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

Applications for city aldermen available

Applications are now available at City Hall in for citizens interested in running the three vacant seats on the Clarendon Board of Aldermen.

Filing for the positions does not officially start until July 27. Aldermen are elected at-large, but candidates in this race must specify whether they wish to run for the vacant term which expires in May 2015 or for one of the two terms that expire in May 2014.

Donley County Commissioners are expected to meet on August 12 and formally call for the special city election, which will then be held on November 5.

West Texas Press honors Enterprise

THE CLARENDON ENTERPRISE received several honors during the West Texas Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest when the WTPA met in Decatur last weekend.

The ENTERPRISE was third overall in Division D for small weekly papers behind the Ozona Stockman and the Eldorado Success.

Local editor Roger Estlack picked up second place awards for Column Writing and Editorial Writing for articles on the Chance Jones murder case and city politics, and Ashlyn Tubbs received a second place award for Feature Writing for an article on the Holland brothers.

Ashlee Estlack placed third in Photography, and the ENTERPRISE was ranked third in General Excellence.

State plans four shot clinics here

The Texas Department of State Health Services will hold four Immunization Clinics in Clarendon during the month of August.

Clinics will be held August 1, 8, 15, 22 at the TDSHS office at Five Medical Drive with the first 15 clients being seen from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.

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

Ceta Canyon invites families Aug. 31

Ceta Canyon Camp & Retreat Center will hold a Family Fun event Saturday-Monday, August 31-September 2.

Activities include: Worship - Celebrate our God, Inspirational Family Time; Jumping Pillow; Swimming; Slip and Slide; Hiking; Fishing; and much more!

The guest speaker is scheduled to be Pastor Jerry Raab Saint Stephen United Methodist Church in Amarillo.

The cost \$257 for a family of three, \$309 for a family of four, and additional meals for families of more than four.

Go to www.cetacanyon.org for family camp registration information.

Staples talks immigration, jobs

Ag Commissioner makes campaign stop in Clarendon

By Roger Estlack, Clarendon Enterprise
Texas Ag Commissioner Todd Staples addressed a crowd of about 35 people last Tuesday as part of his campaign to be the next Lieutenant Governor.

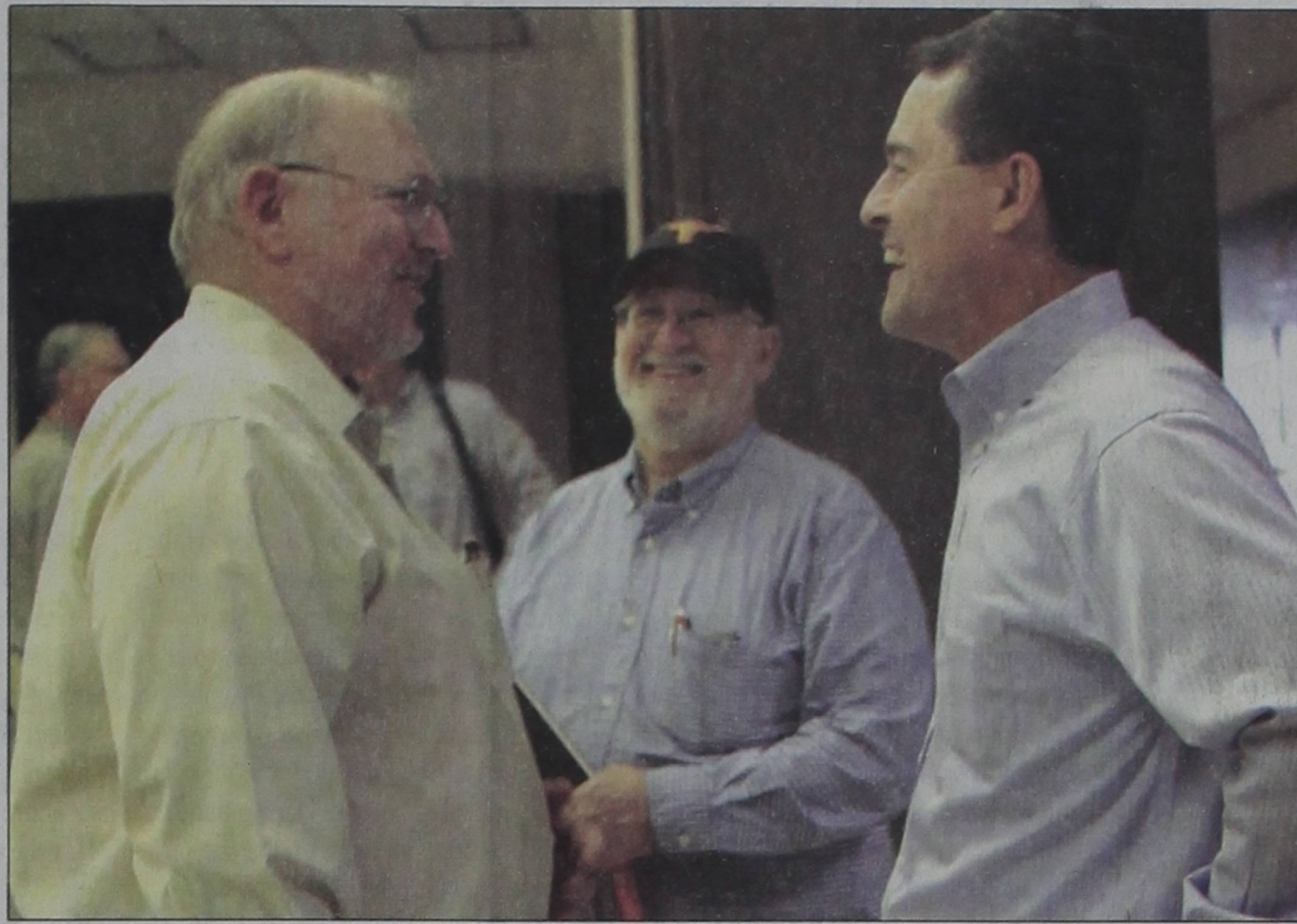
Speaking at the Bairfield Activity Center, Staples addressed the historic drought affecting the state before saying that he is excited about the future of Texas and the 2014 election.

"Elections are about choices and who we choose to represent us and the ideas we believe," the commissioner said,

Staples said work was engrained in him at young age as an important virtue and said he had made job creation an important focus during his time as ag commissioner, and he also focused on improving the marketing of locally produced food with the Go Texan project.

Much of Staples' prepared remarks focused on illegal immigration and his frustrations with the federal government's failure to secure the border with Mexico.

"The biggest threat to landowners is when they can't use



Texas Ag Commissioner Todd Staples (right) visits with Clarendon's Mark C. White (left) and the Enterprise's Fred Gray during a campaign appearance at Clarendon College last Tuesday.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ROGER ESTLACK

their property," Staples said, noting that drug cartels are penetrating the border and endangering landowners in South Texas.

Staples commissioned a study of border issues and then published a book, *Broken Borders, Broken Promises*, which focuses on

immigration issues.

As lieutenant governor, Staples says he would work on job creation, putting education dollars in the classrooms, and water and energy issues. He also raised concerns about the federal government encroaching on states' rights.

Staples is expected to face at least three other contenders during the Republican Primary next spring. Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst will be the incumbent, Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson is also seeking the lieutenant governor's office, and so is State Sen. Dan Patrick.



Waterworks

Chris Wampler of Wampler Construction joins a connection of new six-inch water line along Sixth Street in Clarendon Tuesday afternoon. The project to replace water and sewer lines along several blocks of Third and Sixth streets is expected to be completed this fall ahead of a paving project that is now slated for 2014.

