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*Tyrone Superintendent Josh Bull alerted the public through text messages at about 2:50 Friday afternoon that Tyrone schools were on lock down. Kids were reported safe in the building, but a threat had been made.*

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**Soap and shine bring smiles**

Clifford's Hand Wash pays attention to detail

by RACHEL COLEMAN
Leader & Times

Clifford Collins knows that appearances aren't everything. Even so, the owner of Clifford's Hand Wash, 914 N. Kansas, knows appearance can make a difference.

"When I walk up, you can't drive your car through it," he said. "You don't drive the same. The car is gonna look you like you look it."

Clifford's Hand Wash opened its doors in early March. Within days, combined and former semi-retirees who, the business is a ministry, helping others on the personal level.

Digging into large buckets of soapy water, the workers at Clifford's Hand Wash can finish a wash in a single, thirty customers' cars. They dry, polish and vacuum the vehicles, leaving them with a smooth interior. For customers who want the interior treatment, they vacuum, polish and protect the dashboard.

"They detail my car to perfection," said customer George Rosales as he waited for his car to be washed. "I've been a customer since day one. I've purchased the 2013 Dodge Challenger. The first thing I did was bring it here to get it washed. I like the idea of taking it to the car wash. I look at that but just hanging around. I think it's going to beat this weekend."

Rosales said the only person to beat Clifford's Hand Wash is himself.

"Brent machines can put them to shame. You don't get that with the hand wash."

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Clifford's Hand Wash owner Clifford Collins sits in the passenger seat of a 2013 Dodge Challenge owned by Brent Machines. Collins opened Clifford's Hand Wash in early March, and Rosales is already one of its steady customers. (AP photo/Derek Gaines)



Workers from Vortex Signs make repairs to the original base that is now home to the Liberal Senior Center's new state-of-the-art display sign Thursday afternoon. (AP photo/Derek Gaines)

**Sign of the times**

Senior center replaces old events sign with state-of-the-art digital one

By ROBERT REECE
Leader & Times

In 2012, officials with the Liberal Senior Center began plans to replace the old sign that had been sitting in front of the building for years.

Then, in early October when the guys at the CK Ad Lounge started making money, and activities director Kelly Roberts started planning to remodel, director Susan Roberts "I wanted to start to."

Roberts explained many of the businesses of the signs that was originally in place of the center.

"With the old sign, we could only put a few things on it for the week," she said. "With this one, we can put what's going on for the whole month. We can also help us communicate better with

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**Elkhart High makes it 4 in a row at Xtreme Challenge**

• Leader staff

A record-breaking 307 students from 22 area high schools competed to participate in Xtreme Challenge, hosted by the Seward County Community College/Area Technical School in Liberal on March 27.

Texas tells the record number of competitors, Elkhart High School's Academic Decathlon team once again won the Overall Award. That meant Elkhart earned first rights to a traveling trophy that will be kept in the trophy case at the school entering the next contest coming months.

"It's a fourth time's the charm," said Elkhart High School student Marissa Wiggins. "We've won four years in a row, and I'm a senior, so that means all four of my years."

Xtreme Challenge is in its eighth year at Seward, and has more than doubled in size from its beginning in 2006 when 250 students attended the competition.

In overall points this year, Meade High School had the second highest number of points, but the Elkhart High School team. Other high schools involved in the competition included Liberal, Hooker, Guymon, Dalhart, Ulysses, Oklahoma, Boise City, Texhoma and Perryton, Texas.

The overall is there's been won that currently Elkhart High School team, Coach Mrs. Spencer Kay Taylor. Kelly brought 10 students to Xtreme Challenge. "That's all but 10 of the students in the whole school."

A friendly but intense competition has been ongoing between Kelly and Elkhart, as Kelly's team has won the overall number for the Xtreme Challenge overall award.

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Three young ladies are competing in one of the subdivisions of the art category on March 27 during the Xtreme Challenge hosted by the Seward County Community College/Area Technical School. Now in its eighth year, Elkhart High School has won the Xtreme Challenge overall award for four years in a row. The competition included 307 high school students from 12 area schools. (AP photo/Derek Gaines)

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