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

Merchants to hold happy hour Friday

Downtown Clarendon is the place to be happy this Friday at 5 p.m. when local merchants will be celebrating Happy Hour.

Cold drinks, snacks, and tons of savings await shoppers ready to peruse the shops on Kearney Street, and door prizes will be given away at participating merchants, which includes Every Nook & Cranny, Stavenhagen Video, and Ronna's Creations.

Merchants remind everyone that it's five o'clock somewhere, and somewhere is downtown Clarendon.

Friendship Club will meet this Friday

The Howardwick Friendship Club will meet June 17 at 6:30 p.m. at Howardwick City Hall. Everyone is welcome to come enjoy visiting and live music. Bring a friend and a covered dish.

Christian Ministries Breakfast June 16

The Christian Ministries Breakfast will be held Thursday, June 16, at the First United Methodist Church in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 a.m.

The program will be given about the mission trip to Ethiopia that members of the Community Fellowship Church will be sponsoring. A good breakfast will also be served.

Everyone is invited for fellowship, food, and an informative program.

CC Kids' College classes underway

Kids' College at Clarendon College is now underway.

Thirty-three classes are being offered this summer, including Red Cross Babysitter Training and Home & Safety Training.

Students can be registered up until the day before the class starts. The first classes started Monday, June 6, and run through the end of July.

For more information on Kids' College, call 874-3571.

Shot clinic to be held in Clarendon

The Texas Department of State Health Services will hold an Immunization Clinic in Clarendon on June 16 at Five Medical Drive.

The clinic will be open from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

County bans fireworks sales, use

By Ashlyn Tubbs, Clarendon Enterprise

The sky, as well as firework stands, will be bare this Fourth of July, and citizens are warned not to take the county fireworks ban lightly.

"There will be no warnings on fireworks," Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn said. "We will file charges on people."

Donley County Judge Jack Hall signed a disaster declaration last Wednesday, part of which banned the sale, possession, and use of fireworks. The judge's order was good for only 60 hours, but Gov. Rick

Perry approved the county's request to extend the ban through July 5, 2011, at 7 a.m.

The ban not only impacts patriots wishing to celebrate the Fourth of July celebrators but also people who make money from annual fireworks sales. That includes the Jesus Name Apostolic Church, whose members say they understand the need for the ban.

"The ban is disappointing," church member Beverly Burrow said, "but we had already made up our minds before the ban in respect

of others not to order anymore fireworks if we didn't get any rain. I think the ban is wise and so does my husband as well as most everyone in our congregation."

Fireworks sales have been a long-running fundraiser for the church.

"We've had our stand for 20 some years, and we usually help fund missionaries with most of the money we make," Burrow said.

Perry's decision to extend the judge's ban came at the recommendation of the Texas Division of

Emergency Management.

County commissioners also extended Hall's disaster declaration at their regular meeting on Monday, otherwise it would have expired after seven days.

The disaster declaration cites the lack of rainfall and continuing hot, dry conditions as posing the threat of large wildfires which could endanger "lives and property on a large scale." It also states that current conditions make the threat of disaster "imminent." Clarendon has had barely more than half an inch of rain

this year.

As of this week, bans on fireworks have been either passed or are pending in 23 Panhandle counties.

In other county business Monday: Commissioners approved the July Fourth Celebration on the Courtyard; renewed the Texas VINE service for 2012; accepted a bid of \$450 on tax delinquent property at Lot 4, Saints Roost II from Charles and Debbora Sharpton; and distributed budget worksheets to elected officials and department heads to be turned in by July 11, 2011.



Sue and George Howard stand before their 2300 tomato plants northeast of Clarendon.

ENTREPRISE PHOTO / ROGER ESTLACK

Local farmer has big goal for tomatoes

By Roger Estlack, Clarendon Enterprise

Many people grow tomatoes in their gardens, but George Howard's tomato crop sets the bar a little higher.

The Donley County farmer has 2,300 tomato plants set out on his land northeast of Clarendon where, despite the drought and high winds, the plants are coming along quite nicely.

Howard's tomatoes are irrigated beneath black plastic, and the plants themselves are in wire cages wrapped in clear plastic, which helps them produce more tomatoes.

"The wind causes vibration on the plastic, and that makes them

pollinate and set tomatoes better," Howard said. "It also protects them from the wind and the sand."

Howard says his tomatoes are not totally organic but he does try to use as little chemical as possible on them. Instead of pesticide, a homemade spray made up of olive oil, garlic, and other herbs are used to deter worms, for example.

Howard has been planting tomatoes for several years but never in this quantity before. He will sell the produce at farmers' markets in Amarillo and Borger as well as in Lowe's Family Center here in Clarendon.

"Every year is different," he

said. "This year we're growing Empire tomatoes instead of our usual Celebrities."

The weather is also a challenge this year. While the lack of rain has kept down the weeds between his rows, it's also causing him to have to water much more frequently; and the high winds have meant he has had to re-bag his tomato cages three times with plastic.

Deer have also been more of a problem this year as they search for food, but Howard has cut that problem by putting blood meal around the perimeter of his farm. Deer don't like the smell of it and won't cross it, he says.

If all goes well and barring any devastating hail storms, Howard says he expects to produce between 35,000 and 40,000 pounds of tomatoes this year.

And if that wasn't enough to keep him, his family, and four hired hands busy, Howard Farms is also growing Persian melons, honey dew melons, Israel melons, peppers, cantaloupe, and watermelons.

Monday, the Howards were busy setting out 4,000 new watermelon plants under irrigation, which they expect to be ready to harvest by July 15, but like all farmers they know one thing for certain this year. "We need rain."

Cities see higher sales tax revenue in June

All three Donley County cities posted higher sales tax revenue when Texas Comptroller Susan Combs released June allocation figures last week.

The City of Clarendon June allocation is \$22,085.89, which is up 1.09 percent from the same period one year ago. The city is now 10.9 percent ahead on its year-to-date sales tax revenue with a total of \$165,287.99 since January of this year.

Howardwick was up 15.46 percent for the month with revenue of \$1,330.43 and was ahead 6.73 percent for this calendar year with total revenue to-date of \$6,272.24.

Hedley's revenue for June was up 3.58 percent at \$340.15, but that city was lagging behind 1.88 percent for the year with \$3,443.05 since January.

June's sales tax allocations represent sales that occurred in April.

Statewide, Combs said that sales tax revenue in May was \$1.95 billion, up 9.9 percent compared to May 2010.

