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

Sandell to have free movie Sunday night

The Sandell Drive-In Theatre is celebrating the tenth anniversary of its re-opening this weekend, and Sunday, September 2, has been dedicated as Customer Appreciation Night with the showing of a free movie.

The Sandell was opened in 1955 by Gary Barnhill and named for his two daughters, Sandra and Adele. It closed in 1984 and was re-opened in 2002 by John Morrow.

"The Hunger Games" will be the feature presentation and donations will be taken to help support the renovation work of the Mulkey Theatre. Everyone is encouraged to come celebrated the Sandell's anniversary and help "Bring Back the Mulkey" at the same time.

State plans three shot clinics here

The Texas Department of State Health Services will hold three Immunization Clinics here next month.

The clinics will be held on September 6, 13, and 20 at the TDSHS office at Five Medical Drive, and the first 15 clients will be seen each morning and afternoon from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.

All clinic times subject to change or cancellation due to weather conditions or unforeseen scheduling conflicts.

Hedley annual BBQ to be held Sept. 6

The Annual Hedley Lions Community Chicken BBQ will be held next Thursday, September 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the Hedley School Park. Tickets are \$5 per person and may be purchased at Moffitt Hardware or at the Chicken BBQ.

CEDC facade grant program is renewed

Property owners and businesses on Kearney Street have until September 10 to apply for money to improve their storefronts under the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation's 2012 Façade Grant Program.

The CEDC had budgeted funds in this fiscal year but then put the program on hiatus at the request of City Hall as it applied for a state Downtown Revitalization Grant. After that state money was denied, the CEDC Board agreed this month to reactivate the program for the remainder of the fiscal year ending September 30.

Under the program, the CEDC will provide matching funds for improvements made to storefronts in the 100, 200, and 300 blocks of South Kearney Street for projects that can be anything from new signage to a complete storefront remodel. The maximum award is \$2,000.

Grant applications are available from CEDC Executive Director Chandra Eggemeyer inside City Hall.

Clarendon firefighters' quick response save home

Quick action by the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department saved a house on West Third Street from being a total loss Tuesday morning.

Dispatchers paged out firemen at 8:26 a.m., and they were on the scene five minutes later. A total of five trucks and 11 firemen responded.

Clarendon Fire Chief Jeremy Powell said fire fighters noticed smoke coming from the attic vents and then saw flames coming from the kitchen window at the back of the house. The blaze was under control in about an hour.

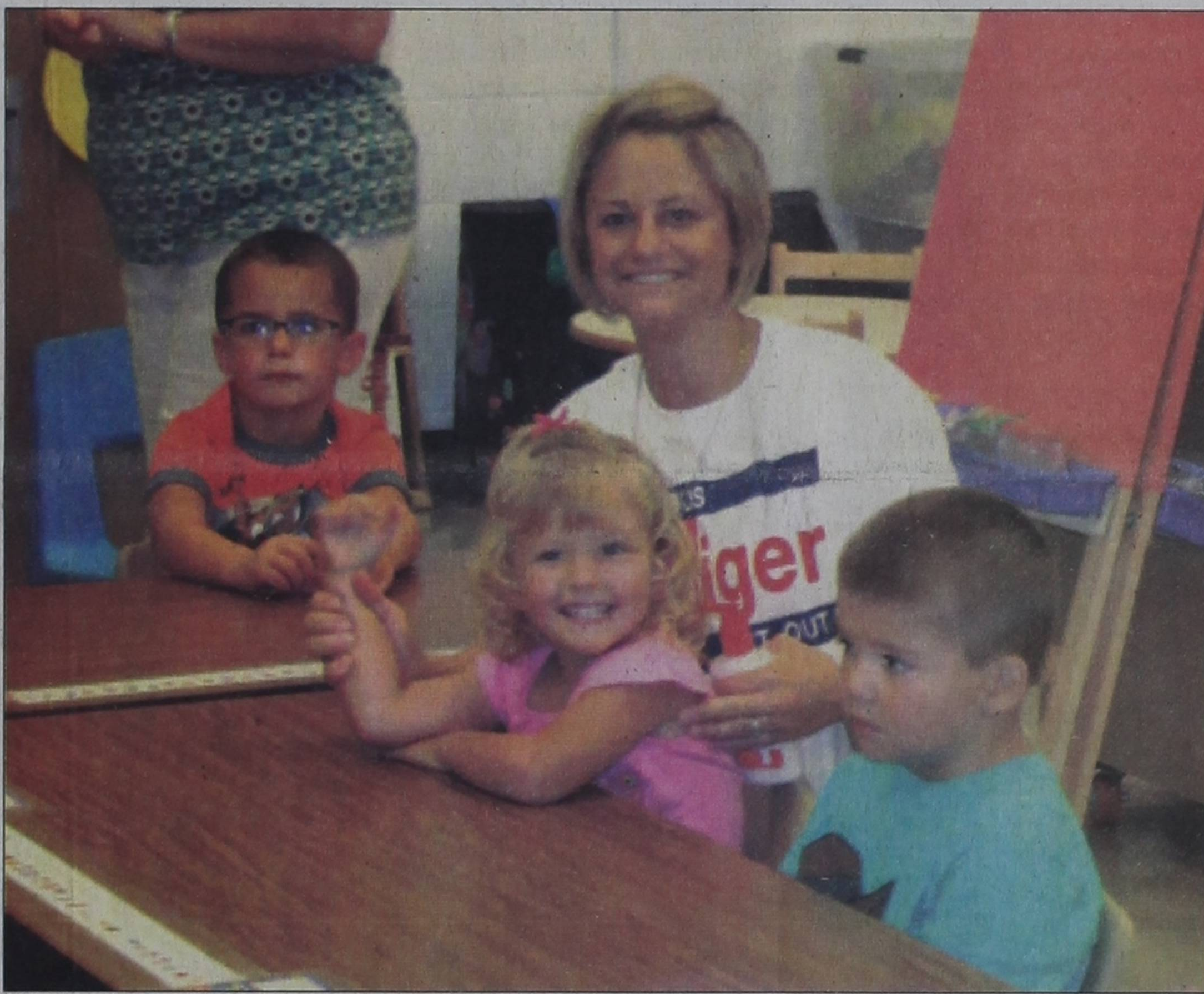
The Josh Allred family was moving into the home this week and had part of their belongings there. Powell said boxes were on top of the kitchen stove when the electric company turned power onto the home Tuesday morning. No one was home at the time of the blaze.

Powell said fire and water damage was contained to the kitchen area, but the rest of the house suffered smoke and heat damage. The owner of the rent house reportedly has the structure insured, and the Allred family has renter's insurance that will likely covering their belongings.



The burned kitchen of a home on West Third Street that caught fire early Tuesday.

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Day One

Nolan Burrow, Mimrosz Hall, Coulter Wortham sit at their desks during the first day of school in Clarendon's Pre-Kindergarten class. Also pictured is Hall's mother, Michelle.

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FSA Provides Assistance to Livestock Producers

Donley County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Bruce Ferguson, announced that special provisions will be made to the FSA emergency loan program and to the Risk Management Agency (RMA) federal crop insurance program in order to provide greater flexibility for livestock producers facing forage and feed shortages as a result of drought.

On August 22, 2012, Secretary Vilsack announced that modifications will be made to the emergency loan program allowing them to be made earlier in the season. In the past, emergency loan eligibility was determined after the production cycle.

Producers will no longer have to wait until the end of the production cycle to obtain a loan. This change will support producers who currently need assistance to help offset high production costs.

Vilsack also announced that a special provision will be made to

the federal crop insurance program through RMA that will allow producers to hay or graze cover crops without forfeiting crop insurance eligibility on planted 2013 spring crops. This change is beneficial to livestock producers making forage and feed available this fall and winter. However, before making any plans to plant crop cover, producers should consult with their insurance agent, according to RMA.

"Adding more flexibility to current program requirements will make much needed assistance more readily available to producers affected by disaster," said Ferguson. "These changes in particular should benefit livestock producers who are facing higher feed costs or are at risk of liquidating their herd due to the drought," he said.

For more information regarding special provisions to the emergency loan program, please contact the Donley County FSA office at 806-874-3561 or visit www.fsa.usda.gov.

Eggemeyer to lead economic, tourism office

Chandra Eggemeyer has hit the ground running as Clarendon's new Director of Tourism & Economic Development, and the Donley County native says she's ready to start helping local businesses.

The Clarendon Economic Development Corporation board confirmed Eggemeyer's position last Monday, August 20, after she was selected by a committee consisting of CEDC board member Steve Hall, Chamber of Commerce President Bonnie Campbell, and City Administrator Lambert Little.

Many people may remember her as Chandra Ford, which was her maiden name when she graduated from Clarendon High School in 1998 and headed off to Abilene Christian University to study political science.

That led her to a position with Congressman Charlie Stenholm and eventually put her on the path to a master's degree from Angelo State University in public administration.

"I worked in Washington, DC,

and then in [Stenholm's] district, and that's when I knew I wanted to be in government," Eggemeyer said.

After five years with the congressman's office working on military and veterans' affairs as well as agriculture and immigration issues, she spent two years with the Texas Commission for Environmental Quality as an advocate for small businesses and local governments as they struggled to understand and comply with sometimes complex regulations.

Eggemeyer then moved over to the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) as a rural economic development representative and stayed in that position for four years where she worked with small towns to capitalize on ag tourism and nature tourism opportunities, and that's when she began to see her hometown of Clarendon in a new light.

"I've seen towns promise the world and then not be able to deliver," Eggemeyer said. "A lot of

towns would kill - for our location at Highways 287 and 70."

Eggemeyer said the Texas Department of Transportation in 2010 estimated an average of 15,000 cars come through Clarendon every day.

"I know the traffic can sometimes be bothersome, but we have to look at it as potential sales tax revenue," she said.

One of Eggemeyer's first priorities will be to find ways expand current tourism events and come up with new events.

"I'd like to see us tap different groups to come to these events. Perhaps we could kick off the Chuckwagon Cookoff a day early and have an event for bikers or runners, for example," she said. "The key to



Ford

it is we have to get people to come and stay here for four hours. If they stay for four hours, they're probably going to buy a meal. And yet's even better if we can get them to stay overnight."

Eggemeyer's most recent experience has been in the private sector with Village Farms Greenhouse in Monahans, a \$50 million project that she first learned about while at TDA. She has learned the challenges associated with bringing a big new employer to a small town.

"Not every town is going to get a Toyota plant," she said. "Before you go after big employers you have to look at infrastructure issues. If someone wanted to bring in 100 employees, could our city handle it? Could our schools handle it? You have to be sure you can deliver."

Eggemeyer also wants to help expand local businesses and has begun talking to individual merchants to see what their needs are. She says her office stands ready to

help current and potential new businesses find the tools they need to be successful.

