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

## CC Kids' College continues this week

Kids' College classes at Clarendon College continue this week, but there is still time to get involved with the summer fun.

"We have a wide variety of classes for kids this summer," CC Marketing Coordinator Ashlee Estlack said.

"One class we are excited to offer is Basics in Babysitting," Estlack said. "This course is taught by the American Red Cross and features training in first aid and home safety and is perfect for anyone interested in babysitting neighbors or relatives."

The Red Cross class is offered June 26 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for \$40.

For more information on other Kids' College classes stop by the Student Services office in the Instructional Center or visit [www.clarendoncollege.edu](http://www.clarendoncollege.edu) or call the college at 874-3571.

## Shot clinics planned

The Department of State Health Services will hold an immunization clinic this week in Clarendon.

Clinics will be held June 14 at the DSHS office at Five Medical Drive with the first 15 clinics from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.

All clinic times subject to change or cancellation due to weather conditions or unforeseen scheduling conflicts. Please bring immunization records for children to receive vaccines.

## Schedule set for July 4th celebration

Clarendon is getting ready to roll out the red carpet for visitors to the 135th annual Saints' Roost Celebration, which will be held July 4, 6, and 7 this year.

Downtown will be the site of the first activities this year with all the happenings on Wednesday, July 4, at the Courthouse Square. The Craft Fair begins at 9 a.m. with the Kids Bicycle Parade starting at 10 a.m. followed by the Shriners' Barbecue at 11 a.m.

The afternoon of the Fourth will see the Western Parade at 2 p.m. and the Lions Club's Cow Patty Bingo.

That night the Clarendon Outdoor Entertainment Association will hold its junior ranch rodeo at 7:30 p.m. with a dance to follow on the slab at 9 p.m. with Trevor Leeper providing the music.

The Ranch Rodeo will be held Friday and Saturday, July 6 and 7, with rough stock provided by Bill Hext and Ed Montana announcing. Chris Clerihew & The West Coast Turnarounds will provide music for the dance on Friday and Buster Bledsoe Band will open for Tommy Gallagher & Brimstone on Saturday.

Other celebration favorites, including the Downtown Depression Luncheon and the Henson's Turtle Race will be held on Friday this year.

For a booth on the square, contact the County Extension office at 874-2141, and for parade entries, call the Chamber at 874-2421.



# GUILITY

## Babcock to serve life in prison for killing son

By Roger Estlack, Clarendon Enterprise

Robert Babcock began his life sentence in state prison this week for killing his four-year-old son, Chance Mark Jones, by beating him to death last year at his rural residence south-east of Clarendon.

A Hall County jury of six men and six women deliberated for nearly an hour and a half in Memphis last Thursday, June 7, before returning their unanimous verdict that Babcock is guilty of capital murder, and District Judge Stuart Messer pronounced the sentence of life without the possibility of parole.

"This verdict screams out justice for Chance," District Attorney Luke Inman told the ENTERPRISE. "It closes a very important chapter in Chance's life and for the people who truly loved and cared for Chance."

Babcock showed no emotion as the verdict and sentence were read nor when family members addressed their emotions and their feelings about him during the allocution following sentencing.

"He was a remarkable and intelligent little boy who touched everyone's hearts with his beautiful smile," said Heather Hill, who had raised the boy as her own son for about two years, before he went to live with his biological father. "He was so full of life and enjoyed every moment spent with the ones who loved him the most.... Chance thrived on love and affection, why would you have ever caused intentional pain and harm to a child who immediately called you, 'Daddy?'"



Chance Mark Jones during happy times with family in the Lubbock area.



COURTESY PHOTOS

The jury's decision concluded a trial that lasted five days and closed a case that prosecutors, law enforcement, and the community had agonized about since Babcock called 911 on the morning of January 4, 2011, and reported his son was unresponsive. Jones died the next day at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

The first gruesome details of Jones' injuries became public during the first two days of testimony, May 31 and June 1, and were reported in last week's Enterprise. But jurors learned even more horrifying details when the trial resumed last week and were not swayed in Babcock's favor

when the defense tried to present its case later in the week.

## DAY 3

Expert witnesses testified to the extent and severity of Chance Mark Jones' injuries when the trial continued last Tuesday, June 5.

Dr. Christopher Todd, a pediatric intensivist at Northwest Texas Hospital (NTH) who has special training in child abuse cases, treated Jones in the emergency room after he was transported there by LifeStar last January. Todd again described injuries to Jones' head, abdomen, genitals, back, chest, face, and buttocks; and he said a CT scan showed that the boy's brain was injured and

had moved from left to right and scans also indicated contusions and bruising of the lungs and other internal injuries.

"His injuries were the most extensive I have seen in my career," Todd said.

After a trip to the operating room to relieve pressure from the swelling of the brain, Todd said Jones was exhibiting signs of diabetes insipidus – a condition where the brain or pituitary gland stops sending the signals for the hormones that control kidney function. It is a condition that is not survivable, Todd said.

Dr. Wayne Paulus, a neuro-

See 'Guilty' on page 7.

## Juveniles face charges in car theft cases

The Donley County Sheriff's Office has cleared up several cases after recovering a stolen car Monday morning.

Sheriff Butch Blackburn said Brit Patten reported his car had been stolen, and it was recovered crashed into a tree on South Kearney Street. Officers followed shoe tracks, and the investigation resulted in two juveniles being arrested. One other person was later arrested, and two more arrests are expected.

Blackburn said by Monday afternoon officers had cleared up three cases of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, one theft of a motorcycle, and two burglaries of a vehicle.

In all, the sheriff said five suspects have been identified in the cases, four of which are juveniles.

The investigation was continuing at press time.



Donley County Sheriff Butch Blackburn dusts for fingerprints on the door of a stolen car Monday morning in Clarendon.

ENTERPRISE PHOTO / ROGER ESTLACK

## FSA committee nominations start June 15

Donley County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Bruce Ferguson, announced this week that county committee election nominations begin June 15, 2012.

Farmers, ranchers and landowners are encouraged to nominate farmer and rancher candidates to serve on their local FSA county committee by the August 1, 2012, deadline.

Elected county committee members serve a three-year term and are responsible for making decisions on FSA disaster, conservation, commodity, and price support pro-

grams, as well as other important federal farm program issues.

"County Committees are unique to FSA and are a valuable resource that gives locally elected farmers and ranchers who participate in FSA programs the opportunity to impact farm programs at the local level," said Ferguson. "I hope to see a high level of participation during the nomination and election process," he said.

Producers may nominate themselves or others as candidates. Organizations that represent minority and women farmers and ranchers may also nominate candidates.

Nominees must participate in a program administered by FSA, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and reside in the local administrative area (LAA) in which the person is a candidate. To become a nominee, eligible individuals must sign form FSA-669A. The form and more information about county committee elections are available online at: [www.fsa.usda.gov/elections](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections).

"In order to have fair representation of the demographics and agricultural interests in the community, I encourage all producers, including women, minority and beginning

farmers and ranchers to participate in the nomination and election process," said Ferguson.

County committees are comprised of three to five members elected by local producers. All newly elected county committee members and alternates will take office January 1, 2013.

Nomination forms must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by close of business on August 1, 2012.

For more information about county committees, contact the Donley County FSA at 806-874-3561 or visit [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

## Family speaks to murderer

Editor's Note: The following are allocution statements read to Robert Babcock by Heather Hill and Andrew Brown, who were raising Chance Mark Jones.

### Andrew Brown

"January 5, 2010, I lost the most precious person in my life, Chance Mark. I raised him like my own son. I tried to do everything I could to take care of him to the best of my abilities. Since Chance has died my life has changed forever. I have had a hard time coping with his loss.

"Chance and I enjoyed fishing together. Our last trip he had caught four fish and I wasn't able to catch any. He would always brag to everyone. I feel as though I cannot do the things that I loved to do anymore because Chance is no longer here. I will never have the opportunity to watch him grow up or be able to teach him how to drive. Words can never explain my love and feelings for Chance Mark, he was the best thing in my life and has touched so many hearts."

### Heather Hill

Seventeen months and two days ago we all lost Chance Mark Jones. He was a remarkable and intelligent little boy who touched everyone's hearts with his beautiful smile. He was so full of life and enjoyed every moment spent with the ones who loved him the most.