"Spending in sectors such as the oil and gas industry and manufacturing helped increase state sales tax revenue," said Combs. "Retail spending also grew. Texas has now had 14 straight months of sales tax revenue increases."

Combs delivered June sales tax allocations of \$311.8 million to Texas cities, up 6.6 percent compared to June 2010. So far this calendar year, city sales tax allocations are up 6.3 percent compared to the same time period last year.

For details of June sales tax payments to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the Monthly Sales Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports on the Comptroller's Web site at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html.

The Comptroller's July sales tax allocation will be made on Monday, July 11.

US Census:

City grows but county declines

By Ashlyn Tubbs, Clarendon Enterprise

Clarendon has grown but Donley County as a whole lost population over the last ten years, according to results from the 2010 US Census.

While the city's population grew by 52, the census found 3,677 people living in Donley County last year. That is down 3.9 percent from the 3,828 counted ten years ago.

Much of the decrease of the county population was seen in the cities of Hedley and Howardwick. Hedley's population dropped 13.19 percent to 329, a decrease of 50 people. Howardwick, which more than doubled its population in the 2000 census, dropped 8.01 percent to 402, a decrease of 35 people.

Most of the county's residents live in the county seat of Clarendon, which increased 2.63 percent from 1,974 people in 2000 to 2,026.

Donley County Judge Jack Hall said that a company is currently in the progress of redrawing the Precincts to reflect shifts in populations. Precinct 1 has 957 people, Precinct 2 has 867, Precinct 3 has 882, and Precinct 4 has 971.

Donley County's racial composition is broken down as 3,136 whites, 309 Hispanics, 166 blacks, and 66 people of other races.

Of the seven counties surrounding Donley, only Wheeler posted a population increase with a growth of 2.4 percent.

Briscoe County lost 8.5 percent of its population, down to 1,637. Carson had 6,182 people, down 5.1 percent. Gray County lost .9 percent of its citizens for a count of 22,535. Collingsworth dropped 4.6 percent to 3,057.

Hall County was down 11.3 percent from 3,782 to 3,353. This makes the first time in at least two censuses that Donley County has a larger population than Hall County.

Armstrong, which had the only population increase out of the seven counties in 2000, had the biggest decline in this corner of the Panhandle, dropping 11.5 percent for a total of 1,901 people.

The effects of shifting populations will also be seen in new boundaries for congressional and state legislative districts. Those lines will be re-drawn by the state legislature, which is still meeting in Austin.



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New council focuses on rural America

By US Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack

A healthy American economy depends on a prosperous rural America. Rural America is the main source of our nation's water supply, and plays an increasingly important role in securing our nation's energy independence.

But today, too many rural areas suffer from higher poverty rates than the rest of the country. To win the future for the nation — we need to strengthen economies in rural America.

President Obama understands this, which is why — since he was sworn into office — he has focused on driving economic growth in rural communities.

And last week, President Obama took another important step for rural America, creating a White House Rural Council, designed to build on the Administration's robust economic strategy and make sure that federal investments in rural communities create maximum benefit for rural Americans.

Since coming to office, the Obama administration has taken historic action to build thriving economies and improve

the quality of life in rural areas. At his direction, USDA and the rest of the federal government have built and modernized critical rural infrastructure — providing broadband internet access to millions of rural Americans and improving roads, bridges and wastewater systems.

We have expanded educational opportunities and made quality health care more affordable for rural families. And we are embracing innovation, promoting the domestic production of renewable energy and new regional and local markets for America's farmers and ranchers.

These unparalleled investments are helping drive job creation in small towns across the county. And they are laying the foundation for rural communities that are thriving economically with more opportunities for families and young people.

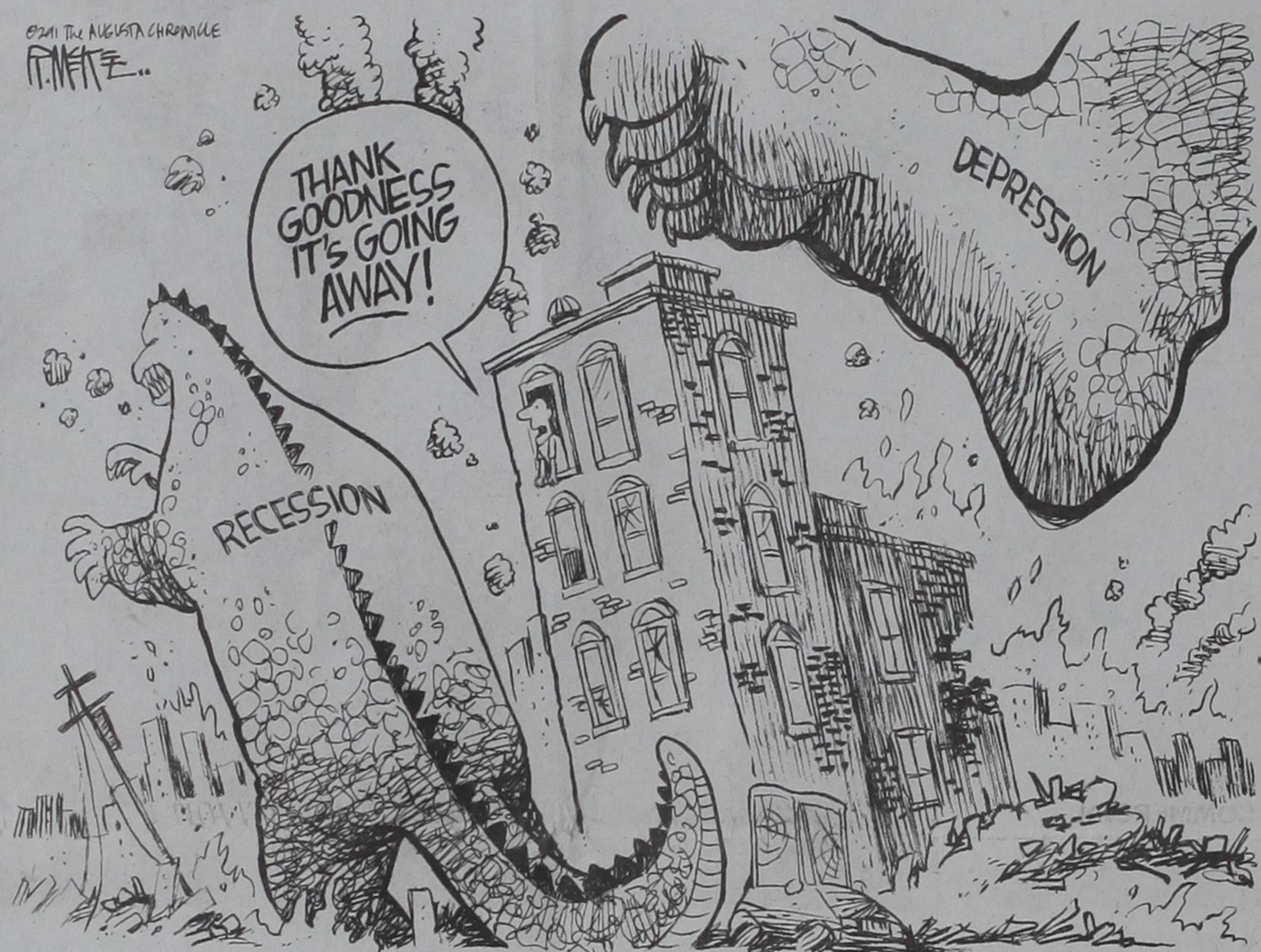
But there is more work to be done. The Rural Council — which I chair — will focus on new and existing strategies to improve the quality of life while promot-

