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

Clarendon mayor hospitalized Monday

Clarendon Mayor Larry Hicks was hospitalized Monday morning following a tree-trimming accident at his home.

Hicks was transported to Northwest Texas Hospital where he was diagnosed as having several broken ribs. He expects to return home later this week.

Blood drive to be held at CC July 23

Coffee Memorial Blood Center will hold a blood drive Tuesday, July 23, in Clarendon from 2 to 7 p.m. at the Bairfield Activity Center.

Every eligible donor who presents to donate will receive a free Boots vs. Badges t-shirt.

Photo ID or Donor Card Required. Must be at least 17 years old to donate. Donors that are age 16 may now donate with a signed parental consent form.

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Working cowboys invited to PPHM

The Panhandle Plains Historical Museum in Canyon invites all working cowboys, cowgirls and PPHM members to saddle up and come to the National Day of the American Cowboy celebration on July 27. This event will celebrate what it means to be a working cowboy through songs, poems, conversations and discussions about the American Cowboy.

This event is for working cowboys, cowgirls and PPHM members.

Beginning at 6:00 p.m., the event will bring members and cowboys together at PPHM for an evening of conversations, cobbler and entertainment. Between 6:00 and 7:00 pm guests will be able to visit Pioneer Town where they can enjoy cowboy poetry, music and stories presented by the Southwest Cowboy Poets Association. At 7:00 p.m., we'll ramble outside to the T Anchor Ranch buildings for cobbler, ice cream and an opportunity to palaver with the cowhands.

Guests will also be able to view the many cowboy artifacts displayed throughout the museum, including items from PPHM's Charles Goodnight collection. KACV TV's production, "Braggin' Rights" will be showing in the Hazlewood Lecture Hall throughout the evening.

This reception is an invitation only event open to working cowboys, cowgirls and PPHM museum members.



In the spotlight

The Texas Country Reporter, Bob Phillips, (center) was in Clarendon Tuesday to interview local maker Kevin Johnson (right) about his handcrafted bits, spurs, and badges. Phillips and his crew spent a few hours with Johnson, gathering material for an episode that is expected to air this fall.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ROGER ESTLUCK

City sales tax revenues up 41% again

The mini-boom in the Donley County economy continues to produce positive results for local sales thanks to the pipeline workers making their temporary homes in the area.

Clarendon's sales tax receipts have been up for four months in a row, and a report last week by Texas Comptroller Susan Combs showed the city's revenue was up by more than 41 percent for the second month.

Combs distributed sales tax allocations last Wednesday, July 10, and Clarendon posted revenue of \$37,876.11 for the month of June compared to \$26,853.96 for the same month in 2012, an increase of 41.04 percent.

The city is now ahead 26.51 percent for the calendar year-to-date for sales tax revenue with collections totaling \$232,205.65, up from \$183,534.33 for the same time last year.

Hedley also continues to see an upward swing in tax revenue with a monthly allocation of \$501.64, up 158.62 percent from \$193.98 last June. That city is now 43.45 percent ahead for the year at \$4,068.24.

Howardwick's monthly sales tax revenue was up 20.36 percent for the month at \$1,634.73, and is now ahead 2.71 percent for the year-to-date at \$9,453.48.

Statewide, Combs said sales tax revenue in June was \$2.17

billion, up 9.1 percent compared to June 2012.

"Growth in sales tax receipts was led by business sectors such as manufacturing and construction," Combs said.

"Remittances from the oil and natural gas industry remain strong, while sales tax revenue was also notable for restaurants – a consumer sector."

The sales tax figures represent monthly sales made in May.

New state law aims to protect Texas kids

AUSTIN – Governor Rick Perry signed the Home Visiting Expansion and Accountability Act Friday, June 14.

Senate Bill 426 – authored by Senator Jane Nelson (R-Flower Mound), co-authored by Robert Deuell (R-Greenville), Royce West (D-Dallas) and sponsored in the House of Representatives by John Zerwas (R-Fort Bend) – ensures the states' investment in home visiting is going to programs with a proven record of effectiveness and requires those programs track and measure outcomes such as reduced child abuse and neglect, improved maternal and infant health, increased family self-sufficiency and enhanced school readiness.

The Legislature voted to increase the state's investment in evidence-based home visiting by \$7.9 million in General Revenues. In addition, an approximate \$2 million more will flow to home visiting from legislation passed which allows Texas Citizens to make an optional \$5 donation to these programs when purchasing copies of a marriage license, birth certificate, or divorce decree. The total funds secured for the biennium

in home visiting amounts to approximately \$10 million, which will serve 2,946 new families.

When properly administered and monitored, home visiting can save public funds by producing healthier families and children, helping children do better in school and avoid repeating grades, and result in fewer children ending up in the costly child welfare, mental health and juvenile corrections systems.

Home visiting programs match parents with trained providers who give information and support during pregnancy and during their child's early years, a critical developmental period. Families who participate in home visiting are eligible because of risk factors that often lead to negative outcomes including preterm birth, poverty, being led by teenaged parents or parents with low education, or poor maternal health.

The law was championed by Tex Protects and endorsed by a diverse coalition including the Texas Home Visiting Consortium, law enforcement professionals, business leaders, medical professionals, and child advocates.



Keep it coming

Jeremy Powell's rain gauge northeast of Clarendon measures 1.5 inches of rain Tuesday morning, reflecting the amount that was generally recorded in the city and around the county. Temperatures have been cool and mild this week, and more rain was expected as the Enterprise went to press.

COURTESY PHOTO / JEREMY POWELL

State lets contract for local bridges

More than half a million dollars of bridge improvements will be made in the City of Clarendon following action taken by the Texas Transportation Commission last week.

State officials authorized \$553,081 to construct a new bridge on Seventh Street at City Park and repair the bridge on Rosenfield Street. Gilvin-Terrill, LTD of Amarillo was awarded these projects for approaches and bridge work.

"Safety is the top priority at TxDOT and the basis for planning, building, and maintaining our transportation systems," said Marty Smith, Childress District Engineer. "Keeping travelers moving safely and efficiently will continue to be an ongoing priority in Texas."

The Seventh Street bridge was closed in 2008 after Texas Department of Transportation officials determined it was unsafe for travel. The pony truss bridge was built in 1908, and TxDOT says it will leave the historic bridge in place but closed to traffic, and the new bridge will be constructed adjacent to the old one on the south side.

The Rosenfield bridge is a 1940 Warren truss bridge and has remained open. TxDOT says that bridge will be rebuilt and keep its original appearance.

"In a state as vast as Texas, it's imperative to not only have reliable roadways connecting our rural and urban citizens, but also to be diligent in designing and maintaining them with safety in mind," said Texas Transportation Commissioner Fred Underwood.

TxDOT Public Information Officer Barbara Seal said work on the bridges should begin in the next few months.

Woman hurt in Lelia Lake car accident

A California woman sustained life-threatening injuries during an accident in Lelia Lake this past weekend.

Department of Public Safety Trooper Kellan Roberts said a group of three vehicles was traveling east-bound on US 287 early Sunday afternoon when the lead vehicle – a pickup pulling a trailer – lost a ladder that it was carrying.

The group pulled over, and Denisse Hogan, who was a passenger in a minivan that was second in the group, got out to retrieve the ladder. She was at the right rear corner of her vehicle when a Lincoln Town Car driven by a Memphis woman tried to avoid the ladder. The Lincoln struck the ladder, and the driver lost control of the vehicle, striking Hogan.

Hogan was transported to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, Roberts said. No citations have been issued in the accident.

Responding were the DPS, the Donley County Sheriff's Office, Donley County EMS, and the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department.

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Ding, dong Gov. Perry is almost gone

Shouts of spontaneous glee went up at the Enterprise office and around Texas last Tuesday when Gov. Rick Perry announced that he would not be seeking re-election next year. What a blessed day it was for Texas!

Perry has been in office longer than any other Texas governor, assuming the post in December 2000 when Gov. George W. Bush resigned after being elected president. Perry then won three full four-year terms of his own and put his indelible brand of conservatism on the state and on the Republican Party.



editor's commentary
by roger estlack

Your humble editor first met Perry while he was serving as Agriculture Commissioner in the 1990s, and the West Texas former Democrat appeared harmless enough at the time. But Perry's politics seemed to harden after he became Lieutenant Governor in 1999 and then took ownership of the Governor's Mansion.

