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

Senior citizens get good news on food

The Donley County Senior Citizens Center has good news to report for seniors who enjoy eating and socializing with friends – menus are changing again but this time for the better.

Director Mary Shields says after struggling for the last few months with new Dietary Reference Intake (DRI) menus, the center will soon return to some of the delicious meals seniors like to eat.

"Thanks to a different nutritionist/dietician, the new menus will be much more palatable, so once again there will be King Ranch chicken, Salisbury steaks, and other old favorites being offered," she said. "And best of all, real desserts will be available to satisfy the sweet-tooth while still meeting the Recommended Daily Requirements."

Shields asks everyone to come see the welcome changes in the menus and find out that they can eat healthy and have good taste at the same time, and she encourages folks to bring a friend. All ages are welcome.

For more information, contact Shields at 874-2665.

United Christians will hold breakfast

The Christian Ministries Breakfast will be held Thursday, February 16, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in the Fellowship Hall.

February being the "Love" month a post-valentine program will be given by Larry Capranica, minister of the Community Fellowship Church. Bring your Valentine and enjoy a delicious breakfast, a good program, and fellowship.

Chamber planning 'After Hours' social

The Clarendon Chamber of Commerce will host a Business After-Hours social for Chamber members and prospective members next Friday, February 24, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at City Hall.

Chamber officials are asking members to come and network with each other and share ideas. The Chamber is restructuring and reorganizing, and upcoming events will be announced.

County GOP to host state candidates

Donley County voters have the chance to meet and greet the four men running to represent this area next year in the Texas House of Representatives during a forum at the Bairfield Activity Center on Thursday, February 23, at 6:45 p.m.

Following the meet and greet, each candidate will have an opportunity to express their ideas about our needs beginning at 7 p.m. After each man has spoken, there will be an opportunity for questions from the audience.

If you want to be an informed voter, the Donley County Republican Party invites you to come to the Bairfield before 7 p.m. to greet the candidates.

Law agencies to begin warrant round-up

If you've skipped paying that speeding ticket that you stuffed in your glove box, you could soon find yourself wearing a pair of handcuffs when the Texas Warrant Round-Up begins next Saturday, February 25.

Donley County Justices of the Peace and more than 200 other jurisdictions and law enforcement agencies across the state will be participating in the round-up, and officials say it's best to pay your fine now before it starts.

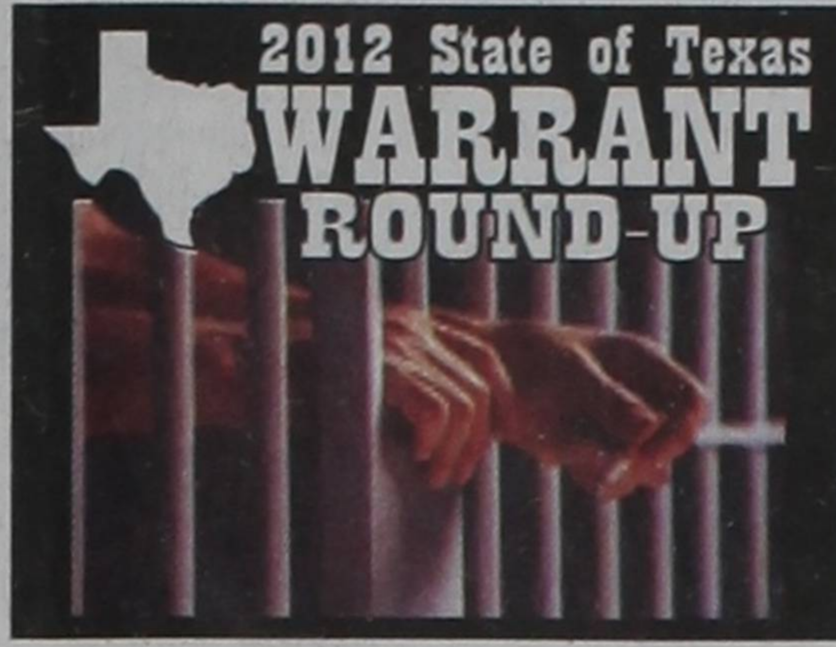
"It's better to come in voluntarily than to be embarrassed by getting arrested in front of your friends or family," said Precinct 1&2 Justice Connie Havens.

Local justice courts handed numerous open cases over to a col-

lection agency in Amarillo, which has sent letters out to those individuals. Havens says her office has "drawers and drawers" of cases – mostly traffic tickets – and that some of them have been open for five years or more.

"When you get a ticket, your signature is not an admission of guilt, but it is a promise to appear in court," Havens said. "Any time you fail to appear or take care of that ticket, we can issue a warrant."

The courts have already put a hold on the driver's licenses of the offenders in question, and if they don't pay up before February 25, warrants will be issued and the offenders will be arrested.



Precinct 3&4 Justice Denise Bertrand said Donley County has had good results from participating in the Texas Warrant Round-Up before.

"It was very successful last year," Bertrand said. "I consider it a success when they pay their fine, and we don't have to put out a warrant or

put them in jail."

As collection agents letters show up in mailboxes and word gets out about the round-up, local courts are already seeing an influx of people paying their fines. Bertrand had three people contact her office Monday to make payment arrangements, and Havens had four people pay their fines before 9 a.m. Tuesday morning and says more will be coming.

"I left the office at 5 o'clock Monday; and when I came in [Tuesday] had had 16 missed calls and two messages," Havens said.

The treasury stands to benefit from the round-up, but Havens said for her it's not about the money.

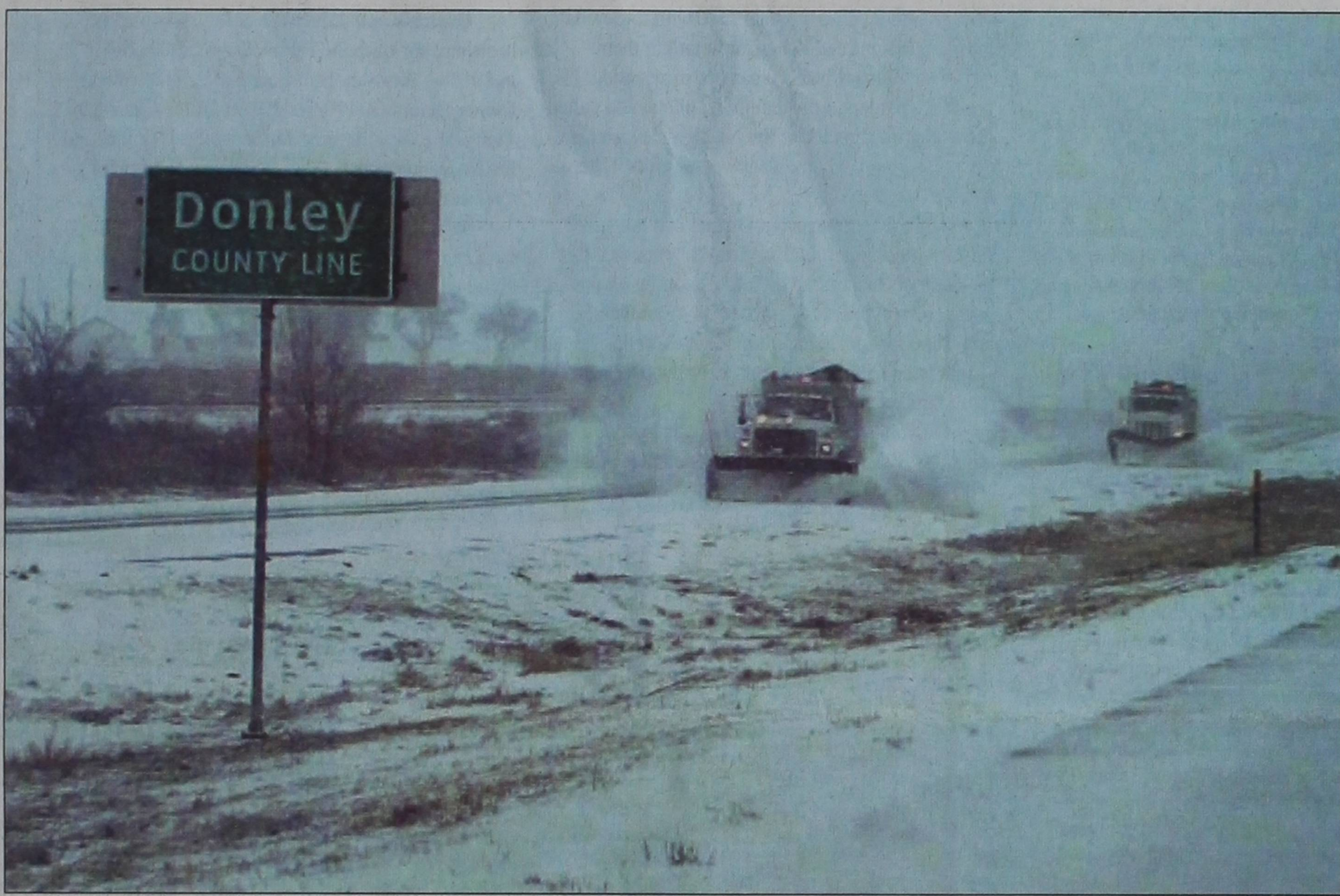
"I like it because it clears out a lot of cases," she said. "You just get tired of dealing with them. Those that came in Tuesday were from 2004, 2008, 2005, and 2011. They are old cases."

Havens said the round-up works because people move and local courts can't track them down, but a collection agent can.

"We found out five cases where people are actually incarcerated on other charges," she said.

If someone is unable to pay their fine, the justices still say it's better to contact their offices before warrants go out next Saturday.

"Community service is an option if they can prove they can pay their fine," Bertrand said.



White out!

A winter blast dropped two to three inches of snow on Donley County Sunday afternoon, bringing much needed moisture to this area. The snow and ice did cause several traffic accidents, and Monday morning classes at Clarendon and Hedley public schools were delayed until 10 a.m. Shown here (top) local TxDOT crews clear US 287 near the west county line Sunday, and traffic creeps along US 287 through Clarendon in poor visibility.

ENTERPRISE PHOTOS BY SCARLET ESTLACK (TOP) & MATTHEW MARTINEZ (BOTTOM)



District court returns sentence in Donley County burglary

The 100th District Court heard four pleas which resulted in convictions and sentences to the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice when it met in Panhandle on Friday, February 3.

District Attorney Luke Inman prosecuted the cases for the State of Texas with the Honorable Judge Dan Mike Bird presiding by assignment.

A total of \$5,000 in fines was assessed as a result of the pleas that took place on February 3. In addition to the fines, the defendants were required to pay a total of \$1,632.50 in court costs and \$9,640 restitution.

Jason Earl Winegeart pleaded true to allegations listed in the State's Motion to Adjudicate Guilt and was convicted and sentenced to nine years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

On February 26, 2007, Winegeart, originally pleaded guilty to the second degree felony offense of burglary of a habitation that occurred on February 16, 2007, in Donley County.

The State filed the motion to adjudicate on May 5, 2010, alleging nine violations of community supervision.

Winegeart pleaded true to violations contained in the State's motion and was sentenced to nine years in the TDCJ. Winegeart is also required to pay \$598 in court costs to Carson County and \$7,500 restitution.

Tony Ray Pickering pleaded true to allegations listed in the State's Motion to Adjudicate Guilt and was convicted and sentenced to 15 years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

On November 30, 2007, Pickering, originally pleaded guilty to the second degree felony offense of possession of certain chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance that occurred on September 21, 2007, in Carson County.

The State filed the motion to adjudicate on July 12, 2011, alleging seven violations of community supervision.

See 'District Court' on page 3.

Filing period remains open for seven local elected boards

Filing remains open for citizens considering running for a position on any of seven local boards this Spring.

Elections are scheduled in May for the cities of Clarendon, Hedley, and Howardwick; Clarendon and Hedley schools; Clarendon College, and the Donley County Hospital District.

The Clarendon College District has all three of its incumbents signing up for reelection. Jerry Woodard, Delbert Robertson, and Doug Lowe are all seeking to serve another six-

year term on the Board of Regents.