ing job creation and economic growth in rural America.

We will help drive innovation and capitalize on emerging opportunities like renewable energy and better uses of our natural resources. We will help rural communities connect regionally to collaborate, increase productivity and build thriving economies. And we will explore new ways to foster capital investment in rural areas so rural businesses can expand and create jobs.

President Obama's goal is simple. He wants parents across rural America to be able to look their children in the eye across the dinner table and tell them about the jobs, promise and opportunities that will await them in their hometowns when they grow up.

The White House Rural Council is one more step towards supporting the enormous economic potential of rural America. Because when rural economies are thriving and rural communities are some of the best places to live, work and raise a family, it benefits our nation as a whole.



Economic situation no 'road bump'

While the administration was quick to declare the recent increase in unemployment to 9.1 percent a "bump on the road to recovery," the reality is the month of May marks the 28th straight month of unemployment hovering on average above 9 percent. First, this figure represents a deeply troubling trend for our struggling economy. Second, and more importantly, the number is an abstract way of describing the very real plight of 13.9 million Americans who are out of work.

To explain this "bump in the road," Americans have heard a lot lately about the "headwinds" facing the U.S. economy, which some leaders in Washington have attributed to natural disasters in Asia or a sovereign debt crisis in Europe. But in reality the strongest and most enduring headwinds beating against the U.S. economy are many of the failed economic policies created right here in Washington.

Americans are facing burdensome government regulations, costly mandates on businesses of all sizes, stalled trade agreements, unsustainable government spending adding to our 14.3 trillion dollar deficit, and threats of tax increases. In the President's 2012 budget alone, for example, there are 43 tax hikes. The Obama health law, which saddles families and businesses alike with costly regulations, is adding to the economic strain. These are the policies undermining our economic recovery and stifling job creation.

In particular, small businesses and their employees have been hard hit. For those still in business, many are simply trying to keep their enterprises operating in an environment where 2011 first quarter growth was an anemic 1.8 percent. And those businesses with cash reserves remain cautiously averse to the risk of adding new employees and expanding. This is borne out by the fact that only 54,000 new jobs were added nationwide in May — an astoundingly low number considering there are approximately 120,000 new entrants to the job market each month. The fact is, the current

economic environment is not conducive to job creation nor economic growth.

In order to create jobs, employers need a firm sense of confidence, transparency, and reliability from the government when it comes to taxes and regulations. Nevertheless, the administration continues to resist even these basic imperatives for economic growth. The President and some in his party in Congress have said they are fully committed to raising tax rates beginning in January of 2013. What does this message send to an individual or business planning for the future?

If the goal is to create jobs — as most in Washington will at least say is their number one priority — these policies are not the means to achieving those ends, and the last 28 months have made that abundantly clear. Recall that the administration said in 2009 that the \$812 billion dollar stimulus would hold unemployment below eight percent. It has now averaged 9.4 percent a month

since that time, including through the administration's so-called "Summer of Recovery" last year.

How many more months must the American people live with record-high unemployment before the administration recognizes that government spending, onerous regulations, and costly mandates on employers are not the solution but the problem?

The U.S. Treasury has indicated that they will effectively run out of ways to put off raising the debt ceiling without defaulting before the end of the summer. The clock is ticking. Failing to make the tough yet necessary decisions to put this country on a sustainable economic path by cutting spending and reforming broken entitlement programs will result in a far worse outcome than merely a "bump on the road to recovery."

For nearly 14 million Americans currently out of work and millions more who are struggling to get by as gas and food prices are rising, there is no time like the present to change course and do what is needed to revive our economy, create jobs, and put this country back on track. We must reduce our unsustainable deficit by cutting spending, regulation, taxes, and by reforming our broken entitlement programs.



Michael F. Cannon is director of health policy studies at the Cato Institute and co-author of Healthy Competition: What's Holding Back Health Care and How to Free It.

Research helps pave the way for new livestock feed product

By Kay Ledbetter

AMARILLO - A two-year study by a Texas AgriLife Research team in Amarillo has helped bring a new product to market that could allow the cattle feeding industry to realize efficiencies in mills and more weight on cattle, according to Dr. Jim MacDonald.

MacDonald, an AgriLife Research beef cattle nutritionist, finished his second trial of cattle early this year studying starter diets in feedlots during the transition phase from pasture to feed yard.

Typically, a steer or heifer will come off of a forage diet when it goes into the feedlot, he explained. For the first 21 to 28 days in the feedlot, the cattle are fed a diet that allows their rumen microflora to adapt to grain instead of forage.

"This is usually done with roughage, and as they go through the period of adjustment, the amount of roughage goes down and the amount of grain goes up," MacDonald said.

If the animal is not allowed to go through this process, it can suffer

rumen acidosis, which is typically characterized by decreasing rumen pH and digestive disorders that cause the cattle to go off feed, he said.

The problem for feed yards, MacDonald said, is handling the roughage needed for this transitional diet can be inefficient.

Roughage is typically expensive per unit of energy and is bulky and difficult to handle in the feed mills. Also, there can be a substantial amount of shrink depending on the roughage used.

Through a grant funded by Cargill Corn Milling, MacDonald conducted two trials with 315 cattle in each to help develop a product that acts like a forage in the rumen but has the energy value of corn.

