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

County approves new precinct lines

Donley County Commissioners gave final approval to new voting precinct lines during a called session Monday morning, July 25.

County Judge Jack Hall said the new lines affect about 20 people living in Precincts 1 and 2 and 50 people living in Precincts 3 and 4.

Hall said the law requires precinct lines to be redrawn if there is shift in populations of more than 10 and that Donley County had a shift of about 11.5 percent.

All the affected voters live in the City of Clarendon. Maps of the new precinct boundaries are available for viewing in the commissioners' courtroom in the Courthouse.

In other county business this week, commissioners approved a mileage rate of 51¢ per mile, accepted the 2011-2012 health insurance proposal with a premium increase of four percent, and approved a \$500 sponsorship for the Col. Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff.

Class 4 Winds hosting luncheon

In an effort to educate the public on a broad range of issues related to wind energy development, Class 4 Winds & Renewables is holding a networking luncheon Thursday, July 28, that will cover various topics regarding renewable energy in the Southeast Texas Panhandle.

The luncheon will take place from 12 to 1:15 p.m. at the Bairfield Activity Center.

Representatives from the following organizations will deliver presentations:

This luncheon will be the next in an ongoing series of educational functions to be offered by Class 4 Winds. For registration information log on to www.class4winds.org or call Executive Director, AJ Swope at 223-5948.

State plans three shot clinics here

The Texas Department of State Health Services will hold three Immunization Clinics in Clarendon this month on August 4, 11, and 18.

Clinics will be held at the TDSHS office at Five Medical Drive and the hours will be from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. with the first ten clients each time being seen.

Parenting workshop to be held in August

Services-To-At-Risk Youth & Their Families (S.T.A.R.) will hold a "Back in Control" Parenting Workshop on Saturday, August 27, 2011, from 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the TPC Children's Services Building at 1500 S. Taylor Street in Amarillo.

There is no charge for this workshop, but seating is limited and pre-registration is required. No childcare is provided.

To pre-register, call 359-2005.

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Splish splash!

Two-year-old Cambree Smith and five-year-old Graci Smith run through the water in front of their house in Clarendon Monday afternoon. The girls were among many kids seen playing outside when the city received 0.1" of rain, temporarily lowering temperatures. So far this year, 49 days have had highs recorded at 100° or more.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ROGER ESTLACK

Hedley Post Office not well utilized, official says

By Roger Estlack, Clarendon Enterprise

The Hedley Post Office may not be utilized well enough to justify keeping it open, a postal official told citizens there last Wednesday.

"The traffic and revenue just aren't there," said Ernest Jones, a regional manager for the US Postal Service, speaking at a town hall meeting at the Hedley Baptist Church.

The Hedley Post Office is about 80 percent underutilized, Jones said.

"I'm paying a guy for eight hours and he's only got two hours worth of work."

The fact that the office doesn't currently have a postmaster also makes it easier to close, Jones said.

But Jones also told the crowd of about 60 that closing the Hedley

office was not a done deal.

"There are 56 steps to close a post office, and we're on step three," he said, noting that citizen input was important. "You're here because you care. I had a meeting like this in another town, and no one showed up. That was an easy decision, and the post office was closed."

Jones began with an overview of the financial condition of the US Postal Service which is hemorrhaging billions of dollars each year. By congressional order, USPS has overpaid \$70 billion into its pension plan and continues to be required to make payments to that fund annually. Congress has not provided relief from that requirement and will not refund the overpaid money to the post office.

The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses,

and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.

"The post office is in the survival game," Jones said. "Thirty years ago we handled 240 billion pieces of mail a year; now it's 170 billion. We've consolidated districts, and fired upper level management positions. I don't even know if I'll have a job next month."

Following up on Jones' comment, one Hedley citizen, John Leggit, said the postal service's problem is bigger than Hedley.

"This is a monumental problem," Leggit said. "Hedley is not the problem. Leave us alone until the government can fix the problem."

And several people at last week's meeting asked Jones why Hedley was being considered for closure when other smaller post

offices were still open. Jones replied that those offices, including Lakeview and Quail, are being considered as are about 50 other post offices in his service area from south of Amarillo to down around San Angelo.

In a press release this week, the USPS announced that it is considering closing about 3,700 retail offices nationwide.

"As more customers choose to conduct their postal business online, on their smart phones and at their favorite shopping destinations," the press release said, "the need for the U.S. Postal Service to maintain its nearly 32,000 retail offices — the largest retail network in the country — diminishes."

If the post office in Hedley is closed, Jones said customers there could get their mail delivered to

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Greenbelt nearing Stage 4

By Roger Estlack, Clarendon Enterprise

Greenbelt Water Authority General Manager Bobbie Kidd told citizens at Hedley that conservation measures are helping, but Greenbelt Lake is still nearing the next trigger in its drought contingency plan.

"These restrictions are starting to make a difference," Kidd said at a called meeting of the Hedley Board of Aldermen last Friday. "We're seeing reductions in the systems we serve. We'll be down to one raw water pump tonight. That's about three million gallons, and that's unheard of this time of year."

However, the lake is just within inches of reaching Stage 4 of the drought plan. On Monday morning the Greenbelt was at a depth of 48.39 feet. The trigger for Stage 4 is 48.0 feet, and Kidd said he believes that will be hit between the first and middle of August.

Cities served by Greenbelt have been asked to implement their drought plans and achieve a 30 percent reduction in consumption. Hedley and at least two other cities have implemented mandatory restrictions.

Clarendon's restrictions were still voluntary as the ENTERPRISE went to press Tuesday afternoon, but city leaders here were preparing to hold a public hearing on the matter Tuesday night and take action in a called meeting that was to follow.

If Greenbelt reaches Stage 4, cities will be allotted a certain amount of water per month based on a five-year average. If a city exceeds their allotment, Greenbelt can financially penalize that municipality.

Kidd said if the allotments and penalties were in place for June, for example, Clarendon could have been penalized about \$30,000 based on its usage for the month.

"Hopefully, we won't have to do that," Kidd said.

Kidd said people have to learn to conserve and that hopefully some of those practices — like not watering during the heat of the day — will stick with people even after conditions

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Polman pleads to charges

A Howardwick man charged with abusing an elderly woman was one of several people who were sentenced when the district court met in Clarendon July 13.

Richard Polman was placed on probation for a period of ten years for the third degree felony offense of injury to an elderly individual. Polman pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication for the offense.