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Thornberry listed as influential politico

Clarendon native praised for his thoughtful manner

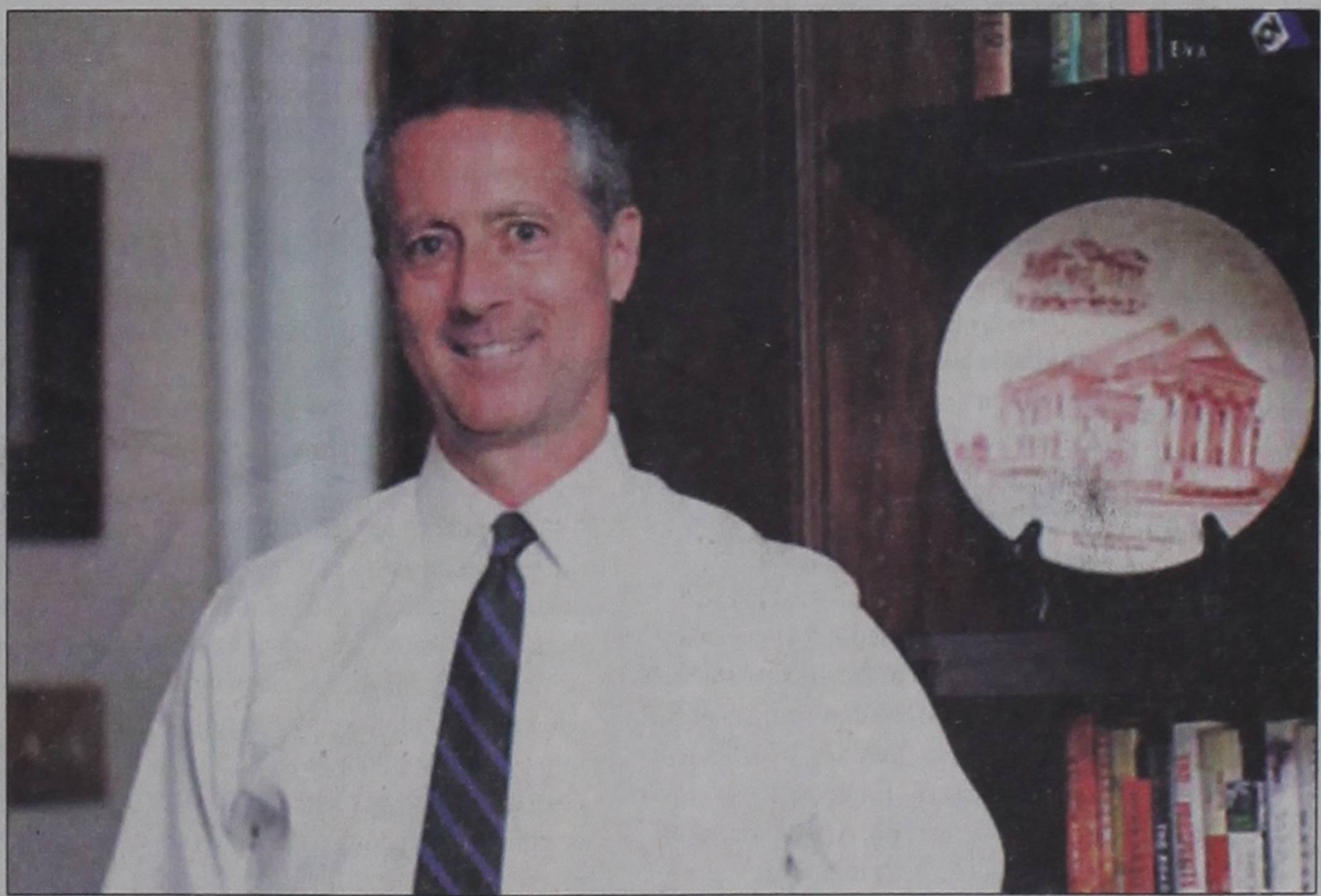
WASHINGTON, DC - Rep. Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon) has been named one of the 50 "most influential politicians to watch" by Politico, a Capitol Hill newspaper and website. The annual list, compiled by Politico's editors and reporters, comprises what the publication calls, "the next generation of movers and shakers in politics and policy."

Rep. Thornberry is recognized for his leadership and influence in national security. He currently serves as the Vice Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, as well as a senior member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

Current Armed Services Chairman Buck McKeon (RCA) lauded Thornberry as his "partner" on the committee.

"We work together on just about everything, so I look to him as a real help," McKeon said and cited the Clarendon native's leadership within the committee and across the Republican Conference.

"He's the one to help him turn up the volume - within the com-



US Rep. Mac Thornberry

PHOTO BY JOHN SHINKLE/POLITICO

mittee or even the Republican Conference - to help pass critical legislation like the annual defense policy bill."

Admiral James Stavridis (USN RET), who stepped down earlier this year as NATO's supreme allied commander and also served as the Commander of U.S. European Command, described Thornberry

as "a leading actor on defense in the United States who is thoughtful, balanced and intellectually grounded in his opinions and actions."

The article also praised Thornberry's style, noting "He's not a headline chaser like a lot of members...He's not one who thinks of a question or an issue because he's

read about it. He tends to be ahead of the curve on the things he has oversight on."

Politico says its "50 politicians to watch" feature looks "at the new generation of lawmakers, candidates, bloggers, fundraisers, consultants, and media standouts who will be a "force to reckon with in the coming years."

Public input being sought for farmers' market idea

A public hearing to gauge interest in creating a farmers' market in Clarendon will be held next Thursday, August 2, at City Hall.

Clarendon Economic Development & Tourism Director Chandra Eggemeyer says federal funds are available from the USDA that could pay a portion of the cost to set up a covered pavilion on city property where a proposed market could be set up.

Eggemeyer is making application for those funds through the city, but several hurdles still have to be cleared before the market could become a reality.

"Right now we just need to get feedback from the public and determine if there is local support for such a project," Eggemeyer said.

Five local producers have already shown interest in the idea of a local farmers' market at the city-owned property at Fourth and Kearney, east of the Post Office.

"We're going ahead and initiating the application process because you never know if this money will be available in the next fiscal year," Eggemeyer said. "However, Clarendon's current lack of a quorum on its city council may be an issue going forward."

USDA officials have indicated that the application can be made without action by the city council, but the entire project could be derailed if any formal city action is needed before November to accept the grant funds or give final approval to the proposed market's location.

HISD looks to neighbors for new students

Hedley ISD announced plans this week to go after transfer students from neighboring school districts, and interim superintendent Bill Wood says the school has some new offerings that he hopes will bring in new students.

In addition to running bus routes to Clarendon and Lelia Lake and offering transportation to students in Memphis, Hedley is now expanding their Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten programs to full-day schedules. Wood also notes that Pre-K is being offered without a tuition fee unlike Clarendon ISD's program.

Wood says the Hedley school has a history of excellence in academics, athletics, UIL competitions, and other events. He particularly noted the district's successes in football, tennis, track, and FFA exhibitors in stock shows as well as students going to regionals in UIL science, accounting, math, and social studies and one state qualifier.

Hedley ISD has a "Recognized" rating from the state and has met Adequate Yearly Progress measures for the past several years. Additionally, HISD has received Gold Performance Acknowledgments in attendance, college ready graduates, college admissions, recommended high school program, Texas Success Initiative for ELA and Math, and Commended for Reading and Writing.

Wood also touts Hedley's 7:1 student-teacher ratio.

"The smaller class size enables each student to receive maximum direct instruction from the teacher," Wood said. "These characteristics combined with our experienced and dedicated staff of caring individuals creates a perfect environment for students. We have what you're looking for in the education of your children."

For more information, call Wood at 856-5323.

guest commentary

Can we teach government how to behave

By Richard W. Rahn, Cato Institute

Most people who work in government have no problem giving their real names and telling you what they do, but there are exceptions. Those who are engaged in real undercover work for government intelligence agencies or certain law enforcement agencies have a legitimate need to keep their identities secret, but they are a tiny fraction of all the people who work for government.

However, what we are seeing is that too many other people in government, notably at the IRS, use pseudonyms when dealing with the public. The claim is that they need to do this to protect themselves from irate taxpayers. In reality, IRS personnel are no more in danger than many others in both the public and private sectors who have to deliver bad news (including economic columnists). All too often, the main reason for not giving the taxpayer a real name is for IRS officials to avoid taking responsibility and to cover for a lack of knowledge about the case and/or the tax law and regulations.