Since the time after Reconstruction, Texas has had a constitutionally weak governor with the office holding very little power other than a bully pulpit and an occasional appointment of some state official. But Perry came into office at a time when the governor's term was increased from two years to four years, and with three elections under his belt, Gov. "Good Hair" had the chance to appoint any positions that could be appointed, putting his people on every board and commission in the state and exercising greater than usual influence over the legislative process.

Throughout the last 13 years, Perry Republicans have led the state further and further to the right, which has not always been a good thing, and we can look to the state of our education system as just one example of conservatism gone too far.

Republicans have demanded accountability from and imposed "standards" on public schools and put in place testing that causes elementary students to have anxiety attacks and basically destroyed the classical education system that most of us grew up in. My mother, who spent 37 years of her life teaching, would have been miserable in the current education system, which does not demand student discipline but does demand that all students meet goals set by a group of pinheads in Austin instead of what their teachers and local authorities believe they need to know.

This last Legislature, with Perry's blessing, reduced the number of end-of-course exams. But what needs to happen is the elimination of state testing altogether and let schools get back to the business of educating. Pursuing a political and social agenda is not a good formula for educating kids.

Perry Republicans have also developed austere budgets in order to cut taxes or avoid tax increases. Those are both admirable objectives; but after you cut something to the bone for two or three legislative sessions, you're pretty soon cutting into the marrow or even amputating entire limbs.

This state has an obligation to educate its people. Our survival as a free republic depends on an educated citizenry, but two years ago Perry Republicans went "Jack the Ripper" on the education system and stripped \$5 billion from public schools. Some funds were restored this spring, but it still wasn't enough to keep many school districts - like Clarendon - from having to approve higher local taxes to deal with the cuts.

And the public schools' woes are nothing new to the higher education system, which has been subjected to Republican assaults on funding for several years. Clarendon College along with other colleges and universities have been forced to pass the costs of education on to their students in the forms of higher fees and tuition rates. As a state, we benefit from an educated workforce that results from having affordable higher education opportunities. Unfortunately, Perry Republicans believe that the only one who benefits from your college degree is you and you should therefore be glad to mortgage your future with student loans in exchange for a diploma.

Perry Republicans also have little use for culture or the arts, and the budget hawks often turn their talons to these programs. Where Gov. Bush launched the Texas Courthouse Preservation Program - which restored the Donley County Courthouse, the current crop of Republicans a few years ago discussed defunding the Texas Historical Commission.

Perry also seems to have forgotten his West Texas roots while in office. Programs benefiting rural communities have atrophied, and our area too often seems to be forgotten among the state's priorities. Our area Texas Department of Transportation offices seem to have been subjected to a lot of cuts, notably the elimination of many of our roadside parks; and yet Perry's people have left him a legacy of beautifully decorated overpasses in urban areas.

Perry's embarrassing attempt to run for president last year probably sealed his political career. It is not impossible that he won't try it again in 2016, but let's hope not.

Now the scramble begins to see who will be the new leader of the Texas Republicans. As the Enterprise goes to press, Ag Commissioner Todd Staples was about to appear at the Clarendon College Bairfield Activity Center as he begins his campaign to be Lieutenant Governor. And downstate, Greg Abbott and Tom Pauken were staking out their territory in the race to fill Perry's post.

Let's hope Perry's successors will govern with an attitude of what is best for Texas and not just pursue a political ideology and social agenda at the expense of our state's future.

These are the good old days here

One of the good things about living in Donley County is that we are not negatively affected by events around the country, and the world. In short, life in Clarendon and the rest of Donley County are in the midst of "the good old days." Regardless of what happens outside of our county lines, things remain pretty much the same inside the lines. This is a good thing.

For example, let's take a brief peek at Iraq, and the goings-on in that pathetic little corner of Islamland, the land of Islam. People continue to blow each other into smithereens, of course in the name of Allah. Thirty years from now, if history is a guide, they will still be blowing each other into smithereens, again in the name of Allah. Meanwhile, in Donley County, we are doing just fine, thank you very much. No blowing each other into smithereens, and no Allah, thanks be to God.

How about Afghanistan? Things are pretty much the same thing as in Iraq - folks blowing up folks in the name of Allah. And, after our military leaves, folks will still be blowing each other into smithereens - in the name of Allah. It's pretty much the same thing in Egypt, Syria, Libya, and other garden spots of Islamland. Meanwhile, here in beautiful Donley County, we are enjoying the good life, made possible by those who have gone before, easing our journey for us. We can expect more of the same in the near term and the long term.

How about Asia? Is there anything happening in Asia that affects us? Very little, except the price for gasoline, affects life here. If Arabs are fighting each other in Egypt, and there appears to be a slight chance that the Suez Canal could be closed - resulting in four percent of the oil supply to be constricted a bit, prices will increase here. How can the possible constriction of only four percent of the world's

supply of oil passing through Egypt (oil that will never make it to our shores) result in a 20 cents per gallon increase in local gasoline prices? Good question. How that happens is as mysterious as string theory in quantum physics. Even so, nothing is likely to change until we all start complaining about the high price of gasoline in a unified and strident manner. We have the power to change things if we really want to, and are smart about it.

Are there any other events happening in Asia that could have negative effects on life in Donley County? Short of another war, or a massive collision with an asteroid, etc., little that goes on in Asia, Europe, and Africa will have a measurable effect on life out here on the plains.

Now, Central and South America could present some problems for us in the future. Mexico represents the biggest threat to life in this part of Texas. Illegal immigration continues to be a problem, except for our farmers and ranchers, who need good cheap labor. Agriculture still needs illegal immigrants to enhance production. Even though technological advances have allowed our farmers to produce more with less labor, illegals are still needed to maximize their return. At least, that's what a few of our locals farmers claim.

As importantly, the drug cartels of northern Mexico are rapidly becoming a threat to our security. They have already begun operations in Texas and the Southwest, and now have a physical presence in Texas. Truth be known, the

Mexican drug cartels have actually killed people in Texas. They may not have been Texas citizens, but they were killed in Texas. Fortunately, so far, the drug cartels have stayed far south of Donley County and it should be a while before they work this far north.

The biggest threat to Donley County denizens currently dwells in places like New York City and Washington, DC, with a milder threat from Governor Rick has his hand of merry outlaws in Austin. The recent ban of Big Gulps in New York City poses no imminent threat to locals, thank heavens. Folks here would hang Mayor Hicks and his non-counsel if they were so presumptuous as to order a ban on any sort of non-alcoholic, sugar and caffeine laced beverage. Perhaps we'd give him a few months to heal from his freshly cracked ribs beforehand. Meanwhile, we can all keep him in our prayers and hope that he heals quickly and completely.