Polman, 56-year-old resident of Howardwick, was arrested by Donley County Deputy Jay Longan in Donley County for the offense that occurred on May 8, 2011, and was later indicted by a Donley County Grand Jury on June 29, 2011.

"Deputy Longan did an excellent job investigation on a very untypical case," said Inman. "It's important to have experienced law enforcement working serious cases and Sheriff Blackburn does an excellent job with his staff."

Polman was arrested on May 10 following an investigation by the Donley County Sheriff's Office, which had been contacted by medical officials after an ambulance was dispatched to a residence on Nocona Drive. The sheriff's office said the investigation revealed a 91-year-old

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Flare up

Clarendon Vounteer Firemen were called to this fire north of the Greenbelt Water Authority Filter Plant on SH 70 Monday afternoon after an over-sized load clipped a power line and broke a utility pole. Department of Public Safety Trooper Chad Simpson said the driver of the truck, a man from Canada, has not been issued a citation because he had a legal permit to travel that highway with the size load he was hauling. An investigation continues, Simpson said.

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A free speech challenge for today's parents

By Dr. Joseph J. Horton

Should a 13-year-old be able to purchase a school-shooting simulator without parents' knowledge or consent?

The Supreme Court says that freedom of speech requires that 13-year-olds have that opportunity. In a 7-2 decision, the court struck down a California law barring the sale of graphically violent video games to people under 18.

I have not seen legal minds commenting on what seem (to me) to be obvious consequences of this decision. If the First Amendment requires that minors be able to purchase graphically violent video games, does this mean minors may attend R-rated movies without an adult or purchase pornography? We have longstanding traditions and laws which regulate the speech to which minors may be exposed without the consent of their parents.

The research on the effects of violent video games shows that parents and society have reason to be concerned. Today, we are not talking about the games from my youth like Space Invaders or games that involved a cartoon-like image of a person falling over. We are talking about games with graphic, movie-quality images of death and dismemberment. Unlike a movie, however, which is viewed passively, game players are actively causing the scenes which unfold before them.

Yes, video games are pretend. Of course, they are. Even young teenagers who play the games know they are pretend. Yet, even passively viewing pretend images affects the way people think. Television commercials are pretend. We all know they are pretend. The reason some of the most successful businesses in the world advertise—even paying over \$2,000,000 for a 30-second Super Bowl spot—is not to generously provide free television for us; it is because they have data showing that advertising changes consumers' attitudes and behavior. Active participation, like playing a video game, changes attitudes and behavior more efficiently than passively watching TV.

Will most kids who play games that simulate school shootings live out the roles they are playing? Will most kids who play Grand Theft Auto steal cars? No. Very few kids who play violent video games will perform those acts in real life. The changes most kids will experience as a result of playing violent video games are more subtle than mass murder, but are still quite measurable.

For example, greater exposure to violent media desensitizes people to the effects of violence and aggression. What would have been abhorrent, or should be, becomes not so bad or perhaps even funny. Violent video games cause users to think more violent thoughts. Typical behavioral effects from these changes in thinking might range from not being appropriately moved by images of real human suffering to being more argumentative and disrespectful.

Space does not allow for a full consideration of the effects of using violent video games. I spend an entire class period in my course on child development discussing violent media. Among the well-established effects is that users of violent media are more likely to believe that crime victims deserved their fate. In addition, users of violent media have a distorted view of the world, believing life to be significantly less safe than it is.

It is true that people who are prone to aggressive-ness are more likely to use violent media. It is also true that people who use violent media become more aggressive. None of us want to believe that we will acquire a taste for the distasteful, but if we consume enough of what began as distasteful, it becomes satisfying.

Make no mistake about it; video games can be a great use of free time. Research shows that kids who play video games develop better spatial skills and hand-eye coordination. They are also just plain fun. Yet the benefits of video games do not require gruesome images.

We endure a lot of ugliness to protect our right to free speech. Like Justices Clarence Thomas and Steven Breyer, I do not believe that restricting the sale of violent video games to people 18 and older would have strained the First Amendment. With or without laws that require adult involvement for kids to have questionable material, parents must be parents. Laws are no substitute for parental monitoring. While I find the Court's decision disappointing, it highlights the need for parents to be proactive and willing to make tough decisions.

Dr. Joseph J. Horton is professor of psychology at Grove City College and a researcher with The Center for Vision & Values.



Texas boasts underground wonders

The Natural Bridge Caverns take "deep in the heart of Texas Hill Country" to a whole new meaning. With depths reaching 260 feet underground, it is Texas' largest-known cavern and consistently ranks as one of the state's top tourist destinations. Discovered in 1960 by students at St. Mary's University, the cavern, located just west of New Braunfels, has delighted visitors for decades with lantern-led tours, archaeological gems, and natural formations like "soda straw" stalactites occurring along hidden passages.

Originally thought to consist of only a modest-sized cave under a 60-foot naturally occurring limestone bridge, it wasn't until four students with St. Mary's spelunking club took a routine caving expedition to the next level that the massive chambers of the cavern were discovered.

On March 27, 1960, students Orion Knox, Al Brandt, Preston Knodell and Jo Cantu decided to split off from the rest of their group, who were exploring the original cave of the Natural Bridge Caverns. Having visited the cave three times prior, the group of four was curious to see if there was anything more to

the cave.

As the smallest member of the group, Knox, then 19, made his way through a tight crawlspace with a rock hammer and a carbide lamp. When he emerged on the other side, he was welcomed by a great expanse of darkness. He called back to the group, "Hey, we have may have something here."

That "something" was the largest underground cavern in Texas, and it would take the relentless efforts of the landowner, rancher and widow Clara Wuest, to bring its development to fruition.

By completion, they had excavated a half-mile route into the cavern, complete with paths and tunnels for visitors to navigate. Wuest opened the cavern to the public in 1964, and tourists began flocking to the attraction, giving a significant boost to the early years of Texas' tourism industry. In 1971, the Natural



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by sen. john carryn

Bridge Caverns were listed as a registered U.S. natural landmark.

First discovered by student explorers, today the cavern aptly remains a principal site of study. The Center of Archaeological Research at the University of Texas at San Antonio has been involved in the excavation of the landmark, and the cavern has provided students with an enlightening, hands-on dimension to their geological studies throughout the years.

Certainly for visitors of any age, the cavern provides an exciting learning experience. The Lantern Tour recreates the ambience of a dauntless exploratory expedition to the delight of its young patrons. Chalkboard drawings and lessons are replaced with palpable wonders such as stalagmites, stalactites and cave ribbons.

