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- 4 Peggy Cockerham can tell you all you need to know about knee replacement.
- 6 Emergency farm loan applications are now being accepted.
- 8 And Hedley athletes need to line up.

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

Club will honor first responders Friday

The Howardwick Friendship Club will honor local first responders this Friday, July 18, in the Howardwick Park at 6:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to help them honor our emergency service personnel. Fire trucks will be there for the kids to ride, and homemade ice cream will be available.

Chamber meeting to discuss Fourth

The Donley County Chamber of Commerce is having a meeting to critique this year's July 4th Celebration and to plan the 2009 Saints' Roost Celebration.

The meeting will be held Wednesday, July 23, at 5:30 p.m. at Burton Memorial Library. Everyone is invited.

PGCD gets TWDB loan of \$1 million

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) has approved financial assistance to the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District in the amount of \$1,000,000 from the Agricultural Water Conservation Loan Program to provide financing for agriculture water conservation equipment.

The District will utilize the funds to provide loans to purchase low energy center pivot irrigation systems. Interest on the new loan will be 3.58 percent to producers.

The District's jurisdictional area covers all or parts of nine counties in the Panhandle of Texas. These counties are Carson, Gray, Donley, Roberts, Armstrong, Potter, Hutchinson, Hemphill and Wheeler, and the District's office is located in White Deer, Texas.

The TWDB is the state agency charged with collecting and disseminating water related data, assisting with regional planning and preparing the State Water Plan for the development of the state's water resources, and administering cost-effective financial programs for the construction of water supply, wastewater treatment, flood control, and agricultural water conservation projects.

Shamrock tourney seeking couples

The Shamrock Ladies Golf Association is looking for couples to join them for their annual Lady's n' Lassie Golf Scramble Tournament to be held on July 26 and 27 at the Shamrock Country Club in Shamrock.

Tee times are at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. The format will be a best ball scramble. There will be Lady's and Man's Closest to the pin and longest drive contest. Door prizes are to be given away, and a drawing will be held for a men's and lady's Nike SQ Sumo Driver.

For more information, contact Betty Lee at 806-334-0929 or Stacy Morgan at 806-334-1000.

Expenses squeeze city finances

Rising fuel costs are putting Clarendon's finances in a vice, according to city officials.

With increasing expenses outpacing revenues, the Board of Aldermen approved moving a \$132,000 certificate of deposit into the city's general fund during their regular meeting last week.

The city has three months left in the fiscal year, and officials are optimistic that the infusion of cash will help the city along that far.

"We hope it will last, but it's going to be close," Mayor Mark White said. "Hopefully we can adjust the budget."

White said there is nothing wrong with the city's budget as it was approved.

"The problem is that revenue has stayed the same, but expenses have gone up dramatically," the mayor said, specifically citing fuel and supplies — such as pipe and water meters.

To help them deal with the financial problem, city officials will have a representative of the Texas First Group at next Tuesday's regular meeting. That group is comprised of former and retired city managers who provide interim services and help cities find ways to save money.

the mayor said.

"Several area towns have used them and are impressed," he said.

The mayor said the city is not in danger of being broke and also said there is \$200,000 still left in the city's reserve.

The city also has other funds on hand, but those monies have been set aside for grant matches or other dedicated expenditures.

In other city business, the board considered a plan and time schedule to repair a house at 719 W. Sixth, which the city had previously ordered removed or destroyed. The plan, drawn up by the city attorney

and an attorney for the property owner and modified by the board, calls for exterior work to be done first, including repairing siding, windows, and the roof. Aldermen agreed to remove a requirement that the interior of the house must be finished and added "clean up property." If the work is not completed as stated, the city will take action.

An ordinance regarding trucks on residential streets was discussed again. A sample ordinance was given to the city attorney and will be discussed at the next meeting.

Aldermen approved a motion to revoke Ordinance 371 which gov-

erns electronic signs.

The board accepted a bid from Edward Butler for property sold in a recent sheriff's sale.

A lease agreement with James F. Clifford and the Estate of John T. Clifford for the building which houses the municipal court was approved as modified.

City Superintendent Jim Roberts said city engineers are gathering information on the seal coat project. Included in this project would be portions of Sims, Allen, Third, and Fourth streets at a cost of \$3 per square yard. The work would begin in early September.



Day in the sun

This squirrel, spotted on the fence at the home of Larry and Donna Hicks, was among the many creatures enjoying the weather Saturday evening as temperatures reached 97°F. Rain showers followed on Sunday, bringing some much needed moisture to the area.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO/ KALEIGH WEST

CEDC awards two storefront grants

The Clarendon Economic Development Corporation made its second and third awards under its Façade Grant Program last week.

The Hair Connection at 322 S. Kearney showed that a little bit goes a long ways as owner June Franklin and her husband put on a shiny new coat of paint and replaced some deteriorating trim. A handsome new sign was the finishing touch.