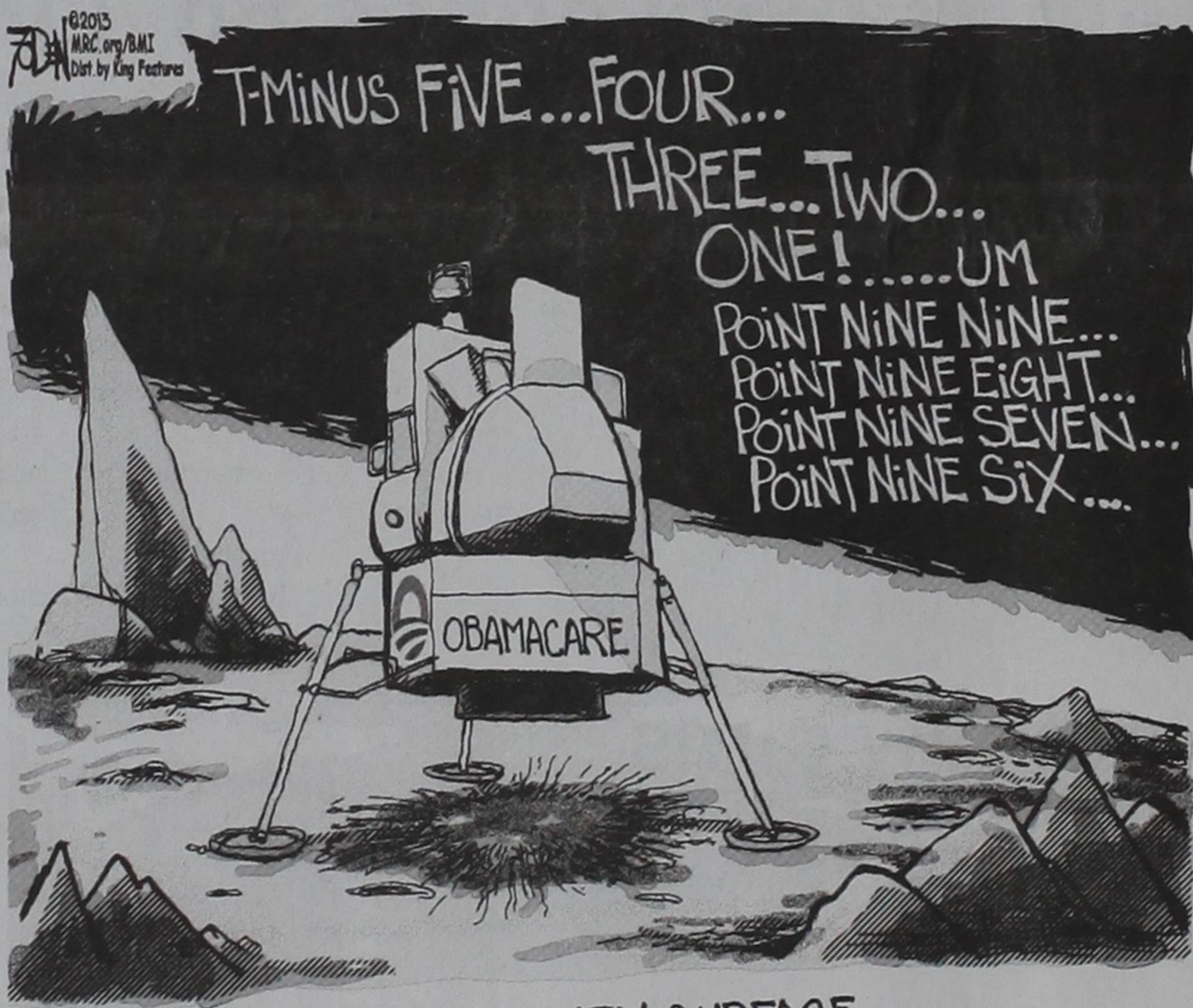
In short, Donley County is a great place to live. Sure, we have our problems. Even so, we normally don't sort out our problems with firearms and deadly violence. Excepting the occasional fist fight, involving our young bucks, life here is peaceful and relaxed. Sheriff Blackburn and his deputies pretty much keep a lid on any nefarious behavior that could result in disharmony and discord amongst citizens.

Life here is good. We generally care for each other, and do what we can to help to those who need a helping hand every once in a while. Our children are taught to have a basic respect for other people, our town, our great state of Texas, and our country. We generally take that respect others, God, and country to the grave.

Life, right now, in Donley County is "the good old days" that people often speak of. Enjoy it and be thankful for it.



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FROM THE LOONEY SURFACE

Promoting healthy Texas children

By Madeline McClure

Despite the current dissension in Austin, it may come as a surprise to know that our the Texas legislature has found consensus in supporting a growing number of low-income new parents and their newborns: In the recently completed regular legislative session, our elected officials unanimously agreed to expand investment in a novel, yet common sense concept that is has garnered national and international support, but received much less public attention than some of the more contentious issues making recent Texas headlines. The concept is voluntary home visitation, a cost-effective strategy, that offers professional help to those needing extra support to be successful parents in the beginning of their children's lives. And because of this smart policy just enacted, we aren't just investing, but ensuring that we are investing wisely. We are building the accountability structure to make sure taxpayers and participating families are getting real returns from these programs.

Home visiting matches low-income new parents, (who are interested in receiving services) with visiting nurses or trained providers who offer information and support from the time a mother is pregnant throughout the first few years of a her child's life: the most critical infant-development period. This parent guidance happens in the venue where vulnerable, at-risk families are often most open and comfortable: their homes.

Decades of research underscore the

positive outcomes of this work. Studies have found that pregnant mothers who participated in one home visiting program had 48 percent fewer low-birth-weight babies. This is important because low-birth-weight babies have trouble eating, staying warm and fighting infections, and may develop learning disabilities. By avoiding this, the program can reduce medical and education problems, saving the families, taxpayers, and the medical system significant long-term costs. Children who participated in a home visiting program were better prepared to learn when they entered school and half as likely to repeat First Grade as children in a control group. One program's longitudinal study showed that the children of parents who received home visiting were significantly less likely to be abused and neglected. When properly administered and monitored, home visiting can save public funds by producing healthier families and children, can help children do better in school and avoid repeating grades, and will result in fewer children ending up in the costly child welfare, mental health, and juvenile corrections systems.

What's more, the "magic" of these programs is that they have a two-generation impact. It isn't just that children do better; parents also learn to become more responsible for their own health, education, and self-reliance. Better parents help raise more successful children.

While the special sessions have focused on areas that are fraught with

controversy, we need to remember areas where Texans can all agree about caring for our children and families.

That's why 181 Texas legislators - every single member of the Senate and House, as well as our Governor - unanimously supported the original Nurse-Family Partnership home visiting legislation and funding in 2007 and renewed funding every biennium since. A bipartisan plan to expand and strengthen home visiting outcomes in Texas this past Session was again championed by the Legislative leadership and members of every stripe and ideology.

Yet, even with the new funds allotted this past session, Texas will only be reaching 10.5% of the estimated 212,000 highest-need families that currently qualify and could benefit from the program: Those are the number of Texas families with children aged 6 and under earning less than \$11,525 per year. Clearly, more funding is sorely needed.

Texans should focus on areas where we agree and that need all of our collective support. We need to raise our voices louder on this bipartisan issue and request our elected officials expand voluntary programs that reach out to those new mothers, newborns and families in most need. Supporting home visiting programs - and providing new Texas babies a right start to life - is one public policy investment upon which we can all agree.

Madeline McClure is the Founding Executive Director of ProtectPros, the Texas Association for the Protection of Children.

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Mastering the ABC's and D's of Medicare

By Bob Moos, Southwest public affairs officer for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

If you can remember the first time Paul McCartney sang "When I'm 64," read on. This column's for you. Hard as it may be for some to realize, the first wave of Beatle fans have reached that once-unimaginable milestone and stand on the threshold of qualifying for Medicare on their 65th birthday. Each day, another 8,000 baby boomers become eligible for the nation's largest health insurance program.

True to form, the generation that has gone through life believing it's invincible hasn't given much thought to Medicare. Indeed, research from the National Association of Insurance Commissioners has found that about two-thirds of boomers aren't familiar with the program's options.

That's cause for concern. If you don't understand the fundamentals of Medicare, you can't make informed decisions about your health care. So here's the short course – call it Medicare 101.

Medicare comes in four parts. Part A covers hospital stays, skilled-nursing care, home health services and hospice care. You won't pay a monthly premium for Part A if you or your spouse paid Medicare taxes during your working years.

Part B covers doctor visits, preventive services, outpatient hospital care and medical equipment. You'll pay a monthly premium for Part B – \$104.90 for new enrollees this year. If your income is higher

than \$85,000 as an individual or \$170,000 as a couple, you'll pay a higher premium.

To cover your prescriptions, you'll also buy a Part D drug plan from one of the private insurance companies in the business. The monthly premium, annual deductible and other out-of-pocket costs will vary according to the particular plan you choose.

Because Original Medicare usually pays for most, but not all, of a patient's health care costs, you may consider shopping for additional coverage or for help with the out-of-pocket expenses that Medicare doesn't pay for.

Under Part C, you can join a Medicare Advantage health plan sold by private insurers. In addition to the services that Original Medicare covers, Medicare Advantage plans usually offer extra benefits, like dental, hearing and vision care. Most include drug coverage. The plans may also charge a separate monthly premium on top of the Part B premium.