The Natural Bridge Caverns' beauty dazzles observers and captivates photographers.

Whether it's a classroom field trip, a summer daytrip, or scratching an itch for adventure, a visit to the Natural Bridge Caverns will not disappoint. To learn more, visit www.naturalbridgecaverns.com.



Time for posturing on debt is over

Weeks of increasingly contentious debate over the looming debt ceiling deadline have brought Congress and the White House to deadlock. Congressional Republicans believe that unprecedented levels of federal spending should be reduced to move from this year's \$1.4 trillion deficit to a balanced federal budget. The President and Congressional Democrats insist that higher taxes are needed to make current government spending levels permanent.

The House of Representatives recently approved the "Cut, Cap, and Balance" bill to make needed cuts in federal spending and lock in a balanced budget permanently. I strongly support and voted for this legislation when it came before the Senate. Unfortunately, the Democrat majority in the Senate voted it down — bolstered by President Obama's promise to veto the legislation if it reached his desk.

Some positive proposals emerged recently from a bipartisan group of U.S. Senators known as the "Gang of 6." The "Gang of 6" released a six-page deficit reduction plan that has pieces that could contribute to a solution and avoid the disastrous consequences of a U.S. default on its \$14.3 trillion accumulated debt.

The "Gang of 6" proposal lacks many important details that would need to be added for Congress to take action. But it outlines a combination of provisions that could be the basis for achieving the goal of a balanced budget:

deep spending cuts, entitlement program reform, and a pro-growth overhaul of the U.S. tax code. The plan's tax provisions include lower individual income tax rates for all taxpayers and repealing the Alternative Minimum Tax that will force taxes higher for 30 million people this year.

Balancing the federal budget and halting our \$14.3 national debt are the crucial issues upon which hinges both the short and long-term fate of our economy. Uncertainty about job-killing taxes and the looming Obama Health Care reform along with unsustainable federal deficits are causing our businesses to delay hiring. Economic recovery and America's future security and prosperity will ultimately be determined by our ability to focus and deliver on deficit reduction and pro-growth tax policies.

Among the many problems that will arise if America stays on its current path of reckless, unstable deficit spending is that the longer we delay, the closer we come to risking the loss of our triple "A" credit rating. Why does that matter?

In addition to destabilizing financial markets, interest rates for all types of borrowing would rise, including mortgages, credit cards, and new busi-

ness borrowing for job creation. A U.S. default on its debt would, for the first time ever, call into question the stability of the U.S. dollar. In addition to global financial disruption, prices for virtually all of the goods and services we import — starting with the already high price of gasoline — could skyrocket. And the interest rate on trillions of accumulated government debt would rise, too, making an already dire fiscal situation worse.

There is still time to avert these possible consequences, and ensure our country's long-range economic and national security. But there is no time to lose. Unless the debt ceiling crisis is resolved with a sound plan to cut spending and get to a balanced budget, serious problems will start sometime next month.

We can't compromise on important principles. But it won't be easy to reach agreement between the Democrats in control of the White House and the Senate, and Republicans in control of the House.

The "Gang of 6" plan has major concepts to both upholding our principles and break the deadlock. Elements of the Cut, Cap, and Balance plan also should be part of a plan. But the time for posturing is over. We in Congress must roll up our sleeves and do the job we were elected to do: put our country's financial affairs in order, keep the government's hands out of our pocketbooks, and ensure economic opportunity for all Americans.



capitol
comment
by sen. ken bailey hutchison

Reader wants Obama out in 2012

I just tried to listen to President Obama, who was talking about the current debt crisis. It made me sick, so I walked out of the room after about three minutes.

He started out as usual placing the blame on the past administration and went on to then blaming the oil companies and high income people. He does not admit that his Obama medical plan is a big reason companies are not hiring and the unemployment statistics are going up not down. This after he has been in control over two and a half years.

Read the news about what is going on in Canada with their medical problems, we are heading the same way.

Fortunately, people in this part of Texas know what the solution to our problem is. He is the leader who has increased the total debt of our nation over 3 trillion the past two years.

Let's vote him out of office in November of 2012.

Tom Stauder

Kudos to Pathfinder Club history series

I can't begin to tell you how much I'm enjoying reading Jo Shaller's articles regarding the Pathfinders' Club. And the mention of "Little Billy Lowe" last week was priceless!

Both my grandmothers (Lilac Lowe

and Jennie Dale Porter) were Pathfinder members, as was my mom.

Thanks to Mrs. Shaller for great articles!

Cindy Lowe Barnett

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improve.

For the long term, Greenbelt has engineers studying the future of the area's water supply, and results of that study will be completed in October. But in the meantime, people are being asked to save water any way they can.

"From Greenbelt's standpoint, we certainly appreciate everything anyone does," Kidd said.

Hedley aldermen will meet again on August 4 at 7 p.m. to review its Stage 4 plan, which calls for a 40 percent reduction in water use.

Hedley's Stage 3 mandatory restrictions are as follows:

Outside watering utilizing sprinklers or irrigation systems will only be allowed on Monday and Thursday. However, no watering will be allowed between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Hand watering only will be allowed on Sundays.

No washing of vehicles, boats, RV's or driveways is allowed.

Customers with livestock tubs must maintain the float systems in good repair to alleviate any overflow.

Swimming pools must be maintained to reduce evaporation and water loss due to flushing.

All commercial and other known high water users are asked to reduce usage and prevent waste.

Watch for leaks and notify personnel at Hedley City Hall immediately if one is found.

Violators will be given one verbal warning. After the warning has been given a fine of \$50 will be charged to your water bill every time you are caught violating the rules.

Any mandatory water restrictions implemented in Clarendon will be posted on ClarendonLive.com following this week's city meeting.

Post Office: Continued from page one.

them by carriers from either Memphis or Clarendon either at their homes or in boxes at a central location, possibly in front of what is now the post office.

Another solution Jones offered is a new concept called a village post office.

The USPS says village post offices would be operated by local businesses, such as pharmacies, grocery stores and other appropriate retailers, and would offer popular postal products and services such as stamps and flat-rate packaging.

Jones said the details village post offices are still being worked out, but he urged Hedley to consider it as a solution.

