. A report from Arkansas Legal Aid led to a series of FTC undercover investigations and 11 warning letters to used car dealers about abuses, and a case against Abernathy Motor Company for failing to display the required Buyers Guide at its Jonesboro, Arkansas location.

Before the orchestra plays me off the stage, I’ll mention that tips can turn into education – as in the heads-up from Community Legal Services in Philadelphia about calls targeting Bhutanese refugees with a government grant scam. And not all help is in the form of a referral. The Northwest Justice Project, for example, was instrumental in helping build the case against foreclosure rescue scammers Hope Services, including giving the FTC a declaration to support an emergency motion to halt the company’s deceptive practices.

This small sampling shows how successful this relationship has been – and, I hope, conveys how grateful we are to work with our wonderful colleagues on the front lines of legal services to lower-income communities. They make a difference in their communities every day. We hope that, through these collaborations, the FTC helps amplify the good they do – and continues to help every consumer in every community.

Stay Safe Out There!

Estlack family vacation continued

Here’s some more about our vacation. Later on Monday (July 6) we went to Mt. Rushmore and it was bigger than I’ve seen in pictures! We looked at it with these binocular things and I got to look at Abraham Lincoln. The other presidents there are George Washington, Teddy Roosevelt, and Thomas Jefferson. It actually isn’t completely finished. They should have arms and shirts but the sculptor died and they couldn’t finish it because of that and World War II. We spent the night in Deadwood, South Dakota. The next day we drove to Cheyenne, Wyoming, and saw the tiny capitol building and we got to see a gunfight downtown. They were using blanks. Then we went on to Denver. We went to the museum and saw a T-rex and a mammoth head. I took my picture with a prehistoric deer head from Donley

County. I also learned about the ancestors of horses and zebras. There was a satellite viewer that you can zoom in and zoom out and we were able to see our house and our cousins’ house.

The next day we got to go to a giant slide and it was really, really awesome. It was long and high but it was really awesome. I caught some air on one of the dips! After that we went to a gold mine at Cripple Creek and it goes 1000 feet down. We were crammed into tiny elevators and I was squished. I got to be a volunteer trying to push a mine cart with another little kid about my age. We



the cub reporter
by benjamin estlack

could move it about an inch and then gave up. it was a full mine cart. Now I know that stuff in Minecraft isn’t as easy as it looks. I got to get some gold ore at the mine. After we left, me and Ella saw a coyote.

Then we went to my Aunt Dixi’s house and I got to play with her dog Digby. After breakfast, me and Aunt Dixi went hiking with Digby and went really, really far. I got to ride a four-wheeler, and later that day I went with Uncle Dick and shot a .22. Ella got to shoot, too, and that was the first gun she ever shot. I love my Aunt Dixi, Digby, and Uncle Dick, and I thank Uncle Dick for letting me shoot a .22.

I thought our trip was awesome because I got to go to a national park and see Mt. Rushmore, and it was just the best vacation ever. We went well over 2,000 miles in a week.



the lion’s tale

by scarlet estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club met Tuesday, July 21, 2015, with Boss Lion Jacob Fangman in charge.

We had 15 members and one guest this week – former sweetheart Minnie Buckhaults was the guest of Lion Tex Buckhaults.

Lion Buckhaults reported on the college and said Trane representatives were on campus looking at ways to save money on heating and air.

Lion John Howard reported on the county and said the courthouse architect will come next week to look at rock on the foundation.

Lion Mike Norrell reported on the public school and said a band director had been hired.

Lion Roger Estlack reported on the bounce house fundraiser and said we cleared a little money on it.

There being no further business, we were adjourned.

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Riders in the Sky to perform at Ritz

WELLINGTON – The widely acclaimed Riders in the Sky will bring their long-haired brand of wit and western charm to the Wellington Ritz stage on Sunday, September 6 at 7:30 p.m. Guests may also enjoy an early start to the evening by chowing down on a catered dinner from Top Notch Texas Barbeque beginning at 6 p.m.

Tickets for Riders in the Sky will go on sale to the general public on Friday, July 24, at 6 p.m.