The total project cost \$146.14 and five hours of the couple's time on July 6. The CEDC Board approved Franklin's grant application on July 7, and President Steve Hall presented her with a check for \$73.07 two days later.

"Every little bit helps," said Franklin. "That pays for the paint."

Franklin didn't even know about the CEDC's grant program when she started the project. Then Every Nook & Cranny co-owner Virginia Patten drove by and mentioned it to her.

The work has already paid off for Franklin, who says her salon has already picked up some new customers because they noticed the business.

The CEDC's third grant was awarded to Roger Estlack, who refurbished a storage building used by THE CLARENDON ENTERPRISE north of the Mulkey Theatre at 106 S. Kearney. That project was eligible for and received the maximum award of \$2,000.

Estlack hired Chris and Terri Ford of Finders Keepers to repair the 1892 building's awning, restore the north showcase window, make

other repairs, and paint the entire storefront.

"We were in a situation where we were going to have to replace the awning because it was deteriorating quickly," Estlack said. "With the CEDC's help, we were able to renovate the entire façade for just a little more than what the awning repairs alone would have cost us."

The building has been used for nothing but storage for about three decades, but Estlack says that could change.

"The new look has generated a lot of interest," he said, "and we'd be willing to do some work to the interior of the building if we could find a suitable business to rent the front of it."

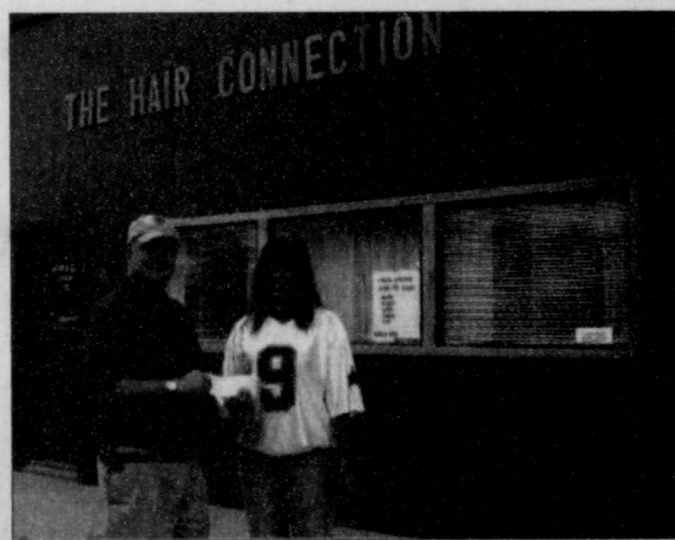
The CEDC has budgeted \$10,000 for this year's Façade Grant Program, which provides fifty-fifty matching grants up to a maximum of \$2,000 per project for properties on a three-block stretch of Kearney Street between First and Fourth Streets.

Projects eligible for consideration could be anything from a coat of paint to new signage to a complete rehabilitation of a storefront.

The program will run through the close of this fiscal year, which ends September 30, 2008. The program's future will depend on its success this year.

Every Nook & Cranny submitted the first grant of the year and received \$1,055.20 for its storefront.

The CEDC Board will next meet to consider grant applications on August 4 at 5:15 p.m. in City Hall.



CEDC President Steve Hall presents a check to Hair Connection owner June Franklin.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO/ ROGER ESTLACK



Roger Estlack receives a check from CEDC President Steve Hall.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO/ ROGER ESTLACK

Sales tax revenue up in June

AUSTIN — Local city sales tax revenues climbed again in June, according to information from Texas Comptroller Susan Combs.

Clarendon's monthly allocation was \$24,423.44, an increase of 4.08 percent compared to last June. The city's sales tax collections are now 2.27 percent ahead for the year-to-date.

Hedley received an allocation of \$359.57, up more than 19 percent from last June and putting that city's year-to-date total up 4.24 percent.

Sales tax revenue also grew in Howardwick, which received \$1,177.81, up 13.45 percent. That city is up 10.76 percent for the year so far.

Statewide, Combs collected \$1.7 billion in sales tax revenue in June, up 8.4 percent compared to June 2007.

"Through June 2008, fiscal year-to-date state sales tax collections have increased 6.1 percent compared to fiscal 2007," Combs said. "While we have seen the national economy slowing, growth in Texas sales tax revenue continues at a steady pace."

Combs sent July sales tax allocations of \$311.9 million to Texas cities, up 2.6 percent compared to July 2007. So far this calendar year, city sales tax allocations are up 5 percent compared to the same time period last year.

State sales tax collections in June and local sales tax allocations in July represent sales that occurred in May and were reported to the Comptroller in June.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, August 8.

CHS reunion being planned

Plans are being made for the 2008 Clarendon High School Exes Homecoming Reunion to be held September 19.

The Bronco pep rally at 3 p.m. will start the reunion with the Bronco Band's Mexican Pile On to follow in the cafeteria at 5 p.m.

