

Tax helpers praised

Tax-Aide volunteers were recently congratulated by Bonnie Speedy, national director, AARP tax-aide! While tax aide assistants, among them Roland Roelfs and Wayne Keecker, may be starting to think about next tax season, Ms. Speedy told them to take a moment to celebrate last season because they broken every site service record once again.

Last tax season AARP tax-aide volunteers served over 2 million taxpayers! As of Aug. 2, total service is up to 2,001,110 people helped, a 1-percent increase. Federal returns are up 5 percent to 1,197,761.

Perhaps most striking about these numbers is the increase in second person quality review and e-filing. Second person quality review is up 20 percent to 70 percent of the returns prepared. E-filing is up 23 percent to 866,016 returns.

"These are wonderful accomplishments and a testament to your hard work and high standards," Ms. Speedy said. "We know that second person review is the best review method to ensure that an accurate return has been completed for the taxpayer."

"Quality is critical; we do not help a taxpayer if the tax return is incorrect."

Quality reviewers also have a good opportunity to identify error trends (not by person) and help instructors see areas of emphasis for next season's training.

"We appreciate the understanding and patience of taxpayers and volunteers to allow for the extra time it takes for this second person review, but the benefits of the process are well worth it."

Ms. Speedy also noted that AARP won a Bronze Award in the Marketing Communications category for their Spanish tax-aide recruitment video. The video features Julie Stav as host and its aim was to recruit more Spanish speaking professionals and retirees to volunteer with the AARP Tax-Aide program.

"By our counts, we e-filed 73 percent of the Federal returns prepared in 2006," Ms. Speedy said.

The original goal for the Internal Revenue Service was to hit 80-percent e-filing in 2007. Although the Internal Revenue Service has pushed back its goal for another year, it very much looks like this program, through the incredible effort of determined volunteers, will hit that mark in 2007!



WALKING THE DOG — Zach Gienger and Casey Keller are walking one of their first customers. The dog belongs to Perry and Paula Keller.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

New service offered to pet owners

Two St. Francis boys, Zach Gienger and Casey Keller, are wanting to make an extra buck so they have started a dog-walking service. They say they like dogs and, being in sixth grade, they have lots of energy to work off

after sitting in class all day.

They are willing to come to the dog owner's home and walk the dog as long as the owner specifies or, at least a good run for the kids and the dog.

Because of their busy schedules, they are only able to walk dogs af-

ter school starting about 4 p.m.

Anyone needing their dog-walking services should call them at 785-332-3108 or 785-332-3949.

Zack is the son of Kelly and Penny Gienger. Casey is the son of Clay and Dana Keller.

Scam can cost you lots of money

The At&T Field Service Manager, Sandi Van Handel has encouraged that the message gets out about a new scam.

If you get a phone call from an 809, 284 and 876 prefix do not call it back.

They will get you to call them by telling you that it is information about a family member who has been ill or to tell you someone has been arrested, died, or to let you know you have won a wonderful prize.

If you call from the US, you will be charged \$2,425 per minute. Or,

you'll get a long recorded message. The point is, they will try to keep you on the phone as long as possible to increase the charges. Unfortunately, when you get your phone bill, you'll most likely be charged more than \$24,100/

The 809 area code is located in the British Virgin Islands.

If you complain to the local

phone company and your long distance carrier they will not want to get involved because you did actually make the call. The phone company and the carrier simply providing the billing for the foreign company. You will end up dealing with a foreign company that will argue they have done nothing wrong.

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I would like to thank the Mill & Seed for purchasing the premium on my steer project.

— Jude Faulkender

Also, thanks Grandpa Roger for purchasing the premium on my woodworking project (and for the help).



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Introducing

Dawson Dean DeGood

Darris and Adele DeGood are excited to announce the birth of their son, Dawson Dean DeGood. His big sister, Paige Elizabeth DeGood was excited to welcome him home. Dawson was born on Aug. 14, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He weighed 9 pounds, 2 ounces and was 21 inches long.

His proud grandparents are Bonnie Cram and the late Dr. Ernest Cram; Dwen and Charilyn DeGood. His great-grandparents are Coy and Neva DeGood; Marvel Gleason, all of St. Francis, and the late Tom Gleason.



Dawson DeGood

Conservation program celebrates 20 years

Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices in northwest Kansas will celebrate the 20th year of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday. The Conservation Reserve Program is the premier soil conservation program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The public is welcome to attend the celebration located 4 miles west and 4 miles south of Colby, beginning at the Ken and Sheila Frahm farmstead located at the intersection of Thomas County Hwy 415 and Road THO. Signs will be posted.

The tour will include stops at land owned by Claude Herren, Harvey Kistler, Barton Farms, and Allied Family Farm.

In addition to the Farm Service Agency, the celebration is being co-sponsored by other conservation partners including Pheasants Forever, Playa Lakes Joint Venture, Kansas Wildlife & Parks, Kansas Alliance for Wetlands and Streams, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the Colby Public Schools.

It is being centrally located to give the public all over northwest Kansas easy access to the event and in particular to those located in Cheyenne, Decatur, Ellis, Gove, Graham, Logan, Norton, Rawlins,

Rooks, Sheridan, Sherman, Thomas, Trego and Wallace counties.

A bus tour with four stops covering six Conservation Reserve Program practices will be followed by a free catered lunch of smoked brisket. The event is expected to conclude by 1:30 p.m.

To insure enough buses and food is available, the public is asked to pre-register by e-mailing kimberly.jones@ks.usda.gov or by calling the Thomas County FSA office, 785-462-7671, ext. 204.

First District Congressman, Jerry Moran, has been invited and Bill Fuller, state executive director of the Kansas Farm Service Agency will attend. The local Kansas legislative delegation is also being extended an invitation.

"We hope farmers and ranchers of northwest Kansas can attend this event prior to wheat planting and fall harvest to view the successes of the Conservation Reserve Program and to visit with their congressional and state representatives concerning issues of importance to them," Mike Campbell, Farm Service Agency District Director for Northwest Kansas, said. "Please call 785-462-7671, ext. 204 to pre register," he said.

Odd Facts

- Only one person in two billion will live to be 116 or older.
- The mask used by Michael Myers in the original "Halloween" was actually a Captain Kirk mask painted white.
- If you put a raisin in a glass of champagne, it will keep floating to the top and sinking to the bottom.
- Snails can sleep for 3 years without eating.

- James Doohan, who plays Lt. Commander Montgomery Scott on Star Trek, is missing the entire middle finger of his right hand.

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