The Riders in the Sky bring to each performance an experienced mix of comedy, musical prowess, and songwriting genius. They learned from and continue the traditions set in place by legends such as Gene Autry, Roy Rogers, and the Sons of the Pioneers. Though exclusively Western, their music includes a wit which appeals to audiences of many backgrounds and that stands the test of time.



Riders in the Sky

The Riders in the Sky have been performing continuously for 30 years and have racked up a number of accomplishments. They are the only exclusively Western group to win a Grammy and the only exclusively Western group to join the Grand Ol Opry. Among other accolades, they are members of the Western Music Hall of Fame, they won “Entertainers of the Year” seven times, and they are on the Country Music Foundation’s Walkway of Stars.

The Riders have performed in venues from the White House to

Major League Baseball games to theatres full of children. They have been called “America’s Favorite Cowboys,” and Billboard Magazine hailed them as one of “the most historically significant acts in the history of American music.”

The Ritz encourages all attendees to get into the western spirit by donning their best cowboy gear and enjoying the catered meal before the show. Meal tickets are sold separately for \$15 and may be purchased online at WellingtonRitzTheatre.com.

Tickets for the show itself are a flat \$45. Guests are encouraged to buy them early to reserve the best seats.

For tickets and further information drop by the Ritz box office during open hours, call 806-447-0090, visit the website at WellingtonRitzTheatre.com or connect with the Ritz on Facebook and Twitter.

Texas feeder cattle prices steady

AUSTIN – For the week ending July 18, 2015, Texas auctions quoted feeder cattle prices mostly steady, with instances of sales ranging from \$1 to \$8 lower per hundredweight (cwt). Texas weekly direct feeder cattle sales were mostly \$1 to \$4 lower with some steady sales early in the week. Wholesale beef values were lower, with Choice Grade losing \$3.68 to close at \$233.30 per cwt and Select Grade losing \$4.60 to close at \$229.39 per cwt. Net export sales for July 3–9 were down 37 percent from the previous week. Export shipments of 11,800 metric tons (MT) were up four percent from the previous week. Shipments primarily went to Japan, Canada and South Korea.

Cotton cash prices were 0.25 cents higher than the previous week and closed at 61.13 cents per pound. October futures prices settled at 65.87 cents per pound, 0.36 cents higher than last week. For the report-

ing period of July 6–12, the USDA NASS Texas field office indicated that cotton planting was complete. Fifty-one percent of cotton acreage is in the squaring stage, up 15 percentage points from the previous week but down five percentage points from last year. Net export cotton sales were up 69 percent from the previous week’s sales. Shipments were down 36 percent from the previous week and 35 percent from the average.

Wheat cash prices lost \$0.26 to settle at \$4.92 per bushel. Futures prices lost \$0.11 to settle at \$5.47 per bushel. The USDA NASS Texas field office reported that 95 percent of the Texas wheat crop has been harvested, with 47 percent of wheat acreage in good to excellent condition. Net export sales for wheat were 291,500 MT, with increases reported for the Philippines, Japan and Jamaica.

Texas corn prices were lower, with cash prices down to \$4.45 per

bushel and futures prices up to \$4.20 per bushel. The USDA NASS Texas field office reported 74 percent of the Texas corn crop is in the silking stage, with 63 percent of corn acreage in good to excellent condition. Corn export sales were down 38 percent from the previous week and 41 percent from the prior four-week average. Export shipments were 17 percent higher than the previous week and nine percent higher than the average.

This week’s U.S. Drought Monitor for Texas showed only 2.84 percent of Texas still in some stage of drought intensity. Additionally, none of the state remains in moderate, severe, extreme or exceptional drought. On the national level, drought conditions improved slightly, with approximately 35 percent of the U.S. experiencing abnormal dryness or some degree of drought, down just slightly from last week.

Local judge attends seminar

Judge Denise Bertrand was certified at the recent Twenty Hour Justice of the Peace Seminar held June 28 thru July 1, 2015, in Lubbock.