"Today, more than 35 percent of the Postal Service's retail revenue comes from expanded access locations such as grocery stores, drug

stores, office supply stores, retail chains, self-service kiosks, ATMs and usps.com, open 24/7," said Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe in this week's press release. "Our customer's habits have made it clear that they no longer require a physical post office to conduct most of their postal business."

"The Postal Service of the future will be smaller, leaner and more competitive and it will continue to drive commerce, serve communities and deliver value," Donahoe added.

A community survey and Jones' report on the Hedley Post Office will now be submitted to the district office and begin making its way up the chain of command. Jones said the future of the office will not be known for 18 to 21 months.

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Fri	22	105°	77°	-
Sat	23	103°	76°	-
Sun	24	102°	75°	-

Total precipitation this month: .277
Total precipitation to date: 1.62

weekend forecast

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Partly Cloudy
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Partly Cloudy
101°/72°

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July 28

Class 4 Winds Luncheon • Bairfield Activity Center • Noon

Texas Food Handlers' Certification • Donley County Activity Center • 3 p.m.

July 31 - August 5

First Assembly of God Camp Meeting • 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

August 1

Bronco two-a-days begin

August 22

Hedley and Clarendon Schools begin classes

August 27

Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department Benefit • Donley County Activity Center • 6 p.m.

September 5

Labor Day

September 16

CHS Homecoming

September 24

Col. Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff

November 4

Lions Pancake Supper

Menus

August 1 - 5 Donley County Senior Citizens

Mon: Sliced ham, butter beans, fruit salad, cookies, cornbread.
Tue: Sloppy Joe, sweet potato fries, tossed salad, butterscotch pudding.
Wed: Spaghetti, meat sauce, green beans, cucumber salad, banana bread, garlic toast.
Thu: King ranch chicken, turnip greens, cantaloupe slices, chips, salsa.
Fri: Lasagna, tossed salad, applesauce, peanut butter cookies, garlic toast.

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Chicken salad sandwich, French fries, watermelon, brownie, sliced bread.
Tue: Roast pork loin, mashed potatoes & gravy, steamed broccoli, tossed salad, lemon pie, roll.
Wed: Steak & gravy, baked potato, Harvard beets, cantaloupe, strawberry shortcake, roll.
Thu: Cheeseburger, tater tots, lettuce, tomato, onion, fruit, cookies, bun.
Fri: Catfish, onion rings, green beans, Cole slaw, angel cake & strawberries, corn bread.

Students need host families

American Cultural Exchange Services (ACES) a small dedicated nonprofit educational exchange organization, is looking for families to host exchange students for the coming 2011-2012 academic school year.

Students who will arrive in August just before the start of the school year are carefully screened, speak English, are covered by medical insurance, and have their own spending monies.

For further information about specific exchange students please contact Kevin Foster, the ACES coordinator in your area at 1-806-352-4214 or the ACES National Office at 1-800-661-ACES (2237) or www.ExploreTheWorld.org.

Hometown Mission

By Ashlyn Tubbs, Clarendon Enterprise



Christ Kids volunteer Cheryl Koetting (right) with Christina Oliver and Jamal Butler. The ministry has served 3,348 meals this summer as of Tuesday.

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Christ Kids delivers 500 meals to local children in need weekly

Running from their doorsteps, smiling children rush to receive their bag lunches from volunteers assisting with the Christ Kids Summer Lunch Program.

Lunch deliverer Janet Carter said this is why the program is so rewarding, and what keeps volunteers gathering at the Clarendon Body of Christ Church Monday through Friday to make, assemble and deliver 500 meals a week to children in need.

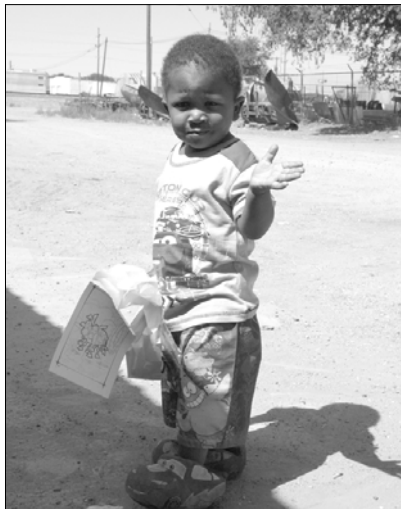
"The kids of our community are extremely appreciative along with their parents for the help this program gives them," Carter said. "Those of us who help prepare and deliver the lunches receive so much more in return."

The program began the first day of summer and will stop when school begins. Last June, the program delivered 2,008 meals to children.

Program workers include Laura Paul, cook; Janet Carter, deliverer; Bobby Ellerbrook, deliverer; and Chrischell Bento, assembler. Other volunteers come from the Assembly of God, First Baptist Church, First United Methodist Church, and St. Stephen's Baptist Church. The Agape Christian Church, Assembly of God, Presbyterian Church and many individuals have donated to the program.

If you would like to volunteer with the Christ Kids Summer Lunch Program, visit the Body of Christ Church, located on 5th and McClelland at 9:30 a.m. on Monday – Friday. To make a donation, contact Janet Carter at 806-874-2007.

"Anyone who would like to share in this blessing is welcome," Carter said. "The program can always use more hands, feet, donations, and prayers."



Jaylen Butler is one of more than 100 local kids who are served by the Christ Kids ministry.

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Lack of rain hurting wildlife, plantlife, and ag producers

Still no rain with triple digit heat. This is the hottest, driest year on record.

We water enough to keep the grass alive, and flowers in pots are doing well, but shrubs are dying and leaves on well established trees are showing signs of stress.

If you have made the trip from Memphis to Hollis and Altus, Okla., normally cotton is beautiful but this year but now the fields are bare. A select few are irrigated and appear to

possibly make a crop, but, folks, the situation is bad for our farmers and ranchers.

Ole Jim took a ride around Lake Greenbelt; and if you want to understand the critical situation, do the same. You will see foundations of buildings rising from the mud and someone with long legs could walk across the lake.

Trees are dying, and birds and other wildlife are fighting for survival. The Country Club is drill-

ing for water on the golf course. Public service ads from Amarillo say "every drop counts," and that includes Donley county, conserve, conserve, conserve.

The First Baptist church is

having metal siding put on, and it is looking good. Way to go, folks!

Our government bodies in Washington are still fighting over the budget, raising taxes, threatening, and using scare tactics. I wonder how did we get to this? What would Washington and Jefferson say about the actions of our so called leaders? I know what they would say, people, wake up and throw them all out. What I say is, it is a lose-lose situation, and I am sad.



