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

FSA announces CRP sign up period

Bruce Ferguson, Executive Director for the Donley County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA), announced that continuous sign-up for the Highly Erodible Land Initiative under the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) started on July 23, 2012.

Texas received a total allocation of 50,000 acres. Offers will be accepted until either the state acreage allocation limit is reached or September 30, 2012, whichever occurs first.

"CRP is a voluntary program that has protected environmentally sensitive land for more than 25 years," said Ferguson. "This initiative will accept offers with an erosion rate of at least 20 tons per acre per year for new cropland or CRP acres that expire on September 30, 2012; however, existing grass stands that are not considered expiring CRP will not be considered eligible," he said.

Producers can stop by the Donley County FSA office to determine if their land qualifies for the Highly Erodible Land Initiative and to receive additional location-specific details.

Landowners enrolled in CRP receive annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource conserving covers on eligible farmland. Incentive payments are not authorized under this initiative.

New land contracts approved during this continuous sign-up initiative will become effective the first day of the month following the month of approval and are valid for 10 years.

CRP contracts set to expire on September 30, 2012, may be offered for consideration and approved contracts will become effective October 1, 2012, and are also valid for 10 years.

For more information, please contact the Donley County FSA Office at 806-874-3561 or visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/crp>.

Alexander closing business to retire

A Clarendon business in operation for almost 40 years has closed its doors this week.

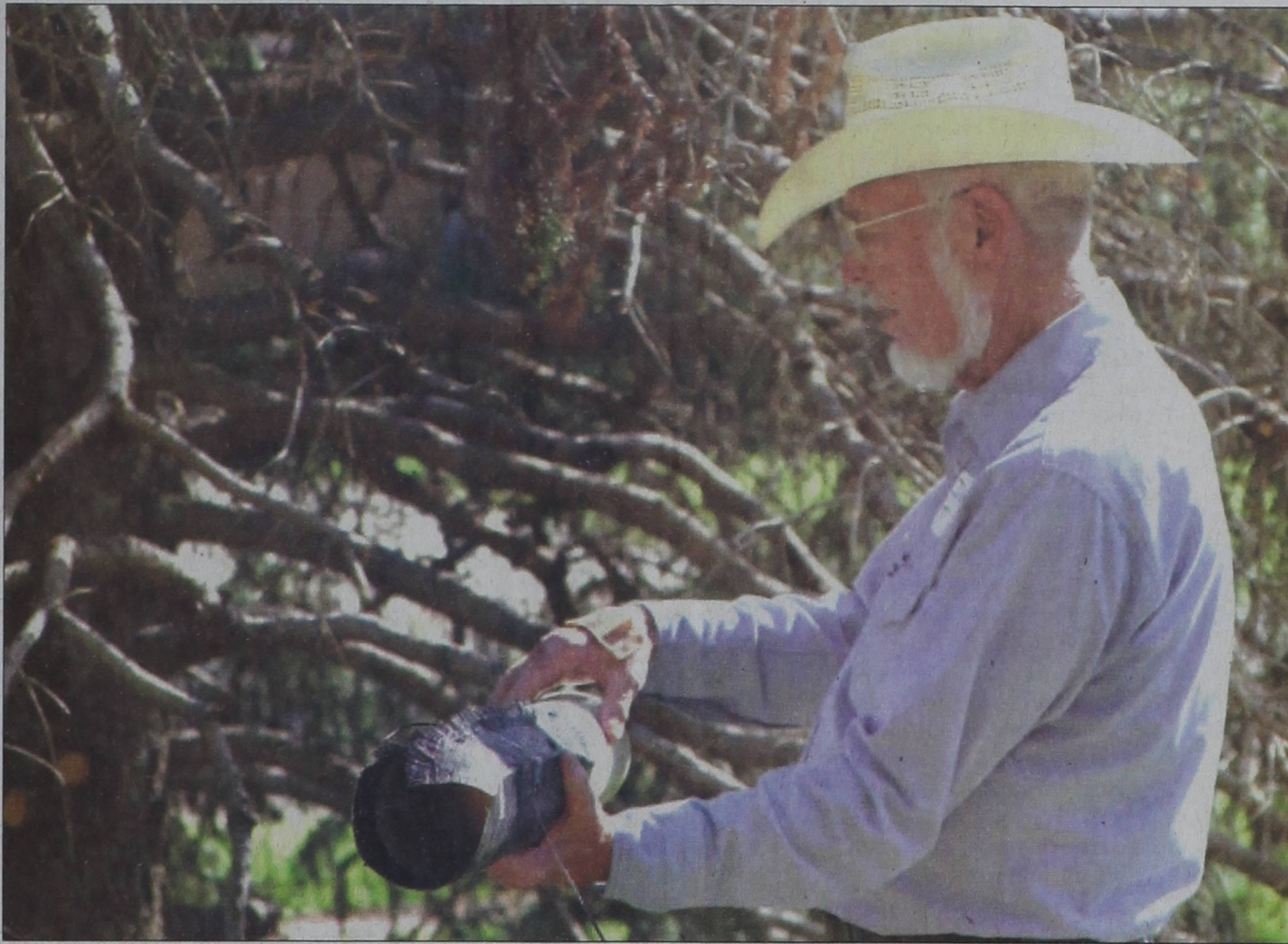
Clifford Alexander, Jr., has announced his retirement as the operator of Alexander's Used Cars Paint & Body Shop.

Alexander's father opened the business in 1974 and retired in 1991. Clifford Jr. took over the business at that time and says he would like to thank his customers and everyone who has supported him while he was in business. He will not be selling his place of business but hopes to rent out his shop once he gets everything in order.

Shot clinics planned

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

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



Alanreed rancher Delbert Trew demonstrates how to build and install a "tree pipe" to help deep water trees during a seminar Saturday morning at the historic Lowe House in Clarendon.

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Harvesting the rain

Collection systems can provide water for many uses

Capturing rainwater is one way people can learn to live through drought conditions and meet the need for water, according to speakers at conference in Clarendon Saturday.

About 35 people from Donley County, as well as Amarillo and Canyon, attended the seminar that started at the Historic Lowe House owned by Sara SoRelle, where volunteers helped install a 1,000-gallon rain collection system.

Billy Kniffen, a water resources specialist from Texas A&M University, led the session and also oversaw the installation of the system that will collect water from 500 square feet of roof on a garage apartment and divert it for landscape uses.

"We've got to learn to get more water or use less water," Kniffen told those in attendance. "If you want to make a difference, you can. But you have to decide for yourself to do this."

Kniffen said rainwater collection is catching on in the United States, and some municipalities - San Antonio and Santa Fe - are collection systems be included in certain new constructions. In Texas, all new state buildings are supposed to have rainwater collection systems, he said.

The cost of a system can range from 50 cents per gallon capacity up to \$2.25 per gallon depending on the size and intended use of the system.

"We need to start small and grow," Kniffen said, noting that it's easy to start with 20-gallon barrel to collect water for pets and plants. "We need to ask what communities can do to encourage rainwater harvesting."

Kniffen said a simple formula can determine how much rainwater a roof is capable of collecting. About 0.6 gallons of water falls on each square foot of roof area in a one-inch rain. A 1,000-square-foot roof could yield 600 gallons of water for each inch of rainfall.

Kniffen's home in Menard, Texas, operates totally on rainwater for all uses. He has 25,000 gallons of storage capacity. During last year, from October to October, they received only five inches of rain, but at the end of that period he still had two months of water available.

"We operate on 20 gallons of water per person per day," he said of his home, which includes several water conservation features, including low-flow toilets, faucet aerators, and landscaping that requires very little water.

Kniffen said metal roofs are

the best for collecting rainwater but tile and composition roofs work also. Shake shingles are more problematic. Screens and diversions can keep water collected in roof gutters from washing debris into the storage tanks, and Kniffen recommends black or other tanks that cannot be penetrated by light to prevent algae growth. Tanks can also be painted, decorated, or otherwise modified to blend in better with the landscape of a house.

"I want it to look neat," he said.

Rainwater can be filtered and treated to be consumable by humans, but many people use collected rainwater for non-potable uses in the home, such as for commodes and washing machines, Kniffen said.

"Ten percent of Australians live solely on rainwater, and New Zealand requires all new homes use rainwater for commodes, washers, and landscape irrigation," Kniffen said.

Local municipalities can set the allowable uses of rainwater in homes.

Alanreed rancher Delbert Trew also spoke at the session and said he has been practicing rainwater harvesting on his land for 18 years. He has not done any rooftop collection, but he has built about 300 catchments - small dams that divert water into the ground - around the tops of gullies and canyons on his property.

Trew said he started his harvesting after he had two wells go dry in his pasture. His efforts paid off overtime with about 11 springs now flowing on his ranch where there was only a handful before, and until last summer he was able to shut off his windmill wells completely.

Trew also demonstrated how to build and install "tree pipes" to deep water trees and hopefully save them from the effects of the drought. He showed how a four-foot length of four-inch pipe could be cut or drilled and wrapped with landscape fabric and then buried vertically near a tree's drip line. Tree pipes could be any size and made of almost any material - even cardboard tubes. He said one town had gathered up all the scrap PVC pipe they could find, had the high school ag department cut it into lengths and drill holes in it, and then the city gave the tree pipes away.

