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Congress.
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from the block party! All this and much more as The En reports in this week's amazing ed

# City clean-up set next week

A Citywide Clean-Up has been set for June 5-10 and local residents will be able to bring items to the Citizens Convenier Center at half-price for tho

The Clarendon City Council approved the clean-up during their May 11 meeting, and to take advantage of the half-price dumping, citizens will have to show

their city water bill.

Items accepted at the center include garbage, debris, tires, and yard waste. Items not accepted include shingles, construction waste, electronics, paint, and batteries

City Hall is also request ing volunteers to assist residents who are without means to haul off debris. City crews will pick up items at curbside for senior citizens and disabled residents. Call City Hall for more information at 874-3438

## Seliger wraps up 85th Legislature

State Sen. Kel Seliger (R-Amarillo) says he fought for the priorities of District 31 during the 140 days of the 85th Legisla ture, which wrapped up Monday. Seliger authored Senate Bill

463, a bill that extends the option of Individual Graduation Committees for students who passed all of their courses, but failed to pass up to two state-mandated tests.

The state budget for the next biennium reduces spending by \$200 million and is well under population growth times inflation. It also includes \$350 million to ensure continued health care for

#### Food bank to offer sign-up assistance

The High Plains Food Bank will be offering sign-up assistance next Friday, June 9, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Clarendon Housing Authority office at 103 E. Fourth.

This assistance is available for those interested in applying for food stamps, TANF, CHIP/ Children's Medicaid, Adult Medicaid & women's health care, and long term care.

To apply, bring a copy of

the following information: Social Security cards, ID and or birth certificates for everyone in household; and proof of all income Social Security, last four Stubs, etc.; receipt for rent or lease agree-ment or mortgage payment; Most recent telephone, electricity, gas, water, insurance premium, medi-cal bills, and prescriptions; proof of resources, such as checking or savings account statement or passbook, life insurance policies, tax statements for real estate; and Immunization Records (TANF and Children's Medicaid only).

# City cancels Allsup's alcohol variance hearing

A public hearing for an alcohol that Allsup's would have to request variance request by Allsup's Convenience Stores was canceled during

last Thursday's city council meeting Mayor Sandy Skelton made the ouncement that he was canceling the hearing because recently discov-ered case law made Allsup's vari-ance request unnecessary.

The store is in contract to buy property directly across from Bronco Stadium, but according to city ordi-nance, alcohol cannot be sold on a property within 300 feet of a public school. The city therefore believed

Last Thursday afternoon, City Administrator David Dock-ery learned about a 1970 court case which determined that a football stadium is "not a public school within the meaning of the statute." Dockery forwarded that information to the city's attorney, who in turn determined that Allsup's does not need to apply for a variance.

Clarendon School Superinten-

dent Mike Norrell was attending Thursday's city meeting and raised the question of whether or not the school's functional living center was within the 300 feet rule. He and Dockery then actually left the meet-ing to go measure and came back in agreement that the distance to the

City officials say the Allsup's project can now go forward, and the city will be return the company's

center is 366 feet.

ance request fee.

Dockery said Tuesday that the school district had submitted the case law to its attorney and that they school does not intend to litigate the

In other city news, aldermen heard from Ashlee Wortham regarding the condition of Burkhead Street in front of her residence in the 400 block. Wortham said rains leave her

City Administrator Dockery and Public Works Director John Molder admitted that Burkhead is a problem due to the amount of water it carries. The city cannot pave

street in terrible shape and that her car has actually high-centered in the

funds not being available and the upcoming USDA-funded project to lay new water lines in that part of

City officials did agree to try to put some more base material on the street and overlay it with millings as they become available to temporarily try to improve the road.

The council also approved a motion to declare certain equipment as surplus so that it can be sold, and aldermen received the annual report of the Clarendon Housing Authority the street at the current time due to as presented by Tammy Christopher



Clarendon High School recognized several outstanding students during graduation exercises last Friday. Cire Jauregui was named Salutatorian for the Class of 2017, Hannah Howard was the Valedictorian, Jensen Hatley was named the Best Girl Athlete, and Bryce Grahn received the Fighting Heart Award and the Knorro Cup Award.

# Class of '17 awards total \$594k

Donley County high school graduates for 2017 received \$594,060 to further their education, received according to announcements made by Clarendon and Hedley high schools.

Clarendon High School seniors are eligible for or have received \$579,110, and the total for Hedley seniors is \$14,950.

Students from both Clarendon and Hedley are eligible for \$500 from Clarendon College. The Bulldog Bucks Tuition Assistance Program will help to defray the cost of tuition, fees, books, and housing costs. Bulldog Bucks can be used to cover any unpaid balance up to \$250 per semester. That represents a \$15,000 commitment to the youth of Clarendon and a \$6,500 commit-

ment to Hedley seniors.

CC President Robert Riza has also instituted a tuition cap so that Clarendon and Hedley graduates will never have to pay for more than 12 credit hours per semester no matter how many hours they take. Additionally, there has also been a \$20,000 commitment by the Clarendon College Foundation to fund the PEAK scholarship for Clarendon High School dual credit students while still in high school.

recognitions for Hedley are as follows:

Bailey Downing is the recipi-ent of a Capital Farm Credit Schol-arship for \$250 and the Lila Kate & Kylie Monroe Memorial Scholarship for \$300.

Brittany Downing received a Lions Club Scholarship for \$500, the Donley County Retired School Personnel Association Scholarship for \$300, and a Lila Kate & Kylie Monroe Memorial Scholarship for \$300.

Kenlee Lambert, as the valedictorian of Hedley High School, Graduate award from the State of Texas. This award will exempt her from tuition fees for her first year of college. Kenlee is also receiving the Lila Kate & Kylie Monroe Memorial Scholarship for \$300.

Kade McCleskey will receive the Cross Roads Peanut Company Scholarship for \$500 and the Her ring Bank scholarship for \$500.

Kylie Wood received a Hedley

Lioness Club scholarship for \$500.

The following Hedley seniors were also recognized for donating two or more units of blood while in high school: Brittany Downing, Kenlee Lambert, Toby Lindsey,

Madison Shelp, Hannah Street, and Kylie Wood.