'wick picks
by *pegy cockerham*
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Pathfinders leave their mark on Clarendon

September 1939 saw some German initiated invasions, but that was way over in Europe, and we were all safe and secure in Clarendon, Texas, weren't we. The Pathfinders' October 25, 1940 program was titled "Hawaii – International Good Will – A Land of Promise and Delicious Memories. Obviously we were yet to hear of pearl Harbor. Our guest speaker on October 9, 1942 was Mr. Wes Izzard. His quote on the day was: "The careful readers of a few good newspapers can learn more in a year than most scholars do in their great libraries." By that time Clarendon people were carefully reading newspapers for reports of "the war" and Europe didn't seem so far away.

On April 28, 1944, Pathfinders had an official recognition of

the world's military events as Lena Antobus discussed "The Bright Side of a Soldier's Life" and Mrs. W. H. Patrick compared "The Soldiers of WWI and WWII". The new organization, the United Nations, was the subject of programs in 1947 and 1948.

Our members of that decade reflect Clarendon history. Lena Antobus had given birth in 1881 to the first white girl born in the new town of Clarendon. Minnie Drennan was the only fatality of the tornado that broadsided Clarendon in June of 1941. Allie Patman was the wife of the sheriff at the last legal hanging in Clarendon.

Thelma Bairfield and her husband were philanthropists whose name graces the Clarendon College Activity Building. The City Library

was named after Gabie Betts Burton.

Julia Beth, Mrs. T.H. Willis, Mrs. J.W. Evans, Pearl Goldston, Mollie Gray, Julia Jenkins, and Gurrice Stewarts were doctor's wives. Rev. W. Warren Fry and Rev. E.D. Landreth's wives were Pathfinders. Lula King and Jennie Dale Porter were married to judges. Edna Bourland, Cora Elliott, Lena Morris, Vera and Beulah McMurtry, Thelma Bairfield, Mabel Mongole, Mildred Ritter, Mrs. C.D. McDowell, and Charlotte Word were in the farming and ranching business.

Members teaching in the CISD system included Miss Maurice Berry, Clara Burton, Evadne Cox, Chloe Darden, Minnie Drennan, Maugarite Goodner, Madge Hall, Mary Margarite House, Anne Kennedy, Mrs. O.D. Lowry, Nova

Mears, Mary Rathjen, Edith Shelton, and Annie Thomas.

Wives of local businessmen (do you remember which businesses they ran?) were Mildred Allmond, Lena Antobus, Terra Bass, Mrs. U.J. Boston, Mrs. Jack Brooks, Ellen Bryan, Eunice Buntin, June Cook, Mrs. Ed Dishman, Allene Estlack, Glenn Greene, Mrs. Frank Heath, Eva Holland, June Palmer, Mrs. Ruby Patrick, Jackie Phelps, Jackie and Madeline Slavin, Velma Thompson, Florence Trent, and Mrs. Florence Trent.

Our civic organization and entire country survived that European unpleasantness of the mid 1940s and got on with our lives glad to be out of the Great Depression and looking forward to what the 1950s had for us.

CHS gearing up for 2011 football

By Sandy Anderberg

Head coach Gary Jack has announced that all football equipment will be issued to high school football players, freshmen through seniors, on Saturday, July 30, at 9:00 a.m. in the field house.

Football practice will begin Monday, August 1, at 7:30 a.m. at Bronco Stadium. The morning session will run until approximately 12:30 p.m. with an hour break in the middle. All athletes are expected to be on time for practice with a good, short haircut and be clean shaven. All Broncos are also expected to be at all practices and team meetings.

All high school cross-country athletes, both boys and girls, are expected to be at the gym Monday, August 1, at 7:00 a.m. for practice. All Lady Broncos wanting to play basketball are encouraged to attend cross-country practices. All athletes will get their paperwork on August 1 at the gym.

All seventh, ninth, and eleventh grade athletes are required to have an athletic physical before practicing. You may call the clinic to schedule your physical if you have not already done so.

Jack and the coaches are very excited about the upcoming season and expecting to once again be in the playoffs in every sport.

"My expectations are very high for the coming season in every sport," Jack said. "We are getting close to the start of the 2011-2012 athletic seasons and if you have not been able to work out, you still have time before practice starts."

For game schedules, check this week's "School Year" supplement to the ENTERPRISE; and for more information about Bronco athletics, contact Clarendon High School.

Obituaries

Crow

Judith Ann Crow, 54, of Howardwick died Friday, July 22, 2011.

Graveside services will be at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 28, 2011 in the Alaneed Cemetery in Alaneed.

Ms. Crow was born on October 21, 1956, in Groom, Texas to Anna and Harold Crow. She graduated from Palo Duro High School. Ms. Crow had worked at Levis Strauss as a presser for 14 years.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Anna.

She is survived by her father, Harold Crow and wife Cathy, of Greenville, TX; two sisters, Deana Crow and Rhonda Jaramillo and husband Tom, all of Howardwick; one brother, David Crow of Valley de Oro, TX; and one nephew, Kaleb Crow of Amarillo.



the lion's tale
by *roger estlack*

The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting July 26, 2011, with Boss Lion Steve Hall in charge.

We had 14 members and three guests this week, Jack King, guest of the club; and Ben and Ella Estlack, guest of Lion Ashlee Estlack.

Lion Lambert Little reported on city business, the club briefly discussed upcoming projects this year, including the dates for the pancake supper.

With summer winding down and vacations the order of the day, we had an abbreviated meeting and were adjourned.

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Texas Silver Haired Legislature meets in Austin

Betty Trotter of Amarillo was presented The Executive Committee's Performance Award during the Orientation Session of Texas Silver Haired Legislature that met July 10-14 in Austin. In recognition of superior achievement serving as Chair, 12th General Session at Amarillo, September 14, 17, 2009; Acting Chair, Operations for the 14th TSHL Orientation at Austin, July 1-14, 2011; and as a Member of Executive Committee representing the Panhandle Area.

Walter Graham of Eastland was elected Speaker of TSHL; other officers elected for the current Session are Speaker Pro Tem, Betty Streckfuss, Spring, Texas; Deputy speaker Pro Tem, Albert Campbell, Bryan; Comptroller, Dr. Bruce Davis, Abilene; and Secretary, Pat Porter,

Big Spring. Tuesday, July 12, 2011 in the House Chambers eighty-two members took the oath of office, administered by Secretary of State, Esperanza "Hope" Andrade.