The seminar was sponsored by the Texas Justice Court Training Center, a division of Texas State University, with offices in Austin. 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 addressed topics such as deferred disposition and D.S.C., juvenile criminal cases, failure to attend school cases, enforcement of civil judgments, tenants’ remedies, occupational driver licenses, mental health, commercial motor vehicles offenses, debt claim cases, specialized eviction issues, the justice of the peace’s role in preventing DWI offenses, child welfare and disabilities, legal research, inquests, magistration, and enforcing criminal judgments.

Fourteen teams compete at CCC

Twenty-eight golfers made up fourteen teams to compete in the annual Two-Lady Scramble at the Clarendon Country Club. The team of Melody Goad and Deb Vandygriff topped the field with an eight under par with a 64. Second place went to Jennifer Clark and Sandy Anderberg with a 68.

Sharon Johnson and Barbara Richardson won the second flight with a 70, and Sunday Morris and Jana Lemons won second with a 71. Camilla Maddox and Texi Fisher

were the winners of the third flight with a score of 75, and Inda Crawford and Connie Lawrence won second with a 76.

Three teams competed in the Friday night nine-hole scramble with the team of Redell Johnston, Koyt Tucek, and Collin Edwards winning first at four under par. The other two teams came in at three under.

There will be a Jack and Jill Tournament on August 1-2 and you may call the Pro Shop for more information.

Retired teachers to hold meeting July 27

The Donley County Retired School Personnel Association with meet Monday, July 27, at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center of the Church of Christ. All retirees, now residing in Donley County, who are not yet members of the Association are welcome and encouraged to attend.

There will be a discussion of the benefits that the Texas Legislature addressed in the last session. In addition, Rachel Wade will give an Update for the “Snack Pack for Kids” program in Donley County.

Members are encouraged to bring their favorite games to play after the informative sessions. Cookies and ice cream will close the meeting.

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Drugs in the News
Migraine Nasal Spray Approved for Children
The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently approved a nasal spray for use in children between the ages of twelve and seventeen to help treat migraines. Zomig (zolmitriptan) Nasal Spray is the first medication that comes in the form of a nasal spray to help relieve migraine headaches in children. This formulation is very helpful for children who experience nausea with a migraine attacks or have difficulty swallowing pills. The clinical trials showed that Zomig Nasal Spray 5 milligrams was significantly more effective than a sugar pill in relieving headaches, headache pain, and other migraine symptoms in children. Zomig Nasal Spray was initially approved only for adults by the FDA in 2003 for the immediate treatment of migraine attacks.
Zomig Nasal Spray belongs to a class of medications called triptans. They work by binding to specific serotonin receptors in the brain. The recommended starting dose in children is 2.5 milligrams. The dose can be increased based on the child’s response. The maximum daily dose in one day is 10 milligrams. The most common side effects observed were unusual taste, dizziness, nerve sensations, and increases sensitivity to certain senses.
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In Bastrop, Jade Helm begins with a whimper

By Morgan Smith, The Texas Tribune

BASTROP – For four months, this pretty town along the Colorado River has been ground zero for rumors of a sweeping federal plot to disarm and round up American citizens. But there was little evidence of continued anxiety over the military training exercise known as Jade Helm 15 as the operation got underway Wednesday.

“I just think it’s a bunch of hoey. All it takes is one person to get on the internet and say something,” said Bud Sinclair, a retiree who sat drinking iced tea on the patio of a roadside restaurant along FM 1440 just outside of town.

The operation that military officials describe as a routine training exercise – and conspiracy theorists warned is a prelude to martial law and the wide-scale round-up of citizens, who would perhaps be warehoused in mysteriously closed Wal-Marts around the state – began in a dozen Texas counties and across the Southwest. It will continue through the summer.

It will involve 1,200 service members distributed across locations

throughout several states. Some training is reportedly taking place on private land near Camp Swift, a former Army base built during World War II now owned by the Texas National Guard about eight miles from downtown Bastrop.

Fears over Jade Helm’s launch reached a boiling point in April at a meeting of the Bastrop County Commissioners Court, when concerned citizens peppered a military spokesman with questions about the operation.