All CHS exes are asked to meet in front of the Old Gym at 6 p.m. to get name tags and visit, and the Bronco football game starts at 7:30.

Following the game, the reunion moves to the Clarendon Community Center where exes will enjoy music, snacks, soft drinks, and lots of reminiscing. Registration is \$5 per person.

Tours of the high school building will be available during the reunion for those who are interested.

For more information, contact Janie Ivey Gibson at 806-874-0827 or lulivey63@nts-online.net or contact Valerie Trout Ashcraft at 806-874-3631 or ashcraft.valorie@clarendon.k12.tx.us.

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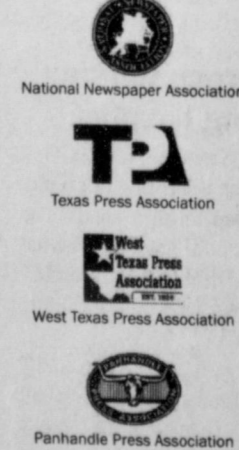
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guest commentary

With or without nukes, Iran is mortal threat

By Elan Jurno

Imagine that your neighborhood is overrun by a gang. These brutes are wielding crowbars, knives, and pistols in a frenzied spree of home break-ins and mugging and murder.

Would you sleep soundly at night? Or would you be outraged? Of course you would, because this gang - even without more powerful weapons - is already a serious menace that must be stopped.

Now, what would you say if this ridiculous what-if scenario resembled our actual response to the very real threat from Iran?

Ever since taking U.S. embassy staff hostage in 1979, the Islamist regime in Teheran has led an international spree of bombings, hijackings, and other terrorist attacks on Americans and Westerners.

On the campaign trail, for instance, the candidates debate how (i.e., with or without preconditions) they'd negotiate to dissuade Iran from pursuing a nuke - on the idea that without such a weapon in Iranian hands, everything will be hunky-dory.

But the uncomfortable truth is that if the mullahs got a nuke, Iran would not suddenly undergo a Jekyll-and-Hyde transformation from a friendly neighbor into a rabid enemy.

For three decades the ayatollahs of Iran have been using proxies - such as Hezbollah - to carry out murderous attacks. Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps helped create and train Hezbollah, which hijacked a TWA airliner and which kidnapped and tortured to death American citizens.

There's more: The 9/11 Commission found that "senior al Qaeda operatives and trainers traveled to Iran to receive training in explosives," and that "8 to 10 of the 14 Saudi 'muscle' operatives traveled into or out of Iran between October 2000 and February 2001."

A rational assessment of Iran would have to recognize that the mullahs in Teheran have been conducting a proxy war against America. The inspiration for this war is Iran's jihadist goal of imposing Islamic totalitarianism globally.

But too many American diplomats and commentators refuse to judge Iran. Instead, they regard its past hostility as a string of disconnected crises, unrelated to Iran's ideological agenda.

This fear-the-weapon-not-the-killer mentality refuses to understand the threat posed by Iran right now. This view holds that only the concrete facts about Iran's arsenal have any practical significance.

Our leaders' narrow concern with Iran's nuclear capability cannot make the regime's longstanding hostility to America go away.

Elan Jurno is a resident fellow at the Ayn Rand Institute (http://www.aynrand.org/) in Irvine, Calif.

Thanks, Doctor Howard

My family and I were traveling to New Mexico for vacation and stopped in Clarendon to spend the night on July 5, 2008.

Thank you, Dr. Howard, for being there for us. Also a big thank you for serving our country. You are a true inspiration to your community and hero to many.

Janis Jackson Harris, Weatherford

Snow: Defender of Bush and faith

By Dr. Paul Kengor

The first time I encountered Tony Snow was through his columns for the Detroit News in the 1980s, when I was an undergraduate subscribing to a forgotten but quite good publication called CONSERVATIVE CHRONICLE.

It was a trait he would display a decade-and-a-half later, not just behind the camera at Fox News or the microphone from his radio talk-show but, mercifully, behind the podium as the press secretary for a Bush administration that until then had no spokesman capable of publicly defending the president.

I would like to close by noting something I personally witnessed in

but surely chipping away at George W. Bush's ever-declining approval rating, and framing the public debate.

Then came Tony Snow. I recall the first time he took on Helen Thomas, and also David Gregory. It must have taken everything he had to not say, "I'm sorry but that's the most ridiculous thing I've heard in a long time, and I can't believe you actually think it's clever...."

Alas, the president had found himself a defender. And when reporters, naturally, complained that Tony was being mean to them and was obviously too partisan - after all, he didn't agree with them - Tony Snow shrugged his shoulders and continued to do the job the way it badly needed to be done.