As an alternative to a Medicare Advantage plan, you can supplement your Medicare coverage by buying "Medigap" insurance. In return for a monthly or quarterly premium, the private policies fill many of the "gaps" for deductibles, co-payments, co-insurance and other charges not picked up by Medicare.

Besides mastering the ABC's and D's of Medicare, you'll need to know what to do to get your benefits. That'll depend on whether you're

already collecting Social Security.

If you're on Social Security, you'll be automatically enrolled in Medicare's Part A and Part B. About three months before your 65th birthday, you'll get a Medicare card and letter in the mail explaining that your monthly Part B premium will be deducted from your Social Security check. You'll have the option of declining Part B coverage. But unless you have health care coverage through your or your spouse's current employer, delaying enrollment in Part B could result in a penalty – in the form of a higher monthly premium – when you do sign up later. There's also a penalty for joining a Part D drug plan later.

If you're not on Social Security when you turn 65, you'll need to sign up for Medicare yourself. The Social Security Administration, which is responsible for enrolling most people in the health insurance program, says you can start the process about three months before your 65th birthday.

Don't fret. It's not hard. There's a new online application that takes less than 10 minutes to complete. Visit www.socialsecurity.gov and click on "Retirement/Medicare." Or, if you don't want to apply online, you can make an appointment by calling 1-800-772-1213. As I said, this was the short course. For more detailed information about Medicare, get a free copy of the "Medicare & You" handbook. You can download it at www.medicare.gov or request a copy by calling Medicare's toll-free help line at 1-800-633-4227.

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Wed	10	97°	71°	-
Thur	11	98°	71°	-
Fri	12	99°	72°	-
Sat	13	101°	64°	-
Sun	14	82°	59°	0.16

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August 9

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September 28

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Menus

July 20 - 26

Donley County Senior Citizens

Mon: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, spinach, whole wheat roll, salad, fruit bowl, iced tea/2% milk.

Tue: Breaded chicken tenders, baked potato, ream, peas & carrots, strawberries/whip cream, iced tea/2% milk.

Wed: BBQ brisket, ranch style beans, cornbread, carrot sticks, chocolate pudding, iced tea/2% milk.

Thu: Baked chicken & Dumplings, tossed salad, whole wheat roll, margarine, peach Chantilly, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Cheeseburger, potato wedges, salad, melon medley, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Beef stroganoff/noodles, whole wheat roll, mixed vegetables, winter fruit cup, iced tea/2% milk.

Tue: Polish sausage, cabbage, corn bread, peaches, iced tea/2% milk.

Wed: Country fried beef patty, cream gravy, yellow corn, turnip greens, wheat roll, apricots, iced tea/2% milk.

Thu: Ham & beans, spinach, seasoned corn, orange pineapple cup, country apple crisp, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Chicken strips, garlic mashed potatoes, turnip greens, wheat roll, mandarin oranges, iced tea/2% milk.



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting July 16, 2013, with Boss Lion Ashlee Estlack in charge.

We had 15 members and no guests this week.

Lion Monty Hysinger reported on school activities and said the Department of Public Safety will be conducting a training at the school next week. Lion Phil Shirley said the college has been busy interviewing to fill faculty and staff positions, and enrollment was reported to be up slightly for the summer session. A blood drive will be held at the college next Tuesday.

Lion Steve Hall was presented with a pin for helping recruit new members, and the club reviewed applications for the 2013-2014 Sweetheart. Applicants will be scheduled to visit the club over the next two weeks.

Lion Roger Estlack presented a short program on the origin of Clarendon's tourism motto, "Stay all night. Stay a little longer," which originated as a Bob Wills tune in the 1940s but has ties to a song that was published in the early 19th century.

There being no further business, we were adjourned.

Scam watchman falls victim to computer scam

Hi, gang! Well, I got scammed. Last week I had two changes to my computer that I didn't want and don't know how I got them. They were Search conduit.com and SweetPack search. I could not find a way to delete and they have taken over my search screen.

I searched, Removing SweetPack and found two entries, one was Remove Free in two minutes and the other was Remove Free in three minutes. I opened one of them and got a live person. That should have been a red flag. He talked me into a "FREE" (ain't nothing free) scan and I purchased a \$29.99 program from PC Scan. He then tried to use the old bait and switch scam to sell me a \$300 program to fix all of my computer problems. I stalled him with call me back, I need to check you out. He said we are BBB approved. And he assured that this was quality real time protection.

I checked with the Boca Raton Florida BBB and the National BBB. The company is not BBB approved. I had paid for the first program through Pay Pal and when I started to file a dispute with Pay Pal they contacted the other company and my money was quickly returned. Now I have several things wrong with my computer and still have the two search engines that I can't remove.

Scammers Prey on Summer Travel Season

Summer is high travel season. This means it's also peak time for emergency scams. These scams play off of peoples' emotions and desire to help others in need. Scammers impersonate their victims' loved ones. Then, they make up an urgent situation and plead for help, and money.

How the Scam Works: You answer the phone. The person on the other end claims to be a family

member who was arrested while traveling overseas.

They tell you to wire \$1,000 in order to post bail and hire a local attorney. You think the call sounds suspicious. But the caller provides you with convincing details. For example, he may know family names and other personal information, such as school or employer names and details about the trip. The information is so persuasive that you wire the money. A week later, your family member returns home... safe and sound. He/she was never in trouble, and you are out \$1,000.

Emergency scams come in all shapes and sizes. There's the



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by bob watson

Grandparent Scam where con artists contact the elderly claiming to be their grandchild (or niece/nephew), urgently asking for money. Con artists also hack into email accounts and then target friends and family with frantic requests for money, claiming injury, a lost or stolen wallet, arrest, etc. They can do the same by hacking social media accounts. The emergency scam is classic con, but the popularity of Facebook and other social media has given scammers an advantage.

Scammers can offer extremely plausible stories and many have done their research - they often have custom scams based on a victim's profession or family and can often name details about your family members. Be aware of what information about you and your family is posted online, so you won't be caught off guard.

How to Protect Yourself from

an Emergency Scam:

Resist the urge to act immediately, no matter how dramatic the story is. Always check out the story with other family and friends, even if you've been told to keep it a secret. Do not call the phone number provided by the caller, call the phone number for the family member or friend that you know to be genuine. Do not call the phone number provided by the caller. Spot a scammer by asking questions that would be hard for an impostor to answer correctly.

Know what you (and your family members) are sharing online. You may not have control over your family's social media accounts, but familiarize yourself with what they are sharing online. Learn about Facebook privacy settings go to Facebook Help and open Privacy settings.

Stay Safe Out There!

Weather-guessers finally got it right

Oh my goodness! It is difficult to believe this July weather. The weather-guessers had said we would have a cold front with rain, but being a native Texas Panhandler, I was a skeptic. After all, this is July, and we all know how hot it is. Well, I am happy to say they are right and I am wrong. Sunday felt like a blue norther blowing in except it came from the south and east. We received about a quarter of an inch of rain Sunday night, at noon the temperature is in the high 60s under partly cloudy skies with more rain predicted. How is that for a surprise? Ole Jim's garden was happy this morning, we will be eating squash and black-eyed peas soon; yum, yum.

With Todd Staples, Texas Agriculture Commissioner and candidate for Lt. Governor, coming to town this week, it is time to talk Texas politics and the duties of the Lt. Governor.

Like all other states the Lt. Governor takes over the duties of the governor when he leaves the state, becomes ill, or the office becomes vacant. That is where the similarities end. He is elected separately from the governor

and can be from a different party. The Lt. Governor is president of the senate and has broad powers, including forming committees and selecting the members, plus many other actions. He is the second most powerful person in the state. Like all of them, the present Lt. Governor Dewhurst is responsible for security while the Legislature is in session which led to the almost-riot recently in the senate. Oh my, not something you want to be remembered for.

As our state politics begin to heat up, read about them, study their record and vote next year for some good strong leaders for our state and don't forget Donley County is part of Texas.



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Hedley lit success with fireworks display

Hedley had a wonderful fireworks display July 4 on a vacant lot in town. The men who put it on collect donations all year, and we had a couple of hours' worth of great fireworks. We want to thank the Baptist Church for the use of the lot, the Hedley Fire Department for having a truck there for safety, and Lakeside Fireworks for the discount. We had people lined up by the Baptist Church and all around the lot. Some of our kids would not get to have seen fireworks if Hedley did not do this. We are very grateful for the men who put this on. If anyone wants to donate to the Fireworks for next year contact me and I will let them know. Hedley is proud to be American!