"My memories of Chance can never be taken away and his spirit will live on forever. I loved Chance with all my heart.... Chance Mark has an older brother, C.J., who is 14 and a younger sister, Natalie, who is four. C.J. told me that he was fearful that Robert could have the possibility of parole. How do you comfort him? Natalie wants to know when Chance will be able to come back from Jesus and play with her again. How can I explain to her that he will always be with Jesus when I don't even understand it myself?

"Robert, Chance's families are known as the victims, but the only victim in this case was Chance Mark Jones. He deserved better! Chance thrived on love and affection. Why would you have caused intentional pain and harm to a child who immediately called you 'Daddy'?"

"In my mind you will be known as a murderer, not as Chance Mark's father. My heart will never heal, but I believe one day I will have the opportunity to be reunited with Chance."

## State will pick spot for marker

The location of a Ten Commandments marker on the Donley County Courthouse Square will be left up to the Texas Historical Commission (THC) following Monday's regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court.

County officials listened to two proposals for locating the monument on the east side of the court and also considered a third option closer to the Courthouse Annex before going outside to look at each location.

Guy Ellis told the court that similar monuments in other counties are "fairly close" to the courthouse and that a new Ten Commandments marker in Carson County is "right in the middle" of the sidewalk leading to that courthouse's main steps.

Monument supporters proposed their first choice location on the east side of the courthouse in a tree line about 12 feet off the sidewalk along Sully Street and more or less centered on the building. Their second option was a little south of there but closer to the courthouse and in line with round window on the east façade.

Commissioner Donnie Hall said he preferred a location east of the Annex, which he said would not distract from the courthouse and would be closer to the greatest foot traffic on a daily basis.

"I'm opposed to having it anywhere in front of the courthouse," Commissioner Hall said.

County Judge Jack Hall said the THC would have the ultimate say in the monument's location, although some supporters said they didn't feel like the agency's opinion mattered.

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# Jury provides justice for death of boy

Chance Mark Jones finally got justice last week. The little blond-haired boy was just four years old when his father, Robert Babcock, brutally beat him from head to foot over an 11-day horror that is too terrible to think about.

And yet we must think about it. We are compelled to consider it, to learn from it, and make sure it never happens again.

This paper has devoted much space and time over the last year to keep this young boy's memory alive, and we made the editorial decision to report it in a way far more graphic than we ever have. Why? Because everyone needs to know what happened to him. His suffering is more than some soundbite on the evening news or a few sensational inches in a daily newspaper. He was a boy just like all the kids in our community who deserved a chance to grow up, to have that first date, to hit that homerun, or to catch that big fish. In the words of Texas Ranger Jamie Downs, "His biggest worry should have been chocolate or vanilla."

But a child killer took that choice and all other choices away from Chance and denied everyone the opportunity to see what he would become as he grew up. Instead, Robert Babcock thrust himself into all our lives, and changed us all forever – some more than others. Everyone from the investigators, to the prosecutors, to the jailers, to the EMTs, to the doctors, and even the jurors themselves have all been deeply impacted by this case. While most citizens are able to set it aside at the end of the day, folded up in a newspaper, other people have had to live and breathe this case on an almost daily basis. And the more you're around this case, the more it eats on you.

Clarendon is a small, rural community with much of the idealism of small town America, but we lost our innocence when Chance Mark Jones lost his life. Certainly child abuse happened in Donley County before Robert Babcock ever laid a hand on his son or lifted him by the jaw and threw him on the counter. But except for law enforcement, most of us didn't pay much attention to it before... or maybe we just didn't want to pay attention to it.

But now we've seen it in all its ugly truth from a person we thought we knew. And to make matters worse another person knew what was going on, but didn't stop it. Now she faces criminal charges as well and rightly so.

It would be easy to think this was an isolated case. It would be nice if we could just forget about this boy's death and go on about our business, because, hey, what are the odds of it happening again?

But then last month a man lured three small girls into a van with candy at a Tee ball game right here in our town with scores of people all around, and we know – with every sickened fiber of our beings we know – our kids are not safe. We are not immune to the threat of predators and abusers. It shocks us, it scares us, and it should.

If we are to take anything away from this case, it must be that we have to look out for each other and that more importantly we have to be willing to take a stand when a child is in danger. We are living in a messed up world where some parents just don't care about their kids, they don't make sure they eat well or at all, they don't teach them right from wrong, and in the worst cases, they are physically abusive to them. It is a problem that has no easy solution. A religious marker at the courthouse won't fix it and neither will PVC crosses and "the end is near" signs on the highway.

But there are people trying to make a difference in the lives of kids who are endangered. The Christ's Kids ministry is taking an active role in trying to be a positive influence in kids' lives and making sure that no child goes hungry in Clarendon. The Donley County Child Welfare Board, CASA volunteers, and foster parents are also on the frontlines of making sure kids who have been subjected to abuse or neglect have what they need to survive and thrive. And our law enforcement agencies and district attorney's office also stand ready to step in when their services are needed. These people deserve our thanks and our support in all they do.

Of course, nothing we do can bring Chance back. But we can make sure that he did not die in vain. His death, hopefully, can educate people about child abuse and save someone's life. In the meantime, we're left with the memory of a sweet little boy who was taken from us way too soon. May he rest in peace.

## DON'T TAKE A CHANCE ON CHILD ABUSE!



**editor's commentary**  
by roger estlack

# Why isn't Romney further ahead?

According to two of the nation's smartest analysts, Bill Galston of the Brookings Institution and pollster Peter D. Hart, the 2012 presidential election is no better than a 50-50 proposition for the president.

My question is why is Obama even close? If you look at the fundamentals, the president should be getting crushed right now.

The American people are livid. A little more than 75 percent of Americans believe the economy is still in recession. According to a Quinnipiac survey, only 35 percent of Americans say they are better off than they were four years ago. Just over a third believes the country is heading in the right direction. The economic climate is as bad as or worse than it was in 1968, 1976, 1992, and 2000, years when incumbent parties lost re-election.

Obama has governed from the left, but the country has shifted to the right. Forty percent of Americans call themselves conservatives, the highest number ever measured.

Only 22 percent of voters believe Obama's views on the size and role of government are a reason to vote for him, according to an ABC News/Washington Post survey.

The share of Americans who say the current level of inequality is acceptable has increased by seven percentage points since 1998, to 52 percent. President Obama's main policy initiative, health care reform, remains decidedly unpopular: a little over a third of the people now support it, and close to 60 percent oppose, according to another ABC News/Washington Post poll.

Perhaps most importantly, Obama has lost support among crucial constituencies. He alienated independents in 2009, and has never won them back. According to a Pew Research Center poll, his support among Catholics has fallen another 10 percent, to a little over

40 percent. Even young voters are moving away. Voter registration among Hispanics has declined by five percentage points, the first significant drop in four decades.

The fundamentals suggest that Obama will go the way of Jimmy Carter and Bush 41 – incumbents who were defeated in trying times.

Like almost all re-election campaigns, this election is shaping up to be a referendum on the incumbent, not a choice between two visions. The president's job approval numbers are driving everything else. Today, 48 percent of Americans approve of his performance. That's high given the circumstances, and near the 50 percent threshold he will need to win.

How has he stayed so competitive? First, the Democrats' demographic advantages are kicking in. The population segments that are solidly Democratic, like single women and the unchurched, are expanding. The segments that are more Republican – two-parent families and observant Catholics – are shrinking.

But most of the cause is personal. There's an intense debate over how much personal qualities matter in a presidential election. This year, the evidence suggests: a lot. For example, take one difference. According to a Fox News poll, only 36 percent of voters believe Obama has a clear plan for fixing the economy. But 48 percent approve of his performance. So, that means 12 percent of Americans approve of Obama, even though they don't think he has an agenda for moving us forward. In the great



**the quick, the dead, & fred**  
by fred gray

majority of surveys, Obama is far more popular than his policies.

One key is his leadership style. Critics are always saying that Obama is too cool and detached, egotistical and remote. However, the secret to his popularity through hard times is that he is not theatrical, sensitive, vulnerable, or unpredictable. Instead, he is self-disciplined, traditional, and a bit proper. He is willing, with drones and other methods, to use lethal force.

Usually, presidents look weak during periods of economic stagnation, overwhelmed by events. But Obama has displayed a kind of athletic masculinity: post-feminist in his values, but also thoroughly conventional in style – competitive, restrained, self-assured, and rarely self-indulgent. Past administrations have been undone by scandal and moments when they look pathetic, but this administration, shielded in all things, has rarely had those moments.