"I'm here to make people aware of the possibilities and the resources that are available," she said, and she's glad to be home.

"The quality of life here is great. It's nice to be in a town where everyone is friendly, and I have family here also," she said. "I was so excited with they posted this position."

Eggemeyer's husband, Jared, is also excited about the small town atmosphere since he grew up in Miles, a town of about 800 people.

Eggemeyer can currently be reached at City Hall where she has a temporary desk, but in a few weeks her office will be in the old Mulkey Theatre barbershop.

"I think the Mulkey is an exciting project," she said. "I think it is good that Clarendon has made that a priority. It will take a lot of time and resources, but we're going to be glad we did it."

Texas law enforcement working overtime during annual DWI crackdown

AUSTIN, Texas — During the Labor Day holiday period alcohol-related crashes killed fewer people in Texas last year than in any year since 2003.

But, state officials don't want this lower number to put Texans at ease. Law enforcement will still work thousands of overtime hours

this month to crack down on drinking and driving during the holiday. The Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) "Drink. Drive. Go to Jail." campaign begins August 17 and runs through Labor Day.

Seven people died in alcohol-related crashes last year during the Labor Day holiday period in Texas.

The fatality numbers for the previous seven Labor Day holiday periods were all in double digits. More alcohol-related crashes occur between 2 a.m. and 2:59 a.m. than in any other hour of the day, and more crashes happen on Saturday than on any other day of the week. So, drivers are urged to realize that no one is

immune to the effects of alcohol, and to always seek a sober ride home.

For the first time, TxDOT is asking people to pledge to choose a safe ride home by texting CHOOSE to 67664. Texans who make the pledge are entered to win a donated Honda Ruckus scooter and helmet.

Texas is part of the Labor Day

nationwide impaired driving crackdown coordinated and funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Convicted drunk drivers could spend up to \$17,000 for bail, fines, legal fees, court appearances, court-ordered classes, insurance increases and other expenses.

Tale of the Hitchhiker's Recovery

By Dr. Shawn Ritenour

In light of claims that we've been in an economic recovery since late 2009, news such as the unemployment rate bumping up to 8.3 percent is disconcerting. Our so-called "recovery" is slower than Japan's during its Lost Decade. In response, many are calling for even more government largess to promote prosperity, yet they conveniently ignore the magnitude of our attempts thus far. Such thinking will keep us stuck in the mire. Allow me to tell you why we can't hitchhike our way to recovery:

Since the beginning of the recession, the Federal Reserve increased the money supply over 64 percent—by \$3.4 trillion. Annual federal government spending increased by over \$875 billion or 32 percent. Our national debt increased \$5.8 trillion from 2007 through 2011.

These stimulus efforts have provided little in the way of sustainable economic progress. Initially things looked superficially promising. Nominal and real GDP both recovered, and at an annual rate of 4 percent as recently as late 2011. The unemployment rate fell from its peak of 10 percent in October 2010. Alas, such happy movements have stalled of late.

A full three years into the so-called recovery, official unemployment remains stuck above 8 percent. The employment situation is not even as good as the official rate indicates. Monthly job creation during the second quarter of 2012 averaged only 75,000 per month—less than half of what it was a year ago. The average duration of unemployment has been fluctuating around 40 weeks since last March. Of those unemployed, 40 percent have been without work for at least 27 weeks—one tenth of a percent less than where it stood this January. The unemployment rate would be much higher had not the labor force participation rate been at a 30-year low.

The problem is that any sustainable improvement in employment must be predicated on private productive activity, because labor demand is directly related to the value workers help to produce. Private business activity has improved since 2009; however we have yet to return to where we were before the crash. Net domestic private business investment, the amount of investment over and above what is necessary merely to maintain our current stock of capital, peaked in the third quarter of 2007 and began the downhill slide into the Great Recession. It went negative, meaning we were consuming capital during all of 2009, but it has been continually positive since. Despite recent upticks, however, net investment is still 32 percent below its pre-recession peak three years after recovery was declared.

The more recent the data, the worse the news.

For the past two months, the ISM manufacturing composite index has indicated declines in industrial production. Manufacturing had not decreased for two successive months since 2009, but June's ISM survey of heavy industry revealed the largest single monthly decline since 2001.

This should teach us we cannot pave the road to prosperity with monetary inflation—by increasing the money supply out of thin air like we've been doing—and government spending. That some people improve their financial situation as recipients of government expenditure is true enough, but any improvement of the economic situation that is predicated on government spending is a temporary respite at best. Sustaining a higher standard of living through statist means requires ever increasing government spending.

This is a problem because increased government spending requires funding through increased taxation, borrowing, or monetary inflation. Increased taxes consume capital by decreasing taxpayers' ability and incentive to save and invest. Government borrowing from the non-bank public distorts investment by taking scarce factors of production out private entrepreneurial hands and puts them in inefficient bureaucratic hands. Monetary inflation via credit expansion further punishes savers by debasing the dollar and also stimulates capital malinvestment via artificially low interest rates. Unsustainable investments look profitable, when they really are not, so the structure of production is distorted against the desires of voluntary savers. Once the governmental gravy train slows down, bad investments are recognized for what they are and must be liquidated. Bankruptcies occur, and jobs are lost. The economic statistics begin to reveal more reality and less make-believe.

True recovery requires a free economy that encourages the development of the market division of labor, saving and the accumulation of capital, and a market price system free of manipulation that allows entrepreneurs to innovate and wisely invest resources. We cannot hitchhike to prosperity on the back of the Federal Reserve or the U.S. Treasury.

— Dr. Shawn Ritenour is a professor of economics at Grove City College, contributor to The Center for Vision & Values, and author of "Foundations of Economics: A Christian View."

Politicians are cheap entertainment

Why pay for entertainment when we can simply watch the goings-on and pronouncements of our politicians and public figures? Think of the money that could be saved. The news of this political season has sometimes bordered on the wacky.

Actually, we can begin close to home, right here in beautiful Donley County. Displaying the Decalogue in public places, court houses, etc., has repeatedly been ruled unconstitutional by the Supreme Court of the United States. Even so, Donley County has decided to display the Ten Commandments in front of the Donley County Courthouse Annex.

Our county commissioners approved the placement of this monument on the Courthouse Square. I understand that a few folks convinced the commissioners that this action is a good thing to do and is constitutional, perhaps based upon a misunderstanding of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision regarding the monument located on the Texas State Capital grounds, and the actions of surrounding Texas Panhandle communities.

In the past, counties in Georgia, Oklahoma, Alabama, and Kentucky have challenged the constitutionality of the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States. To date, all the challenges have been ruled unconstitutional. Two of the poorest counties in southern Kentucky were forced remove their Decalogue monuments, and were then compelled to pay the American Civil Liberties Union \$400,000 in legal fees. This is what is often called an unintended consequence.

A group of citizens got a burr under their saddle and are of the persuasion that they can successfully challenge the Supreme Court's position. Supposedly, this group of people has pledged to defend Donley County in the event of a lawsuit challenging the monument. If so, is their commitment in writing. Will this group also pay the legal fees that may result from this action? If not, it

could get really expensive.

Personally, I think the Donley County Commissioners' decision puts Donley County at risk. I'm not sure Donley County will be able to meet the standards the Supreme Court has placed upon public officials who choose to challenge the law and display the Decalogue on public property. The nation's highest court has put officials on notice that their motives must be clearly secular for such displays to pass constitutional muster. What happens if the Supreme Court rules against Donley County?

Past decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court are somewhat conflicting and exhibit doctrinal instability regarding the religious display cases. The Eighth, Ninth, and Tenth Circuit Courts have issued conflicting rulings that will ultimately need to be clarified. I'm not sure it's prudent for Donley County to join the fray and risk an enormous legal expense, in addition to losing a private investment of \$20,000 for the monument.

There is still time to stop this project if the silent majority will speak up.

Thankfully, our county commissioners are not the only public officials living on the edge. For example, consider Republican Lubbock County Judge Tom Head. Not wanting Missouri Republican Todd Akin to grab all the recent political headlines, Judge Head proclaimed that civil unrest or even civil war, possibly including a menacing United Nations invasion force, trekking across the Great South Plains towards Lubbock, could result if President Obama is re-elected.

Head, a Texas Tech graduate with a degree in psychology, stated, "(Obama is) going to try to hand over the sover-

eignty of the United States to the U.N., and what is going to happen when that happens?" Head then added, "I'm thinking the worst. Civil unrest, civil disobedience, civil war maybe. And we're not just talking a few riots here and demonstrations, we're talking Lexington, Concord, take up arms and get rid of the guy." The Judge then went on to predict that if that happens, Obama will "send in U.N. troops."

"I don't want 'em in Lubbock County. OK. So I'm going to stand in front of their armored personnel carrier and say 'you're not coming in here.'" He wants "trained, equipped, seasoned veteran officers to back me."

I'm pleased to report that Judge Head was not born in Lubbock County or anywhere near the Texas Panhandle. He was actually born in Highland Park, a wealthy suburb of Dallas. Let Dallas claim the credit for Head's unusual world view. My family and I moved to Lubbock when we left Clarendon in 1959. I attended elementary school, junior high, high school, and some college in Lubbock, and don't want folks to get the wrong idea about people from the Hub of the Great South Plains.

Back in Missouri, Republican senatorial candidate Todd Akin claimed that the bodies of women who are "legitimately" raped are somehow magically able to fight off pregnancy. Of course, Mitt and the rest of the Republican hordes immediately distanced themselves from Akins's pronouncement, as they should have.

Finally, conservative Republican Congressman Kevin Yoder of Kansas, added another headache for Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan when it was recently revealed that he, while amply fortified with liquor, went skinny dipping in the Sea of Galilee, on a recent Congressional junket to Israel.

Yep, our politicians and public officials are, indeed, a cheap source of entertainment, which is disappointing. Personally, I'd rather spend the money.



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America is Earth's greatest nation

In the midst of the campaign season, with the party conventions getting underway, much of the rhetoric has grown contentious. At this point, I think it is helpful to consider why we hold the beliefs we do, whatever party we happen to be a member of.

My views were formed by our history. The first settlers came here for religious freedom. Our founding fathers fought and died for liberty. Our own forefathers came here to make better lives for themselves and their families—often starting with nothing—and gave their all to make it in the new country. It took courage and commitment and formed the American character, which propelled a young country to be the world's leader and a shining example for people around the world.

I believe that a country that was formed and succeeded because of the innovations of its people should limit government interference.

I believe that hard work, dedication and ingenuity should be rewarded. To me, that is the essence of America.

I believe that businesses and people thrive when they have the freedom to operate without overly restrictive regulation, and that when those businesses thrive, it is good for everyone: it creates jobs, propels the economy forward and revitalizes communities.

