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Stand operator Derek Skinner, 20, points out assorted bags that are popular sellers Sunday at a Mr. W Fireworks stand outside Killeen on State Highway 195.

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State's employment picture brightens

Although the daily headlines may reflect such matters as the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico or the World Cup taking place in South Africa, there is one topic that is rarely off the interest radar for most Americans. That subject matter, of course, is employment.

The level of concern about jobs has risen substantially since the recession began in December 2007.

Over the past couple of years, it seems that almost every news cycle brought the topic closer and closer to home as Texans, as well as people across America, heard about layoffs, business closings, foreclosures, rising unemployment, and belt tightening due to worsening economic conditions.

Within a year after the word "recession" had entered our daily conversations, the number of unemployed had climbed from 7.7 million to approximately 11.1 million and the nation's unemployment rate had risen from 5.0 percent to 7.2 percent.

By December 2009, the number of people without jobs had grown to some 15 million while the unemployment rate hovered around 10.0 percent.

Over the past five months, the economic skies have brightened, though there are still shadowy clouds on the horizon.

In May, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, about 431,000 workers were added to the nation's wage and salary payrolls, reflecting the fifth consecutive



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Hundreds of job seekers gather at the Los Angeles Mission for the ninth annual Skid Row Career Fair June 3 in Los Angeles. In May, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, about 431,000 workers were added to the nation's wage and salary payrolls, reflecting the fifth consecutive month of job growth. Throughout the recession, Texas has fared somewhat better than many areas, and the 43,600 jobs added in May – the fifth consecutive month of positive growth – indicates that this pattern is continuing.

month of job growth. Unemployment was at 9.7 percent, the same rate as the first three months of the year.

Unfortunately, much of that growth was in temporary Census workers, but the national employment picture has improved some in recent months.

For the Lone Star State, the employment

data released this past week was even more pleasant. Throughout the recession, Texas has fared somewhat better than many areas and the 43,600 jobs added in May, the fifth consecutive month of positive growth, indicates that this pattern is continuing.

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The Central Texas Business Resource Center provides business counseling, training and assistance to potential and existing small business owners.

Workforce Solutions of Central Texas, the Greater Killeen Chamber of Commerce and Central Texas College support this non-membership, not-for-profit organization.

The BRC workshop and event schedule for July includes:

Being Your Own Boss Workshop: 5:30 to 7 p.m. July 6 – This course will discuss the fundamentals of starting your own business and how to prepare for self-employment.

Business Plan Basics Workshop: 5:30 to 7 p.m. July 13 – This course covers a thorough overview of business planning, with a Q&A session. A business plan workbook is provided.

Techniques For Promoting Your Business Workshop: 5:30 to 7 p.m. July 20 – This course will discuss specifics about how to market a business and budget for related costs. A workbook for preparing a marketing plan is included.

Starting A Child Day Care Workshop: 5:30 to 7 p.m. July 27 – This course will discuss the fundamentals and requirements involved in starting a new

child day care business. Cost is \$25 per person.

Please reserve your seat at least one day in advance by phone at (254) 200-2001 or e-mail dianed@workforcelink.com.

All classes above include all materials and are conducted at the Killeen Workforce Center, 300 Cheyenne in Killeen.

Greater Killeen Chamber of Commerce

1 Santa Fe Plaza Drive
Killeen, TX 76540
Phone: (254) 526-9551
Online: www.killeenchamber.com

July events include:
July 1: Ribbon-cutting ceremony at Brake Check
July 1: Greater Killeen Young Professionals Social
July 2: Power Hour
July 5: Independence Day observed, chamber closed
July 7: Social Media Breakfast Killeen (Jason's Deli)
July 7: Creation of Place Design Team monthly meeting
July 7: Luncheon with Maj. Gen. William Grimsley
July 9: Stephen Pedigo presentation
July 13: Ambassador monthly meeting
July 15: Greater Killeen Young Professionals business lunch
July 20: Board of Directors monthly meeting
July 20: Outback and Fort Hood's

Annual Christmas in July
July 22-25, 29-31 and Aug. 1: "Beauty and the Beast" at Vive Les Arts Theatre. For showtimes and ticket information, go to www.vlatheatre.com.