In 2008, Obama had that inspirational, messianic tone. This year, he has adopted a Clinton 1996 type of campaign – strong partisan attacks combined with an emphasis on small and medium-sized policies – like student loans and the Buffett Rule – intended to exhibit his common man values. As a result, he has appeared to be assertive, but also, (unlike Romney) egalitarian and in touch with middle-income people.

To me, Obama is a slight underdog this year: the anemic economy will grind away at voters. Nevertheless, his leadership style is keeping him afloat. He has defined a version of masculinity that is post baby boomer in policy but pre baby boomer in comportment and openness.

Romney can beat Obama, if people are willing to take the time to go out and vote for a Mormon. Romney will lose votes because of his religion, and Obama will lose votes because of his race. The election could be decided by who loses the fewest number of votes.



# Campaign giving rules need fixing

By Martin Frost

President Barack Obama, Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, who used to work for Obama in the White House, and it seems like just about everyone else have blamed the Supreme Court for the rulings that opened up our political system to unlimited, unreported contributions to super PACs by corporations, unions and wealthy individuals.

That's not the entire story, however. Ten years ago, when Congress was considering the McCain-Feingold campaign finance reform legislation, a handful of Congress members – including Rep. Tom Davis, a Virginia Republican, and me – tried to warn our colleagues that they were opening Pandora's box. But they refused to listen.

I was then-chairman of the House Democratic Caucus and Davis was chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee. But still, we didn't prevail.

Common Cause was leading the drive for campaign finance reform, with help from the editorial pages of The New York Times and The Washington Post.

The reasoning went something like this: There is too much money in our political system, so we need to change the law to outlaw "soft money" contributions to the two major political parties. Soft money was defined as corporate funds, union dues money and large contributions from individuals. Both the national Democratic and Republican

parties and their respective congressional campaign committees could accept soft money – but only for certain purposes, and all contributions were fully reportable.

The reformers argued that this sea of soft money was corrupting the political process.

Those of us who questioned their efforts argued that it was better to have this money go directly to the two political parties rather than spent by outside groups that were not responsible to the parties. We further argued that the parties tend to be centering forces in our political system – and our system worked because contributions had to be fully reportable.

But we were essentially shouted down by the "reform" community and by our colleagues. They didn't want to be bothered by the details – and didn't want to be painted as being anti-reform.

I, for one, had specific conversations with members of the reform community. I raised the prospect that money now being given to political parties would flow to nonregulated outside groups, which would usurp the parties' role and dominate the political dialogue. The reformers responded that they had taken care of this by banning TV and radio advertising by outside groups within 60 days of a general election and 30 days of a primary.

I asked what would happen if the federal courts invalidated these 60-day

and 30-day bans. They assured me that their lawyers had insisted the provisions were constitutional. Guess what? Their lawyers were wrong.

This was foreseeable. The Supreme Court, in a series of decisions dating to the 1970s, had held that money equals speech and the spending of money on campaigns is protected under the First Amendment.

So, here we are. Under the guise of free speech, we have neutered our two political parties. Instead, we have given free rein to outside groups to dominate the dialogue during campaigns.

What is the remedy? There are only two.

One would be to amend the Constitution, giving Congress the power to regulate spending by these outside groups. Amending the Constitution is hard – but we might see a groundswell of support if things got bad enough.

The other remedy would be for Congress to pass a law again permitting political parties to accept these type of contributions – as long as they were fully reported and used for only certain purposes, like get-out-the-vote drives.

Let's hope sanity eventually prevails. But it does no good just to blame the Supreme Court. Congress shares that blame.

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## Some Texas courthouses endangered

AUSTIN — Texas' historic courthouses have been named for the second time to the National Trust for Historic Preservation's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places list, demonstrating the continued need to generate greater awareness and resources in the ongoing effort to preserve and restore this unique collection of architectural treasures.

More than 70 historic county courthouses across the state remain in need of rehabilitation. Fortunately, a greater number have been either partially (21) or fully (62) restored since the landmarks were first placed on the Most Endangered List in 1998.

The Donley County Courthouse, built in 1890, was fully restored in 2003 at a cost of \$4.2 million with most of the funding coming from the state.

Thanks to continued support and funding from the Texas Legislature, the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program plays a fundamental role in the 83 successful restoration projects that have taken place across the state,

bringing increased economic activity and a strong sense of community pride to participating counties.

"This recognition sends a strong message that, as the National Trust likes to say, these places are worth saving," said THC Executive Director Mark Wolfe.

"This is another wakeup call, as was the case in 1998, that if action is not taken now, we could possibly lose forever any one or more of these magnificent structures in our foreseeable future, which would be a tragic loss both to the community and to the State of Texas."

The establishment of the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program was an unprecedented effort to restore these cherished landmarks for many more years of service, maintaining the integrity and beauty of the original design with upgrades and safety improvements more suited for a modern workplace.

"Since the courthouse program's inception, nearly \$247 million has been awarded to more than 83 counties for the preservation of their county courthouses," said Texas Historic Courthouse Preserva-

tion Program Director Stan Graves.

With their brick and stone towers and domes, Texas' courthouses offer some of the most remarkable examples of public architecture in the state and the nation; 139, including Donley County, are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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"I personally think it should be somewhere not blocking the view of the courthouse," Judge Hall said.

The court rejected supporters' first option but agreed to submit the second location — near the round window — and also the location east of the Annex for the THC's consideration and recommendation.

In other county business this week, the court heard from Bobbie Kidd, General Manager of the Greenbelt Water Authority, and granted an easement to the water authority for running a groundwater pipeline from the city of Clarendon to the filter plant and crossing County Roads P, 12, and Q.

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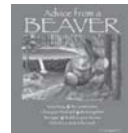
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Community Calendar

June 14

Flag Day

June 17

Father's Day

Kwahadi Dancers • Donley County Activity Center • 3:00 p.m.

July 4

Independence Day

Jr. Ranch Rodeo • COEA Arena • 7:30 p.m.

July 6 & 7

Ranch Rodeo • COEA Arena • 7:30 p.m.

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Menus

June 18 - 22

**Donley County Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Chicken spaghetti w/ meat sauce, spinach, whole wheat roll, salad, fruit bowl, iced tea/2% milk.  
Tue: Breaded chicken tenders, baked potato, sour cream, peas & carrots, strawberries/whip cream, iced tea/2% milk.  
Wed: BBQ brisket, ranch style beans, cornbread, carrot sticks, chocolate pudding, iced tea/2% milk.  
Thur: Turkey sandwich, tomato & lettuce, broccoli & raisin salad, pineapple delight, iced tea/2% milk.  
Fri: Cheeseburger, potato wedges, salad, melon medley, iced tea/2% milk.

**Hedley Senior Citizens**  
Mon: Chicken tenders/gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, turnip greens, whole wheat rolls, mandarin oranges, iced tea/2% milk.  
Tue: BBQ beef, smothered potatoes, pinto beans, wheat bun, apricots, iced tea/2% milk.  
Wed: Country fried beef patty, cream gravy, yellow corn, turnip greens, wheat roll, apricots, iced tea/2% milk.  
Thur: Sloppy Joe, country potato salad, zucchini/tomatoes, creamy fruit squares, whole wheat bun, iced tea/2% milk.  
Fri: Tilapia w/lemon, whole kernel corn, cole slaw, hushpuppies, cherry crisp, iced tea/2% milk.

### Tunnell Memorial Bar B Que Dinner

A Memorial Bar-B-Que dinner will be held June 16 for Jeremy Tunnell's family. The benefit will be held at Cal Farley's Fine Arts Building at 6:00 p.m. in Boys Ranch, Texas.  
In addition to bar-b-que dinner the benefit will also feature live music and an auction. Plates will be \$15. A trust fund has been set up at Happy State Bank under (Ronnie Gordor for the Jeremy Tunnell Family Fund) any donations would be appreciated.  
For more information contact: Ronnie Gordon 806-235-3442, Mike Thomas 806-676-3138, Jay West 806-336-1939, or Chad Foster 806-690-7791.

### Kwahadi Dancers to perform at Activity Center

The Clarendon Senior Citizens Center is once again hosting the Kwahadi Dancers on June 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at the Donley County Activity Center. This group of young people performed in Clarendon two years ago and it was well attended.  
The Kwahadis are the longest performing group in Texas, having been doing so since 1944. It is a program for boys and girls committed to the education of Native American tradition and culture.  
The Kwahadis have been guided by different Native American tribes, such as the Mohawk, Pueblo, Kiowa, Shoshoni, Sioux, Cherokee and Comanche.