Kathy and Patsy Spier have four great grandchildren (for Mom) with us for two weeks. Emory (14), Dasia

(12), Hannah (10) and Josh (8). These are all my brother, Jack's, grandkids. They are here from Burleson and so far so good. Mom and I are still sane. We love them so much.

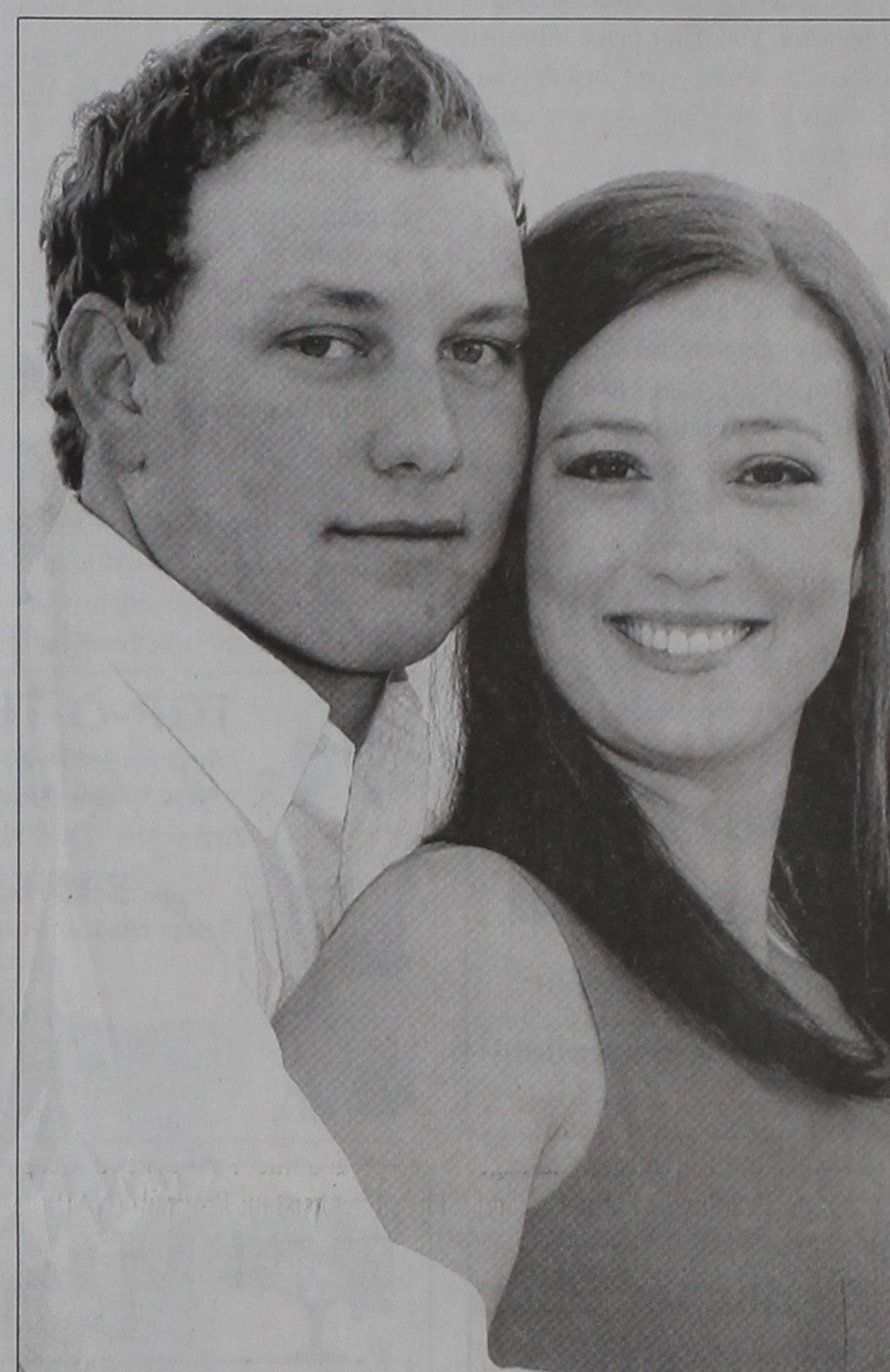
There is a new café in Giles right on the highway. The "Broken Road Kitchen, RV Park & More" opened on Friday, June 28, 2013. They will be open for breakfast and lunch only for now. Owners are Larry and Karon Ely and they will be open Monday thru Saturday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. and open Sunday from noon to 2:00 p.m. These are temporary times only until the fall and then things may change.



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They will consider being open in the evenings if a party of 10 or more will let them know in plenty of time. The phone number is 806-208-4001. Everyone come help support Larry and Karon. We need new businesses like this in our area.

Recipe: Cocktail Meatballs - 2 lb. lean ground beef, 1 pkg. (6 oz.) STOVE TOP Stuffing Mix for Chicken, 1 cup water, 2 eggs, 1 jar (12 oz.) grape jelly, 1 bottle (12 oz.) chili sauce. HEAT oven to 400°F. MIX meat, stuffing mix, water and eggs until blended. Shape into 50 (1-1/2-inch) meatballs; place in 2 foil-lined 15x10x1-inch pans sprayed with cooking spray. Bake 16 min. or until done (160°F). Meanwhile, bring jelly and chili sauce to boil in large saucepan on medium heat, stirring occasionally. Add meatballs to sauce; stir to evenly coat.



