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

JRCA rodeo to be held this weekend

The Junior Rodeo Cowboys Association will have kids putting their cowboy skills to the test this weekend when during its annual competition at the Clarendon College Livestock & Equine Center on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, June 30 and July 1.

Scheduled events including barrel racing, pole bending, goat tying, tie down roping, team roping, ribbon roping, bull riding, bronc riding, and mutton busting.

Events begin daily at 7:30 a.m. and run until they are finished.

JRCA is a non-profit organization serving the rodeo interests of youth from across the Texas Panhandle, Northwest Texas, and Western Oklahoma. Organized in 1998, the JRCA has enjoyed steady growth and now boasts about 300 members.

Members compete in traditional rodeo events in six different age groups for both girls and boys with regular season rodeos plus the two performance finals.

Members of the JRCA come from Lubbock on the southwest to Oklahoma City on the northeast and from Vernon on the southeast to the Oklahoma Panhandle on the northwest.

Petition seeks end to newsprint tariff

Newspaper readers across the United States are being asked to sign an online petition to stop tariffs on imported Canadian newsprint.

NORPAC, a single newsprint mill, filed a petition with the US government to request a tax on Canadian newsprint. This is increasing the cost of newsprint by as much as 22 to 30 percent and threatens to destroy more than 600,000 jobs in the US printing and publishing industry.

The other US newsprint manufacturers oppose NORPAC's request.

To sign the petition to #StoptheNewsprintTax go online to <http://bit.ly/StoptheNewsprintTax>.

H'wick still signing up for alert system

Howardwick residents are being encouraged to sign up for the city's new One Call system to stay up to date on emergency information.

Important messages from City Hall can be received by either phone call, text message, or email. Those residents wishing to sign up can do so by calling City Secretary Sandra Childress at 874-2222.



Opening remarks

Clarendon College President Robert Riza addresses the opening gathering of the Area 1 FFA Leadership Camp last week in the Harned Sisters Fine Arts Center. The camp was attended by more than 330 FFA members and about 70 sponsors and parents. Area 1 is bordered by Lubbock County on the south and extends north the width of the Texas Panhandle. CC has hosted the leadership camp since 1969.

CC PHOTO / ASHLEE ESTLACK

Robertson to lead state funeral group

GALVESTON – Third-generation funeral director Chuck Robertson of Clarendon was elected to head the Texas Funeral Directors Association during their 132nd Annual Convention in Galveston last week.

Robertson is the president and CEO of Robertson Funeral Directors with offices in Clarendon, Claude, McLean, Memphis, Shamrock, and Wheeler.

Founded in 1886, TFDA is the largest professional organization of funeral service professionals in Texas and the largest National Funeral Directors Association affiliate association of funeral directors in the country.

Robertson is not only the youngest director to be elected TFDA president but also is only the sixth resident of the Texas Panhandle to head the association in its 132-year history.

A 2003 graduate of Clarendon High School, Robertson is the son of the late Patrick Robertson and his wife Vicki and the grandson of the late Delbert and Patsy Robertson, all of Clarendon. When his birth mother, Edie, passed away, Chuck was only two, thus he grew up, living with his grandparents at the family's home.

"I've grown up with funeral service always in my life," Robertson said.

His first job at the funeral home was helping his grandfather dig graves (a job that continued until six years ago). "I learned at an early age to play quietly during

funeral services, and if I needed something when my grandparents or dad was on the phone, to whisper," he recalled.

In his presidential acceptance speech, he remembered his grandparents and his father, thanking them for instilling the values and the compassion needed to counsel families after the loss of a loved one. He also thanked his mother Vicki and his wife Amanda for their support of his personal and professional goals as well as his journey to the TFDA presidency.

"Shortly after we married, my wife and I were talking about our individual goals as well as our goals as a couple and a family," Robertson remembered. "Among my goals was the opportunity to, someday, lead TFDA. In achieving this goal, my wife has been my cheerleader, my rock, and my best friend and advisor."

Originally a mass communications major in college, the new TFDA president and his cousin Cameron decided to change their majors to funeral service and enrolled in the mortuary science associate degree program at Amarillo College.

"My grandfather wanted me to be a funeral director all along," he said, "but my dad told me to follow my dreams. Since making my decision that day in 2003, I've never looked back, never regretted my decision and, to this day, feel privileged to serve the families of the Panhandle during this very difficult – probably the worst – time in

their lives. Robertson and his cousin earned their professional licenses in August 2005.

Like his father and grandfather, Chuck Robertson has been a member of the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department since 2003, where he currently serves the rank of Captain/EMT and Secretary/Treasurer. He is also an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and is a member and certified firefighter through the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association and as an EMT, is with the Associated Ambulance Authority/Clarendon EMS (since October 2004) and with the Shamrock Emergency Medical Service since 2015. His wife Amanda also has been an EMT with North Wheeler County since 2005.

Robertson enters the office of TFDA President with humility but also with a sense of pride.

"My grandfather, with my grandmother by his side, served our community as a funeral director for more than 60 years. My father, also a funeral director, was a commissioner on the Texas Funeral Service Commission, appointed by Gov. Rick Perry."

Robertson is the current president of the Citizens Cemetery Association in Clarendon, served as the President of the Panhandle Funeral Directors Association from 2010-2012 and served on the board of directors for Panhandle Funeral Directors Association from 2008-2013 and came back on the board in 2015-2016. He also served on the



Chuck Robertson

Texas Funeral Directors Association Board of Directors from 2009-2012. Chuck is currently President for Texas Funeral Directors Association for 2018-2019 year. In 2016-2017 he served as Secretary/Treasurer. 2017-2018 he served as President-Elect of TFDA. He is also a lifetime member of the Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practice where he achieved his Certified Funeral Service Practitioner (CFSP) certification in September 2008.