There are five members of the Panhandle area Silver Haired Legislature; Betty Trotter of Amarillo, Alan Abraham of Amarillo, Jerry Pybus of Amarillo, Jack Hayward of Canyon and Judy Ward of Lipscomb.

The Texas Silver-Haired Legislature was established by the Texas Legislature in 1985 and authorized the group to identify problems of older Texans, develop solutions and report its finding to the Governor, Texas Legislature and the Department of Aging and Disability Services.

The Texas Legislature passed numerous bills as a result of TSHL

recommendations and advocacy through the years. Such as the tax freeze for homesteads of elderly and disabled persons and the increase of the personal needs allowance to \$60 per month for Medicaid residents of nursing homes.

The Texas Silver Alert was passed during the 80th Texas Legislative session to enable a media alert when a senior citizen is missing. This program has been filed also with the U.S. Congress.

TSHL meets in its 14th Legislative Session, September 10-14, 2012, in the House Chambers of the capitol to consider issues and recommendations for the 83rd Texas Legislature.

For additional information about TSHL, Town Hall meetings or the TSHL Online Academy, see Website at www.txshl.org.

Safety reminders provided for propane cylinders

AUSTIN - For many Texans, summer means a quick trip to refill propane cylinders that fuel outdoor lanterns, barbecue grills, patio heaters and other equipment for entertaining outdoors. The Railroad Commission of Texas - the agency in charge of propane safety - reminds Texans to transport and store propane cylinders safely.

"Check the cylinder's shut-off valve to make sure it is securely closed," said Commission Chairman Elizabeth Ames Jones, "Don't transport any cylinder that is leaking. Carry the cylinder with the relief valve upright, and secure the cylinder in an upright position with a

tie-down or bungee cord while it's in your car trunk or pickup bed."

Commissioner David Porter said, "Propane cylinders should spend as little time as possible inside the trunk of a car or truck bed. After having a cylinder filled or exchanging an empty cylinder for a full one, take the cylinder directly to your home or business, remove it from the vehicle, and store it outdoors."

Commissioner Barry T. Smitherman reminded users to store propane cylinders where they will be least exposed to excessive heat, physical damage or tampering. "Cylinders should never be stored inside a residential building or garage,"

Smitherman said. "They need to be stored away from clothes dryers or furnace vents and children's play areas."

The Commission advises consumers that both steel and composite propane cylinders are available for outdoor uses. Cylinders made of specialty composite materials offer consumers the advantages of lighter weight and transparency, which allows the user to see the level of liquid propane in the tank.

For more information on how to use propane safely, contact the Railroad Commission's Alternative Energy Division at (800) 64-CLEAR or visit www.propane.tx.gov.

Sheriff's Report

July 18, 2011

7:01 a.m. - EMS assist, 200 Blk. E 4th.
3:12 p.m. - Units paged for semi in median, 5 miles E. of Clarendon.
4:40 p.m. - To office to see complainant.

July 19, 2011

2:07 a.m. - To office to see complainant.
5:06 p.m. - To office to see complainant.
11:42 p.m. - See truck driver at Lowe's, hit deer

July 20, 2011

3:18 a.m. - See complainant, 400 Blk. W. 2nd.
9:59 a.m. - Loose livestock, hwy. 273.

July 21, 2011

8:57 a.m. - At courthouse.
12:54 p.m. - EMS assist, 400 Blk. S. Carhart.
1:06 p.m. - At courthouse.
2:20 p.m. - To jail, one in custody.

8:08 p.m. - Out on 300 Blk. W. 2nd, shop lifter.
11:10 p.m. - EMS assist, North Sully.

July 22, 2011

5:44 a.m. - See complainant, 800 Blk. E. 2nd.
9:04 p.m. - At courthouse.
11:25 a.m. - See complainant, 5000 Blk. Co. Rd. 3.
11:53 a.m. - See complainant, 100 Blk. E. 6th, car egged.
1:00 p.m. - Complainant in lobby about vandalism, car egged.
7:38 p.m. - Report of unattended fire, 300 Blk. Angel St.

July 23, 2011

8:45 a.m. - Report of vehicle in field, North end of runway at airport.
9:31 p.m. - Checking alarm, 500 Blk. S. Ellerbee.
11:35 p.m. - To jail, one in custody.

July 24, 2011

12:30 a.m. - Report of man harassing young girls at college arena.
8:37 p.m. - See complainant, 800 Blk. W. 2nd.

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Grandma Scam operating in Panhandle

Bob's Whitting By Bob Watson

Be very careful. There is a new telephone scam operating in the Panhandle. Amarillo Police Department fraud investigators have received at least seven reports of fraud using what is usually referred to as the "grandma scam" since the first of the year. This is not a new type of crime, but the recent cases have prompted investigators to remind the public to protect themselves.

In the "grandma scam," the con artist makes a telephone call to a victim, usually an elderly person. The suspect pretends to be a grandson that is in an emergency situation and needs money immediately. The situation is usually an auto accident or being arrested.

The caller says they need money to bond out of jail, to pay a fine, or to

pay for car repair. The caller usually pretends to be in Canada or Mexico, but in one case, the caller claimed to be in England.

The phone number is from outside the United States. They convince the victim to send money, in recent cases from \$900 to \$7,000 dollars, by wire transfer. The money goes to the criminal, wherever he is, and can't be traced.

In some cases, if the victim sends money, the criminal will call back and ask for more or have someone else call again and claim to be a bondsman or lawyer to request more money to get the "grandson" out of jail.

These suspects are skilled at convincing people that they are a family member. They may say only that they are "your favorite grand-

son," and trick victims into providing them with a name.

They have also called with the real name and offered information such as where they are from or the names of family members to make their story sound real.

Information like this may be gathered from public records, obituaries, or any source that can be accessed through the Internet.

Investigators are seldom able to resolve these cases, as the leads are to locations in other countries, and the telephone numbers are false or do not lead to a particular person or even address.



bob's whitting
by bob watson

To protect yourself and your family, discuss this scam with anyone that you fear could become victim.

The victims in the recent Panhandle cases have been 64-84 years of age, with the exception of a 34-year-old man that thought he was sending money to a distant relative in Mexico. We suggest that everyone avoid sending money without verifying the emergency personally by contacting other relatives. Also, we suggest that people hang up if the caller sounds suspicious or is insistent about the money being sent immediately. The Sheriff's Department will make reports on this type of crime if there was an actual loss of money.