I believe that in the most diverse country on Earth, it is counterproductive to have a top-down, one-size-fits-all

approach to policy. The needs of Lufkin, Texas are different from the needs of Boston, Massachusetts, just like the priorities of Alabama are different from the priorities of Connecticut. I believe we should let communities and states decide what is best for them and their unique requirements. I believe we should let the states decide their revenue options and provide most services, rather than having high federal taxes collected, cycled through the bureaucracy and returned to the states after the Feds take a cut.

I believe that a burdensome tax regime and the highest corporate tax rate in the world strangles business growth, discourages innovation and runs the risk of driving our best and brightest companies and people overseas. I believe that small businesses, the engines of our economy, are disproportionately affected by such a regime, and that is bad for the small-business owners, the employees and the communities in which they operate. I believe that the government should embrace, support and respect those who have sacrificed to build their businesses.

I believe that this country has a unique history, where each generation

worked hard, contributed to the nation's growth and saw their sons and daughters go on to do even better. I believe that is the American Dream, and I believe it is in jeopardy unless we return to our founding principles.

I believe that we must reverse the course we are on, so that we can return to an America where most of us believe that our best days are still ahead.

Because I still believe that America is the greatest nation on Earth.

Slow down regarding signs and crosses

People, people... Please get a hold on yourselves concerning the displays on the highway. Please take time to read this, Acts 5:38-39.

38. And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone; for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought; 39. But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God.

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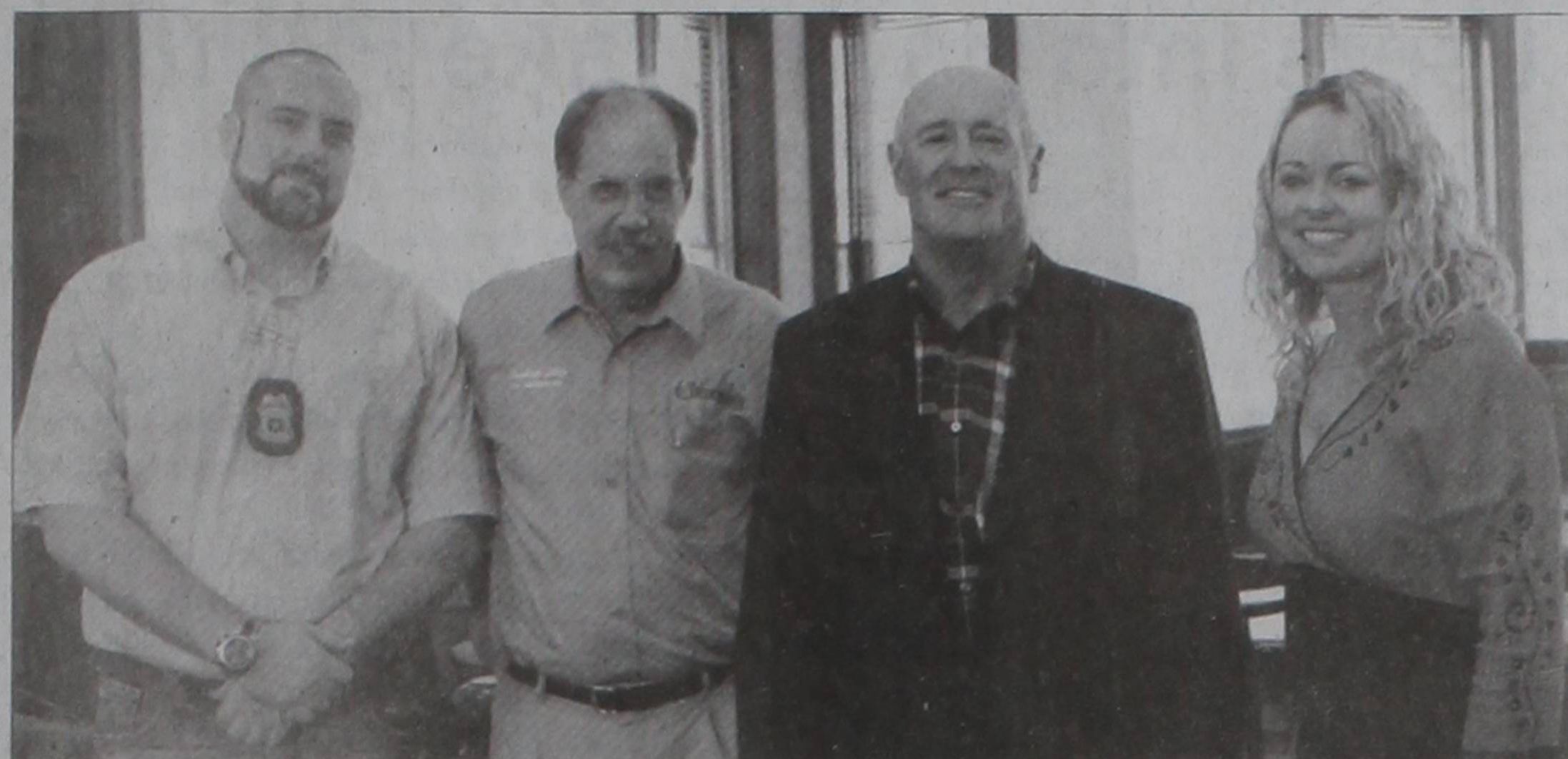


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Seliger addresses issues in town hall in Clarendon

State Sen. Kel Seliger covered a wide range of topics during a town hall meeting in the Donley County Courthouse Monday morning, which was attended about a dozen citizens.

Seliger will become the county's senator in January when new senate district lines take effect, and he said he was pleased to get the opportunity to represent this area and had high praise for the county's restored 1890 courthouse.

The senator said expects the next legislative session to be a tough budget year, but he said he did not anticipate higher taxes or steep cuts.

"The governor has asked for ten percent cuts, but there are some areas I don't think we can cut much more from," Seliger said.

The senator addressed lawsuits facing the state regarding school financing and said the state needs to work on formula funding and equity

issues. He also said replacing the TAKS test with the new STAAR test was the right thing to do.

Other topics included the impact of the Affordable Care Act on Texas Medicaid expenses, transportation issues, and water, about which Seliger said conservation is essential.

"The only good thing about the drought is that everybody in Texas knows the importance of water resources," he said.

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Ready, set, jump!

New and old 4H members were treated to hot dogs at the Clarendon County Club last Wednesday during the annual sign up party. There is still time to sign up for the upcoming school year. Go by the 4H office located in the Donley County Activity Center and complete the necessary paperwork to get involved in the numerous exciting activities offered through 4H. Call 874-2141 for more information. Shown here are Izzy Craft, Emily Johnson, Chardy Craft, Jenci Hernandez, Cole Franks and Tanner Burch. Photo courtesy/Chardy Craft

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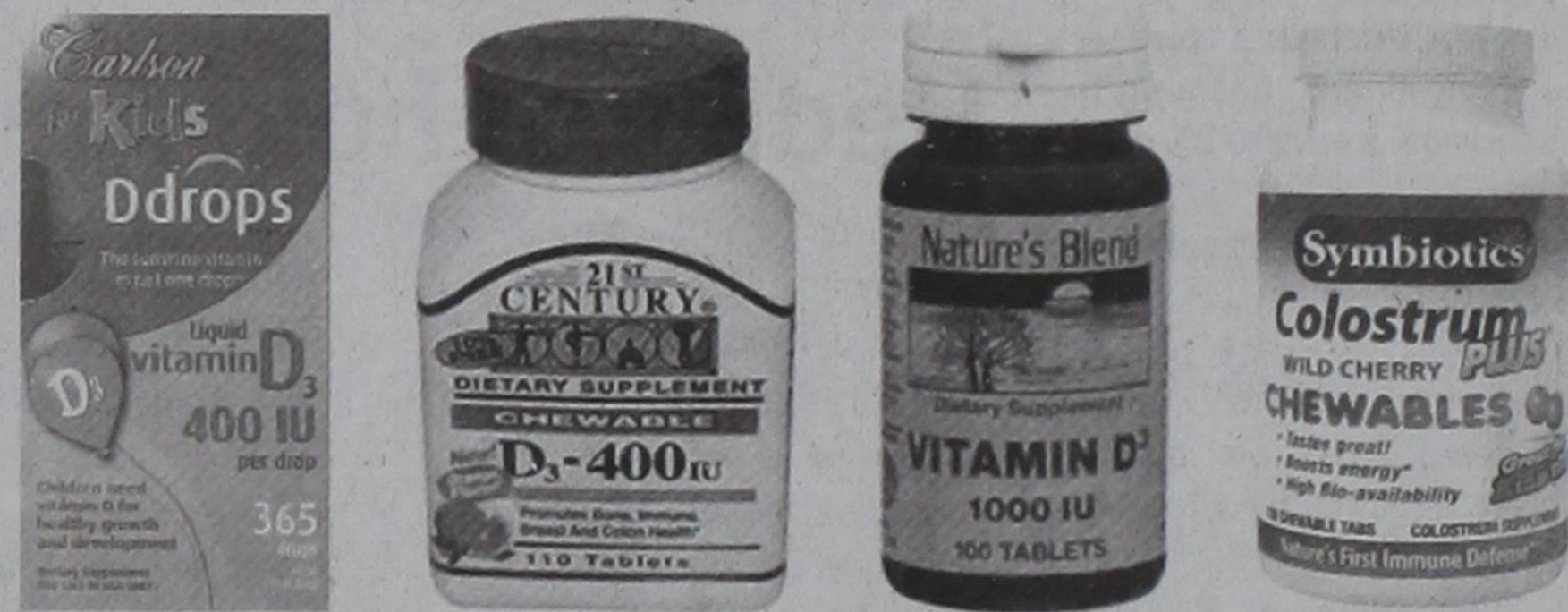
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- September 6**
Hedley BBQ Chicken Cookout • Details TBA
- Mini Cheer Camp • Hedley School • Contact Paulette Kidd
- September 7**
Hedley Owls v Lefors • 7:30 p.m. • Lefors
- Clarendon Broncos v Vega • 7:30 p.m. • Vega
- September 14**
Clarendon Broncos v Wheeler • 7:30 p.m. • Wheeler
- Hedley Owls v McLean • 7:30 p.m. • McLean
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- September 21**
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Menus

September 3 - 7

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: CLOSED
Tue: Baked chicken, new potatoes, buttered broccoli, wheat roll, apricots, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Hot dog, green salad, garden vegetables, pineapple & banana, iced tea/2% milk.
Thu: Braised pork cutlet, seasoned butter beans, greens, wheat roll, peaches/whipped topping, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Chicken enchilada, picante sauce, pinto beans, fiesta corn, sugar cookies, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: CLOSED
Tue: Baked chicken breast, baked potato w/sour cream, green peas, pineapple tidbits, chocolate pudding, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Beef tips & noodles, meadow blend vegetables, corn, wheat roll, chocolate cake/strawberries, iced tea/2% milk.
Thu: Meat loaf, red bliss potatoes, bread stick, mixed vegetables, country apple crisp, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, seasoned corn, pumpkin square, iced tea/2% milk.