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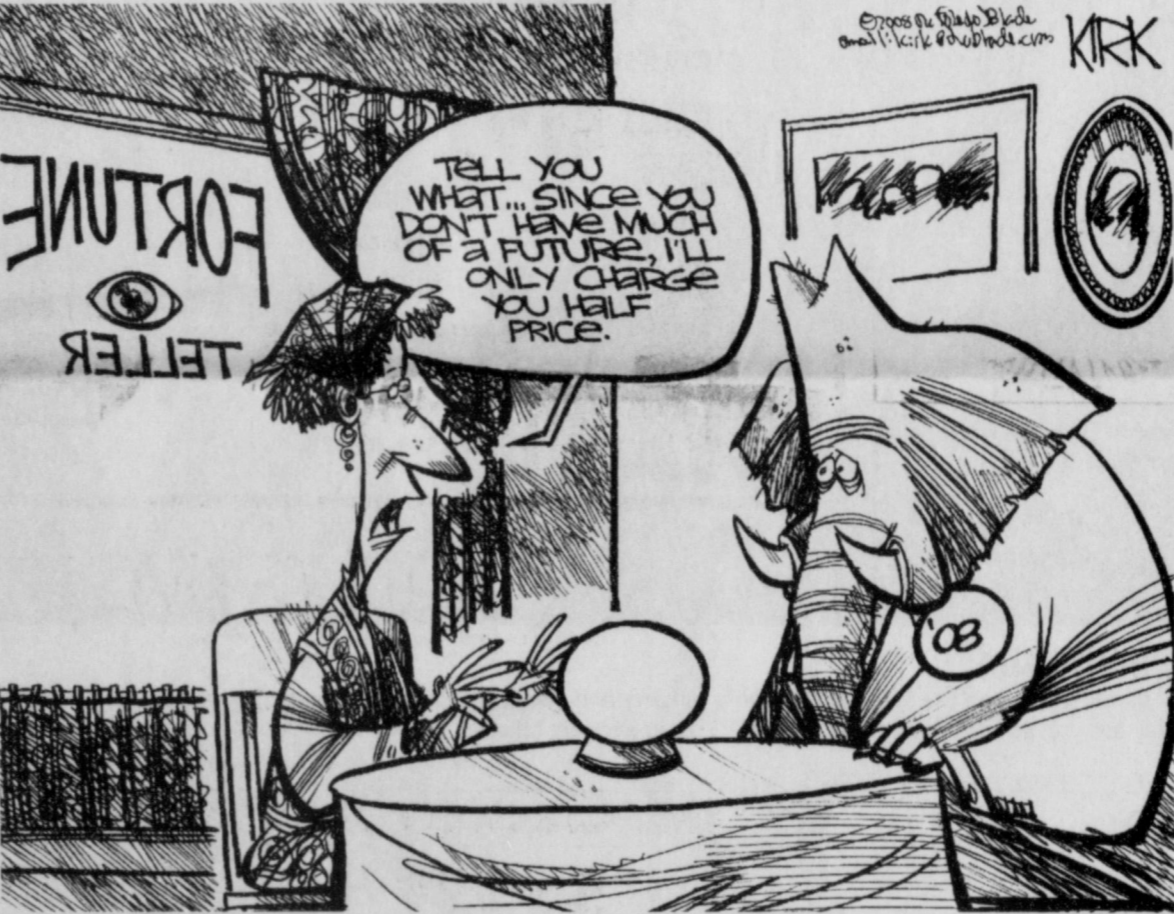
Tony Snow, which I mean sincerely and not as a sappy cliché at the time of his death: his faith was important to him and very much a part of him. (That faith was something he shared with President Bush and which is the president's strength, unlike their contrasting willingness to respond to detractors.)

I learned this when he had me on his TV show in February 2004 to talk about my book on the faith of Ronald Reagan. Unlike a lot of hosts, he actually read the book - quickly within days of its release.

He strongly identified with the Reagan of those roots. When Reagan died four months later, Snow called to bring me on his radio show to discuss the subject again.

Now, it is that faith, in the end, which is the one thing that matters most in the life of Tony Snow.

Paul Kengor is professor of political science and executive director of the Center for Vision & Values at Grove City College.



Equip troops for battle and future

In 1944 the Congress passed the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, better known as the GI Bill of Rights, which rewarded World War II veterans with higher education benefits paid for by the federal government.

The resulting efforts and enterprise of these veterans allowed the United States economy to flourish and laid the foundation for the technological, industrial, and agricultural boom that would last for decades.

The men and women of today's military match the service, valor, and sacrifice of that Greatest Generation. Up until very recently, however, some of the benefits our active duty troops and veterans depend on for their education have not kept pace with rising education costs, or the needs of military families.

In June, Congress passed, and the President signed into law, an emergency funding bill that included a sweeping measure to provide expanded education benefits to educate and equip our troops and veterans and their loved ones for future opportunities.

I am pleased that the legislation addressed an inequity that I have actively

worked in the Senate to correct - the transferability of education benefits to veterans' family members.