Cargill already produces Sweet Bran, a branded corn gluten feed that is high in digestible fiber with an energy value similar to corn, but without the potential to cause rumen acidosis, he said.

Cargill is expanding on the Sweet Bran product with a new one called RAMP, he said.

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Wed	8	108°	75°	-
Thur	9	105°	76°	-
Fri	10	92°	62°	-
Sat	11	95°	64°	-
Sun	12	106°	57°	-

Total precipitation this month: .04"
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June 19
Father's Day

June 21
First Day of Summer

July 1
Downtown Depression Dinner • 11:00 a.m.

July 1 & 2
Ranch Rodeo

July 2
Henson's Turtle Race • 1:30 p.m.

July 4
Independence Day

Kid's Parade • 10 a.m.

Craft Fair • 10 a.m.

Bar-B-Q • 11 a.m.

Western Parade • 2 p.m.

Junior Ranch Rodeo • 7:30 p.m.

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Menus

June 20 - 24

Donley County Senior Citizens

Mon: Mexican casserole, steamed broccoli, pineapple & cottage cheese, chocolate pudding, chips & salsa.
Tue: BBQ beef brisket, ranch style beans, carrot sticks, lime Jello, cornbread.
Wed: Chicken salad, California blend veggies, sliced peaches & cottage cheese, banana cake, bread & crackers.
Thu: Salisbury steak, tossed salad, pickled beets, apricot halves, sugar cookies, bread.
Fri: King Ranch chicken, buttered carrots, three bean salad, orange mandarin desert, chips & salsa.

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Fajita chicken, chips, buttered squash, cucumber, tomato, onion, pudding, hoagie roll.
Tue: Steak & gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, cantaloupe, cake, roll.
Wed: Baked chicken, scalloped potatoes, broccoli, okra salad, lemon pie, roll.
Thu: Roast beef & gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered carrots, pea salad, jello with fruit, roll.
Fri: Hamburger steak, onions & gravy, French fries, cabbage, tossed salad, bread pudding, roll.

USDA seeks applicants for jobs grants

TEMPLE - USDA Rural Development is now accepting applications for grants to help rural businesses create jobs through cooperative development centers.

"USDA Rural Development's mission is to provide assistance that will increase the economic conditions of rural communities," said Paco Valentin, USDA Rural Development Texas State Director.

"By providing these grants, we will benefit technical and educational assistance available to rural business owners through cooperative development centers and in turn, promote job creation and improve rural business operations."

Under the RCDG program, grants of up to \$225,000 may be awarded to colleges, universities and non-profit groups to create and operate centers that help individuals or groups establish, expand or operate rural businesses, especially cooperatives.

Grants may be used to conduct feasibility studies, create and implement business plans, and help businesses develop new markets for their products and services.

Through this notice, USDA may award up to \$7.4 million in grants.

Funds may finance up to 75 percent of the cost of establishing and operating the cooperative centers.

Recipients must match 25 percent of the total project cost. Applications are due July 22, 2011. For more information, see page 32943 of the June 7 Federal Register, <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-06-07/pdf/2011-13927.pdf>.

Visit <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov> for additional information about the agency's programs or to locate the USDA Rural Development office nearest you.



CHS Cheerleaders

The 2011-2012 Clarendon High School Cheerleaders are ready to take the field this fall. They are Elizabeth O'Rear, Taylor Gaines, Trevela Dronzek, Maci White, Savannah Topper, Emberli Holland, Kae Hewett, Abby Johnson, and Marqueda Gaines.

PHOTO BY MATTHEW MARTINEZ

Adams receives Lion of the Year award

The Hedley Lions Club served a wonderful brisket dinner Thursday, June 9, for the members of the Hedley Lioness Club.

Other guests included Kaylee Shields, the Lions Club Sweetheart along with Chris Blackburn and Kati Adams. Mr. Doyle Messer gave a talk on how much he appreciates the Lions Club and how much they do for the community of Hedley. He thanked everyone who was involved in the Rowe Cemetery Clean Up Day and was very appreciative of the community coming together and getting the job done.

Jimmy Taylor also thanked everyone for the Cemetery Day and said there were about 35 people there and the Lions Club served lunch

to everyone. He also recognized Kaylee Shields as the Lions Sweetheart and presented a plaque to Lon Adams for "Lion of the Year" for all his hard work.

On June 20 there will be a District meeting in Wellington and Jason Conatser will be appointed President of the Hedley Lions Club.

Anita Mitchell was out and about and looking good. She is still taking chemo but seems to be doing great.

The oldest Lions club member is Doyle Messer at 88 years young and has been a Lions Club member for over 60 years. Helen Lamberson is the oldest Lioness Club member at 94 and has been a member for over 30 years. Everyone really enjoyed

the dinner and good fellowship.

The Hedley Senior Citizens is having a Cat Fish or Chicken Strip fund raiser dinner on Friday, June 17, at 6 p.m. for \$8 per plate. Come on down and enjoy a good dinner with us.

Please keep Laquita Cox and Anita Mitchell in your prayers.

Jason Conatser (City Hall 856-5241) has some used furniture for the taking. Contact him and come get it.



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by kathy spier
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Celebrate Father's Day June 19

Our poor farmers and ranchers! The dry, dry conditions and wind continue to suck any moisture out of the land.

As a homeowner, we worry about the brown spots in the lawn and Ole Jim's small garden while others worry about their livelihood. It seems all we can do is pray and keep the faith. The Lord has not forsaken us.

Several things happen this week that are cause for celebration. Flag Day is June 14, the anniversary of the adoption of the flag in 1777.

The original flag had thirteen stripes, alternating red and white and representing the original thirteen colonies with a union of thirteen white stars on a blue background representing a new Constellation. In 1818 the law changed, adding a new

star on July 4 as each state was admitted to the Union.

The last stars added were for Alaska (1959) and Hawaii (1960).

Remember the sacrifice so many have given for the flag, fly it proudly, and teach our children to respect and love it.

Father's Day is Sunday June 19. Do the same for Dad as you did for Mom. Don't forget.

Saturday, June 18, Ole Jim and I celebrate our 58th wedding anniversary.

I know 58 years is a long time married to one person. Thank good-



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ness we like each other.

I know you are all eager to hear about my new puppy, a three pound Yorkie terror named Buffy. I have bragged about being retired and sleeping as late as I wanted to, staying inside when the weather is bad, and enjoying my recliner.