Robertson also is a member of the Clarendon and Memphis Lions clubs and has served as Past President for Clarendon. He is also a member of the Shamrock Rotary Club where he served as Past President and is a Paul Harris Fellow. Chuck is currently serving his second term on the Clarendon CISD Board of Trustees. Prior to

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Enterprise editorials win first place at TPA

The Clarendon Enterprise received a first place plaque last Saturday during the Texas Press Association's Summer Convention in Montgomery.

The Enterprise competed in Division 10 this year and also received two second place and one third place award.

The paper placed first in Editorial Writing for column its stance on open meeting violations by the Clarendon College Board of Regents last spring and a rebuke of President Donald Trump's attacks on free speech.

The Enterprise also received second place honors for its fall/winter Clarendon Welcome Guide and for Feature Articles written by

Roger Estlack about Moffitt Hardware and the new Hedley Senior Citizens Center.

The third place award went to Advertisements designed by Roger Estlack and Ashlee Estlack.

The Sweepstakes Award in Division 10 went to the Double Mountain Chronicle in Rotan.

This year 142 newspapers submitted 1,410 entries in the Texas Better Newspaper Contest. The contest is broken down into 10 divisions in which newspapers compete against papers of similar circulation size. Eighty-nine weekly newspapers competed in Divisions 6 through 10.

Attending the convention and representing the Enterprise were Roger, Ashlee, and Ella Estlack.



Ashlee, Ella, and Roger Estlack with the Enterprise's first place plaque at the Texas Press Association Convention in Montgomery last Saturday.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ASHLEE ESTLACK

Celebration starts next Wednesday

Make your plans now to enjoy the 141st annual Saints' Roust Celebration on July 4, 6, and 7 in Clarendon.

The Clarendon Outdoor Entertainment Association will open the festivities with a July Fourth Junior Rodeo, starting at 7:30 p.m. at the COEA Arena.

The celebration gets under full steam on Friday, July 6, with merchant sales and the annual Depression Luncheon at the Downtown Ministry Center from 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. The cost for the beans and cornbread meal is 25 cents. That night, the COEA Ranch Rodeo opens at 7:30 at the COEA Arena followed by a dance at 9 p.m. featuring the music of Giovanna & the Hired Guns.

The big day will be Saturday, July 7, beginning with the Arts & Craft Fair on the square at 9 a.m. sponsored by the Donley County 4H. Booths are \$25 each and should be reserved through the Donley County 4H by calling 806-874-2141.

The Chamber of Commerce's Old Settlers Reunion and the Kids' Bicycle & Tricycle Parade also begin at 9 a.m. The Kids' Parade will line up and register at 8:30 at Keith

See 'Celebration' on page 5.

CISD seeking design firms for security

Clarendon CISD is soliciting design services to make security improvements at its campuses following last week's meeting of the Board of Trustees.

A Request for Qualifications running in this week's Enterprise says the district will accept qualifications from architects and engineers until July 12.

The public notice comes after Superintendent Mike Norrell presented the results of the school safety and security survey during the trustees' regular meeting on June 18. Norrell said improvements will focus on enhanced security, including buzzer entry systems, for the high school, junior high, and elementary.

The board authorized Norrell to procure professional services for Security Upgrade Projects and further authorized him to take other action as needed on the District's behalf to procure such services. Trustees also approved a motion to use construction manager-agent as the delivery method that provides the best value for the district for its security upgrade projects.

Following those votes, trustees met behind closed doors for almost an hour to discuss security. The board then returned to open session briefly before going back into closed session to discuss personnel for more than 20 minutes.

Also at last week's meeting, trustees voted in favor of increasing cafeteria prices for 2018-2019 by 5 cents breakfast and ten cents lunches and approved the purchase of a new football scoreboard at a price of \$18,857 of which \$10,000 has been donated by local businesses.

The board accepted bids on three tax delinquent properties as presented by the Donley Appraisal District.

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WARNING: The following column is an editorial (i.e. an opinion, a point of view) and may contain ideas with which some readers may freely disagree. Read at your own risk.

Others should follow college's lead on training

Clarendon College and its attorney Chase Hales deserve recognition for the Open Meetings Act training presented at last week's meeting of the Board of Regents. It was very well done and should be emulated by other local governments, specifically Howardwick.

Too often, elected officials are just pointed in the direction of the online training available, which is good but frequently forgotten. It satisfies the legal requirement that board members have to be trained, but it doesn't leave the lasting impression that is necessary to keep officials out of trouble.



editor's commentary
by *roger estlack*

By contrast, CC's newest regent - Tommy Waldrop - along with fellow his fellow board members, most of whom have been regents for many years, got the benefit of training specifically suited to their positions complete with scenarios that their unique roles face.

Hales obviously spent a lot of time planning his presentation, which included 32 detailed slides with specifics of all kinds. And yet, as detailed as it was, Hales also kept it simple. Don't talk about it if it's not on the agenda. Executive sessions have narrow, specific purposes and limited scope. Stick to the agenda. Subcommittees are subject to the Open Meetings Act and Public Information Act. Stick to the agenda. Board members shouldn't engage staff other than the president. And last but not least, stick to the agenda.

Astute readers probably picked up on a theme in that paragraph. Basically, Hales warned board members that a meeting is not the time to discuss whatever is bothering them or whatever comes up as a flight of fancy during a meeting. The public, the attorney emphasized, has a right to know what's going to be discussed prior to the meeting in case they want to be there for that discussion.