The new GI Bill will allow a broader group of military personnel to transfer up to half of their unused benefits to their spouse or child after six years of service and the full amount after ten years.

The revised GI Bill that passed broadens education benefits for all active duty military personnel, as well as eligible activated National Guard and Reserve members, who have paid into

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capitol comment by sen. kay bailey hutchison

and have served at least three years since September 11, 2001. Veterans may receive educational benefits along with a cost of living stipend.

The law doubles the value of education assistance and restores today's veterans' benefits to the levels of aid that enabled World War II veterans to thrive.

The bill signed by the President also included a provision I authored to forgive VA debts that are owed by the courageous service men and women who have lost their lives in combat.

Finally, this bill will fund operations in two theaters of conflict well into 2009. It will provide our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan the resources and equipment they need to complete their mission and to help safeguard our nation from the violent threat of global terrorism.

In a time of war when our nation's servicemen and women are bravely carrying out the Global War on Terror, it is critical that lawmakers come together and stand behind our troops.

CC Regents hear completers report

The Clarendon College Board of Regents met July 10 with a busy agenda that included hearing a report on the performance of CC students during the last academic year.

The "completers report" shows the percentage of students who completed a class once they were enrolled in that class. It is not an indication of passing the class or getting any particular grade, but it rather shows who finished the class.

For the fall semester, CC had a 94.54 percent completion rate, and that rate was 91.11 percent in the spring, giving the college a 93 percent completion rate for the year.

CC President Bill Auvenshine said those figures put Clarendon College in the upper echelon of community colleges in the state.

By comparison, CC had a 92.04 percent completion rate in the fall of

2006 and a 90.78 percent completion rate in the spring of 2007.

CC Regents also approved a new schedule of tuition and fees for students in Gray and Childress counties, which falls between the in-district and out-of-district rates and saves students in those locations about \$9 per semester hour.

The new rate schedule was promised to Gray and Childress county residents as an incentive to pass the five-cent maintenance taxes in those locations, which voters approved in May.

Regents also accepted bids on Internet and ITV services, athletic insurance, and 80 new dorm beds. AMA•TechTel will provide Internet connectivity to students in CC residence halls at the student's option, and NTS will provide the college's T1 Internet line and its ITV system.

Knorrp Insurance had the low bid on athletic insurance, and KLN Steel will supply the bunkable beds for \$28,000.

The college also purchased a wind energy teaching device for \$48,000 with grant money from American Electric Power.

New hires approved by the board included Kelcie Newton - volleyball coach and student activities director, Hannah Thompson - English instructor, Mary Nell Kaiser - cosmetology, Paula McLelland - office technology, and Adrian Dinkel - residence hall aide and assistant baseball coach.

The board also met in closed session to discuss with its attorney acquiring or leasing property in Gray County, but no action was taken when the meeting resumed in open session.

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Thur	10	84°	67°	25°
Fri	11	89°	69°	-
Sat	12	97°	75°	-
Sun	13	88°	64°	-

Total precipitation this month: 1.48"
Total precipitation to date: 2.05"
Total precipitation in June last year: 3.41"
Total YTD last year: 18.06"

weekend forecast

Friday, July 19
Isol'd T-Storms
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Saturday, July 20
Partly Cloudy
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Sunday, July 21
Partly Cloudy
92°/66°

Information provided by:
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Cancer society seeking volunteers

The American Cancer Society will host a training session for its Road to Recovery program on August 5 in Amarillo.

Road to Recover is a program of volunteers who drive patients to treatment centers and home again. Road to Recovery volunteers arrange their own schedules. If you have a car and some spare time, you can help someone keep a very important appointment.

One cancer patient requiring radiation therapy could need

anywhere from 20 to 30 trips to treatment in six weeks. A patient receiving chemotherapy might report for treatment weekly for up to a year.

Those interested in volunteering are asked to meet at noon at the Best Western in Amarillo at 1610 S. Coulter on August 5.

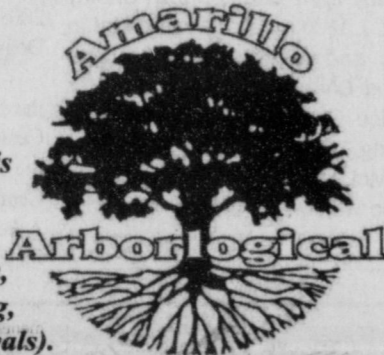
All volunteers must have a valid drivers' license and current insurance.

For more details, call Terri Prescott at 353-4307.

Amarillo Arborlogical will be sending an ISA Certified Arborist to service Clarendon, Memphis and Childress on July 17.

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The Clarendon church of Christ invites you to its VBS this Saturday, July 19th. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. The day will end at 3:30 p.m. The VBS is for ages 4 years to 6th grade.

There will be Bible classes and crafts. There will be skits performed by some of the members. Homemade cookies will be served as snacks. Lunch will be served at 12:00 p.m. and classes will resume at 12:30. At 3:00 p.m., certificates will be awarded to the students.