### Night scramble nets nine teams at Country Club

**By Sandy Anderberg**  
Forty-three golfers participated in the first night scramble of the season at the Clarendon Country Club Saturday night.  
The 18-hole contest ended in a two-way tie at 10 under par and the winner was determined on the score card. The tea of Matt Lichtie, Stevi Lichtie, Ray Lichtie, and Rita Sharp took the top spot. Second place went to Todd Durham, James Whitt, Mel Whitt, Jody Elliott, and Bobby Stephens. Third place was won by

## Groundwater nitrate concentrations increasing in Rolling Plains

VERNON – Nitrate is a major contaminant and threat to groundwater quality in Texas and around the U.S., so knowing where this chemical tends to pool will be a help in controlling potential damage, according to a Texas AgriLife Research study.  
Dr. Srinivasulu Ale, AgriLife Research geospatial hydrologist at Vernon, and his postdoctoral research associate, Dr. Sriroop Chaudhuri, completed a study of groundwater nitrate concentrations and recently had their results published in the Journal of Environmental Quality.  
The research paper was co-authored by Dr. Paul DeLaune, AgriLife Research environmental soil scientist, and Dr. Nithya Rajan, AgriLife Research agronomist, both at Vernon.  
Results indicated that groundwater nitrate concentrations have significantly increased in several Rolling Plains counties since the 1960s. In 25 counties, more than 30 percent of the groundwater quality observations exceeded the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency maximum contamination level for nitrate in the 2000s as compared to eight counties in the 1960s, they said.  
“This suggests that more counties in the state are getting affected

by high nitrate levels in the groundwater over time,” Ale said.  
This groundwater, if used for irrigation with accounting for the high nitrate concentration and domestic purposes, could have serious environmental and health implications, he said. Ingestion of high nitrate groundwater can cause methemoglobinemia, commonly known as ‘blue baby syndrome,’ in infants less than six months of age.  
Although earlier studies reported high levels of nitrate, exceeding the maximum contaminant level for drinking water, in different parts of Texas, a comprehensive statewide assessment of the groundwater nitrate contamination over a longer time period was lacking, Ale said.  
“We assessed 50 years (1960 to 2010) of groundwater nitrate data, as available from the Texas Water Development Board, and employed different statistical and geospatial techniques to study long-term trends in groundwater nitrate contamination across Texas,” Ale said. “We also identified the major factors affecting nitrate contamination.”  
A distinct spatial clustering of high nitrate counties was observed in the Rolling Plains and parts of the Southern High Plains in recent times, Chaudhuri said.

“In the course of our study, we found that counties that have high nitrate contamination are generally associated with or surrounded by counties having similarly high nitrate levels in the groundwater,” he said.  
“The same was true with low-nitrate counties clumping together with other low-nitrate counties.”  
The main idea behind this research, the two scientists said, was to identify regions where nitrate problems can be expected as well as where they might not occur.  
“The Rolling Plains has been identified as the nitrate hotspot of the state since the 1960s,” Ale said. “In Haskell and Knox counties, all observations exceeded the maximum contaminant level in the 2000s. In addition, in Wilbarger, Wichita, Baylor and Fisher counties, the median nitrate concentrations exceeded the maximum contaminant level in the 2000s.”  
This indicates substantial groundwater quality degradation in recent times, he said.  
Various factors influence the origin and migration of nitrate in Texas, Chaudhuri said.  
It can originate from natural (soil nitrogen and atmospheric deposition) and anthropogenic (mostly mixture of nitrate and ammonium

fertilizers) sources. Due to its solubility and mobility, nitrate can easily leach to groundwater and persist for decades depending on the hydrologic regime.  
“For the Texas Rolling Plains, we found a close association between nitrate contamination and agricultural activities, such as fertilizer application and irrigation with high-nitrate groundwater,” he said.  
A variety of factors influence nitrate entry to groundwater, including climate, land use, aquifer characteristics and groundwater-table depth and recharge patterns, the researchers said.  
A critical review of potential factors that affect fate and transport of nitrates in soils is essential to address groundwater nitrate contamination issues and determining corrective actions, they said.  
“We want to emphasize the need for accounting for nitrogen present in irrigation water, soil, manure applied and crop residue recycled, while deciding the fertilizer application rates for various crops in this region to reduce nitrate leaching to groundwater systems,” Ale said.  
Ale said the highly transmissive geologic and soil media in the Rolling Plains has also facilitated faster movement of nitrate, causing the widespread groundwater contamination.

They said while groundwater nitrate concentrations continue to increase in different parts of the state, adequate groundwater quality data necessary to support research or decision making is significantly lacking as indicated by lack of nitrate data from seven counties in the 2000s.  
As an example, in the Rollin Plains region, nitrate concentration data was available for about 2,400 and 1,800 wells in the 1960s and the 1970s, respectively, but that dropped to 422 and 213 wells in the 1990s and the 2000s, respectively.  
Similarly, in the 1970s, about 440 and 480 groundwater wells were monitored for water quality in Haskell and Knox counties, which recorded the highest nitrate concentrations in the state, respectively, as compared to only 19 and 60 wells, respectively, in the 2000s.  
This indicates a significant reduction in the intensity of nitrate monitoring in recent years, Ale said.  
With the importance of groundwater as a major water source continuing to increase in Texas, more frequent and spatially intensive groundwater quality monitoring and more critical review of the groundwater resources in different parts of the state will be necessary, he said.

## Will you lose your Internet connection on July 9?

They're calling it “Doomsday” and, for some, it will be on July 9, when hundreds of thousands of victims face the possibility of being unable to connect to the Internet. Ironically, that's because of a decision by the FBI to switch off a special program that has been keeping more than half a million infected PCs online since last year. Victims likely don't know their machine has been infected and, if they don't check, come July 9 the Internet will just plain disappear for them.  
Their computers are infected with a piece of malware known as “DNSChanger” that connected them to servers running a now-defunct online advertising scam. These servers were in turn connected to the Internet, so victims wouldn't necessarily realize what happened, apart

from their PCs maybe slowing down a little.  
The malware also disabled virus-checker updates so even people who had Internet security software couldn't detect it. Then, when users tried to access certain websites or run a search, they were directed to bogus web pages full of ads, which netted the crooks an estimated \$14 million.  
We don't need to go into the technical details of how this was done, but when police seized the scammers' computers they were left with a problem – those half million victims were now reliant on them to connect to the Internet. So the FBI replaced them with “clean” machines that would keep the Internet link open – without the scam running. Victim computers, of course,

still have the virus but without anything nasty happening. But when the FBI switches off its servers, those machines will lose their online connection and won't know where to find the Internet!  
Are you one of the victims? Fortunately, there's a relatively easy way to check and to put things right thanks to a website that can detect infected machines and provide instructions on how to set things right again.  
Simply go to <http://www.dns-ok.us/> and you will either get



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by bob watson

a green (for “clear”) or red (for “infected”) page.  
The check does not download any software onto your PC. Nor does it run a scan. It just checks where your computer is looking for the Internet. If you're in the clear, that's all you need do.  
If it says your computer is infected, go to <http://www.dcw.org/fix/> for free removal tools and more information on what to do next. If you don't want to click directly on any of these links, key in and go to [dcw.org](http://www.dcw.org), a site specially set up by the FBI and Internet security specialists to deal with this online advertising scam.  
Good luck! Be safe out there. If you are getting what may be a scam, call me at 205-2758 and we will check it out.

### Girl Scout Alumnae to reunite on July 4

The Clarendon Girl Scout Service Unit is looking for women who were Girl Scouts as either a girl or an adult.  
The national organization is celebrating 100 years of serving girls. Clarendon is celebrating 68 years of Girl Scouting, starting its first troop in 1944.  
Clarendon currently has four active troops, and they are looking to register more girls in the fall.  
Everyone who was or is a Girl Scout is invited to gather on the courthouse square on July 4, where we will drink ice tea, share memories, and prepare to ride the 100th year float.  
For information or to reserve a spot on the float, call 806-874-2846.