A fourth position on the CC board, the unexpired term of the late Charles Deyle, Sr., will also be on the ballot. Former college dean Tex Selvidge has been appointed to fill that spot until May, but he has not yet taken the oath of office. Four years are remaining on that term.

The Donley County Hospital District has four two-year terms expiring on its Board of Directors. Those seats are currently held by Jan Farris (Place 4), Jeannie Owens

(Place 5), Mark C. White (Place 6), and Laurie Howard (Place 7).

The City of Clarendon has three two-year terms on the Board of Aldermen up for election this year. Incumbents are Ann Huey (serving the unexpired term of Kyle Davis), Jesus Hernandez (serving the unexpired term of Jeremy Powell), and Will Thompson.

The City of Howardwick has its ballot the one year unexpired term of former mayor Del Essary and three aldermen's positions currently held

by Tanis McMorries, Johnny Hubbard, and Tim Gallagher. Aldermen serve two years.

The City of Hedley has the two-year terms of Mayor Dusty Wilkinson and Aldermen Leon Ward and Lonnie Roby up for election this year. Roby has already signed up to run again.

Clarendon ISD has three positions on the ballot for its Board of Trustees this year, including two three-year terms currently held by Wayne Hardin and Wes Hatley and

the one year unexpired term of the late Marvin Thompson, which is held now by Richard Gribble. All CISD incumbents have filed for the election.

Hedley ISD has two three-year terms on its Board of Trustees on this year's ballot. Those seats are held by Lana Ritchie and Bobby Lindsey, filling the term originally held by Shelby Shipp.

Sign-up for local offices continues through March 5. Election Day will be Saturday, May 12.

Sign up if you want to make a difference

It's now that time of year where our local governments, with some trepidation, look to the taxpayers and voters and say quietly, "Are you paying attention? Is everything okay? Does anybody care what we're doing?"

Yes, it's filing time for local offices. The sign-up period is open for people who may be interested in the dealings of our college, hospital district, schools, and cities. And if you think you've got a better idea of how any of these entities should be run or if you just want to do your civic duty and give back to your community, this is your chance.

Local governments often dread filing time. They hope no one will sign up or that only the incumbents will sign up because they can save the cost of an election and go on their merry way. In this view, the expense of representative government is a terrible burden, but the cost of apathy is probably greater. What government officials really don't like is the unknown of what an election could bring — change or, even more frightening, scrutiny from the public.

It's not that our governments are doing something wrong, but they just get comfortable with their current board members and with the status quo. No one really wants to be confronted with too many "why do you do it this way" questions when it is so much easier to keep trudging along. And after all, the folks on these boards are all good, decent people who have volunteered to serve and are trying to make the best decisions they can often with little or no guidance or participation from the people they represent.

So back to those initial questions: Are we paying attention? Is everything okay? Does anyone care? Take a look around and ask yourself if you're satisfied with things as they are.

THE DONLEY COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT seems like a pretty well run organization right now. It's lean without being mean. There are, of course, still folks who ask age-old "why do we have a hospital district when we don't have a hospital" question, and the answer is worth repeating. The district pays for our county's indigent health care — in other words it takes care of the very, very poor — and it operates our county's ambulance service. The biggest challenge facing the district is the rising demand for the ambulance service and the wear and tear that places on its vehicles. How can that be dealt with?

A lesser issue, but one that would probably go a long way to solving the constant "purpose" question, is why does the district still operate the EMS under the name "Associated Ambulance Authority?" Many years ago, the service was "associated" with the city and the county along with and under the "authority" of the district. But that hasn't been the case for a long time. Why not drop that name and emblazon "Donley County Hospital District" on all our ambulances and advertise exactly where our tax dollars are going?

CLARENDON COLLEGE has suffered setbacks lately at the hands of the Republican leadership of this state. Funding higher education is a low priority for the Legislature, and now enrollment has taken a hit due to state decisions. But while Austin causes CC's problems, it is left to our local Board of Regents to deal with them. Deferring maintenance has been one way of addressing shortfalls, but now that's catching up to us. The pavement on our beautiful college campus is crumbling and will soon look like a typical Clarendon street if action isn't taken, and there are other issues related to buildings that are more than 40 years old. How is this going to be addressed?

And most importantly what can be done to grow enrollment in Clarendon? The Pampa Center is now outpacing the home campus. We need more housing here, and we need technical programs based here to draw commuters to Clarendon. We can't have a program (wind energy, for example) on three campuses and then be surprised when it only succeeds in the biggest population center. CC is our biggest economic asset and our best chance of attracting young people to our community, and local people have supported the college since 1898 and with tax dollars since 1927. Yes, we want thriving campuses in Gray and Childress counties, but the board also needs to stay focused on growth at home.

THE CITY OF CLARENDON has some good things going on, but we're also still dealing with the same old questions that have haunted us for generations. The city has recently promised to crack down on "the dog problem." To put this in perspective, in 1901, just after the city incorporated, it levied the one-dollar dog tax to deal with the same issue. Basically you had to pay a dollar and get a city tag for your dog, and now to do that you have to show proof of rabies vaccination. It's still the law, but only a handful of people (usually less than 10) actually pay it. One hundred and eleven years, and we're still dealing with the same issue. Not exactly progress is it?

And then there are the streets... the number one complaint of our citizens for literally decades. Can we really say the streets are better than they were a year ago or two years ago or three or four or five? You get the picture. This month the city makes its final payment on seven years of tax notes that financed a one-million dollar paving project on the west side of town. The project was not perfect, and city maintenance on those streets has been... well, typical. Nevertheless, seven years ago, city officials planned to pay off the indebtedness and then finance another project. Now there is no talk of another paving project. There appears to be no real plan whatsoever. In fact, proposals to seal coat some already paved streets have been canceled the last two or three years. The longer we wait, the harder it is going to be to deal with this, and our streets continue to be an embarrassment to this town.

And while we're on the topic of streets, how about we put up some accurate street signs? You can drive through three blocks of downtown Clarendon and never know you're on Kearney Street, and the story is similar all over town.

THE CLARENDON PUBLIC SCHOOL is also subject to the whims of the state. In addition to steep funding cuts this fiscal year, the school is also faced with a new testing program, which promises to take up a lot of time, receive a bunch of attention, and do nothing to educate our children. But let's focus on decisions made here at home. The school deserves credit for taking care of its facilities and making improvements that have added decades to the lives of aging buildings. Some folks feel the new technology building was excessive, but technology has been a strong focus for CISD. A few years ago, the school put a MacBook computer in the hands of junior high and high school kids. How has that worked out? Do teachers or parents like it? Are kids learning more? Are they scoring higher? CHS has been ranked only "Academically Acceptable" by the state each of the last five years. It was last "Recognized" in 2006.

And then there is the budget. The school made some tough choices for this fiscal year, but there is still room for improvement. For example, was it really necessary to charge \$200 per month for Pre Kindergarten? Parents were told that the school had to charge tuition because "Pre-K isn't mandatory" and this outstanding program was going to cut otherwise. Well, brace yourselves for this.... Athletics aren't mandatory either, but we didn't charge kids to be in sports or eliminate a coach's job. Instead, we didn't fill the music teacher's position, dumped her duties on the band instructor, and threatened to fire the Pre-K teacher unless parents came to the rescue. Make no mistake, our community and this newspaper support our student athletes. Always have, always will. They are an immense source of pride for our community. But the school exists for one purpose...to educate our children. More cuts are coming this next fiscal year. Where will our priorities be then?

AND SO... those are just a few issues to think about. If there are more, we invite you to write them down and send them to us for publication. We would be happy to share them. Maybe some of you think you could do better on these boards, maybe you're fine with it the way it is. Public service is certainly no easy task. Local board members open themselves up to both praise and criticism — both from the citizens and from this newspaper. They endure long meetings, they wrestle with tough choices, and they try to do their best. Those folks who are up for election this year are encouraged to run again, but you are also encouraged to think about why it is you're running and tell the folks what you hope to see accomplished in your next term. You owe it to the taxpayers and to yourself to know why you want to serve.

If you think you've got what it takes to join the incumbents, then be advised that sign-ups continue through March 5. If you're interested in serving, contact one these governments, find out the requirements, and, most importantly, educate yourself on the issues. Don't go in with an ax to grind, but rather go in with an open mind and a willingness to serve.



editor's commentary
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Obama's religion problem

By Martin Frost

I need to start with a disclaimer: I want President Barack Obama to be reelected, no matter whom the GOP nominates.

Having said that, I find disquieting parallels between the way Obama handled the recent dust-up with the Catholic Church and contraception and the Israeli-Palestinian peace process a year ago, when he talked about returning to pre-1967 borders.

Both these self-inflicted wounds involved important voting blocs crucial to his reelection. Consider, the difference between carrying the Catholic vote — as he did with 52 percent in 2008 — and losing it would be significant in swing states like Pennsylvania, Ohio and Wisconsin.

Similarly, the difference between receiving 75 percent of the Jewish vote and 65 percent of the Jewish vote could cost him several swing states with significant Jewish populations. Think Pennsylvania, Florida and Ohio.

A common thread connects both incidents. On the issue of contraception and the Catholic Church, he tended to listen to liberal Democrats who happen to be Catholic — rather than to Catholic Democratic politicians dedicated to his reelection. When seeking consul, Obama also seems to listen to liberal Democrats who happen to be Jewish on Israeli-Palestinian negotiations — rather than to Jewish Democratic politicians dedicated to his reelection.

Obama does not have an extensive personal background dealing in either case with these vital voting blocs and the issues important to them.

The minute I heard Obama's words about the pre-1967 borders, I picked up the phone and called the executive director of the National Jewish Democratic Council. My message was simple: "There's trouble in River City."

The problem was that Obama had not sufficiently laid the groundwork for his remarks. He had not clearly stated that this continued the policy of previous U.S. presidents — Democratic and Republican. He hadn't made it clear that Israel would keep some settlements in previously held Arab land.

Obama largely repaired the damage in the days that followed. But many Jews remember only

his first words on this.

Obama hired a highly respected Jewish political operative, Ira Foreman, after the incident. Foreman is in charge of outreach to Jewish voters. He's done a good job focusing the president's message to the Jewish community.

But look at this latest incident involving the Catholic Church and contraception. Catholic Democratic politicians like Vice President Joe Biden and former White House Chief of Staff Bill Daley reportedly tried to tell the president that his policy would be viewed by many Catholic voters as an attack on the church — even if these voters practiced birth control.

On the other side of this policy argument was a group of White House women advisers — some of whom happened to be Catholic — who argued vigorously that this was primarily an issue of women's health. Requiring Catholic hospitals and schools to provide insurance with contraception coverage, they argued, was essential to the success of his health care reform program.