Clarendon High School individual honors were:

Briana Butler will be playing basketball for Clarendon College

and has received the Presidential Scholarship for \$1,000 per year for two years.

Clint Franks is the recipient of the Bill Talley Memorial Schol-arship for \$1,000 and the Donley County Retired School Personnel Association Scholarship for \$300. He has also received a Masonic Lodge #700 Scholarship for \$500 to

attend Clarendon College. Bryce Grahn is the recipient of a \$500 Les Beaux Arts Club Scholarship. He has also received several scholarships from Southwestern College in Winfield, Kan., – an academic scholarship for \$7,000 per year, a cross country scholarship for \$9,000 per year, a track scholarship for \$2,000 per year, the Director Award for \$2,500 per year, and a \$6,000 per year basketball scholarship for a four-year total of \$106,000.

Seth Greer was offered partial scholarships to play for Oklahoma Panhandle State and Wayland Bap-tist. He was offered a full ride to

with a value of \$60,000. Seth will be playing football at WTAMU on scholarship with an undetermined

MaRae Hall was awarded the Jacob Dean Smith Memorial Scholarship for \$500 and has also received a Pell Grant for \$4,265 per vear for a total value of \$17,060.

Jensen Hatley is the recipient of the Cross Road Peanut Scholarship for \$500.

Hannah Howard was awarded a PEAK Scholarship for \$2,000 to Clarendon College and has received two Valedictory scholarships. The first is provided by the Knorpp Insurance Agency and Donley County State Bank and is given in the name of Walter B. Knorpp, Sr., and pays any unpaid portion of books, tuition and fees and is valued up to \$4,000. The second Valedictory Scholarship is the State of Texas tuition waiver valued at up to \$5,000 dependent upon the choice of state college. Hannah has also been awarded a \$500 Lions Club Sweetheart Scholarship, a \$500 scholarship from Herring Bank, and the Homer Estlack Memorial scholarship for \$250.

See 'Awards' on page 6.

# Local men take plea for burglary

Two local men received proba-tion for the May 1 burglary of a local liquor store when the district court t in Clarendon last Tuesday, May

Assistant District Attorney Greg Buckley prosecuted the cases for the State of Texas, with the Hon-orable Judge Stuart Messer presid-

Bradley Scott Jones was placed on probation for a period of two years for the state jail felony offense of burglary of a building. Jones pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication for the offense. Jones, 27 from Clarendon, was

arrested in Donley County for the offense that took place on May 7, 2017, by Donley County Sheriff's Deputy Ryan Hill. Jones pleaded to an information filed by the State on May 22, 2017.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Jones is required to pay \$488 in court costs, \$501.36 in restitution, a \$250 fine, and successfully complete 100 hours of community service. If Jones violates probation, he could face up to two years in the State Jail Division of the TDCJ.

Adam Harl Vorheis was also placed on probation for a period of two years for the state jail felony offense of burglary of a building. Vorheis pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication for

Vorheis, 20 from Clarendon, was arrested in Donley County for the offense that took place on May 7, 2017, by Hill. Vorheis pleaded to an information filed by the State on May 22, 2017

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Vorheis is required to pay \$488.00 in court costs, \$501.36 in restitution, a \$250 fine, and successfully complete 100 hours of community service. If Vorheis violates probation, he could face up to two years in the State Jail Division of the TDCJ.

In another case heard last Tues-day, John Mark Dillinger, 32 from Martinez, Geo., was convicted for the class A misdemeanor offense of unlawful use of a criminal instrument and sentenced to 180 days in the Donley County Jail for the offense that took place on January 7, 2017.

The district court also met in Clarendon last Thursday, May 25, for one plea with District Attorney Luke Inman prosecuting and Judge Messer presiding.

Bry Alexander Cancino was

placed on probation for a period of four years for the second degree felony offense of possession of a controlled substance. Cancino pleaded guilty and was placed on

deferred adjudication for the offense.

Cancino, 21 from Denton, was arrested in Donley County for the offense that took place on March 19. 2017, by DPS Trooper Justin Dill-man. Cancino pleaded to an infor-mation filed by the State on May 25.

# County to refurbish windows on historic courthouse the 2003 restoration of the building,

Donley County Judge John Howard said windows on the 1890 Courthouse will soon be refurbished as county commissioners work to maintain the historic building.

The windows were one item

on the county's May 8 agenda. Commissioners took no action on a proposal for the work at that time. Another, more economical proposal, will allow the county to perform the needed repairs, Howard

third-story windows which present a maintenance and safety risk, will be removed, rebuilt, and reinstalled at a cost of about \$700 each, the judge said.

The county also is contacting expert architects and stone masons about spalling of the sandstone around the base of the courthouse. The issue of pieces of that stone flaking off was not addressed during

and county officials are trying to determine the best course of action to fix that problem.

In other county business on

May 8, commissioners accepted posal that would essentially privatize commissary and telephone services for inmates in the Donley County Jail. Howard said the move with ease some administrative work on the sheriff's office and not cost

county anything.
The purchase of new computers for the county/district clerk were approved with funds coming from the technology fund.

A bid on tax delinquent prop-

erty at Howardwick was app as presented.

Budget worksheets were also distributed to elected officials and department heads with a return deadline of June 12.

# Journalist's assailant gets elected

By Gene Policinski, Inside the First Amendment

Sadly, shamefully, disgustingly, it has come to Sadly, shamefully, disgustingly, it has come to this: A Montana candidate for Congress was charged Wednesday evening with assaulting a reporter who was asking him a question about the American Health Care Act.

The Bozeman Daily Chronicle reported Thursday

morning that U.S. House candidate Greg Gianforte, a
Republican, was charged with misdemeanor assault
for what witnesses and the reporter involved said was
an unwarranted attack.

Ben Jacobs of The Guardian, who has reported

for weeks on the state's close race for its only House

tor weeks on the state's close race for its only House seat, tweeted that "Greg Gianforte just body slammed me and broke my glasses."