## Yorkie escape leads to burrs in fur

We had some much needed rain last week which makes our little part of the world so pretty and green. Don't look too closely, however, because you would see some sort of invasive weed as we all found out last week.  
Buffy the Wonder Dog took advantage of an open door into the garage and had herself an adventure. We watched as she ran and explored the vacant places outside the fence, but all training was forgotten in the heat of adventure and even though she would look when called she would not “come.”  
Have you ever chased a Yorkie in good physical condition? Forget about it, you will never catch them.

Our best maneuver seemed to be to leave the gate open and she will come home.  
After about 45 minutes that is what happened.  
She came home covered in invasive burrs, barbs, and stickers.  
I had the brush handy and after a good scolding by Ole Jim she jumped it my lap, and I can only hope I brushed those things away before they landed in our yard.  
Sunday is Father's Day and



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even though it doesn't get as much publicity as Mother's Day does, don't forget him.  
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So all you Dad's remember to love your children and they in turn will love you like I still do, George P. McCracken.

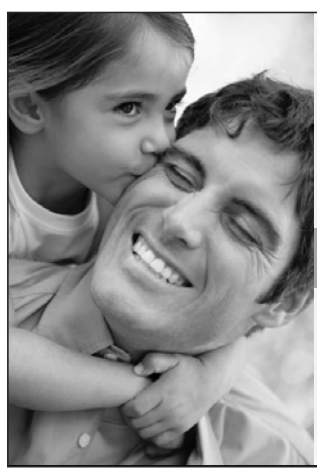


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We would also wish to express our appreciation to the paramedics, physicians, nurses, and hospital staff for their efforts during Chance's hospital stay. Thank you, The Clarendon Enterprise, for your timely reporting of the trial from Memphis. Chance was such a loving child and will forever touch all of our lives.

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# USDA offering rural jobs grants

WASHINGTON – Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced Tuesday that USDA is accepting applications for grants to help promote sustainable economic development and job creation in rural communities.

"Cooperative enterprises often lead economic growth and job creation in rural areas," Vilsack said. "USDA is offering grants to help organizations start cooperatives, expand existing ones or help develop business opportunities in rural areas."

USDA is offering Rural Cooperative Development Grants (RCDG) to non-profit corporations and institutions of higher education. The grants also may be used to conduct feasibility studies, create and implement business plans, and help businesses develop new markets for their products and services.

One-year grants up to \$175,000 are available. In most cases, grants may be used to pay for up to 75 percent of the cost of establishing and operating rural cooperative development centers. Recipients are required to match 25 percent of the award amount. The grant period should begin no earlier than October 1, 2012, and no later than January 1, 2013.

Many RCDG recipients have

a long history of job creation and economic development. In Great Falls, MT, the Montana Cooperative Development Center has helped 123 entities and guided the formation of 37 cooperatives since its inception in 1999.

One of these cooperatives, the Last Chance Café, in Sunburst, MT, near the Canadian border, would have closed without help from the development center and its USDA Rural Cooperative Development Grant. This iconic café is once again a successful local diner and a gathering spot for the local community.

Through this notice, USDA may award up to \$5.8 million in grants. The deadline for RCDG applications is August 6, 2012. For additional information, see the June 7, 2012 Federal Register or contact the USDA Rural Development state office.

In addition, USDA is offering almost \$2.37 million in grants through USDA Rural Development's Rural Business Opportunity Grant (RBOG). The program promotes sustainable economic development in rural communities and regions with exceptional needs.

For example, in 2011, USDA Rural Development awarded Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission a \$90,000 grant

to assist with the development of a local food prospectus for rural areas in the tri-state region of Wisconsin, Iowa and Illinois. The Commission will use the grant award with partner agencies in Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa to improve the local food opportunities in the tri-state region. The two-year effort will identify agricultural strengths, regional opportunities, and recommend a unified network of processing, storage, and distribution facilities throughout the region.

The RBOG program provides training and technical assistance grants for business development, entrepreneurs, and economic development officials and assists with economic development planning. Funding is available to rural public bodies, nonprofit corporations, Native American tribes and cooperatives with primarily rural members that conduct activities for the mutual benefit of the membership.

Applications for Rural Business Opportunity Grants are due August 6, 2012. Application instructions may be obtained from the June 7, 2012 Federal Register, or by contacting a USDA Rural Development State Office.



The Clarendon Lions Club held its regular Tuesday noon meeting June 12 with Secretary Roger Estlack ringing the bell.

We had nine members this week and no guests. Lion John Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Lion Lloyd Stice delivered the invocation.

Lions Monty Hysinger and Tex Buckhaults discussed summer maintenance projects at the public school and college, and Hysinger also discussed plans for the Cow Patty Bingo this July Fourth.

Election of the next Club Sweetheart was delayed until next week.

There being no further business, we were adjourned.

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Wed	6	85°	64°	.38
Thur	7	89°	63°	.16
Fri	8	75°	62°	-
Sat	9	78°	64°	-
Sun	10	105°	64°	-

Total precipitation this month: 3.15"  
Total precipitation to date: 32.44"

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**weekend forecast**

**Fri., June 15**  
 Partly Cloudy  
 87° / 65°

**Sat., June 16**  
 Mostly Sunny  
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**Sun., June 17**  
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Sign-in and line-up will be at 1:00 p.m. on July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade at 2 p.m.

Line-up will be on Jefferson St. just West of the City Park by the baseball field.

For more information contact the Chamber of Commerce at 874-2421 or call Bonnie Campbell at 205-3150 or e-mail the Chamber at [contact@ClarendonChamber.com](mailto:contact@ClarendonChamber.com)

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**4th of July Kids Parade**

**Bicycle & Tricycle Parade Entry Form**

Deadline for entry form is Saturday, July 2

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Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Division: Bicycle \_\_\_ Tricycle \_\_\_

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• The Kid's Parade will be on July 4th at 10 a.m.

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For more information call the Chamber of Commerce at 874-2421 or Bonnie Campbell at 205-3150 or e-mail the Chamber at [contact@ClarendonChamber.com](mailto:contact@ClarendonChamber.com)

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**Calvary Baptist Church:** US 287 E. • 874-2156 Rev. Rob Seale • Sun. School: 10 a.m. • Sun. Service: 11 a.m. • Sun. Evening: 7 p.m. • Wed.: 7 p.m.

**Church of Christ:** 300 S. Carhart • 874-2495 Minister: Chris Moore • Sun. Bible Class 9:30 a.m. Sun. Service: 10:30 a.m. • Sun. 6 p.m. • Wed.: 7 p.m.

**Church of Nazareth:** 209 S. Hawley • 874-2321 Pastor: Bill Hodges • Sun. School: 9:30 a.m. • Sun. Service: 10:30 a.m. • Sun. Evening: 6 p.m. • Wed.: 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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Wed.: 7:30 p.m.

**First Methodist Church**  
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Pastor: Gary Boles  
Sun. Service: 9:30 a.m.  
Sun. School: 10:30 a.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.

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Sun. Service: 10:45 a.m.  
Sun. Evening: 6 p.m.  
Wed.: 6 p.m.

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Pastor: Lyman Little  
Sun. Services: 10:30 a.m.

**Martin**

**Martin Baptist Church**  
US 287 W • 874-2025  
Sun. School: 10 a.m.  
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Sun. Evening: 6 p.m.  
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June 4, 2012

12:26 a.m. – Report of man walking around area of 4th and Hawley  
8:24 a.m. – Truck dumped debris on HWY 287 near FM 3257  
8:55 a.m. – Loose livestock North of County Road X on 705  
6:05 p.m. – Units paged for vehicle accident 287 & Co Rd 8  
6:33 p.m. – Report HWY 273 & FM 2944 blocked by semi  
7:33 p.m. – See complaint 400 block West 4th

June 5, 2012

2:39 a.m. – EMS assist 300 block Rosenfield  
1:24 p.m. – See caller Co Rd 25 off 2471  
8:11 p.m. – Loose livestock FM 3257  
8:23 p.m. – See complaint North 70

June 6, 2012

1:10 a.m. – Report of large fire North of Clarendon- people seeing fire from pipeline explosion in Gray County.  
9:04 a.m. – See complaint at Citizens Cemetery  
10:31 a.m. – EMS assist 300

block East 6th  
3:35 p.m. – Units paged possible fire at 700 block West 8th  
11:34 p.m. – EMS assist to 800 block East 4th

June 7, 2012

12:45 a.m. – Report of vehicle driving around museum  
10:44 a.m. – Loose livestock 4 miles East of Clarendon  
1:27 p.m. – Welfare check Lelia Lake