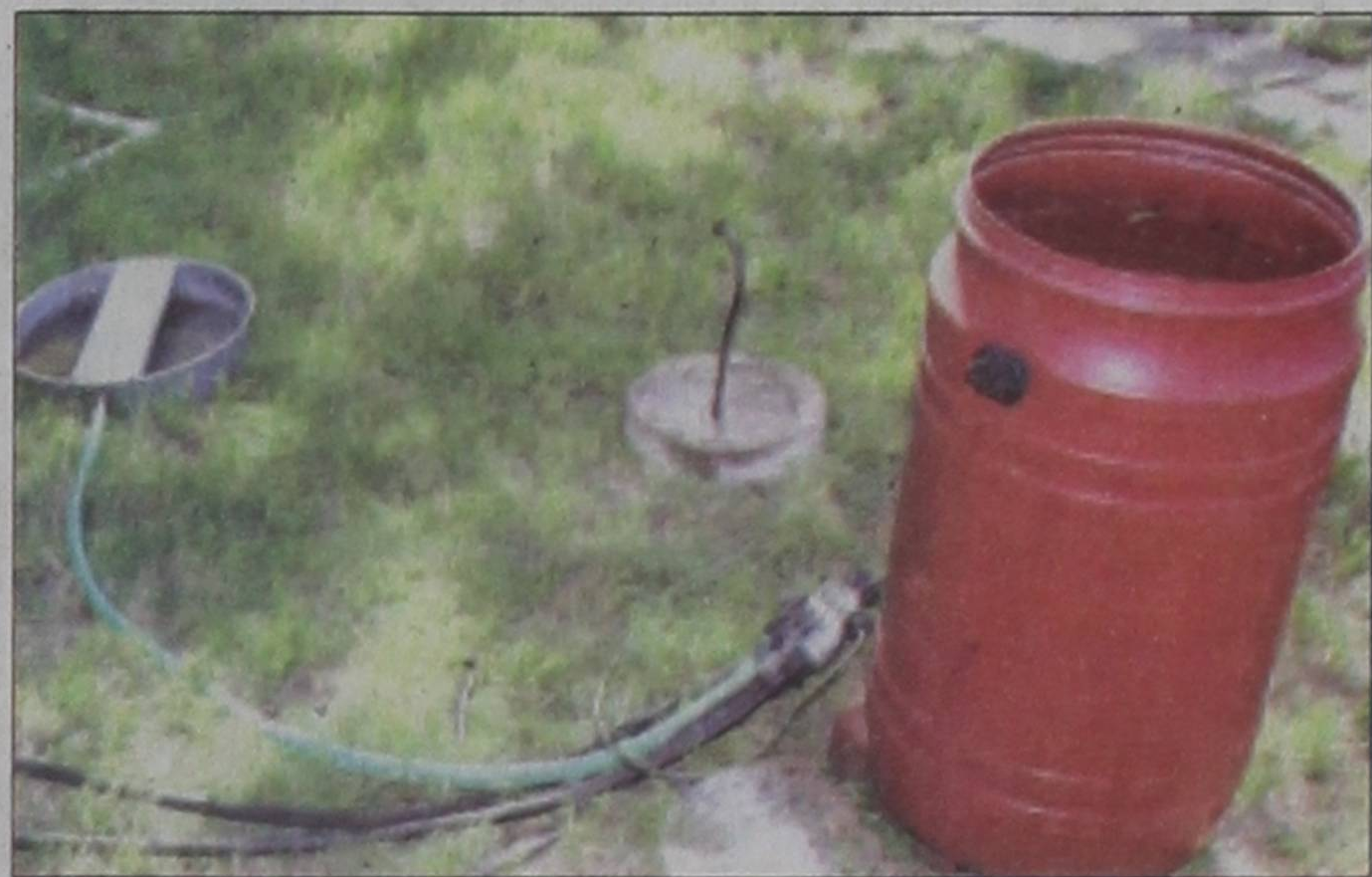
Deep tree irrigation gets the water down to the tree's roots and doesn't promote the growth of weeds and grass like surface watering does, and the water doesn't evaporate, Trew said. A slow running hose can then be inserted in the pipe or it can



Texas A&M Water Resource Specialist Billy Kniffen demonstrates a model of a complex water collection system Saturday.



Jack Craft and John Morrow connect a rain gutter to a 1,000-gallon collection tank that was installed by a team of volunteers Saturday.



A simple 20-gallon rainwater collection tank feeds a birdbath, a pet waterer, and some landscape irrigation hoses at the historic Lowe House.

ENTERPRISE PHOTOS / ROGER ESTLACK

be fed by a rainwater collection system.

SoRelle also demonstrated a young tree that she was using "rock mulching" on - a technique of having a shallow reservoir around a tree filled with large stones to hold water around the tree.

Speakers Saturday all admitted that it has to rain for rainwater

collection systems to work, but they pointed out the vast amounts of water that is usually allowed to just runoff of properties and down city streets as wasteful in a time when water has become so precious.

For more information, visit <http://rainwaterharvesting.tamu.edu>.

City okays financial lifeline to Chamber

The City of Clarendon agreed to throw a financial lifeline to the Chamber of Commerce last Tuesday to keep the organization afloat as it continues to restructure.

City Administrator Lambert Little told the Board of Aldermen that the Chamber is incurring expenses of about \$300 a month to maintain its office. He said the city and the Clarendon Economic Development Corporation anticipates having a new director of tourism and economic development on board by August 15 and that office along with Chamber functions will be housed in the Mulkey Theatre barber shop. But he said that move will likely be about three months away and the Chamber needs help now.

"It's going to be easier to keep the Chamber hanging on than it would be to start it again," Little told the board.

Alderman Tommy Hill agreed and spoke on the Chamber's behalf.

"I believe in the Chamber; it can do a lot of good," Hill said. "We've got to give them a chance."

The aldermen unanimously agreed to give the Chamber \$1,000 to help it through the next three months.

Last year, Clarendon aldermen withdrew \$20,000 in annual payments from the city's hotel occupancy tax to the Chamber of Commerce over disagreements about how the organization kept records of city money.

Globe-News asks readers to call about missed issues

Clarendon and Howardville subscribers of the Amarillo Globe-News may have experienced delayed or no delivery of newspapers in recent weeks, and according to District Circulation Manager Heather Reed a turnover in carriers in addition to a loss of up to date subscriber data during carrier transition has led to these problems.

The Globe-News subscriber list currently being used by carriers in Donley County is out of date and unless subscribers call in, the carrier has no way to know who is not receiving a paper. Many subscribers' papers are being delivered to old addresses or just aren't being delivered as a result of the out of date information.

"We are trying to piece things together," Reed said.

Reed asks that subscribers experiencing circulation problems call Customer Service Representatives Kim or Donna at 806-345-3407 between 5 am and 11 am daily rather than call the automated system. According to Reed, these representatives are located in the Amarillo office and can verify subscriber accounts and correct any issues with addresses.

Another problem facing Globe-News readers in Donley County is the issue of there being no permanent carrier here currently.

"Right now I am sending a manager down to deliver," Reed said, "but it's just costing too much."

If a local carrier isn't found soon, Reed said home delivery here will be stopped altogether.

Local carriers receive papers around 2 a.m. and have until 6 a.m. to deliver to the roughly 200 daily and 240 Sunday subscribers in Clarendon and Howardville.

Anyone interested in the position can call Reed at 806-345-3253.

President is nation's civic high priest

By Dr. Gary Scott Smith

The tragic shooting in Aurora, Colorado, which killed 12 and wounded 58, has again accentuated the important role presidents play as our chief civic priest. The governor of Colorado and local clergy helped provide words of solace and encouragement to grieving, shocked and bewildered citizens—and local and state officials and thousands of residents joined in a prayer vigil. Nevertheless, American expectations and their desire to enhance their public image led both President Barack Obama and Mitt Romney, the presumptive Republican presidential nominee, to offer comfort and consolation to survivors and the victims' families.

President Obama told the survivors and the family members of victims he visited that "words are always inadequate in these kinds of situations," but that his "main task was to serve as a representative of the entire country and let them know that we are thinking about them." The stories that victims' families and those recovering from injuries remind us, the president declared, "that even in the darkest of days, life continues and people are strong." "Out of this darkness," he promised, "a brighter day is going to come."

Given his professed desire to highlight his Christian faith—perhaps, in part, because of continued confusion about his religious convictions and his troubled relationship with some religious groups—Obama, not surprisingly, quoted the Bible (Revelation 21:4: "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more. Neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away") and asked "God bless all who helped to respond to this tragedy." Similarly, at a memorial service in Tucson for the six people killed in a January 2011 shooting that also wounded Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, Obama declared, "the Scripture tells us that there is evil in the world, and that terrible things happen for reasons that defy human understanding." Moreover, the president referred to one victim as being in heaven and asked God to "love and watch over the survivors."

Recognizing that presidents are required to play this role of civic priest, Romney, who has typically said little about his own faith, quoted several passages from the Bible and the Book of Mormon, the scripture of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Referring to Jesus' words in the Gospel of Matthew, Romney urged Americans to "offer comfort to someone" nearby "who is suffering or heavy laden." He exhorted others to "mourn with those who mourn in Colorado," a phrase that occurs both in Jesus' Beatitudes and the Book of Mormon.