We hope that your children will come and learn more about God and His will for us all. Proverbs 22:6 tells us: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." VBS is a good tool to help all of us as parents to train our children.

There are so many activities that the world offers our children, and many of them good. There are sports, scouting, etc. that are beneficial, but nothing can compare to the benefits of a good spiritual education.

We not only invite you to our VBS, but we would love to have you at our regular services. We have some great teachers that can help in your child's spiritual growth. We have a very warm and loving membership and you would be made to feel like family.

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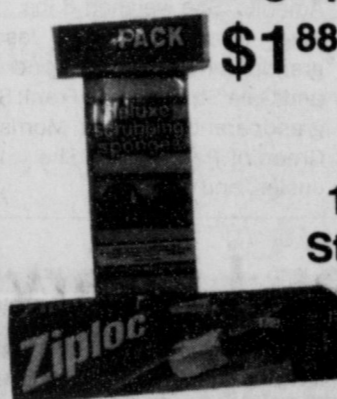


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Panhandle Legionnaires attend convention in Corpus Christi

By Barry D. Schoenhals, Adjutant
American Legion delegates from throughout the state of Texas recently convened in Corpus Christi for the 90th annual Department of Texas convention.

Representing the 18th District was District Commander Barry D. Schoenhals of Darrouzett, along with Roosevelt Sullivan and Don Seager of Amarillo. Sullivan and Seager were sworn in as the new District Commander and Vice Commander respectively. Also attending was Susan Wheatley, Darrouzett, who serves as District 18 Auxiliary President and Hazel Stump, Spearman, who serves as Vice President. Other area delegates were Harry Stump and his daughter Kayleen. The delegates represented American Legion Posts from Darrouzett, Amarillo, and Perryton.

Among the numerous speakers was Texas Governor Rick Perry who praised The American Legion for 90 years of dedicated service to the community, state and nation and its vigilant effort to secure veterans' rights. Perry also reminded Texas employers to keep veterans in mind when hiring. "...tell the story of your own service, so that the next genera-

tion can understand the realities of this world..." Perry said.

Perry is an Air Force veteran and a member of Mineral Wells Post 75.

Once again, Posts in District 18 received their share of awards. Hall of Fame membership awards went to Posts in Stratford, Shamrock, Booker, Hedley, and Claude. Darrouzett Post 635 received the Department All Time High membership award for two years running. Posts in Canadian and Higgins were recognized for achieving membership goal. The 18th District was also recognized for administrative achievement and was the only one of the Departments 23 Districts to garner the recognition. All but one of the Districts 25 American Legion Posts received the Department Certificate of Appreciation for administrative achievement.

Outgoing District Commander Schoenhals concluded: "I have enjoyed the past three years immensely and look forward to supporting new District Commander Sullivan."

Schoenhals will now serve as Adjutant for the 4th Division and 18th District.



Motorcycle momma

Eighty-one-year-old Elvie Shields took her son, Tommy, up on his offer to give her a ride on his motorcycle July 4.

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Drugs in the News

Nose Spray Helps Children with Sleep Apnea

According to an evaluation of over 60 children with a condition called *mild obstructive sleep apnea* (OSA), the use of a corticosteroid drug called *budesonide* provides benefit. Results of the evaluation were published recently in the medical journal *Pediatrics*. Children received either budesonide as a nose spray or a placebo nose spray (no active ingredient), that was administered into each nostril at bedtime for six weeks. Researchers noted several things in the children who received budesonide including an overall improvement in sleep, breathing became normal in over 50%, and improvements in sleep disturbance were still present even up to eight weeks after the budesonide spray was discontinued.

OSA is a medical condition in which the soft tissues in the nose and throat collapse, which blocks a person's ability to breathe for brief periods of time while they are asleep. The condition is sometimes difficult to diagnose because children with OSA are not always overweight, nor do they frequently wake up at night as adults with OSA often do.



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A Pea Picking Good Time!

The residents, including Mary Jane Smith, at the Community Care Center had an enjoyable afternoon shelling peas and reminiscing about days gone by. The peas were donated by Sheila White and grown by Roger Wade. We would like to take the time to invite everyone from the community to come and visit the residents and staff here at the Community Care Center.

COURTESY PHOTO

Beware of television converter box scams

BBB is alerting consumers to beware of a misleading advertising campaign by an Ohio-based company called Universal TechTronics. Ads are running across the U.S. promising free television channels, services, and digital TV converter boxes, but are really a bait and switch tactic that prey on consumers' lack of knowledge about digital TV conversion requirements.

A BBB investigation found that Universal TechTronics is peddling "five-year warranties" for \$59 that must be purchased with their "free" digital TV converter boxes. With shipping and handling fees rolled in, the total cost per box is \$100. BBB believes that these are the same boxes consumers can buy in electronic retail stores across the country using \$40 U.S. government coupons that make the total cost to consumers about \$20 per box.