In many parts of the country, the local property-tax official is very public and even sends the tax bills with his or her name on it. Property taxes are painful for many people, and assessments are always somewhat subjective; yet, it is rare for these tax officials to be maltreated. When a policeman stops a motorist for an alleged traffic violation, the motorist is often unhappy, but the policeman almost always gives his name, in part to defuse the situation by making it a discussion between real people rather than a nameless state functionary.

During the congressional hearings into the most recent IRS scandals, the acting commissioner repeatedly admitted that the IRS had given "terrible customer service." (Note: In IRS-speak, the coerced taxpayer is a "customer.") If the IRS employees really want to improve "customer service," they could begin by regarding taxpayers as fellow citizens who want to be treated as something more than a number by those whose salary they pay.

As one example, the IRS sends out millions of "deficiency notices" each year to taxpayers who may or may not have made a mistake on their returns. The IRS notice starts out with "Dear Taxpayer" rather than using the taxpayer's name in proper form. The letter is signed by the regional director of compliance rather than the person who actually wrote the letter and calculated the alleged deficiency. The contact person is given as the office of someone's last name that differs from the person who signed the letter. The contact number is most often busy; and if the taxpayer, by chance, reaches the number, it is usually answered by someone different from the stated contact person. Most often, the person reached has little knowledge of the specific case or even the issues raised. Such unnecessary treatment is the reason many taxpayers become irate, and not because of a payment they might have to make owing to an innocent mistake or misunderstanding.

It gets worse. The National Labor Relations Board has made it illegal for an employer to require his or her workers to be "... courteous, polite, and friendly to our customers, vendors and suppliers, as well as to their fellow employees."

Congress is working on new legislation requiring employers to "E-Verify" the legal status of employees. Like any other government program, it will be rife with database and bureaucratic errors that will deny many citizens their fundamental right to work and earn a living. At least the Senate bill includes a small business and employment advocate to help mitigate the problem. This provision should be made part of the House bill. And those improperly denied verification should be given the right to sue the government.

Advocates of bigger government, who claim it is necessary to protect us, should be the strongest proponents of measures to make government treat citizens in a more civil and respectful way. Yet, many, by allying themselves with government employee and other union groups, undermine their stated goal of increasing respect for government.

If the administration and Congress refuse to insist that government agencies and their employees be more civil, perhaps we citizens should send very polite letters back to those in government saying we would be pleased to comply with their request once we know the actual person making the request, the lawful reason for it, together with a specific phone number so we can discuss the issue with that person, if necessary. The way to stop government abuse is by refusing to submit to it.

Richard W. Rahn is a senior fellow at the Cato Institute and chairman of the Institute for Global Economic Growth.



Republicans need to move to center

More than a few people are shocked when they learn that yours truly was a Republican Party precinct chairman in Arlington, Texas, when George Herbert Walker Bush was running for president the first time around. Heck, I've even got a letter from him, signed by his automatic signature machine thanking me for my service. I guess there were a lot of precinct chairmen across the land back in the day and the president's handlers didn't want him to injure himself by signing too many thank you letters. Or, it could have been that I just wasn't that important.

Why should we care, you ask? Well, because I want everyone to know that I am really a Republican, sort of. Back in the 80s I was a true believer and firmly in the Republican fold. Then, sometime in the 90s, while I was living in the land of the real right wing reactionaries, Utah, the Republican Party shifted to the right and has been moving steadily further right with each passing year.

Even though last year's presidential election is still fresh on our minds, plans for the 2016 presidential elections are already in full swing. Folks in the know say that it will cost about one billion dollars to run an effective campaign. Imagine spending a billion dollars to land a job paying a few hundred thousand dollars a year. What does this say?

Unfortunately, it says that the truly wealthy run this country, have run this country for years, and will continue run this country in the future. According to the really wealthy (those in the top 1%),

the president's first priority is no longer protecting Americans. It's now helping the rich get richer. This statement came from two of the wealthiest people in America, people for whom I used to write.



the quick, the dead, & fred
by Fred Gray

Anyway, those very same folks in the know say that Ted Cruz, who is surely unqualified to be president, is an early favorite to win the Republican nomination. While I don't like the man, I do agree that we can never allow illegal immigrants gain American citizenship, ever. I also agree that we must have better border security. Other than that, I have little use for the man or his message. I suspect that if he wins the Republican nomination, he will take the party so far to the right, that it will lose credibility with the center. And, the winning candidates are usually the candidates that can talk to the center.

Amazingly, our very own Governor Rick may also be considering another run at the presidency. I hope not, but we must gird ourselves to be overwhelmingly embarrassed if he does jump into the fray. Bless his heart, he must have some talent, or he would not have been governor for longer than anyone else. I don't think, or hope, that the Texas constituency is so ignorant. How did he manage that? Frankly,

I'm still amazed that he was able to outpoll Kinky Friedman, who was more interesting and apparently more intelligent. Yet, he lost. It must have been the tea partiers.

Thankfully, there are a couple of candidates from outside of Texas who are considered stronger GOP candidates. Currently, Marco Rubio and Rand Paul are currently running ahead of the Texas group, which is fine by me. I could vote for Rand Paul, if he doesn't shoot himself in the foot.

Now that the 2016 presidential race has started, the Republican Party needs to take special care to not alienate the political center. Should they be able to find a way to speak to the center, then chances are good that the GOP can successfully retake the presidency. Either Marco Rubio, Rand Paul, or even Jeb Bush can beat the Democratic frontrunner, Hillary Clinton. If Ted Cruz or Governor Rick win the nomination, then Hillary will probably bury them. Most folks in the center want a president who is committed to paying down the deficit, mitigating (not cutting to the bone) taxes, supporting education, and increasing employment. Immigration reform and a more secure border are important to folks in the center, but not as important as deficit reduction, better education, and maximizing employment.

In 2016, the presidential candidate that best addresses the concerns of the center will be the winner. The right is okay for inflexible ideologues, the left is okay for wild-eyed dreamers, and the center to center-right is for the winners.

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ON THE BORDER WITH JANET NAPOLITANO

Medicare: Improving lives for 48 years

By Tim Morstad, AARP Texas

July 30 marks the forty-eighth anniversary of Medicare, the national health insurance program for Americans 65 and older, signed into law by Texas' own President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1965 as an amendment to the Social Security Act.

At the signing, President Johnson noted that, "every citizen will be able, in his productive years when he is earning, to insure himself against the ravages of illness in his old age." Indeed, for nearly half a century, Medicare has lifted millions of older Americans out of poverty and has provided them with a safety net that they have rightly earned.

Today, Medicare provides affordable health coverage to roughly 52 million Americans, allowing them to lead more productive lives. Yet Medicare has reached a critical juncture. According to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Medicare trust fund will be exhausted in 2026. Politicians have used this statistic as a against millions of Americans who rely on Medicare. If we don't cut benefits for today's retirees, they say, benefits will cease to exist for future retirees.

Two years ago, AARP kicked off a national listening initiative, You've Earned a Say, to ensure the millions of Americans who pay into Medicare have a voice in the debate over its future. Millions of our members have sent a clear message to Washington: We should not balance the federal budget on the backs of our nation's seniors.

Due to rising health care costs and changing demographics, Medicare faces real challenges, and we at AARP are tackling these challenges head on. We've

said that we can reduce costs throughout the health care system, by clamping down on high drug prices, by improving care coordination and the use of technology and by cutting over-testing, waste and fraud. These commonsense solutions will ensure the longevity of Medicare so that seniors can continue to receive the affordable health care they deserve.

It's important to note that the Affordable Care Act has already extended the life of Medicare by implementing key reforms that will save \$500 billion over the next 10 years. From curtailing exorbitant payments to private insurers to cracking down on fraud and abuse, Washington has shown that it can accomplish real savings intelligently and responsibly, without cutting benefits for current or future retirees.

In order to reduce high prescription drug prices, we also must stop pharmaceutical companies from gaming the system. Right now, some brand name drug companies are driving up the cost of health care by entering into agreements with generic drug companies, paying them to delay bringing a competing product to the market. Moreover, Medicare should be allowed to negotiate with pharmaceutical companies for lower drug costs, which isn't permissible under current law. Allowing Medicare to use the bargaining power of its 52 million beneficiaries to negotiate for lower prescription drug prices, particularly for high-priced brand name drugs, could save money for seniors and reduce the cost of health care.