Evoking the Apostle Paul's words to the Philippians, Romney stated, "Our prayer is that the comforter might bring the peace to their souls that surpasses understanding." Quoting Paul directly from 2 Corinthians 1:4, the Republican added, "Blessed be God who comforteth us in all our tribulations, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble." He assured grieving families that "people in every part of our great nation" were praying for them.

Polls consistently report that Americans want their presidents to have a strong faith in God, which encourages our chief executives to stress their religious convictions and practices. Many Americans feel more comfortable when they know (or at least believe) that presidents pray about the decisions they make and the policies they adopt.

Given the absence of a national church and the United States' robust Judeo-Christian heritage, our civil religion demands that presidents help sanctify America's dominant institutions and values and provide comfort in times of crisis and tragedy. Custom, Congress and current events all require presidents to serve as our civic chief priest. Dwight Eisenhower, Ronald Reagan and George W. Bush especially fulfilled this role. They reassured citizens that God ruled the world and loved them as they dealt with disasters in space, communist threats and the Cold War, terrorist attacks at home and military action in Korea, Afghanistan and Iraq.

As our chief executive and leader, the president proclaims the essential principles and values of the American civic tradition. He reinforces and promotes the nation's shared civic beliefs, strengthening our core values and helping to unify and motivate citizens. He is expected to proclaim national days of prayer, celebrate the religious holidays of various faith communities, address national prayer breakfasts, lead citizens in mourning the death of statesmen and heroes and write letters of condolences to grieving families.

Most Americans find religious rhetoric to be inspiring, reassuring and soothing in such situations and appreciate a president's evoking of God's aid, calls for prayer and thanksgiving to the divine in times of war, natural disasters, terrorist attacks and other tragedies. Therefore, presidents, regardless of the depth of their own faith, will likely continue to serve as our nation's principal priest.

— Dr. Gary Scott Smith chairs the history department at Grove City College and is a fellow for faith and the presidency with The Center for Vision & Values. He is the author of "Faith and the Presidency From George Washington to George W. Bush" (Oxford University Press) and "Heaven in the American Imagination" (Oxford University Press).

US needs immigration solution

When President Obama announced the Department of Homeland Security's policy directive on June 15 stating that undocumented migrant youths who meet certain conditions would no longer be deported, he added that "It was the right thing to do." He did not say whether he meant "the right thing" legally or morally.

He obviously considered the action to be legal, even though this conjunction of his administration's power resulted in strong condemnation from many, including Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia. But the president's rationale for thinking it moral remains unclear.

A few of us see undocumented entry into America and Texas as the same as original sin, something that cannot be ignored.

This position should come as no surprise: the morality and politics of illegal immigration flow seamlessly into issues of national security, unemployment rates, the weakness of the American economy, and threats to presumptive American and Texan national identity and way of life.

There are those who actually think that it is a basic human right "to move across borders whether for economic, personal, or professional reasons, or to seek asylum and refuge is guaranteed by Articles 13 and 14 of the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights." On the other hand, however, Article 21 of the Declaration recognizes a basic right to self-government, stipulating that "the will of people shall be the basis of the authority of government."

Under the US Constitution, and American law, the United States has the responsibility to protect American citizens and keep strict control of the borders, as well as determining who is to be a citizen as distinguished from a resident or alien.

There are an unusually large number of people in the world (including Americans) who advocate a world without borders. From their moral point of view, "no child deserves to be born on one side of the border rather than another, and it is deeply antithetical to their moral principles to punish individuals for what they cannot help being or doing. Punishment implies responsibility and accountability for one's actions and choices; clearly, children who through their parents' choices end up on one side of the border rather than another cannot be penalized for these choices."

However, people like me think that rewarding certain children for the wrongs committed by their parents, in this case illegal immigration, by legalizing undocumented youths is illogical and immoral, and the right thing to do is to deport all undocumented migrants — both parents and children. I realize that this is highly impractical, but until a better system is created by our dysfunctional Congress we have to do our best with what we have.

The United States does not owe these young people a special duty of hospitality, even if our farmers and ranchers, among others, have benefited from the circumstances under which their parents and grandparents entered this country. Even if they have formed strong affiliations with our society through our friends, students, neighbors, and coworkers they do not deserve to be granted American citizenship simply by

being here.

There is no human right to American citizenship for undocumented migrants. If this country is to regain past glories, then we must select only the best and brightest immigrants to help America regain economic prosperity.

President Obama has failed to secure our borders and has not put forth a comprehensive immigration-reform plan. Even though illegal entry into American has diminished considerably, illegal re-entry recently surpassed illegal entry, the first-time offense for entering the country without permission.

The backlog in immigration courts has swelled to new highs for Texas and the nation as a whole. Data shows that Texas ranks third nationally in unresolved deportation proceedings. In Texas, about 32,840 immigrants are being detained solely on immigration-related charges, and about 3,470 — or 9.4 percent of those with pending cases — have some other criminal violation or have been deemed a threat to national security, according to federal data compiled from the Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse, or TRAC.

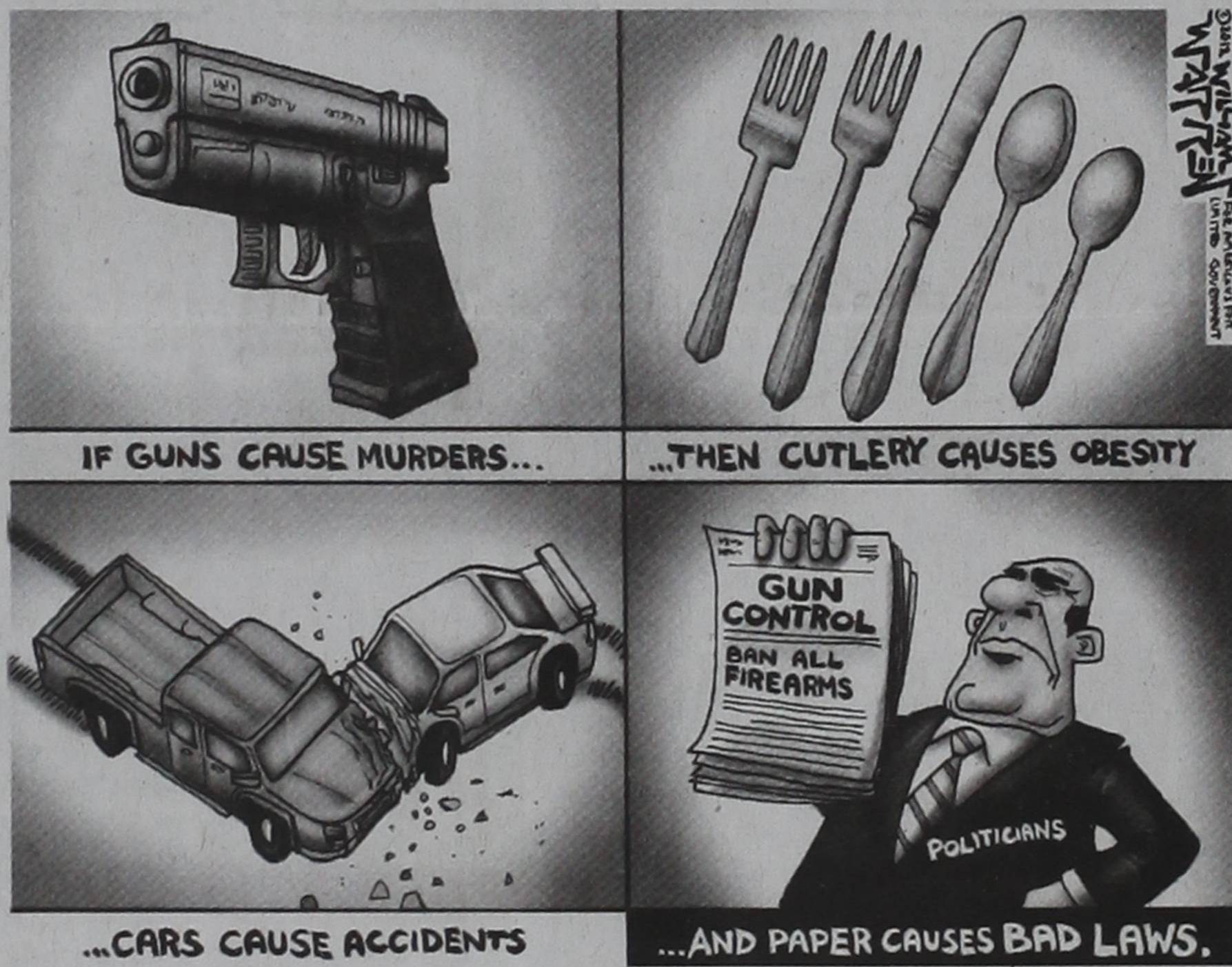
Immigration lawyers say the numbers show that the government is not following through on its directive and becoming more efficient with deportation proceedings, but federal officials say that the figures aren't telling the whole story.

Texas, and the nation, is bulging at the seams with illegal immigrants. This issue is costing billions of dollars that can be better utilized elsewhere. Yet, we are hearing very little in the presidential and congressional races.

Illegal immigration is having a negative impact upon our economy, educational programs, and health care. It must be included as part of the solution to these problems.



the quick, the dead, & fred
by fred gray



Sally Ride leaves American legacy

On July 23rd, America lost a pioneer. Sally Ride served as a role model — for girls and women, certainly, but also for anyone interested in space — and her contributions to the American space program will ensure that her legacy is one of continuing inspiration.