June 8, 2012

5:00 a.m. – EMS assist to Medical Center Nursing Home  
5:52 a.m. – Report of vehicle playing loud music near museum  
6:56 a.m. – Advising deputy to check Ambulance Station for gentlemen from Memphis to relay message from Hall County Sheriff's Office  
9:04 a.m. – Report of stolen vehicle & it's location  
2:03 p.m. – EMS assist at 900 block South Koogle  
8:55 p.m. – See complaint at 4500 block 1260 North  
9:22 p.m. – See complaint at 1100 block East 3rd  
10:02 p.m. – EMS assist 500 block North Bailey

June 9, 2012

8:33 a.m. – Loose livestock HWY 70 North of Howardwick  
10:35 a.m. – EMS assist to 5500 block HWY 273  
2:40 p.m. – See complaint North bond Rest Area  
5:55 p.m. – See complaint at 600 block Rosenfield  
9:35 p.m. – EMS assist 600 block West 3rd  
11:13 p.m. – Report of kids at football field

June 10, 2012

5:38 a.m. – Units paged to train fire Co Rd 3  
6:17 p.m. – EMS assist North bond Rest Area  
8:58 p.m. – Loose livestock FM 3257  
10:20 p.m. – EMS assist 100 block South Goodnight  
11:48 p.m. – Report of Alarm 3200 block HWY 287

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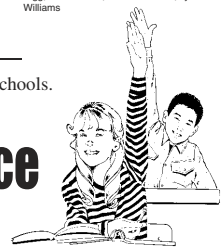
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# Guilty: Jury hears more details of boy's death

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surgeon at NWH with 33 years of experience, performed the surgery on Jones and removed a portion of the boy's skull to relieve the pressure on the brain. He testified to the jury that Jones was in near death condition when he operated; and when he opened the skull, a blood clot was revealed and the brain was under such pressure that it "mushroomed out of the head."

Under cross examination by defense attorney Dale Rabe, Paullus testified that a head injury like the one sustained by Robert Babcock in 1993, which left him in an ICU for two weeks, could manifest itself with symptoms of headaches and seizures and possibly a Parkinson's type tremor. But the doctor could not testify about any specific symptoms exhibited by the defendant.

The state's next witness was Danielle Livermore, a sexual assault nurse at NWH, who examined Jones after Paullus performed surgery on the boy. The jury was shown four graphic photos that Livermore took of Jones' injuries. She said she found no evidence of sexual assault, but she did document injuries to the child's genitals and cataloged about 100 injuries Jones had sustained in a five-page report that covered every part of his body from his head to his feet.

Livermore testified that she has conducted more than 1,000 exams in her ten years as a sexual assault nurse, and it was her opinion that Jones had been severely beaten. Inman asked her how many children she has seen in Jones' condition. "Chance is the only one," she replied.

Babcock had entered a plea of not guilty by reason of insanity, but also last Tuesday, a clinical psychologist from Lubbock, Dr. Philip Davis, said he examined the defendant on January 1, 2012, and that in his opinion Babcock, despite suffering from previous head injuries himself, was sane at the time of the crime and that he knew what he did was wrong.

The state's final witness June 5 was a Lubbock woman, who broke down on the stand as she remembered the four-year-old boy whom she had considered her son.

Heather Hill was a friend of Chance Mark Jones' family and had known him his whole life. But circumstances caused Jones to come to live with Hill when he was two years old, and her house was his home until Jones went to live with his biological father, Babcock, in Clarendon in early December 2010.

Through tears during part of her testimony, she asked the court to take down a larger than life-sized photo of Jones, which had been situated in front of the witness stand.

"I felt like he was my child," Hill told the jury.

Hill said Jones had a normal, happy home life that included fishing trips, playing in the park, and attending the pre-kindergarten class that she taught.

"We had a school routine during the week and family time on the weekends," she said.

Jones enjoyed school and loved playing with other kids, Hill said.

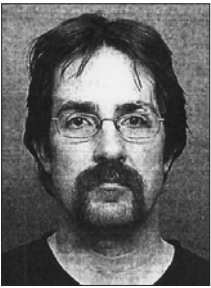
"I remember his humor," she said. "He was very loving and always told me he loved me."

But in late 2010, Hill contacted CPS and reported that Jones' biological mother had "knocked the crap out of the kid and knocked him down." By Thanksgiving, there was an agreement that Jones should go live with Babcock at his home southeast of Clarendon. Jones seemed happy about the move, Hill testified, noting that he had become used to being moved around.

"I think he just thought he was going on a vacation and would be coming home," she said.

But Jones never came home. Babcock began beating his son on Christmas Eve and continued to do so right up through January 4. He told investigators and EMS that Jones had anger issues and that he had hit himself. He also said the boy lied and sometimes urinated on the floor. He later told Texas Rangers that he had caused most of Jones' injuries.

Hill testified that Jones had never displayed any anger issues and



Robert Monroe Babcock (in right photo) gets into a patrol car Tuesday morning to be transferred to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and is now serving a life sentence.



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never hit himself, that he was truthful, and that she potty trained him herself. She also said that Babcock never contacted her about having any problems at all with the boy.

After Jones went to live with Babcock, she never saw the boy again. She texted Babcock, but 75 percent of her texts went unanswered, she said. She said she called and asked to have Chance for Christmas, but Babcock told her "no."

"You have had him all this time," Hill recalled Babcock telling her. "Isn't it fair that my family has this time?"

Hill said she texted Babcock on Christmas day but got no response.

## DAY 4, Part 1

The state opened testimony on June 6 by calling to the stand Dr. Thomas Parsons, a medical examiner from Lubbock, who concluded that blunt force trauma to the head was the cause of Chance Mark Jones' death last year.

Jurors reviewed four photographs from the four-year-old's autopsy, which showed injuries to the boy's head, a four-inch by five-inch bruise to the face, injuries along his jaw, and injuries all over the back, buttocks, and legs of the boy. Parsons also described injuries to the child's brain and genitals, and he said injuries to Jones' hands and arms could be consistent with defensive injuries sustained as he tried to fend off his father's attacks.

Parsons also said that if Jones had been vomiting the day before the 911 call, was unable to eat, was not playing, and was urinating in his pants, he may have already sustained a brain injury.

Texas Ranger Jamie Downs again took the stand as the state's next witness. Downs had previously testified about interviewing the defendant and documenting the crime scene on January 4 and 5, 2011. But on January 8, Downs was at home preparing to watch a ballgame when he got a call from the defendant's mother, Gayle Edes, stating that Babcock needed to speak with him right away. Downs then traveled from Canyon to Clarendon, again read the suspect his rights, and conducted an interview with Babcock.

Jurors listened to a recording of the hour and half interview as Babcock first complained about the temperature of his jail cell and then asked about the financial condition of his employer, Taylor Petroleum — he had heard it was going bankrupt because of his case, and complained that Jones' family wasn't going to let Edes attend the boy's graveside service. He also said his mother told him that investigators had left his home in a mess. Then Downs told Babcock he didn't think he had come to hear concerns about how cold his cell was or about Taylor Petroleum, and gradually Babcock gave up more details about the abuse he inflicted on his son.

Babcock told Downs he had hit Jones five or ten times and worried that it had been too hard, and he said he had never used anything except his hands because he had feared his father's hand growing up. Babcock also said that "it always got his attention" when he would pick Jones up by the jaw and "throw him on the counter so we could talk eye to eye."

Babcock said he worked one day over the weekend and that Edes kept the boy that day, but he said he stayed home Monday because he woke up not feeling well. He later tells Downs that Jones was throwing up on Monday, January 3, and that

Edes had brought him Pedialyte that day at lunch and more after work. Jones complained of a headache, and Babcock put an icepack on his head. Edes stayed at the house until about 9 p.m., Babcock told the Ranger, and she asked what had happened to the boy.

"I told her I got upset and didn't know what happened. She said, 'You've got to quit that,'" Babcock told the Ranger.

Downs asked Babcock what would happen to cause him to get upset.

"The only way I know I could have lost it was him lying to me," Babcock told the Ranger. "He did it constantly."

On the morning of January 4, after seeing Jones accidentally splash urine out of the toilet bowl, Babcock confronted him in the bedroom and ended up pushing the boy backwards into a wall. Jones then went back to bed. Several minutes later, Babcock found the boy "white as a sheet" and breathing real shallow. He then punched Jones with his fist five to ten times in the head. Afterwards, the boy quit breathing, and Babcock called 911.