July 27: Flavors of Central Texas
July 31: Summer Fun Round Up

Harker Heights Chamber of Commerce

552 E. Farm-to-Market 2410
Harker Heights, TX 76548-5686
Phone: (254) 699-4999
Online: www.hhchamber.com

July events include:
July 1: Ribbon-cutting ceremony at Brake Check
July 5: Chamber closed for Fourth of July holiday

Belton Chamber of Commerce

412 E. Central Ave.
Belton, TX 76513-3242
Phone: (254) 939-3551
Online: www.beltonchamber.com

July events include:
July 1-3: 86th annual Fourth of July Celebration and PRCA Rodeo
July 4: God & Country Concert
July 5-9, 11-19: UMHB Conservatory presents "Oklahoma!" the Youth Summer Musical Camp production
July 9-11: State 4-H Dog Show
July 10: Mid-Tex Quarter Horse Association
July 16-18: Christian Congregation of

Jehovah's Witness
July 17: Market Days
July 22: Brown Bag Lunch with Bryan Burrough
July 23-25: Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witness
July 27-30: UMHB Conservatory All State Choir Camp
July 28: Young Professionals Lunch and Learn
July 30 to Aug. 1: Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witness

Copperas Cove Chamber of Commerce

204 E. Robertson Ave.
Copperas Cove, TX 76522-2928
Phone: (254) 547-7572
Online: www.copperascove.com

July events include:
July 3: Immunizations at Fire Department from 8 to 11 a.m. Call (254) 547-2514 for more information.
July 5: Chamber closed for Fourth of July holiday
July 14: Chamber Ambassadors meeting
July 15: Military Affairs Dinner with First Army Division West
July 19: Military Affairs Dinner with 13th Sustainment Command.
July 21: Chamber Board of Directors meeting
July 22: Chamber Mixer at Extraco Bank

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Protect your personal information on vacation

This is the time of year when many people finalize their summer vacation plans — confirming travel and lodging reservations, dusting off suitcases and looking for games to occupy the kids on long road trips. Just be sure that when your brain goes into vacation mode, you don't ignore the same precautions you take during everyday life to protect your personal information.

Here are a few safeguards to keep in mind:

Guard your itinerary. In the old days, police warned against sharing too much information about funerals and marriages in the newspaper, for fear robbers would target empty homes. But these days, many people think nothing of sharing their vacation schedules on social networking sites or in outgoing phone or e-mail messages.

Sure, you might only share your plans with a few friends, but who's to say they won't inadvertently pass it along to someone you don't know? Plus, no matter how carefully you shield your plans, your kids might have no such reservations with their online friends. Consider instituting a family rule that no vacation plans or photos get posted until you're safely home.

Streamline your wallet. It's never wise to carry too much information



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AP/DAVE MARTIN

Planning a vacation this summer? Take precautions to protect your personal information. Many of the tools you use daily to protect your identity can be applied to trips.

— or cash — in your wallet, but that's especially true when traveling. Bring two credit or debit cards, in case one inadvertently gets damaged or deactivated by the card issuer because of suspected fraud, but leave the rest at home. Also, never carry your Social Security card or other sensitive papers — leave them safely locked up.

But do carry your health and car insurance identification. Also, photocopy or make a list of your

wallet's contents (and passport, if traveling abroad) and keep it in a secure, locked location, such as a hotel safe; and leave a copy with someone at home you can call in the event your wallet is stolen.

Card precautions. Let the financial institution that issues your credit and debit cards know when and where you'll be traveling so they can be on guard for unauthorized transactions. While you're at it, make a list of their


toll-free fraud hot lines in case of theft and carry it separately. I also program these phone numbers into my cell phone for quick access. Beware of card skimming, where dishonest restaurant or store employees use a portable card reader to copy information from your credit or debit card's magnetic strip. Also avoid using unusual-looking ATMs because they could have an altered card slot and hidden cameras that can be used to steal your account information and password.


Computer precautions. Whenever logging onto the Internet on your laptop at a Wi-Fi hotspot, hotel business center or other public facility whose server may not be encrypted, be extra cautious before doing online banking or other password-protected services.

Safeguard your home. If no one will be house-sitting while you're away, have your mail held at the post office. Also, suspend newspaper subscriptions and ask a friend to remove fliers, packages or free newspapers.

For more tips on preventing identity theft while traveling, visit the Privacy Rights Clearinghouse (search "vacation" at www.privacyrights.org), the FBI (search "Be Crime Smart" at www.fbi.gov) and the Federal Trade Commission (search "ID Theft" at www.ftc.gov).