Some boards have no trouble with that concept. Other entities, like the City of Howardwick for example, have to yet to completely grasp the idea. Howardwick would benefit greatly from having some personal training, and it would be good not just for the city council but for the citizens themselves.

While things have improved somewhat at Howardwick's meetings (the sheriff hasn't had to be there in a while), there is still room for improvement. Agenda items are sometimes vague, which leads to discussion that can't be anticipated by the public or the council. Action has been taken on some items that wasn't authorized by the agenda. And worst of all, the audience has become almost fully participating members of the discussion.

Hales' training for the college board reinforced what is generally understood at local government meetings. "Public comment" is sufficient to hear the public but not to discuss business with the public." Hales wrote on one of his slides.

That's an important first point. A second point would be that the public needs to generally keep quiet and let the board deliberate on its own. At Howardwick, there is usually enough difference of opinion on a subject by those elected officials to sufficiently debate any issue without ten or 15 citizens interjecting their thoughts or outrage on the matter.

If Howardwick citizens really want to give their elected representatives a chance to improve their community, then letting them do their job might be a good place to start.

Hales hit all the right notes in his presentation, and other local governments would be well served to engage a qualified person to refresh them on the rules. Laws and the rulings of the attorney general change from year to year, which makes it important to stay abreast of where the boundaries are for what is and isn't okay.

Clarendon College is to be commended for taking a positive step to make sure things are done the right way. CC Board Chairman Lon Adams also deserves special recognition for attending an open meetings / open records workshop hosted by the Panhandle Press Association earlier this year.

The actions taken by local governments are the public's business - your business. The Open Meetings Act and Public Information Act are designed to make sure the public - you - have every opportunity to know what your governments are doing, and it is encouraging when local boards take that obligation seriously.

And furthermore...

Chase Hales also zeroed in on something that is the pet peeve of every journalist and champion of open government - the Executive Session.

The topics that can be discussed behind closed doors are limited, he said. He listed the very specific reasons a board can meet in closed session - Real Property Deliberations (if deliberation in open session would have a detrimental effect on the entity's position); Personnel Matters (related to specific employees or specific positions of current employees); Consultations with an Attorney; specific Economic Development issues; and specific Security issues.

The attorney said boards need to be very specific on their agenda about going into closed session, especially in terms of personnel.

The public's business, as much as possible, should be conducted in public. If a board is going into executive session frequently, they might do well to step back and make sure they are conducting themselves as openly they should.

Man does not live by buns alone

I don't know how butchers and candlestick makers are faring, but bakers these days have their hands full of more than dough. Fast-food places want them to "work their buns on." Dough isn't being kneaded fast enough to meet their needs.

This observation may come across as half-baked, but what else is new? Texans' heads jerked and eyes crossed recently with the announcement that three fast-food chains - count 'em, THREE - blamed "insufficient buns."

One - In-N-Out Burgers - shut down for a couple of days to get things right....

Limp excuses from company leaders were vague, "poster words" for "fake news." They blamed the bun shortage on "unbalanced yeast." (One journalist called it "dead yeast.")

Of course, buns that fail to rise are flat-out unacceptable.

Alternatives recommended included wheat buns and tortillas....

It's downright "unTexan," and some burger lovers will "flip out" when their menus are limited.

Whataburger offered wheat buns, while Raising Cane's promoted Texas toast from its bill of fare. Even somehow, "Arkansas toast" fails to envelope taste buds in the Lone Star State.

Are burger chains using buns made in the same vats and ovens?...

In the wake of this "doughy" mess, the International House of Pancakes blew bugles announcing a name change.

The IHOP acronym, grilled into our brains for 60 years, henceforth will be IHOB. Yes, this national chain is barging into the burger battles.

Is timing anything?

IHOP's announcements bring to mind Kenny Rogers' musical hit of 40 years ago: You Picked a Fine Time to Leave Me, Lucille.

That's what old-line IHOP stockholders may be humming as pancake sales grow cold. Sadly, their primary product is no longer "selling like hotcakes." Meanwhile, Whataburger vows it will never change its name to Whatapancake....

Could IHOB be trying to "mess with our yen" for burgers? Maybe they saw the yeast problem before it rose, and soon may announce "burger cakes." Oh, the name may be different, but it could mean there'll be a national ad campaign pushing burger "fix-ins" between pancakes.

Maybe there is something to be said about "fake news."

Could this have been simply a case of "yeast fatigue"? Or, in the colorful words of my Uncle Mort, "graveyard dead"....

One thing for sure: Mort, always searching for a "birthday announcement" that he thinks will turn into big bucks, may have a zinger for his 106th birthday on July 4.

He may announce a bud recipe developed by Aunt Maude, featuring her "fast-rising yeast." (There'll be a charge for "starts," of course.)



the idle american
by *don newbury*

For folks whose cups of tea remain tepid by kitchen talk, he might announce his new "month-old bread store," featuring bread frozen 30 days earlier, guaranteed to be as "good as it used to be."

Space limitations preclude additional thoughts. I'll not mention Jack Horner, chowing down on in the corner.

We could "go to school," however, on the code legendary University of Texas Coach Darrell Royal provided in 1962. It was posted on TCU's bulletin board with warp speed. Royal compared the team to a cockroach - "not so much for what he gets into and carries away, but what he falls into and messes up." (This followed the Frogs' 6-0 win over the 'Horns a year earlier, when UT was number one in the nation.)

Feel free to read between the lines....

All this "bunk about buns" could be a ploy to "push" wheat buns, thus moving us toward a tad on healthy eating charts.

It also should lead us to the Holy Bible. Jesus - in Matthew 4:4's "red letters" - warns us not to "live by bread alone." At one point, God provided daily manna from heaven when fields and pantries were bare.