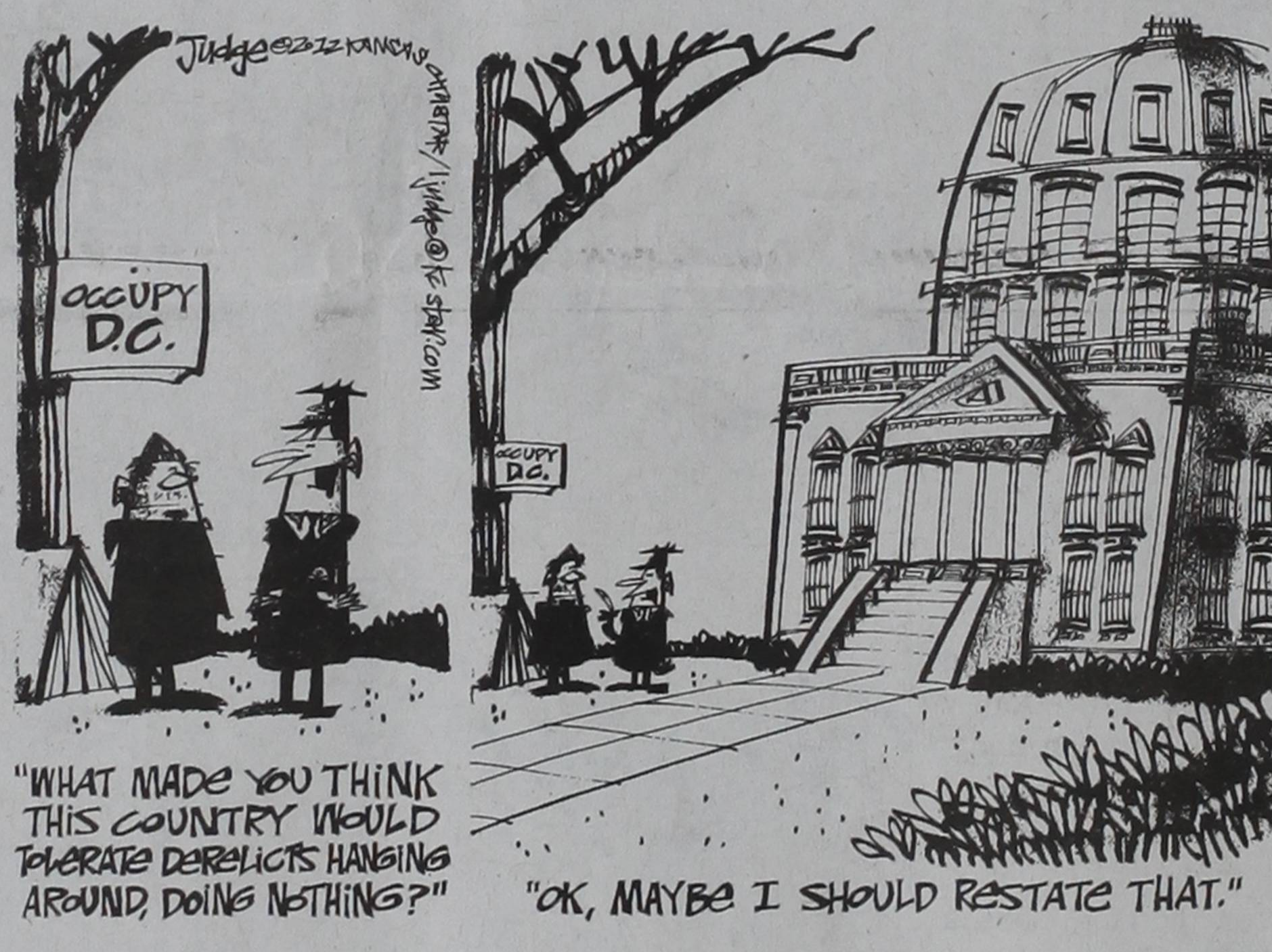
Obama initially sided with his advisers who framed this as a women's health issue. But he then had to backtrack, adopting a compromise that would require insurance carriers — not the Catholic institutions — to pay for contraception coverage.

This still doesn't address the issue of Catholic hospitals and schools that are self-insured. But the White House has said that, too, will be dealt with soon.

Obama's initial decision caused significant heartburn for Catholic Democrats on the ballot in 2012 — like Sen. Bob Casey of Pennsylvania, former Democratic National Committee Chairman Tim Kaine, now running for Senate in Virginia, and House Democratic Caucus Chair John Larson of Connecticut.

In future, Obama would do well to consult closely with Jewish and Catholic elected Democratic politicians about how to accomplish his policy goals. He needs to maintain the support of these two vital voting blocs.

Martin Frost served in the House from Texas, 1979-2005, and was Democratic Caucus chairman and head of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. He is now an attorney with Polsinelli Shughart.



FFA legislation takes off

In the increasingly interconnected and innovation-driven world in which we live and work, aviation provides a vital link to economic opportunity. U.S. airports are the starting points for nearly 22,000 daily flights that carry about 2 million people across our country and the globe. Nearly 11 million Americans are employed by the aviation industry, which generates \$1.3 trillion in economic activity annually. Aviation provides vital services — in commerce, agriculture, and medical and law enforcement emergencies — for small and rural communities.

Congress recently approved bipartisan legislation that reauthorizes the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and extends vital programs for airports and air travel. Arriving at a good, balanced bill wasn't easy. The previous FAA reauthorization bill expired nearly five years ago. Repeated (23) short-term extensions of the FAA kept commercial air travel going. But short-term extensions didn't provide the long-term stability which airports, commercial airlines, and private aviation needed to make capital investments in new runways, terminals, and other facilities.

As the Ranking Republican on the U.S. Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee, which has jurisdiction over the FAA, I worked with the Democrat Chairman, Jay Rockefeller, to produce a long-term, fiscally responsible reauthorization bill that earned both Republican and Democrat support. It makes a number of improvements for air travelers, assures public safety, and will strengthen a vital sector of our economy in the years ahead.

This bill provides for modernization of our antiquated air traffic control system, and moves us one step closer to more efficient and safer travel through our national airspace. When fully implemented, the Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen) initiative will transform air traffic control (ATC) from a ground-based radar system to a satellite-based system that uses Global Positioning System (GPS) navigation and surveillance, digital communications, and more accurate weather services. In addition to improving safety

for commercial and general aviation, and reducing flight times and delays, NextGen will help airlines to conserve fuel, reduce jet engine emissions, and reduce costs.

For the millions of Americans who reside in rural areas and for those who travel to and from these areas of the country, the FAA bill contains important provisions that will strengthen rural communities' access to air service by continuing incentives for carriers to gain improved service to small and rural communities. The bill also authorizes the Small Community Air Service Development program to support creative financing at rural airports.

The new legislation also moves forward use of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS). UAS deployment is a particularly important new capability for rural areas and smaller communities along our border. UAS technology can also be a valuable new resource for fighting the kinds of wildfires that ravaged scores of Texas communities last year.

Now — more than ever — it is critical for leaders in Washington to work together to advance policies that are both fiscally responsible and provide the private sector with the certainty and predictability needed to create jobs and revive our weak economy. I am proud that this legislation helps to accomplish both of those imperatives. For instance, this bill establishes a process to address outdated and obsolete FAA air traffic control facilities to save taxpayer money. The long-term certainty and predictability this bill gives to one of the largest industries in our country and its stakeholders allows for more effective and efficient use of taxpayer dollars.

Ultimately, what this legislation means for our economy, for our safety, and for our national security is paramount, and in turn it will undoubtedly have a positive impact — either directly or indirectly — on the lives of all Americans.

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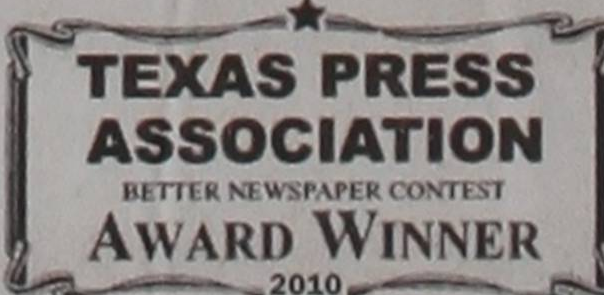
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TxDOT to host highway planning meeting

CHILDRESS - The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, will host an open-house style public meeting for the development of the Texas Rural Transportation Plan 2035.

The open-house style public meeting in the Childress District area will be held on March 6, 2012, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at: Childress City Auditorium (Room A).

This plan will identify the transportation needs for all modes in rural Texas through 2035. In addition, the plan will include a prioritized list of highway projects that will allow

TxDOT to focus its limited planning funds on the most needed highway projects.

The purpose of this meeting is to present the criteria and process used to evaluate the highway projects, the findings for the non-highway modes, and to solicit comments and input to aid in the further development of the plan.

Information will be available for viewing at the meetings including exhibits and handouts about the status and results of the study. Representatives from TxDOT will be in attendance to discuss the development of the plan and answer questions. Forms will be provided for

submitting written comments.

Information regarding additional meeting locations throughout the state can be found at www.txdot.gov, key word: rural plan 2035 or by calling the project's toll-free information line at 1-855-TX-RURAL (1-855-897-8725).

For those unable to attend the meeting, written comments can be submitted on the project website at: www.txdot.gov, key word: transportation plan 2035; by email at: TPP_textranplan@dot.state.tx.us; or by mail to: Peggy Thurin, P.E., Project Manager, Texas Rural Transportation Plan 2035, 4544 Post Oak Place, Suite 224, Houston, Texas, 77027.

District court: Pleas result in sentences

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supervision. Pickering pleaded true to violations contained in the State's motion and was sentenced to 15 years in the TDCJ. Pickering is also required to pay \$379.50 in court costs to Carson County.

David Putman pleaded true to allegations listed in the State's Motion to Adjudicate Guilt and was convicted and sentenced to 12 months in the State Jail Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

On January 8, 2007, Putman, originally pleaded guilty to the state jail felony offense of burglary of a building that occurred on July 18,

2006, in Carson County.

The State filed the motion to adjudicate on November 18, 2011, alleging one violation of community supervision.

Putman pleaded true to violations contained in the State's motion and was sentenced to 12 months in the TDCJ. Putman is also required to pay \$327.50 in court costs to Carson County and \$2,000 restitution.

Porfirio Avila pleaded true to allegations listed in the State's Motion to Adjudicate Guilt and was convicted and sentenced to five years in the Intentional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

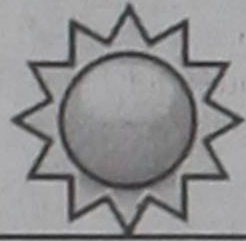
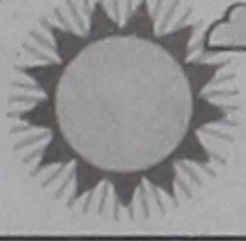
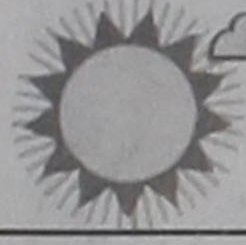
On October 17, 2005, Avila, 31-year-old resident of Mexico, originally pleaded guilty to the third degree felony offense of possession of marihuana that occurred on October 7, 2004, in Carson County.

The State filed the motion to adjudicate on October 7, 2010, alleging ten violations of community supervision.

Avila pleaded true to violations contained in the State's motion and was sentenced to 5 years in the TDCJ. Avila is also required to pay \$327.50 in court costs to Carson County, \$140 restitution, and a \$5,000 fine.

weather report				
Day	Date	High	Low	Prec.
Mon	6	47°	24°	-
Tues	7	55°	26°	-
Wed	8	36°	19°	.04"
Thur	9	44°	23°	-
Fri	10	43°	30°	-
Sat	11	41°	16°	-
Sun	12	34°	6°	.28"

Total precipitation this month: .38"
Total precipitation to date: 1.03"

weekend forecast	
	Fri., Feb. 17 Sunny 58°/33°
	Sat., Feb. 18 Mostly Sunny 56°/35°
	Sun., Feb. 19 Mostly Sunny 58°/34°

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Community Calendar

February 16
United Christians Breakfast • First United Methodist Church • 7 a.m.

February 18
Broncos v. Texline • Practice Game • Randall High School • 1:30 p.m.

"Spiritual Explosion" • Quail Baptist Church • 6:30 p.m.

February 20
Presidents Day

February 23
State Representative Candidates Forum • Bairfield Activity Center • 6:45 p.m.

February 24
Chamber of Commerce After Hours Social • City Hall • 5:30 p.m.

February 25
Texas Warrant Round-Up Begins

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Menus

February 20 - 14

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Breaded Fish/ Bun (turkey substitute), lettuce, tomatoes, pickle, potato wedges, cole slaw, peach chiantilly, low fat milk.
Tue: Creamy mushroom steak, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, emerald pears, whole wheat roll, low fat milk.

Wed: Spaghetti/ meatballs, whole wheat roll, margarine, spinach, honey dew melon, low fat milk.
Thu: Chicken Teriyaki, fried rice, seasoned vegetable blend, strawberries & bananas, low fat milk.

Fri: Lasagna, garlic bread, Brussels sprouts, pears, low fat milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Homemade Turkey Pot Pie, whole wheat roll w/ margarine, seasoned corn, tossed salad w/ dressing, ambrosia, and low fat milk.
Tue: Ham & beans, cornbread w/ margarine, spinach, seasoned corn, orange pineapple cup, country apple crisp, low fat milk.

Wed: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, stewed okra, seasoned corn, pumpkin square, low fat milk.
Thu: Rigatoni w/ meat sauce, garlic bread, seasoned lima beans, tossed salad w/ dressing, mandarin orange w/ whip topping, low fat milk.

Fri: Crispy chicken on bun, lettuce, tomato, mayonnaise, potato wedges, carrot & raisin salad, fruit cocktail, low fat milk.