Gianforte's campaign issued its own statement, claiming Jacobs had entered an office where a TV taping was being set up, "aggressively showed a recorder in Greg's face, and began asking badgering questions." The statement claimed that both men fell table flow is a charged case. In claim of the statement claimed that both men fell table flow is a charged case.

questions." The statement claimed that both men fell to the floor in a struggle over Jacobs' cellphone, and that "this aggressive behavior from a liberal journalist created this scene."

Too bad for that set of "alternative facts" that several witnesses – including a Fox News television crew – were on hand to dispute them.

A Fox News reporter wrote that "Gianforte grabbed Jacobs by the neck with both hands and slammed him into the ground behind him ... I watched in disbelief as Gianforte then began punching the man, as he moved on top of the reporter and began yelling something to the effect of 'I'm sick and tired of this!"

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something to the effect of 'I'm sick and tired of this!"
Three of Montana's major newspapers, The Billings Gazette, The Missoulian and The Helena Independent Record, quickly got 'sick and tired' of Gianforte.
By Thursday morning, on the day of the state's special congressional election, all three rescinded their endorsements of the GOP candidate.

We all should be "sick and tired" of attacks on journalists in recent weeks, from this Montana mess to a "manhandling" of a reporter by security guards after an FCC hearing, to the arrest of a public radio reporter in the West Virginia statehouse.

The incidents have much in common: The journalists were asking questions of public officials or

The incidents have much in common: The journalists were asking questions of public officials or candidates for office, outside the staged, controlled environments of news conferences. In each case, the journalists were labeled aggressors by those they were attempting to question.

Many defenders of a free press see all three incidents flowing from the stridently anti-press tone set by President Trump, both in office and on the campaign trail. He has called journalists "enemies of the people," and on occasion verhally abused specific reporters at rallies and news conferences. The Gianforte spokesperson took pains to label Jacobs as a "liberal journalist," continuing the candidate's anti-press stance through a campaign that has drawn comparisons to

nalist," continuing the candidate's anti-press stance through a campaign that has drawn comparisons to Trump's. In an effort to give Gianforte a boost in Montana's close congressional race, Trump recorded a robocall in which he calls Gianforte 'my good friend."

For those who are more inclined to view politics as an opportunity for mud-slinging and chest-beating, rather than a spirited exchange of ideas, the Montana attack no doubt will produce appreciative chuckles and nods of endorsement.

nous or endorsement.

Do not be fooled. It's democracy that got "body slammed" Wednesday night. It's respect for the rule of law that was dealt a blow. It's the First Amendment that was insulted by Gianforte's attempt to justify that was insulted by Canatorte's attempt to justify
what he did: attacking a reporter for asking a reasonable question, on a matter of great public interest, to a
political candidate on the eve of an important election.
This recent spate of attacks is not the first time
journalists have been hassled by thugs and bully-boys,
or by security forces. Multiple attacks and beatings
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or by security torces, wiltuple attaces and oeatings occurred as reporters and television correspondents covered the civil rights movement in the 1950s and 60s. Reporters covering the "Occupy" movement in recent years were hustled aside or held by police looking to prevent news coverage of protesters bein forcibly removed from parks in New York City and

At national political conventions journalist arrests have become so common that national press organiza-tions regularly set up phone banks and offices to help individual reporters who have been taken into custody without cause. Dangers to a free press have deep roots in this

country. Just seven years after the 1791 ratification of the Bill of Rights, Congress passed the Sedition Act allowing for the arrest and jailing of journalists for publishing political criticism. About 20 editors were thrown into jail.

In the Newseum in Washington, D.C., where

In the Newscum in Washington, D.C., where I work, there is the starkly tragic exhibit of a lone Datsun sedan – notable because the floorboards at the driver's seat are pecled up, the result of an explosion that fatally injured Phoenix newspaper reporter Don Bolles in 1976. A remotely detonated bomb had been planted by mobsters seeking to stop Bolles from specifien on openvired crime in Aviron. The from reporting on organized crime in Arizona. The attack had the opposite effect, as reporters nationwide flocked to Phoenix to complete Bolles' work, proclaiming that "you can kill a journalist but not journalism."

The fear is now real that - as we saw after fake reports of a child sex ring in a Washington, D.C., restaurant prompted an armed man to appear on the premises—some disturbed person will decide to counter reporters with more than a "body slam".

Let's say again, for the sake of the nonpartisan, nonpolitical 45 words of the First Amendment, that this protection of the words of the premiser of the p

this pattern of verbal abuse and physical attacks on journalists is an attack on all Americans, and that that

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# Old-fashioned leg-pulling long gone

well as adults who sometimes acted like them – seemed destined to "make their own fun." Not too much in the way of "time-passing" was in play if it cost any-thing, thus fertile minds were often in "creative mode," if only in the sharing of jokes and stories.

Many times conversations began with, "Did you hear the one about...?" Sadly, these words rarely are heard any-

My old daddy could tell stories with the best of 'em, and he'd laugh as heartily as hearers at "punchline time." Clearly, such banter lessened the cares of

Much "fun-poking" came at the expense of youngsters. They took most everything seriously from adults who'd "been there, done that."

Carpenters took advantage of apprentices, often asking them to retrieve make-believe items. Such requests seemed legitimate to the eagerto-please, wide-eyed youngsters. A carpenter, sawing away, exclaimed, "Dad blame it, I sawed this board an inch too short. Would you please run down to the lumber yard and borrow their board-stretcher?"

The youngster immediately headed downtown. He returned empty-handed, telling the carpenter that the man at the yard had "loaned out the board-stretcher, and it's not due back until tomorrow." (The guy was, of course, in on the joke, and played along.)...
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There was a whole 'nother category for the military, what with a steady inflow of recruits to send hither and you on aimless tasks.

wandered around military bases seeking keys to the

parade grounds.

Not every installation had the idle

parade grounds and those that by don newbury did rarely had fences. And

if they had

fences, the gates were never locked....

Ask locals in resort areas if you'd like to be regaled by dumb question they've fielded from tourists on first visits to distant locales. One "flatlander," amazed upon first seeing moun-tains, asked, "Reckon where they came

When the local answered that the glaciers brought them, the visitor coun-tered, "Where are the glaciers now?"