Information courtesy of Amarillo Police Department.

Wildfire rebuilding assistance available for Texas ranchers

AUSTIN — With more than 3 million acres burned, 242 counties under burn bans (the most ever) and temperatures reaching record highs, fire experts are calling this one of the worst fire seasons in Texas history.

According to the Texas Forest Service, six of the 10 largest fires ever recorded in Texas have occurred this year, scorching more than 5,000 miles of ranch fences — more miles than needed to fence the entire perimeter of Texas. As ranchers begin to rebuild their lives, Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples is encouraging them to apply for assistance available through the STAR Fund.

"Texans are suffering through one of the worst wildfire seasons on record and are struggling to rebuild from unprecedented devastation," Commissioner Staples said. "The acreage ravaged by these fires equals more than the combined areas of Delaware, Rhode Island, Washington D.C. and one-third of Connecticut. Our farmers and ranchers are losing their livelihoods, and ultimately, all Americans will suffer through

increased food prices. Texans help their neighbors in need, and now is the time to assist families in rebuilding their lives and the farming and ranching operations on which we all rely."

To start the rebuilding effort, the Texas Department of Agriculture is now accepting applications for the STAR Fund. The fund was created solely with monetary donations from private individuals and companies to help ranchers rebuild fences through an initiative created by Commissioner Staples called, "Operation New Fences." McCoy's Building Supply generously donated the first \$20,000.

Wildfires are still burning in Texas, and the impact to ranchers is not over. A second round of funding is planned and needed in the fall to help additional farmers and ranchers impacted by on-going wildfires. To make a donation to the STAR Fund, or for more information, visit www.TexasAgriculture.gov and click on STAR Fund. Ranchers may also call (512) 475-1615.

Hornberger, Johnston win weekly games

By Sandy Anderberg

Bob Hornberger shot a net score of 65 to take top honors in the weekly men's game at the Clarendon Country Club last week.

Todd Curry shot a net 69 for second place. Sherol Johnston's gross 81 was good enough to finish on top of a seven-women field on Thursday in the weekly women's game. Sunday Morris took low net with a 65, and Gail Leathers was second low net with a 66.

Three teams tied at six under par in the Friday night nine-hole scramble. After a one-hole putt off the team of Ken Shelton, Tracy Duncan, Chris Moore, Conrad Lucero, and Russell King finished number one.

There will be a Jack and Jill 36-hole tournament August 6-7 at the CCC. Tee times are at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Saturday. The tournament will finish on Sunday. You may call the Pro Shop to enter.

KACV to feature Panhandle July 28

Two issues relevant to the Texas Panhandle — the impact of the 2006 wildfires and the popularity of Palo Duro Canyon State Park — will be highlighted when KACV presents Texas Parks and Wildlife at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 28.

The segment "Fire on the Prairie" explains how months of drought and driving winds contributed in March 2006 to raging wildfires that destroyed almost a half-million acres of the Panhandle. See how the people, the land and the wildlife were affected by this unprecedented disaster.

Then "Palo Duro Canyon State Park" showcases the second-largest canyon in the country. With its breathtaking scenery, Palo Duro has become one of the country's most popular parks, and hundreds of cyclists who assembled to ride for 24 hours in the Canyon in memoriam to friends and family lost to cancer will be included in the segment.

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Court: Several defendants accept plea agreements

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woman in Polman’s care had been neglected and was suffering from unexplained bruises and other medical problems.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Polmon is required to pay a \$1,000 fine to Donley County, and is also required to pay \$383 in court costs. If Polmon violates probation, he could face up to ten years in the Institutional Division of the TDCJ.

Among the other cases heard by the court were:

Cody Ray Blue was convicted of the Class A Misdemeanor offense of deadly conduct. Blue pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication for the offense.

Blue, 35 from Amarillo, was arrested by Game Warden, Derek Nalls, in Donley County on August 15, 2010. Pursuant to the plea agreement, Blue was required to pay \$558 in court costs, a fine of \$4,000 to Donley County, \$140 restitution, and must complete 100 hours of community service.

If Blue violates his probation, he could face up to one year in the Donley County Jail.

Veda Mills Lovelady (a.k.a.

Veda Deann Anderson, a.k.a. Veda Deathrage) was placed on probation for a period of three years for the third degree felony offense of driving while intoxicated 3rd or more. Lovelady was convicted and sentenced to ten years in the Institutional Division of the TDCJ, but the sentence was probated for a period of three years.

Lovelady, 52-year-old resident from Hedley, was arrested in Donley County on October 10, 2010, by DPS Trooper Chad Simpson and was later indicted by a Donley County Grand Jury on January 13, 2011 for driving while intoxicated.

“Trooper Simpson did an outstanding job on this investigation which resulted in the plea,” said Inman. “Although all of Simpson’s cases are high quality, he went far beyond the normal DWI investigation and gave this office the tools to move forward with this successful prosecution.”

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Lovelady is required to pay a \$1,000 fine to Donley County, and is also required to pay \$558 in court costs, \$889.49 in restitution, 200 hours of

community service, along with DWI requirements mandated by law.

Chad Aron Southerland was placed on probation for a period of three years for the third degree felony offense of assault family violence. Southerland pleaded guilty and was placed on deferred adjudication for the offense.

Southerland, 33-year-old resident of Wellington, was arrested in Collingsworth County on June 30, 2011, and pleaded guilty to a complaint and information filed by the State on July 11, 2011.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Southerland is required to pay a \$3,000 fine to Collingsworth County, and is also required to pay \$376 in court costs, and complete 200 hours of community service. If Southerland violates probation, he could face up to ten years in the Institutional Division of the TDCJ.

Neil David Adelman was placed on probation for a period of six years for two counts of the third degree felony offense of intoxication assault. Adelman was convicted and sentenced to ten years in the Institutional Division of the TDCJ, but the

sentence was probated for a period of six years.

Adelman, 30-year-old resident from Memphis, was arrested in Donley County on August 1, 2010 by DPS Trooper Kellan Roberts and was later indicted by a Donley County Grand Jury on October 5, 2010 for two charges of intoxication assault.

Pursuant to the plea agreement, Adelman is required to pay a \$3,000 fine to Donley County, and is also required to pay \$1,116 in court costs, along with DWI requirements mandated by law. In addition to the sentence, Zamora is also required to pay \$376 in court costs to Hall County and a \$1,000 fine.