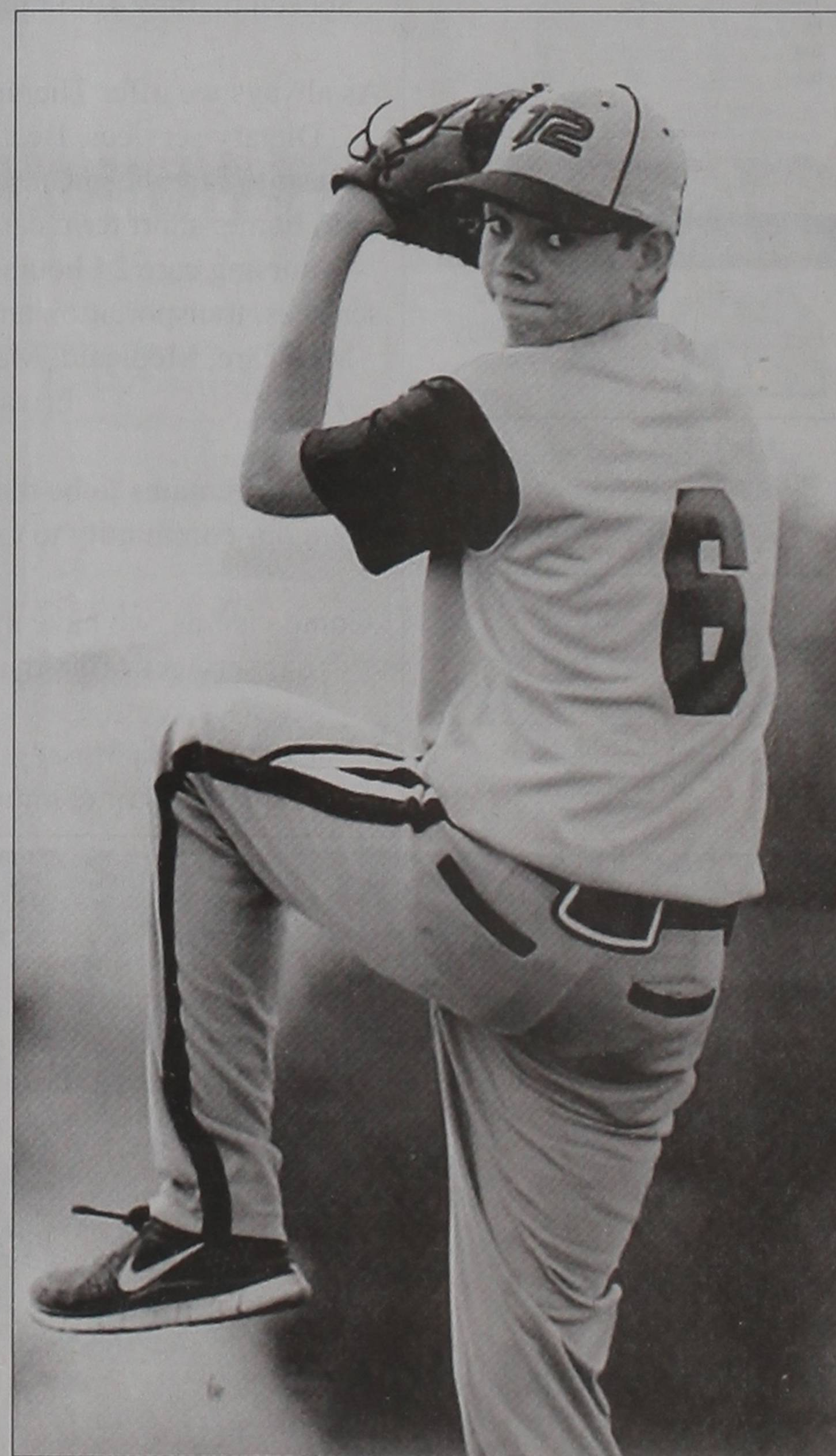
Matthew Smith and Cortnee Thornberry

Thornberry, Smith to be wed

Mr. and Mrs. Lance Thornberry of Clarendon announce the engagement of their daughter, Cortnee Don Thornberry, to Matthew Ryan Smith, son of Bubba and Trish Smith of Panhandle and Gary and Dee Dee Waldo of Amarillo.

Texas Tech University, is employed at the Office of the Attorney General in Lubbock. Mr. Smith, a senior at Texas Tech University, is employed at Lee Lewis Construction of Lubbock.

The couple will wed September 14, 2013 and reside in Lubbock.



Kade Hunsaker was chose to compete in the USA Mountain West Showcase Baseball Tournament in Provo, Utah. The tournament will be held July 31 - August 3. Kade will be playing on a team consisting of players from Amarillo, Lubbock, and Albuquerque. Good Luck Kade!

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Drugs in the News

Value of Drug Taken Before Heart Surgery

The results of a recent French study indicates that people diagnosed with depression who take an antidepressant two to three weeks before open heart surgery and continue to take it for six months experienced reduced pain and increased mental health. Three hundred and sixty one individuals participated in the study, suffered from the heart condition called stable angina and were scheduled for open heart surgery (coronary artery bypass graft). In this study, researchers provided the antidepressant escitalopram 10 milligrams to 182 people and a placebo to 179 people. In the analysis, it was determined that those taking escitalopram had lower pain and depression scores. Escitalopram may not affect pain or depression in those who were not depressed prior to surgery. Researchers associated with the study feel that those who were already taking antidepressants may have less pain and improved mental recovery following surgery.

Escitalopram (Lexapro) is a serotonin reuptake inhibitor. It works by altering chemicals in the brain to balance mood. It is generally well tolerated.



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Beat the heat without it beating you

HOUSTON – Sweating in the summer sun is one thing, overheating is another. Doctors at Baylor College of Medicine have some tips on how to prevent heat exhaustion from turning into heat stroke or worse. "Heat exhaustion is characterized by sweating, light headedness, fainting, fast heart beat and a modest elevation of body temperature," said Dr. Jeffrey Steinbauer, professor of family and community medicine at BCM. "Heat stroke is a step beyond heat exhaustion. The body can no longer control sweat and excess heat so the body temperature rises and in extreme cases can damage internal organs."

Other symptoms of heat exhaustion include weakness, dehydration, problems with

coordination, headache and even abdominal cramps, including nausea, vomiting or diarrhea.

"Heat exhaustion becomes dangerous when it is ignored," Steinbauer said. "Children playing outside or young athletes may not recognize the symptoms and think they have to play through the pain. Left alone, heat exhaustion can turn to heat stroke and potentially become fatal."

Steinbauer suggests that when you first suspect heat exhaustion, stop what you are doing, drink water and get to a cooler environment. If a person becomes confused and has an elevated body temperature greater than 104 F they should be taken to an emergency facility.

While a quick reaction is good, prevention is better. Steinbauer

suggests drinking plenty of fluids, such as water. Sports drinks are also an option to replace electrolytes that are lost in sweat but should be supplemented with water as well.

Being aware of your environment is also important. In humid temperatures you are more likely to suffer from heat exhaustion. Don't forget to wear cool clothing and take breaks from the heat.

Those most at risk include children, young athletes (particularly football players who are wearing heavy equipment), those who are overweight and the elderly. Some common medications such as antihistamines, diuretics, anticonvulsants and anti-depressants may also increase the risk of heat exhaustion.

USDA extends acreage reporting deadline

WASHINGTON – USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Juan M. Garcia today announced an extension of the FSA acreage reporting deadline. Farmers and landowners have an additional 18 calendar days to submit their annual report of acreage to their local FSA county office with the deadline extended from Monday, July 15, 2013, to Friday, Aug. 2, 2013. Only the FSA reporting deadline has been extended. The acreage reporting requirement for crop insurance has not changed and remains July 15.

"We want to ensure our producers maintain their program benefits by filing their reports accurately and in a timely manner for all crops and land uses, including prevented and failed acreage," said Administrator Garcia.

Accurate acreage reports are necessary to determine and maintain eligibility for various programs, such as the Direct and Counter-cyclical

Program (DCP); the Average Crop Revenue Election Program (ACRE); the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP); and the Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistant Program (NAP).

Acreage reports for FSA are considered timely this year when filed at the county office by the new applicable final crop reporting deadline of Aug. 2, 2013. Producers should contact their county FSA office if they are uncertain about reporting deadlines.

While FSA is able to extend its deadline, Risk Management Agency (RMA) Administrator Brandon Willis emphasized today that RMA's acreage reporting date remains July 15, 2013, for most spring planted crops in the country. Farmers are reminded to report any loss within 72 hours of discovery to their insurance company. Farmers must report prevented planting acreage to their insurance company, in writing, within 15 calendar days

after the final planting date. Losses must be reported and an insurance adjuster must view and release the crop before the crop is destroyed. Farmers are also reminded to contact their insurance agent if they have any questions about coverage, prevented planting, or for reporting and processing a claim.

Crop insurance is sold and delivered solely through private crop insurance agents. Contact a local crop insurance agent for more information about the program. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA Service Centers or on the RMA web site at www.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/.

Producers also should visit their USDA Service Center to complete acreage reporting for FSA. For questions on this or any FSA program, producers should contact their FSA county office or seek information online at www.fsa.usda.gov.

Plains Trail schedules round-up in Canadian

The Texas Plains Trail Region, a heritage tourism initiative of the Texas Historical Commission, will host its 5th annual Tourism & Preservation Round-up Aug. 7-8, 2013, in Canadian, Tex.

The two-day event, with optional pre- and post-activities, helps prepare community professionals and volunteers alike to promote heritage tourism, historic preservation, and economic development in their hometowns and beyond. Representatives of partner organizations, and individuals, are welcome to register.

The Round-up will kick off Wed., Aug. 7, with a reception at the Citadelle Art Foundation, which

is currently hosting an exhibition of Marc Chagall works, and will wrap up with "An Evening with Bob Phillips" at Canadian's historic Palace Theatre. In between are sessions including "Through Time and the Canadian River Valley: Writing the Stories of Your Place" with John Erickson, author of the Hank the Cowdog series and other Texas books; "Bringing History to Life: A Performance and Ideas for Your Community," with Ride into History (entertainers and educators Dr. Joyce Thierer and Ann Birney); "Rescuing the Hotel Settles: A Landmark Lives Again," with Hotel Settles director Bill Cole; and other educational and cultural activities.

"The Texas Plains Trail is thrilled to gather in historic Canadian during our 10th Anniversary year," said TPTR executive director Barbara Brannon. "The city stands as an amazing example of what historic preservation and the arts can do, even in a small community." Conference sessions are held at the Canadian Elementary School, 500 Dogwood, where a vendor fair will also be held. Registration for the main conference is \$75, with additional events and exhibitor booths extra. Tickets to "An Evening with Bob Phillips" will also be available to the public after July 15. For more information, call TPTR at 806.747.1997.