Let's pray to warrant God-sent manna, even as bakers - and the rest of us - fall short. Oh, to have the late Paul Harvey back on the radio, giving us "the rest of the story"....

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One man's work to televise games

Kevin Lewis is technical director for home game television broadcasts of the Mavericks, Stars and Rangers. He is the person who puts the picture on the screen. Occasionally he operates the jumbotron during Cowboy games.

"I stay busy. Thank goodness Dallas is a good market year round for sports broadcasters. Like last year baseball season ended and the very next day I had a Mavericks pre-season game. Sometimes I'll do 3 sports in one week."

The 30-member team that handles the broadcast is strictly professional. It all happens from a semi-trailer loaded with equipment. I've had the privilege of watching a broadcast and in my mind it's a lot more interesting than the game itself. Every split second counts and the competent broadcaster stays alert for anything unusual.

"All of us have to be concentrating and on the same page at the same time. It is an exercise in intense concentration. And it lasts 3 hours or longer. We have to be there 6 hours before the game starts to get everything set up."

Kevin does television broadcasts of college games all over the country. His favorite sport to broadcast is baseball.

"It'll go real slow and all of a sudden it's complete chaos. We'll cut to the ball out in left field then to a runner running around the base then cut back to the left fielder throwing the ball then cut to the guy sliding into home and it all happens in 3 seconds. It's crazy. We have 21 cameras covering a baseball game."

Kevin says the broadcast crewmembers are frustrated athletes and big sports fans. Most of them played sport in high school. Kevin was a swimmer. He says there are about a hundred media trucks in the country and he's worked in dozens of them.

"I've been to every single American

League baseball stadium in the country, most of the national league ballparks, been to almost every professional basketball and hockey arena. I have a collection of media passes from all of those. One day I'll do something with them. Basically I get to hang out with my friends and watch sports."

Kevin, who happens to be my son, has earned an Emmy for live sports television production. He's been at his job 20 years and there have been some big changes.

"Back in the tape days when we wanted to play something back we had to stop the recorder and rewind it to the part we wanted to playback. We would miss some of the action. Now we can play back while we're recording. When we went from standard to high density that was another big change. Just ahead is 4K, which has a picture 4 times sharper than high definition. You can already buy a 4K TV but there's not much broadcast content right now. But there will be."

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June 29 & 30
Clarendon College JRCA Rodeo
• Clarendon College Livestock & Equine Center

July 4
Independence Day • Saints' Roost Celebration

Junior Rodeo • 7:30 p.m. • COEA Arena

July 5
Parade Entry Deadline
Show Us Your Boots Contest Entry Deadline

July 6
Whistle-Stop Trade Days

Saints' Roost Celebration

Depression Luncheon • 12:00 p.m.
• Crossies Ministry Center

Ranch Rodeo • 7:30 p.m. • COEA Arena

July 7
Whistle-Stop Trade Days

Saints' Roost Celebration

Arts & Craft Fair • 9 a.m. • Court-house Square

Kids' Parade • 9 a.m.

Herring Bank Parade • 10 a.m.

Shiners' Barbecue • 11:00 a.m.
• following parade • Courthouse square

Henson's Turtle Race • 2 p.m.
• Downtown Clarendon

Ranch Rodeo • 7:30 p.m. • COEA Arena

July 23
NewsChannel Ten Summer Celebration
• Donley County Courthouse.

August 3 & 4
Whistle-Stop Trade Days

September 1 & 2
Whistle-Stop Trade Days

★ Menus

July 2 - 6 Donley County Senior Citizens

Mon: Cheeseburger, later tots, lettuce, tomato, onion, fruit salad, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Chicken salad, cucumber tomato salad, crackers, cookies, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Closed
Thu: Beef soft taco, fiesta corn, pinto beans, mixed salad, brownies, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Chicken strips, macaroni and cheese, green beans, biscuits, lazy cake, iced tea/2% milk.

July 2 - 6 Donley Senior Citizens

Mon: Shaved turkey sandwich, tomato, lettuce, and pickle, broccoli raisin salad, macaroni salad, pineapple delight, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: BBQ chicken filet, baked potato w/sour cream, mixed vegetables, margarine, wheat roll, mandarin oranges, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Closed
Thu: Chicken tenders, baked potato w/sour cream, peas & carrots, strawberries & whip cream, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Cheese burgers, potato wedges, tomato wedge salad, melon medley, iced tea/2% milk.

Scouts attend Camp MK Brown

Last week, me and my Boy Scout troop went to Camp MK Brown which is a weeklong summer camp for Boy Scouts. The first day we were there we basically just set up camp and had fun around our campsites. We mostly played badminton, which is a game like volleyball but instead of using your hands you use rackets.

the cub reporter

by Benjamin Estlack

The next day, we went to the flag ceremony in front of the dining hall to watch the flags being raised. After breakfast, the boys who were ranked at Scout level went to a program called Polaris, which earns you the requirements of Tenderfoot, Second Class, and finally First Class.

One of the hardest merit badges we had to learn for me was the Swimming merit badge. And the way you get the Swimming merit badge is you must swim 100 yards

APD warns of new local scams

Hi, gang! At 84 years old I reprint FTC articles in my column for The Enterprise. Now I have to prove that I am not a robot by using captchas. My computer eyesight is poor, and I have never been able to correctly find all of the items requested. This requirement seems to be on about everything. How do I prove I am not a robot? Someone please help. bwatson@cebridge.net. Bob



bob's whittlin' by bob watson

"APD warns about some of the local scams they are seeing" by Cpl. Job Hilton, Amarillo Police Department.