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


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Ralph Sheffield named to TRA Hall of Honor

Special to the Daily Herald

AUSTIN — Ralph Sheffield, owner of the Las Casas Restaurant & Patio, received the Texas Restaurant Association's highest award in recognition for his outstanding contributions to the restaurant industry and to the association.

He was inducted into the TRA Hall of Honor at a ceremony held during the 2010 President's Gala June 28 in Houston.

"Ralph Sheffield has been active in the TRA and local Centex chapter for more than 30 years," said Richie Jackson, TRA executive vice president/CEO. "His success in the restaurant industry is testament to his dedication and leadership. Ralph has served in many leadership positions with the state and local associations and is committed to making a

difference in his community and in the industry. We are very pleased to induct him into the Hall of Honor."

Sheffield, of Temple, started his restaurant career as a teenager in the pizza business. He decided a career in the restaurant industry was perfect for him and he never looked back, building a successful pizza chain, opening a sports bar and finally, purchasing Las Casas. Today Las Casas is a vital part of the local community, catering many special events and

supporting local charities.

Ralph has served as president of the TRA, chairman of the TRA Education Foundation and on the board of the local Centex chapter. In 2008, he was elected to the Texas House of Representatives to serve District 55, where he takes his commitment to service and making a difference to the next level.



Sheffield



Courtesy photo

Dan Dolgner, senior vice president for marketing for CEFCO in Temple, presents a \$25,000 check to Steve Theodore, senior vice president for administration and chief operating officer at UMHB in Belton.

CEFCO donates \$25,000 to UMHB

Special to the Daily Herald

BELTON — CEFCO Convenience Stores contributed \$25,000 to the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor June 22 as an addition to the C.E. Fikes (CEFCO) Endowed Scholarship, which was established in 2006.

The endowed scholarship was given in honor of Mr. C.E.

Fikes, a native of Cameron and the founder of Fikes Wholesale, Inc., the holding company for CEFCO Convenience Stores, Fleet Fuel, Sunbelt Ice, CORD Financial Services, JF Air Traffic, Fleet Express and Group Petroleum Service.

Fikes Wholesale Inc. is a multi-branded petroleum products marketer that has been in business for

more than 50 years. The company distributes quality fuel products from Shell, ExxonMobil, ChevronTexaco, CITGO and Valero to retail stations throughout Texas, Mississippi and Alabama.

The addition to the scholarship elevates the scholarship to the level of a Presidential Endowed Scholarship at the university.

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Operator expects brisk sales of fireworks

By Jade Ortego
Killeen Daily Herald

Twenty-year-old Derek Skinner runs a Mr. W Fireworks stand on Highway 195 between Killeen and Florence with his wife. Mr. W Fireworks is headquartered in San Antonio, and has about 300 locations in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. Skinner's supervisor, his wife's grandfather, runs 12 stands in the Killeen and Copperas Cove area. Skinner has worked as a stand operator for the company for three years, and his wife mostly delivers merchandise. He runs the stand for two weeks before July 4 and one week before New Year's Eve. The stand will be open from 7 or 8 a.m. to 9 or 10 p.m. every day this week. He opened the stand this year on June 27 and will close it for the rest of the season at midnight July 4. The stand holds about \$7,000 worth of merchandise, Skinner said. Business has been fine, he said, but the stand will make the most of its money this weekend, and probably \$4,000 to \$5,000 on the holiday.



Herald/CHRISTINA KRUSE

Derek Skinner, 20, sells fireworks at Mr. W's located off of U.S. Highway 195 between Killeen and Florence Sunday afternoon. Skinner said he has been working for the fireworks chain for three years.

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AT LEFT: Products at Mr. W's Fireworks range in price from 25 cents to \$190. Mr. W's includes free-standing stores and warehouses across three states that sell fireworks.

BELOW: Assorted bags of fireworks are popular sellers, said Mr. W. Fireworks stand operator Derek Skinner Sunday. When operating fireworks, be sure to use caution and never let children use fireworks unattended.

Herald photos/
CHRISTINA KRUSE

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This year, the stand has new styles of artillery shells and cake fireworks, which contain a series of roman candles or small aerial shells or both. Skinner also offers pre-packaged set of fireworks, including ones that are safe for children, with sparklers, poppers and smoke bombs.

His most expensive item is the Amazing Ballet, with 104 explosions, for \$190.

Skinner said he is not worried about losing sales to fireworks warehouses, like the store in Nolanville, because the two serve different purposes.