Add a puppy and things change. You get up when she wants to, go outside at a moment's notice, and forget a long nap in the recliner unless you have played with her and she is ready for a nap.

She is a pleasure, and I will assure you, we do not have any vampires. Buffy has slain them.

Friendship Club is Friday at 6:30 at City Hall.

Bring your favorite dish and a neighbor. Let's have a large crowd this time.



Action Youth Tour

Austin Adams of Hedley and Mariah Marshall of Wheeler were chosen to represent Greenbelt Electric Cooperative, Inc. for the 2011 Government in Action Youth Tour in Washington June 9-17. While in Washington, the students will tour the Air & Space Museum, the Kennedy Center, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Mount Vernon, Smithsonian Museums, Capitol and War Memorials.

Pathfinders Club celebrates 100th anniversary

By Jo Shaller

Can you believe it? The Pathfinders Club is already 100 years old. In honor of reaching this prestigious milestone, I will compile a set of monthly newsletters regarding the history of our organization, town, and country. I am mailing out this first issue to everyone; however, in order to encourage attendance, future issues will be given out only at each meeting for the rest of 2011.

In January 1911, over thirty ladies met to organize a federated study club "to study literature, art, and other cultural media." We have no minutes of the first five years, so we can only surmise that the meeting was held in a private home. A point was made in later minutes that Clarendon had no place for public meetings for women. Annual dues were \$1.

The first president was Mrs. J.

S. Morris. We only have the names of some of the thirty-four charter members: Mrs. Dr. William Gray (Mollie), Mrs. W. B. Sims (Anna), Mrs. J. T. Sims (Zella), Mrs. C. A. Burton (Gabe Betts), Mrs. Dr. J. D. Stockings (Tina), Mrs. Dr. B. L. Jenkins, Mrs. Stella Gentry, Mrs. Marion Williams, Mrs. W. R. Silvey (Eliza Gwynn), Miss Nora Headrick and Miss Maude Glen. Please note that members' names were seldom used unless they were "maiden ladies" or Misses. Mrs. Stella Gentry is an interesting exception to that rule.

Does anyone know if she was an early women libber or what? Most of these ladies were married to professional men-doctors, school superintendents, etc., or were employees of the academic beacon of the Panhandle, Clarendon College.

One of the first projects of

this new group was to donate personal books to the Clarendon Public Schools Library. They were, indeed, an intellectual body eager to be civic and social leaders of Clarendon.

The first club yearbook in our archives is for 1916-17. Meetings were held twice monthly. A different Shakespearean play was chosen for study each year. Texas programs were given in March.

Musical programs were also quite common. Members were in charge of preparing and presenting these various programs. Certain regulations were met to qualify as a federated club including hosting district federated clubs on occasion. A social hour following the business meeting and program is also mentioned in the minutes.

In 1916, Gabe Betts Burton proposed that the Pathfinder Club organize and sponsor a city library

for Clarendon. The response was quite favorable, and where we are meeting today is the result of that proposal.

The Methodist Church had been completed to the point of being able to host the annual Northwest Texas Conference in 1910. Finishing the building and grounds was still in progress in 1911. The campus of Clarendon College was also evolving with additional classrooms and sidewalks. The Adair Hospital had just been completed and donated by Cornelia Adair to the City of Clarendon for their use as well as the use of cowboys of the JA Ranch.

National and world events of 1911 included several firsts for aviation including landing on the deck of a naval ship (intentionally), delivering mail, and Orville Wright. The Triangle Shirt Factory in San Francisco and the Great Fire of



The Clarendon Lions Club held their regular Tuesday noon meeting June 14, 2011, with Boss Lion Roger Estlack in charge.

We had 17 members, one Sweetheart, and three guests this week - Nathan and Scarlet Estlack, guests of Lion Russell Estlack, and Mikayla Shadle, guest of the club.

The club voted to support the Donley County Child Welfare Board's fundraiser and the Saints' Roost Museum's annual Col. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff.

Lions John Taylor and Phil Shirley commented on happenings at the public school and college respectively, and Lion Lambert Little discussed city news.

Miss Shadle addressed the club as a finalist for next year's club sweetheart. Balloting was conducted at the close of the meeting, and results will be announced next week.

14th annual water garden and yard tour in pampa

The 14th annual Watergarden and Yard Tour in Pampa will be Saturday the 18th of June. The annual event features koi ponds, water features, gardens, and yards throughout the city.

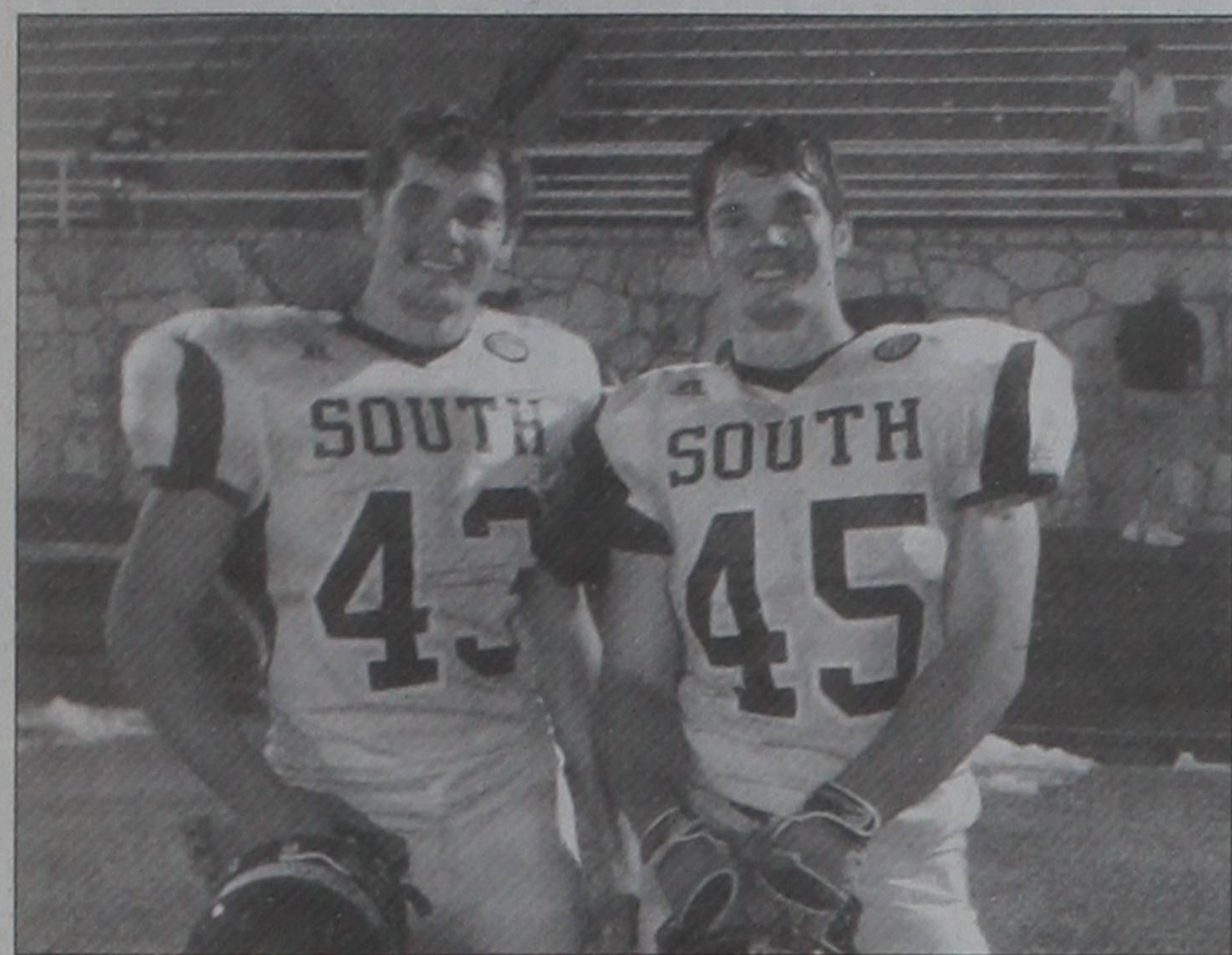
Sponsored by the Las Pampas Koi & Water Garden Society, proceeds from the tour each year goes back into the community thru scholarships to Clarendon College-Pampa Center and contributions to various agencies in town.