The Amarillo Police Department has received several phone calls from concerned citizens about being contacted by possible scammers. Scammers can spoof any phone number and claim to be anyone they want. Spoofing has become a popular way for scammers to contact people. Spoofing is described as altering the phone number that shows up on a caller ID in order to masquerade as someone else. They can make it look like they are calling from any business or phone number that they choose. Some of the most popular scams that we here about are IRS, Xcel Energy, Microsoft, Craigslist, the grandparent scam and law enforcement officers claiming that you have a warrant or that a family member has been arrested and needs to be bailed out of jail.

The Amarillo Police Department will not call to enforce any outstanding IRS taxes. The IRS will never call and demand immediate payment on owed taxes and will always send a letter in the mail before contacting anyone. If you feel like you might owe taxes, you can call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040. You can report any attempted scams to the Federal Trade Commission at www.ftc.org. You should be suspicious if the caller is requiring you to use a prepaid debit card or Green Dot card.

There have been cases in the past in which the victim was contacted by a scammer claiming to be with Microsoft. These scammers will contact you by phone or email. They try to trick you in to installing malicious software that can capture sensitive data, such as online banking user names and passwords. They will try to convince you to download software to allow them to take control of your computer remotely. They

will request credit card information and bill you for phony services. Do not call any phone number that comes up in an e-mail message on your computer. Microsoft's error and warning messages never include a phone number. Microsoft will never proactively contact you to provide unsolicited PC or technical support. Any communication with Microsoft must be initiated by you.

We have seen with Craigslist that a buyer will contact you and want to purchase your item. They will send you a check, money order, or a cashier's check for more than the agreed upon price and ask you to cash the check and wire or send back the difference. The payment method that was sent is counterfeit, but will often be cashed by your bank and discovered as a fraud later. It is always preferred that you deal locally with anyone when purchasing or selling online.

The grandparent scam is very common. The typical grandparent scam begins with a male or female saying "grandma or grandpa" and the victim saying is this (fill in the name of your grandchild)? The person says yes this is (your grandchild's name) and I am in trouble, there's been an accident, I am in jail, I am stuck in a foreign country) and I need your help. They ask you not to tell anyone else and sometimes even put a "police officer" on the phone to talk to you and give you directions on how to pay a bill. They ask you to go to a certain place and buy gift cards or wire money to pay for whatever type of help is needed. They make this seem very urgent and make the victim feel flustered to get them to act on this before checking into the story. In 2017 the FTC reported that \$328 million was lost to this scam alone.

A law enforcement agency will not contact you and demand payment over the phone in order to pay a warrant or to bond someone out of jail. None of the law enforcement agencies in Amarillo, Potter County, or Randall County will have a bond company call you or recommend a company for you to use. They will also not contact you and tell you to

pay a fine for not appearing for jury duty. If you feel like you might have a warrant and want to check you can call either Potter County or Randall County or check for local municipal warrants here.

Be extremely cautious of anyone asking you to put cash on iTunes cards or any other type of gift cards or pay by other methods, settle debts, pay a bill, obtain loans or grants or pay for merchandise. In almost every case, the caller turns out to be a thief, and the consumer loses their money. Never wire money, provide your debit/credit card or give any personal information to an unverified source.

"No gift cards for tech support scammers" by Cristina Miranda, FTC

Hey computer users, it's time for a pop quiz.

A) You get an urgent call or email from a tech support company, saying your computer has a problem. Should you give the company remote access to your computer to make repairs?

B) A warning announcing "suspicious activity" or "security threat detected" appears on your computer screen. Should you call the number shown on the screen to talk to a technician?

C) One of these tech support companies asks you to pay for its services, maybe by using a gift card (like from iTunes or Amazon) or wire transfer. Should you?

The answer to all of these questions is "No."

Here's why: Your computer is almost certainly fine. Legit tech support companies don't operate that way. Tech support scammers sometimes make false claims that they are associated with legitimate computer companies to make you believe them. The person who calls, or who gives you a toll-free number to call, is a scammer who wants to steal your money. If you give someone control of your computer, they can install malicious software that can help them steal your personal information.

And anyone who asks you to pay for anything – including tech support services – with a gift card is scamming you. No legitimate company will ever ask you to pay with a gift card. If someone wants you to pay with a gift card, please tell the FTC at FTC.gov/complaint. Stay safe out there!

Buffy the Wonder Dog encounters a skunk

Thank you, Lord, for the rain! We are grateful for the outer fringes you are sending us because we have not gotten hail and torados.

With our water rationing still in effect, these rain showers are keeping the community green. July 4th and fireworks are coming up. Please be very careful because Donley County is still in a burn ban.

I haven't written about my little nine-pound female Yorkie, Buffy the Wonder Dog, in a while but she has a story this week. She is seven years old and very intelligent. Her job is protection of her property, and that is what she was doing at 5 a.m. Wednesday morning when she

encountered a black and white striped animal with a long, fluffy tail.



'wick picks

by Peggy Cockerham
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Even though Buffy's adversary was invading the yard, it took offense at barking, raised that pretty tail, and sprayed the most offensive odor in Buffy's face.

Buffy was regulated to the utility room until we all recovered

our wits which included an early morning phone call to my daughter, digging in cabinets for Nature's Remedy Skunk Remover, and a trip to Allsup's for hydrogen peroxide and lung rubber gloves.

Poor Buffy. She is a good dog. She suffered through a scrubbing with Nature's Remedy followed by the Internet recipe of hydrogen peroxide, baking soda, and Dawn detergent, and then a final cleaning by her groomer, Ruth Carter. She is almost odor free but has irritated skin from all that scrubbing.