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Breakfast
Mon: Cereal, toast, fruit, milk.
Tue: Sausage, biscuit, gravy, fruit, milk.
Wed: Pancakes, juice, milk.
Thu: Egg, toast, fruit, milk.
Fri: Cinnamon roll, juice, milk.
Lunch
Mon: Corndog, baked beans, tomato-cucumber cup, apple-pineapple d-lite, milk.
Tue: Nachos Grande, refried beans, garden salad, orange smiles, milk.
Wed: Grilled chicken sandwich, oven fries, fresh veggie cup, fruity gelatin, milk.
Thu: Beefy macaroni, garden salad, baby carrots, fresh grapes, cornbread, milk.
Fri: Cheese pizza, broccoli salad, seasoned corn, fresh fruit bowl, milk.

Hedley ISD
Mon: NO SCHOOL
Tue: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, lettuce salad/pasta salad, green beans, cornbread, fruit, milk.
Wed: Chicken nuggets, green beans, mashed potatoes/gravy, lettuce salad/pasta salad, strawberries/banana salad, milk.
Thu: Nachos Grande, Spanish rice, mandarin oranges, tossed salad, tossed salad, fruit juice, milk.
Fri: Cheese burger, sweet potato fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions, orange, milk.

Virus tricks computer users into paying fake FBI fine

A new virus posing as an FBI alert is freezing computers and alarming users across the country. Infected computers display a shocking pop-up that tells owners they have illegal materials on their PCs and demands a \$200 fine.

How the Scam Works: Computers infected with the FBI MoneyPak malware display a message using the FBI seal and citing several legal documents. "Your PC is blocked due to at least one of the reasons specified below," reads the message (image below). The reasons include owning/distributing copyrighted material, pornography or malware.

To unlock the computer, the virus demands a fine (amounts vary from \$100 to \$300) that must be paid with MoneyPak, a way to send cash without a bank account. It threatens criminal action against those who don't pay within three days. The FBI calls the virus Reveton. Unlike many viruses that activate when users open a file or attachment, this one can install itself when users simply click on a compromised website.

What to Do if Your Computer is Infected: Do not pay any money or provide any personal information. Only the most computer-savvy users will be able to remove the virus without help. See Microsoft's "Security Essentials" and select the "I think my computer is infected" option to contact a support person in your area. You can also search for

computer repair shops at BBB.org. Be aware that even if you are able to unfreeze your computer on your own, the malware might still operate in the background.

For More Information: See the FBI's scams webpage for more information and updates on the scam.

Scam Alert - AT&T Customers, Don't Fall For Fake Bill Emails

A few months ago, scammers attempted to trick Verizon customers into opening fake bill notices. Get ready AT&T customers! Now it's your turn. How the Scam Works: People nationwide (both AT&T subscribers and not) are receiving fake emails that are almost identical to the real alerts many AT&T customers get to remind them of their monthly payments.

This phishing scam is notable for its painstaking replication of AT&T emails and the large bill amounts (many are near or above \$1,000).

Spot This Scam: You can spot a fake email by the large bill amounts and by hovering over the links. When you place your mouse on a link, the destination URL will appear. Check whether it leads to AT&T's website or, in a scam email, to a third party site. More Information: See BBB.org's complete scam directory for more information about breaking scams in your area. Also, check out AT&T's phishing support

here for more information. If you need to double check your AT&T bill, you can use their online bill support here.

Storms Bring Needed Rain and Unwanted Traveling Companies

Storm disaster such as that experienced in recent days can bring out the best in people as they rally to help clean up efforts after the storm. Unfortunately, the aftermath of a storm also brings out people who take advantage of the storm victims. Unscrupulous businesses can involve home repairs, such as roofing and window repair; clean-up efforts, such as tree and yard clean up; car repair such as dent removal and windshield repair; and even heating and cooling equipment repair.

You may be eager to get things back to normal, but be cautious. Your guard may be down during this time and acting in haste now could bring bigger problems that take longer to fix later. The offers by legitimate companies will be there when you're ready to commit to a mutually agreeable contract.

"Legitimate contractors will often go door-to-door in an effort to aid disaster victims, but so will those

wanting to scam you and take advantage of the situation," said Janna Kiehl, BBB CEO. How do you know the difference? "That's why you have a BBB", said Kiehl.

Call us or go to our website to look up a business review before you agree to anything, pay any money or sign a contract. "We're here to help you before you need us for a complaint situation."

Eight Things to Know After A Storm:

1. Assess your situation and be patient. Insurance adjusters and legitimate companies will be busy right now.
2. Don't be pressured into signing a long-term contract. Make temporary repairs if necessary.
3. Take time to shop around for contractors, get competitive bids and get a report from the BBB.
4. Check with your insurance company about policy coverage and specific filing requirements.
5. Be wary of door-to-door workers who claim your home is unsafe. If you are concerned about possible structural damage in your home, have an engineer, architect, or building official inspect it.
6. The best way to tell the difference between a legitimate company and a con is check their BBB Business Review. It will tell you a lot about a company.
7. Prepare a written agreement with anyone you hire. It should

outline the work to be done, the materials to be used, and the price breakdown for both labor and materials. Review it carefully before signing.

8. Never pay for all repairs in advance, and don't pay cash. Always write the check out to a company and not an individual.

Many consumers tell the BBB they have paid for work on their home or yard in advance of the job being started or finished and have been left with no work done and no way to recover their money.

If you don't know their business it may be a fly-by-night company. Fly-by-night companies work from the back of their vehicles with no traceable physical location. They try to sell you "left over" goods, pressure you to make a purchase now and do sub-standard work or no work at all. Often their prices are considerably less than a competitor's bid (remember, the lowest price is not always the best deal when you're paying for no work or poor work). No matter how good the price, ask yourself: Why do business with a company that will not be here tomorrow to hear your concerns or honor a warranty?

Contact the BBB at 806-379-6222 or www.txpanhandle.bbb.org for a list of reputable companies in any industry.

It is good to be back for another 3 months. Thanks for your prayers.

Friday night is a once in a blue moon event

As I looked into the night sky this week, watching the moon I thought about our fascination with it, the songs that have been written and all the folklore.

Here on the plains we don't think about the ocean tides, but of course they are controlled by the gravitational interaction between the Earth and Moon which act like a magnet, the Moon pulling, the Earth hanging on, causing two high tides and two low tides a day, a little over 12 hours each.

Many of us have heard the phrase "once in a blue moon" which means, loosely, a rare event; but why do we say that? Well, just like every four years we add an extra day and call it leap year, every 2-3 years an

extra moon comes by and it is called a blue moon. Usually there are 12 full moons a year with three occurring each season, if four occur in a season the third full moon is the blue moon or a rare event. This year the blue moon will be this Friday, August 31, maybe we will find out why it is called "blue".

The Harvest Moon comes each year, it is the full moon closest to the fall equinox, this year is Sept 29, 2012. The reason it is called Har-

vest Moon is because the time difference is short between sunset and moonrise, usually 30 minutes which allowed farmers to continue with fall harvest.

I had this part of my article planned, then Neil Armstrong died. If you are old enough, I bet you can remember where you were July 20, 1969, when he stepped out of the lunar lander, onto the Sea of Tranquility on the moon and said "One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind".

What a day! Buzz Aldrin was only a few minutes behind. I have often wondered about Michael Collins who kept Apollo 11 in orbit while Armstrong and Aldrin jumped, planted the Stars and Stripes, gath-



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Hedley to hold Annual Chicken BBQ

The Annual Hedley Lions Community Chicken BBQ will be held next Thursday, September 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the Hedley School Park. Tickets are \$5 per person and may be purchased at Moffitt Hardware or at the Chicken BBQ.

Some ex-Hedley students (all ladies) met for lunch on August 17 at the Country Barn in Amarillo to just stay-in-touch. Attending were Mary Lou Skaggs, Jenny Bailey, Ginger Gafford, Noriene Murray, Sandra Penn, and Elnora Corona. They had a wonderful time just reminiscing about Hedley.

Next month's luncheon will be September 28 in Fritch at Mary Lou's house for a Pot Luck. Everybody is welcomed. Isn't it great that friends and still stay in touch.

If any ex-students are on Facebook there is a link "Do You Remember When...in Hedley." For over a year we have been remembering all kinds of things and having a great time online. Come join us, it has been a blast from the past.

The Hedley Senior Citizens is selling tickets on a two-Person Hunting Package which includes an AR-16 BushMaster Rifle with laser sight, two-day guided hog hunt and a two-day stay at the Bar H Dude Ranch. Tickets are \$10 or book of

seven for \$50. It will be given away at the Cotton Festival on October 13 and you do not need to be present to win. The rifle was bought from a licensed dealer and will need to be "yellow sheeted" to the winner.

HONEY PECAN PORK CHOPS: 1 1/4 pounds boneless pork loin, pounded thin, 1/2 cup all-purpose flour for coating, salt and pepper to taste, 2 tablespoons butter, 1/4 cup honey, 1/4 cup chopped pecans. In a shallow dish, mix together flour, salt and pepper. Dredge pork cutlets in the flour mixture. In a large skillet, melt butter over medium-high heat. Transfer to a warm plate. Mix honey and pecans into the pan drippings. Heat through, stirring constantly. Pour sauce over cutlets.

Tips for your Fall tree planting

Choosing a tree should be a well thought-out decision. Tree planting can be significant investment in money and time. Proper selection can provide you with years of enjoyment as well as significantly increase the value of your property. Trees can serve numerous landscape functions including beautification, screening of sights and sounds, shade and energy conservation, and wildlife habitat.

The average life expectancy of trees vary. Some live for hundreds of years. Others are considered "short-lived" and may live for only 20 or 30 years. Many short-lived trees tend to be smaller ornamental species.

Short-lived species should not necessarily be ruled out when considering plantings. They may have other desirable characteristics, such as size, shape, tolerance of shade that would be useful in the landscape. The species may also fill a void in a young landscape, and can be removed as other larger, longer-lived species mature.

Evergreen trees will provide cover and shade year round. They may also be more effective as a barrier for wind and noise. Deciduous trees will give you summer shade but allow the winter sun to shine in. This may be consideration for where to place the tree in your

yard.

Before planting your tree consider the tree's ultimate size. When the tree matures, will it be too near your house or other structures? Will it provide too much shade for your vegetable and flower gardens?

Before you begin planting your trees, be sure you have had all underground utilities located prior to digging.