Sally became the first American woman in space in 1983 when she was chosen to be a mission specialist aboard the shuttle Challenger.

Sally Ride was strong-willed — so much so that her mother once said it was the reason she abandoned earlier dreams of a career in tennis: "it offended her that the ball wouldn't go just where she wanted." No, it was a scientist's understanding of the demands of the job. I will always remember how Sally displayed that same calm ability to get along when she handled questions about

her gender from the press, and remarks from a few coworkers, with dignity and grace.

After her retirement from the program, President Reagan appointed her to serve on the panel investigating the tragic loss of the space shuttle Challenger in 1986, and she reprised that role for a similar panel in 2003.

I believe that America's investment in science, technology, engineering and medicine — the STEM disciplines — is crucial to our success. I was thrilled when Sally served on the Augustine



capitol comment
by sen. kay bailey hutchison

Committee on the future of human spaceflight in 2009, which helped inform the 2010 NASA Authorization Act.

It is also critical to promote STEM education, to ensure that we train new generations of scientists. Sally Ride shared that belief, and dedicated much of her career to pursuing that goal. In 2001, she founded a company that developed programs, materials and training for science classes and sponsored science camps and classes designed to bring more girls into a field where — though we have made progress — they are still underrepresented.

It is true that each generation of female pioneers owes something to those who have come before — that we have "stood on the shoulders of giants" as the saying goes. Sally Ride stood just 5'5" tall, but she was a giant.

City should finish what it has started

I am writing this letter in reference to our supposed "crown jewel" of Clarendon — East Fourth Street. I was curious to know if by chance our city administrator could explain to us why it is not being properly maintained with gravel to seal it off. It is a joke to waste the manpower and money to not to maintain this after having gone to both the trouble and expense to do so. It is in worse shape now than it was before this little project even began.

If the street project coming up is going to be handled in the same way, it will also be a tremendous waste of time, money, and effort. A contractor should start and finish the job so somebody will be liable. We might not be able to do as many streets but to be done correctly is what should matter.

I recall also that the board stated that when the "Zipper" was purchased that they were ready to see it running. What a waste of money this has been. No more than this piece of equipment has been used, it would have been more efficient to rent it.

Speaking directly to the city administrator, I would like to inquire as to what job you have completed since you took the position with the City of Clarendon? The solution to our water problem, as far as you are concerned, is to flush the fire hydrants when we are in the middle of a drought. I specifically recall you coming to my house on a Saturday to see the waste water that was coming into my tub. I asked you to see the water sample that you took that day. I never got to see it because you never sent it. I think you

were probably afraid of the results. That has been almost one year ago, and I have been complaining for four years. I am not alone on this issue.

We need to finish the projects we have started before even thinking of beginning a new one. I encourage more people to voice their opinion on the street issues. Everyone wants to see our town look good and to thrive, but it can't happen on the path we are headed. We have some very talented city employees but, but they can only do what they are allowed to do. We need to see better results for the cost of the streets, and we certainly have the capabilities in house to fix the problems.

Billy Chadwick, Clarendon

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Hatter party

The Red Hatters enjoyed a fun time during their visit to Clarendon's new Saints' Roost Assisted Living Center last Thursday evening.

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Children's medical grants now available from the UnitedHealthcare children's foundation

The UnitedHealthcare Children's Foundation (UHCCF) is seeking grant applications from families in need of financial assistance to help pay for their child's health care treatments, services or equipment not covered, or not fully covered, by their commercial health insurance plan.

Qualifying families can receive up to \$5,000 to help pay for medical services and equipment such as physical, occupational and speech therapy, counseling services, surgeries, prescriptions, wheelchairs, orthotics, eyeglasses and hearing aids.

To be eligible for a grant, children must be 16 years of age or younger. Families must meet

economic guidelines, reside in the United States and have a commercial health insurance plan. Grants are available for medical expenses families have incurred 60 days prior to the date of application as well as for ongoing and future medical needs. Parents or legal guardians may apply for grants at www.uhccf.org, and there is no application deadline. Organizations or private donors can make tax-deductible donations to the foundation at this website.

"The UnitedHealthcare Children's Foundation is dedicated to improving a child's health and quality of life by making it easier to access needed medical-related services. The grants enable families to focus on their children's

care instead of worrying about how they'll pay their medical bills," said Matt Peterson, president of the UnitedHealthcare Children's Foundation. "Eligible families in need are encouraged to apply online for a medical grant today and take advantage of this valuable resource."

In 2011, UHCCF awarded more than 1,200 grants to families across the United States - 111 in Texas - for treatments associated with medical conditions such as cancer, spina bifida, muscular dystrophy, diabetes, hearing loss, autism, cystic fibrosis, Down syndrome, ADHD and cerebral palsy. As successful fund-raising efforts continue to grow, UHCCF is hoping to help more children and families in 2012.

Bacterial meningitis shot clinic to be held at Clarendon College

Clarendon College students still needing to receive the bacterial meningitis vaccine to fulfill admission requirements will have an opportunity this Friday, August 3, at the college.

Melanie Spier with Walgreen's Pharmacy in Amarillo will be on the CC campus during Bulldog Days new student orientation Friday from 8 a.m. to noon at the Bairfield Activity Center. Meningitis vaccines will be offered for \$122. Flu vaccines will also be available for \$25.99.

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Sat	28	100°	72°	-
Sun	29	104°	73°	-

Total precipitation this month: 0.17
Total precipitation to date: 14.83"

weekend forecast

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August 13 & 14

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August 15

Clarendon CISD registration for new students • 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. • campus offices

August 27

First day of school

Menus

August 6 - 10

Donley County Senior Citizens

Mon: Chicken tetrazzini, Italian veggies, salad/Italian dressing, garlic bread, oatmeal cookies, iced tea/2% milk.

Tue: Hot beef on bun, green salad, garden vegetables, pineapple & banana, iced tea/2% milk.

Wed: Beef pot roast, roast potatoes, roast carrots & peppers, wheat roll, peach cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.

Thu: Taco pie w/salad topping, pinto beans, chuck wagon corn, tortilla, peanut butter cup, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Fish or substitution, mustard greens, marinated cucumber & onions, cornbread, peanut butter cookies, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Chicken tenders/gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, turnip greens, wheat roll, mandarin oranges, iced tea/2% milk.

Tue: Pork chop & gravy, potato wedges, black eyed peas, wheat rolls, baked apple, iced tea/2% milk.

Wed: Spaghetti/meat sauce, Italian vegetables, broccoli, garlic toast, autumn Jello, iced tea/2% milk.

Thu: Creamy mushroom steak, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, whole wheat rolls, brownie, iced tea/2% milk.

Fri: Cheese burgers, potato wedges, lettuce, tomato, onion, melon medley, strawberry short cake, iced tea/2% milk.

CCC to host Jack and Jill Tourney

By Sandy Anderberg

The Clarendon Country Club will be hosting a Jack and Jill Tournament August 4-5.

The two-day 36-hole contest will be played by a team of one man and one woman. Tee times will be at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Saturday and 1:30 p.m. on Sunday. You may call the Pro Shop to enter.

Eight under par was the winning number for the nine-hole scramble played on Friday night. Those on that team were Mike Santos, Michael Thompson, Buck McLamb, and Mark Morris. The other four teams came in at six, five, and three under par.

Slick Johnston won the weekly men's game on Wednesday with a net score of 67, and Tom Stauder turned in a net 70 for second place. Gail Leathers shot a gross score of 78 to win the Thursday women's game, and Gayle Rogers won low net with a 62. Mary Ann Sawyer won second low net with a 65.

The team of Daniel Burcham, Mark Ward, Leanne Ward, Jarrett Hudson, and Haley Ward won the night scramble Saturday night over a field of 36 players with an 18-hole score of 15 under par. Junior Rodriguez, Morgan Robinson, Russell King, and Kaleb Wood finished second at 11 under par.

Hedley to being football practice

The Hedley High School Owls will begin fall practices on August 6 from 7:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Junior high players will begin practice when school starts.

"Meet the Owls" will be held this Friday, August 3, at 6:30 p.m. at the school, and that event is for anyone who plans to be in Hedley athletics.

All Hedley athletes entering the sixth, ninth, or 11th grades must have a physical examination. Any athlete who has never had a physical will also need one. Call the school for more information.

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These tag team acts are just another scam

Tag team tricks are not just confined to the wrestling ring. Scammers often use partners to try to convince victims they're genuine. But you can avoid their well-aimed sucker punch by just applying one simple rule.

In this week's column, I outline some of the most common tag team tricks and the actions you can take to avoid falling victim. In a wrestling ring, a tag team can make for some entertaining sport – at least in some people's eyes – but in the world of scams it has become a cunning way of conning victims.

Many scams involve an accomplice but a tag team mostly refers to con tricks in which the crooks pretend not to know each other. And in some instances, the term can even refer to one individual pretending to be two different people.

The aim is usually the same – to generate credibility for the scam by seeming to offer independent confirmation that it's genuine. And

our rule for dealing with it is one we always stress – never believe people are who they say they claim to be.

So, let's take a look at some of the most common tag team scams.

The Pet Finder Tag Team

This is a simple but clever trick that targets people who have advertised a lost pet. The first caller says they think they've spotted the animal and asks you to describe it; then they say they were mistaken.

