

Comptroller Announces Area Persons With Unclaimed Property

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn wants to return more than \$1.5 billion in unclaimed property to its rightful owners. Strayhorn released her annual Unclaimed Property List in on Oct. 15.

“Your name could appear on the list of over 200,000 people who have lost track of more than \$104 million,” Strayhorn said. “The Unclaimed Property List contains the names of Texans with property valued at \$100 or more that was reported to the state within the last year.”

Unclaimed Property includes items such as uncashed checks, dormant bank accounts, utility and rent deposits, insurance proceeds, abandoned contents of safe deposit boxes and other forgotten assets.

Banks and businesses are required to return unclaimed assets to the state if the rightful owners can not be found.

Some examples of Unclaimed Property reported to the state this year includes:

- \$6.9 million in unclaimed wages,
- \$6.9 million from dormant bank accounts,
- \$4.4 million in un-cashed checks,
- \$16.1 million in insurance proceeds,
- \$2.3 million in utility refunds,
- \$5.1 million in mineral royalties and
- \$52 million in other valuable assets.

Texas ranks among the top five unclaimed property programs in the nation that have returned forgotten money to its rightful owners.

“Since I took office, I have returned more than \$532 million in unclaimed property to its original owners,” Strayhorn said. “This year I hope even more Texans can reclaim their hard-earned dollars by taking a few minutes to review the list.”

Strayhorn also suggests searching the complete database on her Web site at www.window.state.tx.us. You can reclaim your property online or by calling 1-800-654-3463. There is no time limit for filing a claim.

Following are the unclaimed property names for Eagle Lake: A&L Delgado, Ina Bauer, Ellen Brooks, Jessica L. Cisneros, Jimmy Class, Andrew Collins, Mary O. Darnell, Girnot, Penny T. Henske, Nazario Hernandez;

J&KS Corner, Leo Kretschma, Leo Leopold Jr., John Matthews, Mary E. McClanahan, L. McGrew, Earl H. Rodgers Jr., Wilma Shorter, Wayne C. Stevens, Craig A. Juan Turner and Clifton W. Welker.

Following are the unclaimed property names for Garwood: Robert Able, Cyruuner Communication, Jamie Flores, Phillip Huvar, Eric J. Johnson and Sandra Waligura.

Following are the unclaimed property name for Nada: Lester J. Cranek, Pat Gold and Norbert W. Meiser.

Following are the unclaimed property names for Rock Island: Circle X Universal, Rubie Mae Meyer and Berniece Weiner.

Following are the unclaimed property names for Sheridan: Alvis W. Coody, Mary O. Dunn, Charles M. Haines, Michael J. Jung, Archies McMillian, Archies T. McMillian, Joseph S. Neilson, Mark D. Nowotny and Maude A. Schomp.

Texas Historical Commission Announces Cemetery Program

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) announces the RIP Guardian program, the newest addition to cemetery preservation programs for the state of Texas.

RIP stands for Record, Investigate, Protect and the new program provides volunteer organizations with specific guidelines to follow to preserve local cemeteries.

The RIP Guardian program is part of the THC’s overarching RIP cemetery preservation initiative. Surveys were completed in 49 counties determining that approximately 37% of local cemeteries are at risk of becoming lost due to encroachment, vandalism and neglect.

“To lose a cemetery is to lose a valuable part of local history,” said Geron Hite, state coordinator of the THC’s cemetery preservation program.

“It takes a dedicated group of volunteers interested in all aspects of a cemetery, from preservation of individual grave markers to identification of historic and heirloom plants, to safeguard a cemetery from neglect or vandalism.”

Residents in Hays, Hill and Uvalde counties are some of the first volunteers to take advantage of the new program to protect their historic cemeteries.

“We in Hays County share the same desire as all of our sister counties: preventing the potential loss and deterioration of our rural cemeteries,” said Jim Cullen, cemetery coordinator for the Hays County Historical Commission (CHC).

“The RIP Guardian program offers a comprehensive plan — a more-than-short-term answer to many of these vulnerable cemeteries’ needs.”

CHCs help cement the success of this new program by working with local RIP Guardian programs and gathering and maintaining information at the county level and making it readily available to the public.

The RIP Guardian program provides education, consultation and assistance to cemetery organizations and associations to preserve these important cultural resources in Texas.

Volunteers selected to participate in this new program will have the opportunity to be trailblazers in cemetery preservation statewide and nationally.

“This is a wonderful opportunity to bring the significance of cemetery preservation to the forefront,” said Larry Oaks, executive director of the THC.

“We’re looking forward to seeing local RIP Guardians become part of a much larger statewide network of Texans dedicated to saving history.”

For more information on the THC’s RIP Guardian program, contact Anne Shelton at 512-475-4506.

Sheridan Library Lines

Ordering your community/library birthday calendar is coming to a close in October. Cost of the calendar is \$6 for a listing of 10 birthdays.

If more birthdays are listed, you are asked to purchase a second calendar. Clubs, organizations, and churches may purchase a support ad for \$10 and have their meeting dates posted on the calendar.

With a support ad, each receives a free calendar. Businesses may purchase an ad for all twelve months for \$20 and receive a free calendar.

The deadline for calendar orders is October 27. If you have not turned in your paid order, you may drop your form and money off at the library with Marilyn Murphy.

The deadline for Friends is also coming to a close. You have only a few weeks to become members of the Sheridan Friends of the Library.

The deadline is necessary in order to have all the names on the birthday calendar. New members are Bobby Haines, Bobby and M. Kathy Brown, C.E. and Leona Flippin, Pauline Solomon, Harry and Grace Brisco, Charles and Mary DeShazo, Steve and Becky Keller, Joe and Melba Castillo, Vera Tesch, and Shirley Moore.