The Donley County Soil and Water Conservation District has trees available for your Fall planting needs. For a complete list of trees available and to place an order, please contact us at (806)874-3561, EXT. 3.

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TxDOT private sector project yields 30% savings

AUSTIN – A recent pilot project in Houston where a private contractor bid a maintenance contract is saving the state about \$10 million or nearly 30 percent of what this work was estimated to cost following the traditional approach.

Based on this initial success, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) plans to expand the opportunity for the private sector to perform routine maintenance on parts of Interstates 35 and 45 between Dallas and Houston and Dallas and San Antonio. This work would also include highways inside metropolitan areas around Dallas and Harris counties.

TxDOT intends to issue a Request for Information (RFI) to parties interested in performing routine maintenance that could create value and yield cost savings. Estimates show that moving in this direction could result in more than

\$90 million of maintenance contract work on these highways each year and save TxDOT \$120 million over five years. TxDOT would then invest those savings in other maintenance work.

TxDOT leaders envision private sector businesses bidding for maintenance work including roadside mowing, litter removal, sign replacement, pothole patching, and minor resurfacing, to name a few.

Meanwhile, TxDOT maintenance workers assigned to these areas of the state would concentrate their efforts on other priority work in those regions.

The pilot project in Houston was bid by a private contractor for approximately \$26 million. Estimates for this work following the traditional approach utilizing TxDOT staff and contractors were about \$36 million. Key to success around this opportunity includes delivering high

quality service at the best value with the strongest performance metrics measuring the work.

"TxDOT is working many angles to create value, and better efficiencies for our tax dollars," said Phil Wilson, Executive Director of TxDOT. "Every opportunity to deliver high quality work and save money means more work can be performed to maintain a safe transportation system for the traveling public."

TxDOT is expected to issue this RFI in the coming weeks.

Funding for road projects and maintenance continues to be part of daily conversation among transportation experts and TxDOT is continuing to generate ideas to innovate, be good stewards of tax dollars, deliver quality, and keep safety top of mind in its daily pursuit of excellence.

For more information, call TxDOT Media Relations at (512) 463-8700.

AgriLife Extension expert to answer gardening questions

AMARILLO – The Texas AgriLife Extension Service offices in Hutchinson and Potter counties will present a class on vegetable production Sept. 8 at the AgriLife Extension office for Potter County, 3301 E. 10th Ave., Amarillo.

The workshop, open to anyone from the Panhandle, will be held from 8 a.m. to noon, with registration beginning at 7:30 a.m., said Brandon Boughen, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent in Potter County. Preregistration is required by Sept. 4.

Contact Boughen at 806-373-0713 to preregister or for more information.

"Most of us have had a really

tough year with some of our vegetables, especially tomatoes," Boughen said. "I hope that this class will help people understand why some of those problems occurred and how to make sure they don't face those same issues next year."

This course will provide an overview of the difficulties of growing vegetables in the Panhandle and how to overcome obstacles, Boughen said. The agenda will include soil preparation, 10 steps to successful gardening and a presentation called "90 percent organic and 10 percent common sense." Dr. Joe Masabni, AgriLife Extension state vegetable specialist in College Station, will be presenting the class.

Six under takes CCC scramble

By Sandy Anderberg

The team of Mike Santos, Sherol Johnston, Gayle Rogers, and Forrest Newton won the Friday night nine-hole scramble at six under par over a field of three other teams who all finished at three under par.

Mark Morris won the weekly men's game on Wednesday with a net 70. Redell Johnston turned in a net 71 for second, and Jeff Walker finished third with a net 72. Gail Leathers shot a gross 84 to win the women's game on Thursday. Ouida Gage won low net with a 65, and Sandy Anderberg won second low net with a 70.

There will be an 18-hole scramble on Labor Day, September 3, beginning at 2:00 p.m. You may call the Pro Shop for more information.

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Thur	23	80°	63°	-
Fri	24	92°	64°	.05
Sat	25	92°	67°	-
Sun	26	95°	66°	.64

Total precipitation this month: 2.68"
Total precipitation to date: 18.18"

weekend forecast

Fri., August 31
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Sat., September 1
Sunny
99° / 65°

Sun., September 2
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CC freshman

New Clarendon College Freshman Sam Wolfe from Clarendon gets his dorm assignment from Martha Smith.

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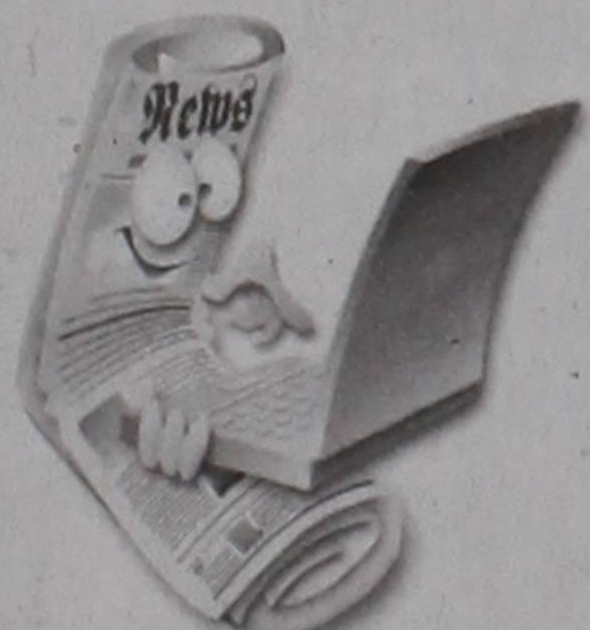
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Clarendon VFW

will be sponsoring a hamburger lunch and September 11th Ceremony on Tuesday, September 11, at 11 a.m. at the City Park. All police, firefighters, and EMS personnel and their spouses eat FREE. Donations would be appreciated.

God Bless THEIR MEMORIES 9.11.01

Caprock Canyons State Park to host Bison Celebration Days

QUITAQUE — An outdoor classroom field day, living history encampments, a benefit barbecue lunch and a Sunday afternoon performance by Texas' own Grammy Award-winning Asleep at the Wheel will highlight the second annual Texas State Bison Celebration Days at Caprock Canyons State Park.

The three-day event is being held to raise funds to help continue restoration of the Texas State Bison Herd to its historic range within Caprock Canyon State Park and to allow visitors an opportunity to learn about the natural and cultural heritage of 19th century Panhandle history. The celebration allows park visitors to view up close the descendants of the great Southern Plains bison herd that once swarmed the Great Plains. Regular park entry fees will apply.

The celebration kicks off Friday, Sept. 14, with an educational field day for area school children who will learn about Native American life, Buffalo Soldiers, the lives of pioneer women and the state's 19th

century ranching history.

On Saturday, the public can see and photograph the semi-free-ranging descendants of Panhandle pioneer rancher Charles Goodnight's JA Ranch bison herd saved from extinction in the late 1800s when millions of native bison were slaughtered for meat, hides and horns. Bison Celebration Day also will feature living history encampments, a geocache challenge, and a benefit barbecue lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. along with vendor exhibits in the nearby town of Quitaque.

During the celebration, visitors will be able to donate directly to the Texas State Bison Herd Restoration project or purchase merchandise to support prairie restoration efforts. Donations can be made online by visiting www.caprockpartnersfoundation.com or by calling (806) 455-1441.

On Sunday, legendary Western swing band Asleep at the Wheel will play a Buffalo Boogie Benefit Concert at 2 p.m. in a meadow on FM

1065 three miles north of Quitaque and half a mile south of the state park entrance. Tickets for the show can be purchased for \$20 in advance by calling the state park at (806) 455-1492 or for \$25 at the door the day of the show. There is no seating, so bring chairs and blankets.

Roughly a year ago, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department released the iconic state bison herd from a 300-acre area of Caprock Canyons State Park to roam more than 700 acres of restored native grass prairie near the Visitor Center and Theo Lake to make them more accessible to the public.

"From day one when we let the bison out, they've handled themselves perfectly and 99 percent of the people have shown respect for the animals," says park superintendent Donald Beard. "Every single aspect of the first phase, other than the park needing more rain, has been positive."

Beard says the ultimate goal of the bison project, which depends

on adequate funding, is the restoration of the herd to the remainder of the state park's 15,000-acres, once part of the herd's historical range. A \$65,000 grant from the Turner Foundation and monies generated from the upcoming fundraiser help the park buy needed equipment and fencing materials, and eliminate invasive trees and brush to make way for native prairie grass seeding.

The Goodnight Herd was one of the five foundation herds that supplied stock to save the American bison from extinction and was the only established Southern Plains bison herd. Caprock Canyons bison are the last descendants of the herd that supplied wild stock for Yellowstone National Park and some of the nation's largest zoos and ranches.

Caprock Canyons State Park is located about 50 miles northeast of Plainview on FM 1065 approximately 4 miles north of State Highway 86. For more information, call (806) 455-1492 or visit the TPWD Website.

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In clinical trials, a significant number of individuals treated with Lucentis showed an effective improvement in their vision and were significantly more likely to maintain their vision for at least 24 months. Lucentis comes as an intravitreal injection, recommended to be administered once a month. Hopefully, the approval of Lucentis will help in the fight against blindness and provide alternative treatment option to laser surgery for individuals with DME.

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Sheriff's Report

August 20, 2012

7:09 a.m. — Dispatched to vehicle vs. deer accident HWY 203.
8:42 a.m. — Out @ courthouse.
4:53 p.m. — Report of gunfire- South of City Park.
9:45 p.m. — EMS Assist 400 block South Orpe.

August 21, 2012

12:58 a.m. — Report of alarm — 600 block Harrington St.
2:05 a.m. — Report of vehicle facing northbound in southbound lane in front of College.
12:13 p.m. — EMS Assist — Clinic.
3:46 p.m. — Dispatched to disturbance Parks & Barcus.

August 22, 2012

12:45 a.m. — Report of kids popping firecrackers 4th & Carhart
10:31 a.m. — Out @ Clerk's Office.
10:42 a.m. — Welfare check 100

block Everett Drive — Howard-wick.

11:30 a.m. — To Sherriff's Office to see complainant.

2:35 p.m. — Out @ football field.

4:53 p.m. — See caller 200 block Rosenfield.

6:10 p.m. — Report of alarm — 600 block South Sims.

9:01 p.m. — Report of people in vacant house 500 block East 4th.

10:18 p.m. — See caller 500 block East 4th.

August 23, 2012

6:52 a.m. — Dispatched to minor vehicle accident HWY 287 westbound by Cattlemen's.

8:20 a.m. — Welfare check — 900 block West 3rd

8:21 a.m. — Requesting semi wrecker 287 & Cattlemen's.

9:23 a.m. — Out @ DPS office.

10:09 a.m. — EMS Assist 500 block North Bailey.

10:59 a.m. — EMS Assist 100 block North Sully.