The second caller, armed with information you gave to the first crook, gives you a detailed description that seems to confirm they've found your pet. Then they use that to try to get money out of you. For instance, they may claim they're some distance away and need you to pay for travel or transportation, ask you to send a reward or just try to bully you into paying a ransom.

In most cases, you'll likely be asked to wire the money though, in some cases, a scammer may turn

up on your doorstep, describe the animal and claim they know where it is, and ask for cash to go get it. Sometimes, this scam is used for other lost items – like jewelry and wallets. The format and the outcome is the same.

Action: Don't describe a lost pet or item to someone over the phone. Ask them to do the describing. Or, hold something important back – like the color of the collar – and specifically ask the caller for that information.

The Official Confirmation Tag Team Scam

Of course, you'd never fall for a lottery or other "big-win" scam would you? How about if someone

from the local sheriff's department or other "official" source calls to confirm it's genuine? We hope you wouldn't be taken in by that either – but scores of people are.

Victims receive the usual bogus email announcing their winnings. Perhaps it might contain a code number. The announcement may even come by phone. But whatever the source, victims are told that because of recent security concerns, they will receive a confirmation call or message from the police, a well-known "genuine" competition organizer (like Publishers' Clearing House), or even the IRS. The call comes in, maybe even spoofing the number of the supposed organization on your caller ID, requests the code and confirms the "win."

Then, of course, they ask for money for taxes or processing fees before they can release your prize. Action: As I've said – don't believe anyone is who they say they are with-



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Mullins to perform at Hedley Methodist Youth dinner

Patsy and Kathy Spier has had their four grandchildren (and nieces and nephew) here visiting for two weeks. They all went home Friday, and we miss them already. We had a good time with Emory and Dasia Harris and with Hannah and Josh Cox. These are Jack Spier's grandchildren.

The Hedley Methodist Youth Group is holding a Hot Dog/Hamburger Dinner, 6:00 p.m. at the Methodist Church. Music will be by Danny Mullins. The cost is \$5 a plate, so come and bring your lawn

chairs and have good eats and listen to some very good music.

I am sorry to say that it has been brought to my attention that some people out there think that when I do a fundraiser for Hedley Senior Citizens that I am using some of that money to help the Hall County Home Delivered meals. This is not true.

Yes, I am the Director of the Hall County Home Delivered Meals program, and I am the bookkeeper of the Hedley-Senior Citizens, and yes, I am doing fund raisers for both orga-

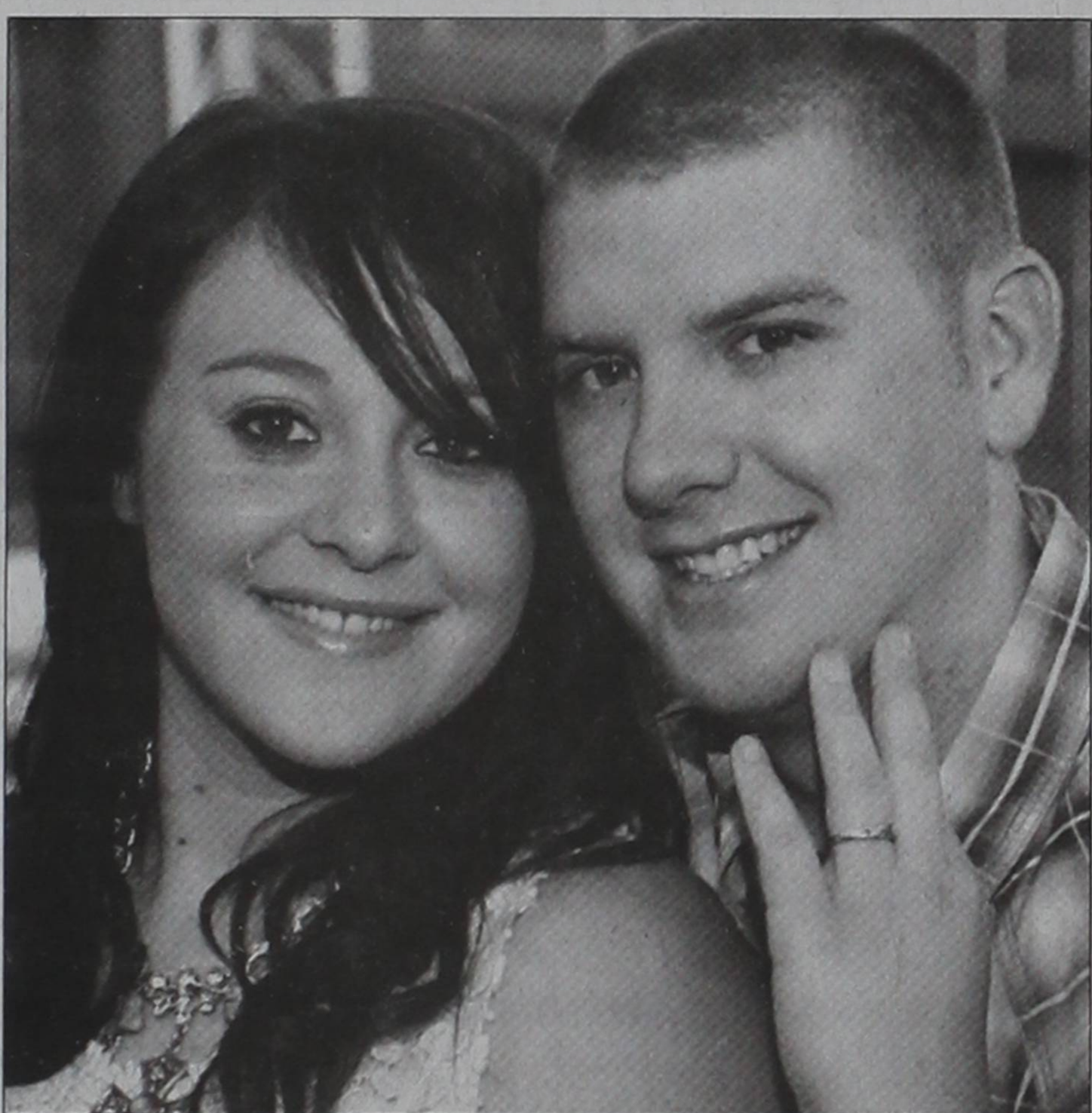
nizations. But what money is brought in for Hedley stays in Hedley and what money is brought in for Memphis stays in Memphis.

Recipe: Lime Bars: 2 cups all-purpose flour, 1/2 cup confectioners' sugar, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 4 eggs, 1/3 cup lime juice, 1/4 cup

all-purpose flour, 2 cups white sugar, 2 teaspoons grated lime peel, or more to taste, 1/2 teaspoon baking powder, 1 drop green food coloring, or as desired (optional), 1 1/2 cups confectioners' sugar, 1 tablespoon lime juice, 1 teaspoon grated lime peel (optional). Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease a 12x15-inch baking dish. Mix 2 cups flour, 1/2 cup confectioners' sugar, and salt in a bowl; cut in butter with a pastry cutter until crust mixture resembles crumbs. Pat crust evenly into bottom of the prepared baking

dish. Bake crust in the preheated oven for 10 minutes. Whisk eggs, 1/3 cup lime juice, 1/4 cup flour, white sugar, 2 teaspoons lime peel, baking powder, and food coloring in a bowl; pour over the crust.

Return baking dish to oven; bake until filling is set, about 25 minutes. Cool thoroughly. Whisk 1 1/2 cup confectioners' sugar, 1 tablespoon lime juice, and 1 teaspoon grated lime peel to make a smooth glaze; spread evenly over cooled lime bars. Let glaze set before serving.



Miller, Thomas to wed

With great joy, Brian and Maria Miller announce the engagement of their daughter, Miranda Josephine Miller to Dustin Lee Thomas. The wedding will be held August 11, 2012, at the Chris Britten Ranch in Howardwick. A reception and dance will follow the ceremony.

Broncos to issue athletic equipment

Athletic director Gary Jack says that Saturday, August 4 will be the day that equipment will be issued to those who will be playing Bronco football for the 2012-2013 season. The hand out will begin at 9:00 a.m. with seniors and end with the incoming freshmen. Practice will begin on Monday, August 6 at 7:30 a.m. "All athletes are expected to be on time, clean shaven, have a good short haircut, and be at all practices and meetings," Jack said.

Girls, and boys cross-country athletes grade 9-12 need to report to the Broncos gym Monday, August 6 at 7:30 a.m. All girl athletes playing basketball are highly encouraged to participate in cross-country. Also, all

athletes will receive any paper work still needed on August 6.

All incoming seventh, ninth, and eleventh grade athletes have to have a doctor's physical prior to practice. "We have already had our physical day so if you do not have your physical yet, you need to get it by next week and the forms will be at the clinic," Jack said.

Jack is ready to kick off the new season and hopes each athlete is ready to go as well. "I hope each of you is as excited as I am about this season," he said.

"My expectations are very high for each of you and our teams. I am expecting to be in the playoffs in every sport once again."

Comptroller's office offers vital resource for business owners

AUSTIN – During the month of August, the Comptroller's office will conduct four free taxpayer seminars across the state. At these seminars, taxpayers can learn how to properly fill out tax forms, and file and pay taxes electronically. Information about e-services will also be available to help taxpayers manage their accounts online. Comptroller representatives will be on hand to answer questions and provide assistance to attendees.