We don't know where the skunk went but he apparently left. Buffy did her job.

the lion's tale

The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting June 26, 2018, with Boss Lion Pro Tem John Howard in charge.

We had 17 members and two guests this week. Cory Hightower and Tony Barley of AEP/SWEPCO were the guests of Lion David Dockery.

Mr. Hightower and Mr. Barley reported on a new wind energy project proposed in Oklahoma that will generate electricity for SWEPCO and save Texas customers about \$1.7 billion over its lifetime. Customers will see their bills decrease about six percent for the first ten years. An informational meeting on this project is being hosted in Memphis next Tuesday at noon. A majority of the Lions present wished to attend the meeting, so the club voted to defer our regular meeting next week to allow their attendance there.

The club voted to accept the application of John Hellman of Memphis as its newest member. Welcome, John!

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Paddle time!
Clarendon Boy Scouts Ben Estlack, Dan Estlack, Nate Estlack, and Mason Allred enjoyed kayaking when Troop 433 attended Camp MK Brown near Wheeler last week. Fourteen scouts from Troop 433 enjoyed a variety of activities including orienteering, knot tying, first aid skills, rifle and shotgun shooting, archery, swimming, and more.

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and 150 yards. After that, you must lift a 10-pound weight off the bottom of the lake, do a surface dive to get the weight, and jump in to get the weight. The easiest part of it was the dive off the dock.

Later after lunch, me, Nathan, Daniel, and Mason went kayaking. Our first two days at camp were lots of fun and the days after were even more fun. I'll continue those adventures next week.



CC President Robert Riza (left) recognizes Gray County Judge Richard Peet. CC PHOTO / ASHLEE ESTLACK

CC Regents take OMA training

The Clarendon College Board of Regents received tailored Open Meetings Act training during a called meeting last Wednesday, June 20.

Attorney Chase M. Hales of the Sprouse Strader Smith law firm in Amarillo conducted the training, which lasted more than 45 minutes and covered a wide range of topics on 32 PowerPoint slides with a special emphasis on issues pertinent to the college.

Hales started with the importance of agendas for public meetings being posted 72 hours before a meeting and the need for those agendas to be specific.

"The whole point is to let the public know that the meeting is about in case they have an interest in what is being discussed," Hales said.

The attorney also discussed such topics as public comment, the proper way to conduct a meeting, the requirements for minutes and recording, and what he termed "very narrow purpose" and "very limited scope" of meeting in executive session, noting that executive sessions are not authorized simply to prevent disclosure of unfavorable information.

"The entire purpose of the Open Meetings Act is to expose the activities of our government - warts and all," Hales said.

The training session also covered the limited reasons for hold-

ing an emergency meeting, special issues facing committees and sub-committees, issues involving technology, conduct of board members outside of meetings, and the proper role of the board interacting with employees.

Hales warned board members that not following the Open Meetings Act can lead to civil and criminal penalties and not following the decorum in interacting with employees can lead to lawsuits alleging violations of employment laws.

In other college business, regents approved a bid on tax delinquent property at Howardwick; approved a letter of engagement with the college auditors for the year ending August 31, 2018; approved the policy manual, student handbook, personnel handbook, and catalog for the upcoming academic year; and ratified the resignation of Vice President of Academic Affairs and the employment of Donna Smith as a librarian.

In his president's report, Dr. Robert Riza said headcount was up for the May mini session and the Summer 1 session. He also said the college had received its final letter from the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools/Commission on Colleges closing out its decennial review of CC with no follow up report required.

Riza also reported on his atten-

dance, along with Regent Edwin Campbell, at the Texas Community College Trustees Association meeting earlier this month. Mr. Campbell encouraged all his fellow board members to attend the TCCTA meeting.

"I thought I knew a lot about being on this board, but I didn't know anything," Campbell said. "I'm taken aback at the responsibility we have as regents."

The CC Board of Regents also met in Pampa last Thursday for their regular June meeting. There Dr. Riza recognized the contributions to CC of Gray County Judge Richard Peet upon his upcoming retirement. Judge Peet taught for the CC Pampa Center from 1979 until 1994 when he became judge. Riza called him a friend and advocate for the college.

"I enjoy education and teaching youth," Peet said. "I think Clarendon College is a tremendous asset to Pampa, and I appreciate your efforts to continue that."

Riza also thanked the Pampa Foundation, which has contributed almost \$200,000 to support CC programs since 2016 for nursing technology and dual credit assistance for Gray County students.

The president thanked Pampa ISD Superintendent Tanya Larkin for her cooperation and the relationship the school district has with the college.



New cheerleaders

Last week, the 2018-19 Bronco Cheerleaders attended UCA Cheer Camp at the Gaylord Texan in Grapevine. The cheerleaders had a very successful camp. They got superior ratings at each of their evaluations and on the last day competition they received the Leadership Award. Sparky, our mascot Darcy Grahn, received the animation award. Bronco Cheer is excited and ready to represent Clarendon High School and the Clarendon Broncos. Show here are junior Kira Weatherdon, Junior Mattee Johnson, junior Rayna Crawford, junior Brayley Shields, freshman Natalie Mondis, freshman Darcy Grahn, senior Faith Keelin, sophomore Kaylin Hicks, and sophomore Jade Benson.

Celebration: Continued from page one.

Floyd's shop at Third and Sully. Ed Montana will provide music and serve as master of ceremonies on the square.

Line up for the Herring Bank Parade will also start at 9 a.m. on Sixth Street north of Prospect Park. At 10:00, the parade will then take its usual route - north on Kearney to Third Street, west on Third to Sully, south in front of the Courthouse, and then wind back to the ball parks.