“(You go to a warehouse) to put on a big show: to spend a lot of money and buy in bulk. When you buy a few things, you go to a stand,” Skinner said.

Contact Jade Ortego at jortego@kdhnews.com or (254) 501-7553. Follow her on Twitter at [KDHcourts](https://twitter.com/KDHcourts).

Fireworks safety tips

- Do not let children under 14 use fireworks.
- Supervise individuals under age 18.
- Only buy from reliable fireworks sellers. Read and follow all warnings and instructions. Use fireworks only as intended; don't try to alter or combine them, and don't experiment with homemade fireworks.
- Use fireworks outdoors only; keep them away from houses and flammable materials.
- Have a bucket of water nearby.
- Do not try to relight or handle malfunctioning fireworks. Soak them in water and throw them away. (Keep a bucket of water nearby for dousing.)
- Be sure other people are a safe distance away before lighting fireworks.
- Never ignite fireworks in a container – especially a glass or metal one.
- Store fireworks in a cool, dry place according to their specific storage instructions.
- Do not wear loose clothing near a fire or while using fireworks.
- Rockets should be launched from a rocket launcher – not a bottle.
- Sparklers need to be handled carefully, too – they burn at more than 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit. Light them one at a time at arm's length. Always wear gloves while holding a sparkler, and never give one to a child under 5 years of age. Don't hold a child in your arms while using sparklers.
- Educate children (of all ages) about the dangers of fireworks and teach them to practice safety at all times.
- Don't mix alcohol and fireworks.
- Before purchasing fireworks, familiarize yourself with your state's fireworks laws. Check cpsc.gov/cpscpub/pubs/012.html for the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's list of state firework regulations. Also, check your local government's laws – many municipalities ban or restrict fireworks use.

– U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, National Council on Fireworks Safety



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RIBBON CUTTINGS



Courtesy photo

Members of the Greater Killeen Chamber of Commerce attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony May 27 at Staples in Killeen to introduce the new EasyTech support center.



Courtesy photo

Mark Peterson, Copperas Cove Chamber of Commerce board chairman, presents the first dollar certificate to opticians Stephanie Humphries and John Soronen June 17 at InVision Optical.



Courtesy photo

Harker Heights Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors held a ribbon-cutting ceremony June 11 at VIP Nails & Spa in Harker Heights.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RIBBON CUTTINGS



Courtesy photo

Harker Heights Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors held a ribbon-cutting ceremony June 15 at Cordovan Art School in Harker Heights.



Courtesy photos

ABOVE: Copperas Cove Chamber of Commerce representatives held a recent ribbon-cutting at the South Park Swimming Pool Splash Pad.



AT RIGHT: Greater Killeen Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony June 21 at Ashley Furniture HomeStore to celebrate the expansion of the store's kids department.

SALES TAX PERMITS

New sales tax permits are issued by permit holder name, business name and address as reported by the state comptroller's office on the dates listed below:

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In January, Texas was cited by the Department of Labor as the state with the largest growth in private sector jobs among all states for the previous decade. From December 1999 to December 2009, about 724,300 net private sector jobs were created, a 9.30 percent overall gain. During this same period, the U.S. experienced a 1.41 percent private employment loss.

The substantial job hike in May gave Texas the largest over-the-month increase in wage and salary employment among all states. California, New York, Florida, and Virginia followed with the number of added workers varying from 28,300 to 20,300. Thirty-six other states also experienced positive job growth in May.

Preliminary data just provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics indicate that in the past 12 months, several Texas industries achieved positive net employment gain. They include professional and business services, education and health services, leisure and hospitality, and government. In fact, this is the first year-over-year gain in quite some time.

Last month in Texas, jobs were added in nine major industries with professional and business

services achieving a fifth straight job gain. Other notable increases in workers were realized by leisure and hospitality and trade, transportation, and utilities industries. This broad expansion is in sharp contrast to the U.S. and its reliance on short-term federal positions.

With approximately 11.2 million Texans currently employed, the most in the history of the state, the unemployment rate remained at 8.3 percent last month, well below the nation's 9.7 percent status. Other state unemployment rates for May ranged from 3.6 percent (North Dakota) to 14.0 percent (Nevada). Eight states had unemployment rates significantly higher than the nation as a whole.

Since the beginning of 2010, about 114,100 new jobs have been created across the Lone Star State. Such ongoing employment growth is certainly good news for Texas and likely marks the onset of ongoing expansion at a reasonable pace for the foreseeable future.

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