The daytime tour will be from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and a twilight tour from 7 p.m.-11 p.m.

Tickets may be obtained at West Texas Landscape, A&T Nursery and Yard Service, Pampa Chamber of Commerce, and at any home on the tour. For additional information, contact the Pampa Chamber of Commerce at 669-3241.



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Greenbelt Bowl

Clarendon High School graduates Mike and Chris Crump were selected to play in the the 62nd Annual Rotary Greenbelt Bowl Classic this past Saturday in Childress. They were chosen for the South team, coached by Josh Lynn from the New Mexico Military Institute.



Clarendon students at Chem Camp.

Students have a blast at Chem Camp

Clarendon Junior High and High School students had a great time at Clarendon's 2011 Chemistry Camp recently.

Students learned new things about chemistry and participated in laboratory activities that were engaging and exciting for everyone.

After instruction on various chemistry topics students were given a test to see how much they remembered, and there were some wonderful scores. Darbe Woodard (10th grade), Montana Hysinger (9th grade), Xavier Neal (8th grade), and Hannah Howard (7th grade) all came away with gold medals.

Closed behind the winners, Minnie Buckhaults (10th), Lee Buckhaults (9th), Marissa Jaramillo (8th), and Cire Juaregui (7th) won silver medals. Bronze medalists included Jennifer Brinckley, Aubry Powell, Rhonda Olivias, Luke Womack, Parker Womack, Stone Schwertner, Tessa Buckhaults, and Larry Johnson.

CHS science teach Bruce Howard says the students were preparing for harder science classes in the future and look to be an outstanding group of scholars. He has great expectations from these fine young people.

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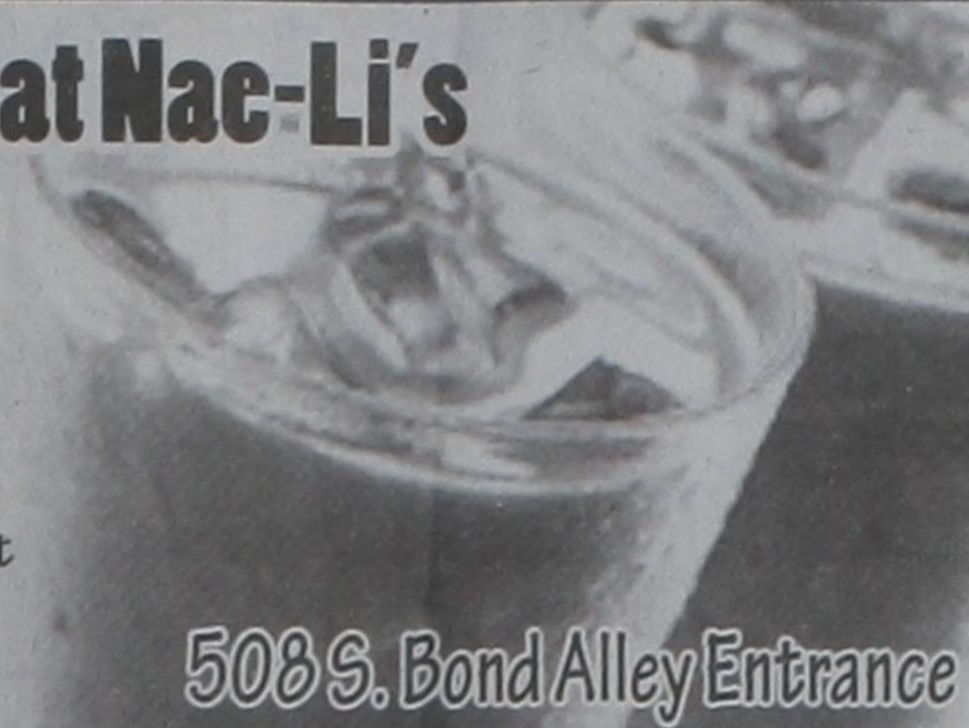
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The Saints' Roost Band - Jimmy Adams, Wes Thomas, and Donnie Hall - perform during the annual membership appreciation dinner at the Saints' Roost Museum last Friday. ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ROGER ESTLACK

Sts. Roost Museum adds new exhibits

By Freddie Jo Moreman

The Saints' Roost Museum is open for the summer and fall months from 12:00 - 5:00 p.m. on Thursday through Sunday each week.

The museum received a collection of arrowheads and flint from the estate of Clayton Ferris.

Clayton and some of his friends collected the arrowheads in Donley County. It is a display to the evi-

dence of the history we have in our county along with the other displays at the museum.