Clarendon ISD
Breakfast
Mon: Cereal, toast, fruit, milk.
Tue: Sausage, biscuit, gravy, fruit, milk.

Wed: Pancakes, juice, milk.
Thu: Egg, toast, fruit, milk.
Fri: Cinnamon roll, juice, milk.

Lunch
Mon: No School
Tue: Pizza, corn, salad, fruit, milk.

Wed: Roasted chicken, potatoes, green beans, fruit, roll, milk.
Thu: Lasagna, mixed veggies, salad, fruit, roll, milk.

Fri: Hamburger w/cheese, chips, lettuce, pickles, cobbler, milk.

Hedley ISD
Mon: Beef & Bean Burrito, or corn dog, western beans, salad, fruit, milk.

Tue: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, garden salad, green beans, cornbread, fruit, milk.
Wed: Chicken nuggets, green beans, mashed potatoes/gravy, salad, fruit, milk.

Thu: Nachos Grande, Spanish rice, mandarin oranges, tossed salad, fruit juice, milk.
Fri: Cheese burger, oven fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions, fruit, milk.

Three new scams targeting honest folks

Just a personal note. Last week I received an email from one of my friends that said "it's ironic how the tables have turned http://fionola.co.il/day.link.php?umaPage=36k2." Thinking that he had sent me something that he wanted me to look at I opened it. Wrong. It was a well written, very good sounding advertisement for "Work at Home." It sounded too good to be true, so I emailed my friend asking him if he had sent it. He advised that he had not. This is a phishing scam.

Also watch out for a Scam Email Using Tax Prep Company Name.

People nationwide are receiving suspicious emails that appear to be from Intuit, a tax preparation software business. The messages encourage recipients to click on a link and update their Social Security Number

or Employer ID Number in Intuit's online system. However, the email is a phishing scam, and the link leads to a third-party website that downloads a virus on to users' computers.

What does the email look like? The email appears to be from update@intuit.com or security@intuit.com addresses. The messages also use a variety of subject lines including: "Please verify your tax information ASAP," "Correct tax information is needed" or "Tax information needed within 30 Days."

Steps to take: Do not click on the link in the email. Forward the email to spoof@intuit.com. Delete the email. For more information, please read the security information on Intuit's website.

Tax Filing Service Under Fire: Better Business Bureaus across the country are today responding to con-

sumer complaints and media questions about a tax preparation company called Mo Money Taxes (also known as MoneyCo USA).

BBB of the Mid-South, serving West Tennessee, North Mississippi and East Arkansas, has given the headquarters office an F (BBB's lowest rating) and issued an alert on the company, based on the company's failure to respond to complaints. The Arkansas Attorney General sued the company in 2010 over its failure to properly disclose its fees. Police in Norfolk, VA have confiscated computers and shut the local office.



bob's whittlin'
by bob watson

Big coyote making rounds in Howardwick

Oh, my goodness! Blessed snow! My guess is 3-4," but I am not so good at guessing. The sun is shining brightly this Monday morning, temperature is rising and the snow is melting.

Our little almost-a-year old Yorkie loves playing in the snow and cries like a toddler when Mom or Dad says it is time to come in. I am sure there are snowmen built all over our little community, and we may not all say, "Thank you, Lord!" but He sees the pleasure on our faces.

We have Presidents Day to celebrate next weekend and that caused me to think. What exactly does that mean? When I was a kid we celebrated Abe Lincoln's birthday on February 12 with pictures of a log cabin, someone dressed in a top hat made of construction paper with a fake beard, maybe we all learned the Gettysburg address. On February 22

we honored George Washington as our first president by making an ax and confessing "I cannot tell a lie. I chopped down the cherry tree". We read about the winter spent at Valley Forge and crossing the Delaware River. Now it appears with three-day holiday ski trips are planned and the presidents are ignored.

There are actually four presidents born in February so if it is President's Day we should honor all four. Ronald Reagan was born February 6, 1911. He played football in college, took acting lessons, and his first job after graduation was a radio sportscaster. He starred in 53 movies and hosted and starred in TV productions. His political career began with the Screen Actors Guild, then as governor of California, and finally the 40th president of the US serving from 1981-1989. If you lived at that time, who could forget "Mr. Gor-

bachav, tear down that wall!" referring to the Berlin Wall that divided East and West Berlin.



'wick picks
by peggy cockerham
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The next birthday is William Henry Harrison, born February 9, 1773, the last president born under English rule. He was the ninth president, taking the oath in March, 1841, and died April 4, 1841 of pneumonia. He served 32 days, the shortest presidency and the first to die in office. His grandson, Benjamin Harrison served as the 23rd president of the United States, the only grandfather-grandson to do so.

Abraham Lincoln, born February 12, 1809, was the 16th president,

BBBs around the country have given local offices and franchises varying grades based on consumer complaints in their area.

Some of the complaints to BBBs include: Consumers are complaining to BBB that their refunds were promised by the end of January but have yet to be received. Consumers are going to some Mo Money offices and finding them closed. Consumers tell BBB that Mo Money doesn't answer the phone or return calls. Consumers allege that Mo Money blames the delay on IRS problems/computer glitches but some consumers have contacted IRS directly and have been told the refunds have been sent.

There is no official response from the IRS at this point, and Mo Money Taxes is still listed on the IRS website as an acceptance agent.

Quail Baptists plan 'Spiritual Explosion'

The Quail Baptist Church in Quail wants to invite everyone to its sixth annual "Spirit Explosion" to be held on Saturday, February 18, 2012.

At 6:30 p.m. the program begins with spiritual music performed by Carla Martin and her daughters, Elizabeth Hicks and Sarah Newman and daughter-in-law, Kena Martin. They will be accompanied on guitar by Brad Newman and Andrew Martin. Carla teaches first grade at Shamrock Elementary and is the wife of Mike Martin, the Minister of the First Baptist Church in Shamrock. Carla will lead the congregational singing.

The message will be given by Kade Wilcox. Kade leads the University Ministry at the Redeemer Church in Lubbock. He holds a bachelor's degree from West Texas A&M University and currently attends the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary pursuing a Master of Divinity in Christian Ministry. He was the pastor at Quail Baptist Encampment for 3½ years. He is married to Lacey and is the father of Selah Rae.

This service of music and God's word will be exciting and everyone is invited. Refreshments will follow the service on Saturday night.



the lion's tale
by roger estlack

The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting February 14, 2012, with Boss Lion Steve Hall in charge.

We had 16 members and two guests this week - Tex Selvidge, guest of Lion Phil Shirley; and Jesse Lincycumb, guest of the Boss Lion.

Lions Shirley and Tex Buckhaults reported on college activities, and Lion Lamber Little reported on city news.

Lion Hall and Mr. Lincycumb presented a musical program this week, featuring their vocals and guitars, which was very well received. Good job, guys!

Programs the next three weeks will be brought by Lions Russell Estlack, Don Smith, and Ashlee Estlack

What does the Donley County Extension do?

By Leonard Haynes, County Extension Agent - Ag and Natural Resources & Andrea Stelting, County Extension Agent - Family and Consumer Sciences

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Leonard Haynes, Donley CEA in Agriculture and Natural Resources provides information related to Environmental Safety, Animal Science, Horticulture, Insects, Wildlife and Range Management.

Andrea Stelting, Donley CEA for Family and Consumer Sciences offers practical information for families: raising children, housing and environment, eating well, managing money, and staying healthy.

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munity of young people who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. In 4-H, young people make new friends, develop new skills, become leaders and help shape their communities. 4-H gives them a chance to pursue their own interests - from photography to computers, from building rockets to raising sheep. They learn to be leaders and active citizens by giving back to their communities. 4-H members get involved in volunteer projects to protect the environment, mentor younger children and help people who are less fortunate.

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If you are interested in attending any Extension program and need special assistance, please contact the office prior to the program.

Childress plans Women's Health Symposium

Childress Women's League will host its annual Women's Health Symposium on Saturday, February 25 at the CRMC Francis T Smith Education Center from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Tickets are \$10.00 and include lunch.

This year's speakers include; Dr. Brandon Harshe, Chiropractor who will speak on the benefits of chiropractic services. Larissa Henderson, Biofeedback Specialist. Dr. Dan Babbel, Orthopedic Surgeon and Hand Specialist will speak on

bone health and osteoporosis. And they have three women who will share their stories about breast cancer. Each of these women have a dramatic story to tell and you won't want to miss this.

As well, several vendors will be set up to give you, the woman a different shopping experience. Some are educational and some are just plain fun.

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Broncos reign supreme, named District Champs

By Sandy Anderberg

Not to be denied by the Memphis Cyclones on their home floor, the Clarendon Broncos defeated them and captured a District Championship Friday night. The 54-48 win put the Broncos at 15-11 overall and 7-0 in district play. The Broncos will spend their practices preparing for post-season play that will start in a week.

To add to the excitement of the game, the Broncos trailed by seven points deep into the final period of play after beginning the game with a slight advantage. The Cyclones were able to grab the momentum and tie the game at 35 after three quarters. They rode that change into the fourth where they overtook the Broncos with just minutes to play.

But Clarendon would not be denied the win and stormed back to get the six-point win. Cole Ward took control offensively and put in 18 points after Adam Topper, who finished with 10, was swarmed inside.

"We were able to control the boards and keep them out of the paint," coach Brandt Lockhart said. "I was proud of the way we played at the end of the fourth quarter. We were down seven points with three and a half minutes left and were able to win on their home court."

Scoring: Ward 18, Topper 10,

Diego Santos 8, Wes Williams 4, Tyler Burch 4, Cody Wood 3, and Jonah Sell 3.

The Broncos will play a warm up game against Texline on Saturday, February 18, at 1:30 at Randall High School.

Bronco JV falls

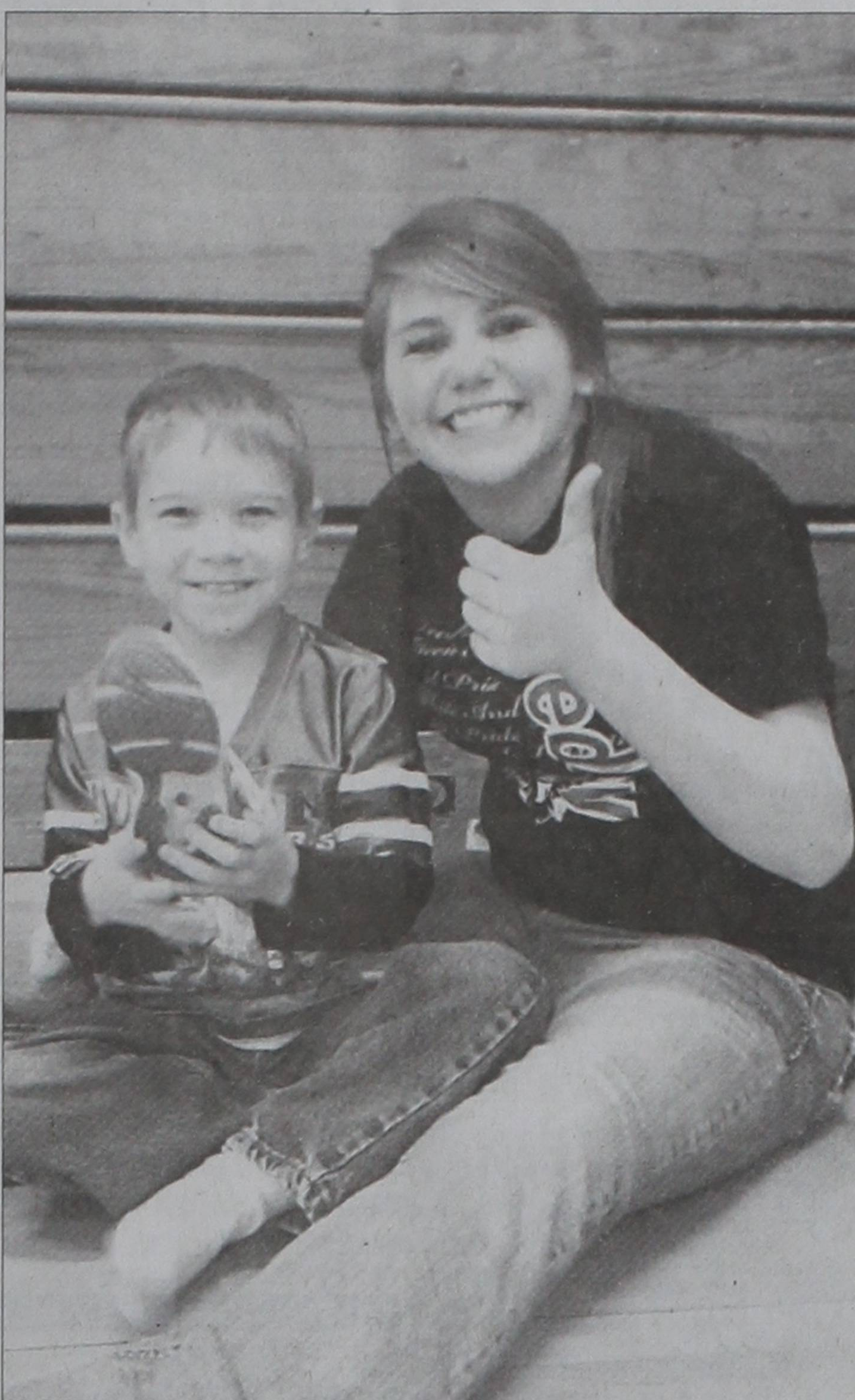
The Bronco junior varsity went on the road last Friday night and suffered an 11-point loss to the Memphis Cyclones at 43-54.