Improving care coordination is

essential to making sure patients receive safe, high-quality care. We can do this by creating systems that better connect doctors and health care facilities and take advantage of advanced information technology. More effective care coordination will also reduce medical errors and help prevent dangerous, preventable hospital re-admissions while also ensuring patients are getting recommended care and saving taxpayer dollars.

It is estimated that Medicare could save hundreds of billions of dollars by reducing waste and stepping up fraud detection. For example, Medicare currently pays all health claims and then has to chase down providers if an error or fraud is detected – and too often the improper payment is never recovered. By improving technology, we can flag fraudulent claims before they are paid. We can also use technology to crack down on criminals who file false Medicare claims. By removing personalized information from Medicare identification cards, we can develop new cards that can track and confirm that Medicare is being billed for only those services a patient receives.

The proposals we are advocating for are not gimmicks but solutions that will improve and strengthen Medicare today and for future generations. Medicare has been successful for nearly half a century and is still a success today. If Washington takes the necessary steps, Medicare can be strengthened and improved for the next generation of seniors. By doing so, we can, in the words of President Johnson, "reaffirm the greatness of America." Tim Morstad helps lead outreach efforts for AARP in Texas.

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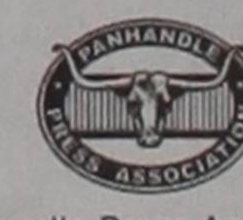
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Thornberry casts vote to delay major portions of Obamacare

WASHINGTON, DC – In an ongoing effort to halt Obamacare, Congressman Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon) voted in favor of two bills to delay implementation of key pieces of the 2010 health reform law. The House passed both bills with a bipartisan vote of 251 to 174.

"There's more than one way to stop this train wreck of a law, and slowing major parts of it brings us much closer to doing that," said Rep. Thornberry. "Exempting the entire country from Obamacare is the ultimate goal, so postponing, delaying, and disrupting implementation of large portions of the law makes complete sense."

The first measure would postpone requirements for large employers to offer health insurance for their employees or pay fines. The second would delay the law's requirements for individuals to obtain health coverage or pay a

penalty. The 2010 health care law mandates that employers with 50 or more full-time-equivalent employees provide health care coverage to their fulltime employees (those working on average 30 or more hours per week) or pay steep penalties. In addition, individuals without coverage will pay \$95 or 1 percent of their annual income. The fine will increase to \$695 or 2.5 percent of annual income – whichever is highest – over time.

With the original implementation date for Obamacare looming, Americans across the country are becoming more vocal in their opposition to the law. Original supporters of the 2010 measure, including several Democrats who authored the legislation, are publicly acknowledging its negative effects. This includes a number of labor unions, which waged an aggressive

grassroots campaign in support of the Bill's passage. On July 12, the heads of three major unions – the TEAMSTERS, the United Food and Commercial Workers, and UNITEHERE – sent a strongly worded letter to Senator Harry Reid (D-NV) and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) demanding the law be fixed and warning, "the unintended consequences of the ACA are severe."

National surveys confirm Americans remain deeply concerned about the law and its impact. The June Kaiser Health Tracking Poll indicates that Obamacare is now less popular than it has been at any time since October 2011. These results were similar to a survey just released by HealthPocket, a consumer resource on health insurance, which found only 12 percent of respondents support implementing Obamacare's individual mandate.

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- July 24**
 Little Miss Cheerleader Camp • 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- August 9**
 CC Bulldog days
- August 12**
 Clarendon Registration for enrolled students • 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. • Cafeteria
- August 13**
 Clarendon Registration for enrolled students • 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. • Cafeteria
- Hedley Registration • 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. • Hedley ISD
- August 14**
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- August 23**
 Owls v Ft. Elliott/White Deer • Scrimmage • 6 p.m. • Hedley
- August 26**
 Back to school
- August 30**
 Broncos v Tulia • 7:30 p.m. • Tulia
- Owls v Higgins • 7:30 p.m. • Higgins
- August 31**
 Clarendon Cross Country • HS/JH • Berger
- September 7**
 Clarendon Cross Country • HS/JH • Plainview
- September 6**
 Broncos v Vega • Homecoming • 7:30 p.m. • Clarendon
- Owls v Lefors • 7:30 p.m. • Hedley
- September 13**
 Broncos v Wheeler • 7:30 p.m. • Clarendon
- Owls v McLean • 7:30 p.m. • Hedley
- September 14**
 Clarendon Cross Country • HS • Amarillo ISD
- September 20**
 Broncos v Gruver • 7:30 p.m. • Gruver
- Owls v Hart • 7:30 p.m. • Hart
- September 27**
 Owls v Lazbuddie • Homecoming • 7:30 p.m. • Hedley
- Broncos v Booker • 7:30 p.m. • Clarendon

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Menus
 July 20 - 26

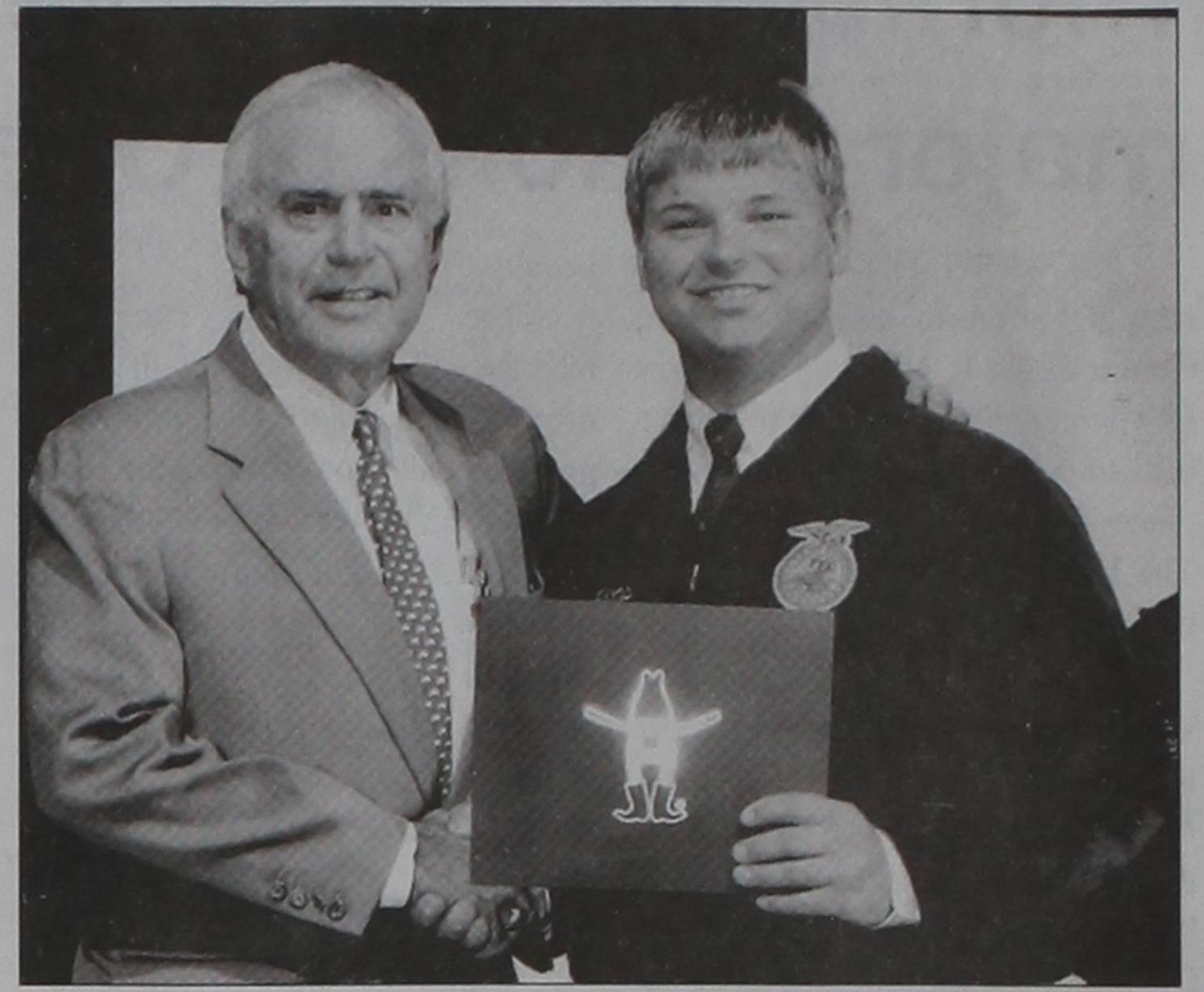
Donley County Senior Citizens
 Mon: Ham sandwich, tomato & lettuce, broccoli & raisin salad, pineapple delight, iced tea/2% milk.
 Tue: Navy beans w/ ham, sweet potatoes, turnip greens, cornbread, apple cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.
 Wed: Braised pork cutlet, seasoned butter beans, greens, wheat roll, peaches/whipped topping, iced tea/2% milk.
 Thu: Chicken enchilada, picante sauce, pinto beans, fiesta corn, sugar cookies, iced tea/2% milk.
 Fri: Macaroni/beef/tomatoes, garden salad, green beans, cornbread, applesauce, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens
 Mon: Catfish, lima beans, Cole slaw, hush puppy, lemon cookie, iced tea/2% milk.
 Tue: Creamy mushroom, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, whole wheat rolls, Emerald peas, iced tea/2% milk.
 Wed: Chicken tenders/gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, turnip greens, whole wheat rolls, mandarin oranges, iced tea/2% milk.
 Thu: Meat loaf, red bliss potatoes, bread stick, mixed vegetables, country apple crisp, iced tea/2% milk.
 Fri: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, seasoned corn, pumpkin square, iced tea/2% milk.