Retired teachers to hold meeting July 22

The regular meeting of the Donley County Retired School Personnel Association will meet Monday, July 22, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. in the Clarendon Church of Christ Family Life Center.

This meeting will begin the new 2013-2014 year for our local unit and those who have not paid their dues should do so at this time. Please contact Pam Denney if you are not able to come to the meeting to pay your dues. After hearing the Texas Retired Teacher Association updates at the state and local levels, we will enjoy a time of playing games and eating ice cream and cookies.

Come, bring cookies or ice cream and a favorite game. All retired teachers and school personnel are invited to come to this meeting.

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Obituaries

Brown

Jo Anne Sibley Benton Brown, 78, died Tuesday, July 9, 2013, in Amarillo.

Services were held Friday, July 12, 2013, in the Robertson Funeral Directors Saints' Roost Chapel in Clarendon with Rev. Anthony Knowles, officiating.

Burial followed at Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon, Texas.

Arrangements were under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Jo Anne was born September 21, 1934, in Amarillo, Texas to Guymond Noble and Lois Verina LaFon Sibley. She moved to Clarendon in the early 1940's where her family farmed in the Martin Community.

Jo Anne started to school when she was six years old and then attended school in Clarendon when she reached the eighth grade. She graduated from Clarendon High School in 1951 then attended Clarendon Jr. College. She started working at The Donley County State Bank in May after graduating from college. She married Benny Benton in 1956 in Clovis, NM and they had one son, Richard Benton. Benny passed away in 1961. She then moved to Amarillo for a time, working for Pantex where she met Frank L. Brown, Jr. They married at her family home in Clarendon in

October of 1967.

She returned to The Donley County State Bank where she worked a total of 30 years. After Frank's death in January of 2000, she moved to Canyon. Jo Ann was a Baptist, attending the Close Walk Sunday School Class while in Canyon. She had attended the First United Methodist Church while in Clarendon. Jo Anne belonged to the Jim Wilson Duplicate Bridge Club, Randall County Extension Service, and while at Clarendon Jr. College, she belonged to the Kappas and the Science Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Benjamin Benton; and by her second husband Frank L. Brown, Jr.

She is survived by a son, Richard Benton of Canyon; a step son Timothy Frank Brown and wife Paula of Pampa; a sister, Wanda Root and husband Harold of Canyon; 3 step sisters, Ann Hommell of Clarendon, Betty LaGrone and husband O'Dell, Judy McCully both of Amarillo; 3 grandchildren, Aerial, Jill, and Gracelyn Brown; 2 great grandchildren, Cade and Ethan Brown; a niece Gena Barrett and husband Brian of Canyon; a nephew, Dan Root and wife Natalie of Canyon; 3 great nieces, Kristen Barrett Flowers and husband Darren of Amarillo, Ripley and Jaidyn Root both of Canyon; a great nephew, Benjamin Barrett of Canyon; and a great-great niece,

Leah Flowers of Amarillo.

The family request memorials be sent to Olivia's Angels at BSA Hospice in Amarillo.

Ferguson

Hannelore "Lore" Ferguson, 75, died Sunday, July 14, 2013, in Clarendon.

Services will be held on 10:00 a.m. Thursday, July 18, 2013, in the First Assembly of God in Memphis with Rev. Mike Davis, pastor, officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery in Memphis.



Ferguson

Arrangements are under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Memphis.

Hannelore was born in Nurnberg, Germany on July 24, 1937. Lore met and fell in love with Gary Ferguson, Specialist 4th Class Head Quarters Company Nurnberg, Germany, while he was serving his country in the US Army from 1955-1963. They married in Bamberg, Germany on March 25, 1958 before coming to America and making a home. They were married 55 years. Although she left her home country she held proud to her strong German heritage. She was a living expression

of "you can tell a German, but not much." It was that unbending character that helped her learn to live in a new country and start a family. Lore worked at the Hall County Hospital for over 20 years. She enjoyed her grandchildren first and foremost. Her hobbies were sewing, collecting spoons, bells, and angels. She was also actively involved in her church, First Assembly of God in Memphis for many years.

She is survived by her husband, Gary Ferguson of Memphis; 2 sons Gary Ferguson and wife Judy of Gaithersburg, Maryland and their sons Brandon, Steven, and Justin; Albin Ferguson and wife Dawn of Amarillo and their sons Albin Jr. and Kurt; 2 daughters, Denise Ferguson and her life partner Jan Rowland of Virginia, Charlotte Durham and husband Chris of Howardwick and their children, Chasity, Corey, Chandace Ritchie, and Chrislyn Durham; and by 3 great grandchildren.

Pallbearers for the funeral will be Gary Ferguson Jr., Albin Ferguson, Denise Ferguson, Charlotte Durham, Chris Durham, and Corey Ritchie. Honorary Pallbearers will be Albin Ferguson, Jr. and Trystan Ritchie.

Visitation will be at the funeral home on Wednesday, July 17, 2013 from 5:00-7:00 pm.

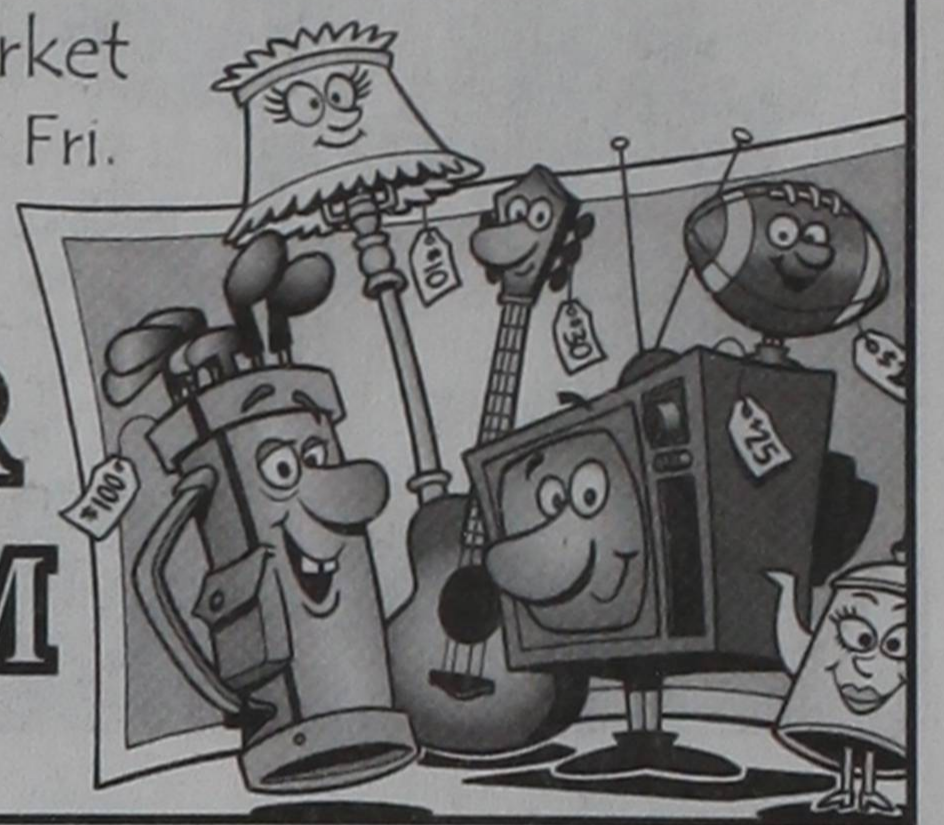
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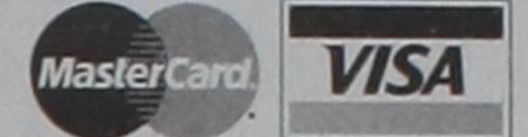
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News from City Hall

Election – The election to replace the three city aldermen who recently resigned is scheduled for Tuesday, November 5. City residents interested in running for a place on the city council can pick up an “application for a place on the ballot” beginning July 22 at City Hall.

City Council – Mayor Larry Hicks and Aldermen Will Thompson and Sandy Skelton as well as City Secretary Machiel Covey are allowed to meet at any time for the purpose of planning, drafting next year’s budget, etc. however, no decisions can be made until three new aldermen are officially sworn in following the election in November. In the meantime, the Mayor, City Secretary and all employees are conducting daily operations as usual.