Shortly after the Bastrop meeting, Gov. Greg Abbott asked the Texas State Guard to keep an eye on the exercise to ensure Texans’ “safety, constitutional rights, private property rights and civil liberties will not be infringed.” After Abbott’s directive, which drew bipartisan criticism, hysteria over the possible military takeover exploded into the international spotlight. According to recent reports, the Texas State Guard will not be monitoring the operation from the field, but from Austin.

A group called Counter Jade Helm has also mobilized to serve as a watchdog, dispatching mem-

bers to various sites of the operation and soliciting any information locals may have on how the exercise is going in their communities.

At the same time, it has been careful to distance itself from the seedier elements of the Jade Helm furor, branding itself as an effort to help the military’s efforts, not thwart them.

“CJH is not about conspiracy theories,” the group’s website reads. “This exercise is not about the what-ifs of our government.”

A call to Pete Lanteri, one of the group’s leaders, was not returned.

On Wednesday, during an afternoon visit to the Camp Swift installation, the echoes of gunfire could be heard in the distance. But there were no obvious civilian monitors stationed there – except for several TV news trucks.

Asked about the start of the military exercise at the restaurant near town, Bastrop resident James Bradshaw said he wasn’t worried.

“If I see them in my backyard, they’ll be some serious concern,” he said. “But so far I haven’t seen much of them. I thought there was going

to be a bunch of helicopters flying around.”

Bradshaw scoffed at claims that Jade Helm was cover for a federal takeover.

“I’m anti-Obama, but I don’t think they are coming to take our guns away,” said Bradshaw, sitting at the table with Sinclair. “I’m a whole lot more worried about the U.N. coming in and taking over the Alamo than I am about the federal government coming in and taking my guns away.”

In a barbershop a few blocks away from the Bastrop County Courthouse, Vicki McMillan was not quite as dismissive.

News of the operation worried her at first, McMillan said, but she grew more comfortable after learning more about it and talking to friends in the military.

“I’m trusting it to be what they say it is,” she said, adding that she had yet to see a single military vehicle Wednesday. “The way they described it, it was like going to be descending down on the town, all this militant stuff, but I haven’t seen hide nor hair of anybody.”

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Obituaries

Wells

Charlene Wells, 78, died Wednesday, July 15, 2015, in Amarillo.

Services were held on Saturday, July 18, 2015, in the Hedley Church of Christ with Don Stone & Bright Newhouse, officiating.

Burial followed at Rowe Cemetery in Hedley.

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

Charlene was born April 6, 1937, in Hedley to Oscar and Merlene Blanks Sargent. She married Don Keith Wells on November 6, 1954, in Hedley. She had been a resident of Amarillo since 1963 and operated Charlene’s Restaurant in Amarillo National Bank for 18 years.



Wells

She was the President the Restaurant Association for 2 terms. She also was a volunteer for Alnon and Cal Farley’s Boys Ranch. She enjoyed playing cards on Thursday’s. She would always make people feel welcome, was a very giving person, and never met a stranger.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother; and a granddaughter, Callie Brown.

She is survived by her husband, Don Wells of Amarillo; 3 sons, R.D. Wells, Rodney Wells and wife Leslie, and Craig Wells all of Amarillo; a daughter, Nitta Brown and husband Keith of Fort Worth; a sister, Mary Ruth White and husband Harold of Hedley; 6 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren; and 2 step great grandchildren.

The family request memorials be sent to BSA Hospice.

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Lucas

Barbara Lee Lucas, 73, died Tuesday, July 14, 2015, in Amarillo.

Services were held on Saturday,

July 18, 2015, in Robertson Funeral Directors Saints’ Roost Chapel in Clarendon with Rev. Bobby Ellbrook, officiating.

Burial followed at Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon.

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

Barbara was born November 3, 1941, in Yeadon, Pennsylvania to Steuart and Flora Robinson. He married Bruce Allen Lucas on June 29, 1963, in Yeadon, Pennsylvania. She had been a resident of Amarillo most of his life before moving to Clarendon several years ago. She had volunteered at the Harrington Cancer Center, taught people how to read, enjoyed calligraphy, and was very creative. She was a good wife and mother.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband in 2014; and a brother.