Adams receives \$18k scholarship

Austin Adams of the Hedley FFA chapter was awarded a \$18,000 scholarship, sponsored by Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, at the 85th annual Texas FFA State Convention held July 8-12 in Dallas. Adams was awarded for his qualifications in academic achievement, leadership, SAE, FFA involvement, financial need, and personal interview. Austin Adams was one of 70 high school seniors across the state to receive this honor. He will be attending Clarendon College in the fall, where he also received a Livestock Judging Scholarship. He will be majoring in animal science.

The 85th annual Texas FFA State Convention recorded more than 11,000 members and guests. Members of the agricultural youth leadership organization spent the week attending leadership workshops, participating in events and activities, being recognized for their achievements and serving as the legislative body for the Texas FFA Association. The Texas FFA has evolved from an organization focusing primarily on production agriculture, to a broader-based encompassing organization that addresses the needs and interests of students in urban and suburban schools in addition to the rural



Hedley FFA member Austin Adams receives a scholarship in Dallas recently.

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Hedley must fight to keep school

We had glorious rain! It sure made things fresh and green. I wouldn't mind if it rained slow soaking rain for about a week or more. Thank you, God, for the rain.

The Hedley principle David O'Dell and his family will be leaving soon to another position. We are sure going to miss them. We have also lost our superintendent, Bill Sanders. I don't know why we have to lose good people, but we do.

This is my own personal opinion and no one else's, but if we lose our school, and we don't fight for it, then next thing is we lose is Hedley. I don't know why there has to be so many problems in a town so small.

We should all be working to keep Hedley together instead of tearing her down.



chatty kathy
 by kathy spier
 Hedley • 856-5302

Summer brings garden memories

Oh, my goodness! What a blessing the rain and cool weather were last week! We received about 2.25 inches over a four-day period with the daily temperature in the 70s and 80s, and it was more like spring time instead of July. The crops and pastures are so pretty, but with little run-off the lake didn't benefit so much. Thank you, Jesus, for the rain.

Some of my favorite memories of summer involve the vegetable garden and the smells they brought to the house. Picking the vegetables was not a job for young children. They could cause harm to the vine or plant. What a sight to see all those vegetables! They began slowly, lettuce and spinach with little green onions made into a wilted salad with bacon followed by green beans then squash and cucumbers. Last came black-eyed peas, okra, and tomatoes.



'wick picks
 by peggy cockerham
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When peas began producing, everyone knew it was time to can; and what a job, but what a reward!

First began the process of gathering the jars, and it seemed to me it was always my job to go into the deepest recess of the cellar and barn to pull the dirtiest jars out and bring them into the house for washing and sterilizing. The dishwashers were Patsy and Peggy and inspector Mother whose displeasure with a washing job was quickly apparent. You just wanted to get away from that hot job. The family all set outside in the

evening shelling peas and early the next morning the work began. The pressure canner my Mother owned held seven quarts or nine pints with few pints canned at that time so it took many hours to preserve those vegetables. At the end of summer a housewife would usually have a colorful array of vegetables in storage for the winter and she would be content with her summer job of feeding her family.

Ole Jim's garden is not as large as those gardens in my memory, but how it is growing! We are eating squash and cucumbers, and black-eyed peas will be ready for the first harvest this week. The tomatoes are small and green. One cantaloupe vine is taking over the garden and is loaded with melons.

That compost in Clarendon is magic, and it is free.



Pilgrim Bank was a proud supporter of this year's Project Graduation. Here Pilgrim's Derlene Graham presents a donation to senior mom Shannon Burch.

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Stauder shoots under age

Eighty-one-year-old golfer Tom Stauder recently shot 'under his age' when he turned in a gross score of 80 in the weekly men's game at the Clarendon Country Club.

Stauder is just one of many golfers who have achieved that honor. Steve Jarnagin won low gross on that day with a 77, and Stauder and Gene Rogers tied for low net with a handicapped score of 67. Gail Leathers won low gross in the women's game on Thursday with an 86, and Mary Ann Sawyer won low net with a score of 76.

There was a three-way tie for first in the Friday night scramble and the team of Junior Rodriguez, Bob Hornberger, and Steve Paschall won on a scorecard playoff.

The previous nine-hole scramble was won by the team of Daniel Burchum, Tom Stauder, Tracy Duncan, and Gene Rogers at seven under par. The other teams came in at four under par.

The CCC will host a Jack & Jill 36-hole tournament August 3-4 and you may call the Pro Shop to enter.

Buckner to present foster care and adoption interest meeting

AMARILLO – Buckner Children and Family Services will present a FREE foster care and adoption information meeting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 6, at Buckner's office, 1422 S. Tyler, Suite 100.

A Buckner representative will give an overview of foster care and adoption options in Texas, including foster-to-adopt, Waiting Texas Children and domestic infant adoption programs. International adoption options, through Buckner's affiliate Dillon International, will also be discussed. For information or a reservation to attend the meeting, please call Katie Groninger at 806-373-1474 or email kgroninger@buckner.org.

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Hoofprints photo contest offers Staycation

Submit your photo with one of the 100 Center City Horses for a chance to win two Staycation Packages or the Grand Prize Weekend Getaway.

All contest participants will also be entered to win a Grand Prize Weekend Getaway to be announced at National Day of the Cowboy July 27 at the American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame & Museum.

Saddle up and submit your photos today through July 26!

National Day of the Cowboy is an event that is celebrated around the country including right here in Amarillo. Local groups have joined forces to teach, entertain and celebrate the eighth annual National Day of the Cowboy.

The celebration takes place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on July 27. This free event will provide entertainment for the whole family.

weather report

Day	Date	High	Low	Prec.
Mon	15	77°	59°	.83
Tues	16	70°	64°	.91
Wed	17	79°	66°	.20
Thur	18	82°	66°	-
Fri	19	87°	67°	-
Sat	20	89°	69°	-
Sun	21	92°	67°	-

Total precipitation this month: 2.12"
 Total precipitation to date: 12.14"

weekend forecast

	Fri., July 26 Scattered T-Storms 92° / 65°
	Sat., July 27 Partly Cloudy 93° / 66°
	Sun., July 28 Isolated T-Storms 95° / 68°

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USDA accepts 1.7 million acres in CRP sign-up

US Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack Monday announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will accept 1.7 million acres offered under the 45th Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) general sign-up.