The local's answer: "They've gone

back for another load.". Lonn Taylor, a recognized author/ historian/columnist who traded in life

in Washington, D. C. and Austin, TX to reside in the Big Bend area of Texas, wrote recently about a Marfa hotel clerk who fields questions regularly about the mysterious Marfa lights.

Many ask him about the best time to see the lights. "We don't turn them on until after dark," he answers.

I've heard about these lights since Hector was a wee pup, and saw them in the 1960s. (Theories abound, including Taylor's mention that some folks believe the lights can be traced to the glow of radio-active jackrabbits.)...

Sometimes real life occurrences are funnier than made-up stories. Another from the Big Bend is an account of the late Hallie Stillwell, a crusty ranch

nalists and broadcasters invited to Davis Mountain press conference for America's first astronauts prior to their first moon mission.

Present were nationally-recognized figures from TV networks, wire services and major newspapers. Hallie asked just one question: "Now you fellows don't really think you're going to walk on the moon, do you?"...

news." It has been around for quite a spell. As a lad, I wondered about blaring claims that seemed largely unsubstanti-

For several years, an over-the-coun-ter elixir called Hadacol was heralded as a cure-all for everything, as were "ura-nium-sitting" emporiums that attracted sitters from far and wide to claim the magical cures. Two centers where ailing folks sought magical sand in which to sit were in Marlin and Mineral Wells. (In the latter city, many "sitters" also soaked in the mineral water for which the community is known.)
I never knowingly swallowed Hada

col, or sat in sand beyond the boxes, but many friends did. Bottom line, there may not be much truly new under the sun...

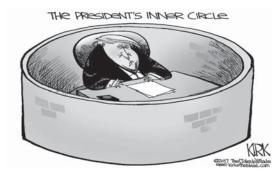
woman, peace justice and columnist for the weekly Alpine Avalanche.

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Much has been made lately of "fake

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Witch-hunt?! Don't be silly, ma'am, we're only looking for RUSSIANS!



# Toe-tapping time in Reilly Springs

Reilly Springs is a small place near Sulphur Springs. Not much happens there most of the time, but once a month musicians gather at the old school house and play their hearts out. It's called the Reilly Springs Jamboree, an event that

started sixty-one years ago.

"When the school consolidated with Sulphur Springs in 1956 the schoolhouse sat empty for a while," says Enola Gay, producer and emcee of the show. She's also the morning disc jockey at KSST Radio in Sulphur Springs. "Bu there were some musicians who lived at Reilly Springs. They were from a farm-ing family, the Sheltons, and they played guitar and mandolin and sang. They started doing music shows in the school-house. Two Shelton Brothers achieved some regional success in songwriting. They wrote Deep Ellum Blues (played by Jerry Lee Lewis and The Grateful Dead, among others) and Because, Just Because (Paul McCartney, Elvis Presley and Breda Lee did it, among others). We have a house band that backs up visiting musicians. We play country and gospel.

country with a little

of the music sounds like a front porch picking parlor

stories of texas ise the

musicians are relaxed and comfortable And so is the large audience. It's been going on so long some people recall having their first date at the Jamboree or meeting that special someone there. Older folks remember going to the Jamboree as teenagers. Enola says it was an exciting place to go on a Saturday night.

"We have lots of home-grown per-

formers, maybe they write songs or play guitar at home and we have some big name entertainers. Johnny Cash played here, so did George Jones, Hank Snow, June Carter and a whole bunch more June Carter was so popular we had to do two shows that night." The Jamboree went away for a while, but twenty-two years ago Enola decided to revive it.

"It has such a rich history I wanted to bring it back. We've had real good success with it. The very first show, which was the Reilly Springs Jamboree Reunion in 1995, was standing room only. We had it at the National Guard Armory in Sulphur Springs."

KSST used to have an employee named Peavine Pinion who had enough radio engineering skills to rig up a transmission line so the jamboree could be broadcast on KSST over what he called the Barbed Wire Network. It was like listening to the Grand Old Opry on a

The Jamboree takes place the third Saturday of each month. Enola's favorite types of music are jazz standards and big band songs of the forties, fifties and sixties. She has recorded a CD. Sometimes she sings on stage.

"If we have some real great girl singers, I don't dare sing. But if we're short of singers I'll be glad to fill in."

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# Grant project to create online tool to assist in rural economic development

COLLEGE STATION - An OCILEGE STATION - An online modeling tool to assist with identifying potential economic development opportunities in rural communities will be developed as part of a collaborative effort led by Texas A&M AgriLife, Iowa State University and Michigan State Uni-

By analyzing federal employment and payroll statistics or "big data" the research team will more accurately identify detailed oppor-tunities and thresholds of potential business creation in rural commu-nities, said Dr. Craig Carpenter, the principal investigator on the project, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Ser-

vice economist in College Station.

"We are looking at socioeconomic, geographic and industrial factors that influence business suc-cess within a region," Carpenter said. "Anyone will be able to pull up a national map of counties that will have information to assist in deter-mining which industries are threat-ened or have a chance to expand within their county."

Carpenter is joined by Dr. Rebekka Dudensing, AgriLife Extension economist in College Station: Dr. Linda Niehm, sociologist, lowa State University; and Dr. Scott Loveridge, agricultural economist, Michigan State University.

The project is funded by one

of 47 grants totaling \$17.5 million recently awarded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture. The funding is made possible through NIFA's Agriculture and Food Research Initiative program, autho-

rized by the 2014 Farm Bill.

"A number of factors are involved in achieving economic success in rural communities," said NIFA Director Sonny Ramaswamy. "These NIFA investments will help us understand the social and behav ioral factors that inform decision-making in agriculture, which can help rural communities thrive."

Carpenter said the tool will be developed using a set of algorithms and by drawing information from the Texas Federal Statistical Research Data Center and other sources of data including other restrictedaccess datasets

"The first year of the project, we will be interviewing community leaders to see what's important to their local economy," Carpenter said. We will also be interviewing Extension specialists, entrepreneurs and others as part of this data-gathering

"We are also looking at information that is not publicly available to develop these opportunity maps."