The museum will be receiving another historical display this week. So watch for our new surprise.

If you missed the Saints' Roost Museum Member Appreciation Dinner, tour of the museum and art display, you missed a delightful evening.

Sandy Skelton had a beautiful and very interesting photography show.

It is not too late to become a member of the museum. You can contact Genella Eads or any board member.

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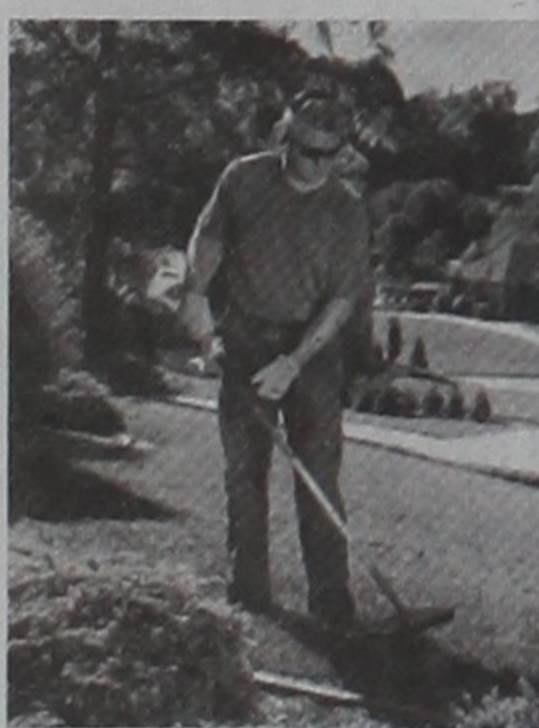
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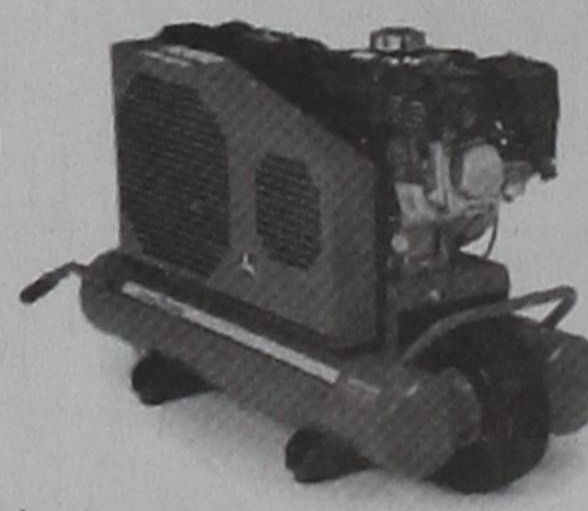


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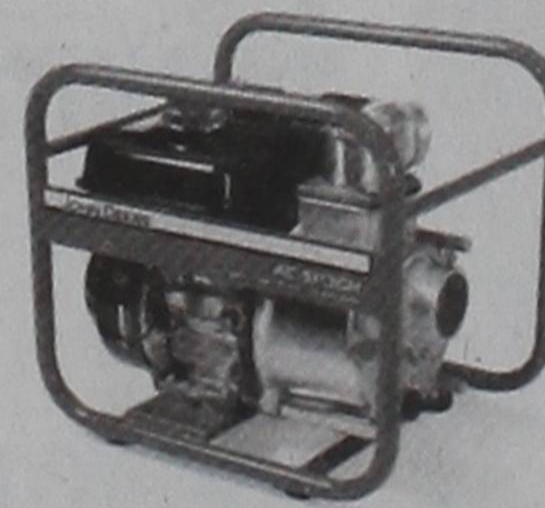
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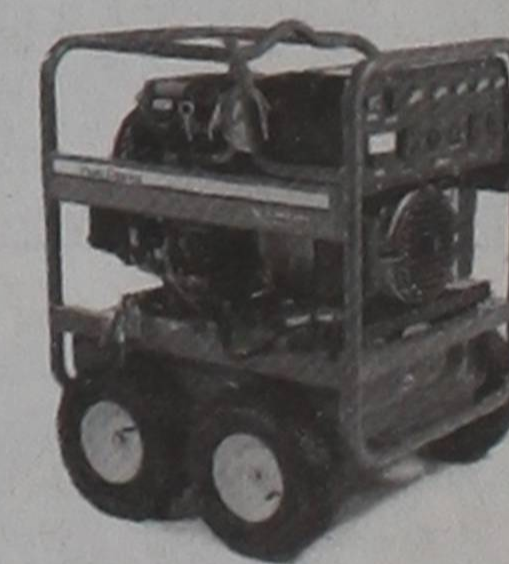
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Clyde Wilson Award

Johnny Gaines (right), shown here with his father, Alton, received the Clyde Wilson Fighting Heart Award at the 2011 Bronco Sports Banquet last month.

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Top Athletes

Gentry Shadle and Johnny Gaines were named the Lady Bronco and Bronco of the Year during the the 2011 Bronco Sports Banquet last month.

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CCC hosts night scramble

By Sandy Anderberg

The golf course at the Clarendon Country Club was all aglow Friday night as the club hosted a night scramble with fifty-four players in attendance.

Each six-person team played the front nine holes in the early evening and then waited until dark to begin the last nine of the 18-hole contest. Adorned with glow necklaces and flashlights, the teams conquered each hole in the dark and posted their scores.

The team of Jr. Rodriguez, Gayle Rogers, Gene Rogers, Mike Roberson, Justin Roberson, and Kevin Roberson turned in a 15 under par to take the top spot. Two teams tied for second and third and the winner was determined on a card playoff.

Second place went to George Leathers, Gail Leathers, Audie

Watson, Forrest Newton, Judy Newton, and Tanis McMorries. The team of P.J. Lemons, Wes Smith, Amanda Smith, Michael Thompson, Todd Thompson, and Randy White won third place. The next night scramble will be held Friday, July 29.

Todd Curry won the weekly men's game with a net 66, and Bob Hornberger was second with a net 68. Jerry Gage and Tom Stauder tied for third with a net 69.

Sandy Anderberg won low gross in the Thursday women's game with a 78. Ouida Gage won low net with a 61, and Sherol Johnston won second low net with a 65.

The dining room at the CCC is open each Friday night and Sunday at noon and the grill and pool are open daily. You may call the Pro Shop for more information on the happenings at the CCC.