The Department received nearly 28,000 offers on more than 1.9 million acres of land, demonstrating CRP's continuing appeal as one of our nation's most successful voluntary programs for soil, water, and wildlife conservation. Under Vilsack's leadership, USDA has enrolled nearly 12 million acres in new CRP contracts since 2009. Currently, there are more than 26.9 million acres enrolled on 700,000 contracts.

"For 27 years, lands in CRP have helped to conserve our nation's resources and played a part in mitigating climate change," said Vilsack.

"American farmers and ranchers continue to recognize the importance of protecting our nation's most environmentally sensitive land by enrolling in CRP. As the commodities produced by our farmers and ranchers continue to perform strongly in the marketplace – supporting one out of every twelve jobs here in the United States – it is no surprise that American producers continue to recognize the importance of protecting our nation's most environmentally sensitive land by enrolling in CRP."

In addition to today's announcement, over the last four years, USDA has set aside significant acreage under CRP's Continuous enrollment programs to target habitat conservation on especially important lands. For example, in March, 2012, President Obama dedicated 1 million acres of CRP to Continuous Enrollment Programs to conserve

wetlands, grasslands and wildlife. This year, farmers and ranchers have already offered more than 370,000 acres under Continuous CRP sign-up, a figure that is impressive given that the lack of a Farm Bill extension last fall meant that CRP enrollment only reopened this spring in May. Lack of a comprehensive Farm Bill this year has resulted in uncertainty for achieving further enrollment objectives under continuous CRP.

CRP is a voluntary program that allows eligible landowners to receive annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource-conserving covers on eligible farmland throughout the duration of their 10 to 15 year contracts.

Under CRP, farmers and ranchers plant grasses and trees in fields and along streams or rivers. The plantings prevent soil

and nutrients from washing into waterways, reduce soil erosion that may otherwise contribute to poor air and water quality, and provide valuable habitat for wildlife. In 2012, CRP helped to reduce nitrogen and phosphorus losses from farm fields by 605 million pounds and 121 million pounds respectively. CRP has restored more than two million acres of wetlands and associated buffers and reduces soil erosion by more than 300 million tons per year. CRP also provides \$2.0 billion annually to landowners—dollars that make their way into local economies, supporting small businesses and creating jobs.

In addition, CRP sequesters more carbon dioxide than any other conservation program in the country, and also reduces both fuel and fertilizer use. Yearly, CRP results in carbon sequestration equal to taking almost 10 million cars off the road.

Explore the art of Texas and the Southwest

CANYON – Explore in-depth the evolution and appreciation of art throughout the State of Texas and the Southwest. Led by the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum's Associate Director for Curatorial Affairs and Curator of Art and Western Heritage Michael R. Grauer and guest scholars, these university-level seminars are designed to delve into the cause, influence, and effect of the artistic developments worldwide and in the American Southwest.

This year's seminar will survey art depicting the Western United States and North America from the explorer artists of the early 19th

century to the fictional "West" produced by writers, illustrators and film makers, and later works by the Santa Fe, Taos, Texas and California art colonies.

Session 1 – Exploring the American West will be Thursday, August 1, 2013. Session 2 – Indians and Mountain Men will be Thursday, August 8, 2013. Session 3 – Manifest Destiny will be Thursday, August 15, 2013. Session 4 – Imagination and Reality will be Thursday, August 22, 2013. All of the sessions will be held in the Hazlewood Lecture Hall at PPHM from 10:00 a.m. to noon each of the four Thursdays. Refreshments

will be served.

Tuition for the four part seminar is \$125.00 FOSA members or \$175.00 non-FOSA members. Tuition proceeds benefit Friends of Southwestern Art at PPHM.

This year's textbook is The West of the Imagination by William H. Goetzmann and William N. Goetzmann. Course participants receive a 20 percent discount (\$56.29 with tax) when preordering the textbook through the museum store. Contact Amy David at 806-651-2233 or adavid@pphm.wtamu.edu by July 18 to register and order the textbook.

the lion's tale

by roger estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting July 23, 2013, with Boss Lion Ashlee Estlack in charge.

We had 19 members and two guests – Nathan and Daniel Estlack, guests of Lion Russell Estlack.

Lion Monty Hysinger reported on school projects for the summer, and Lions Phil Shirley and Tex Buckhaults reported on college activities, including a Bulldog Days registration event that signed up 82 incoming students.

Lion Buckhaults also presented our program this week, focusing on the historic springs of Donley County. Some of the springs discussed had names such as Kelly, Dunbar, Netter, Cottonwood, Glenwood, Luttrell, Chamberlain, Eagle, Naylor, Buck, Parker, and Indian. Many of the springs that were free-flowing historically are no longer flowing.

There being no further business, we were adjourned.

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(Psalms 65:9-13) "You visit the earth and water it, You greatly enrich it; The river of God is full of water; You provide their grain, For so You have prepared it. You water its ridges abundantly, You settle its furrows; You make it soft with showers, You bless its growth. You crown the year with Your goodness, And Your paths drip with abundance. They drop on the pastures of the wilderness, And the little hills rejoice on every side. The pastures are clothed with flocks; The valleys also are covered with grain; They shout for joy, they also sing."

We are "visited" by God with His blessings. Of course, we have to recognize the blessings and who they are from to fully appreciate them. Since moving to this dry area, I am forced to pause for a moment when the rain comes. Often I find myself giving God a prayer of thanks for what the world considers such a simple thing.

When I see the fawn and its spots, hanging close to its mother, I know we've been visited by God. As the wind blows and I hear the rustle of the leaves on my cottonwood tree, I think of God passing my way. Birds playing in the puddles, after a rain, look as if they are celebrating a visit from God. All these things should be seen by all people as evidence of God's presence. When the crops mature and are ready for harvest and the herds of cattle grow year by year, how can we not see that God is alive and caring for us?

In Psalm 68:8, David writes of the children of Israel in the wilderness who saw how that the earth shook and heavens dropped rain at the presence of God. I think that would be a good thing for us to do during and after each rain, or snow, etc. We should realize that God has been present, not in a way that you feel HIM but the effects of His presence. To better appreciate God, we must be able to see Him or acknowledge Him in things we receive in our lives. The lake has slowly risen, but, it has risen. Let us pray for more visits from God. Let us live in a worthy way that He will come among us more often.