Luke Inman, the District Attorney for the 100th Judicial District prosecuted the cases for the State of Texas with the Honorable Judge Stuart Messer presiding.

A total of \$17,500 in fines was assessed as a result of the pleas that took place on July 13. In addition to the fines, the defendants were required to pay a total of \$4,355 in court costs and \$1,647.49 in restitution.



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Aid available for Texas wildfires from TDEM

COLLEGE STATION – A true team effort exists in response to wildfires in the state of Texas, as numerous state and federal agencies offer help to those responding to and recovering from the fires.

In addition to support from the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Farm Service Agency (FSA) and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) also have assistance programs available.

“Mother Nature has not been kind to Texas farmers and ranchers in 2011,” said Juan M. Garcia, State Executive Director for Texas FSA. “Although not a remedy to the extensive hardships and heartbreak experienced by many producers this year, it’s my hope that FSA’s disaster programs and loans can alleviate some of the financial strain producers have suffered from the devastating impact of the recent natural disasters.”

FSA offers disaster assistance and low-interest loan programs to assist agricultural producers statewide in their recovery efforts following wildfires or similar qualifying natural disasters. Visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/> for more details. The assistance programs available include:

- Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) which provides emergency funding for farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate land severely damaged by natural disasters; includes fence loss. (Currently, 32 counties have received ECP funding. Additional counties are being reviewed and considered for funding – please contact the local FSA office to determine status of ECP availability).

- Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) which provides financial assistance to producers of non-insurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory, or prevented planting occur due to natural disasters (includes native grass for grazing).

- Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) which offers payments to eligible producers for livestock mortalities in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather. Eligible losses may include those determined by FSA to have been caused by hurricanes, floods, blizzards, wildfires, tropical storms, tornadoes lightning, extreme heat, and extreme cold.

- Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) that includes payments to eligible producers who suffered grazing losses for eligible livestock because of drought or fire.

- Tree Assistance Program (TAP) for eligible orchardists and nursery tree growers for qualifying tree losses due to natural disaster.

- Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) Under the ELAP, FSA may spend up to \$50 million per year to provide emergency relief for losses due to feed or water shortages, disease, adverse weather, or other conditions, such as blizzards and wildfires, which are not adequately addressed by other disaster programs

- Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payment Program (SURE) which offers payments to eligible producers who have incurred crop production losses or crop quality losses, or both.

- Emergency Loan Program – The recent primary or contiguous Secretarial Disaster designation for all counties in Texas which triggered the availability of FSA’s low interest (3.75%) Emergency Loans. These loans help producers recover from production and physical losses due to drought, flooding, wildfire and other natural disasters or quarantine.

NRCS State Conservationist Salvador Salinas said, “NRCS in Texas will help landowners to address wind erosion that continues to occur because of the drought and the effects from wildfires. Our assistance will enable landowners and livestock producers to accelerate the

recovery of the health and vigor of the affected grazing land.”

NRCS is offering technical and financial assistance statewide to landowners through several programs;

- The Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) helps with deferred grazing of livestock, to rejuvenate plant health and to prevent soil erosion, and cross fencing assistance.

- The Lesser Prairie Chicken (LPC) initiative is a local and regional working partnership through the NRCS EQIP program focused on assisting producers in conservation plan development to help maintain, establish, improve and manage habitat for the LPC.

- Additional conservation funding through the NRCS may also be used to address plant health needs for rangeland producers that have suffered losses from recent wildfires.

Applicants should visit the local NRCS office to fill out an application for cost-share assistance. Information is also available at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

There are also SBA and FEMA programs:

- For information on SBA disaster assistance programs, call SBA’s Customers Service Center at (800) 659-2955 for more information.

- FEMA is supporting the wildfires with a presidential disaster declaration that will reimburse 45 Texas counties for Emergency Protective Measures, Fire Management Assistance Grant declarations for 43 Texas wildfires, and the availability of Hazard Mitigation funds

statewide. Find more information about the recovery operations on the TDEM website at www.tx.dps.state.tx.us/dem.

“When everyone works together and the various programs are offered, it helps recovery speed forward that much more,” said State Coordinating Officer Shari Ramirez-MacKay.

“Our goal is a unity of effort across the spectrum of government from the local, state and federal level that provides the greatest amount of assistance to those impacted by the wildfires,” said FEMA Federal Coordinating Officer Kevin L. Hannes. “There are multiple programs and sources of assistance that are available to increase the speed of recovery and create stronger communities; what one program doesn’t cover, another program may be able support.”

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New York became the sixth state to allow homosexual marriages to take place recently. The District of Columbia also performs these "weddings." As long as it remains a state issue, Texas will probably never go down this road. The problem is, the U.S. Supreme Court is one judge away from siding with gay agenda. Another term for Obama, and we may well see one of the "conservative" judges retire and be replaced with another godless liberal.

There are some people who are confused about whether a person is born homosexual or is it a choice. The Bible is clear about this! (Romans 1:26-28) "For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting." It is pretty clear from these passages that it was a personal decision for those who became perverted in their sexuality. If a person was born homosexual, while at the same time God condemns that behavior, that would make God a liar and tyrant.

It has actually been said by some that Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed, not for their sexual perversions, but because they weren't good hosts. Unbelievable! (Jude 1:7) "as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire." I don't believe you need a PhD in Biblical studies to understand what "going after strange flesh" means, pertaining to sexual immorality.

There are some in our federal government that would not only like homosexual marriage become law of the land, but would like to force all ministers to perform these weddings upon request. They would like to force this upon ministers as they would like to force many pharmacists into selling a pill that basically performs a chemical abortion. The pill is called RU-486. Did you know that the recent "Obama Care" health plan could include our tax money paying for this evil pill? It is about to become a big fight as the supporters of Obama Care say it should be available to everyone in every insurance plan.

Folks, please think about these issues! If we don't stand against our government about these issues and others, we will be living in a nation as godless as those in Europe, South America, etc. We still have the right to vote these people out, for now. Please put God and your family's spiritual well-being first when you vote. Time is running out as the appointment of one more liberal Supreme Court judge will end much of the influence of God on this country.

I pray that we will seek God first (Matt. 6:33) in all things. He has promised that if we do so, He will take care of us. He is the only One who can. If we ever needed God in our lives, it is definitely now. May our nation, somehow, allow their hearts to be open to God and His precious Son, Jesus Christ. May we all forsake evil, wherever we find it.

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