"Were you trying to kill him?" Downs asked.

"No, I was trying to wake him up," Babcock responded. "I was very upset."

Downs asked again why Babcock had hit his son.

"Because he lied to me all the time," Babcock said.

"Other people lie, but you don't beat the hell out of them," Downs responded.

"He lied to me every day, all day long," Babcock said.

Following the playing of that interview and Downs' testimony, District Attorney Luke Inman announced that the state rested.

## DAY 4, Part 2

Following lunch on June 6, Robert Babcock's attorney, Dale Rabe, delivered some brief opening remarks for the defense, telling jurors the case before them was a tragic one that had resulted in the death of Chance Mark Jones.

"Everyone grieves over Chance," Rabe said. "Robert Babcock grieves for the loss of his son, but people don't always grieve the same way."

He then said that the state had to prove that his client had "intentionally and knowingly" committed a crime and that he would offer that the state had not met its burden of proof.

The first witness for the defense was Shane Lance, a former Child Protective Services investigator who was put in charge of Jones' case when Heather Hill reported to the state that Jones' mother, Nancy Brown, was hitting the boy and his half-sister, then age two. Hill also said Brown was on drugs.

Lance told jurors that Chance told him his mother hit him in the head, leaving marks and bruises, and would hit him and his sister whenever she was mad. Brown admitted to Lance that she had done meth within 24 hours of him interviewing her in November of 2011. After Chance went to live with his biological father, Lance said CPS worker Christy White was to make a home visit to Babcock's residence and he said Babcock had requested counseling for his son as soon as possible because the boy reportedly said his mother's boyfriend had played with his privates.

Under cross examination by District Attorney Luke Inman, Lance

testified that CPS had concerns about placing Jones with Babcock because he was a 38-year-old man with no experience with kids. But the state had no grounds to keep Babcock, as the biological father, from getting custody of the boy.

"I do remember him saying that Chance was a cradle of love and that he couldn't believe Nancy would ever hit him or hurt a child," Lance said.

Lance told jurors that Babcock never contacted CPS for help with parenting and never reported that he was having trouble controlling the child or was hitting him. Inman asked Lance what he would say if he were told that Babcock claimed to have contacted Lance's office numerous times to seek help.

"That would be a lie," Lance responded.

The defense also intended to call Babcock's mother Gayle Edes to the stand Wednesday, but her attorney had informed Rabe and the state that she was invoking her Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination and would not testify.

The defense also intended to call Babcock's brother and sister-in-law, but Rabe said neither he nor the district attorney had been able to contact them.

## DAY 5

The fifth and final day of the Robert Babcock capital murder trial began Thursday, June 7 with the defense calling Dr. Jahan Rasty, a mechanical engineer from Texas Tech University, to the stand.

Dr. Rasty reviewed impact tests that were conducted by West Texas A&M University on wall samples from the Babcock home to determine how much force was used to push Chance Jones head through a section of laminated drywall. Rasty had issues with the equipment and procedures the WTAMU engineers had used, and he concluded the impact would produce only a minor, recoverable head injury. But under cross examination, the district attorney asked what if the victim had already had a brain injury from the day before, and Rasty said the study did not take that into consideration.

The final witness for the defense was Dr. David Hagstrom, a medical doctor in private pain management practice, who had treated Babcock in 2000 under a worker's compensation claim after he had suffered a head injury by being thrown from a horse. Hagstrom testified that the defendant was taking Keppra to control seizures, and the doctor further testified that Keppra can have any of the following side effects: abnormal thoughts, hallucinations, memory loss, diminished emotions and moods, aggression, agitation, anxiety, apathy, increased depression, hostility, and irritability.

Under cross examination, Hagstrom agreed with Inman that a lot of drugs have those side effects but not everyone has the side effects. And while a person on Keppra might have an "I don't care" attitude, Hagstrom couldn't say the defendant had that side effect.

## CLOSING REMARKS

Seeking to seal a guilty verdict, District Attorney Luke Inman reminded jurors of the pain and suffering that Chance Mark Jones felt in his final days.

"We will never know how many tears Chance Mark Jones shed the last 11 days of his life," Inman said. "We will never know the extreme pain he experienced. We will never understand the confusion he felt as he was beaten and punished by the

hands of the defendant."

Inman portrayed Babcock as cold killer only concerned with himself and the tidiness of his home.

"He didn't mind slamming chance's head through that piece of wall, but he did mind when rangers took the wall from the home. Does this sound like grief to you?"

Inman reminded the jury of the abuse Jones suffered asked them to think how the boy must have felt as his father wails on him, and then later Inman went over the events of January 4 and how Babcock had put his son's head through a wall.

"He's not done with him," Inman said. "He's white as a sheet and barely breathing. But Robert Babcock is very, very, very upset because Chance pissed on the carpet and that's not the way to keep a clean home. Then he leans over and punches him at least five times as Chance sleeps or was unconscious."

Inman reminded jurors that Babcock had admitted to Texas Rangers what he had done was wrong and that he "felt like living shit," but he didn't get medical help for the boy because he didn't want Chance to be taken away from him.

"So he made it where Chance was taken from everyone," Inman said

Then as a projector displayed a picture of Chance Jones with a new Hot Wheels set at Christmas time surrounded by other pictures of his bruised and beaten body, Inman said flatly, "The defendant is not insane. You 12 have the opportunity to fight back for Chance. Don't take a chance this ever happens again."

In his closing remarks, Rabe again called Jones' death tragic but said Babcock is not like everyone else and reminded the jury of the defendant's head injuries and asked them to consider if he has the mental capacity to know what he was doing.

The jury deliberated for over an hour before finding the killer guilty, and Judge Messer sentenced him to life in prison without parole.

Babcock has the right to appeal the verdict, but family members expressed tears that day because the four-year-old they loved so dearly now had received justice.

"I feel relief," Hill told the Enterprise. "I think Chance is probably smiling now."

Hill's fiancé, Andrew Brown, said the verdict won't take the pain away.

"It's over for now," Brown said. "We still have the pain, but at least he [Babcock] won't hurt anyone anymore."

Jones' great aunt, Vicki Harrison, said she thought justice was done in the case and said she appre-

ciated everyone who worked on the investigation and prosecution.

Sheriff Blackburn said he was pleased with the outcome of the trial and recognized several parties for their parts in the case.

"I cannot show enough gratitude to the Hall County Sheriff's Office for their help and the members of the Hall County Jury who handed down the guilty verdict," Blackburn said. "I think the DA's office should be commended for all the hours they spent preparing for the case, and I want to thank the citizens of Donley County for their patience with the Donley County Sheriff's Office for being shorthanded during the trial."

Blackburn said Babcock was transferred to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in Huntsville on Tuesday, June 12, and he said one more case remains in Chance Mark Jones' death.

"We've still got another case that is just as important in my opinion," the sheriff said.

Inman gave credit for the capital murder verdict to what he called "stellar law enforcement investigation."

"The Donley County Sheriff's Office handled this heinous offense with superb expertise from the moment the 911 call was made by the defendant," the district attorney said.

"The sheriff's office was assisted by one or two but two experienced Texas Rangers in Jamie Downs and Jay Foster, who conducted a meticulous crime scene investigation which resulted in evidence collection that were vital tools in this prosecution."

Although Babcock has been convicted, there is still more to come with regards to charges over Jones' death. Babcock's mother, Gayle Edes, is currently under indictment in Donley County and is charged with Felony Injury to a Child by Omission for her failure to get medical attention for Jones on January 3, 2011.

"Chance's story is not over yet," Inman said. "This book is not complete and the state will proceed forward on prosecution of all culpable parties in Chance's life."



Chance Mark Jones (2006-2011)

## Clarendon Church of Christ THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE UGLY

One of our fellow Clarendon citizens has had a tough month. Johnny Floyd and his business were hurt by a thief, someone he employed. I've not known Mr. Floyd long but I know that he has helped me and my family by fixing our vehicles for a fair price. I know from others how he has helped them with automotive needs, even allowing some to pay him as they could. He is good for our community and it is a shame that he was taken advantage of and financially hurt. I think we could all help him out by taking all of our automotive needs to him instead of traveling to Amarillo or elsewhere. He has helped many of you and I think it is our turn to return the favor. It is the Christian thing to do (Matt. 7:12).