The Herring Bank Parade features \$850 in cash prizes with \$200 available for the best float, \$100 for the best car or truck entry, \$100 for the best animal or riding unit, \$100 for the best tractor or farm equipment entry, and \$100 for the best

"other" entry. From those first place winners, judges will select a Grand Prize winner who will receive an additional \$250. Pre-registration is required for entrants to be judged for the prize money, and entry forms are due in the Visitor Center by 5 p.m. on June 29. Entry forms are available at the Visitor Center.

Also this year, the Chamber and Cornell's Country Store will hold the second annual "Show Us Your Boots" contest as part of the parade. One grand prize winner will get a \$100 Cornell's gift card, and one second place winner will get \$50 in Chamber Cash. More information is available on the entry form at the

Visitor Center. The Al Morrah Shrine Club barbeque will follow the parade at about 11 a.m. Tickets are \$12 each and will be available at the Visitor Center and the Enterprise.

The Lions Club Cow Patty Bingo will follow the barbeque. Parade winners will be announced at 1 p.m. The Henson's Turtle Race will then take place at 2 p.m. And the Ranch Rodeo will close out the day at the COEA Arena beginning at 7:30 p.m., with the dance to follow with Luke Koepke & The Indian Creek Band providing the music.

For more information about the celebration, contact the Visitor Center at 806-874-2421.

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

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

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

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

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Texas could gain millions after online tax ruling

By Emma Platoff, Texas Tribune

Texas stands to gain hundreds of millions of dollars in tax revenue after the U.S. Supreme Court on Thursday ruled that states may force online retailers to collect sales tax even when they have no physical presence in the state.

Every year, Texas loses \$1.1 billion in uncollected sales tax, according to the Texas comptroller's office — well over the \$800 million the state will spend securing its southern border this year and next.

That's the result of the high court's 1992 decision, now reversed, that retailers are responsible for collecting sales tax only in states where they had "nexus." That decision — which predated the astronomical rise of the internet and the subsequent boom in online shopping — was outdated, argued lawyers for the state of South Dakota, who won the case this week.

That lost tax revenue is particularly meaningful in Texas, one of just a handful of states without a personal

income tax. This May, for example, the state's sales tax revenue totaled \$2.76 billion.

"The Internet's prevalence and power have changed the dynamics of the national economy," Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote in the opinion. "The expansion of e-commerce has also increased the revenue shortfall faced by States seeking to collect their sales and use taxes."

Customers themselves owe sales tax on their purchases, but it's sellers who are required to collect that money and send it to the government. States have little mechanism — and little incentive — to chase down sales tax on small-ticket purchases from average consumers when the retailers don't do it themselves. Some of Texas' largest online retailers — Amazon, for example — already remit sales tax to the state. Amazon has almost a dozen distribution centers in the state.

Texas is highly unlikely to gain back all of the \$1.1 billion it's currently losing, experts said, and any

money the state gets back won't come overnight. While the Texas comptroller has a great deal of taxing authority, some changes to the state's tax structure might have to be carried out by the Legislature when it reconvenes in 2019, said Dale Cramer, the president of the Texas Taxpayers and Research Association. The Comptroller's office is looking into that, a spokesman said.

"We welcome the court's ruling in this case and are currently assessing any potential revenue impacts," said Kevin Lyons, a spokesman for the agency.

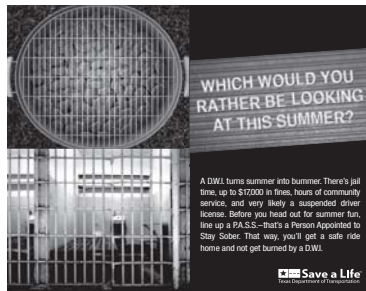
Online retailers now likely face the logistical nightmare of building the infrastructure to collect sales tax from customers all across the country.

In most of Texas, the sales tax rate is 8.25 percent, with the bulk of that money going to the state. But that number is slightly different in different jurisdictions, and the figures vary widely across the country. Different states also have different

standards on what products may be taxed in what way — meaning it will be logistically difficult for online sellers to determine which rates to charge which customers on which products.

US Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) along with two other lawmakers had advised the court to let its 1992 decision, called Quill, stand, leaving the online sales tax issue for Congress to decide. But the state of Texas signed on to a brief from 35 states asking the court to reverse the decades-old "physical-presence" standard.

"The loss of tax revenue caused by Quill's rule has forced [states] to forgo the traditional collection method of requiring the retailer to collect the tax directly from the customer at the point of sale — the procedure that applies to the millions of in-person sales made daily at local stores — and cast about for some kind of workable alternative," the states, led by Colorado, argued in the brief. "But the alternatives tested to date have proved ineffective."



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Paul receives MA from WT

CANYON — Degrees were officially conferred on 1,142 West Texas A&M University students during spring commencement exercises May 12 at the First United Bank Center.

The University awarded 820 baccalaureate degrees, 321 master's degrees and one doctoral degree.

Lauraine Paul of Clarendon received her Master's of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies.

WTAMU releases spring honor lists

CANYON — West Texas A&M University has named 1,543 students to honor lists for the spring 2018 semester. Of that total, 601 were named to the President's List and 942 students were named to the Dean's List.

Students named to the President's List must have a grade point average (GPA) of 4.00 and carry a minimum class load of 12 undergraduate hours.

Those making the President's List included Abigail Nicole Johnson, a junior Psychology major from Clarendon.

Those named to the Dean's List must have a GPA between 3.50 and 3.99 and carry a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours.

Those making the Dean's List included Cooper Riley Bilbrey, a junior Sports/Exercise Science major from Clarendon; Cynthia Nicole Lambert, a senior Applied Arts & Sciences major from Hedley; and Wyatt Earl Wheatly, a junior Sports/Exercise Science major also from Hedley.