On February 17, 2009, television stations will stop analog broadcasts, and exclusively broadcast in digital. Viewers who get reception with rabbit ears or an antenna, or who don't have a digital TV, will need a digital converter box to receive television programming. Television sets made after March 2007 already have digital tuners built into them, as required by federal law. Also, analog sets hooked up to cable or satellite systems will not be affected by the switch to digital TV and won't need a converter box.

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Obituaries

Murphy
 Julia Catherine Taylor Murphy, 96, died Saturday, July 12, 2008, in Albuquerque, NM.

Graveside services will be at 1:00 pm on Thursday, July 17, 2008, at Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon with Pastor Joe Hunsaker, officiating. Services are under the arrangement of Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Julia Catherine Taylor Murphy, a local pioneer family member, died at the age of 96 on July 12, 2008. She attended school in Clarendon and was the class "yell leader" for her high school years. She had many activities, but liked to talk about the time she did the Charleston down Polk Street in Amarillo during a parade. She married Thomas Nelson Murphy in 1929, and they moved into the "Murphy Castle". They later established residence in Amarillo, where she loved her neighbors.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1985; her parents, Walter and Minnie Taylor; three sisters, Athlyn Boomer, Vivian Blackwell, and Dorothy Matthews.

Survivors include her daughter, Alma Louise Hunsaker and husband George; two sons, Tommy Taylor Murphy and Patrick Dennis Murphy; four grandchildren, Lucy Ann Hunsaker, Joe Thomas Hunsaker and wife Barbara, Julie Beth Hunsaker,

and Tim Murphy; two great-grandchildren, Joe Thomas Hunsaker, Jr. and Jonathan Taylor Hunsaker.

Sign our online guestbook at www.RobertsonFuneral.com.

Welty

Charles Burton Welty died Friday, July 11, 2008, at his home on Greenbelt Lake.

Services were held at the First Baptist Church in Clarendon at 11 a.m. Monday, July 14, 2008, with Rev. Eddy Helms, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church of Tulia, and Rev. Lance Wood, pastor of First Baptist Church of Clarendon, officiating. Burial was in the family plot in the Shamrock Cemetery in Shamrock at 3 pm on Monday afternoon.

Charles was born in Shamrock, Texas, on December 13, 1930, as the first child of Troy and Frankie Pollard Welty. His grandparents, Drury and Eula Lee Pollard, were early day settlers in Wheeler County. In 1906 in Center Community, they purchased farm land which is still owned by Charles and other family members.

Cowboy movies have always been a passion for Charles; and as a child, a star named Buck Jones was his favorite. He wanted to be called "Buck" so badly that he refused to answer to any other name; therefore, his lifelong nickname "Buck" came about.

Buck attended school in Center

Community near the family farm northeast of Shamrock, and later he attended the Shamrock schools. He dropped out of school at the age of 17 to make money. Buck married Jo Bearden at the First Baptist Church of Shamrock on December 25, 1949. He attended 5 years of apprentice school in Plumber's Local Union #196 in Amarillo, earning his state license in 1954. He received his Master Plumber's License in 1959. He earned his GED as an adult in the early 90s. In 2007, he received an award for being a member of Local 196 for 55 years. He retired from Plains Plumbing Company in 1992 after working there for more than 20 years.

Buck and Jo lived in Amarillo for 41 years before moving to Greenbelt Lake in 1991. They enjoyed camping, water-skiing, snow skiing, sailing, and traveling with their family.

In 1955, Buck was a charter member of Eastridge Baptist Church and chairman of the building committee when the first building was constructed. Buck was very active in Texas Baptist Men's Retired Volunteer Builders starting in 1993. He worked at many Baptist camps across Texas helping to build worship centers, dormitories, and other facilities. He volunteered almost two years at My Father's House in Lubbock building a facility for disadvantaged women and children.

In 2004, he and Jo spent a month in Gateshead, England, doing volunteer work at Easington Baptist Church. He served as a deacon in the First Baptist Church of Clarendon and was instrumental in remodeling the Fellowship Hall.

Buck was preceded in death by both his parents; and a brother, Michael Paul Welty, Sr.

Buck is survived by Jo, his wife of 58 years; a son Dan Welty and wife Terri, grandson Austin, granddaughter Melissa, all of Coppell; a daughter, Joburta Helms and husband Eddy of Tulia, granddaughter Lindy Huddleston and husband Chris, great-grandson Hal of Lubbock; granddaughter, Carrie Tippen and husband Jay of Philippi, West Virginia; granddaughter, Andra Vaughn and husband Joel of Canyon; a daughter, Melody Jones and husband Dane, grandson Evan of Lewisville. He is also survived by a sister-in-law, Billie Welty of Amarillo; three nephews, Michael Welty, Jr. of Washburn, Jeff Welty of Dallas, Robert Hampton of Englewood, Florida; one niece, Debra Dow of Cheney, Washington; and one great nephew, Michael Welty, III of Lubbock.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorials may be made to the Tool Fund of Texas Baptist Men Retired Builders at 333 N. Washington St., Dallas, Texas, 75246.