"We want to empower Texas business owners by making resources and information accessible. Con-

ducting these seminars and making our tax specialists available provides guidance for businesses," said R.J. DeSilva, spokesperson for the Comptroller's office.

A complete list of locations, dates and times of the taxpayer seminars is available at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/seminars.html. Those who are unable to attend the seminars can call the Comptroller's tax assistance line at 1-800-252-5555. Tax forms and tax information can also be found on the Comptroller's website, www.window.state.tx.us.

H-wick in the Dog Days of Summer

The weather forecast for the week shows the Panhandle in triple digits. Rain was close last week, but we missed out, so I think it is safe to say we are in those dreaded "Dog Days of Summer."

Dog Days are associated with the star Sirius, the brightest star in the summer sky. Ancient Romans believed the reason it was so hot from mid July to mid August was because Sirius rose with the sun and the bright star added its heat to the sun. It was also known as the Dog Star, therefore, the Dog Days of Summer. The image the phrase brings up now is the dog lying in the shade with his tongue hanging out and everyone hunting a cooler place.

Sirius has nothing to do with

the heat, that is a direct result of the earth's tilt, but it is pretty to see.

As July comes to an end and August begins people with school aged children start thinking of school which begins the later part of the month. Other people may not have as much to look forward to except the Perseid meteor shower which will peak on August 11-13 this year. A meteor shower is a peak in the number of shooting stars in the night sky. These showers are usually



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caused by comets that leave debris behind and are named for the constellation that is closest in the sky, in this case it is Perseus, and it is a spectacular show.

As always, the best viewing will be after 11 p.m., looking to the northeast usually but with this shower, they can appear anywhere in the sky. Get away from artificial light, take a lawn chair, bug spray, some company and have a good time.

Lots of sick people around Howardwick. Please continue to pray for them, including me and my back which is not much better. With the help of Jesus and my care-givers I have improved so keep the prayers coming.

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Every Nook and Cranny



The 2012-2013 Bronco Cheerleaders attended Cheer camp at the Great Wolf Lodge in Grapevine on June 25-June 28. They won several awards and learned a great deal of material to share with fans during the upcoming school year. They have also planned a Little Miss Cheer camp to be held on Saturday, September 1. They will also have spirit shirts for sale beginning August 10. The Cheerleaders from left to right are: Emberli Holland, Abby Johnson, Elizabeth O'Rear, Sterling King, Sparky, Maci White, Skyler White, Jentry Shadle and Samantha Sanderson.



Hedley High School Cheerleaders spent a week at Cheerleading Camp in Wellington and received a blue ribbon. Shown here are Kelsey Wells, Rebecca Butler, Kristen Liner, and Kassie O'Dell.



Hedley Junior High Cheerleaders spend their summer preparing for a great year. Shown here are Blayne Layton, Briley Chadwick, Madison Shelp, Cheyenne Smith, Megan Wells, and Kallie Lindsey.



Clarendon Colts Cheerleaders got a red ribbon the first day of camp in Wellington recently. Shown here are (back) back Lilly Carr, Cire Jaurégui, MaRae Hall, Jazmine Mellado, (front) Trinity Stribling, Brooke Smith, Jensen Hatley, and Zaryia Smith. Hatley and Hall made it to the finals in the Cheerleading Jump Off.

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Captain John Howard of Clarendon welcomes the Navy's newest officer, his son, Ensign Austin Howard. Austin was commissioned in Newport, Rhode Island, after completing a rigorous 12 week program, and he has orders to Pensacola, Florida, where he will be trained as a Navy pilot.



Michelle Hobbs, Farm Service Agency (FSA) Farm Loan Program Technician (PT) in Donley County, recently received the PT of the Year award from the Texas Association of Support Employees. Pictured from left to right: Tonya Watson, Farm Loan Manager, Michelle Hobbs, Debbie Roberts, Farm Loan Officer.

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Obituaries

Estlack

Services were held last week for former local newspaper publisher Ruby Dell Estlack, who passed away at home in Clarendon at the age of 94.



Estlack

Mrs. Estlack died Friday, July 20, and services were held at the First United Methodist Church in Clarendon with Rev. Lloyd Stice, pastor, officiating and interment followed in Citizens Cemetery. Arrangements were by Robertson Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Estlack was born October 18, 1917, in Donley County to Oma Allen and Faye Tyree Scoggins. She married George Wayne Estlack on November 28, 1936, in Clarendon, where she spent most of her life. Ruby Dell loved playing the piano, at which she played by ear. She was a wonderful seamstress as well.

Ruby Dell spent most of her adult life working at The Donley County Leader. She began working at the Leader shortly after she married 1936, and she was assigned the job of collecting on accounts, which she did in person in order to improve goodwill between the paper and its customers. She later would take on the role of Society Editor as well before she and her husband became the paper's sole owners in 1958. Together they were members holding various offices of both Texas and Panhandle Press Associations. The Estlacks sold the paper in 1974 but continued in the printing business with Clarendon Office Supply until the mid-1990s.

In 2011, she was inducted in the Panhandle Press Association's Hall of Fame, an award she was very honored to receive.

"At the age of 19 when I married and became a member of the Estlack newspaper family, I never

dreamed of seeing this day," Ruby Dell recalled after entering the PPA Hall of Fame. "I found myself working in all departments of The Donley County Leader - except Linotype. The many years of newspaper publishing have been my way of life and most rewarding. I've been so blessed."

Ruby Dell was a long time member of the First United Methodist Church in Clarendon.

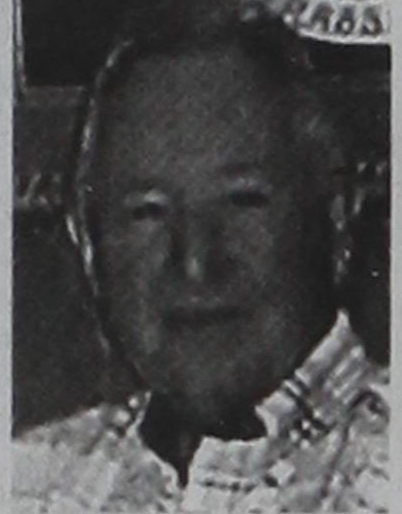
She was preceded in death by her husband, George Wayne Estlack, on June 10, 1994, and her sister, Dorothy Faye Whitlock.

Survivors include her daughter, Jackie Patterson of Canyon; granddaughter, Marcella Cropper of Fort Worth; her great grandson, James David Wilson of Fort Worth; her nephew, Lawrence Whitlock, of Arizona.

The family suggests memorials be sent to Citizens Cemetery Association, PO Box 983, Clarendon, Texas, 79226.

Gill

Marvin Davis Gill of Clarendon, 74, died Friday, July 27, 2012, in Amarillo.



Gill

Marvin was born on June 30, 1938, in Grapeland, Texas to Elmer Roy and Ailene Gill. Marvin was a hard working man and spent his early years in the insurance business. While pursuing his love for helping people and building business, he continued to seek the fulfillment of other aspects in life, such as starting a family.

Marvin met his loving wife, Suzy, on a blind date. After exchanging many heartfelt love letters during their courtship, they married August 30, 1957. Marvin and Suzy shared a wonderful life together filled with love and soon, children.

Marvin enjoyed hunting, fishing, snow skiing, and travel. He

loved visiting with his many friends he had made from all over the country.

He was a true salesman with his contagious smile and bubbly laugh. He loved to tell stories of his many travels, both national and international, with his friends and make everyone laugh. He was a very generous man and a wonderful grand-father, or "Boppy," to many grandchildren and took the pleasure of teaching them his beloved game of golf.

As a well respected rancher and business owner, Marvin became dear to the many friends he made in the Clarendon community and panhandle area.

As one of Jehovah's Witnesses, Marvin was a man of deep faith and was devoted to sharing the Bible truth with others. He dedicated his life to Jehovah God on March 19, 1962. It was paramount in his life.

Marvin passed away, with his family by his side, as a faithful servant of Jehovah on July 27, 2012. Marvin's enthusiasm for not only his faith, but for life itself was inspiring.

Marvin is survived by his wife, Carolyn Sue Gill, one son Jeffrey Herbert Gill and wife Roberta, and two daughters; Jean Ann Hinson and husband Toby and Jennifer Gill Haney and husband Brad. As well as eight grandchildren: Allen Womack and wife Rebecca, Kristen Gill Grandi and husband Shawn, Eli Hinson, Caleb Hinson and wife Angel, Yancey Gill and wife Jessie, Savannah Thackeray, Casey Haney, and Ben Haney. He is also survived by six great granddaughters: Morgan, Katelynn, Finley, Henley, Liv, Clair, and great grandson Austin.

In addition, he is survived by his 2 sisters and brother along with their spouses, Martha Loy and Jimmy Bayse, Iva Lou and Donald Gene Crawford, and William and Val Grant. He is also survived by many genuinely loving nieces and nephews.

Marvin was preceded in death by his mother Ailene Grant, his step-father Clint Grant, his father Roy Gill, and his sister Sarah Evelyn

Edwards. The family wants to thank all of the close friends and family that have been by their side throughout this entire journey.

Memorial services were held at Robertson Funeral Directors Saints' Roost Chapel in Clarendon on Tuesday, July 31, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. Cremation and Arrangements are by Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the World Wide Work of Jehovah's Witnesses in c/o Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses; Highway 287 N, Clarendon, TX 79226.