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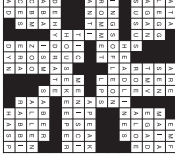
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Questions and specifications regarding this request for proposals should be directed to David Dockery, City Administrator, at (806) 674-3438 or ddockery@cityofclarendontx.com or MacIell Covey, City Secretary at (806) 674-3438 or mcovey@cityofclarendontx.com. The City of Clarendon reserves the right to refuse and reject any or all formalities or technicalities or to accept the proposal it considers to be the best and most advantageous to the City of Clarendon, and hold the proposals for a period of 30 days without taking action. Proposals submitted past the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted. Renewal of depository services scheduled to be awarded at a regular City Council meeting starting at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, July 26th, 2018 at City Hall, 119 S. Sully, Clarendon, Texas 79226. Proposals must be clearly marked on the envelope: **BANK DEPOSITORY SERVICES**

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The Board of Trustees of Clarendon ISD is requesting qualifications for architect/engineer services relating to construction, renovation and installation of school security improvements at school facilities, using the construction manager-agent construction delivery method. Qualifications will be accepted until 1:00 p.m. on July 12, 2018 (the "deadline"). Interested parties may request an RFQ packet from Mike Norrell, Superintendent, at (806) 574-2052 or view the RFQ on the District's website, <http://www.clarendonisd.net/>. Please enclose one (1) original and three (3) copies of your completed response with the appropriate annotation. All responses are due no later than the above deadline at the following address:

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Can you fill in the crossword puzzle with the first word of each clue below to find out some ways in which we are celebrating?

1. _____ to speeches of freedom
2. _____ to cool off
3. _____ red, white and blue bunting from buildings
4. _____ the Declaration of Independence
5. _____ a pie eating contest
6. _____ decorated bicycles
7. _____ places, battlefields and buildings where people fought for liberty
8. _____ in the parade
9. _____ fireworks light up the sky
10. _____ patriotic songs
11. _____ our country's flag
12. _____ with our family and friends (and a few ants)

At Home! and at the Fireworks!

1. marching
2. swimming
3. listening
4. visiting
5. riding
6. hanging
7. singing
8. entering
9. watching
10. raising
11. reading
12. picnicking

Can you find and circle at least 8 words that end with the letter "y"?

Can you find and circle all the words that describe the fun at the beach?

swimming flags cheers picnic
pinwheels concert bonfires games
Uncle Sam hot dogs fireworks rides

Happy Independence Day

At the Parade!

Bicycles are in! Old railroad tracks are being paved to make wonderful bike and walking trails. Riding bikes is cool. Here are some ideas for decorating bikes for the Fourth of July holiday:

- streamers
- battery-powered string of LED lights
- flags and stars
- clamps clipped to spokes
- bells and horns

Use letters in the word "FOUR" to fill in the blanks to see what is at the parade:

1. Uncle Sam walking on s _____ ilts
2. cl _____ wns spilling out of a car
3. colorful _____ rolls rolling by
4. bands mar _____ ing
5. a beauty q _____ een waving
6. soldiers and p _____ lice marching
7. j _____ gglers walking on unicycles
8. vendors selling novelty _____ oys

9. c _____ studded characters high flying
10. shams dancing under giant ball _____ ns
11. brig _____ t streamers flowing from bicycles
12. colorguard throwing _____ lags high into the air
13. smell of h _____ t _____ ds cooking on a grill
14. clanging bells of the red _____ iretrucks
15. c _____ eerleaders waving pom poms

Uh-oh! Forest has to find his school's drums for the parade. They own two drums that are exactly alike. Can you study the drums and find two exactly the same?

Color the drums.

Drunk driving victims caution others of risks

CHILDRESS — Deputy Renae Brown thinks of nine-year-old Jade Stephens every day. She didn't know Jade, but she feels like she does: a funny and animated young girl who once performed stand-up comedy alongside her dad and received a standing ovation. Brown met Jade on the day she died when a drunk driver T-boned her family's car nearly four years ago on her way home.

"I drive by the intersection of the crash on my way to work every day and I think of Jade and her family," said Deputy Brown, who was off-duty at the time, but one of the first on the scene of the crash. "People often don't realize that a drunk-driving crash has a ripple effect. While it obviously leaves the immediate family devastated, a whole community is changed. First responders, friends, teachers — they all remember the crash and feel that loss."

Jade's family and others involved in the crash are sharing their stories through the Texas Department of Transportation's "Plan While You Can" campaign, which aims to save lives and decrease alcohol-related crashes by encouraging drivers to plan ahead for a sober ride before drinking. Last year, there were 23,773 alcohol-related crashes in Texas, resulting in 1,028 fatalities and another 2,171 serious injuries. Alcohol-related crash fatalities represented 28 percent of all crash fatalities in Texas in 2017.

During the summer months, the "Plan While You Can" campaign features Faces of Drunk Driving as a way for victims to share their heart-wrenching personal stories through TV public service announcements, social media, digital ads and media interviews. The Faces of Drunk Driving website features Jade's story, as well as other stories from drunk-driving crash victims in Texas.

"We hope that by sharing Jade's story and others like hers, it will convince drivers to think twice about making the senseless decision to drink and drive," said TxDOT Executive Director James Bass. "We can prevent families from experiencing this heartache, and it only takes planning ahead for a sober ride."

Drivers under the influence of alcohol risk killing or seriously injuring themselves or others, but also face up to \$17,000 in fines and fees, jail time and loss of their driver's license. Visit SoberRides.org to find alternatives to drinking and driving.



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