Another fellow citizen has had a bad month. His name is Robert Babcock. He was sentenced to prison for killing his young child. During his trial, they played the tapes of interrogations and interviews conducted with him. In his interviews, he blamed everyone else for what happened, even the child he killed. I've heard some citizens say maybe we could've helped. No one, unless they had direct knowledge, is to blame for what that monster did. Despite upbringing or whatever, God gives us the free will to do as we wish. Of course there will be a day of judgment, when the Lord will settle up with us. I believe what we can do is to pray for the family and friends during their time of grief. We should pray for Robert that he might seek God and His forgiveness.

For the last few months, Clarendon citizens who take our local paper have been subjected to a taste of MSNBC or Air America-type journalism. I'm speaking of "The Quick, The Dead, and Fred" articles. While, admittedly, my articles have grammatical errors, they are truly sourced and are factually based. Some of the articles Fred writes are not only devoid of facts and sources, they are outright fabrications. For example, last week he read the talking points for Obama and the liberals by calling the House of Rep., run by republicans, a "do nothing congress." They have at least submitted budgets and sent them to the Senate where good old Harry Reid holds them up. That's doing something. Reid and the Senate have not produced one budget in nearly 4 years and the one budget that Obama sent, Reid wouldn't let it come to a vote. That's fact and you can Google it. Fred still won't come clean about his political persuasion, but his talking points he gets from MSNBC continue to expose him. I guess his outrageous statements sell papers, but it is an ugly way to do it.

I pray that everyone would put God first in their lives, (Matt. 6:33). If that is done, life would become better for everyone. God bless you!

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# Gasification may convert brush into bioenergy

VERNON – Biomass gasification is being considered as a possible technology for converting 60 million acres of Texas brush into biofuel, according to Dr. Jim Ansley, Texas AgriLife Research rangeland ecologist in Vernon.

A study using an adiabatic bed gasifier to convert mesquite and redberry juniper species found in the Southern Great Plains into usable bioenergy gases was conducted by Ansley and Dr. Kalyan Annamalai, Paul Pepper Professor of Mechanical Engineering and Coal and Biomass Energy Laboratory, Texas Engineering Experiment Station at Texas A&M University in College Station.

The team also included graduate students Wei Chen, Dustin Esceltine and Siva Thanapal in College Station, and Dr. Mustafa Mirik, AgriLife Research associate scientist at Vernon.

The study found some of the basic thermal properties of these solid fuels, including chemical composition and heat values, and various heating factors affected syngas yields, he said. Syngas, a mixture of carbon monoxide, ethane and hydrogen, can be used as a substitute for natural gas. A solid by-product of the conversion process, tar, may also be used for fuel or other chemical products.

With limitations for growing bioenergy crops on land normally used for growing food, Ansley is looking to the vast supply of unwanted woody plants on rangelands as a possible energy source. The down side would be increased

transportation costs, because of the trees' lower biomass density. One option might be to develop small-scale, localized gasification facilities to convert the trees into usable bioenergy.

"Right now, they are perceived as noxious plants that are detrimental to rangeland ecosystems," he said. "Their removal and use as a bioenergy feedstock would improve ecosystem quality as well as services from these lands, such as increased income from livestock grazing."

With no available data regarding gasification of mesquite and juniper, Ansley said his team's objective was to determine the heating value of the two woods and obtain gasification performance data.

Mesquite and juniper can achieve standing biomass of 20 dry tons per acre, he said. Moisture content of these species is much lower than other woody feedstocks and this contributes to greater heating value and lower costs for drying the feedstock.

The heating value of redberry juniper wood was slightly higher than mesquite – 8,849 Btu per pound

compared to 8,653 Btu per pound, Ansley said. Both values are equivalent to medium grade subbituminous coal. He said mesquite and juniper woods are better quality fuel than cattle manure biomass which has lower heating value, 5,520 Btu per pound, and much higher ash content, 14-45 percent compared to 1-2 percent in the wood.

The power plants typically prefer low nitrogen fuels so the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-regulated pollutant nitrogen oxides can be minimized. As opposed to coal, mesquite and juniper contain very low amounts of nitrogen, about one-third to one-half of coal. Nitrogen content was slightly higher in mesquite than juniper, because mesquite is a legume that fixes its own nitrogen, Ansley said.

Wood chips of different sizes were combusted within a steel column that produced a range of temperatures from 400-2000 degrees. This caused various stages of wood decomposition and syngas yield, he said.

Syngas yield was comprised of nitrogen gas, carbon monox-


ide, carbon dioxide, hydrogen gas, oxygen, methane and ethane. Percentage gas composition varied between the wood types, but juniper had a slightly higher percentage of carbon monoxide and methane, while mesquite had higher percentages of nitrogen, carbon dioxide and ethane.

The heating value of syngases produced from these woods was slightly higher in juniper than mesquite, 1,482 Btu per pound compared to 1,275 Btu per pound, Ansley said.

When nitrogen was removed from the gasifier, the heating value of syngases from both wood types more than doubled to about 3,575 Btu per pound and 3,261 Btu per pound for juniper and mesquite, respectively.

Both wood types generated high-quality gas, but the juniper gas quality was slightly better than mesquite primarily due to lower nitrogen content and higher heating value, Ansley said.

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## Drugs in the News

### Votrient Approved for Soft Tissue Cancer

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Soft tissue sarcoma is a cancer that begins in the muscle, fat, and other tissues anywhere in the body. Most occur in and around organs and in the extremities. Approximately 10,000 people develop soft tissue sarcoma each year. Examples of soft tissue sarcoma are: liposarcoma (fatty tissue), rhabdomyosarcoma (skeletal muscle), and angiosarcoma (blood and lymph vessels) just to name a few. Symptoms may not be noticed in the early stages of this disease and swelling that does not cause pain may be the first symptom. Pain and soreness may occur as the tumor grows. Almost half of soft tissue sarcomas occur in arms and legs, a third around internal organs, and the rest in the chest and other body areas.



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### TAKING THE FIRST STEP

Deciding whether or not to report suspected child abuse can be a difficult and confusing process, yet it is the important first step toward protecting a child who might be in danger. Professionals who work with children are required by law to report suspected neglect and abuse.

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### WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I MAKE THE DECISION TO REPORT SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE?

Several events take place after the initial complaint is filed. First of all, depending on where you live, you might report suspected abuse and/or neglect to your local child protective agency. The person responding to the call may ask you several questions about what you are reporting. This is done to ensure that enough information is available for the investigative team to be able to make decisions concerning whether or not abuse/neglect has occurred. You might be asked to give names of the family and child, your reasons for suspecting abuse, the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of other witnesses, your relationship to the alleged victim, any other previous suspicious injury to the child, or for your name address and telephone number.

### WHO INVESTIGATES COMPLAINTS OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT?

The state or county agency that provides protective services has the legal authority granted by law or charter which gives them an obligation to provide services when needed. This also grants them the right to explore, study and evaluate the facts. Child welfare workers then base their decision on whether or not to remove a child from the family on two issues: 1. What is the immediate danger or risk to the child? 2. What is the motivation, capacity and intent of the alleged perpetrator?

### WHAT HAPPENS TO THE CHILD AND FAMILY?

With the enactment of Public Law 96-272, it is legally mandated that child welfare workers make all "reasonable efforts" to reunite the family whenever possible. If, after a thorough investigation, it is determined that the child is in need of substitute care, then the child is placed in temporary foster care until the immediate danger has passed and services can be provided for the child and family. Sometimes criminal child abuse charges have to be filed depending on the nature and severity of the abuse/neglect.

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Persons who have reported suspected child maltreatment should be allowed to know whether or not their suspicions were founded and what steps the investigation agency took to protect the child. However, there is a great deal of confusion over whether or not information from the child welfare cases should be shared. Legally, there is no impediment to providing general feedback to the child abuse/neglect reporter. The most difficult confidentially issue is to resolve concerns of the reporting individual's right to know versus the family's right to privacy. The child welfare agency may give feedback that indicates that the reporter was right in making a referral and the agency will be working with the family.

### WHAT HAPPENS IF I REPORT AND THE CASE IS UNSUBSTANTIATED?

All states have laws that protect the reporter of suspected abuse or neglect from legal liability as long as the report was made in "good faith" and not maliciously. If you are unsure of what the legal and societal definitions of abuse and neglect are in your community, contact your local child protective service office for information.

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