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Bird

Bill George Bird of Clarendon, formerly of Oxnard, California, 85, died Thursday, July 26, 2012, in Amarillo.

Private Family Burial at Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon.

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

Bill was born October 3, 1926 in Haskell, Texas to George and Una Lee Edwards Bird. He married Lorraine Nagy on September 10, 1953 in Las Vegas, Nevada. He had worked in the upholstery business most of his life and had owned his own business during that time. We was a WWII veteran, serving in the US Navy. Mr. Bird had moved to Clarendon recently after living in Oxnard, California for the past 70+ years. He was a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lorraine Bird in October of 2011; his parents; a son, Bill Greg Bird; 2 brothers, Robert and Jerry Bird; and his sister, Carol Bush.

He is survived by 4 daughters, Debbie Roberts of Clarendon, Jeanette Williams and husband Rick, Jeneil Beltran, Melissa Bird, all of California; a son, Larry Bird and wife Karla of California; 8 grandchildren; and 8 great grandchildren.

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Community Fellowship Church: 12148 FM 2162 874-0963 • Pastor: Larry Capranica Sun. School: 10 a.m. • Sun. Service: 11 a.m. Sun. Evening: 6 p.m.

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First Baptist Church: 300 Bugbee Ave. • 874-3833 Rev. Lance Wood • Sun. School: 9:45 a.m. Sun. Service: 10:55 a.m. • Sun. Evening: 6 p.m. • GA & Team Kid Ministry: Wed. 5:30 p.m. • Adult Bible Study: Wed. 6:30 p.m. • Youth Study: Wed. 7 p.m. College Ministry: Wed. 9 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church: Fourth & Parks 874-9269 • Pastor: Rev. Robin Gantz Fellowship: 10:30 a.m. • Sun. Service: 11 a.m.

First United Methodist Church: 420 S. Jefferson 874-3667 • Pastor Lloyd Stice Sun. School: 11 a.m. • Sun. Service: 9:45 a.m.

Jesus Name Apostolic Church: 720 E. Montgomery • 874-2388 • Rev. Calvin Burrow Sun. Services: 3 p.m. • Wed.: 7:30 p.m.

Body of Christ Ministries 511 E. 5th St. • Pastor: R.W. Ellerbrook Saturday Evening: 6 p.m. • Sunday Discipleship Class 10:30 a.m. • Sunday Service: 11:30 a.m. • Wednesday Services: 7 p.m.

Christ's Kids Outreach Ministry 111 W. 5th Temporary Lions Hall • Janet/Steve Carter • 874-2007 • Sunday Breakfast 9:30 a.m. • Sunday Praise & Worship 10 a.m. • Sunday School 10:30 a.m. • Wednesday 5 p.m.

St. John The Baptist Episcopal Church: Rev. Jim Aveni • 301 S. Parks St. • 874-2511 Sun. Service: 11 a.m.

St. Mary's Catholic Church: Corner of Montgomery & McClelland Fr. Arokia Raj Samala • Sun. Mass 11 a.m.

St. Stephens Baptist Church: 300 N. Jefferson St. Pastor: Roy Williams • Sun. School: 10 a.m. Sun. Service: 11:15 a.m. • Wed.: 7 p.m. (weather permitting)

True Church of God in Christ: 301 N. Jefferson St. Pastor: Jeff Riles • Sun. School: 10 a.m. Sun. Service: 11:15 a.m. • Wed.: 7 p.m.

Hedley

Church of Christ 110 E. Second St. Minister: Bright Newhouse Sun. Bible Class: 10 a.m. Sun. Service: 11 a.m. Sun. Evening: 6 p.m. Wed.: 7:30 p.m.

First Methodist Church 200 N. Main St. Pastor: Gary Boles Sun. Service: 9:30 a.m. Sun. School: 10:30 a.m. Sun. Evening: 6 p.m.

First Baptist Church 210 N. Main St. 856-5980 Pastor: Bruce Howard Sun. School: 10 a.m. Sun.: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wed.: 7 p.m.

Howardwick

First Baptist Church 222 Sherwood Blvd. 874-3326 Reverend: Dave Stout Sun. School: 10 a.m. Sun. Service: 10:45 a.m. Sun. Evening: 6 p.m. Wed.: 6 p.m.

Old Paths Primitive Baptist Church: Corner of Hereford Lane at HWY 70 874-5374 Pastor: Lyman Little Sun. Services: 10:30 a.m.

Martin

Martin Baptist Church US 287 W • 874-2025 Sun. School: 10 a.m. Sun. Service: 11 a.m. Sun. Evening: 6 p.m. Wed.: 7 p.m.

Brice

Brice Deliverance Tabernacle 867-3029 or 867-2012 Pastor: Louis Bennett Sun. Service: 9:45 a.m. Sun. Evening: 6 p.m. Wed.: 6 p.m.

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Odyssey Hospice launches food drive to benefit Snack Pak 4 Kids

Staff members from Odyssey Hospice will be blanketing Clarendon and the surrounding areas throughout August, distributing food collection bags and gathering donations for Snack Pak for Kids as part of the company's 8th Annual Food Drive.

As part of the Gentiva Health Services family of home health and hospice providers, employees at Odyssey Hospice and their fellow employees around the country are placing the food collection bags at various healthcare facilities, local businesses and churches in their respective communities and will collect their "harvest" during the entire month of August. They are focused on beating last year's national record, when the company's 7th Annual Food Drive yielded more than 382,702 pounds of goods for donation to charitable organizations across the country.

"As active members of the community, we know that food banks, pantries and other charitable organizations continue to face increasing demands due to our troubling economy," said Brande Bigham, Community Liaison, Odyssey Hospice. "We look forward to working with many area health organizations, and we encourage local healthcare providers to contact us for more information on how they and their employees can participate in this community effort." Odyssey Hospice provides a full range of hospice services to patients in the Texas Panhandle.

Area residents, physicians and referral sources who want to learn more about Odyssey's superior hospice services should contact Brande Bigham at 806-626-8353. The Odyssey office is located at 6900 I-40 West #150.

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Child Abuse Facts

WHAT THE LAW SAYS
Anyone "having cause to believe that a child's physical or mental health or welfare has been or may be adversely affected by abuse or neglect" must report the case to any state or local laws enforcement agency and to the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services. Failure to report suspected child abuse or neglect is punishable by imprisonment of up to 180 days and/or a fine of up to \$1000.

REPORTING
An oral report must be made immediately (within 48 hours) to nearest Child Protective Service Office, to the **24-hour Child Abuse Hotline (1-800-252-5400)**, or to the local law enforcement officials. As a follow-up, a written report must be made into the Department of Protective & Regulatory Services within five days. Anyone who files a report is immune from civil or criminal liability--if the report is made in "good faith" and "without malice". *Good faith means the person took reasonable steps to learn the facts that were readily available and at hand. Without Malice means the person did not intend to injure or violate the rights of another person.*

CHILDREN MOST LIKELY TO BE ABUSED

- ~small preemies
- ~handicapped and/or retarded children
- ~unwanted children
- ~child with "will of own" - inquisitive, demanding

NEGLECT

- ~Obvious malnutrition
- ~Lack of personal cleanliness
- ~Obvious fatigue & listlessness
- ~Habitually dressed in torn and/or dirty clothes
- ~Begs for or steals food
- ~Unattended for long periods of time
- ~Frequently absent or late to school
- ~Body and hair dirty, offensive body odor
- ~Needs glasses, dental care, medical attention
- ~3- 4 standard deviation below normal height/weight

PHYSICAL ABUSE

- ~Frequent injuries such as bruises, cuts, black eyes, or burns, especially when the child cannot explain the cause
- ~Burns or bruises in an unusual pattern which may indicate the use of an instrument or a human bite-cigarette burns on the face arms or palms
- ~Frequent complaints of pain without obvious injury
- ~Complaints of beatings or other harsh treatment
- ~Injuries that appear after child isn't seen for several days
- ~Frequent absence or tardiness without reasonable explanation
- ~Wears unseasonable clothes
- ~Reluctance to sit down; cannot hold a pencil
- ~Lack of reaction to pain adequately
- ~Fear of going home or seeing parent
- ~Evidence of poor self concept
- ~Chronic runaway

SEXUAL ABUSE

- ~Pregnancy in young girl
- ~Difficulty in sitting or walking
- ~Reports sexual assault
- ~Knowledgeable about sexual relations
- ~Suicide attempts
- ~Poor peer relationships
- ~Physical signs of sexually transmitted disease
- ~Extreme fear of being alone with member of the opposite sex
- ~Engages in sexually suggestive or promiscuous behavior
- ~Complaints of pain / itching in genital area or evidence of trauma in genital area
- ~Drawing/writings may have strong, often bizarre sexual theme
- ~Unusual odors around genital area

EMOTIONAL ABUSE

- ~Speech disorders
- ~Conduct/habit disorders
- ~Developmental lags
- ~Delinquent behavior
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Saints' Roost Museum
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NOTICE OF COMMUNITY SURVEY

The City of Clarendon, with assistance from the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, will be conducting a door-to-door survey in the early evening hours of the week of August 6, 2012. The survey is necessary in order for the City to apply for a Community Development Block Grant for future water projects. The Community Development Block Grant program is intended to serve primarily low to moderate income families in rural communities. This survey must be conducted in order to attain the information necessary to describe the population who would benefit from the City's proposed water system improvement project.