CCC 'Fun-d' Raiser to be held June 25

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon Country Club will be having their annual Equipment Fund Raiser on Saturday, June 25. The 18-hole scramble will consist of several four-person teams and will be a best-ball format. Tee times for the day will be at 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. You may enter with a team or as an individual. Individuals entering will be placed with other players to form a team.

The Fund Raiser will consist of 18 holes 'fun' holes of golf with many new and exciting prizes available this year. It is a great time to come out and golf for fun with old friends and meet new friends as well. Businesses throughout Clarendon have been very generous as they always have and donated exciting prizes for the day.

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Obituaries

Burton Dale Ayers

Burton Dale Ayers, 74, died Friday, May 27, 2011, in Rio Rancho, NM.

An informal celebration of life gathering for family and friends was held Saturday at Holiday Inn Express South, 6701 Hollywood Road in Amarillo. Arrangements were by French Funerals and Cremation of Albuquerque.

Dale was born Nov. 28, 1936, in Donley County to Clarence and Grace Ayers. He graduated in 1955 from Lelia Lake High School in Lelia Lake, Texas, and in 1965 from West Texas A&M University with a bachelor's degree in education.

Dale taught school and served as principal at Lelia Lake schools. He also was in the National Guard.

Dale retired from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, where he traveled the United States, establishing schools on reservations. He then worked with Maloy Mobile Storage.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Grace Ayers; his wife, Sue Wesson Ayers; and a brother, Joe Ayers.

Survivors include two sons, Greg Ayers and wife Trina and Mike Ayers and wife Nikki; three grandchildren, Alex, Connor and Jack; a brother, Ralph Ayers and wife Bonnie; two sisters, Lola Marie Gardner and Marilyn Swindle and husband Ted; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be to Alzheimer's Association of New Mexico, 9500 N.E. Montgomery Blvd., Suite 121, Albuquerque, NM 87111.

Sheriff's Report

June 7, 2011

11:36 a.m. - EMS assist, 600 blk S. Collinson.

12:46 p.m. - EMS assist, 500 blk W. Montgomery.

3:00 p.m. - At courthouse.

4:31 p.m. - EMS assist at clinic.

June 8, 2011

1:30 p.m. - Loose livestock, N. Hwy 70.

1:56 p.m. - EMS assist, ballpark at Greenbelt Lake.

3:05 p.m. - Checking damage, 400 blk E. Burkehead.

4:33 p.m. - EMS assist, 12000 blk Co. Rd. S.

7:17 p.m. - Units paged for electrical fire, 600 blk Amarillo St.

7:27 p.m. - EMS assist, 300 blk S. Hawley.

June 9, 2011

7:46 a.m. - EMS assist, 100 blk Haskell Dr.

3:33 p.m. - EMS assist at clinic.

4:14 p.m. - Report of loud explosion close to City Park, unable to

locate source.

6:36 p.m. - EMS assist, 800 blk Carhart.

7:08 p.m. - EMS assist, 800 blk E. 4th.

10:23 p.m. - Alarm going off, 400 blk W. 2nd.

June 10, 2011

8:45 a.m. - Loose livestock, 287 W. of town.

9:35 a.m. - Loose livestock, Co. Rd. 14.

12:02 p.m. - Loose livestock, eight miles N. of Howardwick.

7:03 p.m. - EMS assist, 300 blk S. Jefferson.

July 11, 2011

7:23 a.m. - EMS assist, Nursing Home.

8:25 a.m. - Loose livestock, 1260 N.

July 12, 2011

9:25 a.m. - EMS assist, location not logged.

10:40 a.m. - EMS assist, 400 blk S. Bailey.

8:29 a.m. - EMS assist, 200 blk S. McClelland.

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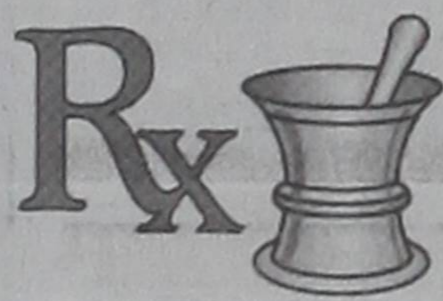
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Drugs in the News

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The newly approved drug is Dificid (fidaxomicin). In clinical trials, Dificid was compared with another antibiotic called vancomycin. In one study, approximately 70% of those who received Dificid treatment for 10 days were free of CDAD symptoms for up to 25 days after treatment while only 57% of those who received vancomycin were free of symptoms.



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Quality Counts verification required for all 2012 major Texas livestock shows

By Kay Ledbetter, AgriLife Extension Service

COLLEGE STATION - Starting in 2012, Quality Counts verification will be required for all youth exhibiting livestock -- market and/or breeding -- at major livestock shows in Texas, according to Kevin Chilek, Texas AgriLife Extension Service 4-H specialist in College Station.

The shows that will require the verification are the Fort Worth Livestock Show, San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Star of Texas Fair in Austin, San Angelo Livestock Show, Sandhills Stock Show in Odessa, State Fair of Texas in Dallas, and Heart O' Texas Fair in Waco, Burkham said.

The verification process will require junior exhibitors to pass an online test that measures their knowledge on quality assurance and character education content items, Chilek said.

To learn more about Quality Counts including the verification process, please visit: <http://qualitycounts.tamu.edu/>.

"The Quality Counts Program has now been in existence statewide for six years," said Angela Burkham, AgriLife Extension 4-H specialist in Amarillo. "Over this time, it has reached an average of 30,000 youth per year through the 4-H and FFA programs."

The program outcomes clearly demonstrate youth being more knowledgeable of best management practices associated with livestock projects, she said. More importantly, the program's impact has demonstrated positive changes in personal character attributes as well as adoption of livestock best management practices.

Over these six years, Quality Counts has been supported and endorsed by every major livestock show in Texas, Chilek said.

"These livestock shows have been instrumental in helping market the program statewide and have also been a strong partner regarding the educational content developed for the Quality Counts Program," he said. "In addition, these livestock shows have fully endorsed this veri-

fication process."

A verification number will be needed at the time of making an official entry into a Texas major livestock show, Chilek said. Thus, youth will need to have completed and passed the test before the major livestock show's entry deadline. A passing score has been determined to be 80 percent.

Youth educators and the major livestock shows in Texas believe strongly in Quality Counts, Burkham said. Collectively, they are confident that this significant step of requiring youth to be Quality Counts verified will strengthen and enhance the youth livestock program in Texas.

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