The game was back and forth after the Broncos came back from an eight-point deficit in the opening period. Only trailing by one point at the break, the Broncos fought hard to take a five-point lead into the final quarter of play. But their offense fell off somewhat and the Cyclones were able to take advantage of it and hand the Broncos a loss.

Three Broncos finished in double figures in the contest.

"The boys played well but defensively, they were a little off," coach Alton Gaines said. "We didn't play like we're capable of playing but it's fixable. We've got one game left against Quanah and I know the boys will be ready."

Scoring: Mitchell Parry 13, Johnathon Cartwright 12, Charles Mason 10, Cedrick McCampbell 5, Montana Hysinger 2, and Zach Cornell 1.



All tied up

Hedley High School student Bailey Wood gives a thumbs up after elementary student Jake Christopher successfully tied his shoes last week.

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Broncos Roster

2	CODY WOOD	JR.
3	MITCHELL PARRY	JR.
5	DIEGO SANTOS	JR.
12	JONAH SELL	JR.
15	TREVOR COBB	JR.
24	JASON PIGG	SR.
25	WES WILLIAMS	SR.
32	TRAJEN JOHNSON	JR.
33	COLE WARD	JR.
42	TYLER BURCH	JR.
44	JACOB PIGG	SR.
50	ADAM TOPPER	JR.

HEAD COACH: BRANDT LOCKHART
 ASST COACH: ALTON GAINES
 ASST COACH: STEVE REYNOLDS

MANAGERS: KRISTA REYNOLDS, ELIZABETH CHRISTOPHER, EMILY MARTINEZ & KATIE GOOCH

Lady Broncos Roster

3	JENTRY SHADLE	JR.
10	JENCY BURTON	JR.
12	TREVELA DRONZEK	SR.
15	DEBORAH HOWARD	SO.
20	MARQUEDA GAINES	SR.
22	ANNA CENICEROS	JR.
23	RYANN STARNES	SO.
24	MCKAYLA CARTWRIGHT	JR.
25	LYDIA HOWARD	JR.
33	AUDREY SHELTON	JR.

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Extension addresses drought tax issues

AMARILLO - Extreme weather conditions in 2011 caused havoc for Texas agricultural producers with property damage and forced early livestock liquidations, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialist in Amarillo.

Such unplanned events often create more revenue than usual in a given year, generating income tax issues, said DeDe Jones, AgriLife Extension risk management specialist in Amarillo and co-author of a newly released publication.

The publication, "Texas Panhandle Producers Face Tax Implications from Drought-Related Losses," will help producers walk through several scenarios as they sort through the many decisions they will face at tax time, Jones said.

"Wildfire and drought losses are subject to special tax treatments, and producers need to be aware of the implications," she said. "In a typical year, gain on property loss reimbursement or the sale of livestock is subject to taxes. However, additional options are available for those who experienced wildfire destruction or were forced to sell cattle due to extreme drought conditions."

Three tax alternatives apply to property insurance indemnities and cattle liquidations in excess of normal business practices, Jones said.

- IRS Forms 4684 and 4797 allow producers to postpone reimbursement gains for up to four years.

- IRS code 1033 pertains to draft, breeding or dairy animals that will be replaced within a given time period.

- IRS code 451 allows a one-year postponement in reporting sales proceeds on raised livestock.

Reporting casualty losses on IRS Forms 4684 and 4797 allow farmers and ranchers to defer any gains that result from insurance reimbursements for fire-related losses associated with fences, equipment and other property, Jones said.

Producers have up to two years under normal circumstances and four years during times of disaster to utilize any money received for property restoration or replacement, she said.

The replacement period begins on the date their property was damaged, destroyed or stolen and ends two or four years following the first tax year in which the gain is realized, Jones said. The four-year option is available only to those located in a federally declared disaster area.

To be eligible for deferment, producers must attach a statement to their tax return indicating the date and details of their casualty, the amount of insurance or other reimbursement received, how the gain was calculated, and proof of a disaster declaration, she said.

Under the 1033 election, drought liquidations of breeding livestock are considered involuntary conversions of capital equipment, Jones said. Gains can be postponed for up to two years in typical circumstances and four years during times of disaster if animals are replaced. The county must be declared a disaster area.

All replacement cattle should be used for the same purpose as the livestock that was sold, she said. For example, beef cows must be replaced with beef cows. The taxpayer also has to show that adverse weather conditions caused the sale of more livestock than normal. Gain postponement is only allowed on those animals sold because of the unfavorable weather.

To be eligible for a 1033 election, producers must attach a statement to their tax return indicating the existence of an adverse weather-related condition, proof of a disaster declaration and documentation listing the amount of gain realized on liquidated cattle, Jones said. They should also show the amount and kind of livestock sold or exchanged, and estimate the number of animals typically sold or exchanged under normal weather conditions.

Section 451 allows cattle owners to postpone gains for one

year on raised livestock only. To qualify for this election, taxpayers must show that their principal business is from farming or ranching and use the cash method of accounting, Jones said.

They should also demonstrate that the livestock would normally have been sold at a later date but were liquidated early due to drought, she said. Additionally, they must provide proof that the sale of livestock was caused by weather conditions from a region officially declared a disaster area.

The liquidation can take place before or after a disaster is declared as long as the same disaster caused the sale, Jones said. Income can be postponed only on those cattle liquidated as a result of weather-related causes.

A copy of the publication, along with other drought resources, can be found at <http://agecoext.tamu.edu/drought>.

Producers are encouraged to contact a tax accountant to determine the selection that best fits their operation and business plan, Jones said.

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Unfortunately, these medications are currently only available as subcutaneous injections, but oral and nasal formulations are being developed. Further studies are necessary to investigate the long term risks and benefits of these drugs in those with diabetes and without.

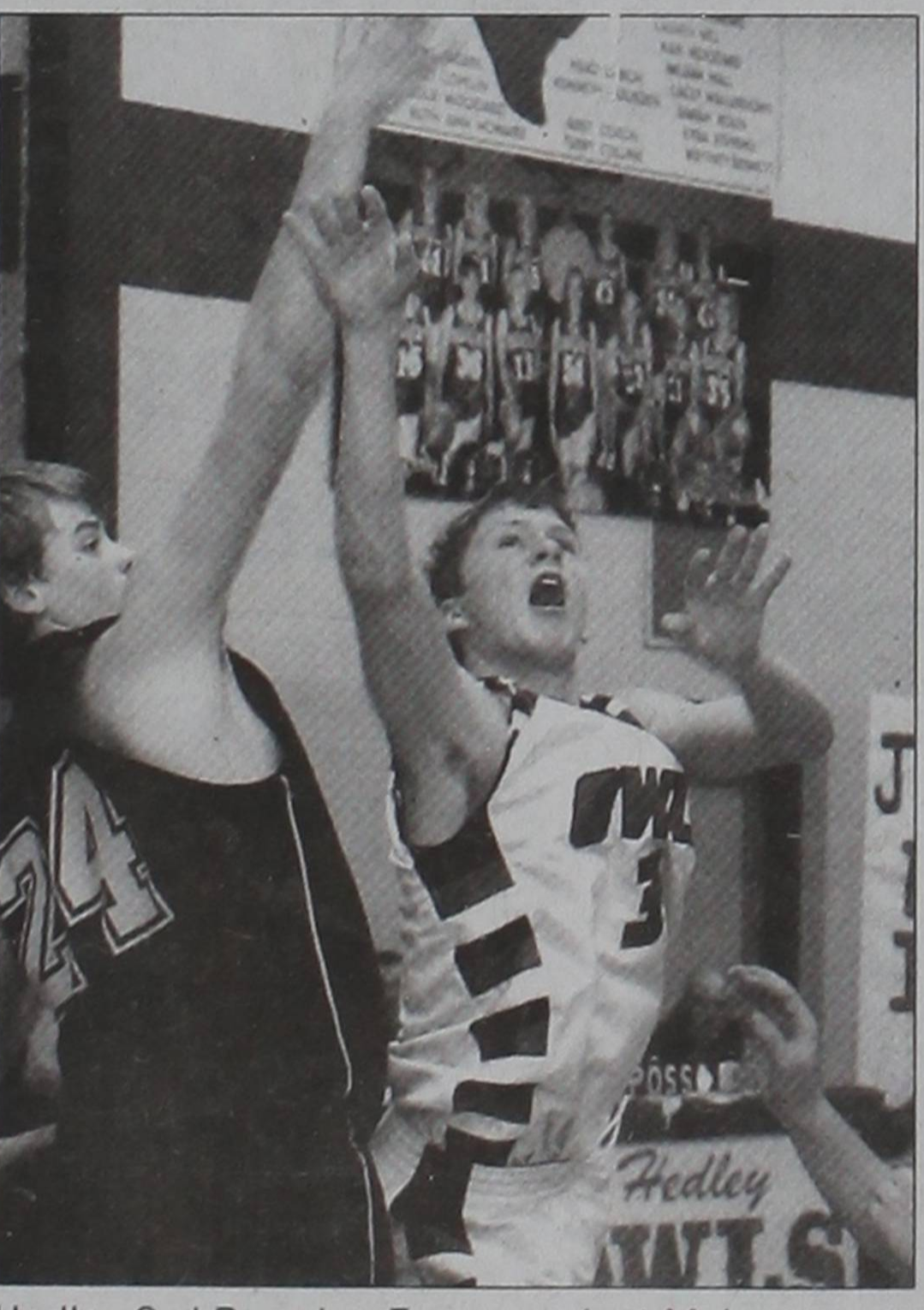
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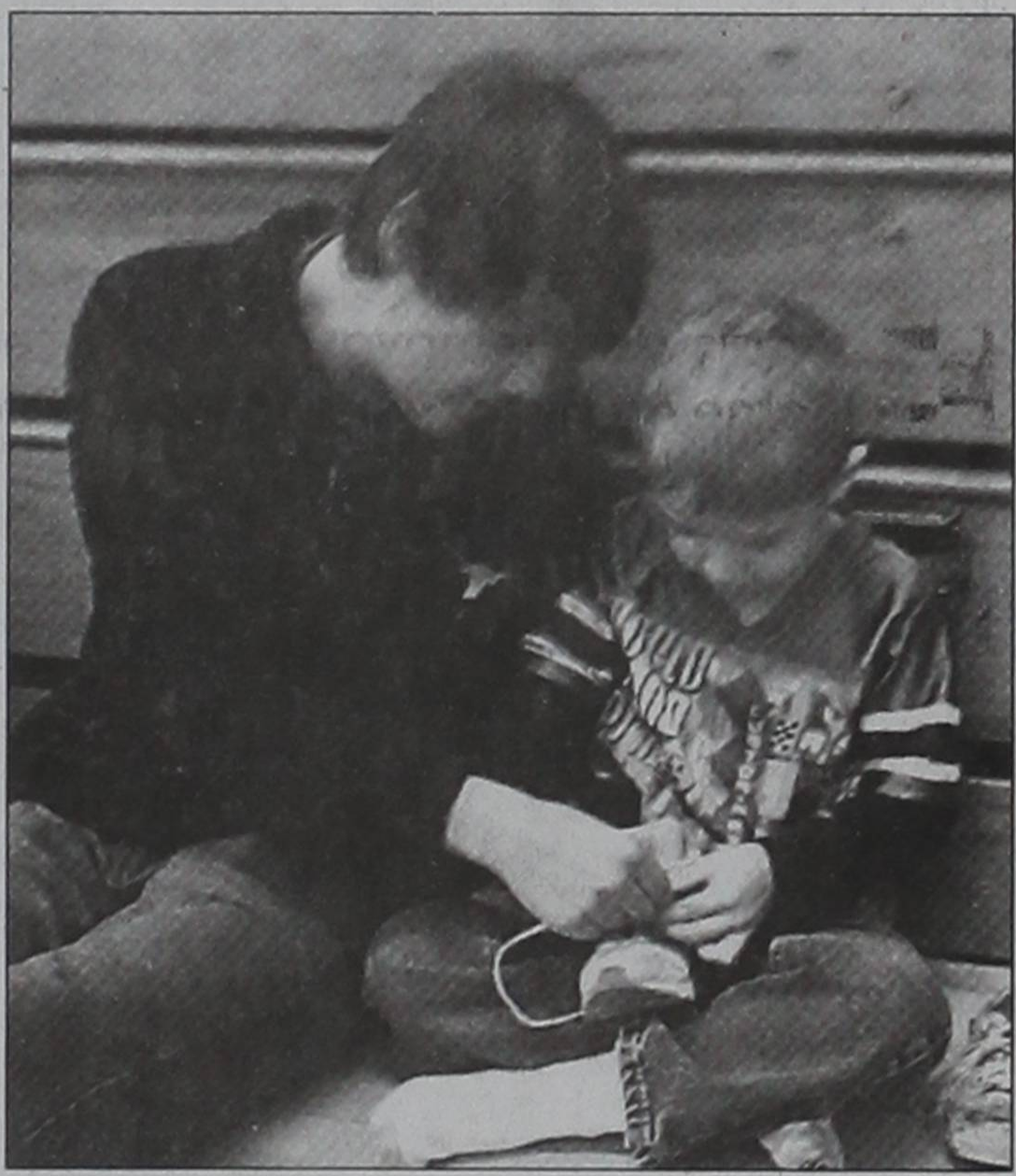
Lady Owl Cassidy Burton against McLean.