Also, Eldon and Joyce Ohm, Phil and Elaine Mailloux, Reggie and Barbara Brisco, Bill and Lillian Gohlke, Dean and Betty Varley, “Pete” and Rose Thumann, Monica Broesche, Shirley Pittmann, Alice Hinze, Dorothy Balut, McDowell and Laverne Criswell, Jim and Lucy Ross, Dot Warthan, Allen Brogger, and Patsy Fuller.

Also, Ronny and Sandy Jones, Jordyn and Kayleigh Pausewang, Hazel Prichard, Franklin, Jean, and Zelda Walker, Marvin and Lisa Willis, Angie and Dennis Zbraneck, Jr., and Dennis and Wanda Zbraneck, Sr.

Cost of membership is \$5 per person.

The library received the following memorials over the summer:

In memory of Billie Fern Reynolds: Bill and Lillian Gohlke, Jean and Zelda Walker, Willard and Irene Hagendorf; in memory of Jenavell Peterson: Mike and Wanda Gail Moss; in memory of Lawrence Boenisch: by Larry, Darnell, Andrew, and Kim Varley; in honor of Harry’s and Grace’s birthdays: Jean and Zelda Walker;

In memory of Don Lewis: Larry, Darnell, Andrew, and Kim Varley, Jean and Zelda Walker; in memory of Lanal Blinka: Larry, Darnell, Andrew, and Kim Varley; in memory of Lynette Hinze: Herbert and Alice Hinze;

In memory of Cherry Bowers: Bill and Lillian Gohlke; in memory of Jesse Taylor: Bill and Lillian Gohlke, Alice Hinze and Rita Chovanetz, Larry, Darnell, Andrew, and Kim Varley, Ray Lee and Carmen Jackson, Wayne and Natalie Dupre;

In memory of Carole Schaller: Bill and Lillian Gohlke; in memory of Lemont Menking: Bill and Lillian Gohlke, Charles W. DeShazo, Larry, Darnell, Andrew, and Kim Varley, Brandon, Tiffany, and Jordan Whitley; in memory of Irma Kelley: Bill and Lillian Gohlke, Michael and Dana Lauer, Martha Polach, Larry, Darnell, Andrew, and Kim Varley, Brandon, Tiffany, and Jordan Whitley;

In honor of Lavo and Ruth Brisco’s 50th anniversary: Wayne and Natalie Dupre, Alvin Mikulienka and Elrose Kalisek, Leon and Marcella Langhamer, Robert and Jimmie Benys, Johnnie and Livia Tumis, Frank and Jane Fries, Casper and Gerda Janak, Bill and Delores Michalke, LeRoy and Gladys Lebeda, Pat and LeMascus, James and Caroline Freytag, Daniel and Doris Opela, Larry, Darnell, Andrew, and Kim Varley, Brandon, Tiffany, and Jordan Whitley;

In memory of Carolyn Shields: Wayne and Natalie Dupre; in memory of Holly Jones: Jean and Zelda Walker; in memory of Rose Marie Kloppenburg: Jean and Zelda Walker; in memory of Roy Pettiette: Jean and Zelda Walker; in memory of Morna Watts: Jean and Zelda Walker;

In memory of Bob Guenther: Jean and Zelda Walker; in memory of Victor Butsehek: Jean and Zelda Walker; in memory of Orbon Haynes: Jean and Zelda Walker; in memory of Randall Reynolds: Jean and Zelda Walker; in memory of Jim Reynolds: Jean and Zelda Walker;

In memory of James T. Koonce: Willard and Irene Hagendorf; in memory of Joe P. Zappe: Willard and Irene Hagendorf; in memory of Juni May Muelker: Willard and Irene Hagendorf; in memory of Agnes Bludau: Larry, Darnell, Andrew, and Kim Varley, Brandon, Tiffany, and Jordan Whitley;

In memory of Charles Spalinger: Larry, Darnell, Andrew, and Kim Varley, Brandon, Tiffany, and Jordan Whitley; in memory of Leonard Walker: Larry, Darnell, Andrew, and Kim Varley, Brandon, Tiffany, and Jordan Whitley; in honor of Harry and Grace Brisco’s anniversary: Jean and Zelda Walker; in honor of Marilyn Murphy’s birthday: Wayne and Natalie Dupre.

The following donors gave money, books or CDs to the library: Alice Hinze, Wayne Nichols, Phil Mailloux, Ida Haines, Natalie and Wayne Dupre, Norma Hooper, Carolyn Coleman, McDowell and Laverne Criswell, and Angie Zbraneck.

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Treatment for Lupus Symptoms

Lupus is an autoimmune condition, in which the body’s immune system attacks healthy cells and tissues. Many different parts of the body may be affected, including the heart, lungs, joints, skin, kidneys, and brain. There are many different types of lupus. The most common type of this condition affects many areas of the body and is known as systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE). Anyone can develop lupus, but women are more often affected. The cause of this condition remains unknown. Many different symptoms characterize lupus, including joint pain or swelling, muscle pain, a red rash, and sensitivity to the sun. Mouth ulcers, swollen glands, and feeling very tired are also some common symptoms of this condition.

Many of the symptoms of lupus result from tissue inflammation in different areas of the body. Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), such as *ibuprofen* and *naproxen*, may be used to treat milder symptoms of lupus. Commonly used anti-malarials for Lupus include *hydroxychloroquine* (Plaquenil) and *chloroquine* (Aralen). These medications work by interfering with the immune system dysfunction that occurs with lupus, and also have an anti-inflammatory effect. Corticosteroids may also be prescribed, either as creams, ointments, or tablets.

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