Streets – The sewer line replacement project on the north side of town has been completed.

Scott Wampler Construction continues to replace the old water lines on 3rd and Allen streets and a second crew will soon begin the same work on 6th Street (beginning at 6th and Parks and moving east to Goodnight Street). This work is necessary as the old lines are in poor condition and need replacing prior to paving (scheduled for the Spring of 2014).

Water – Greenbelt Water Authority is treating the water going to member cities to take care of some issues down the line, which is resulting in less than desirable flavor and odor issues. This should be resolved in a couple of weeks.

Clarendon Economic Development Corporation – The Clarendon EDC would like to congratulate the Clarendon Chamber and Clarendon Outdoor Entertainment Association on another successful Saints’ Roost Celebration. The EDC will be evaluating surveys in the coming month from a sampling of attendees and will work with both entities to make next year’s event even more successful. Additionally, the EDC will be looking at new/updated signage for Clarendon to encourage more travelers to stop and stay in our community.

Representatives of the Clarendon EDC met with the Amarillo Area Foundation regarding potential sources of both private and foundation funding to help continue work on the Mulkey Theatre. The CEDC is still awaiting word from TXDOT regarding funding for the lobby/Visitor Center portion of the Mulkey. In further downtown improvement related news, the grant for the Downtown Revitalization Program was submitted last week to the Texas Department of Agriculture, and word regarding these funds is anticipated by the end of September.

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Comptroller returns \$1 Billion in unclaimed property

AUSTIN – Texas Comptroller Susan Combs announced last week she has returned \$1 billion in unclaimed property to rightful owners since she took office in 2007. This is the largest sum of money ever returned by a Texas Comptroller.

“When I took office in January 2007 I was committed to return as much unclaimed money as possible to owners who may have forgotten about it,” Combs said. “We launched extensive outreach efforts and streamlined processes to help reunite more owners with their money.”

The Comptroller presented Austin firefighter Greg Reddish with \$2,009.64 today, which took total payments across the landmark threshold. Approximately 1.1 million claims have been approved since 2007 totaling \$1 billion over six and a half years. Unclaimed property payments began in 1962, and approximately \$900.8 million was returned in the 44 years prior to Combs taking office.

The Comptroller added new features in the claims process and expanded outreach efforts to increase the amount of returned money. They

include:

- An automated-review process for claims up to \$5,000 that matches information in online claim forms to data in the unclaimed property system in order to expedite those claims.

- Access to a dynamic public records database to help efficiently verify claimants and speed up approvals – decreasing the time to pay claims filed by original owners from 45 days to about 20 days.

- Grass roots staff that sets up at events such as expos, the Texas State Fair and events with county treasurers to help Texans find and claim their unclaimed property on the spot.

- Improvements to the Unclaimed Property website that make it easier for claimants to identify and submit a claim for property.

- Annual notification letters to owners of certain types of property valued \$100 or more that was reported to the state in the preceding year.

- Brochures in libraries promoting the unclaimed property

program website phone number.

Unclaimed property includes forgotten utility deposits or other refunds, insurance proceeds, payroll checks, cashier’s checks, dividends, mineral royalties, dormant bank accounts and abandoned safe deposit box contents. Businesses turn over property to the unclaimed property program after the property they’re holding has been dormant for generally between one to five years.

“We will continue our efforts to get as much money back into the right hands,” said Combs. “I encourage people to search our website at any time or call us to see if they have money waiting for them and start the process of getting that money back. After all, it’s your money!”

There is no statute of limitations for unclaimed property the state is holding, which means there is no time limit for owners to file a claim – they can do so at any time.

To search for unclaimed property and begin the claims process, visit the Comptroller’s Unclaimed Property website at www.ClaimItTexas.org or call 1-800-654-FIND (3463).

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Clarendon Church of Christ WHERE ARE THE PARENTS?

We’ve watched a tragedy unfold in the Trayvon Martin and George Zimmerman saga. The media, I believe, made it into something it never was and that was a race story. Whatever happened that night, a jury has spoken. The evidence that I saw never proved what the media said. Still, we will never know exactly what happened and the nation shouldn’t be dividing up over this incident/tragedy.

What should become part of the discussion is: “Where were the parents?” It wasn’t late at the time Trayvon was out. It was after 7 p.m. He had bought some candy and a drink. We know these things but one thing not reported by many news organizations was that there was marijuana in his system. How long had this young man/kid been smoking dope? Who did he hang around to get it? I’m not saying the dope caused everything, but you can’t say it didn’t make any contribution.

As a parent, I try my best to know who my child’s friends are. My wife and I are very protective and try to make sure he is in a safe environment. Our faith and church going are all part of the rounding out of our children’s character. My children make mistakes like everyone, but they don’t come home high or stay in that kind of company. These 2 parents are experiencing grief that I can’t fathom. I never want to know what they’ve went through. At some point, they are going to have to accept some responsibility in what happened. If you watched and listened, Trayvon was involved in other disturbing things in his life that may have had no bearing on what happened with Mr. Zimmerman. Yet, it makes a lot of us parents wonder, how involved were Trayvon’s parents in his life? I would like to know if they were religious and if they shared it with their son. Pr 22:6 “Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.” That doesn’t always hold true, but often it does.

Matthew 7:21 is the Golden Rule. Basically it tells us to treat others as you want to be treated. I would say that God’s way is not only best but if lived, what happened that night would have never happened. I don’t know how much George Zimmerman contributed to the beginning of the violence. A young person is dead and there are 2 parents who are suffering and probably wondering what they could have done differently.

I hope that all of us might take this tragedy and make some use of it by watching our kids a little closer. Maybe we should look inside ourselves and ask if we are being good parents. Are our children hanging around other good kids? Are our children involved in drugs or anything else that causes harm? No matter what happened on that fateful night, there were duties that should have been performed for Trayvon by parents. Let’s be good parents that we hopefully won’t have to face this terrible ordeal.

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Boy Scouts Court of Honor was held on Tuesday, July 9 at camp Tommy Saye. Awards were given for merit badges to rank advancement. Taylor and Tyler Smith received their bronze, silver, and gold palms, representing a total of 15 merit badges earned beyond those required for the rank of Eagle.



The Daisy Girl Scout troop at their Summer series horse back riding in June.

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Panhandle District 1 4-H judging results

AMARILLO – Record books by 115 youth from 16 Panhandle counties were judged by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agents and adult volunteers on July 9 at Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Amarillo.

Youth keep detailed records of 4-H projects undertaken throughout the year in order to develop skills in communication, organization, goal setting, problem solving and documentation, according to Brandon Dukes, AgriLife Extension district administrator.

The first place senior books will advance to the state competition, to be held Aug. 5 in Amarillo. Local results of the District 1 4-H record book judging are as follows:

- Junior Beef - 1. Jodee Pigg, Donley; Intermediate Clothing & Textiles - 1. Hannah Hommel, Donley; Intermediate Food & Nutrition - 2. Charlotte Craft, Donley; Junior Food & Nutrition - 3. Elizabeth Craft, Donley; Senior Swine - 2. Jake Owens, Donley; and Senior Veterinary Science - 1. Tres Hommel, Donley.



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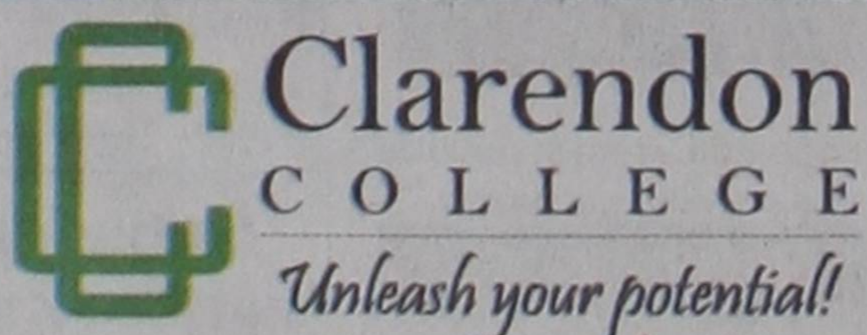
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