The project objectives are to evaluate demand and supply thresh-

U.S.; evaluate local geographic socioeconomic and industrial; create and implement an Extension rural community-opportunity matching program to identify potentially successful opportunities in pilot commu-

nities in Texas, Michigan and Iowa, then extend the program nationally, potentially through eXtension, the national collaborative program for Extension professionals.

The tool will assist in economic

development by identifying which industries are under-represented in a county. For example, it would determine if a certain community could support another grocery store or a barbershop? If not, why? Carpenter said the project will

use data sets previously unexplored

in economic development activity.

"This gives individuals access
to results from big data," Carpenter said. "More and more we are working with big data and trying find out how to better leverage this access into digestible output while still protecting the individual business from which the data derives. This project is the first to use these large data sets to investigate which businesses are in a particular community. We hope to publish numerous industry-specific research journal articles from these studies and help our rural communi-



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting May 30, 2017, with Boss Lion Tex Buckhaults in charge.

We had 13 members and two guests this week - Nathan Estes, guest of Lion Darrell Leffew; and Donna Sheppard, guest of Lion Rick Sheppard.

Lion Brian Fuller reported on the college where the spring mini-session is wrapping up and the Summer I session will begin next

Lion John Howard reported on the county and said two windows on the courthouse are going to be refur-

vas noted that Mr. Josh Allred did a good job trimming our

Lion Russell Estlack gave a brief update on the flag program.

There being no further busi-ness, we were adjourned to spread good cheer and Lionism throughout our fair county

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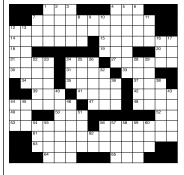
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Fri: Cheeseburgers, tomato wedge salad, melon medley, iced tea/2% milk.

# Don't fall for the prize scams

remember our service personnel Monday, whether stationed stateside or deployed to another part of the world, our military personnel make sacrifices during their service. Some have made the ultimate sacrifice. In fact, since the country's founding, more than one million service members have lost their lives during a conflict. Let's continue to honor those fallen troops who died in service of the nation, and our fallen law enforcement who also died. "Watch Out for Prize Scams,"

by Kristin Keckeisen, AARP.

There are plenty of reputable contests and sweepstakes out there (including some from AARP). But there are also a lot of bad players looking to bilk you out of your money. How it Works: You're told you've won a prize but: You have to pay a fee to collect your winnings; You have to wire money to a well-known company to insure delivery of the prize; You have to deposit a check they have sent you;

Your notice was mailed by bulk rate; or You have to attend a sales meeting to win.

What You Should Know: You What You Should Know: You can't win a contest you didn't enter. Don't believe claims that you were automatically entered. What You Should Do: Be vigilant. The Federal Trade Commission recommends looking up a contest or promoter in a search engine with the words "scam" or "complaint". Warn others. If you think you've

been targeted by a prize scam, report it at www.ftc.gov/complaint and share on the Fraud Watch Network scam-tracking map. When it comes to fraud, vigilance is our number one weapon. You have the power to protect yourself and your loved ones from scams. Please share this alert with friends and family.
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know how to protect yourself and your family.

"Student loan scam gets an F from the FTC" by Alesha Hernan-

dez, FTC The costs of student loans and fees can be overwhelming. You might see online ads that promise to help lower your payments or get your loans forgiven. But be wary of companies that make those promises, and never pay an upfront fee. Today, the FTC announced it had filed charges against Strategic Student Solutions, Student Relief Center, and related companies for lying to consumers about providing student loan debt relief and charging illegal upfront

According to the FTC's com-plaint, Strategic Student Solutions promised consumers loan forgiveness or payment reduction and credit repair services, but they didn't deliver. They told consumers that their monthly fees would be put toward their student loans. They also charged consumers illegal upfront fees of up to \$1,200. Consumers found out later that they had not been enrolled in forgiveness or repayment programs, that none of their pay-ments had been put towards their student loans, and their credit had not been repaired. In fact, consum-ers often ended up farther behind on their payments than when they first signed up for the companies' ser-

vices.

If you have paid money to Stra-Relief Center, contact your loan servicer immediately. Depending on the type of loans you have, you may to discuss a repayment plan or

Ka-Chow!

Remember, you do not have to pay for help with your student loans. Never pay an upfront fee for the promise of debt relief. Learn how to spot a debt relief scheme.

To report a student loan debt relief scam, file a complaint with: the FTC at ftc.gov/complaint; the CFPB consumerfinance.gov/complaint nd your state's Attorney General's

office.
"I'd like a scam-free vacation" by Rosario Méndez, FTC. Summer is around the corner

and I'm dreaming about my next vacation! There are so many places to visit, and a lot of travel deals to consider. My budget and time are limited, so I have to choose carefully I simply can't afford losing out to a travel scam. I want a good trip at a fair price, so I only deal with travel businesses I trust – whether it's a travel agency or a travel website. I also do research and ask myself some key questions: Are the cancellations and refund policies clear? Can I get a copy of these policies in writing? Can I pay with credit card? Credit cards give more protection than paying with cash or check. Do I know the total price of the hotel stay per night, including any "resort fees" or other mandatory charges? Knowing the total price is the only way to compare hotels, so I ask if the price includes all the fees.

Can I trust that review? If a reviewer is being paid to review a hotel or something else, they should disclose that, but not all do. I look at different websites for reviews. that way I can evaluate comments from different sources. Also good to know: If you receive a "robocall" saying you won a "free" vacation, that's a scam. Just hang up and report the caller to the FTC. For more tips on having a scam-free vacation, including tips on travel, timeshares and renting properties, check out ftc.

Stay safe out there!



#### Mr. and Mrs. Hall

Tiffany Noble and Britton Hall of Clarendon were forever united in marriage on May 25, 2017 in Amarillo. The private outdoor ceremony for Mr. and Mrs. Hall was officiated by Chris Seright of Amarillo. Gift registries are at Every Nook & Cranny, Amazon, Wal-



## Volunteer honor

Donley County VFW Auxiliary Secretary Carol Braddock pr Marshal Johnson with a certificate of appreciation during Memorial Day services at the courthouse square Monday morning Johnson was recognized for taking the initiative and volunteer ing to set out flags at Citizens Cemetery during Veterans Day last



# CLARA CARHART



Clara Hannah Sully was born April 29, 1843, in Bytown near Ottawa, Canada, to English parents James and Laura Sully.