1:29 p.m. — See Complainant 200 block West 2nd.

3:35 p.m. — Report of alarm @ 500

block West 4th.

7:19 p.m. — See caller 300 block Rosenfield.

August 24, 2012

3:30 a.m. — EMS Assist- Medical Center Nursing Home.

9:07 a.m. — Out @ Housing Authority.

9:20 a.m. — Loose livestock CO Rd T & 13.

9:27 a.m. — Loose livestock FM 2471 & 1932.

1:10 p.m. — Report car in bar ditch East of Lelia Lake.

2:37 p.m. — Dispatched to Clinic for Dog Bite.

August 25, 2012

12:02 a.m. — EMS Assist 1100 block West 5th.

10:49 a.m. — EMS Assist @ Allsup's.

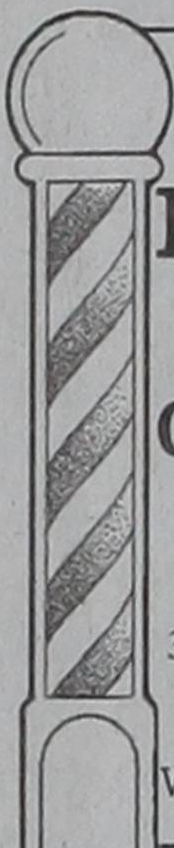
11:14 a.m. — EMS Assist 500 block East 5th.

2:22 p.m. — Horses out 287 eastbound by Chamberlains.

6:43 p.m. — Welfare check 400 block North Bailey.

11:43 p.m. — EMS Assist 100 block North Sully.

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Owls prepare for 2012 football season

The Hedley Owls football season is getting under way, under the direction of new head football coach Darrell Wallace. Coach Wallace brings 15 years of six-man football experience to Hedley and says he likes what he sees so far.

"The town of Hedley, as well as the school, has been extremely welcoming and supportive," said Wallace. "The players are working hard and hungry to win. I am looking forward to seeing all their hard work pay off. This is one of the best

senior classes I have had the pleasure of coaching. They are setting the bar very high and being very positive leaders."

The Owls also welcome new assistant football coach, and head basketball coach Garrett Bains to the six-man ranks. Coach Bains, who is in his second year of coaching, is coaching six-man for the first time.

"Coach Bains is a God send," Wallace said of Coach Bains. "He is like a sponge when it comes to learning the system and the overall


program that we are trying to put in here. He brings a lot of energy and a great work ethic."

The Owls are deep in talent and should be able to hold their own against most of their opponents. They're skillful, fast, and most importantly - exciting to watch. The Owls have proven to be fierce competitors and will leave everything on the field.

The Owls open this season in Groom, this Friday, August 31. Kick-off is at 7:30 p.m.

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Coming through

Broncos try to move the ball during their scrimmage against the White Deere Bucks last Thursday night. The Broncos will begin their open season game against Tulia Hornets Friday, August 31 at 7:30 p.m. at the Bronco Stadium.

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Broncos move on to season games

By Sandy Anderberg

With their last scrimmage behind them, the Clarendon Broncos are moving on to their regular season games, which will begin next Friday night. They will take on the Tulia Hornets in their season opener in Bronco Stadium at 7:30 p.m.

The Broncos faced off against White Deer last Thursday night and came away from the scrimmage with high hopes of a great season. According to head coach Gary Jack, the team played well against the Bucks and proved their offense can handle the pressure.

"We got things going early against them and pretty much did

everything we wanted to," Jack said. "They just couldn't stop our offense." Also according to Jack, the Broncos crossed the goal line several times, finishing with 400 plus yards of offense, and White Deer was unable to put anything together offensively. "We had a lot of people that did a lot of good things," Jack said. "We were able to put some polish on some things from our first scrimmage. It was a good tune-up for us."

The Broncos are looking forward to next Friday night and their contest with Tulia. "They are a good team and it will be a good game," Jack said.

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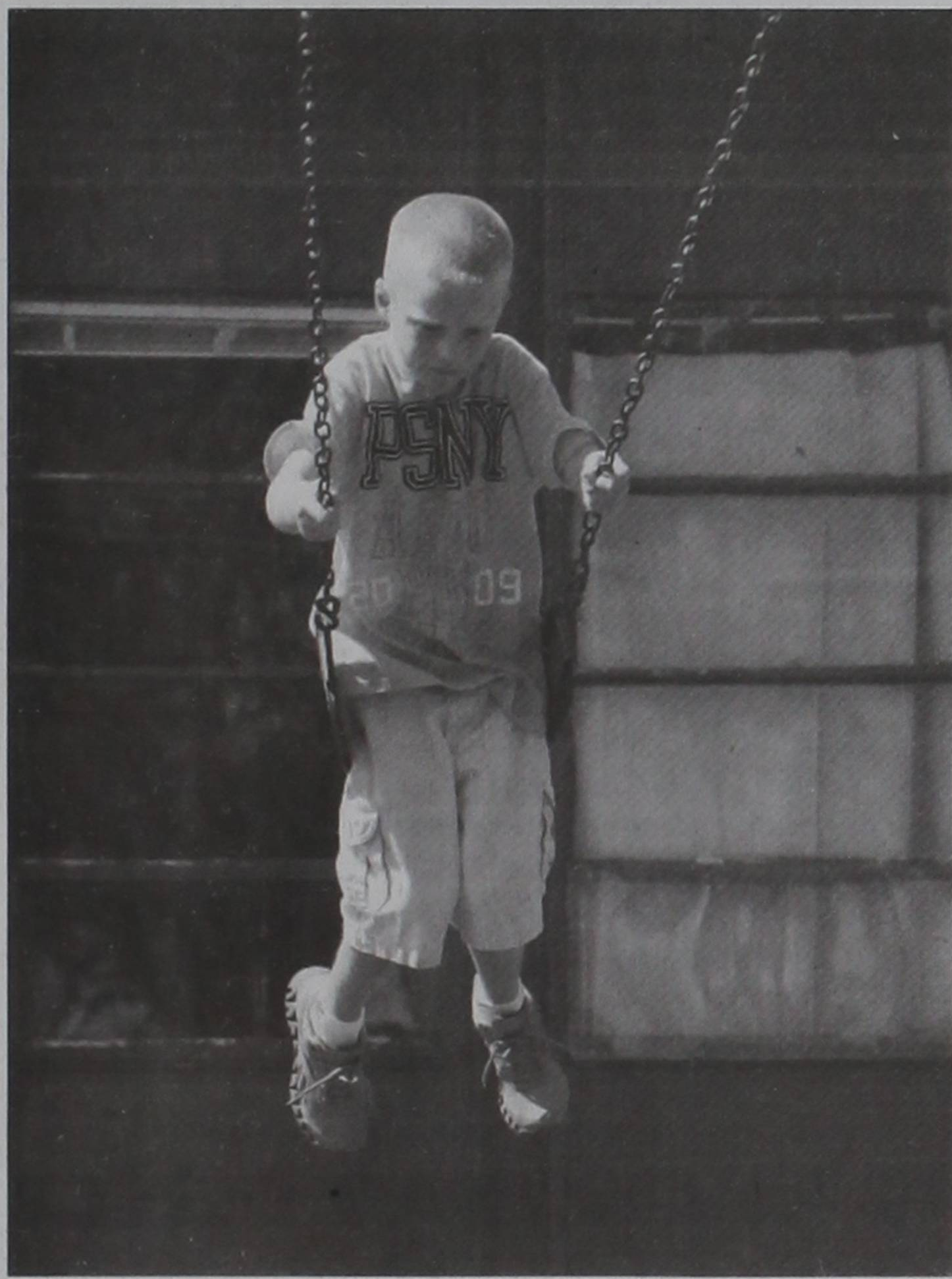
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Recess fun

Second grader, Tyler Harper takes a break at recess on the swings.

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Dorm check in

Clarendon College Resident Assistant Jessica Williams, a sophomore from Amarillo; Dorm Director Alejandra Rodriguez; sophomore Resident Assistant Karen Mao from Orange County; and Softball Coach Raquel Hawkins check students into Knorpp Hall on Sunday, August 26.

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AUSTIN—Thousands of cities, counties, special purpose districts and transit authorities in Texas levy property or sales tax, and taxpayers may not be aware of the various tax entities they are paying. Texas Comptroller Susan Combs announced today that for the first time Texans can get a more complete picture of local taxes levied in every county through a newly developed Web tool.

With the click of a mouse, every citizen in Texas can now see who is collecting property taxes and sales taxes in their county, along with the value of those local taxes.

"Taxpayers deserve to know who's in their wallets," Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said. "Texans should know who is taxing them on the local level, how they are being taxed and where their tax dollars are being spent. Our new Web tool helps them to become more engaged in government and make more

informed decisions to hold their elected officials accountable."

This new resource, available at www.TexasTransparency.org, includes interactive maps that provide a close-up view of the local entities that assess property tax and sales tax in each of Texas' 254 counties.

Combs also released a report entitled Your Money and the Taxing Facts that provides context for the Web tool, including trends in local taxation. The report also proposes several recommendations to increase transparency for local taxation and offers tips to help residents exercise their rights as taxpayers.

Over the past two decades, hundreds of property and sales taxing districts have been created (in addition to cities, counties and school districts) to finance services as diverse as crime control, ground-water, libraries, emergency services, utility infrastructure and hospitals.

These special purpose districts are growing in number every year, collecting taxes to support operations; oftentimes taxpayers may not be fully aware of how much and to whom they are paying.

"More transparency is critical to individual Texans as they consider tax burdens," Combs said.

"Because so many different local entities have taxing authorities, finding all of that information in one place can be challenging. I want to change that."

This report is the first in a series of reports entitled Texas. It's Your Money aimed to help taxpayers know more about all the ways their wallets are impacted. Taxpayers can find the report and follow the series at www.TexasIsYourMoney.org.

Here are the notable types of local taxing entities:

- **Cities**—Incorporated cities in Texas, including municipalities, towns and villages, may impose a

property tax and a sales tax.

- **Counties**—Texas counties may impose a property tax. To impose a sales tax, the county property tax rate must be reduced.

- **School Districts**—Every public school district in Texas levies a property tax on taxable property within its boundaries to generate the locally funded portion of its operating revenue and debt service.