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Farm loan applications being taken

Applications for emergency farm loans for damages and losses caused by drought on January 1, 2008, and continuing are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located at 321 Sully Street in Clarendon, Larry Goetze said today.

Donley County is one of 46 recently named by the Administrator as eligible for loans to cover production and physical losses resulting from the drought.

FSA Farm Loan Manager Larry Goetze said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100 percent of their actual losses for the operating loan needed to continue the agriculture business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan", Goetze said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to consider proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until February 27, 2009, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing, with possible delays into the new farming season," Goetze said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognize farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who meet U.S. citizenship requirements and to farming partnerships, corporations, or cooperatives in which U.S. citizenship requirements are met by individuals holding a majority interest.

The FSA office is open from 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM Monday thru Friday, and the phone in 806-874-3561.

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New officers

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Duo peddling across USA

Mandy Highbaugh of California and Talie Gershon of New York traveled through Clarendon Monday morning with the Bike & Build 2008 team.

Bike & Build is a non-profit organization that raises money for awareness of affordable housing efforts. Along the road their efforts go to assist in the building of homes with association with organizations such as Habitat for Humanity.

Bike & Build has raised over \$1.2 million this year for affordable housing through fund-raising cycling trips and other efforts.

There are seven groups that travel on different routes across the U.S. This group of cyclists left from Jacksonville, Florida, on June 11 and plans on arriving in San Francisco, Calif., on August 17.

The group of 32 riders, ages ranging from 18 to 26 years old, averages 75 miles per day. If you would like to follow the group, you can track their progress and learn more at bikeandbuild.org.



Mandy Highbaugh and Talie Gershon ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ANNDRIA KIDD

HISD to conduct physicals July 24

The Clinic for Family Wellness in Memphis has made an appointment with the Hedley School athletic department on Thursday, July 24.

On that day, all incoming 6th, 9th, and 11th graders and any other junior high or high school students who need physicals are invited to go along on our bus to get exams that will be required if these students intend to participate in any interscholastic athletic contest. Other students who need physicals are those who qualify from the "Pre-participation Physical Evaluation - Medical History" form that is included in this packet.

Parents and students should complete and sign the forms prior to the physical exam. Students should bring the "pre-participation Physical Evaluation- Medical History" form when they come for the exam on July 24.

The appointment is for 1 p.m. The bus will leave at 12:30 p.m. You may meet our group at the clinic if that is more convenient. The special rates apply only on July 24.

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Santos, Permenter win CCC Tournament

By Sandy Anderberg

A two-round score of 125 gave Mike Santos and partner Jon Permenter the top spot in the Two-Man Tournament held at the Clarendon Country Club July 12-13.

The duo bested a field of thirty teams and finished two strokes ahead of Ryan Gist and Josh Palmer, who turned in a 127.

Tony Ortega and Pete Sierra turned in a 124 to win the first flight, and Audie and Cody Watson shot a 127 for second place. The second flight winners were Scott Weatherly and Dusty Oldhan with a 134, and Redell Johnston and Ken Shelton finished second with a 135.

The winners of the third flight were Steve Williams and Jason Marlar with a 140, and second place went to Bruce Ferguson and Neil Conrad.

Kelly Linquist won the closest to the pin honors on number 15 at 5'0, and Audie Watson sank the longest putt on number nine at 14'7".

Bill Spier won the weekly men's game with a net 66. Mike Santos, Dan Ashford, and Redell Johnston tied for second with a 68. Sherol Johnston won low gross in the weekly women's game with an 83. Mary Ann Sawyer won low net with a 68, and second low net went to Maxine McLaughlin with a 72.

Twenty-one players participated in the Friday night nine-hole scramble, and the team of Sherol Johnston, Michael Thompson, Norm Haygood, and Mark Morris finished at five under to win for the night. The other teams came in at four, three, and two under par.

Be sure to take advantage of the happenings at the CCC this summer, and you may call the Pro Shop for more information on all scheduled events.



The Clarendon Lions Club held their regular Tuesday noon meeting July 15, 2008, with Boss Lion Cameron Word in charge.

We had 14 members and five guests this week - Nathan and Daniel Estlack, guests of Lion Russell Estlack; and Ashlee, Ben, and Ella Estlack, guests of Lion Roger Estlack.

The club heard an update on its finances following the close of the fiscal year June 30.

Lion Jimmy Johnson gave a very informative program about the duties of the municipal court and how it differs from a justice of the peace court. Municipal court has jurisdiction in the city and primarily deals with hot checks, traffic offenses, and ordinance violations.

There being no further business, we were adjourned.

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