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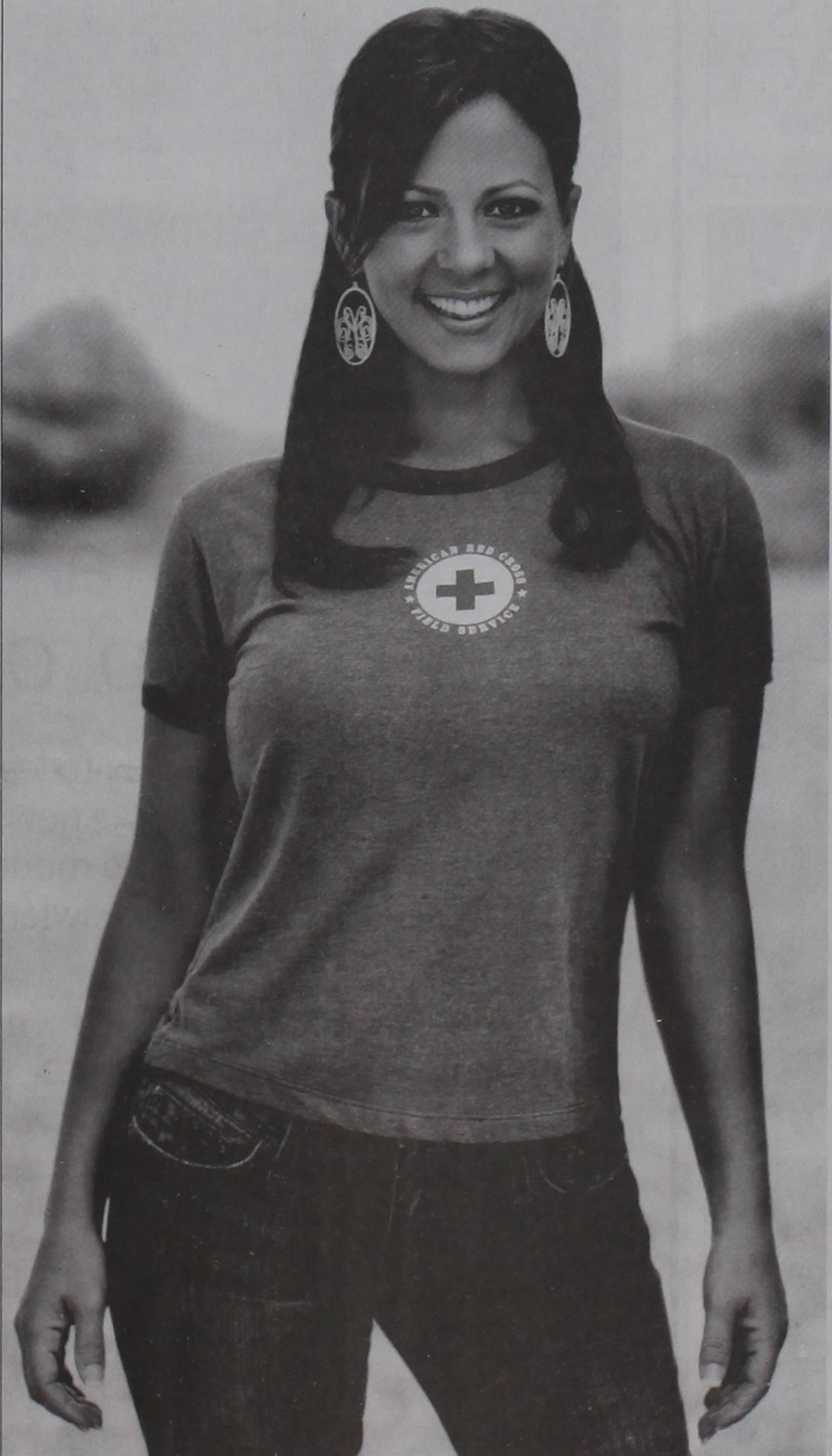
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July 15, 2013

10:12 a.m. – EMS assist 700 block West 5th
7:07 p.m. – EMS assist 100 block North Sully

July 16, 2013

1:08 a.m. – EMS assist 300 block South Jefferson
7:45 a.m. – Units paged – minor vehicle accident I-40
1:02 p.m. – Report of vehicle side swiped by semi Eastbound at Lelia Lake
10:52 p.m. – Report of alarm 400 block West 2nd

July 17, 2013

8:15 a.m. – Loose livestock – HWY

70 South
4:58 a.m. – Report of gas meter that has been run over – Baseball Field
7:53 a.m. – See caller 300 block Rosenfield
8:02 p.m. – Report of tree across road FM 3257
9:31 p.m. – Welfare check 800 block South Kearney

July 18, 2013

12:07 a.m. – See caller 300 block West 2nd
2:11 a.m. – See caller 700 block West 2nd
7:33 a.m. – Report of minor fender bender FM 2362 & 287
11:22 a.m. – EMS assist Clarendon Community Care Center
7:58 p.m. – See caller – Greenbelt

Lake
8:28 p.m. – Report of Alarm 600 block West 2nd

July 19, 2013

6:13 a.m. – Reporting suspicious person 900 block West 5th
9:16 a.m. – EMS assist 1600 block North 18th St- Memphis
10:19 a.m. – EMS assist 13300 Block FM 2471
10:41 a.m. – See caller 100 block West 4th
3:15 a.m. – EMS assist- Community Care Center
7:05 p.m. – EMS assist 100 block South Kearney

July 20, 2013

1:20 a.m. – Report of theft 700 block West 2nd

2:15 p.m. – Loose livestock- I-40 MM 127
3:06 p.m. – Welfare check- Greenbelt Lake
3:45 p.m. – EMS assist 800 block East 4th
3:54 p.m. – Units paged- vehicle accident Eastbound Hedley City limits
4:07 p.m. – To jail with one in custody
5:47 p.m. – EMS assist- Community Care Center
5:59 p.m. – Units paged- vehicle accident 287
10:26 p.m. – EMS assist- Kearney & Rosenfield

July 21, 2013

11:11 a.m. – EMS assist 900 blocks West 2nd

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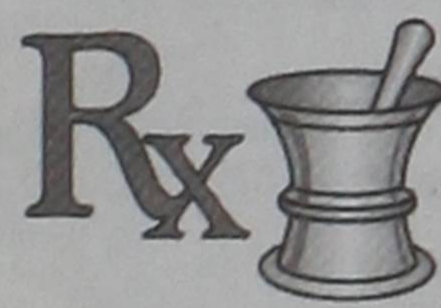
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Drugs in the News

New Flu Vaccine has 4 Strains Instead of 3

The FDA has recently approved a new four-strain influenza vaccine, Fluzone Quadrivalent vaccine, for the upcoming 2013-14 flu season. This vaccine is available in the United States and includes two A strains and two B strains of influenza (commonly known as the flu) virus; most flu vaccines have two A and one B influenza strains. With the extra B strain, it is assumed that Fluzone Quadrivalent may offer more protection from the influenza virus. Influenza B virus can cause breathing difficulties and muscle swelling. Fluzone Quadrivalent is licensed for use in all people aged six months and older. Other available quadrivalent influenza vaccines include FluMist Quadrivalent and Fluarix Quadrivalent vaccines.

Influenza is a serious illness of the respiratory system that may cause hospitalization and death in severe cases every year. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control recommends yearly vaccination in everyone aged six months of age and older to help prevent the flu. It may take up to two weeks for the body to be fully protected from the flu following vaccination.