Growing up she showed an interest Growing up she showed an interest in books and decided early on to be a teacher. She began to teach after graduation and moved with her family to Davenport, Iowa, in 1861. She taught for six years and introduced musical instruction in every grade in every school of that city. She married Rev. Lewis H. Carhart in 1871, eventually

followed him to Texas where her popularity helped him build large congregations in Dallas and Sherman. In 1878, when Rev. Carhart established his Christian Colony, he named it Clarendon in her honor and she is credited with ban the sale of alcohol in Donloy County at that time.

Mrs. Carhart returned to the east coast, divorced Lewis,

and was a leader in the temperance movement at the turn of

and was a teated in the centeration movement at the term of the century. She died in 1913.

The Whistle-Stop and the community salute the memory of Clara Carhart and her influence in the settlement of the town that still bears her name – Clarendon. Thank you, Mrs. Carhart!

Don't miss Whistle-Stop Trade Days: June 3 &

Ben and Ella Estlack received an early morning visit from Lightning McQueen last Friday morning courtesy of John Morrow and

# McQueen visits the Mulkey

Last Friday, when I woke up, Lightning
McQueen pulled
into my driveway. It was a Chevy Camaro with stickers the cub



with the number 95 and eyeballs by benjamin estlack in the wind-shield so that it looked like Lightning

McQueen. That's the character from all the Cars movies

The reason John Morrow bor-ws the red Camaro is for the new Cars movie - Cars 3 - that is coming out this summer. When the drive-in shows the Cars movies, they always line up some of the Cars characters outside the Sandell, Thanks, John,

for bringing the car by my house!

The next day, was the Mulkey Block Party. Lightning McQueen was in the car show, and John also brought a school bus that is also a character from the new Cars movie.

There were also other things that were fun at the block party. That includes the movies that were showing in the theatre, the games that some booths had, and also the inflatable slide that the Whistle-Stop brought. We also at a certain we showed a short documentary about the Mulkey – what it used to be and what is planned for it – by Nikki and Dusty Green, who are on the show "Two for the Road."

I'm really ready for the Mulkey to be fixed so we can start showing

# Raise the colors

American Legion member hoist the colors during Memorial Day services in Rowe Cemetery Monday.

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## 4-H Archers

Donley County 4-H competed in the District 1 Archery Contest held on May 20th in Pampa. In the 3rd Grade Bare Bow division, Millie McAnear placed 2nd, and Mycah Woodard placed 2nd in the Intermediate Bare Bow division. In the Intermediate Compound Unaided division, Cate Word placed 2nd while Bryce Williams place 2nd in the Junior Bare Bow division. In the Junior Compound Unaided division, Reagan Wade was 3rd, Stephen Mills was 4th, Riley Wade was 6th and Jaxan McAnear placed 12th. 4H members were coached by Kirk and Joseph Watson. This first year project was successful due to them and the time and effort put in by all these members and their parents. (Not pictured: Stephen Mills and Bryce Williams)

# CISD named May Student Servant Leaders

Clarendon CISD named its Stu dent Servant Leaders for May last

True leadership is rooted in the service of others. To be a ser-vant leader is to think of others first, commit unselfish acts of kindness, and be a positive influence. Furthermore, anyone and everyone can be a servant leader, and if we have a campus, school, community, nation, and world of those that respect others and sacrifice their time, efforts, and treasures for others, then we all ben-

The following students have been positive role models, peer tutors, and respectful to teachers, other adults, and classmates. They have helped their teachers with classroom chores, been kind to new students and shown them the way, reminded others to be respect-ful in the way the spoke to teach-ers and staff, and have represented CCISD well in many different activities throughout the year and their careers. Many times, our student servant leaders work quietly behind the scenes, but that is what makes them leaders... doing good things for others when no one is watching. May's student servant leaders

Elementary: Kindergarten, Karli Jones; 1st grade, Kennedy Halsey; 2nd grade, Marelli Mercado; 3rd grade, Madi Benson; 4th grade, John Weatherton; and 5th grade, Courtlyn Conkin.

Junior High: 6th grade, Jace Cottrell; 7th grade, Kamie Duncan & Antonio Fernandez; and 8th grade, Hadley Dale.

High School: 9th grade, Kenny Overstreet; 10th grade, Preston Elam; 11th grade, Kade Hunsaker; and 12th grade, Chance Lockhart

"These students make our school and community a better place because of how they choose to treat other people," Superintendent Mike Norrell said. "We are very honored to have these students attend Clarendon CISD and are very pleased to recognize them for serving others. On behalf of everyone at CCISD, have a safe, restful, and fun summer. Please continue to help us recognize the servant leader traits in our students even when they are not at school for the next few months



Clarendon Elementary servant leaders for May are Kennedy Halsey, 1st; John Weatherton, 4th; Madi Benson, 3rd; Karli Jones Kindergarten; Marelli Mercado, 2nd; and Courtlyn Conkin, 5th.



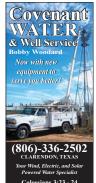
Clarendon Junior High servant leaders for May are Antonio Fernan dez. 7th: Hadley Dale, 8th: Jace Cottrell, 6th; and Kami Duncan.



Clarendon High School servant leaders for May are (back) Chance Lockhart, senior; Kade Hunsaker, junior; (front) Preston Elam, sophomore; and Kenny Overstreet, freshman



Cayson Burcham, gets a big hit during the Coach Pitch game against the Rangers.





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Multiple sclerosis is a condition where the immune system attacks the covering of the nerves. It is likely caused by either genetic disorder, viruses, or the environment. Relapses occur when there is a sudden increase in symptoms. Symptoms of relapsing multiple sclerosis may include dizziness, numbne vision problems, and stiff muscles.