She is survived by a son, Scott Lucas of Florence, KY; a daughter, Robin Sell of Clarendon; a sister, Carol Oliver; and 3 grandchildren.

The family request memorials be sent to the McLean Care Center.

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Mon	13	98°	65°	-
Tues	14	97°	72°	-
Wed	15	93°	72°	-
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Fri., July 31
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Information provided by:
Lori Howard
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Comptroller’s office offers free state tax seminars

AUSTIN – The Comptroller’s office will conduct 18 free taxpayer seminars across the state in July and August. At these seminars, taxpayers can learn how to properly fill out tax forms and file and pay taxes electronically. Information about e-services also will be available to help taxpayers manage their online accounts. 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 Chris Bryan, spokesperson for the Comptroller’s office.

A complete list of locations, dates and times of the taxpayer seminars is available online. Those who cannot attend the seminars can call the Comptroller’s tax assistance line at 1-800-252-5555. Tax forms and tax information can be found on the Comptroller’s website, Comptroller.Texas.Gov.

Texas prepaid tuition program enrollment deadline approaches

AUSTIN – The deadline is July 31 for Texas families to enroll their newborns in the Texas Tuition Promise Fund and avoid future increases in tuition and school-wide required fees at Texas public colleges and universities. Newborns are children younger than one year at the time of enrollment.

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Glenn Hegar said.

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Under the plan, families can purchase tuition units to pay for all or part of tuition and school-wide required fees at Texas public two- and four-year colleges and universities.

Enrollment at 2014-15 prices closed Feb. 28 for children older than one. The next annual enrollment period begins on Sept. 1 and is based on Texas public college tuition and school-wide required fees for the 2015-16 school year. Complete plan information, current prices, enrollment forms and more are available online at TuitionPromise.org, or call 1-800-445-GRAD (4723), Option 5.

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DPS stresses the dangers of leaving kids in vehicles

AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) reminds Texans about the dangerous potential for vehicular heatstroke in summer months when a child is left alone in a vehicle. Every year, children die from heatstroke after being left in a vehicle or entering a vehicle unnoticed.

“Children should never be left unattended in a vehicle regardless of the weather; however especially in warmer temperatures, the likelihood of serious injury or death increases exponentially when a child – or anyone – remains in a hot vehicle for too long,” said DPS Director Steven McCraw. “DPS is continuing to urge parents, caretakers and the public to do their part to prevent vehicular heatstroke by never leaving a child inside a vehicle without an adult present, and by notifying emergency personnel if they see a child alone in

a car.”

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, temperatures inside a car can rise more than 20 degrees in only 10 minutes; and even with an outside temperature of 60 degrees, the temperature inside a car can reach 110 degrees. Leaving windows partially rolled down does not help. In addition, young children are particularly at risk since their bodies heat up faster than an adult.

DPS offers the following tips for preventing vehicular heatstroke deaths and injuries:

- Always check the back seats of your vehicle before walking away.
- Establish reminders that help ensure you remove children from the vehicle. For example: leave your bag, lunch or cell phone in the back seat with the child’s car seat.
- Call 9-1-1 if you see a child

alone in a car, and emergency personnel will instruct you what to do next.

- If a child goes missing, open the doors and trunks to every vehicle in the area. One-third of all of the deaths occur when a child accesses a parked car unnoticed.
- Teach children not to play in vehicles and make sure to place the keys out of reach when not being used.

For more information, visit www.safercar.gov/parents/index.htm.

Pets are also susceptible heat-related injuries and death if left unattended in a vehicle.

For more information on how to protect your pets from heatstroke, visit http://www.humanesociety.org/animals/resources/tips/help-dog-in-hot-car.html?credit=web_id353383049.

Documentary to be shown in Groom

No Boundaries International of Amarillo has announced the screening of “In Plain Sight,” to be shown at The Cross in Groom on Saturday, August 22, at 6 p.m.

This documentary was shown in Amarillo on June 26th and it was determined to repeat the screening in additional Panhandle communities. Organizers say showing the film is vital to the safety of the public that we create awareness of human trafficking, as it is happening right here on the High Plains.

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