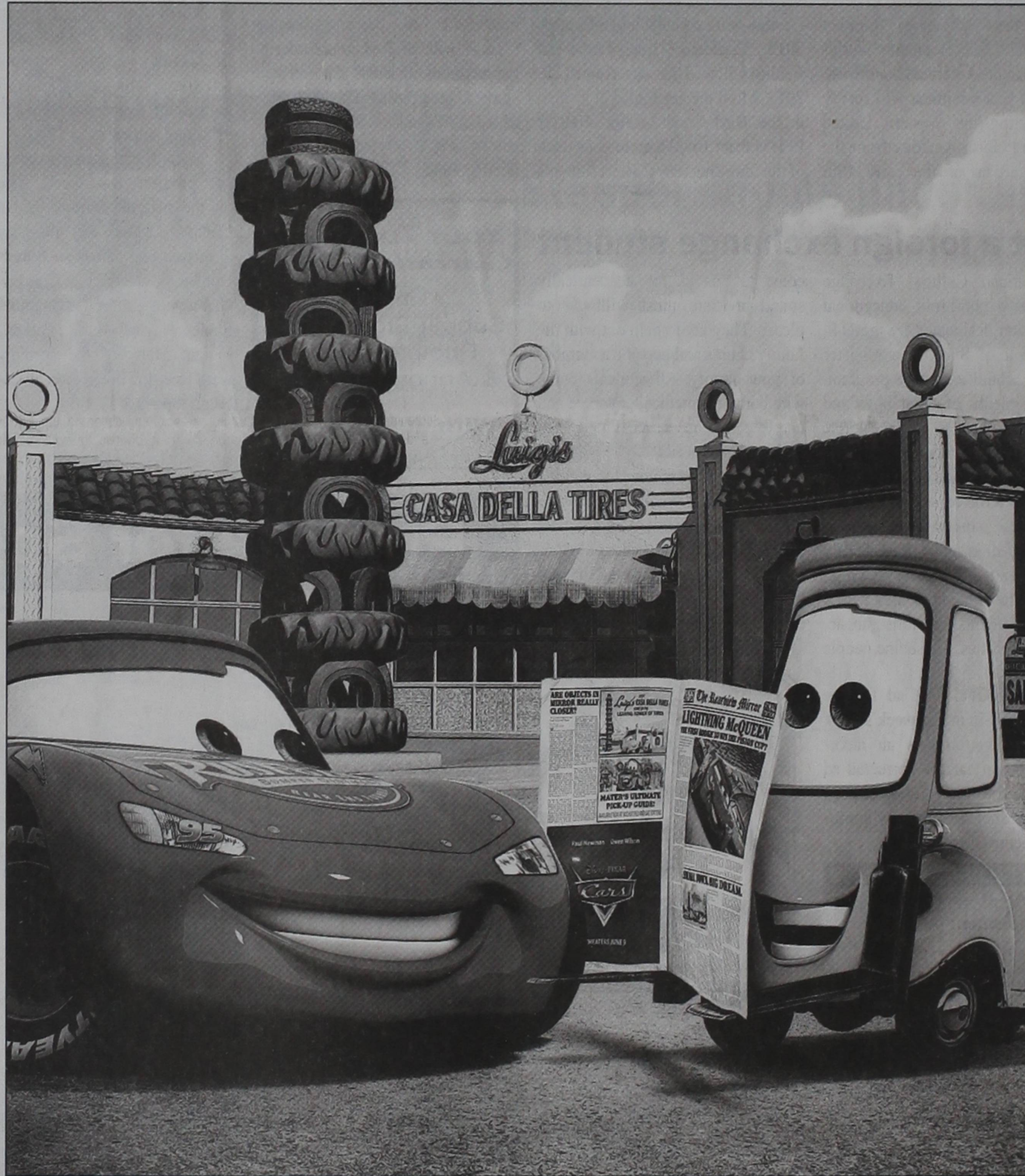


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Research facility celebrates 75 years

BUSHLAND – Agricultural research entities in the High Plains will celebrate “75 Years of Southern High Plains Agricultural Advancements” on Aug. 29 at the joint U.S. Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Research Service and Texas A&M AgriLife Research facility, one-half mile west of Bushland.

The Conservation and Production Research Laboratory will celebrate 75 years of scientific advancements with field and building tours, posters and speakers who throughout the day will outline what agriculture issues have been addressed over the years and the science-based solutions found.

“Innovations in Soil, Water and Environment Management since 1938” is the theme selected for the celebration, according to Dr. Dave Brauer, USDA-ARS research agronomist and co-chair of the event.

The daylong event will begin at 9 a.m. with registration and continue through an evening meal. Dr. Bob Stewart, longtime director of the USDA facility and current director of the Dryland Agriculture Institute at West Texas A&M University, as well as other employees, past and present, will entertain and inspire with reminiscent accounts of research developments and important outcomes, said Dr. Jerry Michels, AgriLife Research co-chair.

Morning field tours will include stops to look at integrated pest management, alternative crops, irrigation technologies and management, conservation tillage, wind erosion prevention and chemical control for fallow.

The lunch program will feature leadership from both the state and federal agencies discussing the importance of the facility.

The afternoon program will move indoors for historical presentations on other programs, such as wheat breeding, cattle production, air quality and a panel discussion with representatives of the agriculture industry on what might dominate research for the next 25 years.

Specialized tours will be

arranged for individuals wanting to view the cattle research facilities and feedyard, the AgriLife Research Bush Farm located north of Bushland, and various greenhouses and laboratories.

Additionally, posters depicting the timeline of the key research program areas and the individuals and projects involved will be placed throughout the facilities.

The evening meal is open to anyone interested in hearing about the facilities, how they have grown over the years and the trials and successes celebrated there, Brauer said.

The research facilities demonstrate the active and productive partnership between the Agricultural Research Service, USDA’s chief scientific research agency, and the Texas A&M University System including AgriLife Research, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and West Texas A&M University.

“Over the years, scientists, regardless of agency or university affiliation, have established high producing teams that have advanced scientific knowledge and produced enduring benefits to mankind in this region and beyond,” said Dr. John Sweeten, AgriLife Research director at Amarillo.

“One of the messages we want to convey is this lab has a long history of agricultural-related research that has benefitted Amarillo and the surrounding communities through not only the research results that have supported agriculture, but also the many opportunities it has offered in training young people who have become leaders and contributors to the area,” said Dr. Steve Evett, acting research leader of the soil and water management unit for the Agricultural Research Service.

According to historical accounts, Congress first began working on legislation to support the laboratory in 1934 amid the Dust Bowl issues. By 1936, federal funding for wind erosion research in the Texas Panhandle was in place.

The land was purchased in Potter and Randall counties, chosen because it represented the fine-

textured soils of the southern Great Plains and was severely eroded.

A local committee formed to set up the facility was composed of H.H. Finnell, Denny Hill and Dr. Horace Grub from the USDA Soil Conservation Service and assisted by U.S. Rep. Marvin Jones, Extension agent Art Bralley of Potter County, and Dr. C.J. Whitfield of the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in Dalhart. The first experiments were conducted at the laboratory in 1938.

The site was first named the Amarillo Experiment Station and staffed by Whitfield, who served as director; and researchers Hugh Porterfield, soil erosion; C.E. Van Doren, dryland production; and Dr. David Reid, small grains breeder.

President Eisenhower signed legislation creating the Agricultural Research Service in 1953, and brought most of USDA’s research functions into a single agency.

In 1959, an Amarillo Business Men’s Committee worked to secure funds to expand facilities at Bushland. A new office and laboratory building was completed in 1961. Later expansions have included a plant and soil processing building and water laboratory. Also added were a 350-head research feedlot, the Kenneth Porter wheat seed processing and greenhouse complex, environmental quality laboratories and other facilities to house emerging research projects.

The laboratory has been at the forefront of many of the research achievements in dryland farming practices, irrigation engineering and management, water conservation and management, small grain breeding, grain sorghum improvement, sunflower improvement, sugar beet production, soil fertility and beef cattle nutrition and health.

Also groundwater recharge, grass establishment, weed control, conjunctive management of plant insects/diseases, entomology, climate, conservation tillage and residue management, crop water use, crop stress physiology, plant pathology, dust and ammonia emissions from feed yards, and renewable energy technologies.



Archers ready

The Rolling Plains Sportsmen Club instructed the Girl Scouts on archery Friday, July 19. Pictured is Jayde Gribble, Braylee Shields, Aubrey Jaramillo, Jacie Kysar, and Mycah Woodard.

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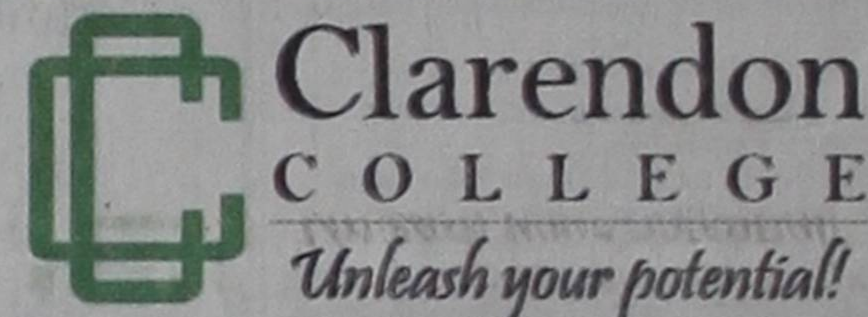
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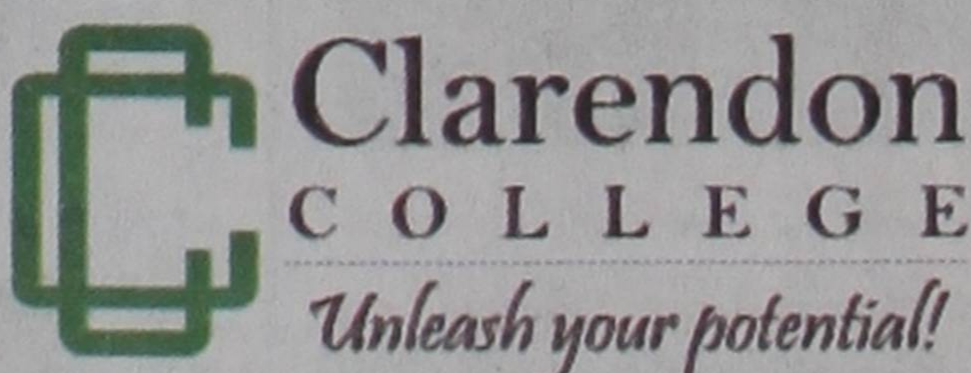
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