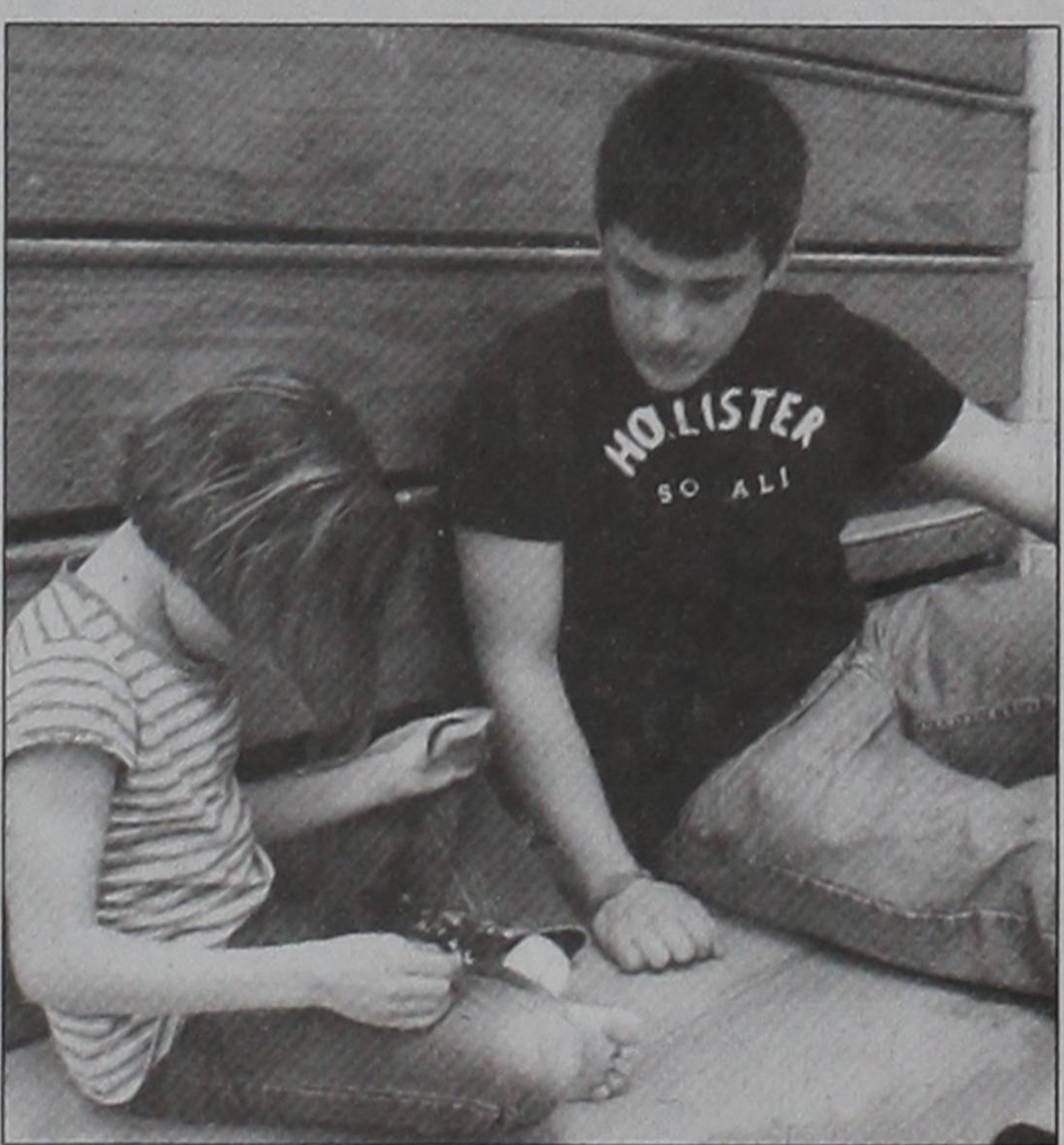
Hedley Owl Brandon Evans against McLean.



Senior Patricia Valles is pictured with her mom, Patricia Saunders on senior night at Hedley.



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Cattle producers advised to use caution as prices march higher

WACO – Cattle producers should be mindful to not get too caught up in reacting to high market prices, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension Service economist.

When Dr. Jason Johnson, AgriLife Extension economist from Stephenville, showed a slide to several hundred cattle producers at the Blackland Income Growth Conference in Waco, it caused many to gasp and begin conversations about profit potential.

"I put this (slide) up there not to make you salivate, but to put things into perspective," Johnson said. "You can get into a bind making certain decisions during prosperous times."

He advised producers not to overstock due to the potential for continued drought conditions in Texas.

But if the dry weather patterns tend to alter from last year's devastating drought, "if we get some rain, you've got a real good shot at making some good money here. The price outlook is really looking good," Johnson said.

To play it safe, Johnson said producers might want to consider stocking at 75 percent of normal capacity.

"That way if we get 80 to 90 percent normal rainfall, you won't have to cut into the bone of the

herd to destock," he said. "If we get normal rainfall or better, there are many alternatives available to harvesting excess forage."

Target prices for the first quarter of 2012 for 500-600 pound calves are \$1.45 to \$1.50, which has already been exceeded this year, Johnson said. That trend is likely to continue with a historic shortage of beef cows not seen in the U.S. since 1952.

Profitability for Texas ranchers relies on using the availability of forage and reducing the amount of purchased feed, Johnson said.

"The (calf) prices are there, the challenge for us is to produce a calf cheap enough," he said.

The outlook for corn prices continues to be on the upswing, Johnson said, due to declining carryover stocks from last year. He expects feed prices to remain level or increase a bit "due to these supplies and the renewable fuel standard tapping into corn to make ethanol."

Texas hay prices continue to be a threat to profit margins as well for ranchers, he said.

"You can spend a lot of money raising that \$1.50-per-pound calf on hay," he said. "Cattle producers might want to consider storing hay supplies for up to two years if ample rainfall is received this spring and summer, and if enough hay is harvested.

"Saving two years worth of hay supplies allows you to sidestep a year like 2011 when hay prices were out of sight."

Ranchers can also consider the many weather-related insurance products as a hedge against drought conditions, Johnson said.

With 2011 federal income tax returns set to be filed in mid-April, Johnson said cattle producers can consider deferring taxes on the sales of excess breeding livestock if the proceeds are used to purchase replacements within the next two years.

"You don't have to pay tax on excess sales due to drought," he said. "If you normally sell one-fifth of your breeding animals, anything in excess of that one-fifth you can defer taxes on and use those proceeds for replacement."

A second tax-management option applies to non-breeding livestock. Ranchers whose principal business is farming and ranching can defer taxes on sales proceeds resulting from disaster conditions for up to one year, Johnson said.

There are several online spreadsheets made available by AgriLife Extension economics that can assist ranchers with management decisions, Johnson said. For more information, go to <http://agecoext.tamu.edu>.

Sheriff's Report

February 6, 2012

01:12 a.m. - Units paged for vehicle accident 287 W across from Clarendon College.

February 7, 2012

5:09 p.m. - EMS Assist - 4400 BLK FM 2162.

11:12 p.m. - Units dispatched for altercation 500 BLK S Collinson.

11:31 p.m. - EMS Assist - at Jail.

February 8, 2012

4:43 p.m. - Loose Livestock 287 at 1260 South.

5:36 p.m. - EMS Assist at Clarendon College.

February 9, 2012

7:43 a.m. - EMS Assist 500 BLK W 4th Street.

8:17 a.m. - EMS pages to roll-over at I-40.

11:07 a.m. - EMS Assist 500 BLK N Bailey-Hedley.

1:15 p.m. - Report of an alarm 500 BLK Cottage.

1:43 p.m. - Report of prowlers 600 BLK S Cottage.

February 10, 2012

3:12 a.m. - Report of alarm 900 W 2nd Street.

7:51 p.m. - See complainant at North bound rest area HWY 287.

February 11, 2012

12:47 p.m. - Loose Livestock FM 1932.

9:43 p.m. - Report of loud music South of City Park.

February 12, 2012

10:23 a.m. - EMS Assist 12000 BLK Co Rd P.

12:32 p.m. - Units paged for vehicle accident Co Rd 3 & 287.

12:56 p.m. - Units paged for vehicle accident HWY 70.

2:43 p.m. - Report of vehicle stuck at bridge near Dam.

2:51 p.m. - Units paged for vehicle accident ¼ miles South Co Rd.

3:58 p.m. - Units paged for vehicle accident in Giles.

4:01 p.m. - Vehicle in center median S of Co Rd 26.

7:49 p.m. - EMS Assist 200 BLK W S Jefferson.

Barker leads power lifters in meet

Corey Barker lifted his way to a first place finish in a power-lifting meet last weekend. Barker squatted 335 pounds, benched 235 pounds, and deadlifted 365 pounds for a total of 935 pounds in the 132.5 pound weight class.

Barker has been lifting all season and this is his best finish.

Elizabeth O'Rear placed second in the 132-pound class. O'Rear lifted 145 pounds in the squat, 95 pounds

in the bench, and 175 pounds in the dead lift for a total of 415 pounds. Emberli Holland finished ninth in the 148-pound class with a total of 445 pounds. Holland squatted 170 pounds, benched 100 pounds, and deadlifted 175 pounds.

"The lifters have all been working hard and it showed," said coach Johnny Nino. "All of the lifters improved their weight total from the previous meet."