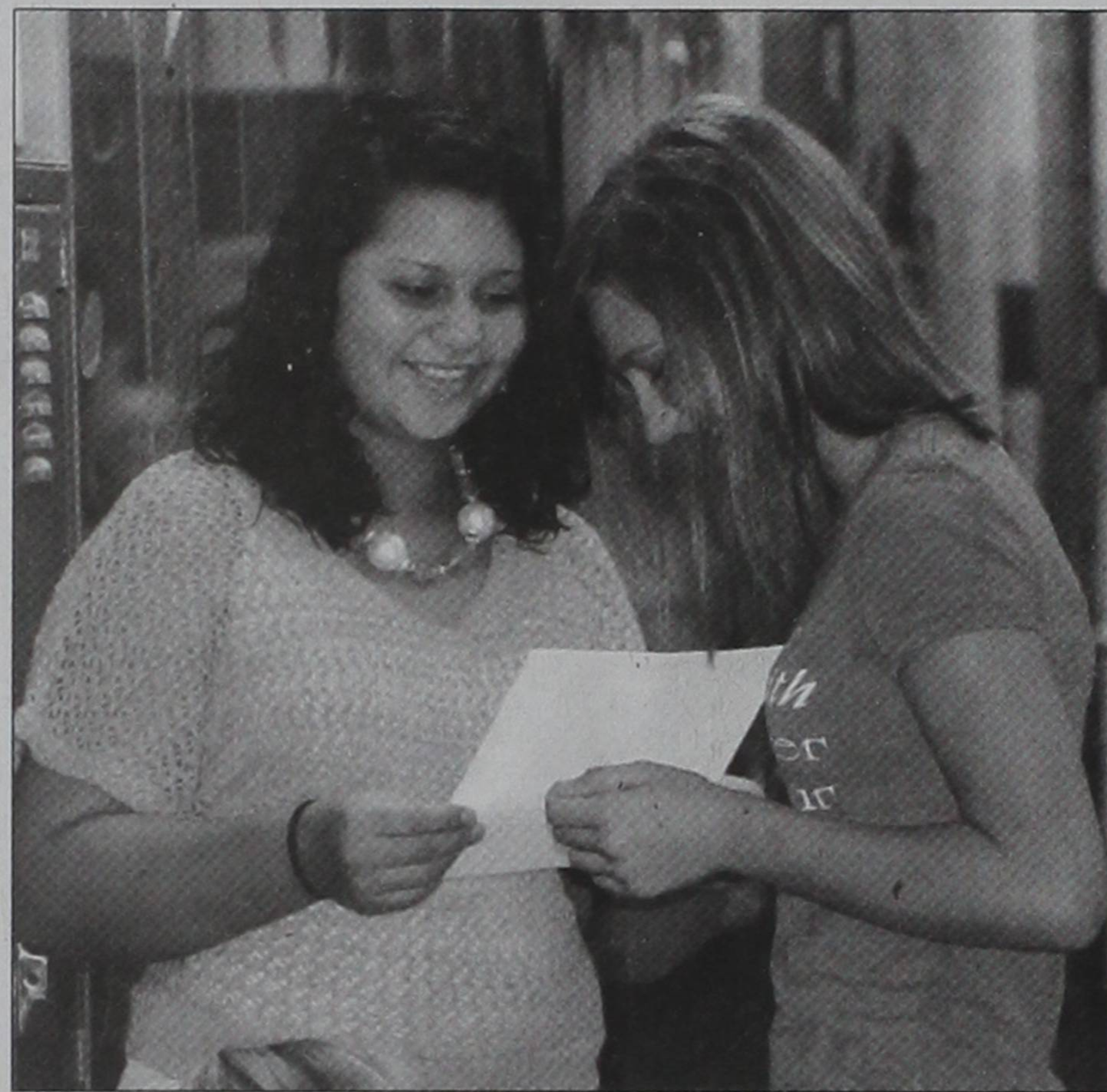
- **Special Purpose Districts**—Taxing entities created to generate revenue for specific reasons, including utilities, crime control, emergency services or libraries. Depending on the purpose, these districts may impose a property tax and/or a sales tax.

- **Transit Authorities**—Transit authorities in Texas may impose a sales tax. Transit authorities include jurisdictions such as metropolitan transit authorities, city transit departments, county transit authorities and advanced transportation districts.



Clarendon College Bulldog Cheerleaders Ashlee Smith, Story Parish, Amber Keelin, Giovana Luna, Clarissa Williard, Savanna Thackery, Chandace Ritchie, and Amber Ford.

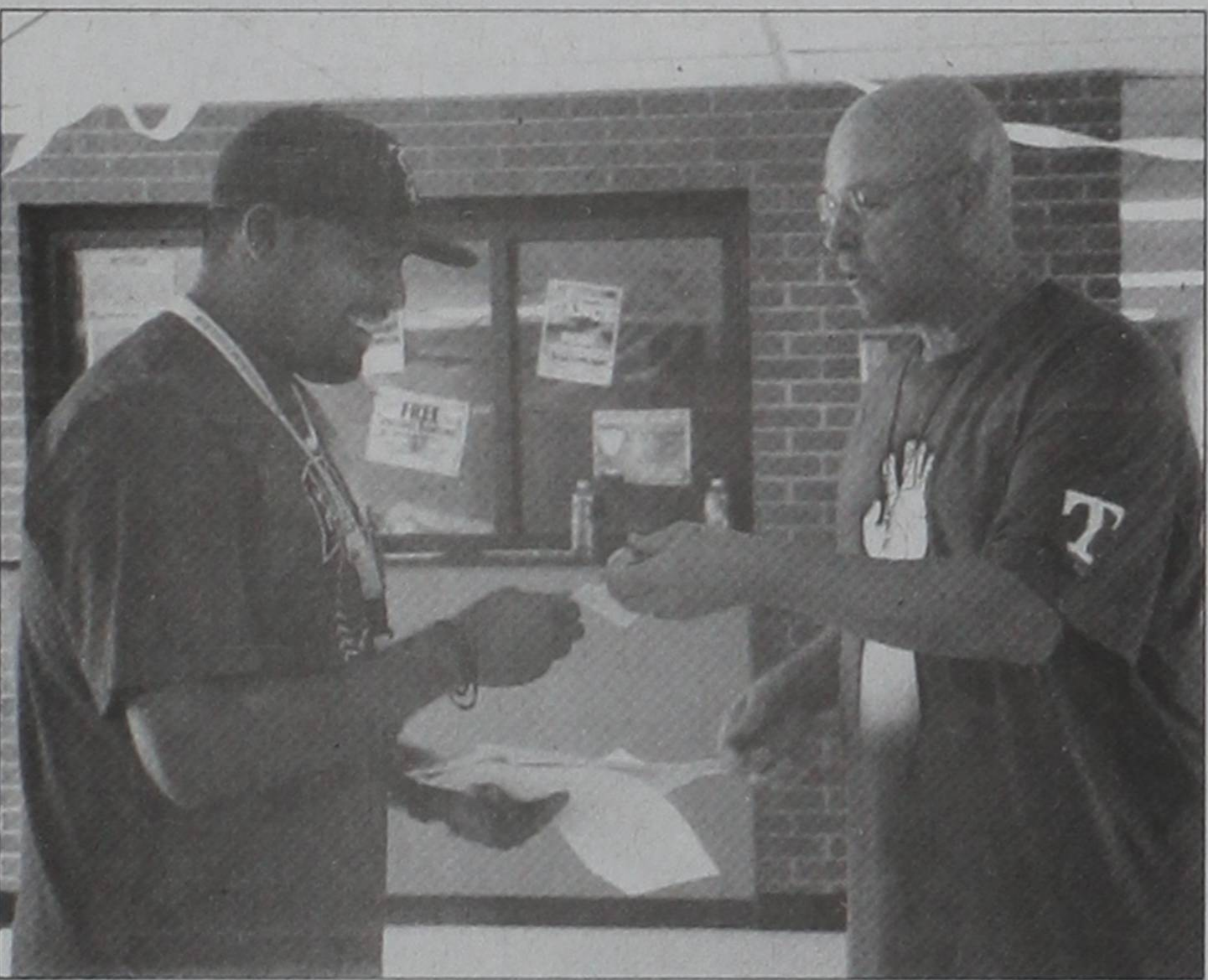
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Back to school

Comparing schedules, 8th graders, Madison Shelp and Kylie Wood look to see what classes they are in.

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Baseball Coach Cervantez is greeted by Edwin Campbell. Edwin was inviting Coach C to JUMP Ministries on Wednesday nights.

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NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST

Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO or Company) publishes this notice that on July 27, 2012, it filed its Petition and Statement of Intent to Change Rates and Reconcile Fuel Costs (the Petition) with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT or the Commission) in Docket No. 40443, and with those municipal authorities in its Texas service territory that have original jurisdiction over SWEPCO's electric rates. This notice is being published in accordance with Section 36.103 of the Public Utility Regulatory Act, Commission Procedural Rule 22.51(a)(1), and Commission Substantive Rule 25.235(b). SWEPCO is proposing to change its rates for electric service provided to all of its 181,000 Texas retail customers. All such customers and all classes of customers will be affected by this change. As it relates to the reconciliation of fuel costs, the proposed change will affect all Texas retail customers who pay fixed fuel factors.

STATEMENT OF INTENT TO CHANGE RATES

SWEPCO's request to change its rates is based on the financial results for a 12-month test year ending on December 31, 2011. The effect of SWEPCO's proposed rate change would be to increase its adjusted test year revenues by \$83,087,295, an increase of 33.8%, exclusive of fuel revenues. The overall impact of the rate change, considering both fuel and non-fuel revenues, is a 17.8% increase. The impact of the rate change on various customer classes will vary from the overall impact described in this notice. SWEPCO has proposed that its requested rate change become effective 35 days after the filing of the Petition and Statement of Intent. The proposed effective date is subject to suspension and extension by actions that may be taken by the Commission and other regulatory authorities.

TARIFF REVISIONS

SWEPCO is proposing revisions to most tariffs and schedules. In addition, in order to facilitate future transmission cost recovery factor (TCRF) and distribution cost recovery factor (DCRF) filings pursuant to Commission Substantive Rules 25.239 and 25.243, respectively, SWEPCO is requesting that the Commission set the TCRF to zero and establish baseline values that will be used to calculate SWEPCO's TCRF and DCRF in future dockets.

RECONCILIATION OF FUEL COSTS

SWEPCO has also requested authority to reconcile its fuel costs for the period from April 1, 2009 through December 31, 2011 (the Reconciliation Period). SWEPCO's request, if granted, will affect all Texas retail customers who pay fixed fuel factors. During the Reconciliation Period, SWEPCO incurred a total of \$588,826,910 in eligible fuel, fuel-related, and purchased-power costs to generate and purchase electric energy for its Texas retail customers. For the Reconciliation Period, SWEPCO calculates that it has under-recovered its Texas retail fuel, fuel related, and purchased-power costs by \$7,191,375 excluding interest. Including interest, SWEPCO's cumulative under-recovery balance is \$3,936,492 as of December 31, 2011.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Persons with questions or who want more information on SWEPCO's Petition may contact SWEPCO at 428 Travis Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101, or call toll-free at (888) 216-3523 during normal business hours. A complete copy of the Petition and related filings is available for inspection at the address listed in the previous sentence. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136. A request for intervention or for further information should refer to Docket No. 40443. Unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, motions to intervene will be due 45 days from the date SWEPCO filed its Petition and Statement of Intent with the Commission. The 45th day after SWEPCO filed its application is September 10, 2012.