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#### Top Ten

The following Clarendon Junior High studetns received the Principal Awards for being the Top 10% in their class: Josiah Howard, Jordan Johnson, Laney Gates, Cate Word, Britton Cottrell, Jace Cottrell, Natalie Monds, Kaylee Bruce, Sophia Bilbrey.

# Awards: Local seniors earn 613 dual credit hours from CC

Continued from page one

Cire Jaurequi received the Walter B. Knorpp Salutatorian Scholarship to Clarendon College which pays any unpaid portion of books, tuttion and fees and is valued up to \$4,000. She has also received \$500 from the Lions Club and the \$500 from the Lions Club and the Terry Scholarship to the University of North Texas for an estimated four-year value of \$80,000.

Clay Koetting received a PEAK Scholarship for \$2,000 and a \$500 Masonic Lodge #700 to Clarendon College

Chance Lockhart has received three yearly scholarships to the University of Dallas. The Provost Scholarship for \$22,000; the UD Leadership Grant for \$8500; and the Texas Equalizer Grant for \$3500. That makes a four-year total of \$136,000. Chance's also received the Thomas Lynch (Jack) Roach, IV Memorial scholarship for \$500 per semester for two years or \$2,000

Scholarship for \$2,000 to Clarendon College. Johnson & Wells Univer-sity offered Aubryanna an award of \$65,000, and she also was offered a scholarship from Mary Hardin Baylor for \$37,000. Brooke Smith has received a

\$500 Lions Club Scholarship and the \$10,000 Donald R. Smith Schol-

Students may not use all of the scholarships they have been awarded due to their choice in schools.

Local graduates were also rec-

ognized by Clarendon College this year with honor cords for seniors who have completed dual credit classes while in high school. Green and gold honor cords to signify that they have completed 20 or more hours, and green and white honor cords to signify they have earned between three and 19 hours of col

Donley County seniors in the Aubryanna Powell was awarded Class of 2017 have earned a com-the Betsy Ellerbrook Memorial bined 613 dual credit hours from Scholarship for \$500, and a PEAK Clarendon College.



Clarendon Junior High students Aaron Roys and Malerie Simpson were the recipients of the Citizenship Award from Clarendon Book Club.

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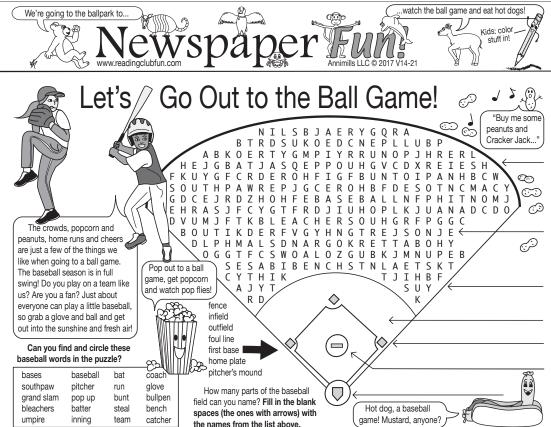
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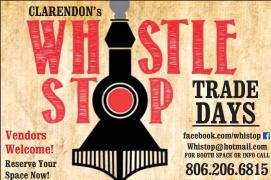












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# Obituaries

Hommel

Memo rial services for Laura for Laura Hommel at 2:00 p.m. Monday, May 29, 2017, in the First Baptist Church in Clarendon



Hommel

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with Rev.
Lance Wood, officiating.
Private family burial was in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon with arrangements by Robertson Funeral
Directors of Clarendon.
Laura Lea Hommel, 46 of

Clarendon, received God's ultimate healing on May 26, 2017, after losing her brave battle with cancer. Laura had a way of reminding others to laugh, love one another, smile... make the best of and love what we have in whatever situation. Laura never met a stranger. She was a generous and loving friend.

Laura Lea Stowe was born on March 21, 1971, to Terry and Marsha Stowe. Laura graduated from House High School in House, New Mexico, and received her col-lege degree from West Texas A&M University in Canyon. Being very

competitive she loved sports and played basketball, volleyball and track, was active in FFA and 4-H, was a New Mexico state 4-H officer. She met Chauncey Eugene Hommel II (Chad) while attending Clarendon College on a livestock judging scholarship. Chad and Laura married July 25, 1992. They are blessed with two children. Chauncey Eugene Hommel III (Tres) and Hannah Lea Hommel. They are active members of First st Church of Clarendon.

Always having a heart for children, especially those with special challenges she began her teaching career in McLean in 1993. Chad and Laura were relocated to Clarendon by the help of an EF 4 tornado in 1995, and she had continued her Special Education teaching career at Clarendon Independent School District for 17 years at the Functional Living Center, up until a few weeks ago. She was instrumental in helping find funding for the Donley Activities Center

Hommel was named "Woman of the Year" by the Clarendon Cham-ber of Commerce for 2005 and was honored as a Distinguished Alumni of Clarendon College last fall. The school building in which she taught in Clarendon was recently renamed, "Laura's Legacy Center". What wonderful, caring communities are in this area that have showed such great love and support to Laura and

ents, Terry and Marsha Stowe of House, New Mexico; husband Chad Hommel; children Tres and wife Ashley Hommel, and Hannah Hommel all of Clarendon; a brother Terrill and wife Shana and girls Kyeli and Jordyn of House, New Mexico; and maternal grandmother Mayme Runyan now of Clovis. She is also survived by her in-laws Gene and Kathy Hommel of Clarendon and many uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Laura was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents Deal and Ruby Stowe of Portales, New Mexico and her maternal grandfa-ther Bruce Runyan of House, New

In lieu of flowers, family request memorials be sent to the Donley County Activity Center, PO Box 661, Clarendon, TX 79226.

#### Morris

Kenneth Berl Morris, 74, died Monday, May 29, 2017, in Amarillo. Graveside services were held at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 31, 2017, in Lakeview Cemetery in

Lakeview Texas. Arrangements were under the direction Robertson Funeral Direc-

tors of Clarendon
Kenneth Berl Morris was born

her family, especially during these on May 1, 1943 in Morton Texas to Vernon Craig Morris and Wynona "Winnie" Grace Jackson Morris He was a lifelong cowboy spend

ing R.O. ranches Donley County. His knowledge and love of Morris

spread to all of his children. Kenneth spent the last 19 years in Dumas with his partner Trudy Mae Coffer Harris.

Preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers Glen Mo and Vernon Morris.

He is survived by his partner Trudy; 3 sons Mark Morris and wife Sunday of Amarillo, Craig Morris and wife Tracy of Amarillo, Rex Morris and wife Mikki of Amarillo: 1 daughter Natalie Holland of Ama-rillo; Mother of his children, Judy Morris of Amarillo; 1 sister Debbie Sims of Austin: 1 brother Wayne Morris of McLean; sister-in-law Sandy Morris; 12 grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren; and numerous extended family members that loved him and his infectious laugh.

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#### Legislature approves overhaul of school ratings By Aliyya Swaby, The Texas Tribune Texas House and Senate educa dardized tests and did not give an would be based on the standardized out public input

tion leaders came to a compromise on how to tweak a plan for grad-ing schools and districts, which the House and Senate each passed without dissent Sunday evening.

The Senate voted 31-0 and the House voted 140-0 to approve a con-ference committee report on House Bill 22, editing a plan lawmakers approved in 2015 to start giving Texas schools grades of A-F.

The two chambers had strug gled to see eye-to-eye on how much weight to give students' standardized test scores when grading a school or district, and on how much flexibility cators should have in determin ing how they are assessed. On Sat urday, members from both chambers spent hours hashing out the differ-

both sides Sunday expressed con-cern that such major changes were made so late in the process, when it was too late for public input. The House is expected to vote on the

compromise Sunday evening.

In 2015, the Legislature first decided to switch to an A-F system of grading schools and districts to replace the current pass/fail system. Educators statewide protested against the original plan, which they said relied too heavily on stan-

accurate sense of how schools were performing.
"You know that most of the

schools and the districts in your [legislative] districts were not happy with the implementation" when A-F was first rolled out, said Rep. Diego Bernal, D-San Antonio, to the House late Sunday. The final version of this legislation rewards schools for their progress, while also highlighting where they need work, he said.

The House and Senate came to a compromise that has more "balance," state Sen. Larry Taylor, R-Friendswood, the bill's sponsor in that chamber, told the Senate Sunday evening.

Taylor originally wanted an accountability system with more weight on standardized tests and less flexibility on how to grade schools. Rep. Dan Huberty, R-Hous-ton, who authored the bill, wanted less weight on standardized tests and local choice on which exams to use

to judge schools.

In the compromise version of the bill, schools and districts would be graded in three categories: student achievement, student progress and closing the gaps. Elementary and middle schools would be assessed in each of those categories by how well students are doing on the standard-ized state exam. High school grades

state test, as well as factors such as high school graduation rates, and rates of students taking advanced courses

Schools doing well could petition state education Commissioner Mike Morath to build their own accountability system that would account for at most half of the over-

all grade.
"Our local districts have some input into this accountabil-ity system," Taylor said. "The best way to get things done is to have the people you're working with develop

their own goals."

Under the final version of HB 22, districts will get their first grades in August 2018, and individual schools in August 2019. The Senate had originally opposed any delay of implementation to 2019, and the House had wanted to delay all grades

D-San Antonio, said he approved so much of the changes that he would consider changing his position on the A-F rating system overall. "I've never been a big fan of A-F, but based on what I've seen here, I may have to re-evaluate my position," he said.

But educators and advocates on both sides were concerned that HB 22 had changed so drastically with-

"Giving the public virtually no time to review or weigh in on this last-minute proposal is troubling," said Courtney Boswell, executive director of Texas Aspires, which supported the original A-F system and has been skeptical of proposed changes. "We are unsure how this system has come together in order to be meaningful for students, parents, educators, and communities. Texas students deserve a measured approach to fixing our accountabil-ity system instead of hastily passing an unvetted system that may create unintended consequences

Alief ISD Superintendent HD Chambers, who was involved in creating the original bill, said many superintendents are asking: "Why, at the last second, did this change happen?

He supports the negotiated version's flexibility for some campuses and districts in determining how they are graded. "You're giving campuses and districts the chance to be innova-tive, within whatever the parameters are going to be. At least it's a step in

that direction," he said.

But he said the compromise version of the bill still relies on standardized state test scores, instead of alternative measures, and gives future changes to the system.



# FSA nomination period begins June 15

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced Tuesday that the nomination period for local Farm Service Agency (FSA) county com mittees begins on Thursday, June 15,

"County committees allow farmers and ranchers to make impor committees allow tant decisions about how federal farm programs are administered locally to best serve their needs," said Acting FSA Administrator Chris Beyerhelm. "We strongly encourage all eligible producers to visit their local FSA office today to find out how to get involved in their county's election. There's an increasing need for representation from underserved producers, which includes begin-ning, women and other minority farmers and ranchers."

County committees are made up of farmers and ranchers elected by other producers in their communities to guide the delivery of farm programs at the local level. Commit-tee members play a critical role in the day-to-day operations of FSA. Committees consist of three to 11 members and meet once a month or as needed to make important decisions on disaster and conservation programs, emergency programs, com-modity price support loan programs, county office employment and other agricultural issues. Members serve

three-year terms. Nationwide, there are over 7,700 farmer and ranchers

serving on FSA county committees.

Farmers and ranchers may nominate themselves or others. Organizations, including those representing beginning, women and minority producers, may also nomi-nate candidates to better serve their communities. To be eligible to serve on an FSA county committee, a person must participate or cooperate in an agency administered program, and reside in the local administrative

area where the election is being held.

After the nomination period, candidates will encourage the eligible producers in their local admin-istrative area to vote. FSA will mail election ballots to eligible voters beginning Nov. 6, 2017. Ballots will be due back to the local county office either via mail or in person by Dec. 4, 2017. Newly-elected committee members and alternates will take office on Jan. 1, 2018.

To become a candidate, an eligible individual must sign an FSA-669A nomination form. The form and other information about FSA county committee elections are available at www.fsa.usda.gov/elections. All nomination forms for the 2017 election must be postmarked or received in the local FSA office by Aug. 1, 2017.

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