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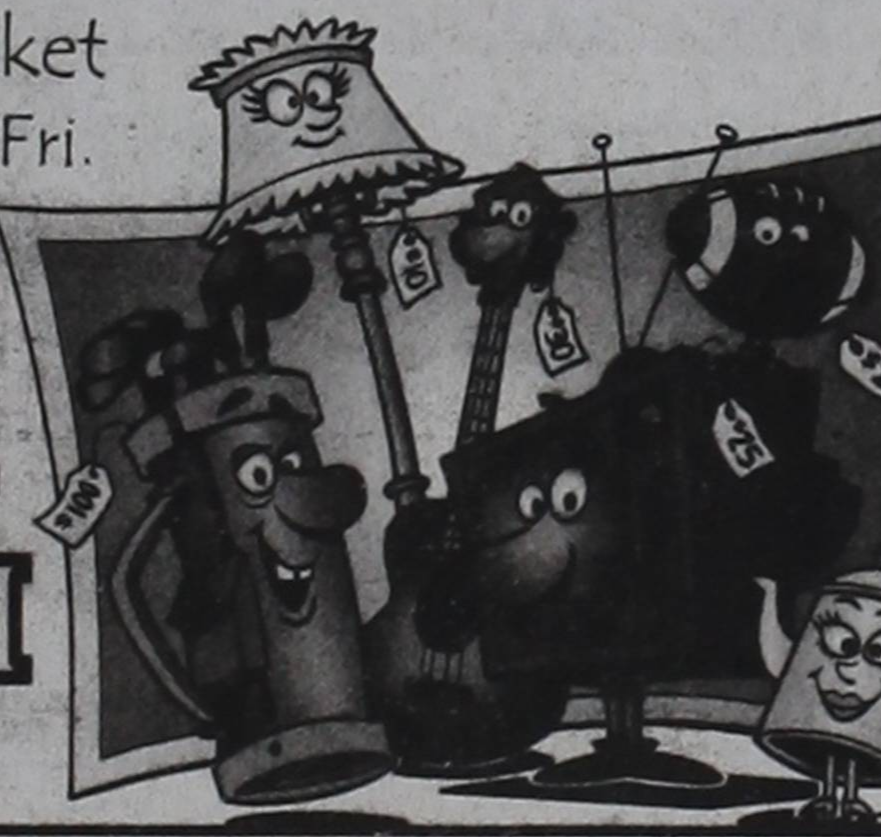
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The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, will host an open-house style public meeting for the development of the Texas Rural Transportation Plan 2035. This plan will identify the transportation needs for all modes in rural Texas through 2035. In addition, the plan will include a prioritized list of highway projects that will allow TxDOT to focus its limited planning funds on the most needed highway projects.

The purpose of this meeting is to present the criteria and process used to evaluate the highway projects, the findings for the non-highway modes, and to solicit comments and input to aid in the further development of the plan. Information will be available for viewing at the meetings including exhibits and handouts about the status and results of the study. Representatives from TxDOT will be in attendance to discuss the development of the plan and answer questions. Forms will be provided for submitting written comments.

The open-house style public meeting in the Childress District area will be held on March 6, 2012, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at: Childress City Auditorium (Room A)

Information regarding additional meeting locations throughout the state can be found at www.txdot.gov, key word: rural plan 2035 or by calling the project's toll-free information line at 1-855-TX-RURAL (1-855-897-8725).

For those unable to attend the open-house style public meeting, written comments can be submitted on the project website at: www.txdot.gov, key word: transportation plan 2035; by email at: TPP_txtranplan@dot.state.tx.us; or by mail to: Peggy Thurin, P.E., Project Manager, Texas Rural Transportation Plan 2035, 4544 Post Oak Place, Suite 224, Houston, Texas, 77027.

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Lady Broncos beat Borden in warm up

By Sandy Anderberg

The Lady Broncos are trying to stay sharp as they await round two in the playoffs. The District Champs received a bye in the first round and will play the winner of the Claude and Sunray game with a time and place to be announced.

Things did not look good for the ladies in the first half of play as they struggled offensively and trailed by 10 points at the break. But they were able to regroup and execute down the stretch to get the win. After tying the game at 32 after three, the ladies took control and earned the 44-39 win.

"We had a slow start," coach Molly Weatherred said. "At one point we were down by about 20 points. But the girls held their composure and came back to win. It was good to see them able to regain the momentum and learned to fight back."

Ryann Starnes and McKayla Cartwright got in foul trouble early, but managed to get back in a rhythm offensively. They led the ladies to the win with 13 and 11 points from their inside position.

Scoring: Starnes 13, Cartwright 11, Trevela Dronzek 6, Audrey Shelton 5, Jentry Shadle 4, Camra Smith 3, and Marqueda Gaines 2.

New FSA assistance beginning

The USDA Farm Service Agency is working harder than ever to assist new farmers and ranchers to succeed. Acting Texas FSA Executive Director James B. Douglass recently unveiled a new Land Contract Guarantee Program and several other tools designed to help beginning farmers and ranchers build the foundation for a successful career in agriculture.

"New farmers face many challenges, like obtaining land for example," said Douglass. "FSA is going to provide new options to help them to work through this challenging start-up issue."

Peak land values, tight commercial credit, minimal credit history and less collateral make it difficult for new and smaller farmers in Texas to get a commercial business loan right now. The Land Contract Guarantee Program provides a new approach for landowners willing to sell and finance a land purchase to a beginning or socially disadvantaged farmer. The national program offers two options, one that guarantees up to three annual installment payments on the contract and one that guarantees 90% of the unpaid principal of the contract. Guarantees can be used in the purchase of land for up to \$500,000.

"Texas farmers represent all walks of life, a wide variety of ethnic backgrounds, and all different ages," notes Douglass. "This new program will work well for beginning and minority growers in our state and we encourage producers to visit with us to see if they qualify and how it could fit their needs," he said.

Find FSA loan information, disaster assistance programs and other helpful programs at www.fsa.usda.gov.

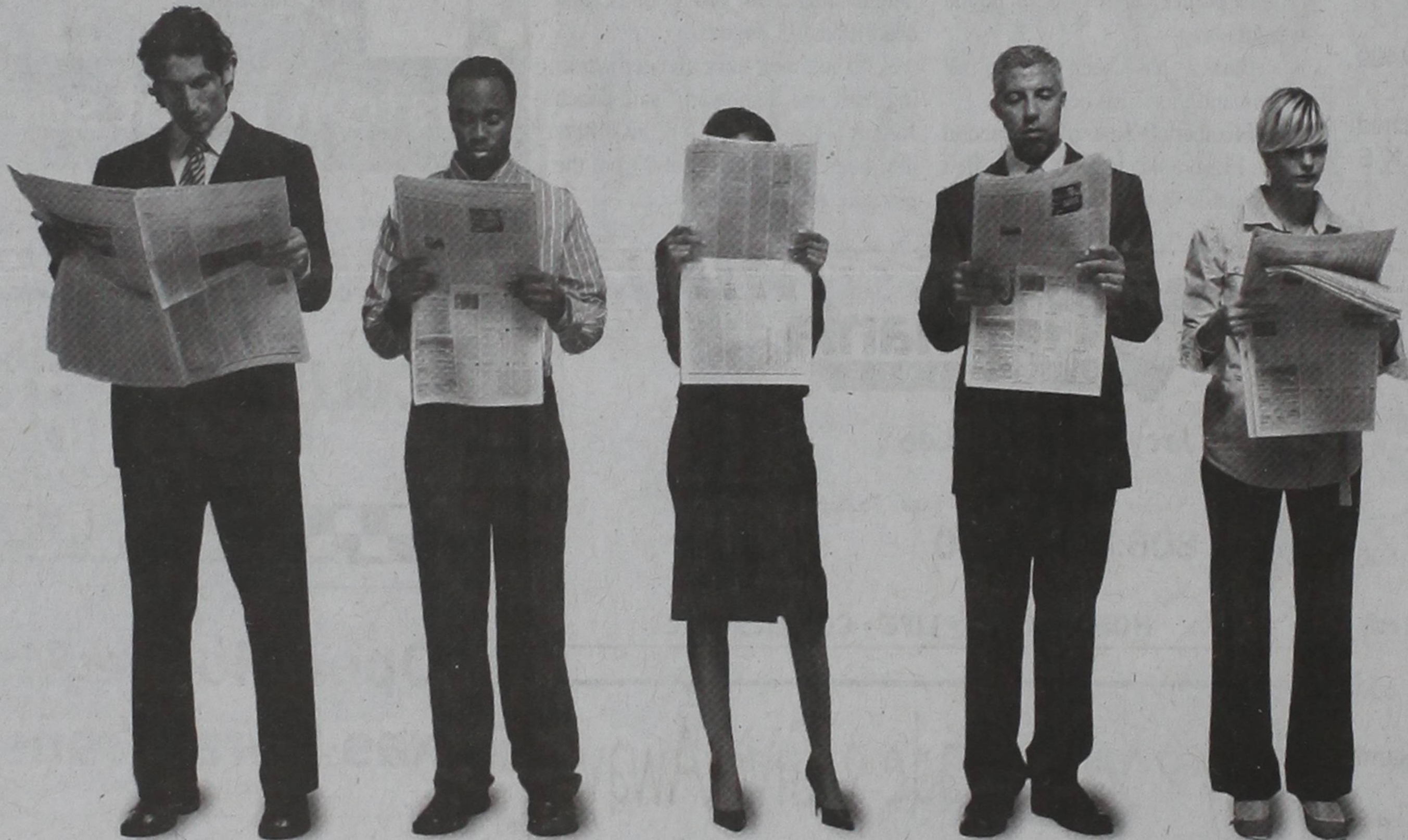
Another new change to the agency's lending rules for new producers is to allow more flexibility in the minimum experience requirement. Under the new rule, FSA loan officers are now allowed to consider prior farming experience, including on-the-job training and formal education when determining eligibility for FSA Farm Operating and Ownership Loans. To qualify for a Beginning Farmer and Rancher Loan from FSA, applicants must have a minimum level of agricultural experience, but not more than 10 years operating a farm or ranch.

Douglass also recommends that people considering a farming career should visit a new USDA website www.start2farm.gov to learn more about all USDA resources and programs for beginning farmers and ranchers.

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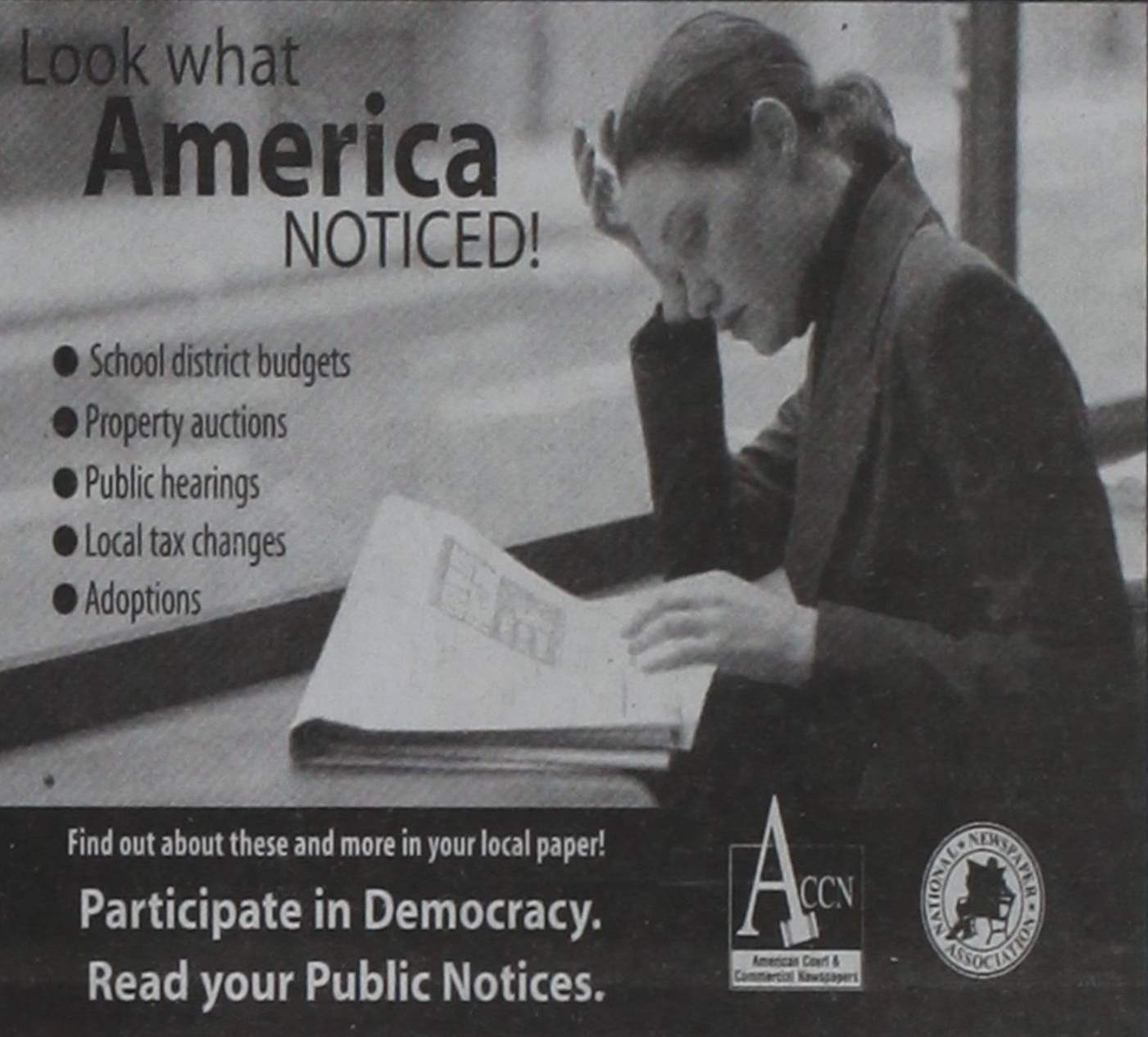
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Obituaries
Perdue

Barnetta Perdue, 86, died Monday, February 6, 2012, in Amarillo.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, February 10, 2012 in Robertson Funeral Directors Saints Roost Chapel in Clarendon with Joab Perdue, officiating. Burial followed at Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon.