If you have any questions about this upcoming survey, please call City Hall at (806) 874-3438. Questions to be asked on the survey include:
1) number of persons living in unit
2) number of families living in unit
3) income levels
You do not need to identify yourself by name on the form. Only the address is required. Representatives of PRPC will compile the results of the survey. 31-1tc

THE CITY OF CLARENDON is accepting proposals for Health Insurance to cover employees from November 1, 2012 - October 31, 2013. Bids will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. September 11, 2012. Proposals will be reviewed at a regular Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. September 11, 2012. The Council reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. To request complete specifications, contact Machiel Covey, City Secretary, P.O. Box 1089, Clarendon, TX 79226, or call 806-874-3438. 31-1tc

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO PROPOSERS
Notice is hereby given that the City of Clarendon, Texas is seeking sealed proposals for:
"PROFESSIONAL AUDIT SERVICES"
A detailed Request for Proposals (RFP) may be obtained from Lambert Little, City Administrator at 119 S. Sully Street, Clarendon, Texas. Proposals will be accepted until 5:00 pm on August 13, 2012, at City Hall in Clarendon. For additional information, contact Lambert Little, City Administrator at 119 S. Sully Street, Clarendon, Texas, 79226, 806.874.3438, or cityadmin@cityofclarendontx.com. 31-1tc

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Sheriff's Report

July 23, 2012

5:58 p.m. - See compliant 200 block South Carhart
 6:27 p.m. - Units paged for mutual aid for fire in Armstrong County
 8:30 p.m. - Civil standby 200 block South Carhart
 9:53 p.m. - EMS assist at 3rd and Koogle

July 24, 2012

3:37 a.m. - Report of broken down vehicle at I-40 & 70 vehicle partly on road
 5:53 a.m. - Giving subject ride to Best Western
 8:25 a.m. - Loose livestock HWY 70 & Co Rd T
 10:03 a.m. - EMS assist 300 block Angel Street Howardwick
 3:19 p.m. - EMS assist 800 block South Kearney
 5:27 p.m. - Report of fight on Bailey Street in Hedley
 5:50 p.m. - EMS assist 400 block South McLean
 6:23 p.m. - EMS assist 200 block East 4th
 11:06 p.m. - EMS assist 500 block West 4th

July 25, 2012

9:26 a.m. - EMS assist 200 block

East 4th
 12:10 p.m. - Report of man on side of road at I-40 & 70
 2:18 p.m. - At Courthouse
 2:55 p.m. - EMS assist 400 block South McLean

July 26, 2012

12:09 a.m. - Units paged for fire Hwy 273
 9:42 a.m. - Loose livestock HWY 70 S.
 10:21 a.m. - Out at Courthouse
 1:56 p.m. - Units paged for grassfire HWY 273

July 27, 2012

1:29 a.m. - Welfare check 13300 block FM 2471
 10:27 a.m. - EMS assist Medical Center Nursing Home
 10:38 a.m. - Minor accident Co Rd X

July 28, 2012

1:22 a.m. - EMS assist 800 block South Allen
 5:45 a.m. - See complaint 100 block Billy Drive
 10:58 a.m. - EMS assist 300 block
 11:08 p.m. - To jail with 1 in custody

July 29, 2012

3:17 a.m. - Report of fire crackers East of jail
 1:38 p.m. - EMS assist to Medical Center Nursing Home
 8:12 p.m. - To jail with 1 in custody



The Donley County Retired School Personnel Association met Monday, July 23, for its monthly meeting. President Freddie Jo Moreman (pictured on the right) presented the following awards: Volunteer Service Award to Allene Leathers (pictured on left); Health Care Award to Renee Duncan (pictured in center); and the Twenty-First Century Award to Gayle Hankins. Our local unit also received the Outstanding Recognition of Achievement Award. All Donley County retired school personnel are encouraged to join this organization. Besides promoting community service and physical fitness during retirement years, the organization keeps its members informed about legislative issues as well as other issues affecting retired school personnel. For more information, contact our local chapter's president, Freddie Jo Moreman.



Ferrol Shelton and his grandson, Ethan Roucloux (pictured), were busy last week painting and making repairs to the historic Ben Chamberlain House in Clarendon. The house was a Sears & Roebuck kit house that came in on the railroad and was assembled in 1898 at Fourth and Ellerbe. Among the repairs made to the house was the re-pointing of mortar joints on the home's chimneys.

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Four members of the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department attended fire school in College Station July 23-27. Fu Benavidez served as a rescue instructor at the school. Jason Messer and Joe Hall, Jr., attended Firefighting II, and Ryan Hill attended Firefighting III.

Chaparral Sams met in Amarillo

The Chaparral Sams Chapter of the Good Sams International Club met July 20, 21 and 22 at Fort Amarillo RV Park.

Host/hostesses were Ken and Doris Eden, Wayne and Marilyn Cope, and Bill and Ruth Hudson.

The members enjoyed the Kwahadi Museum, a Mexican buffet, and a colorful pageant of song and dance of the Southwest Friday evening.

Saturday morning members toured the Jack Sisemore Traveland RV Museum. Their tour included 25 years of an unusual vintage collection of recreational vehicles. The Standard Oil Company gasoline station front is patterned after the front of the Neeley Income Tax Office building at Quail.

President Tom Etheredge called the business meeting to order Saturday morning. Cary Don Neeley gave the opening prayer. Officers presented their reports including Virginia Ehteredge, treasurer; Joann Meyer, secretary; Pam Neeley, Sunshine Lady; and Cary Don Neeley, Chaplain, gave reports. President Etheredge appointed the 2013 officer nomination committee: Dan Henard, Marilyn Cope, Beverly Logsdon, Jay Teague, and Rudie Tate.

The noon buffet styled luncheon was enjoyed by those attending.

The following members attended: Tom and Virginia Etheredge and grandson, Zach Etheredge; Jay and Verna Teague, Cary Don and Pam Neeley, Larry and Eva Reich, George and Marilee Self, George and Vickie Porter, Edwin and Joann Meyer, Dan and Shirley Henard and grandson, Cameron Mitchell, Kenneth and Yvonne Ellis, and the host couples, Bill and Ruth Hudson, Wayne and Marilyn Cope, Ken and Doris Eden.

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JESUS DIDN'T SUPPORT SOCIALISM

In the past, I've tried to show the Bible's stance on work and wealth. Despite what many try to teach, wealth is not bad or evil. If it was evil, why did God make Solomon the richest man on earth (1Kings 3:13)? In the Bible, it clearly shows there are ways approved by God to attain money. Work is one way of course. One could inherit wealth or be given a gift. And, if one were in a desperate situation, a person could receive charity from others. Ephesians 4 explains that is one reason we work: (Ephesians 4:28) "Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need."

I had a visitor at the church building, July 24th. He was from Idaho and demanded that the church put him up for the night as he was traveling to get work in the oil fields, or so he said. He was clearly drunk and very belligerent. He and others I've dealt with seem to think they are owed something for nothing. He cursed me and said he should've stayed up north as the people in the south were clearly hard-hearted. He was wrong to do this but after 40 or 50 years of making people believe that everyone owes them something, he has been indoctrinated in socialism.

Studies that I have read, and I guess different studies might show a slight variation of statistics, show that we went from a nation 50 years ago of 6% of the population needing charity or a helping hand to now 35%. What happened in our culture that we have 1 in 3 people who are receiving unearned monies? I'm not speaking of our Social Security recipients either. I think well intentioned (some) people wanted to be helpful to others. The problem with that is, these well-intentioned folks decided to take from others to be charitable. That isn't charity. It didn't help either, this "war on poverty." It made a large class of people slaves or worshippers of the Federal Government instead of God.

People are now indoctrinated into thinking that those who are rich must have taken something that would have been their own. They are taught that if money was taken from others and "redistributed" to everyone, this would be fair and right. That is the most sinful and wrong way to attain wealth or money. Satan has done a good job in getting people to believe that garbage! How can you "redistribute" something that never was in the hands of others? A fellow sitting on his porch all day drinking 40 ounce containers of malt liquor and has a career of making women pregnant while never taking care of the offspring, why should he be given something someone else worked for? This type of fellow never works or doesn't hold a job for very long. What right does he have to take from others?

Please don't fool yourself into believing that because we can vote for people who will take from those who work and give to those who won't, that it's right. It's basically organized crime. A woman who continues to bear children she can't support and continues to draw "free" money is sinning. I begin to wonder why any of us work anymore. I had an uncle who married a woman that worked before marriage. After marriage, he found out she wasn't what she seemed. She quit her job right after marriage and sat and watched t.v. all day. She wouldn't cook, clean or do anything to contribute to the new household. He begged her to go back to work as he couldn't pay all of their bills with just his income. He quit his job and began to sit home with her. She packed up and left, and he went back to work in construction. There's an idea for all of us I guess....

The Bible preaches compassion and mercy and charity. But, you can't count it as charity when you take it from one and give it to another. It comes from us individually. You've heard the expression, a "free will offering" haven't you? That is the idea from the Bible. Charity is from one person's heart to someone in NEED.

As November draws closer, I pray that all would reassess their positions of what government is for. It is not a god. Others do not owe anyone else a living. There is dignity in work. It is sinful to be a leech and it is sinful to enable them. We do not help those that we support when they could do it on their own, physically or spiritually. Remember, Jesus was not a socialist and taught against it. A Christian (one who wears Christ's name) can't support socialism either.

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