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Little Firefighters

Kids in attendance at the Second Annual Fire department benefit dinner enjoyed climbing on the fire trucks Saturday. The event raised \$5,000 to benefit the Clarendon Volunteer Fire department.

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the lion's tale
by roger estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting August 28 with Boss Lion Russell Estlack in charge.

We had 18 members, the club sweetheart, and two guests this week – Lion Chandra Eggemeyer, guest of Lion Lambert Little; and Jesse Lincycumb, guest of Lion Steve Hall.

Lion Monty Hysinger reported on the first week of classes for the public school and said enrollment is down about 30 students. Lions Phil Shirley and Ashlee Estlack reported on college activities, and Lion Little reported on city news.

The club welcomed its newest member Dr. Patricia Westergaard, Dean of Instruction at Clarendon College. That makes two new members for the club this month with Scarlet Estlack joining as an at-large member two weeks ago.

Lion Hall and Mr. Lincycumb presented our program for the day by singing and playing their guitars and throwing in a helping of comedy at the same time.

There being no further business, we were adjourned.

Obituaries

Lingenfelter

Leona Ruth Lingenfelter, 80, died Tuesday, August 21, 2012, Amarillo, Texas.

Funeral services were held Friday, August 24, 2012, at the First Baptist Church in Howardwick with Rev. Dave Stout, Pastor, officiating. Interment followed at Panhandle Cemetery, Panhandle, Texas. Arrangements were under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Leona Ruth Lingenfelter was born March 1, 1932, in Vici, OK to Albert and Anna Rinner Stevens. She married Walter Owen Lingenfelter on July 1, 1950, in New Mexico. She retired from Panhandle ISD working as a Custodian and Bus Driver. Leona was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star chapter in Panhandle. She had been a resident of Howardwick since 1994, where she was a member of First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Walter Owen Lingenfelter, and several brothers and sisters. She is survived by her son, Henry Lingenfelter, of Hedley; her daughter, Julie Bryant, of Annahawk, TX; 2 brothers, Ron Stevens of Vici, OK, and John Stevens of Washington; her sister, Thelma Laiola, of Anaheim, CA; 3 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be sent to Clarendon EMS, PO Box 1240, Clarendon, TX 79226 or First Baptist Church of Howardwick, 235 Rick Husband Blvd, Howardwick, TX 79226. Sign our online guest book at www.RobertsonFuneral.com

USDA reminds producers of Sept. 4th

Donley County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Bruce Ferguson, reminds producers that they have until Tuesday, September 4, 2012, to purchase coverage through the Noninsurable Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP). The sales closing date is actually September 1, 2012, but producers have until Tuesday, September 4, 2012, to purchase coverage this year because September 1 falls on a weekend and the following Monday is a holiday.

NAP provides financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory or prevented planting occur due to normal disasters.

"Purchasing a crop insurance policy is an easy way for producers to mitigate risk," said Ferguson "The

past few years have shown that natural disasters can severely impact an otherwise successful operation," he said.

The following crops have a NAP application closing date of Sept. 4, 2012: All Small Grains forage and grazing (Wheat, Oats, Barley, Rye & Triticale), Beets, Broccoli, Brussel Sprouts, Cabbage, Canola, Cauliflower, Garlic Sod Grass, Greens, Herbs, Kohlrabi, Leeks, Lettuce, Onions, Radishes, Strawberries, Turnips and Value Loss Crops (Christmas Trees, Crustaceans, Fin Fish, & flowers).

In order to meet eligibility requirements for NAP, crops must be noninsurable, commercially-produced agricultural commodity crops for which the catastrophic risk protection level of crop insurance is not

available. If the Risk Management Agency (RMA) offers coverage for a crop in the county, then NAP coverage is not available for that crop.

In the event of a natural disaster, NAP covers the amount of loss greater than 50 percent of the expected production based on the approved yield and reported acreage.

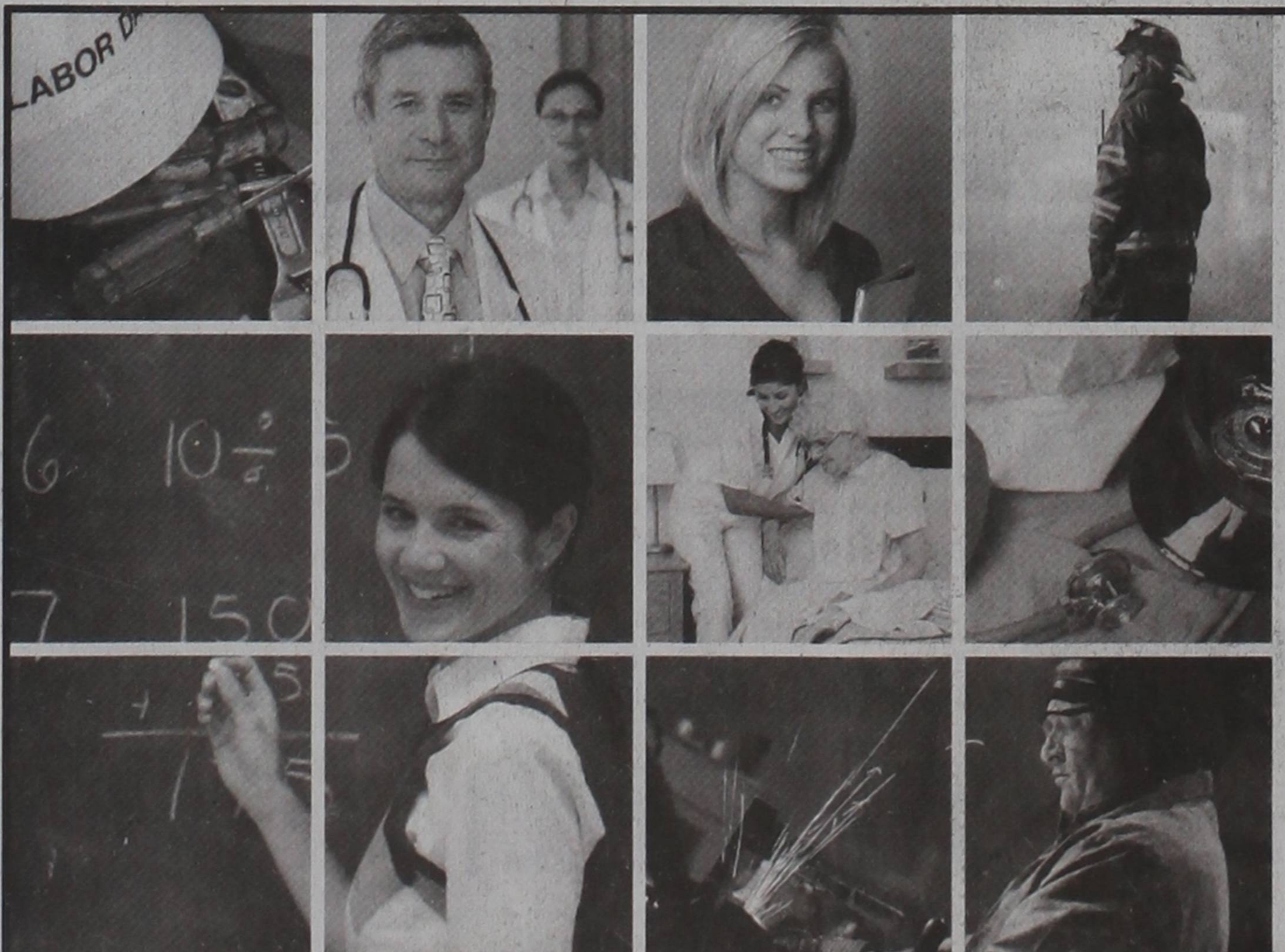
Eligible producers can apply for coverage using form CCC-471, Application for Coverage. Producers must file the application and service fee by the Sept. 4 deadline. The service fee is the lesser of \$250 per crop or \$750 per producer per administrative county, not to exceed a total of \$1,875 for a producer with farming interests in multiple counties. For more information on sales closing dates and NAP, contact the Donley County FSA office at 806-874-3561

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This is a phrase written by Zig Ziglar. He wrote a book called, SEE YOU AT THE TOP. He was speaking of a football player chasing a runner toward the end zone. When he sees that he is beat, he pulls up—loser's limp. He feigns a mystery injury because he got beat. You've seen it as a sports fan. It's an imaginary excuse for failure.

We live in a society that allows us to not be responsible for anything. Rapists are exonerated because their libido or sex drive is overactive. Smokers sue tobacco companies because they didn't know that inhaling carbon dioxide and who knows what else into their lungs was bad for them. School shootings—blame the police, parents, teachers, social workers, even the food! 20 years ago a man got away with murder because of the "twinkie defense." He ate so much junk food that it "made" him do it.

The woman living in the ghetto blames the hole in her wall on her landlord and not her drunk boyfriend who put it there. The drug addict blames the government for not getting them special medical treatment. A person gets married on a whim and now can't stand their spouse. The divorce isn't his or her fault. It's all loser's limp.

God isn't going to allow us to "pull up" with some imaginary "limp" on Judgment Day. 1 Corinthians 10:13 tells us that God has provided ways out of temptation. 2 Corinthians 5:10 tells us that we will stand before God in judgment. On that day folks, lawyers and excuses will not be present. Mommy and Daddy that always got us out of trouble won't be able to help.

The question we should ask ourselves, "Do I have the limp?" "Am I a blame shifter?" "An excuse maker?" "What are my reasons for not taking responsibility for my actions?" Things will never get better until you do. The first and best thing one can do is turn to God and become one of His. When one becomes a Christian, God offers help. But it first requires one to be honest and repent of wrong doing and stop blaming others. I pray God will give us the courage to quit "limping."

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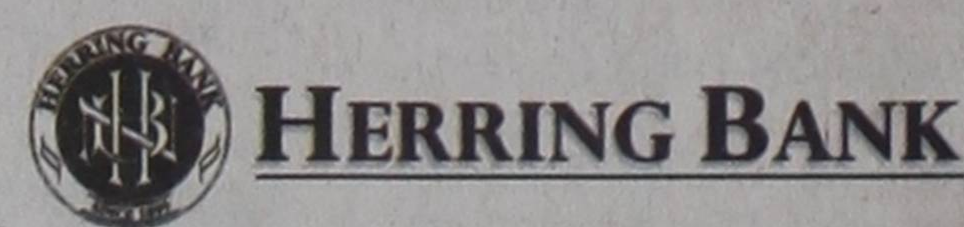
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