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

Mrs. Perdue was born December 2, 1925, in Greenwood, Texas to Payton McDonald & Minnie May Estes Baten. She married William Daniel Perdue on May 19, 1948, in Clarendon. She had been a resident of Amarillo since 1965 and was a member of the Cornerstone Baptist Church in Amarillo. The family would like to thank BSA Hospice and Heritage Convalescent Center for their loving care shown to Mrs. Perdue.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband in 2007; 2 brothers, Arnold Baten and Barney Baten.

She was survived by her 2 sons, Tommy Mack Perdue and wife Penny and William Thomas Perdue and wife Deana all of Amarillo; 6 grandchildren, Jason Perdue, Brandon Perdue and wife Meredith,

Lance Perdue and wife Chrissy, Britany Perdue all of Amarillo, Krista Perdue and fiancée Cody Simpson of Houston and Toby Hudson and wife Jennifer of Amarillo; 6 great grandchildren, Blake Perdue, Kensley Perdue, Sophia Perdue, Audrey Perdue, Indy Perdue, and Clayton Hudson all of Amarillo.

The family request memorials be sent to BSA Hospice or the Heritage Convalescent Center in Amarillo.

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Sullivan

Daphne Roberson Sullivan, 82 Died Saturday, February 11, 2012, in Wheeler.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 15, 2012, in the Robertson Funeral Directors Saints Roost Chapel in Clarendon, with grandson Jeremy Pierce, officiating.

Burial to follow at Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon Services were under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Daphne was born October 16, 1929, in Clarendon to June "Roy" and Joy Walker Roberson. Daphne graduated from Clarendon High School in 1947 and received an Associate's Degree from Clarendon College, a teaching certificate from West Texas State College in 1958,

and a Masters Degree in Early Childhood Development from the university in Commerce, TX. She married Charlie Sullivan on August 6, 1949 in Clarendon. Daphne gave birth to her daughter, Tojuana on March 21, 1959, and to a son, Jon on January 15, 1962. Daphne was an elementary school teacher until she retired in 1985 and was passionate about childhood literacy. She and Charlie were active members of their communities as they pursued their careers in education. Daphne's teaching career began in McAdoo, TX and ended with her retirement from Lefors Elementary School in Lefors, TX.

Daphne and Charlie moved to Wheeler in 2004. She was a member of the Wheeler Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Pat Roberson; and a nephew Todd Roberson.

She was survived her husband, Charlie Sullivan; a son, Jon Sullivan and wife Kristie of Wheeler; a daughter, Tojuana Pierce of Wheeler; 4 grandchildren, Brandie Neal, Jeremy Pierce, Matt Sullivan, J.R.

Sullivan; 10 Great Grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Linda Spoon; and a niece Lori Baggett.

The family suggests that memorials be sent to Rotary Foundation for Polio Research, c/o Shamrock Rotary Club.

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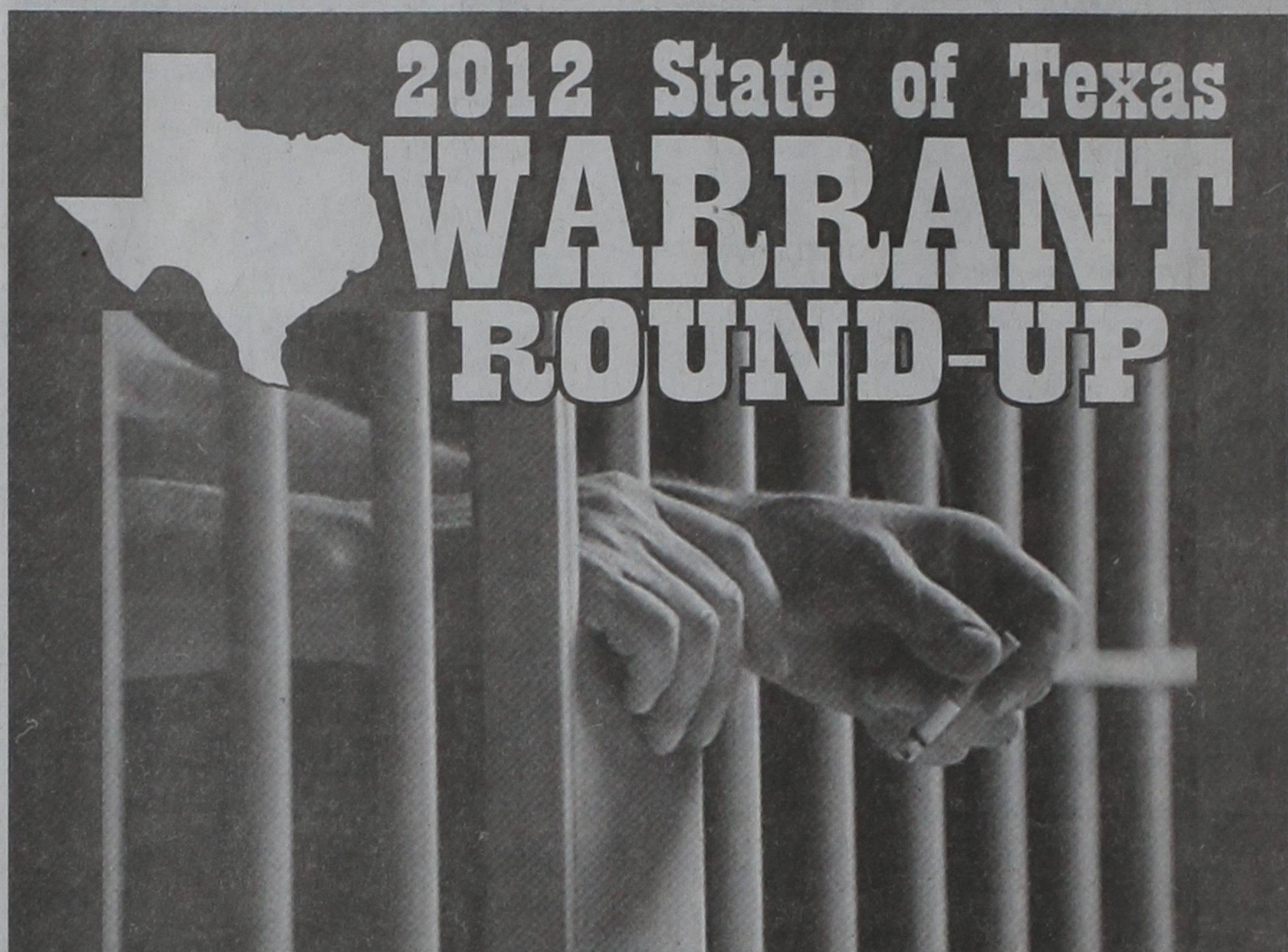
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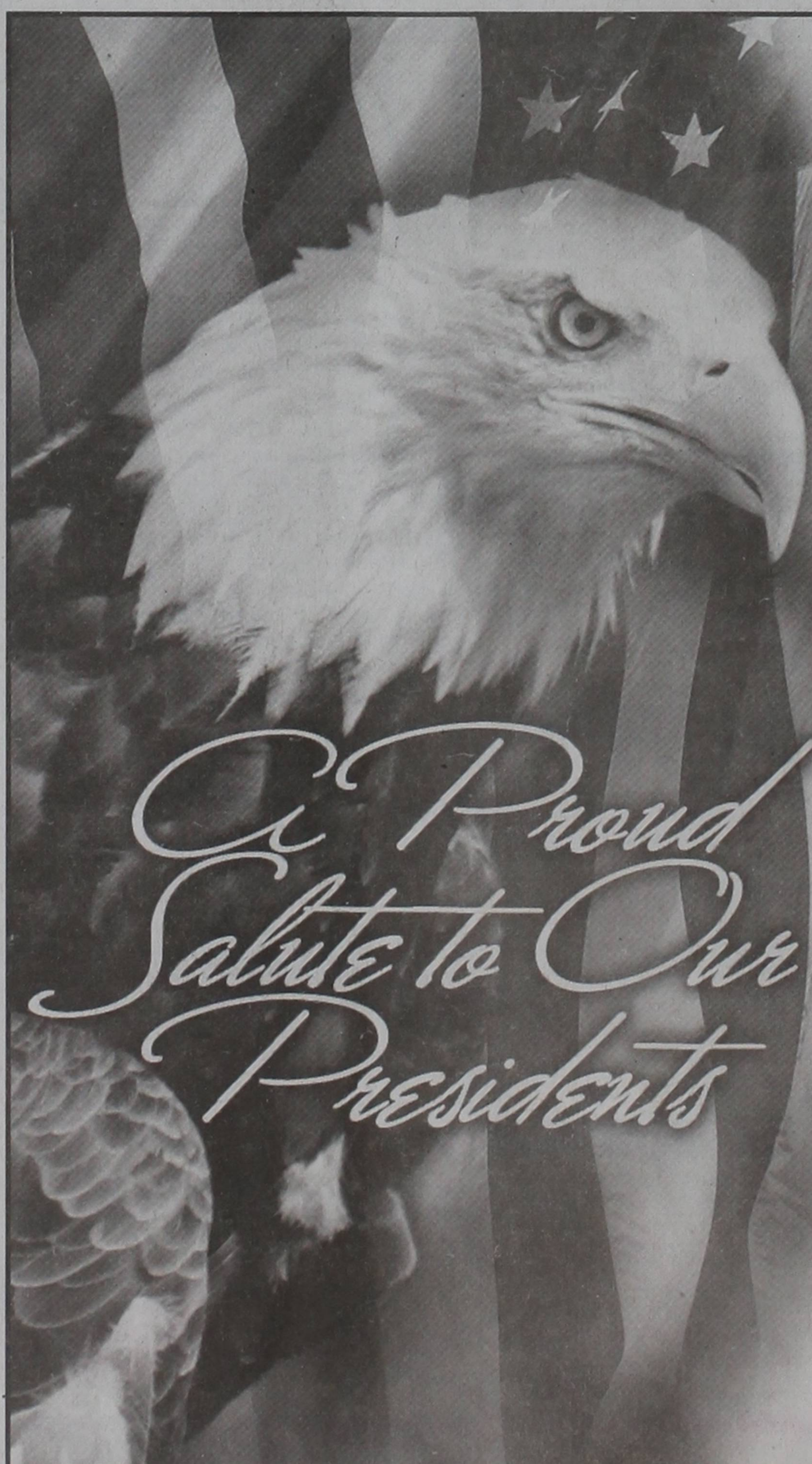
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